The New Age Movement

I. Introduction:

A. This study is an attempt to expose the subtlety and evil of what has been called the "New Age Movement."
B. The reason we will study this information is so that we can "refute those who contradict sound doctrine (Tt 1:9)" and can "make a defense for the hope that is in us (1 Pet 3:15)."
C. Light is to expose darkness. John 1:8; 2 Cor 4:6
D. It is the pastor's job to warn the flock. Acts 20:29
E. The Believer is to steer clear of this darkness which Satan disguises as "light." 2 Cor 6:14; cf 11:14
F. The New Age Movement is the epitome of this darkness and is the best candidate for "the apostasy (2 Thes 2:3)" which precedes the rise of the antichrist.
G. While we are to recognize the evil of this movement, we must be careful lest it become an obsession. (John McDowell, The Occult Phenomena, "There is a difference between knowing intellectually that taking poison will kill you and actually taking the poison to experience what you already know to be a fact. We need to be aware of the workings of the satanic realm but not to the point of obsession or involvement.")
H. The N.A.M. is the epitome of "cleverly devised myths" that are designed to bring Christ down. 2 Pet 1:16

I. Examples:

1. The Urantia Book, Urantia Foundation, 2097 pages, which claims to be the "Fifth Epochal Revelation to this planet, Jesus of Nazareth being the Fourth."
2. OAHSPE which is a "new bible in the words of Jehovih and his angel ambassadors," and claims to be a sacred history of the dominions of the higher and lower heavens on the earth for the last 24,000 years. Jehovih can only be heard by Iesu and the two are not the same. It is laid out in a biblical format and has 991 pages. On page 754 is a prophecy written in 1882 that all the goals of that book would take place in that generation. It missed.

II. The N.A.M. Is A Combination Of Antitheistic Theories:

A. Atheism which says there is no god is related to the lack of a supreme personal God.
B. Agnosticism which asks "does God exist?" and answers with "I don't know" opens one to accepting oneself as god.

C. Evolution which is an inference made from a hypothesis that we are in a state of slow growth towards perfection is a cornerstone of the N.A.M. which is a slow growth towards godhood.

D. Polytheism which says there are many gods, with their attributes and functions spread out, which opens the door to multiple godhood.

E. Pantheism which says that God = everything = God leads to a belief in transmigration of souls and has roots in Brahmaism, Buddhism, Krishna's and Transcendentalists.

F. Deism says that God is personal, infinite and holy and since man fell He has taken no responsibility for it.

G. Monism says that there is one principle which underlies the universe and that principle may be either good or bad.

H. Dualism says that the forces of good and evil are equal.

I. Pluralism says that there are as many worlds as there are minds to make them.

J. Idealism which says everything is getting "better" all by itself as it is guided by an impersonal force.

K. Realism that says that everything that is in existence can be measured.

L. Positivism which says we can only know in part through Realism.

M. The New Age Movement is a blend of all of these.

III. The Crux Of The Problem:

A. Satan's original sin (Isa 14:12-14) and his offer of godhood to the angelic creation (Eze 28:11-19) was brought to mankind in the Garden of Eden. Gen 3

B. Satan questions the character of God.

C. Satan questions the authority of God.

D. Satan claims that in sin is enlightenment.

E. Satan claims that one can become equal with Elohim.

F. Satan develops a counterfeit to relationship with God.

G. Satan's offer of godhood is still as enticing today as it was in eternity past and is still just as relevant.

IV. The "Fruit" Is Found In The World's Religions:

A. Hinduism:
1. They believe in the doctrine of "Karma" or the "law of the dead.
2. They believe in the transmigration of souls.
3. Consequently, they have a pessimistic view of life and desire to find a release from it.
4. They have a high regard for the ascetic and thus a dominant interest in passive virtues.
5. Their sacred writings are the Vedas for which they hold a deep reverence.
6. There is an underlying pantheism.
7. They have a high esteem for the practice of Dharma which is their custom and is regarded as duty, thus law.
8. They observe the caste system.
9. All seek Nirvana which requires a series of births over thousands of years.
10. Their systems of worship include the Sankhya which is a combination of Dualism and Theism, Yoga, and Vedanta which is tied to Monism.
11. They worship as their chief gods Brahma, Shiva (the Destroyer), and Vishnu (the Preserver).

B. Buddhism.
1. Buddha's name means "the enlightened one."
2. The founder was Siddhartha Gautama who was born in 560 B.C. in northeastern India to a ruler.
3. Supposedly there was a prophecy that he would be a great king if he stayed at home, but the savior of mankind if he would leave home.
4. He chose to leave, become a beggar and seek enlightenment which he found under a fig tree after spending seven days in deep meditation.
5. His "enlightenment" was that he was his own lamp and his own refuge.
6. After his death his followers deified him which was against his own teachings. (Said follow yourself not a man)
7. The sacred books are called the Tripitaka.
8. Buddhism was an attempt to reform Hinduism.
9. Its virtues are similar to Christian virtues.
10. Underlying the system is the belief that there is no God.
11. Thus, there is no promise of divine assistance or remission of sin.
12. They stress the importance of the body and meditating on nothing.

C. Jainism.
1. It was another reform movement within Hinduism.
2. It is Pluralistic in that it worships the created.
3. It says that only by doing good can one reach Nirvana.
4. It also claims that salvation lies within oneself.
5. The sacred books are the Agamas.

D. Confucianism.
1. Confucius was born Chiu King about 550 B.C.
2. He was influential in China.
3. His focus was upon education and knowledge.
4. No one considered him a god until a Chinese ruler offered sacrifices to him in 195 B.C.
5. His pursuit was to get people to live together harmoniously.
6. Mencius who was born in 371 spread Confucius' ideas and developed the idea that man is basically good which became a basic presupposition of Confucian thought.
7. The sacred writings include the Analects which are the sayings of Confucius and the Book of Changes which is the source for I Ching.
8. Confucianism has been said to be an ethical system rather than a religion in that it focuses on the earthly not the heavenly, yet the people hold his sayings as law.

E. Taoism.
1. The Taoist rejects all learning and scoffs at all hunger for education.
2. He does not believe in gods and opposes all forms of worship, sacrifices and prayers as both vain and impertinent.
3. Taoism attacked the moral and legal restraints advocated by Confucius.
4. Northern China emphasizes meditation, metaphysical speculation and proper breathing. Southern China emphasizes charms, amulets and incantations.
5. The sacred book is the Tao-Teh-King meaning the Book of Reason and Virtue.

F. Shintoism (Japan).
1. No books are considered sacred, but they use the Kojiki (Records of the Ancients), Nihongi (Chronicles of Japan), and Yengishiki (Hymns and Prayers).
2. The followers are often Buddhists or Taoists.
3. They worshipped the Mikado, i.e. the sun, the moon and Mt. Fuji because they believed that all created things had to worshipped in order for them to do good.
4. Their rules of conduct are known as the Bushido, which are similar to Christian principles, but lack God.
5. Shintoism worships one's ancestors.

G. Zoroastrianism.
1. This group developed around a man named Zoroaster (a Greek corruption of an old Iranian word Zarathushtra) who was born around 650 B.C. in Persia (Iran).
2. Around the age of 30 he supposedly received a vision where he was taken into the presence of the wise lord Ahura-Mazda, who instructed him in the true religion.
3. Ahura-Mazda is their one god who is opposed coequally by Angra Mainyu.
4. One gains the favor of Ahura-Mazda by good works.
5. The sacred books are the Avestas which contain hymns, liturgy and codes of purity.
6. They are awaiting the raising of the dead with the advent of Sayoshani, the messiah.

H. Islam (Mohammedanism 570-632 A.D.).
1. The sacred book is the Koran which is a series of Mohammed's revelations, supposedly given him by Gabriel.
2. He read the Bible and the story of Jesus convinced him that Arabia needed a prophet and leader like Jesus.
3. He held to one true god called Allah who held no equality with others.
4. His followers were known as Moslems or True Believers.
5. He told his followers to follow the teaching of Allah which he defined in the Koran.
6. They are heavily steeped in ritual.

V. Background Of The Modern New Age Movement:

A. The organizational network of today received its modern start in 1875 with the founding of the Theosophical Society by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.

B. The basic teaching of this organization was that "all world religions have common truths that transcended potential differences."

C. They strongly propounded the theory of evolution and believed in the existence of "masters" who were either spirit men or fortunate men more highly evolved than common men.

D. Madam Blavatsky worked in "telepathic communication" for the "masters" starting in 1867 seeking illumination.

E. They sought to eliminate Christianity.

F. They unity they seek in religion is between all those who are not monotheistic.

G. These "masters" who communicated the information told them to keep their teachings secret for 100 years. Hence, the organization was designed to keep information from hostile investigators until it went public.

H. The chief publication of the organization was called "Lucifer" for many years.
VI. The Intentions Of The New Age Movement:

A. Establish a New World Order.
B. Establish a New World Religion.
C. Bring in a New Age Christ.

VII. Their Doctrine:

A. The movement teaches that the Trinity is inferior to an entity known as the "Solar Logos," which is a false trinity.
   1. The Father is said to be the "Will."
   2. The Son is said to be "Love and Wisdom."
   3. The Holy Spirit is said to be "Active Intelligence."

B. After the Solar Trinity come the "Seven Rays."

C. And below that but deriving authority directly from the Solar Logos is S. Sanat Kamura.

D. The writings proclaim Sanat Kamura as their "God," the "Ancient of Days," and the "One Initiator."

E. Sanat Kamura is allegedly the "eternal youth from the planet Venus." (Lucifer is known in the occult as "Venus")

F. The chart contains several lower levels of assorted "Kamuras," "departmental heads," "Manus," "Bodhisattvas," "Mahachohans," and beneath them, "masters."

G. They locate Jesus on their chart as one of the "masters," which is the lowest spot in the hierarchy. They claim that he reports to the "Venetian Master." cf 2 Pet 2:1

H. The same chart lists separately Jesus and Christ. cf 1 John 2:22

I. They have a boundless belief in evolution. cf 2 Pet 3:3-7

J. These teachings are based on Eastern Mysticism found in the "Law of Avatars." This teaching states that at the start of every "New Age" the Solar Logos sends "The Christ" or a lesser Avatar to overshadow a human being, and working through a human being, imparts necessary information to the world to helps its citizens into a new age. cf John 1:1,14
K. Salvation is said to be by works and involves a Luciferic initiation.

L. They believe that all things are interconnected or interdependent which is called the Doctrine of At-One-Ment.

M. They believe in a "God Immanent" which means "god within," and though they may refer to a holy spirit they are not speaking of The Holy Spirit.

N. They believe in Reincarnation. cf Heb 9:27

O. They believe in the perfectibility of man as an outgrowth of evolution.

P. They hold a deep and abiding hatred for Judaism, Orthodox Catholicism, Fundamentalist Christianity and all Christians in general.

Q. They believe in an "inner government" of the planet (which they call Urantia) which is administered by a hierarchy of "masters" originating from "Shamballa."

R. There is also a belief that Aryan man can become perfect.

VIII. Specific Attacks On Major Areas Of Systematic Theology: (Know What You Believe)

A. Soteriology. Acts 4:12; John 3:16,36; Eph 2:8-9
   cf OAHSPPE 160.24 = For I created progress to be in compact; nor gave I to any person individual salvation or resurrection. 160.27 = do not follow anyone who says, "I am the salvation." 160.28 = In which manner, they assume kingdoms, professing to be gods of salvation. 749.21 = But he shall rise up in the majesty I created him, saying: Behold, me, Jehovih! I will save myself! And he shall walk forth, proudly in my sight, scorning evil and sin, doing with all his might for his own salvation.

B. Christology. Matt 16:15-16
   He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." John 1:41 He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). John 10:24-25 The Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me. John 20:30-31 Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. cf Point VII. H.

C. Jesus Christ as the only true sacrifice for sin. Heb 10:10,12
cf Urantia 2003B. = Jesus is not about to die as a sacrifice for sin. He is not going to atone for the inborn moral guilt of the human race.

D. Hamartiology. Rom 3:23; 6:23
cf Urantia 2003C = Sin and rebellion have nothing to do with the fundamental bestowal plan of he Paradise Sons of God.

E. Angelology. Heb 2:7-10
cf Urantia 445B = Mortals represent the last link in the chain of those beings who are called sons of God.

F. Bibliology. 2 Tim 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19
cf Urantia (cover page) = Fifth Epochal Revelation to this planet, the Fourth being Jesus of Nazareth.

G. Theology Proper (One True God). 1 Thes 1:9; 1 John 5:20 etal
cf OAHSPE 30.2 = Seek not the most learned, nor the most prayerful for members; but choose ye such as rank highest in assimilating to Jehovih and to their fellows; for such are the first to become gods and goddesses.

H. The Virgin Birth. Isa 7:14; Lk 1:27,34
cf Urantia 1344D = Joseph, the human father of Jesus.... not of the line of David and Solomon; 1345D = It was late in the month of June, 8 B.C. about three months after the marriage of Joseph and Mary, that Gabriel appeared to Elizabeth...then to Mary. 1344ff = counterfeits the entire life of Jesus.

I. Pneumatology. John 14:16-17; 16:5-15
cf Urantia 1003D = this is the initial supermind bestowal, and it unfailingly appears in all bona fide human personalities.

J. Satanology. Isa 14:12-14; Eze 28; Rev 12:9
cf Urantia 601-620
1. Claims that Lucifer and Satan were different beings with Satan being Lucifer's 1st Lieutenant.
2. Diagrams in detail The Fall and the cause which declares that the "Ancient of Days" had offered godhood to mortal man and Lucifer rebelled with the "Lucifer Manifesto" which is a declaration of liberty.
3. He is portrayed as a defender of liberty.
4. It claims he was joined by the Seraphim.
5. It also claims that he has not recently visited earth.
6. It claims that none of his followers can possess mankind or tempt them to sin.
7. Interesting note on page 610 = Early in the days of the Lucifer Rebellion, salvation was offered all rebels by Michael.... No leader accepted this merciful offer, but thousands of the angels and the lower order of celestial beings, including hundreds of the Material Sons and Daughters, accepted
the mercy proclaimed by the Panoptians and were given rehabilitation at the time of Jesus' resurrection.

8. Another comment: "At first the Lucifer upheaval appeared to be an unmitigated calamity to the system and to the universe. Gradually benefits began accrue. With the passing of time the Melchizedeks began to teach that the good resulting from Lucifer's folly had come to equal the evil incurred. The Melchizedek's now teach that the good resulting from the Satania rebellion is more than a thousand times the sum of all the evil. (Shall we sin so grace shall abound?)

K. It claims that Christ was not tempted by Satan. cf Matt 4

L. Each chapter ends by citing the source, which are the personal names of spirit beings-demons.

M. The Burial of Christ. Matt 27:60
cf Urantia 2012-3 claims that Joseph of Arimathea tried to bribe Pilate for Jesus' body, but Pilate refused.

N. The Victorious Proclamation. 1 Pet 3:19
cf Urantia 2014 = We are not fully able to explain just what happened to Jesus of Nazareth during this period of a day and a half when he was supposed to be resting in Joseph's new tomb. We heard him say, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." We do not fully understand the meaning of such a statement as this.

O. Death on the Cross. Heb 10:10,12
cf Urantia 2016 = Although Jesus did not die this death on the cross to atone for the racial guilt of mortal man nor to provide some sort of effective approach to an otherwise offended and unforgiving God; even though the Son of Man did not offer himself as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of God and to open the way for sinful man to obtain salvation...The great thing about the death of Jesus... is not the fact of his death but rather the superb manner and the matchless spirit in which he met death.

cf Urantia 2020ff = At 2:45 a.m. Sunday morning, the Paradise incarnation commission consisting of seven unidentified Paradise personalities, arrived on the scene and immediately deployed themselves about the tomb. At ten minutes before three, intense vibrations of commingled material and morontia activities began to issue from Joseph's new tomb, and at two minutes past 3, this Sunday morning April 9, 30 A.D., the resurrected morontia form and personality of Jesus of Nazareth came forth from the tomb. After the resurrected Jesus emerged from his burial tomb, the body of flesh in which he had lived and wrought on earth for almost 36 years was still lying there in the sepulcher niche, undisturbed and wrapped in the linen sheet. Neither was the stone before the entrance of the tomb in any way disturbed. On Friday he laid down his life as a mortal of the realm; on Sunday morning he took it up again as a morontia being of the system of Satania.
Q. **Ascension. Acts 1:8; Col 3:1**
cf Urantia 2057 = This so-called ascension was no different from his other disappearances during these forty days...The Master went to Edentia by way of Jerusem, where the Most Highs, under the observation of the Paradise Son, released Jesus of Nazareth from the morontia state and through the spirit channels or ascension, returned him to the status of Paradise sonship and supreme sovereignty on Salvaington.

cf Urantia 2017 = Salvation should be taken for granted for those who believe in the Fatherhood of God; (cf Js 2:19) Urantia 2059 = It is not difficult to understand how these men (apostles) came to preach a new gospel about Jesus in the place of their former message of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men.

Q. **The Church. Matt 16:18**
cf Urantia 2069 = Peter was the real founder of the Christian church. 2070 = Christianity was thoroughly Hellenized. It embraced the best in Greek philosophy as well as the cream of Hebrew theology. "Wisely or unwisely, these early leaders of Christianity deliberately compromised the ideals of Jesus in an effort to save and further many of his ideas.

IX. **Points To Consider**
1. Satan wants you to believe that he is a figment of man's imagination.
2. We are in battle with a person who is a declared enemy of our God.
3. He is a master at twisting the truth and does so in more than one way.
4. Seek to understand that though the battle is unseen it is real. Cf Rev 12
5. Challenge: know what is truth.

X. **Some Of Their Groups:**
A. **Secular Humanism:**
1. It has its own meetings, its own "clergy" of spokesman, its own creed called "The Humanist Manifesto," and its own goals toward which it desires all humanity to work.
2. It holds that man is the ultimate standard by which all life is measured and judged. Thus, values, law, justice, good, beauty, right and wrong are all to be judged by manmade rules with no credence to God or the Bible.
3. Their ideas easily fit with existentialism or communism.
4. They dismiss all religious philosophy.
a. They believe that "traditional dogmatic or authoritarian
religions that place revelation, God, ritual or creed above
human needs or experience do a disservice to the human
species.
b. They view promises, immortal salvation, or fear of eternal
damnation as illusory and harmful.
c. They claim that we must save ourselves, but that has to be for
time only as they do not believe in immortal salvation.

5. Their philosophy:
a. They say that moral values derive their source from human
experience, thus ethics is autonomous and situational needing
no theological or ideological sanction.
b. They say that reason and intelligence are the most effective
instruments that humanity possesses.

6. They are advocates of free sex.

7. Their thoughts on society:
a. They believe that to enhance freedom and dignity the
individual must experience a full range of civil liberties.
b. They seek a completely open and democratic society, thus one
having no authority structure.
c. There is to be no overlap between church and state.
d. They seek socialized economic systems.

8. They openly seek a one world government to establish and keep the
peace and to redistribute the world's wealth.

9. They also believe that science is the solution to all of mankind's
problems.

B. Astrologers.
1. This claims that all persons and things are guided by their
relationship to the sun, moon and planets.

2. They are tied in directly to the occult.

C. Spiritists:
1. This system admits that it seeks to deal with spirits.
2. It is probably the oldest of the cults.
3. It seeks from spirits information on the life beyond.
4. This system emphasizes "right" living, since they believe that their
condition in the spirit world depends entirely on what they do while
in mortal form.
5. Those who enter are to be free from the impress of evil wrought
while in the body.
6. They say that after death, the spirit will move through seven spheres
that surround the earth as they become more perfect within each
sphere.
7. They believe that their information comes from the souls of departed human beings.
8. They are polytheists with Satan at their head.
9. The claim that Jesus Christ was a medium and a reformer in Judea and now is an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere.
10. They claim that the doctrine of atonement is "the very climax of a deranged mentality."
11. They reject the concept of the fall of any creature.
12. They totally deny Biblical inspiration and claim that hell does not exist.
13. Many of the roots of the New Age Movement are found in this.

D. Christian Science:
1. This group worships the body.
2. They claim that angels are pure thoughts from God.
3. To sum up, Christian Science teaches that "Jesus was laid down as a result of an apparent death, into a fictitious tomb, in an unreal body, to make an unnecessary atonement for sins that had never been a reality and had been committed in an imaginary body, and that He saves from non-existing evil those headed toward an imaginary hell, the false fancy of erroneous mortal mind.
4. They believe that Jesus is the human man and Christ is the divine idea.

E. Rosicrucianism:
1. This cult was founded by Christian Rosenkreuz in the 13th century.
2. He founded the order with the object of throwing occult light upon the misunderstood Christian religion.
3. He tried to tie the seven worlds of spiritism to the universe.
4. He totally denies the God-man union of Jesus Christ.
5. He also claims that having Christ in you is the Second Coming.

F. Baha'ism.
1. This is of Persian Mohammedan origin.
2. It believes that the "last true successor of Mohammed who disappeared in the 10th century never died, but is still living in a mysterious city, surrounded by a band of faithful disciples and that at the end of time he will issue forth and fill the earth with justice after it has been filled with iniquity."
3. This hidden successor is said to have revealed himself from time to time through those to whom he has made known his will, and who are known as "Babs" or "gates." The last one was a young Persian merchant who took the title in 1844 and claimed a relationship like John the Baptist.
4. His son became the authoritative interpreter of "The Master" named Baha'u'llah.
5. The Bahai's accepted all the religions of the world and equally revere the "prophets" from all of them.
   a. The Oneness of God and Oneness of Religion (which to them is Pantheistic)
   b. The Oneness of Mankind.
   c. An independent search after Truth.
   d. Abandonment of all prejudices.
   e. International peace.
   f. An international auxiliary language.
   g. Education for all.
   h. Equality of the sexes.
   i. Abolition of industrial slavery.
   j. Personal holiness.
7. They claim that doctrine is totally unimportant and only unity and brotherhood matter.
8. Love is the ever recurring word in its literature.
   a. Its concept is neither correct, nor consistently carried out.
   b. Its own literature proves that "love" without certain definite teachings is untenable.
9. It seeks to change the God-man into the man-god.
10. They claim that human education can free one from sin.
11. They view Jesus as a prophet only for his own dispensation and now is no longer the point of guidance to the world.
12. They believe that Christ's resurrection was when his disciples began to follow his teachings.
13. They will not accept "anything contrary to reason or that cannot be understood."

G. British Israelism:
1. This group claims that Britain is Ephraim and that the United States is Manasseh and that the throne of David is now the British throne.
2. This group is closely related to the Mormons.

H. Swedenborgianism.
1. They claim that the doctrine of the Trinity has perverted the entire Christian church.
2. They believe that atonement can only be accomplished by feeling sorry for one's sins.
3. They totally reject the doctrine of imputation.
4. They believe salvation is by works.
5. The also believe that the Second Coming will not involves the bodily presence of the Lord, but is a process already going on by changing
the environment. It will be the coming of the Spirit of Truth which is Swedenborg.

I. Mormonism:
1. This group is full of "nice" people which is a great part of their appeal.
2. Their sacred book is the Book of Mormon which was supposedly given to Joseph Smith by the angel Moroni.
3. They advocate polygamy which is tied to their afterlife.
4. The gods of Mormonism are the "big men" of the movement like Brigham Young and Joseph Smith.
5. They believe in baptism for the dead which is supposed to save dead unbelievers.
6. They use pure water in the Lord's Table.
7. They believe salvation is by following the Mormon creed.
8. They claim that Adam fell because God gave him two conflicting commandments.
9. They claim that Adam is their god.
10. They totally deny the Trinity and justification by faith.
11. They believe that man will be resurrected based on following the law under which he chooses to live.
12. They totally deny the Virgin Birth.

J. Jehovah's Witnesses (Russellism)
1. William Taze Russell was converted to the doctrine of "no hell."
2. They systematically deny the basic tenets of the Christian faith.
3. They appeal to only a small portion of Scripture and have their own translation called the "New World Translation."
4. They place human reason above Scripture.
5. They viciously attack the Trinity.
6. They totally deny the Deity of Christ.
7. They deny the preexistence of Christ.
8. They deny the doctrine of redemption and believe in salvation by works.
9. They also said that Christ returned invisibly to earth in 1914 which marked the end of the "times of the Gentiles."

K. Unitarianism-Modernism.
1. It too is a system of denials of Christianity.
2. They seek to infiltrate churches from within.
3. They have a total aversion to fixed doctrine.
4. Yet they do have some fixed principles:
   a. The divineness of all life.
   b. The oneness of man with the eternal.
   c. The essential goodness of human nature.
d. The rise of man through evolution.

e. The universality of revelation.

g. They believe heaven and hell to be conditions of the soul, not real places.

5. Their creed:

a. I believe in myself.

b. I know that I am intelligent and that by me is the highest and most powerful thing in the universe.

c. Because I am, I believe that God is a divine intelligence beyond my meager imagination, and that he must be at least as good as I am.

6. Statement: "We no longer depend for salvation upon either a man or a book. Men help us; books help us; but back of all stands our divine reason."

7. They claim that Christ did not think himself to be the "one sacrifice for all time."

8. They claim that the church is purely a human institution.

9. They deny the exclusive divinity of Christ, since they too can become divine.

10. The Fall of Man they view as folklore.

11. They reject: The Trinity, The Holy Spirit, prayer, inspiration, prophecy, regeneration, resurrection, the second coming of Christ, the substitutionary death of Christ, the sinless humanity of Christ and the Virgin Birth.

XI. Applications:

1. Recognize the evil of this age and do not fall prey to it. Gal 1:4

2. Do not become involved with its organizations. 2 Tim 3:1-5

3. Realize that there is a "beautiful" side to evil. 2 Cor 11:13-15

4. Realize the push to make acceptable practices that were previously recognized as occult.

5. Fix your eyes upon Jesus Christ. Heb 12:1-2
XII. Five Areas Of Challenge

Attack By Satan:

1. Heart & mind:
   a. Asks confusing questions.
   b. Persuades us to accept ideas that undermine God's reign in our lives.
   c. Plants thoughts and desires to accept values that lead to ungodly behavior.

2. Flesh:
   a. If he can get you to take action on sinful thoughts he has won a double victory.
   b. This is damaging to your relationship with God and your witness to others.

3. Circumstances:
   a. Deceives with appearances to make you think that life's difficulties proves that God has forgotten you.
   b. He will use severe trials to shake your faith.
   c. He will try to get you focused on your own comfort and prosperity instead of God's kingdom.
   d. He uses urgent problems to divert your attention.

4. Friends & family:
   a. When you make a complete commitment to the kingdom, you may face intense opposition from those nearest you.
   b. Satan can use even a Christian family and friends to discourage you.
   c. People who water down the truth will warn you about being a fanatic.
   d. People with a stake in the status quo fear change.
   e. Insecure people fear the unknown.

5. Society:
   a. The most difficult conflict.
   b. We are often too selfish and self-absorbed fighting our own battles that we fail to see the war going on.