

<i>Beliefs</i>	<i>Biblical Christianity</i>	<i>Transition</i> See <u>Emerging, Kingdom</u> and <u>PEACE</u>	<i>New Spirituality</i> See <u>The Shack</u> , <u>The Secret</u> and <u>Theosophy</u>
TRUTH Timeless or relative?	God's eternal, <u>unchanging Word!</u> Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6	Truth is de-emphasized to avoid division: "Humanity is recognizing the need for a more vital approach to God... men are tired of doctrinal and dogmatic differences...."23	"...a portion of truth... is found in every religious and philosophical system.... There is no room for absolute truth.... But there are relative truths."26 "When we can contact our own inner God, all truth will be revealed to us."58
JESUS our Savior or a "World Teacher"?	"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt 16:15-16 "...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..... " Phil. 2:10-11	"The teaching of Christ is not obsolete and out of date. It needs only to be rescued from the interpretations of the theologies of the past ... "8	"...see Christ as representing all the faiths and taking His rightful place as World Teacher.... They may not call Him Christ, but they have their own name for Him and <u>follow Him</u> as truly and faithfully as their Western brethren."13
INCARNATION Jesus or you?	"He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God..." Col. 1:15 "The Word became flesh (incarnate) and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory." John 1:14	"For the church not to speak to pop culture, not to use [its] images... that's not being very incarnational.... In order to incarnate Christ into the culture... we have to look to redeem pop culture." <u>Leonard Sweet</u> [note 2]	"God , the scripture is saying, is formless consciousness and the essence of who you are. " Eckhart Tolle, <i>A New Earth</i> , p. 219 "You are God in a physical body ... You are all power ... You are all intelligence ... You are the creator." <i>The Secret</i> . [note 3]
SALVATION By faith or by works?	"...by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves ; it is the gift of God, not of works.... " "...wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction.... Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life..."	"We have taught that Christ died to save the world and have endeavored to show that only believers could be saved ... Individual salvation is surely selfish in its interest and its origin."76	"Only those principles and truths which are universally recognized and which find their place in every religion are truly necessary to salvation." 20

	there are few who find it. " Matt. 7:13-14		
FAITH Based on Truth or experience?	"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God..." Gal. 2:20-21 "...your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:5	"The need is for vision, wisdom and that wide tolerance which will see divinity on every hand and recognize the Christ in every human being."10	"...there will emerge the universal religion, the One Church. ...doctrines and dogmas will no longer be regarded as necessary, for faith will be based on experience..."16
SIN Confessed or ignored?	"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9	<u>Sin</u> and guilt are ignored, minimized, redefined, or replaced by unbiblical tolerance or -- as spirit guide <u>Djwhal Khul</u> called it, "the Law of Loving Understanding."	"There is no sin." [note 1] "That old message of right and wrong ... good and evil, everlasting rewarding and everlasting damnation, has done nothing to end the suffering. ...because it is a message of <u>separation</u> ."77
GOSPEL The Truth or deception?	The " <u>good news</u> " about the suffering, <u>redeeming death</u> , and victorious resurrection of Jesus -- that we might be <u>saved</u> from sin and joined to Christ. Those who deny His Gospel will face <u>His judgment</u> .	The old Gospel is replaced by a more " positive " gospel : God loves you and has a wonderful plan for you. Just agree and accept in His love. Don't dwell on <u>sin</u> .	"...this message is the only message that can save the world.... That message is The New Gospel: <u>WE ARE ALL ONE</u> ."78
FELLOWSHIP In Christ or through <u>facilitated</u> <u>dialogue</u> ?	"...love one another; as I have loved you..." John 13:34 "Let the <u>word</u> of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another....singing with grace in your hearts to	Small <u>dialectic</u> groups must be non-judgmental, "authentic" and affirming, showing unconditional tolerance and acceptance, seeking consensus and unity in diversity. [note 4]	"Our object is not to destroy any religion, but rather to... filter each, thus ridding them of their respective impurities.... Free discussion, temperate, candid, undefiled by personalities and animosity, is, we think, the most efficacious means of getting rid of error...."26 [See <u>The Dialectic Process</u>]

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SERVICE God's way or the world's way [Praxis]	<p>"...whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." Col. 3:23</p> <p>"...they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us..." 2 Cor. 8:5</p> <p>"...distributing to the needs of the saints...." Rom. 12:13</p>	<p>"The first Reformation was... about creeds; this one's going to be about our deeds."</p> <p>"The last thing many believers need today is to go to another Bible study.... What they need are servicing experiences..." Rick Warren [note 5]</p>	<p>"The <u>New Group of World Servers</u> ... can be regarded as the embodiment of the emerging <u>kingdom of God</u> on earth ... not a Christian kingdom.... It is a grouping of all those who – belonging as they do to every world religion... are free from the spirit of hatred and <u>separativeness</u>.... It is a group... without a ...bible of any kind... it has no creed..."[note 6]</p>
SEPARATION or universal oneness?	<p>"Walk as children of light ... finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them." Eph. 5:8-11</p>	<p>"Key to the New Spirituality is a belief that God is not <u>separate</u> from anyone or anything -- and neither are we."44</p>	<p>"...the ushering in of the new world order... will gather into its ranks all men of peace and good will ... the embodiment of the emerging <u>Kingdom</u> of God on earth... It is a grouping of all those who... are free from the spirit of hatred and <u>separativeness</u>."52</p>
PERSECUTION or "tolerance" for "resisters"	<p>"...the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me." John 16:2-3</p>	<p>"Postmodern culture is a change-or-be-changed world. The word is out: Reinvent yourself for the 21st century or die." Emerging church leader, <u>Leonard Sweet</u>, <i>Soul Tsunami</i></p>	<p>"Evolve or die: that is our only choice now. ...at this time about ten percent of people in North America are already awakening.... This is probably enough of a <u>critical mass</u> to bring about a new earth." <u>Eckhart Tolle</u>, author of <i>A New Earth</i> and <i>The Power of Now</i></p>
KINGDOM of GOD or Kingdom of the World?	<p>Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36</p> <p>"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son... in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13</p>	<p>"Christ's major task was the establishing of God's kingdom upon earth. He showed us the way in which humanity could enter that kingdom ... the way is found in service to our fellow men ..."4</p>	<p>"The true Church is the <u>kingdom of God on earth</u> ... composed of all, regardless of race or creed, who live by the light within, who have discovered the fact of the mystical Christ in their hearts."11</p>