

New Age Deception

You see them on the Oprah Winfrey Show or hear them on the radio. These New Age “*spiritualists*” and “*prophets*” who espouse the notion that we are all “*God*” and that reality all is relative. **Nothing** is real unless we believe it to be so. In other words, reality depends on *who* is espousing it.

One such New-Ager is Oprah’s spiritual guru, Eckhart Tolle, whose book, “*A New Earth*” preaches that the present is all that matters, without any regard for the past or future. Tolle, like other New-Agers believes that is only our feelings that matter, not our intellect and certainly not our physical bodies. The misleading title of his book is simply a perversion of **Revelation 21:1**, which speaks of a “*new heaven and a new earth.*”

In this so-called “new age” – there is no need for religion, government, law because we will all be ruled by a common “peace, love, understanding”. Everything we do, no matter how sinful is good because we *will* it to be so. They teach that God is simply an “*energy force*”, not the Creator of heaven and earth or our Savior. All paths will lead to a higher spiritual consciousness or “*God*” – *whatever* you perceive that to be. Since “*God*” is *all* things, they teach – we *too* are God. This is in direct violation of the 1st Commandment in **Exodus 20:2-3**, where God says that **HE alone** is God and that we are not to have any false gods besides him.

Oprah herself claims to be a Christian, yet goes so far as to make the charge that “*Jesus didn’t come to start Christianity*” and that there are “*many paths to God*”. That is **not** what our Lord said. In **John 10:9**, he assures us, “**I am the gate.** *Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.*” Later in that same Gospel (**John 14:6**), as if to reiterate his point, Jesus says, “**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**”

An endorsement from Oprah means a *guaranteed* success – millions of dollars for any huckster who is willing to twist and even forego the truth for the latest new-age catch-phrase. Sadly, many fall prey to the deception of these charlatans who are not the least bit interested in being *prophets* so much as they are in reaping *profits*. They speak of the importance of being “*spiritual people*” yet have no idea what it means to be truly spiritual.

We must always be on our guard because as Jesus reminds us to beware of false prophets who are merely wolves in sheep’s clothing (**Matt. 7:15**). He assures us that the *truth* shall set us free (**John 8:21**).

Whereas this article is not an attempt to besmirch Oprah Winfrey personally, its purpose is to remind us that deception lies in everything around us – even in those societal icons we trust in to tell us the truth.

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