

THE DANGER OF THE NEW AGE

INTRODUCTION

- Two particular books, Conversations with God, and Conversations with God for Teens, written by Neil D. Walsh, sound harmless enough by their titles alone.
- These books have been on the New York
 Times best sellers for months

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 These books and others like it have made it to Oprah Winfrey's book club, therein lies the danger.

BOOK THEME

- The author purports to answer various questions from kids using the "voice of God"
- Danger of this Book:
 - Marketed as a "Christian Book"

EXCERPTS

"Listen to your feelings. Follow your feelings.
Honor your feelings.... Your feelings will never get you into 'trouble,' because your feelings are your truth." (P. 14-15)

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 "Whatever works for you, whatever ritual, ceremony, meditation, thought, song, word, or action do it. Do this in remembrance of Me

EXAMPLES

- A girl asks the question "why am I a lesbian?" his answer is that she was born that way because of genetics (just as you were born right-handed, with blue eyes, etc.)
- Then he tells her to go out and "celebrate" her differences.

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- Another girls poses the question "I am living with my boyfriend. My parents say that I should marry him because I am living in sin. Should I marry him?"
- His reply is "Who are you sinning against? Not me, because you have done nothing wrong."

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- Another question asks about God's forgiveness of sin.
- His reply: "I do not forgive anyone because there is nothing to forgive. There is no such thing as right or wrong." He goes on to say..
- People have chosen to judge one another and this is wrong because the rule is judge not lest ye be judged

AUTHOR'S MESSAGE

- Walsh's philosophy can be summarized in these 4 sentences:
- 1. We are all one.
- 2. There's enough.
- 3. There's nothing we have to do.
- 4. Ours is not a better way, it is merely another way.

SUMMARY

- The author, Walsch, advocates monism (all is one and one is all) and pantheism, (all is God and God is all).
- He also consistently quotes the Bible out of context,
 (a favorite approach of those who twist the scriptures)
- His overarching message is that we are as holy as God. Nothing less.

BEWARE

 This book (and others like it) are being sold to school children (The Scholastic Book Club)

 We need to be aware of what is being fed to our children.

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"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." (Col 2:8)

أَنْظُرُوا انْ لاَ يَكُونَ احَدُّ يَسْبِيكُمْ بِالْفَلْسَفَةِ وَبِغُرُور بَاطِلٍ، حَسَبَ تَقْلِيدِ النَّاسِ، حَسَبَ ارْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ، وَلَيْسَ حَسَبَ الْمَسِيحِ.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things (2 Tim 4:2-5)

لأَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ وَقُتُّ لاَ يَحْتَمِلُونَ فِيهِ التَّعْلِيمَ الصّحيح، بن حسب هواتهم انخاصة يَجْمَعُونَ لَهُمْ مُعَلِّمِينَ مُسْتَحِكَةً مَسَامِعُهُمْ، فَيَصْرُفُونَ مَسَامِعَهُمْ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، وَيَنْحَرِفُونَ إِلَى الْخُرَافَاتِ وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ فَاصْحُ فِي كُلِّ شَكَيْ عِ(5-2:4 Tim 4:2-5)