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Introduction

The United Nations is a hotbed of anti-Christian, New Age mysticism. With its one-world ambitions, humanistic philosophy, anti-Semitism, and syncretistic ambitions, it is an institution that is unwittingly making preparations for the coming of the Antichrist. It is an end-time Tower of Babel.

Many have criticized the United Nations and documented its failures, but typically they fail to see the underlying spiritual issues.

Conservative Americans have long warned about the United Nations.

In the early 1980s, the Heritage Foundation, which advised the Reagan administration, published a study concluding that "a world without the U.N. would be a better world." Authored by Burton Pines, vice president of the foundation, the study accused the U.N. of being exceedingly anti-U.S., anti-West and anti-free enterprise and claimed that its characteristics were inefficiency, cronyism, high pay, lavish expense accounts, corruption, and illiteracy (Stanley Meisler, *United Nations: The First Fifty Years*, p. 219).

In 1983, the British newsmagazine *The Economist* described UNESCO staff as "trampled by a mixture of nepotism, maladministration, reverse racism, and an apparently incorrigible tilt toward the hardliners of the Third World"

In September 2008, Republican Congressman Tom Tancredo introduced legislation to kick the United Nations out of the United States. He said:

"The U.N. has coddled brutal dictators, anti-Semites, state sponsors of terrorism, and nuclear proliferators--while excluding democratic countries from membership and turning a blind eye to humanitarian tragedies and gross violations of human rights around the globe. I refuse to sit idly by while Americans are forced to host Islamofascist dictators, like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, so they can spew anti-American rhetoric just blocks from Ground Zero. ... If the U.N. is so keen to accommodate the foreign policy demands of rogue nations and dictatorships, perhaps the world body might be more comfortable relocating to one. I'm sure Ban Ki-Moon will have no trouble securing a new location in downtown Pyongyang or Tehran" ("Bill Would Boot U.N. from U.S." WorldNetDaily, Sept. 24, 2008).

Recently, some have warned that the United Nations has abused science for the sake of its agenda. Art Robinson, co-founder of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, says:

"[Nowhere is science] more abused than in the United Nations, where institutionalized mob rule is called 'science.' In its headlong drive to gain the power to tax and ration world energy (and thereby control world technology--sharing taxation authority with other governments in return for their support) the United Nations has created a 'process,' which it calls 'science'" ("U.N. Scaring Planet Earth into Global Tax for Climate," WorldNetDaily, June 19, 2008).

Facts about the United Nations

Anti-Semitism

The United Nations has displayed a rabid anti-Semitism.

"As the Third World took a commanding majority in U.N. membership and thus the General Assembly (there were 127 members by the end of 1967), the organization lined up against the little land it had once created out of sympathy and justice. The American veto in the Security Council served as Israel's only shield at the U.N. The Six-Day War intensified the Israeli disdain for the United Nations. Israeli leaders had long ago decided that they could not trust the security of their country to the U.N." (Stanley Meisler, *United Nations*, p. 183).

In 1975, Idi Amin, president of Uganda, said in a speech before the U.N. General Assembly that "the United States of America has been colonized by the Zionists..." He called for "the expulsion of Israel from the United Nations and the extinction of Israel as a State" (Meisler, pp. 211, 212). Ambassadors applauded throughout the speech and gave the raving anti-Semite a standing ovation.

In November 1975, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution stating that "Zionism is racism." It passed by a vote of 72 to 35, with 32 abstentions. Daniel Monynihan,

the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, stood and delivered the following words of defiance:

"The United States rises to declare before the General Assembly of the United Nations, and before the world, that it does not acknowledge, it will not abide by, it will never acquiesce in this infamous act" (Meisler, p. 215).

One of the U.N. Secretary-Generals, Kurt Waldheim, was a former Nazi German officer who committed crimes against the Jews and was listed by the War Crimes Commission as a war criminal. The information about his past did not become public until after his term as Secretary-General, but it is not surprising that Waldheim condemned Israel's dramatic rescue of Jewish hostages in Entebbe in 1976. He also was at the helm when the United Nations passed the "Zionism Is Racism" resolution.

Hypocrisy

The United Nation's gross hypocrisy has also been documented many times. For example, throughout the 1970s and 1980s, it issued annual resolutions condemning South Africa for its apartheid policies, while completely ignoring Burundi's official slaughter of between one hundred thousand and two hundred thousand Hutus and Uganda's brutality toward Ugandans

and Asians. Uganda's Idi Amin deported every man, woman, and child of Asian descent, amounting to almost two hundred thousand (Meisler, *United Nations*, p. 211).

The U.N.'s hypocrisy is also evident in that nearly half of the members of the United Nations Human Rights Commission are human rights abusers, including some of the worst abusers on the planet. The current Commission features freedom-loving nations like Libya, Uganda, Angola, China, Cuba, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia ("Many 'Free" Countries Voted for Libya to Join," CNSNews.com, May 14, 2010). Past members of the Commission include Russia, Vietnam, and Syria. The United States had wisely refused to join the Human Rights Commission or even to participate as an observer until President Obama changed that policy last year.

Another area of hypocrisy is in the UN's disarmament program. Their vehicles carry stickers promoting pacifism and disarmament (a gun inside a blue circle with a slash across it), but their "peace keepers" are well armed and their workers are quick to call for armed protection if they are attacked. They only want to disarm everyone else!

Tower of Babel

All of this and much more is true of the United Nations, but it is does not get to the heart of the issue for the Bible believer, which is that the United Nations is one of the foremost incarnations of the end-time Tower of Babel.

The UN was preceded by the League of Nations, which was formed in 1920 following World War I. The League aimed to preserve world peace through international cooperation, but it was not able to stop a second world war.

The name "United Nations" was devised by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II and was first used on January 1, 1942, when 26 nations pledged to fight against the Axis Powers led by Nazi Germany. In 1944, representatives of China, England, America, and the Soviet Union met to prepare a blueprint for the UN. In 1945, representatives of dozens of countries met in San Francisco from April 25 to June 26 to hammer out the United Nations Charter. It was ratified on October 24 of that year by the original 51 member states.

There are currently 192 members. The UN headquarters is in New York City, but its land and buildings are international territory. It has its own flag, post office, and postage stamps. Its six official languages are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. The UN's European headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.

Growing Influence

With its stated aim to stop war, develop friendly relations between nations, help people live better lives, stop environmental destruction, and encourage respect for each other's rights and freedoms, the United Nations has grown into a very powerful global force. It has programs dealing with every aspect of life on earth and reaching even to the solar system. There is the International Labor Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Court, Food and Agriculture Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency, U.N. Industrial Organization, U.N. Children's Fund, U.N. Development Program, U.N. Environmental Program, U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and countless other programs and international bodies that have risen in connection with the UN.

The U.N. has spawned such things as the Commission on Global Governance and the New World Information and Communication Order.

The following description of the UN's programs by Robert Muller is from 1984 and is thus dated, but it still gives an idea of how far the UN's reach has progressed. It is gradually entangling itself in every aspect of man's life in every part of the globe.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the relations between our planet and its sun: in 1954 UNESCO convened a first colloquium on solar energy; in 1961 the UN convened a world conference on new forms of energy and produced three volumes on solar energy; in 1973, UNESCO sponsored an international conference on 'The Sun in the Service of Mankind' which reviewed all relations between our star and ourselves--energy, food, climate, life and habitat. And in 1981 the UN held a second world conference on new and renewable sources of energy, including the sun.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with outer space: a treaty on outer space was concluded in 1967 and a world conference was held on this new frontier in 1968; outer space has been declared a common heritage of humankind, free of all weapons; objects launched into space are registered with the UN; astronauts are envoys of humanity; damages caused by objects failing from space are regulated by a UN convention; a treaty on the moon and other celestial bodies has been adopted; the International Telecommunication Union allocates frequency bands for satellite telecommunications; the World Meteorological

Organization receives world-wide weather and climate data from satellites; the International Maritime Organization has an international satellite which serves all ships and navigators around the world; the Food and Agriculture Organization receives outer space information on weather, crop outlooks, floods and plant epidemics; UNESCO is testing educational systems by means of satellites, and the UN held another outer space conference in 1982.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the gaseous layer surrounding our globe, the atmosphere with its components, the troposphere, stratosphere and ionosphere. Under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization, governments are cooperating in a Global Atmospheric Research Program. The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) is keeping a check on the state and the quality of the atmosphere and the ionosphere. It convened in 1978 a world conference on the ozonosphere. The International Civil Aviation Organization is dealing with air safety, international air traffic and a legal order for world air transport.

"Yes, the UN is concerned with our globe's climate, including the possible reoccurrence of ice ages: the World Meteorological Organization held a first world climate conference in 1979.

'Yes, the UN is concerned with the total biosphere through project Earthwatch, the global Environment Program of UNEP and UNESCO's program, 'Man and the Biosphere.'

"Yes, the UN is dealing with our planet's seas and oceans through the Law of the Sea Conference, UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic

Commission, FAO's work on world fisheries, IMCO's concern with maritime transport, UNEP's work and treaties on the sea environment, etc.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the world's deserts through FAO, UNESCO and NEP. A world conference on desertification was held in 1977.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the world's water resources and cycles: UNESCO has a World Hydrological Decade, the UN held a world water conference in 1978 and established a map of our globe's underground water resources.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the continental plates, international rivers, underdeveloped nations, the cultures, races, religions, languages, cities, infants, adolescents, women, malnourished, workers, farmers, professionals, corporations and ALMOST ANY OTHER CONCEIVABLE GROUP OR GLOBAL PROBLEM OF THIS PLANET.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the human person, that alpha and omega of our efforts, the basic unit of all this gigantic Copernican tapestry. THE PERSON'S BASIC RIGHTS, JUSTICE, HEALTH, PROGRESS AND PEACE ARE BEING DEALT WITH FROM THE FETUS TO THE TIME OF DEATH.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with the atom in the International Atomic Energy Agency, and with microbiology and genetics in UNESCO, the World Health Organization and FAO.

"Yes, the UN is dealing with art, folklore, nature, the preservation of species, germ banks, labor, handicrafts, literature, industry, trade, tourism, energy, finance, birth

defects, sicknesses, pollution, politics, the prevention of accidents, of war and conflicts, the building of peace, the eradication of armaments, atomic radiation, the settlement of disputes, the development of world-wide cooperation, the aspiration of East and West, North and South, black and white, rich and poor, etc." (Muller, New Genesis, pp. 27, 28).

Muller sees this all-encompassing United Nations as "the response to a prodigious evolutionary march by the human species towards total consciousness ... a real turning point in evolution, the beginning of an entirely new era" (*New Genesis*, p. 28).

One-World Agenda

World Peace

The United Nations seeks to establish world peace in the face of the Bible's testimony that "there is no peace to the wicked" (Isaiah 48:22; 57:21). It has exchanged the Prince of Peace for a pathetic attempt to bring salvation to mankind through human effort and occultic power.

The preamble to the U.N. Charter says that "we the peoples of the United Nations" are "determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

When UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) was formed in 1945, its constitution opened with these words:

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed."

It was seen as the key for unlocking "the great dream of peace through understanding" (Stanley Meisler, *United Nations: The First Fifty Years*, p. 223).

Thus, UNESCO determined to bring peace through education. As we will see, this education is based on the mind of man rather than the mind of God.

The United Nations has no ability to correct the root of world turmoil, and that is man's fallen heart. The Lord Jesus said:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23).

The UN's symbol is the earth held between two olive branches of peace. On a wall across the street from the UN headquarters is the quotation from Isaiah 2:4:

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

In the UN garden overlooking the East River is a statue of a man beating a sword into a plowshare. Another statue near the public entrance to the UN depicts a handgun with its barrel tied in a knot, signifying non-violence.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "The UN is a gesture in the direction of non-violence on a world scale" (Muller, *New Genesis*, p. 43).

The United Nations sees the sovereignty of nations as one of the obstacles to world peace. Former assistant to the UN Secretary General Robert Muller says:

"Life on this planet requires a certain number of fundamental obligations of states. One of these is not to endanger life and the planet with cataclysmic antihuman armaments. The whole concept of human rights must evolve with THE PROBLEM OF NATIONHOOD" (New Genesis, p. 67).

Muller says that "my religion, right or wrong," and 'my nation, right or wrong' must be abandoned forever in the planetary age" (*New Genesis*, p. 183).

The UN does not make a clear distinction between arming oneself for protection and arming oneself for aggression, between aggressor states and non-aggressors. This has been evident in its decades-old wrong-headed treatment of Israel and the Islamic nations that want to destroy her. The UN attempts to see a "moral equivalence" between its member states, which is patently ludicrous.

The UN's objective is to have the power to control the nations and to enforce its edicts. Robert Muller bemoans the fact that "ancient religious codes" are followed in some nations more than "the recommendations of the United Nations" (*New Genesis*, p. 68). He and his fellow one-worlders want to do away with the national "escape clauses" and to see "forceful implementation" (p. 69). He wants the UN's World Court to have real enforcement power. He wants the UN to be the world lawmaker, world judge, and world police beyond which is no appeal.

Muller says:

"The UN should never be by-passed by any nation or group of nations as humanity's peacekeeping force" (New Genesis, p. 175).

Muller says:

"As we approach the new global age of humanity, we must unequivocally proclaim and ENFORCE this fundamental, sacred and inalienable right and obligation of all human beings on our planet: THOU SHALT NOT KILL, NOT EVEN IN THE NAME OF A NATION" (New Genesis, p. 75).

Observe the hypocrisy here. He wants to deny nations the right of self-defense and to make it illegal for police and armies to kill under any circumstance, but he wants this

policy to be ENFORCED. How else can such a thing be enforced apart from armed power? Thus, it is fine if the UN wields weapons to enforce its edicts, but it is not right if this is done by nations and individual citizens.

Muller quotes Pope Paul VI as saying that "armaments kill, even if they are not used: they kill scores of children and people who could have been saved from hunger, malnutrition and malady" (p. 103). This ignorant statement fails to take into consideration the fact that if peaceful nations were not properly armed, there would be no peaceful nations! If America had not been capable of arming herself and her allies to the teeth during World War II, all nations would be slaves today to Nazis and Japanese Imperialists, and there would be no "United Nations" -- and no Jews.

The muddled thinking of UN one-worlders is worse than wrong and ridiculous; it is dangerous.

One-World Government

The United Nations has sought for a one-world government since its inception.

At the founding of UNESCO, Julian Huxley wrote,

"The general philosophy of UNESCO should be a scientific world humanism, global in extent and evolutionary in background.. in its education program it can stress the ultimate need for world political unity and familiarize all peoples with the implications of the transfer of full sovereignty FROM separate nations to a WORLD ORGANIZATION. Political unification in some sort of WORLD GOVERNMENT will be required."

"... must envision some form of world political unity, whether through a single world government or otherwise, as the only certain means for avoiding war."

A New Age World

Since the 1960s the emphasis of the UN has increasingly been on the creation of a New Age world, and mysticism has played a large role in this.

In 1968 the United Nations started a program to accredit **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS** (NGOs). These are related to the UN's Department of Public Information. Through its relationship with NGOs the United Nations seeks to educate people in various parts of the world about its work and aims and in turn to be educated by the NGOs. There are weekly NGO briefings, regular workshops, and an annual NGO conference. Currently there are 1664 NGOs.

Since the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, UN conferences have become forums for the participation not

only of its member states but also of the NGOs. Thus, the NGOs have a real affect upon UN policy decisions. The UN's web site says, "With the moral weight of international conferences and the pressures of media and NGOs, Member States are more likely to endorse the agreements and put them into effect" (http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/unintro/unintro5.htm).

The Crime of Intolerance

The Commission for Global Governance (CGG), which was established in 1992 with the full support of the U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, calls for "global governance, cultural diversity, a one-world economy, the new world order, and a global rule of law" ("A Beginning of Global Governance," Contender Ministries, May 20, 2002).

On April 4, 1997, the CGG issued the Milano Charter, which called for a worldwide struggle against intolerance "against culture, civilization, religion, and ethnicity." It called intolerance "the new enemy." The CGG urged the nations to "empower the U.N. to confront" this and other "enemies."

One response to this plea was the formation of the World Court in 2002 to prosecute "human rights abuses." It defines these as "injury to a population's mental health."

Thus, when the United Nations has its way and has the power to enforce its will, the "intolerance" of a Biblebelieving Christian toward those beliefs and actions that are contrary to the Scripture will be considered a very evil thing.

New Age Personalities

Robert Muller

Robert Muller (b. 1923) joined the United Nations in 1951, soon after its birth. He was the assistant to three Secretary-Generals. He was director of the Secretary-General's Office and director of the UN Economic and Social Council (UNESCO).

Muller, who was the keynote speaker at the Parliament of World Religions in 1993, advocates a one-world religion and one-world government. He claims to communicate with spirits (John Ankerberg, "Who are the Leading Voices of the New Age Movement," http://www.johnankerberg.org/Articles/new-age/NA1101W3.htm).

Speaking at the 20th anniversary of the U.N. Meditation Room in 1977, Muller said:

"For me the tall building of the U.N. is an edifice of human hope and dream jutting into the universe and receiving from that universe increasingly clearer messages. Perhaps we have reached a time of cosmic evolution. Little by little, a planetary prayer book is being composed by an increasingly united humanity seeking its oneness, its happiness, its consciousness

and its full participation in the continuous process of creation" (http://www.aquaac.org/un/medatun.html).

In his book *New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality* (1984), Muller said that he is looking for "the advent of a new age." Muller described the United Nations as "The New Genesis." He wrote:

"And God saw that all nations of the earth, black and white, rich and poor, from North or South, from East and West, and of all creeds were sending their emissaries to a tall glass house on the shores of the River of the Rising Sun, on the Island of Manhattan, to stand together, to think together, and to care together for the world and all its people. And God said: 'That is good.' And it was the first day of the New Age of the Earth" (The Desire to be Human: A Global Reconnaissance of Human Perspectives in an Age of Transformation, 1983, p. 17).

Muller says the world must prepare for "an interdependent, safe, prosperous, friendly, loving, happy planetary age as has been heralded by all great prophets" (p. 8). He believes that the "great period of human fulfillment on planet Earth is only now about to begin" (p. 8).

"I firmly believe that humanity will be able to elevate human life of unprecedented levels and achieve a happy society on earth" (*New Genesis*, p. 23). "Humanity is finding its right way, slowly but surely" (p. 53).

"The United Nations is much more than a political organization, it is a paradigm, the expression of a deep, evolutionary change which in the long run will transform the world for the best" (p. 122).

"There is no reason why our planet should not be a floating cathedral in the universe, a vast temple to God or a monastery" (p. 132).

"The supreme unity of the human family, universal and interdependent, as seen by all great religions must now become a political reality; the hour has struck for the implementation of a spiritual vision of world affairs; the next great task of humanity will be to determine the divine or cosmic laws which must rule our behavior of this planet" (p. 184).

He believes the man, the earth, and God are one:

"Once again, but this time on a universal scale, humankind is seeking no less than its reunion with the 'divine,' its transcendence into ever higher forms of life. Hindus call our earth Brahma, or God, for they rightly see no difference between our earth and the divine. This ancient simple truth is slowly dawning again upon humanity. Its full flowering be the real, great new story of humanity as we are about to enter our *cosmic age*" (New Genesis, p. 49).

In his 1986 book *Decide to Be*, Muller said that man is God:

"Decide to open yourself to God, to the Universe, to all your brethren and sisters, to your inner self ... to the potential of the human race, to the infinity of your inner self, and you will become the universe ... you will become infinity, and you will be at long last your real, divine, stupendous self" (Muller, Decide to Be, 1986, p. 2; published by the British New Age journal Global Link-Up; quoted from Alan Morrison, The Occult Character of the United Nations).

In 1989 in Costa Rica, Muller preached that man is one with the universe and the third millennium will witness man's reconciliation "with creation, with nature, with the planet, with the cosmos, and with eternity":

"Now we're learning that perhaps this planet has not been created for humans, but that humans have been created for the planet. We hear now of the Gaia hypothesis, of the interdependence of all inert and living matter, that we are part and parcel of a living planetary organism. We are temporary living manifestations or incarnations of this Earth. We are living Earth. Each of us is a cell, a perceptive nervous unit of the Earth. The living consciousness of the Earth is beginning to operate through us. You as cosmic and earth cells, are part of a vast biological and evolutionary phenomenon which is of first importance at this stage, namely humanity as a whole, the whole human species, has become the brain, the heart, the soul, the expression and the action of the Earth. We have now a world brain which determines what can be dangerous or mortal for the planet: the United Nations and its agencies, and innumerable groups and networks around the world, are part of the brain. This is our newly discovered meaning. ... we are a global family living in a global

home. We are in the process of becoming a global civilization. I hope that religious leaders will get together and define before the end of this century the cosmic laws which are common to all their faiths. The third millennium should be a spiritual millennium, a millennium which will see the integration and harmony of humanity with creation, with nature, with the planet, with the cosmos and with eternity" (Muller, "A Cosmological Vision of the Future," World Goodwill Occasional Paper, October 1989).

Speaking at the University of Denver in March 1995, Muller said that we need to have a global heart and mind:

"We are beginning to have a global heart, be it only our love for nature, to preserve this earth--this planet of ours--and we will also see the birth of a global soul. Whoever will understand that we are a part of the universe and of evolution--that we are cells of a total humanity. We should replace the word politics by planetics. We need the planetary management, planetary caretakers. We need global sciences. We need a science of a global psychology, a global sociology, a global anthropology" (Muller, "United Nations at 50: Achievements and Challenges," *The Wisconsin Report*, vol. xx, no. 32, Aug. 24, 1995).

Muller believes that man is evolving ever upward, impelled by cosmic forces, and if we fail to respond we die

"I have come to the conclusion that our planet, all life on it and in particular human life, is a manifestation of cosmic or divine forces of the universe. Within us therefore resides a basic cosmic force that impels us to respond to our evolutionary duties and to be in favor of life and of our further ascent. If we don't, we are abandoned by this central, all-pervading force and we die individually or collectively. Faith in life and in our future is therefore the most vital force we must rely on to continue successfully on our strange, unfathomable journey in the universe. This is what the Christ and many other messengers from the outer heavens have told us..." (New Genesis, p. 136).

Muller interprets Genesis 3 as a parable that actually teaches that man was wise to choose to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

"... as vividly described in the story of the Tree of Knowledge, having decided to become like God through knowledge and our attempt to understand the heavens and the earth, we have also become masters in decided between good and bad..." (New Genesis, p. 145).

Muller believes that the creation of a new world requires interfaith harmony, tolerance, ecumenism, and bridge building.

"... to build bridges ... is one of the fundamental and historical tasks of the United Nations" (*New Genesis*, p. 17).

"Ecumenism is a major phenomenon of our time: it is a new philosophy which helps religions to stop hating and fighting each other in the name of God" (*New Genesis*, p. 18). Thus, fundamentalists of all religions, who believe that they alone have the truth, are considered dangerous and must be "tamed." At the second State of the World Forum, organized by the Gorbachev Foundation in October 1996, Muller said,

"Peace will be impossible without the taming of fundamentalism through a United Religions that professes faithfulness 'only to the global spirituality and to the health of this planet" (San Jose Mercury News, June 29, 1996).

Muller believes that the United Nations is "becoming a sort of brain, heart, nervous system and soul for the human species" (*New Genesis*, p. 17).

Muller believes that if Christ came back to earth "his first visit would be to the United Nations to see if his dream of human oneness and brotherhood had come true" (*New Genesis*, p. 19).

Dag Hammarskjöld

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-61), who was the Secretary General of the UN from 1953 until his death in 1961 in a plane crash, was totally New Age in outlook. At the time of his death Hammarskjöld was translating Martin Buber's *I and Thou* into Swedish. Buber taught that truth cannot be known by doctrine but only by mysticism.

Robert Muller called Dag Hammarskjöld and U Thant, "my spiritual masters" (*New Genesis*, p. vii).

Hammarskjöld was a "Christian" but denied the divine inspiration of the Bible and the deity of Jesus Christ. "In New York he did not belong to any one church but visited all churches, Catholic, Protestant, Greek Orthodox, as well as synagogues and mosques" (Emery Kelen, *Dag Hammarskjold*, p. 60).

He held to the liberal views of Albert Schweitzer. He also followed the ancient Catholic mystics and their contemplative prayer practices, which he believed to be "the union of God with the soul" (*Markings*, Hammarskjold's diary). Hammarskjold was deeply influenced by Roman Catholic mystics such as John of the Cross, Thomas à Kempis, and the Catholic-Buddhist Thomas Merton.

On a radio program called "This I Believe," Hammarskjöld said that "all men were equal as children of God" (Kelen, p. 63).

Hammarskjöld believed not only that man can achieve union with God, but also that man *is* God. Following is another quote from his diary:

"To 'believe in God' is to believe in yourself, as selfevident, as 'illogical', and as impossible to explain: if I can be, then God is."

Hammarskjöld believed that "something" was leading his life. He wrote in his diary in 1961:

"I don't know Who--or what--put the question, I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer Yes to Someone--or Something--and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal."

It is obvious that Hammarskjöld was not surrendered to the God of the Bible. He was blindly surrendered to the "god of this world."

U Thant

U Thant*, who was UN Secretary General from 1961 to 1971, was a Buddhist who meditated every morning before driving to the headquarters building. His objective was to achieve *metta* (goodwill), *karuna* (compassion), *mudita* (sympathetic joy), and *upekka* (equilibrium). U

Thant also believed in astrology. (* U means "Mister" in the Burmese language.)

In his memoirs, which were published in 1978, he said:

"Buddhist meditation aims at cleansing the mind of impurities, such as ill will, hatred and restlessness; it aims at cultivating such qualities as concentration, awareness, intelligence, confidence, and tranquility, leading finally to the attainment of the highest wisdom" (*View from the UN*, p. 454).

U Thant said that he was greatly influenced by the New Age Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

U Thant believed that man can learn to exercise "the law of love" by a process of education, so that "wars and conflicts will become a thing of the past" (quote from Muller, *New Genesis*, p. 7).

U Thant believed in the law of karma, the principle that every action has a reaction, good or evil (*New Genesis*, p. 54). He hoped that good karma would spread throughout the world so that "humanity could progress and lift itself upwards towards a total communion with God, the universe and eternity" (p. 54).

In his farewell address to the UN in December 1971, U Thant exalted "tolerance, the philosophy of 'live and let

live" as the key to fashioning a new world (New Genesis, p. 8).

Javier Perez de Cuellar

Javier Perez de Cuellar (b. 1920), who was U.N. Secretary-General from 1982 to 1991, was reputed to have been abducted by aliens on November 30, 1989 (*The Independent*, London, Jan. 2, 1994; quoted from Alan Morrison, *The Occult Character of the United Nations*). *The Independent* reported that though Perez de Cuellar has refused to speak about this experience, in response to an enquiry about the matter from the Prince of Liechtenstein, who is a leading world authority on UFOs, "he did not deny that it had occurred.

Maurice Strong

Maurice Strong was the first director of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). He was the Secretary-General of Earth Summit I in 1972 and Earth Summit II in 1992. He is the founder of the Earth Council, co-chair of the World Economic Forum, a member of the UN-funded Commission on Global Governance, and a member of the New Age Lindesfarne Fellowship.

"Among Strong's world-wide holdings is a 63,000 acre Colorado ranch called the Baca Grande. It is a mecca for mystics. The ranch is home to a group called Disciples of the XVI Gyalwa Karmapa, a strain of Tibetan Buddhism. Shirley MacLaine planned to build her New Age Center at Baca, but locals resisted the idea of a resort. A group of Carmelites built the Spiritual Life Institute, a co-ed monastery for silent contemplation. The Disciples of Babaji, an Indian Guru, celebrate Hindu rituals in a \$175,000 solar-powered, gold-domed, adobe temple which features an alabaster statue of Murti, the Divine Mother, built by the Lindesfarne Fellowship. There is a temple for Sufis, and another for Taoists. Still another group was blocked by county officials who quickly enacted a building height restriction when it was learned that the group intended to build a 46-story pink granite pyramid in compliance with instructions received from an intergalactic leader named Commander Kuthumi who was channeling from the planet Arturus. Strong and wife Hanne see the Baca Grande as the 'Vatican City' of the new world order" (Henry Lamb, The Rise of Global Green Religion, EcoLogic Special Report, 1996, http:// freedom.org/reports/ggreligion.htm).

Jean Houston

New Ager Jean Houston has worked as an Advisor to UNICEF and chaired the 1975 Temple of Understanding conference at the United Nations (http://www.dailywriting.net/Houston.htm).

Houston arranged the publication of Robert Muller's New Age book *Most of All They Taught Me Happiness*.

Houston is a prolific teacher and author within the Human Potential field. She is said to have "lectured at more than 1,000 colleges, universities, schools, churches, hospitals, mental health agencies, corporations (such as AT&T, General Electric, Shell Oil, General Motors, Xerox, IBM)" and been "a featured speaker or chairperson for many major academic, scientific and government meetings, which she described as symposiums for policy makers and U.N. conferences"

(Craig Branch, "Jean Houston," http://www.watchman.org/profile/hustnpro.htm).

Houston served for two years in an advisory capacity to President and Mrs. Clinton as well as helping Mrs. Clinton write, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." She has also worked with President and Mrs. Carter and counseled leaders in similar positions in many countries and cultures.

She claims to have had many psychic experiences, such as contact with the Hindu goddess Saraswati while she was meditating on the Ganges River in India.

Houston teaches the New Age myths of the "the underlying unity of life," the goodness and divinity of man, the collective consciousness, evolutionary reincarnation, and man's ability to create reality. She is a big promoter of the New Age practice of guided imagery.

Houston is the founder of the Mystery School, which she admits is based on the teaching of ancient mystery schools in Egypt, China, India, Japan, and elsewhere. This refers to such things as Gnosticism, goddess worship, Hinduism, Rosicrucianism, Rumi, and other ancient idolatrous religions.

She promises to teach the individual how to "go beyond the limits and create a reality in which the horizon of the limits is great expandable and More becomes possible." This is allegedly achieved by enabling the student to go beyond his "local self" to align with the higher Self "where the immanent God resides." Houston says, "You

are the mystery, and the job of the Mystery School is to school you in your own depths."

The Mystery School uses guided imagery to bring the students into direct connection with ancient gods, goddesses, and religious teachers.

Houston claims that Jesus was a "symbolic myth", and in her book *The Possible Human*, she describes a guided imagery session whereby the dead body of Jesus was discovered (p. 174). She says that the Bible's "ethical system" is passé.

New Age Education

Muller believes that **New Age education** is a major key to preparing children for world citizenship. He mentions this repeatedly in his book *New Genesis*, calling education "the key to our future" (p. 22).

"If we give the right education to the fifteen thousand children born every hour and make them feel part of the beautiful human family and its mysterious physical, mental, moral and spiritual interdependencies, then we will obtain a better world. We must give a global education to all the world's children..." (p. 58).

Muller says that this education must make the children see that they are one with the universe and teach them "how they should relate to the skies, to the stars, to the sun, to the infinite, to time, to the human family, to their planet and to all their human brethren and sisters" (*New Genesis*, p. 22).

This, of course, is the heresy of panentheism.

He says that each child must be made to "feel like a king in the universe, an expanded being aggrandized by the vastness of our knowledge" (p. 153).

In such a program there is no room for the Bible, which teaches that man is God's creature and that he is separated from God because of sin and can be reconciled only through the atonement of Jesus Christ. This is 180 degrees contrary to the UN's New Age philosophy.

Muller tells how that UN Secretary General U Thant envisioned a United Nations University that "would give all other universities the global views, inspiration and curricula needed for a peaceful society and right human relations" (*New Genesis*, p. 22). Thus, he wanted the UN to have the power to influence all higher education throughout the planet.

This global education is intended to produce "world managers" (*New Genesis*, p. 23).

New Age mysticism is to be at the very heart of the curriculum. The world students are to be nurtured in their "faith" by "spiritual exercises of interiority, meditation, prayer and communion with God, the universe and eternity" (p. 153). They are to make positive confessions like the following:

"Act like a king or queen unto Death "Feel God in your body, mind, heart, and soul And be convinced of eternal life and resurrection" (New Genesis, p. 154).

Another of Muller's New Age mantras is called "Decide to Be Happy." Consider an excerpt:

"Render others happy; proclaim your joy; love passionately your miraculous life; do not listen to promises; do not wait for a better world ... Meditate - Smile - Laugh Whistle - Sing - Dance ... Be yourself fully and immensely; act like a king or queen unto Death; feel God in you body, mind, heart, and soul; and be convinced of eternal life and resurrection."

In 1984, Muller founded the Robert Muller School in Arlington, Texas, which is certified by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The school is a "participating institution in the UNESCO Associated Schools Project in Education for International Co-operation and Peace."

His educational curriculum is called the World Core Curriculum and the Global Peace Curriculum

Muller's educational curriculum is based on Alice Bailey's occultic teachings. The believes in the divinity of man and the coming of the cosmic christ and the establishment of the Age of Aquarius.

The Robert Muller School World Core Curriculum Manual (1986) was published by the Lucis Publishing Company. The preface says,

"The underlying philosophy upon which the Robert Muller School is based will be found in the teachings set forth in the books of Alice A. Bailey, by the Tibetan teacher, Djwhal Khul."

Djwhal Khul was the alleged Tibetan Ascended Master (aka demon) who communicated through Bailey.

In her book *Brave New Schools*, Bjrit Kjos described a 1992 visit to Muller's school:

During a visit to Arlington, Texas, some years ago, a friend took me to see the original Robert Muller school. While she waited in the car, I walked past a little Buddha, climbed the steps to the front door, and rang the bell. Gloria Crook, the Director opened the door and asked why I had come. I listed my credentials: I was interested in global education, was concerned about the environment, and was an immigrant from Norway--a country well known for its global concerns and admiration for the United Nations.[18] I must have passed the test, because she invited me in and led me into a massive hallway. Looking to the left, I saw a room full of young mothers and pregnant women in yoga position. On a table next to the doorway, I noticed a stack of papers. The title startled me: 'Occult Meditation.'

To those who don't know God, the occult seems good, not bad, I thought to myself.

"Are you familiar with Alice Bailey?" she asked me as we entered a large cluttered office.

"Yes." I nodded, well aware of her links to Theosophy and the occult messages she channeled from her favorite spirit guide. "Didn't she write books full of messages she received from the Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul?"

"Yes," answered Ms Crook. "Here, sit down and look at some of them." She pulled down several of Bailey's books from a shelf and put them in my lap. I silently thanked God for His spiritual protection as I flipped through the pages of the first one, *Education in the New Age*. ...

Finally Ms Crook pulled two large golden frames from the wall and showed them to me. I shivered when I looked at the first. It pictured a beautiful calligraphied rendition of "The Great Invocation," an occult prayer used around the world to invoke a global outpouring of spiritual light and power (*Brave New Schools*).

Muller addressed the Lucis Trust's Arcane School Conference in New York City on August 12, 1979. The Lucis Trust was originally founded by Alice Bailey as the Lucifer Trust to establish a new world order. Because of controversy over the name, it was changed to Lucis Trust. Bailey's guru, Madame Blavatsky, named her magazine *Lucifer* and believed that Lucifer is a mystical agent of light and spiritual knowledge who is bringing enlightenment to mankind. Blavatsky and Bailey believed that Lucifer is the true God whereas the God of the Bible is the imposter! Bailey's god was not only called Lucifer but also Sanat, which is a thinly disguised

form of Satan. She called him Sanat Kumara or the Lord of the World. In *The Rays of the Initiations*, Bailey described the "seven aspects of divine purpose" as delivered by her spirit guide, and the first of these was "the unknown, unseen, and unheard purpose of Sanat Kumara." It is supposedly "the secret of life itself ... known only to Him."

At the Arcane School Conference, Muller made the following statements:

"... each human being is a unique, unrepeatable child of God and embodiment of the universe" (*New Genesis*, p. 125).

Muller denies the fall and salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ. To him, every person is already a child of God.

"This was the Christ one hundred per cent, to the point that He let himself be killed to prove that He would never utilize the methods of darkness, brutality, and evil" (New Genesis, p. 125).

According to Muller, Christ did not die to make atonement for man's sins but he came as a way-shower who refused to compromise his principles.

"There is nothing we need more in today's world than faith, the belief that goodness and peace can win, the

refusal to give up under any circumstance, the molding of every defeat into a victory, of every darkness into light. ... The Hindus call it *prana*, 'the vital.' It is indeed a vital principle, the energy, the motor of the upward path of human civilization, of our broadening into ever larger discoveries, of our elevation and metamorphosis into an ever greater understanding of the universe and of the divine" (*New Genesis*, p. 125).

True faith is not a blind belief that everything is going to work out right. True faith is believing the Bible (Romans 10:17), and the Bible says that every man that dies without faith in Christ will perish (John 3:18, 36).

"We will be resurrected materially in other life forms on this planet and ultimately into atoms of other stars, but most of all, we will continue to live by the contribution we have made to humanity's improvement through our deeds, thoughts, love and reverence for life during our own incarnations" (p. 126).

Muller believes in some sort of reincarnation, but he doesn't believe in the Bible's testimony about bodily resurrection.

"There is a famous painting and poster which shows Christ knocking at the tall United Nations building, wanting to enter it. I often visualize in my mind another even more accurate painting: that of a United Nations which would be the body of Christ. I would also like to see published someday a Bible which would show how the United Nations is a modern biblical institution, bent

on implementing world-wide the wise precepts and divine commandments of the Bible" (pp. 126, 127).

Muller is also a disciple of **PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN**. He mentions him often in *New Genesis* and has an entire chapter called "My Five Teilhardian Enlightenments." Muller says, "... after a third of a century of service with the UN I can say unequivocally that much of what I have observed in the world bears out the all-encompassing, global, forward-looking philosophy of Teilhard de Chardin" (p. 160).

Teilhard was a Jesuit priest who believed that man is a product of evolution, that we have reached a new stage in that evolution, and that man is destined to be united with God

Muller says that Teilhard taught him that since he is human,

"I could seek, know and feel in myself the entire universe and Godhead, for I was part of them and they were part of me ... I was the master of my cosmos" (p. 166).

Muller believes that **NEW AGE MYSTICISM** is at the heart of the struggle for a new world. He mentions meditation often in *New Genesis*. He promotes the contemplative mysticism of Thomas Merton, John of the

Cross, Mother Teresa, and Thomas à Kempis. Muller describes the mystical approach in the following prayer:

"O God, I cannot define You, I cannot see You, I cannot perceive You, I cannot understand You, I cannot embrace You, but I can most definitely feel You, love You and know that You are" (New Genesis, p. 189).

The UN Meditation Room

In 1956-57 Hammarskjöld completely remodeled the UN chapel. It had been opened in 1952 as a nondenominational prayer room, the brainchild of a Christian lay organization whose members included the department store millionaire J.C. Penney. Hammarskjold turned it into a New Age Meditation Room. The arm chairs, flags of the nations, draperies, and potted plants were removed, and a six-and-a-half ton block of iron ore was deposited in the center of the room, the polished top of which is lit by a single beam of light from the ceiling. The light depicts "divine wisdom," and the block depicts an empty altar representing "God worshipped in many forms" (http://www.aquaac.org/un/sprtatun.html). Hammarskjöld said, "It is the altar to the God of all" ("A Room of Quiet," http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/dag/ meditationroom.htm). The iron ore also represents the metal from which weapons are made and the New Age hope that through the power of meditation world peace can be achieved. Hammarskjöld said, "... we thought we could bless by our thoughts the very material out of which arms are made." This is the New Age concept of the power of thinking.

Hammarskjöld said the Meditation Room is "for those who come here to fill the void with what they find in

their center of stillness." It is "dedicated to the God whom man worships under many names and in many forms" (Emery Kelen, *Dag Hammarskjold*, p. 35).

The mural at the back of the room, composed of interlocking geometric patterns, is supposed "to evoke a feeling of the essential oneness of God." It was painted by Hammarskjöld's artist friend Bo Beskow. Its prominence and strange disjointed nature helps produce an altered state of consciousness. It also depicts the unity of all religions. Hammarskjöld's biographer says, "... but if you look closely at Beskow's shapes you might discern in the mural almost any religious symbol. There is a cross, a crescent, a sun and triangles, the elements of the Star of David; but al are interwoven and are broken up in color and shade" (Emery Kelen, *Dag Hammarskjold*, p. 34).

The UN Meditation Room has been the focus of New Age mysticism since its opening in 1957.

Hammarskjöld visited the meditation room two or three times a week and "never went on a journey without visiting it" (Kelen, p. 37).

Pope Paul VI and Secretary-General U Thant spent time together in the meditation room in 1965.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan was married in the Meditation Room.

Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar began the first day of his term by visiting the Meditation Room.

Hindu guru Sri Chinmoy (1931-2007) led twice-a-week meditations at the United Nations for more than three decades, putting participants into a trance state with Hindu music. Many people participated. Chinmoy said:

"My heart tells me that the United Nations has a divine Ideal. My soul tells me that this Ideal is going to be transferred into the supreme Reality. Soulful concern is the essence of the United Nations' Ideal. ... Today's United Nations feels truth, Light and Delight in its loving heart. Tomorrow's United Nations will manifest Truth, Light and Delight with its all-embracing soul. ... The message that the soul of the United Nations offers to the world at large is for Eternity. Its message is that today's imperfect and unfulfilled man is tomorrow's absolutely fulfilled and supremely manifested God" (http://www.aquaac.org/un/sprtatun.html).

"At the end of its voyage, there is every possibility that the United Nations will be the last word in human perfection. And then the United Nations can easily bloom in excellence and stand as the pinnacle of divine enlightenment" (Muller, *New Genesis*, p. 44).

Miscellaneous New Age Organizations and Programs

Peace Meditation Days

In 1986, the United Nations sponsored two Peace Meditation days. The first was called "The Million Minutes of Peace Appeal," while the second was entitled "The World Instant of Cooperation" (Morrison). The objective is to change the world through such New Age tools as meditation, positive confession, and channeling.

Peace Meditation is the brainchild of New Agers such as John Randolph Price and Barbara Marx Hubbard. Both of these individuals advocate communication with spirits.

Price is the founder of the Quartus Foundation for Spiritual Research, which is dedicated to "research and communications on the divinity of man" and to "document the truth that man is indeed God individualized, and that as man realizes his truth identity, he becomes a Mastyer Mind with dominion over the material world" (Price, *The Planetary Commission*, 1980, p. 173).

Other sponsors of the events included the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, Paul McCartney, the World Spiritual University (Hindu), the Human Unity Institute, and the Gandhi Foundation.

Channeling

There have been several occasions when New Agers have actually channeled spirits at the United Nations.

For example, this occurred in May 1999, at the Vienna International Center, which houses the United Nations and the Atomic Energy Agency. Steve Rother channeled spirits that he calls "the Group" to an assembly of people from these two organizations. He said that he found that most of the attendees had been reading the Beacons of Light Meditations, which are supposed communications from spirits, and that these are "passed around in the internal e-mail system of the UN" ("Lightworkers at the United Nations," May 20, 1999, Lightworker.com). Those who believe in the New Age philosophy are called "lightworkers" in this report.

Rother told the UN crowd that a Universal Energy is flowing toward changing the world and creating Heaven on earth, that it began flowing after the death of Hitler, and that individuals should move with the flow and assist it. He warned against resisting and threatened that "if ever the majority of the planet began misdirecting energy then the Mother would end the Game and the cataclysmic end times would be visited upon the earth." Rother said the Euro currency is an example of how the Universal Energy is blending and erasing imaginary lines so that all men can become "citizens of the Universe." He said that advanced beings are coming to the aid of the earth.

UN Environmental Sabbath

The U.N. has an earth-worshiping program entitled "The United Nations Environmental Sabbath Service." First published in 1990, it is a call to prayer to an unknown and unidentified entity for the salvation of the earth. It describes this entity as "the energy that moves all things." It is a call for all people "to join with the earth and with each other" for "the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life." It urges the world to chant, "We live in all things; all things live in us. We live by the sun; we move with the stars." This is the pagan pantheism that lies at the heart of the United Nations New Age objectives.

UN and Rome

There is a close association between the Roman Catholic Church and the United Nations. The RCC is represented in many NGOs, and the Catholic popes are honored by the UN.

Dag Hammarskjöld said that there are two popes on earth, a spiritual pope in Rome and a civilian pope in New York, the Secretary General of the UN (*New Genesis*, p. 101).

U Thant was in "constant spiritual communion" with Pope Paul VI (p. 101).

In 1965, history was made when Pope Paul VI visited the United Nations and spoke to the General Assembly. When the pope was shown a reproduction of the painting The Prince of Peace, which depicts Jesus knocking at the UN building, he said: "Jesus is already inside the UN building" (*New Genesis*, p. 113).

Pope John Paul II addressed the United Nations twice, first in 1979 and again in 1995, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

In April 2008 Pope Benedict XVI addressed the UN's General Assembly.

Many Catholic priests have been influential within the United Nations. For example, the author of the Declaration of a Global Ethic is Roman Catholic theologian Hans Kung. The Declaration is intended to merge the moral principles of the world's religions and philosophies to form the basis for world unity. It is the One World Morality.

Temple of Understanding

The Temple of Understanding (TOU) was established in 1960 by Juliet Hollister (1916-2000). Its mission is to "create a more just and peaceful world" by achieving "peaceful coexistence among individuals, communities, and societies." The tools for reaching this objective are interfaith education and dialogue, New Age mysticism, fostering mutual appreciation and tolerance, and promoting the contempt of global citizenship.

Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt, was a strong supporter of the cause and wrote introductions to religious and political leaders urging them to meet with Hollister when she made a trip around the world. Mrs. Roosevelt called the vision a "Spiritual United Nations." Many world leaders got behind it, including Indian President Nehru, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Pope John XXIII, United Nations General Secretary U Thant, the Dalai Lama, and liberal Protestant missionary Albert Schweitzer, who denied the deity of Christ. The TOU was given impetus when it was featured in the December 1962 issue of *Life* magazine. It held its first Spiritual Summit in Calcutta in 1968, with Catholic-Buddhist mystic Thomas Merton in attendance. Merton's writings have been a major influence in the spread of contemplative practices among evangelicals.

The Temple of Understanding is closely affiliated with the United Nations. It is accredited as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The TOU's fifth Spiritual Summit was held in New York City (at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine) and was the first UN interfaith conference. Mother Teresa, who privately called herself the "saint of darkness" because of the dark nature of her contemplative practices, was one of the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church. The Temple of Understanding hosted the UN's 50th anniversary celebration in 1995. Its literature says that the Temple sponsors monthly roundtables at the UN headquarters.

World Peace Prayer Society

The World Peace Prayer Society, which is affiliated with the United Nations' Department of Public Information, uses New Age techniques to "support peace, harmony, and goodwill among all citizens." Its web site describes two of these (positive thinking and positive confession):

The Power of Thought: Thought forms create an energetic field strong enough to empower the course of planetary destiny.

The Power of Words: Words carry vibrations strong enough to inspire, heal and transform the human heart as well as the Kingdom of plants, animals and all creation.

The World Peace Prayer Society operates a 154-acre World Peace Sanctuary in Wassaic, New York, two hours' drive north of New York City. The facility is used to conduct World Peace festivals, Earth Day peace fairs, Thanksgiving for the earth programs, and Planet Peace Days to indoctrinate public school children.

Lucis Trust

The Lucis Trust, which was founded by Alice Bailey, is on the roster of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and maintains the meditation room at the UN building in New York City. The Lucis Trust headquarters is on Wall Street, and it claims to have over 6,000 members worldwide who are working toward the establishment of its new occultic order.

Alice Bailey (1880-1949) claimed to channel a Tibetan "Ascended Master" named Djwhal Khul.

As we have seen, the original name for the Lucis Trust was the Lucifer Trust. Because of controversy over the name, it was later changed to Lucis Trust. Bailey believed that Lucifer is the true God whereas the God of the Bible is the imposter! She believed that Lucifer is a mystical agent of spiritual knowledge that is bringing enlightenment to mankind.

Bailey's god was not only called Lucifer but also *Sanat*, which is a thinly disguised form of Satan. She called him Sanat Kumara or the Lord of the World.

Bailey believed that the Age of Aquarius is dawning and that old dogmatic religions and all divisiveness had to be put aside to make way for the New Age. She said:

"The New Age is upon us and we are witnessing the birth pangs of the new culture and the new civilization. This is now in progress. That which is old and

undesirable must go and of these undesirable things, hatred and the spirit of separation must be the first to go" (*The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p. 62).

Bailey taught that all existence is composed of energy, and this energy is God. She believed in the divinity of man, reincarnation, and the evolutionary perfection of the soul. She held that there is a brotherhood of enlightened ones called "Masters of Wisdom" (called the Spiritual Hierarchy and The Great White Brotherhood) who assist humanity in its spiritual journey. They allegedly live in a place called Shambhala, which was founded 18 million years ago and is located in "higher ethers."

She taught against nationalism and said that it was contrary to the goal of human brotherhood and world harmony. She specifically mentioned the new nation of Israel as a "great difficulty for those who are seeking to promote world peace" (Bailey, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 429). She did not believe that Israel has a right to the land of "Palestine" and criticized their use of force. She wrote, "The menace to world freedom today lies in the known policies of the rulers of the U.S.S.R. and in the devious and lying machinations of the Zionists" (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 680).

She claimed that eventually there would be a "new world order" and a "universal world religion" composed of "one great body of believers." These will allegedly cooperate with the divine Plan revealed by the spiritual Masters.

Radically anti-Christian, Bailey said:

"Another fear which induces mankind to regard death as a calamity, is one which theological religion has inculcated, particularly the Protestant fundamentalists and the Roman Catholic Church, the fear of hell, the imposition of penalties, usually out of all proportion to the efforts of a lifetime, and the terrors imposed by an angry God. To these, man is told he will have to submit, and from them there is no escape, except through the vicarious atonement. THERE IS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, NO ANGRY GOD, NO HELL, AND NO VICARIOUS ATONEMENT... As the erroneous ideas die out, the concept of hell will fade from man's recollection" (*Esoteric Healing*, p. 393).

Bailey also taught that there would eventually be a "regeneration of the churches" and they would embrace New Age concepts and bring "illumination" to the world. This is exactly what is happening today in the interfaith dialogue and the Catholic contemplative movement.

She taught that "the christ" is going to return to earth soon but that this christ is not the same as Jesus. He will belong to no religion and create harmony among men. He is alleged to be the one who is "anticipated by the faithful in both hemispheres, not only the Christian

faithful, but by those who look for Maitreya and for the Boddhisattv as well as those who expect the Imam Madhi" (*The Reappearance of the Christ*, p. 5).

She taught that the practice of meditation is one of the most important means of recognizing one's own divinity and tapping into the wisdom of the universe. She founded the Arcane School, which brings together groups of three people in a New Age triangle to meditate and study together. She organized meditation groups to meet on the full moon "to create lines of spiritual force" to prepare for the coming of this christ (Robert Eelwood, Alternative Altars: Unconventional and Eastern Spirituality in America, p. 134). She described meditation as the transmission of spiritual energy from mystical realms (A Treatise on White Magic, p. 90). She considered it as a means of communicating with her Ascended Masters.

Her mystical approach exalted experience above doctrine.

"Therefore, in the new world order, spirituality will supercede theology; living experience will take the place of theological acceptances" (*The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p. 202).

Bailey warned that "fanatics" will fight against the coming of the New Age.

"This inherent fanaticism (found ever in reactionary groups) will fight against the appearance of the coming world religion and the spread of esotericism" (*The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p. 453).

But the "Shamballa force" led by Lord Maitreya will destroy those who resist the New Age and they will be ejected from the earth.

"The Shamballa force is destructive and ejective ... inspiring new understanding of The Plan. ... [This force] will bring about that tremendous crisis, the initiation of the race into the mysteries of the ages" (*The Externalizing the Mysteries*, part 1, p. 171).

Bailey claimed that her "Tibetan Master" saw the United Nations as "the germ and the seed of a great international and meditating, reflective group ... of thinking and informed men and women in whose hands lies the destiny of humanity" (Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age*).

She also wrote:

"The Hierarchy is at this time attempting to channel the forces of reconstruction into the Assembly of the United Nations. ... The Tibetan Master has said it is in the hands of the masses of right thinking people in every

land that the salvation of the world lies and by them the preparatory work for the coming of the Christ will be done. The Tibetan Master says He will come when mankind is ready. It may not be unreasonable to suppose that the Christ may return to Earth through the 'house' of the nations. If He wishes to reach the people of all nations, what better place than the focal point of the nations, humanity's point of tension-the U.N.?" (*The Reappearance of Christ*).

World Goodwill

World Goodwill is part of the Lucis Trust. An approved Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the UN's Department of Public Information, it is dedicated to solving the world's problems through "a new perception of humanity as a unit of divine life within an ordered and purposive universe."

One of World Goodwill's "transformational" tools is the "The Great Invocation," which is part of its educational program. It is a New Age mantra that is based on the doctrine of Positive Confession. The World Goodwill web site says that men and women throughout the world are repeating the mantra and asks, "Will you join them in using the Invocation every day--with thought and dedication?" The mantra says, in part:

"From the point of Light within the Mind of God, let light stream forth into the minds of men. Let Light descend

on Earth. ... Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth."

The objective of this New Age chant is to bring the cosmic christ into the world. World Goodwill's first three foundational beliefs are as follows, from its own web site:

Humanity is not following a haphazard or uncharted course -- there is a Plan. This Plan has always existed and is part of the greater design of the Cosmos. The Plan has worked out through the evolutionary developments of the past and because of the special impetus given it from time to time by the great leaders, teachers and intuitives of the human race.

There is an inner spiritual government of the planet, known under such different names as the spiritual Hierarchy, the society of Illumined Minds, or Christ and his Church, according to various religious traditions. Humanity is never left without spiritual guidance or direction under the Plan.

The widespread expectation that we approach the "Age of Maitreya", as it is known in the East, when the World Teacher and present head of the spiritual Hierarchy, the Christ, will reappear among humanity to sound the keynote of the new age (http://www.lucistrust.org/en/service_activities/world_goodwill__1/purposes_objectives).

Aquarian Age Community

Another New Age organization with accredited NGO status with the United Nations is The Aquarian Age Community (AAC). They hold their meetings in a conference room at the UN headquarters. Like World Goodwill, the AAC is based on Alice Bailey's channeled messages from the Ascended Masters and has the objective of ushering a Cosmic Christ into the world to create a mystical new world order. Their stated purpose is to "cooperate and collaborate with the worldwide community that is actively preparing the way for the reappearance of the World-Teacher--the Christ (Anointed) One, the true Aquarian" (AAC's web site).

The following is from the section of the Aquarian Age Community's web site on "The World Teacher":

"From direct experience of the shifting energies, it is possible to recognize that we are progressively moving toward the long awaited Aquarian Age--the Age in which we expect and look for the reappearance of the World Spiritual Teacher. This Great Being has been referred to by such names as the Christ, the Bodhisattva, the Lord Maitreya, and the Imam Mahdi. ... Through Him flows the energy of the second aspect, reaching Him direct from the heart centre of the Planetary Logos via the heart of Sanat Kumara. He works by means of a

meditation centred within the heart. ... to Him is committed the guidance of the spiritual destinies of men, and the development of the realization within each human being that he is a child of God."

Observe that Sanat (a thinly disguised name for Satan) is said to communicate with men through meditation, and we have no doubt that he does! The Aquarian Age Community opens its meetings with meditation and participates in mystical practices in the meditation room at the UN building (http://www.aquaac.org/un/medmtgs.html#dates). It is seeking to communicate with its New Age god Lucifer (Alice Bailey believed Lucifer is God) or Sanat in order to channel spiritual power toward world transformation

Thus, the New Age myth that the planet is run by highly evolved Ascended Masters who are guiding the world toward the coming of the cosmic christ and the establishment of the Age of Aquarius *forms an integral part the United Nations*.

The Aquarian Age Community urges the United Nations to use its massive publishing and educational power to pursue "religious unification." It wants to see all the religions blended into one with the Cosmic Christ at its head. It is not difficult to see how the Antichrist and his prophet could benefit from this agenda.

The Aquarian Age Community believes that the "One Humanity" and the "One Divinity" are the same.

The Aquarian Age Community claims to have people in high and low places within the United Nations. The following is from their web site:

"We have an informal network at the UN, a humanity underground. It consists of those who are committed, aware, and striving to bring the New World to birth. It consists of people in high places and in low--of the patient secretary who has been 30 years with the UN. but lives with the vision and the spirit; of the professionals, and undersecretaries and heads of departments who are acting out the imperatives that their own inner vision gives them. Some few are conscious of the sources of their inspiration; most are not. They are the Karma Yogis of our time-those whose path of spirituality is to achieve through doing-to grow through serving. They are found not only in the secretariat but also in the delegations to the UN, among the diplomats and their staffs, and also among folks like us, representatives of non-governmental organizations around the UN."

The "patient secretary" referred to by the Aquarian Age Community was doubtless Robert Muller.

United Nations Initiative

The United Nations Initiative (URI) became an official Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in 2001. It is also called the United Nations of Religion.

It was founded by William Swing, the California bishop of the ultra liberal Episcopal Church of America. In 1993, he was asked to organize an interfaith service to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations ("The URI: Bishop Swing's New World Religion," Contender Ministries, July 20, 2002). Envisioning a "United Nations of Religion," Swing traveled around the world, meeting with religious leaders and drumming up support for the idea.

Swing hates biblical fundamentalism and religious dogmatism. He said:

"Fundamentalism ... comes about where people feel more and more insecure, and grab harder and harder to the exclusive claims of one religion or another. ... The sense of the freedom that there must be in God, and the generosity of God, and the compassion of God, gets frozen out with the exclusive claims" (Ibid.).

According to its charter, the URI purposes it "to promote enduring daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings."

It preaches religious tolerance and harmony and is opposed to dogmatism and divisiveness. Principle # 2 of its Charter says, "We respect the sacred wisdom of each religion," and Principle # 7 says, "We seek and welcome the gift of diversity and model practices that do not discriminate." Thus, the Christian that rejects every teaching that is contrary to the Bible is an enemy to the United Nations Initiative's agenda, because it is impossible for him to "respect" or "welcome" that which is contrary to God's revealed will. The Bible believer must discriminate between truth and error, between righteousness and unrighteousness.

Further, the United Nations Initiative is opposed to "proselytism." Its Principle # 21 says that "members of the URI shall not ... be proselytized." We know that biblical witnessing is not "proselytism" in the sense that it forces people to do something against their will or lures them through the promise of money or such, but biblical witnessing does aim to convert men from darkness to light, from error to truth. The apostle Paul preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the idolaters and

philosophers at Athens, and he boldly called them to repentance (Acts 17:30).

Society for Enlightenment

The United Nations also affiliates with a wide variety of New Agers through the Society For Enlightenment and Transformation (SEAT), which is a part of the UN's Staff Recreational Council (UNSRC). In 1993, it conducted a Symposium on Extraterrestrial Intelligence which treated UFO abductions as real events. In 2000 it brought in New Age channeler Selacia to share wisdom from her spirit guides called "the Council of 12." Selacia taught the UN personnel and visitors how to "shift into divine will" (http://www.selacia.com/workshops.htm#UNSRC %20Society). This is a formula for communicating with demons. She also trains people how to communicate telepathically with animals!

Planetary Citizens

Planetary Citizens is another approved Non-Governmental Organization with the United Nations. Founded by UN Secretary-General U Thant and New Ager Donald Keys, its objective is "the creation of heaven on earth through honoring, protecting and uplifting all the citizens of planet earth." It seeks to

"foster alignment with Divine Consciousness" and "attunement to higher, non-physical dimensions of reality" through education, "heavenly rules for living," and consciousness expanding mystical practices, including meditation.

The Planetary Citizens' prayer circles are New Age positive confessions. "Through the power created by their prayers, an energy field is created, which is held in the Sacred Oneness of the Divine. The more people there are holding the intention, the more powerful and effective the field is to create change" (http://www.planetarycitizens.org/prayers/index.html).

The board members of Planetary Citizens are Purusha Ananda, an American meditation guru; Sharon Callahan, who treats animals with aromatherapy and allegedly communicates with them telepathically; and Vajra Matusow, founder of the Diamond Light Center for Spiritual Awakening. At her web site, Callahan says: "When I attune to an animal, I experience an actual merging of myself and the animal. In this merged state, I am able to feel what the animal feels and experience what it experiences. So the animal is not actually "telling" me something in the way that we usually perceive of "telling," but it is more that the animal allows my soul to merge with its soul" (http://

www.anaflora.com/communication/i-commun.html). She prescribes yogic meditation for tuning one's ability to communicate with "other forms of life," "be it an animal, a tree, a snowflake, or a ladybug." She says that through silent meditation one gains divine wisdom. "There is no need to consult another being or oracle, for we have become the splendid likeness of our own Consciousness, which is God, and All Knowing is our own" (http://www.anaflora.com/meditation/mind-q.html).

Planetary Citizens co-founder Donald Keys has been involved with the Findhorn Community, where people attempt to communicate with spirits as well as with animals and plants.

Global Forum of Spiritual Leaders

The Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival is an accredited NGO with the United Nations. It was founded in 1985 by Akio Matsumura and has had a large influence in the spread of the radical environmentalist agenda. It predicts dire global consequences unless draconian steps are taken. It says we are on the brink of disaster. In 1990 it claimed that by the year 2000 a million species would be annihilated (David Yarrow, "Global Forum," April 2, 1990, http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nl/91b/

0308.html). It seeks to bring about "a sustainable world" through dialogue between leaders in the fields of religion, politics, industry, science, art, education, and journalism.

At the International Conference on Global Security and Sustainable Development, held in Moscow in February 2008, Matsumura said that the idea that one religion is greater than another is an "illusion" ("Akio Matsumura's Address to the International Conference on Global Security and Sustainable Development:

h t t p://www.maximsnews.com/107akiomatsumuramarch09.htm).

Its first Global Survival Conference, in Oxford, England, in 1988, was co-sponsored by the Temple of Understanding. It featured the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, the very liberal Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, New Age astronomer Carl Sagan, earthworshiping scientist James Lovelock, and a hodgepodge or other "spiritual and legislative leaders."

Lovelock is the founder of the modern earth-worshiping Gaia movement. His book *The Ages of Gaia* (1982) postulates that the earth is a living organism which has the capacity to heal itself under natural conditions but that man's technology has overwhelmed it and doomed it

to destruction without radical intervention (Henry Lamb, *The Rise of Global Green Religion*, http://freedom.org/reports/ggreligion.htm). Lovelock believes that Gaia is a spirit goddess that began evolving life on earth billions of years ago and that everything on earth is part of Gaia. Lovelock told the Global Survival Conference, "On Earth, she is the source of life everlasting and is alive now; she gave birth to humankind and we are a part of her" (*Shared Vision*, Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival, vol. 3, no. 1, 1989, p. 3).

The Global Forum held another conference in 1990, this time in Moscow. It was co-sponsored by the Temple of Understanding and the UN Global Committee of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. Al Gore was there. Mikhail Gorbachev waved his environmental flag by calling for an "International Green Cross," an NGO agency to protect "endangered life forms." The 700 "spiritual and parliamentary" leaders included UN General Secretary Javier Perez de Cuellar, Carl Sagan, the Grand Mufti of Fyria, Catholic Cardinal Joseph Bernadine, Ronald Thiemann, dean of the Harvard Divinity School, James Hansen of NASA, and atheist Stephen Gould of Harvard University. Sagan called on scientists and religious leaders to join hands in

a new environmentalist alliance. This is not a difficult step, as they all believe in evolution.

The third Global Forum was held in Kyoto, Japan, in April 1993. The theme was "Value Change for Global Survival." Mikhail Gorbachev was appointed the president of the forum. UN General Secretary Boutros Boutos Gahli sent the opening message. Liberal Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox joined with Hindus, Buddhists, Shintos, Muslims, and Animists.

Hindu Dada Vaswani of India said:

"There is but one life that flowers into all. There is one life that sleeps in the mineral and the stone. There is but one life that stirs in the vegetable and the plant. There is one life that dreams in the animal and that is awake in man. Until we realize this, we will not be able to awake anything" ("Earth-Friendly Vision Molded by 500 World Leaders at Global Forum," *Hinduism Today*, June 1993).

A Franciscan Catholic monk said:

"You must forgive us, Lord, for being unkind not only to one another, but to the whole of Creation because we did not look at the sun at Brother Sun, the earth as Mother and Sister Earth, the sea as Brother and Sister Sea" (*Hinduism Today*).

At Kyoto, schoolchildren welcomed Gorbachev with the song "Dear Mother" about Mother Earth. Gorbachev said, "Their song, Dear Mother, Mother Earth, gives me hope that our children will lead us in the value change which is so necessary if we are to save our earth, Our Dear Mother" (*Hinduism Today*).

Earth Charter

The Earth Charter Initiative was formed in 1994 to promote a New Age environmentalist agenda. It is chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev, president of Green Cross International, and Maurice Strong, president of the Earth Council. In 2000 it approved the final text of the Earth Charter, which has been embraced by the United Nations.

The Earth Charter aims to bring about a New Age. Its preamble says, "Humanity is part of a vast evolving universe" and its first principle urges the nations to "affirm faith in the ... spiritual potential of humanity." It says that all people "must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society."

Under the guise of saving the earth, it uses the mythical threat of global environmental catastrophe to gain power and money. The Earth Charter's five principles include "reverence for Earth and the Cosmos." It speaks of "Mother Earth"

Mikhail Gorbachev said, "My hope is that this charter will be a kind of Ten Commandments, a 'Sermon on the Mount,' that provides a guide for human behavior toward the environment in the next century" (*The Los Angeles Times*, May 8, 1997).

Gorbachev has also said, "Cosmos is my God. Nature is my God" (interview with Mikhail Gorbachev, *The Charlie Rose Show*, PBS, Oct. 23, 1996).

The Earth Charter Commission conducted a series of Earth Dialogues to bring together leaders in commerce, education, media, religion, etc., to discuss their agenda. There was a dialogue for "Inter-Religious Groups and Spiritual Leaders," which condemned the "enduring beliefs in the one right religion or the invisible hand" ("The Earth Charter's Spiritual Agenda," Contender Ministries, 2002). It lumped "fundamentalism" in with fanaticism and terrorism. It called for a "move away from an exclusive preoccupation with Divine-human relations and human-human relations to renew human-Earth relations."

The Earth Charter calls for demilitarization and seeks to forbid nations from any "military activities damaging to the environment" (6th Principle). This would forbid nations to defend themselves against aggressors, because it is impossible to wage war without causing some damage to the environment. Under such terms, the United States and her allies would have not been able to turn back Nazism in World War II. The defeat of Germany and Japan required massive environmental damage.

The Earth Charter's seventh principle calls for "responsible reproduction," which is a euphemism for population control. China operates under this agenda today, forcing women to abort babies if they already have a child.

The Earth Charter calls upon nations to "eliminate discrimination in all its forms, such as that based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, language, and national, ethnic or social origin." The Christian that discriminates between truth and error, righteousness and unrighteousness, on the basis of God's Word, is considered an enemy.

fEarth Summit

Consider the United Nation's Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro in June 1992. This was officially called the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). New Ager Shirley MacLaine spoke. Al Gore called for a new spiritual relationship between man and earth (William Jasper, Global Tyranny: Step by Step, 1992, http://www.jbs.org/node/447). The earth-worshiping spirituality of the conference was evident when the opening ceremony featured a ship called Gaia, named for the Greek goddess of earth. The conference was preceded by an all-night ceremony to worship Mother Earth. At dawn a Brazilian tribal high priestess led the worshipers to the edge of the ocean where they offered flowers and fruit to a sea goddess identified as the "mother of the powers, queen of the seas." The Rio Declaration, which states a radical environmentalist agenda, was referred to as "a sacred text "

Interspiritual Dialogue in Action

The Interspiritual Dialogue in Action (ISDnA) is another one of the many New Age organizations affiliated with

the United Nations. (Its NGO sponsor is the National Service Conference of the American Ethical Union.)

It was founded by Wayne Teasdale, a Roman Catholic lay monk who was deeply involved in interfaith dialogue with the objective of creating a New Age.

Teasdale wrote his Ph.D. dissertation on Bede Griffiths, a Benedictine priest who moved to India and became a Hindu-Catholic, changing his name to Swami Dayananda, going barefoot, wearing an orange robe, abstaining from meat, practicing yoga, and eventually believing in ancient goddess religion. (See the book "Contemplative Mysticism: A Powerful Ecumenical Bond," which is available from Way of Life Literature.) Teasdale visited Shantivanam Ashram and lived in a Hindu ashram nearby for two years, following in Griffiths' footsteps. In 1989 he became a "Christian" sanyassa, which refers to a Hindu monk.

Teasdale was deeply involved in interfaith activities, believing that what the religions hold in common can be the basis for creating a new world, which he called the "Interspiritual Age" -- a "global culture based on common spiritual values."

He coined the term *INTERSPIRITUALITY* to describe this agenda and believed that the Catholic Church is the key to bringing it about. He said:

"She [the Catholic Church] also has a responsibility in our age to be bridge for reconciling the human family ... the Spirit is inspiring her through the signs of the times to open to Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, Taoists, Confucians, and indigenous peoples. As matrix, the Church would no longer see members of other traditions as outside her life. She would promote the study of these traditions, seek common ground and parallel insights" (A Monk in the World, 2002, p. 54).

Teasdale believed that interfaith unity is necessary for the world's future:

"The Hindu, the Buddhist, the Muslim, the Jew, the Jain, the Sikh, the Christian and the agnostic all belong to the same planetary environment. ... It is essential for the future for all the religious traditions to recognize this underlying unity" ("The Meeting of East and West: Elements of a Relationship," *Spirituality Today*, Summer 1986).

Teasdale believed that mystical contemplation is the key to interspirituality and that this will unlock the door into the New Age. "In the silence is a dynamic presence. And that's God, and we become attuned to that" (Michael Tobias, *A Parliament of Souls in Search of a Global Spirituality*, 1995, p. 148).

Teasdale developed this agenda in the book *The Mystic Heart: Finding a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions*. The foreword was written by the Dalai Lama, who urged all religions to join forces to "create a more spiritually evolved and compassionate planet" (Amazon.com review).

Teasdale was acquainted with the Dalai Lama and assisted him and Thomas Keating and others in creating the Universal Declaration on Nonviolence to promote world peace based on the philosophy of the Hindu leader Gandhi ("Wayne Teasdale," Wikipedia).

The objective of the Interspiritual Dialogue in Action is to promote the "the Interspiritual Age," and toward this end it is using three of the New Age tools, which are interfaith dialogue, education, and networking or community building. (See our book *The New Age Tower of Babel*, available from Way of Life Literature.) It is committed "to actively serve in the evolution of human consciousness and global transformation" (web site).

The ISDnA partners with One Spirit Learning Alliance and Interfaith Seminary in New York City to create a New Age educational curriculum. The curriculum combines the mystic interfaith doctrine of Teasdale with the New Age doctrine of Ken Wilber, Don Beck, and others. It promotes such things as evolution, reincarnation, the divinity of man, all religion as myth, the integration of science, psychology and religion, and the coming of a New Age. Courses titles include "Integral Spirituality: Exploring the Common Core of Human Wisdom" and "The Evolutionary Journey from Dirt to God"

The One Spirit Learning Alliance and Interfaith Seminary defines God as a "vast presence of energy and intelligence." It claims that all religions, at their core, "are committed to the common values of peace, tolerance, wisdom, compassionate service, and love for all creation." It aims to develop an interfaith "spirituality" that will help build a new world. Its web site features symbols of all religions above the statement "We are all children of the one universe." The One Spirit Interfaith Seminary is participating in a Cosmic Mass NYC scheduled for September 19, 2008. This is a multimedia worship experience that "celebrates the Divine Feminine and Sacred Masculine" and "the concept of Peace through the prism of many faith

traditions." It will begin at 7:30 sharp with "a procession of costumed dancers, jesters and celebrants" and will features "wild, rave-like dancing," entering the sacred darkness and emerging into the energy of compassion, and being "anointed as prophets" and "sent out to join the dance of all creation."

Institute of Integral Human Sciences

The International Institute of Integral Human Sciences (IIIHS) is an NGO affiliated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. Its objective is "the promotion of global interreligious and intercultural understanding, and for the convergence of science, spirituality, & universal human values."

In July 2009 the IIIHS is co-sponsoring its 34th annual conference in Montreal with the Spiritual Science Fellowship of Canada (SSF), an interfaith member unit of the International Council of Community Churches, affiliated with the World Council of Churches. Its theme is "Reconnecting Heaven and Earth, in Spirit, Space and the Human Psyche." The objective is twofold: (1) exploring models for a New Humanity in a transformed earth, (2) contemplating the unfolding drama of a creative and evolutionary consciousness within the

human psyche, and all living things, from Mother Earth to the planets, the stars, and beyond death.

Other New Age Organizations

We could also mention the following:

Kosmos Associates, which aims to "shape our first global civilization" by expanding inner awareness and exploring new forms of spirituality

NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC), which aims to integrate spirituality and values into all areas of the United Nations agenda and of public policy

United Nations Days & Years Meditation Initiative, which seeks to change the world through meditation, prayer, and reflection

World Commission on Global Consciousness & Spirituality, which "seeks to inspire consciousness of the wholeness of the human family and the sacred tapestry of all life"

Conclusion

This report is a survey of some of the ways that the United Nations is permeated with New Age agenda. It is not exhaustive by any means.

The United Nations is an end-time Tower of Babel which seeks to bring mankind together in opposition to the one true creator God and in rebellion to His Word. Like the first Tower of Babel, it is doomed to destruction.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD

with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (Psalms 2:1-12).

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