

# IAM GOD

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## INTRODUCTION

New Age. Age of Aquarius. Channeling, karma, astral plane, the occult, inner self, crystals, transformation, Source energy, meditation, higher consciousness, incarnation, at-one-ment. All of these terms are familiar people exploring or involved in what has been described as the New Age worldview which is permeating every area of life in our society in the twenty-first century.

The *New Age* worldview might better be described as a renewed quest for spirituality by people who have not found in science, education, and humanism satisfying answers to the deepest longings of the human soul. Perhaps this describes where you are at the present time. Some New Age concepts began as far back as the Garden of Eden, and they are appealing because they promise spirituality without commitment to a certain "religious" point of view. The issues they raise need to be carefully explored to determine if they represent ultimate Truth. That is what we will try to do in this book.

In the following pages we will emphasize the importance of developing a personal worldview that passes four important tests of cohesiveness. We will also endeavor to determine whether the basic issues of the New Age worldview can pass these tests; and we will support our analysis of these issues with an overview of what the Bible teaches concerning each one. Keep in mind that the New Age worldview is not an organized religion, and people who have embraced this general point of view do not always agree on all of the issues. Many hold beliefs that are not addressed here; but these seem to be the basic issues.

Perhaps you have been drawn to the New Age worldview because certain aspects of it appeal to your desire to understand your own spiritual nature and destiny. Perhaps you are searching for answers to some of life's toughest, most painful problems or you are looking for meaning in life. If you have a longing to satisfy your inner spiritual craving for "something more," you need to read this book and carefully reflect on what it reveals about basic issues of the New Age worldview and the implications that derive from these issues. If you are seeking spiritual fulfillment now and for eternity, be sure you are looking in the right place.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this study, you should be able to:

- Identify your personal worldview.
- Discuss important issues of the New Age worldview.
- Analyze whether there are critical implications, weaknesses, and contradictions inherent in these issues.
- Understand biblical teaching related to these issues.
- Make life-changing decisions about spiritual issues affecting your own eternal destiny.

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