

Intro:

Some influential people think that we trying to syncretize the New Age and Christianity. Let me start off by saying that this is not our goal.

1. We are against practicing all forms of witchcraft, and see it as a sin.
 - a. We believe it is a sin to channel Subtle Energy such as Chi, Prana, or Kundalini.
 - b. We believe using astral projection to go into the 2nd or 3rd heavens is sin.
 - c. We believe it is a sin to practice white and black magic and divination such as tarot.
2. We understand it is logically possible that people can syncretize the New Age and Christianity.
 - a. On the fringe of every revival in the past that has happened; Theosophy, Spiritualism, and the Mormons arose out of the spiritual openness created by the Great Awakenings.
 - b. Our heart is to see a glorious church when Christ returns, so we want to learn from the past and proactively avoid that from happening.
3. We recognize that the misunderstanding of certain terms has been confusing, and that we have at times failed to communicate when we should on certain topics.
 - a. People in our movement can use lots of jargon so they might say things that mean one thing in the house, and yet have a different meaning outside of it. Sometimes those terms mean something entirely different in a New Age culture such as the word "Manifest."
4. We recognize that every church must make clear distinction between Christian, The New Age and the occult. We certainly have had to do that.
 - a. Bill actually had to perform church discipline on a former church member from the stage for his teaching.
 - b. I have had to set people down, and correct them.
 - c. These events point to our hatred of sin, and our love for people.
5. We want to be thoughtful in addressing the topic of the New Age, and yet we don't want to be devil focused. This book/video isn't coming from a place of fear. It's coming from a heart that wants to see us see the vision of Paul, who saw the gospel transform cultists into sanctified followers of Jesus.

Question 1: Why should leaders care about the topic of Christianity and the New Age Now?

1. We understand there is a rise of the blending of white magic (Reiki, magic mushrooms, astral projections, tarot reading) and charismatic Christianity.



2. Rise in occult in West:
 - a. 75% of Americans believe in the paranormal.¹
 - i. (We would be included as anything supernatural falls into that).
 - b. 20% believe in Reincarnation.
 - c. 25% believe in astrology.
 - d. 21% believe we can talk to the dead.
 - e. 9% believe mediums channel spirits.
3. Rise in teens:²
 - a. 73% have engaged in at least one type of psychic or witchcraft-related activity, beyond mere media exposure or horoscope usage.
 - b. 33% report using a Ouija board and reading a book about witchcraft or Wicca.
 - c. 10% had participated in a séance.
 - d. 1 out of 12 had tried to cast a spell or mix a magic potion.
4. In rural Redding, CA:
 - a. 3 New Age/Occult Supply stores
 - b. 3 Psychics
 - c. 2 Sikh temples (one in Redding and the other in Anderson).
 - d. 5 Reiki Offices
 - e. *The Art of Satan Official Online Gallery* sponsors highway trash cleanup on I-5 between exit 675 and exit 673.³
 - f. Mount Shasta is a Ley Line for the New Age, and people try to contact "UFOs" there by channeling them from other dimensions.
- g. Clickbait articles by New Agers are targeting charismatic Christians.
 - i. The site *Energy Arts* writes, "Chi is that which differentiates a corpse from a live human being. To use a Biblical reference, it is that which God breathed into the dust to produce Adam. Chi is also the basis of acupuncture."⁴

¹ <https://news.gallup.com/poll/16915/three-four-americans-believe-paranormal.aspx>

² <https://www.barna.com/research/new-research-explores-teenage-views-and-behavior-regarding-the-supernatural/>

³ <https://krcrtv.com/news/shasta-county/the-art-of-satan-online-gallery-is-cleaning-up-i-5>

⁴ Bruce Frantzis, "What is Chi," *Energy Arts*, accessed Aug. 27th, 2018. <https://www.energyarts.com/what-is-chi>

Question 2: What is Discernment?

1. Intro to Discernment:
 - a. The Bible makes a distinction between discernment and the gift of distinguishing spirits (1 Cor. 12:10).
 - i. Distinguishing between spirits is a special ability to recognize the influence of the Holy Spirit or of demonic spirits in a person.”⁵ Thus, discernment of spirits is a gift that God supernaturally gives a person on occasions, and some people experience that gift to a greater or lesser degree.
 - ii. The word “Discernment” in scripture can mean investigate (Diakrino) or analyze (Anakrino).⁶ The goal of discernment is to investigate claims and to rightly divide them into accurate categories; such as true from false, wisdom from foolishness, good from evil, knowledge from error, and the Holy Spirit, from flesh, or the demonic.
 - iii. Spiritual discernment is critical thinking about spiritual things. All believers are expected to learn to discern and grow in this.
 - b. Discernment is learning to cut between good and bad. Must have two “buckets” if one is doing it correctly.
2. In order to discern, we must learn how to tell the difference between when two things are “similar to each vs. the “same.”
 - a. The laws of logic help us
 - i. The law of contradiction: It is impossible for X and not X to both be true of the object, in the same relationship.
 - ii. The law of the excluded middle: Either X or not X must be true.
 - iii. The Law of identity: A thing is identical to itself. A and B are identical if and only if everything true of A is true of B.
 - b. Essentially if one property is different, then those two things are different.
 - c. However, the bible allows for mystery, and I (Dann) am skeptical the laws of logic apply neatly to the Trinity and the nature of Christ. However, they apply to nearly everything else.

Question 3: What is the Difference Between the New Age and Christianity? New Agers use the same words as us, but a different dictionary. What do we mean vs. them?

⁵ Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994), 1081. Kindle Edition.

⁶ Paul King, *Is It of God: A Biblical Guidebook For Spiritual Discernment* (Newberry, FL: Bridge Logos, 2019), 2.

Most American Charismatic Ministers are “magic blind.” That means we don’t recognize magic or New Age thinking easily because we have mostly ministered in a culture where naturalism or cessationism were the only live options to Christianity for most of our community. Thus, we never had to think much about what magic is or how to communicate with New Agers. This chart will help clarify.

Christianity:	New Age:
<p>View of Reality: Dualism between God and Creation: There are two types of stuff: Spirit and material.</p> <p>God is spirit. He is immaterial.</p> <p>The material world runs on natural law, and is guided by God’s providence.</p> <p>Spirits are always persons; Beings with a mind, a will, and emotions.</p>	<p>View of Reality: Monism in God and Creation: There is one type of stuff. God and the Universe are the same.</p> <p>All is God. God is all. (Sometimes God is called the universe).</p> <p>Subtle energy: The physical and spiritual are made of the same stuff and exist on a continuum.</p>
<p>View of God: Trinitarian Theism: God is spirit. He is three in person, and created the world.</p>	<p>View of God: Panteists: God and the world are the same thing.</p> <p>Panentheism: The world is God’s body.</p> <p>Polytheists: The metadivine realm created the gods.</p>
<p>The Metadivine Realm The metadivine realm does not exist. It’s logically incompatible with the biblical God.</p> <p>There is nothing that controls God.</p>	<p>The Metadivine Realm The Babylonians believed their gods emerged from the metadivine realm.</p> <p>The metadivine realm was more powerful than the gods.</p>

<p>Doing magic is sin as it is trying to control God, or being his has given free will.</p> <p>We reject forms of New Age mysticism that require a multiverse in which one's thoughts and intention influence the metadivine realm at the particle level to magically produce the life one desires.</p>	<p>People used magic to control the gods or alter the physical world by manipulating the metadivine realm.</p> <p>For New Agers the quantum world functions as a metadivine realm.</p>
<p>View of Energy. God is not energy. Energy is created by Him. His actions are described as energy, not His essence.</p> <p>Energy is material. $E=MC^2$. Subtle energy is not another name for the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Channeling "Subtle Energy" is the sin of magic. It opens people to the demonic.</p> <p>There is debate if Subtle Energy exists. If Subtle Energy does exist, we are not to mess with it. It's not neutral because it is the means by which white and black magic is performed.</p> <p>All magic is sin even if it is white magic.</p>	<p>View of Energy. Everything is energy, including God (God and the created world are the same thing).</p> <p>Subtle energy is both material and physical (Think force in star wars). It's sometimes called Chi, Qi, Ki, Prana or Kundalini.</p> <p>Channeling Subtle Energy allows us to do magic. Since morality is relative you can "do as you will, as long as you hurt no one."</p> <p>Magic can be divided into white magic (using magic to help people), and black (using magic to harm).</p>
<p>View of Humans: Humans are sinners. Those who believe in Jesus accept His complete authority over their body and soul to become united to Him. Because He is good, Jesus' leadership and communion with us is transformative.</p> <p>We have a soul and body.</p> <p>Humans live and die once to face God.</p>	<p>View of Humans: Humans are gods who can manifest their desires via intentions and declarations.</p> <p>We are pure energy. Subtle energy makes up the physical body, the etheric body, the astral body, and the causal body. Energy flows through Chakras, Nadilis or Meridians. They need to be brought into balance.</p> <p>Humans are reincarnated</p>
<p>Human condition: We are sinners. We need salvation from a savior: Jesus.</p>	<p>Human condition: We need enlightenment. We have forgotten we are gods and need to remember that we are gods.</p>

<p>Nature of morality: Objective Morality: God is the standard of right and wrong, and discloses that in His word.</p>	<p>Nature of morality: Subjective Morality: We are gods and thus, we decide what is right and wrong.</p> <p>Relative: There is no supreme god, and gods can reach different conclusions.</p>
<p>Christology: Christians: Hypostatic Union -Jesus was/is Truly God/Truly Man.</p> <p>Singular Christ: Only Jesus is the Christ.</p>	<p>Christology: Christ Consciousness: Since we all are gods, we can choose to manifest the Christ spirit, by remembering we are Christ.</p> <p>Universal Christ: The earth is Christ's body, and the logos has a human body.</p>
<p>What happens after death? The Resurrection and Final judgment. Heaven/New Earth for believers. Hell for unbelievers.</p>	<p>What happens after death? Reincarnation until one becomes one with the universe or New Age heaven that is reserved for "good" people.</p>
<p>Nature of Truth: Objectivism: Objective truth exists and it is knowable both morally, theologically, philosophically, and scientifically.</p>	<p>Nature of Truth: Relativism: There is no such thing as objective truth or knowledge. As a god I can create my own truth. What is true for me may not be true for you.</p>
<p>What History is Moving Toward: Consummation: The end of this sinful age. Renewal: New heavens and earth with the earthly governance of Christ over all things.</p> <p>However, we believe things can get better over time and are building toward a glorious future.</p>	<p>What History is Moving Toward: Utopia: In this life there will be a near perfect society.</p>
<p>The Relationship to Other Religions: Particularists: We believe Jesus is the only way to God, and thus other religions lead away.</p>	<p>The Relationship to Other Religions: Eclectic: Takes what they like from other religions to make their own religion.</p>
<p>Alternative Medicine Human sickness is caused by germs, disease, demons, and/or the environment.</p>	<p>Alternative Medicine Human sickness is fundamentally a subtle energy imbalance.</p>

<p>It's sin to channel Subtle Energy such as Chi, Prana, or Kundalini. So don't use Alternative Medicine that does that.</p> <p>Medicine is a natural process to bring natural cures. Miracles are supernatural cures done by God.</p> <p>Watch out for pseudoscience in Alternative Medicine. However, pseudoscience is not sin, just not wise.</p>	<p>It's spiritual to channel Chi, Prana or Kundalini.</p> <p>The role of Alternative Medicine is to bring subtle energy into balance or increase it.</p> <p>The New Age teaches science, then pseudoscience so that you will believe in magic.</p>
<p>Mysticism: (Direct Experience of God) We have a legal union with a triune God via Christ.</p> <p>We have a spiritual union with the Spirit.</p> <p>The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying him forever (expressed in faithfully living all the teachings of Jesus).</p> <p>Calvin wrote of the <i>Sensus Divinitatis</i>. Our souls are designed to sense and understand direct experience of God.</p> <p>We are pro-intellect mystics: We believe in objective knowledge and truth (Just like Jonathan Edwards and the Puritans).</p>	<p>Mysticism: (Direct Experience of God) We have an unmediated union with a pantheistic God or the universe. There's no need for Jesus to die for us.</p> <p>God's spirit is impersonal energy.</p> <p>The purpose of life is to break the reincarnation cycle via getting good Karma, or to manifest your desires.</p> <p>We encounter God by remembering we are God.</p> <p>Many reject the intellect.</p>
<p>Entheogens: (Drugs that create spiritual experiences)</p> <p>Using drugs recreationally or for spiritual purposes is the sin of pharmakeia (Galatians 5:19-21).</p> <p>There may be some permissible medical uses for entheogens that are not sin. For example, drugs prescribed by legitimate doctors to reduce pain or heal mental illness like PTSD.</p>	<p>Entheogens: (Drugs that create spiritual experiences)</p> <p>Drugs such as DMT, magic mushrooms, and pot are legit means for connecting with the spiritual world.</p> <p>All uses of drugs that don't harm others or the person are spiritual if the user feels good about it.</p>
<p>Declarations We believe words have power: A communicable attribute from God.</p>	<p>Declarations Words create our reality.</p>

<p>Our words do not control God, or force God to act. However, there is a high correlation between speaking/having faith and seeing God move. The relationship is correlational, not causal.</p> <p>Power is either delegated authority or God's spirit breathing on our words. Our declarations are limited by God's sovereignty.</p> <p>We don't believe our words create ex nihilo other universes or anything else for that matter.</p> <p>We don't use our words to interact with the metadivine realm.</p>	<p>Whatever we focus on, or speak, will become reality necessarily.</p> <p>Supernatural Power comes from the metadivine realm, a pantheistic God, or the quantum world.</p> <p>Words create things ex nihilo.</p> <p>Thoughts and intentions alter the metadivine realm.</p>
<p>Translation It is okay to ask God for translation (Paul had a 3rd heaven experience/John was taken to heaven/Philip was moved to a different location).</p> <p>It is immoral to attempt this through astral projection through self-will (Gal 5:19-20, and Rev 21:8).</p> <p>Trips to Heaven are not astral projection. They are imagining Jesus to position oneself for encounter (the name may need to change). Typically, the person is not literally entering 3rd heaven, but just enjoying the presence of Jesus by fixing their thoughts on the author and prefect of our faith.</p>	<p>Translation Astral projection is self-willing oneself to leave one's body to go to a different location in the physical or astral realm.</p> <p>Astral Projection often starts with lucid dreaming and then climbing up a rope out of one's body.</p>
<p>General Rule of Thumb of Attraction: Since we reject Karma we reject the New Age understanding of the law of attraction.</p>	<p>The Law of Attraction:</p>

<p>We do believe attraction exists based on the way God created the natural world and human interaction. It functions less like a “law” and more like a “rule of thumb.”</p> <p>The rule of thumb of attraction is that generally what one focuses on increases the probability of it occurring. For example, it is best for a baseball player to focus on hitting the ball vs. avoiding striking out. What we focus on plays a role in the outcomes we experience.</p>	<p>The law of attraction teaches that what one focuses on, that must <u>necessarily</u> occur. It's based on a theory of Karma.</p> <p>Karma is the idea that every good or bad thing that happens is the result of the good or bad things we have done. Our Karma affects what we reincarnate into in the next life.</p>
<p>Manifesting: When the Holy Spirit is moving on us, and our bodies respond.</p>	<p>Manifesting: Using the law of attraction to make our desires become a reality.</p>
<p>Imagination Used to visualize the events of the Gospels. Ignatius “Spiritual Exercises”.</p> <p>Visualization that is Holy Spirit guided (Heb 12:2).</p> <p>Godly imagination (Phil 4:8).</p>	<p>Imagination Visualize evil Spiritual Beings.</p> <p>Visualization that is Guided by Spirits.</p> <p>Imagines sin (Ps 73:7).</p>
<p>Understanding of Little Gods Humans are spirit beings with a soul/body.</p> <p>Often referred to leaders in the OT.</p>	<p>Understanding of Little Gods We are manifestations of a pantheistic God</p>
<p>Orbs May be angelic, demonic, or psychological. Be discerning.</p>	<p>Orbs The angelic and demonic are both God.</p> <p>Learn to manipulate them to your advantage.</p>
<p>Crystals A beautiful part of God's creation. Never to be used to channel Subtle Energy. Okay to own and enjoy.</p>	<p>Crystals Use them to channel Subtle Energy or open the third eye.</p>

Question 4: Why do we think the New Age is false and Christianity true?

1. There are lots of good arguments for God's existence.
 - a. Moral Argument
 - b. Argument From Contingency
 - c. Fine Tuning Argument
 - d. Ontological Argument
 - e. Intelligent Design
 - f. Evidence for the Resurrection
 - g. Experience: "Properly basic" (a philosophical term by Alvin Plantinga).
2. Pantheism is incoherent.
 - a. Since the pantheistic god is material, He will experience heat death when the universe burns out. That god is not omnipotent or eternal.
 - b. A pantheistic god is not a necessary being, thus needs a creator.
 - c. If God is material, then natural evil like earthquakes is God acting, and thus God is evil.
 - i. Or evil does not exist, and is an illusion (Hindu).
 - d. Neither the moral argument, nor the argument from contingency is evidence for pantheism.
 - e. The universe had a beginning therefore the pantheistic god has a beginning.
3. Reincarnation is incoherent.
 - a. Argument 1:
 - i. Non Dualistic teachings deny the existence of finite, individual selves, since all is one.
 - ii. Reincarnation and karma require the existence of finite, individual selves for their operation.
 - iii. Therefore, given the worldview of nondualism, reincarnation and karma are false.
 - b. Argument 2:
 - i. Karma is taken to be the moral engine of reincarnation. It is a law that records and assesses moral actions with respect to results in future lives.
 - ii. However, karma requires moral knowledge and moral evaluation in order to ensure that an entity is placed properly in its next life.
 - iii. But karma excludes moral knowledge and moral evaluation, given that it is impersonal.
 - iv. Therefore, (a) the doctrine of karma is false.
 - v. Therefore, (b) since reincarnation depends on the doctrine of karma for its moral coherence, reincarnation is false.

Question 5: Why do we need to get good at explaining the Gospel to New Agers?

1. New Agers already believe God loves them. But they don't believe that God is the judge of right and wrong or that they are sinners in need of a savior. Thus, telling them "God loves you and has a good plan for their life" doesn't help them understand the gospel, it just reinforces their worldview.
2. They believe in Christ Consciousness and Spiritual Healings thus, "Jesus loves you and wants to heal you", doesn't help them understand they are sinners, and the trinitarian creator God took on a body, and died for them. It just reinforces their worldview.
3. To disciple them you must actually begin by teaching them foundations that we don't have to with most atheists like "truth exists, objective morality is real, how to think logically, etc."
4. When training in the gifts, they have to be taught how to tell the difference between prophecy and clairvoyance, biblical deliverance and occultic, asking the Holy Spirit to heal, and channeling Subtle Energy. Due to the size of Bethel's influence it is wise to teach assuming some people with New Age thinking are in the audience. Assume 1-3 out of 100 people struggle with this.

Question 6: How can we tell the Holy Spirit from Kundalini?

	Holy Spirit	Kundalini
Essential Nature	3rd person of the trinity	Impersonal force or psychological experience
Relationship to Christ	Points to Christ	Netural
Morality	Biblical holiness	Relativism general morality
Relationship to Person	Deposited in believers	Coiled in the spine of all people like a snake

We reject the idea that the Holy Spirit is Kundalini as the Spirit is immaterial and subtle energy/Kundalini is defined as both material and spiritual in the New Age worldview. We claim that one can discern the difference between the works of the demonic and the Spirit as suggested by Johnathan Edwards by using the criterion set forth in 1 John 4:1-7. The devil or an unregenerate human heart will never produce the fruit of promoting Christ, convicting people of worldliness and sin, encouraging the right application of scripture, elevating truthfulness, or

producing authentic love for God and others. When we see those fruits in the affections of the heart, either in the heart or life of a believer occurring subsequent from a manifestation, we can be assured that such experiences are from God. Lastly, those who claim it is Kundalini are affirming the consequent.

Affirming the Consequent Example

If John is a website designer, then he has a job.

John has a job.

Therefore, John is a website designer.

Affirming the Consequent

If someone has a Kundalini demon, or Kundalini Awakening, then that person may feel love, fall down, have all other types of manifestations, make animal noises, experience joy, weeping, and shaking.

Some people after prayer may feel love, fall down, have all other types of manifestations, make animal noises, experience joy, weeping, and shaking.

Therefore, those people have a Kundalini demon or Kundalini Awakening.

Question 7: Can Occultic Culture be redeemed? If so, how? When is it not redeemed?

All truth is God's truth. Sometimes a pagan culture can discover a truth about reality called common grace insights. For example, the ancient Babylonians tracked the stars in order to divine them so that they could give their king predictions called "astrology." Over time, they discovered that stars move in predictable patterns and out of that a new science was born. The church and Israel redeemed that practice by stripping it of its spiritual elements and giving it a new name "astronomy" so that believers could tell the science from the sin and pseudo-science. The same happened with spiritual alchemy and chemistry. We don't want to commit the genetic fallacy (which is dismissing something that is true because you don't like the person or group it originated with), and dismiss astronomy because of its occultic origins. The same for chemistry, evidence based chiropractic care, etc. An occultic practice is not redeemed when someone is breaking a Biblical command: Channeling Subtle Energy.

If it is the case that the occult can be redeemed, we should think about it in terms of green, yellow, and red lights. A green light is something we know without question is morally

good such as chemistry. A yellow light is debatable; myers briggs, alternative medicine or declarations. Could be wrong or right in God's eyes based on how it's approached, and debated by believers (Rom 14). It might not be good at all. A red light is under no circumstances.

Question 8: What are some red light topics that we unequivocally call sinful?

1. Divination such as numerology, astrology, palm reading, psychic readings, horoscopes, mirromancy, kabbalah, and bibliomancy.
2. Sortilege such as tarot cards and dactylomancy, etc.
3. White and black magic.
 - a. Channeling Subtle Energy like therapeutic touch or reiki.
 - b. Chakra work.
4. Spiritualism such as necromancy, and the attempt to contact spirit beings, or spirit guides, such as angels, demons, the dead, or familiars via conjuring them and channeling them. This includes automatic writing, ouija boards, or angel boards.
 - a. However, we encourage asking God to reveal His angels, and responding to them when He does. Let Him choose how, when or if He does.
 - b. We encourage journaling what we believe God is saying to our hearts, not automatic writing.
5. Astral projection to other places on earth, other planets or the second heaven or 3rd.
 - a. We reject going into the "akashic records" to get knowledge. God alone is all knowing, not a mythical library. `

Question 9: What are some yellow light topics, and how do we navigate them?

1. Alternative medicine and declarations have a New Age Version. Thus we need to be discerning and wise when people teach on these topics.
 - a. Wisdom is selecting the best goals, and the best means of reaching them.
 - b. At the same time we don't want to commit the genetic fallacy which is dismissing something good because of the people it originated with.
 - c. A lot of scientific discoveries came out of the occult, such as chemistry, astronomy, chiropractic care, magnets, etc.
2. Christians must learn how to navigate this.
 - a. Read all sides from believers.
 - b. Look at the scripture.
 - i. Avoid channeling subtle energy and anything against scripture.
 - c. Reach the best conclusion.
3. If you are going to disagree with some of your brothers and sisters' conclusions about what scripture teaches.

- a. Living in a culture of honor where we are powerful and free means that we:
 - b. Talk with those we disagree with when concerned.
 - c. Explain what we believe and why.
 - d. Be a powerful person and show up fully in truth, kindness, and love.
 - e. Listen to them.
 - i. Adapt our thoughts when appropriate or keep our convictions.
 - f. Maintain the bond of unity and love always.
 - g. Note: There will always be people who we think are too legalistic or in sin.
 - Likewise others will think the same about you.
4. Paul excommunicated people who crossed into red line pagan practices (Having sex with one's step mom). He reasoned with those who he thought crossed the boundary in their yellow light practices (eating at the table of demons) with scripture. While he thought what they were doing was unwise or even sinful, he never questioned their place in the community or commitment to Christ.
 5. In addition, he calls everyone upward not just to focus on our rights as Christians, but to focus on loving others.

Question 10: Miscommunication has been a problem for us. What advice do you have to leaders moving forward?

1. Educate yourself.
 - a. Read Zondervan's *New Age Movement* by Ron Rodes
 - a. *Healing Energy: Who's energy is it* by Randy Clark
 - b. *Alternative Medicine: The Christian Handbook* by Donal O'Mathuna
2. Think Globally if you want to make disciples outside of your culture.
 - a. We are an international movement.
 - b. We need to expand beyond focusing so much on the cessationist/continuationist debate and think about how our words sound to people in other religions.
 - c. We need to learn other religions so we can be missionological, and debunk their strongholds.
3. We need to stop equivocation. Equivocation is a philosophical term for using a term that has two meanings in a way that confuses your audience. For example, that room is "cool" can mean "it's cold" or that "it's awesome." We need to be clear when using language that sounds like the New Age.
4. How to avoid equivocation?
 - a. Define others terms that are New Age. (Example: Law of Attraction)
 - b. Create a different name for your term. (Example: Rule of Thumb of Attraction)
 - c. Define your terms.
 - d. Explain how what you believe is different from the New Age term.
5. We need to be gracious listeners.
 - i. Not every word in someone's code book means the same as ours.

- ii. Ask people to define terms that create yellow and red flags for us.
 - b. We need teachers to rise up and teach the Bible to New Agers who convert.
 - c. We need all of the fivefold to get theological education from fivefold teachers.
- 6. We need to avoid the sin of slander and defamation of character. We shouldn't call everyone with yellow light practices "New Agers."
- 7. We need to clean up our messes.
 - a. If you have practiced the occult, repent.
 - b. If you have slandered someone in private, repent, and tell the person you were talking to that you were wrong.
 - c. If you have equivocated publically, clean it up publically. Talk with a teacher if you need help. Bill fixed *When Heaven Invades Earth*. This is what leadership in kingdom culture looks like. A Youtube video goes a long way.
 - d. If you taught the occult publicly, clean it up publicly.
 - e. If you slandered someone publicly, clean it up publically and apologize privately to them.