

“Look around at the hills. Where have you not had sex? You’ve camped out like hunters stalking deer. You’ve solicited many lover-gods, **Like a streetwalking whore** chasing after other gods. Jer 3:2

“...they’ll be eating their own **turds** and drinking their own pee. . .” 2 Kings 18:27

Jeremiah 8:13 even quotes the Lord God calling Israel “a slut.”

GOD’s Message: “Ask around. Survey the godless nations. Has anyone heard the likes of this? **Virgin Israel has become a slut!** Jeremiah 18:13

In Ezekiel 16:24, The Mess publishes the most vulgar phrase ever recorded in a Bible:

At every major intersection you built your bold brothels and **exposed your slutish sex, spreading your legs** for everyone who passed by. Ezekiel 16:24

And there’s a lot more filth in The Mess. . . . This tract contains just a small drop in the mystic and malignant poison infecting the Message. I’m reminded of Ronald Reagan’s eloquent critique of the *Good News Bible* during his radio address on September 6, 1977. Comparing the *Good News Bible* to the King James Bible, President Reagan closed with these insightful words:

The sponsors of the Good News version boast that their Bible is as readable as the daily paper – and so it is. **But do readers of the daily news find themselves moved to wonder, “at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth”?** Mr. Hanser [author of *The Law & the Prophets* and *Jesus*] suggests that sadly the “tinkering and general horsing around with the sacred texts will no doubt continue” as pious drudges try to get it right. **It will not dawn on them that it has already been gotten right.** This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

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MESSAGE



Mystic Mess

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With today’s epidemic of Bible per-versions spreading like a runaway virus, nothing should shock us . . . *but buckle up!* If you have any spiritual pulse, Eugene Peterson’s *The Message* will shock you. *The Message* promotes the mystical New Age with a boldness never seen in a mainstream Bible. *The Message* has sold over 10 million copies and ranks among the top five best-selling Bibles. It is the #1 best-selling Bible for students! It is one of the most quoted Bibles in Rick Warren’s *Purpose Driven Life*. *The Message* website (www.navpress.com) displays glowing endorsements from such prominent Christians as Billy Graham, Chuck Swindoll, *Christianity Today*, Bill Hybels, Gordon Fee, J.I. Packer, Jack Hayford, Jerry Jenkins, Jerry Savelle, Rick Warren, Rod Parsley, Tony Campolo and Warren Wiersbe, among many others.

This tract will barely scratch the surface of the mystic New Age religion filling *The Message*. And this tract only examines the New Age mysticism in *The Message*, we do not have the space to examine the treason against the Deity of Jesus Christ, salvation and scores of other fundamental doctrines. Note: To save space, we’ll refer to the King James Bible as KJB, the New Age Movement as NAM, and *The Message Bible* as The Mess.

◦ THE MASTER PLAN OF THE MESSAGE ◦

The first blast from The Mess attacks the “Lord.” The “Lord” occurs a whopping 7970 times in the KJB — *more than any other noun*. Of the 8,000 different words used in the KJB, the “Lord” ranks 14th among the most occurrences (number 13 is the letter “a”). Only *helper words* such as “the”; “of”; “in”; “to” occur more often.

The Mess contains the “Lord” 71 times! In the New Testament, (ironically, the Testament of the “Lord” Jesus Christ) the “Lord” appears a skimpy 23 times in The Mess. **The Mess NEVER directly honors Jesus Christ as Lord.** The “Lord Jesus” occurs 118 times in the King James Bible. The “Lord Jesus Christ” occurs 84 times in the King James Bible. **The outright denial of the “Lord” Jesus has never occurred in ANY translation.**

It is interesting that Judas Iscariot *never* calls Jesus “Lord.”

Then Judas, **which betrayed him**, answered and said, **Master**, is it I? . . . Matthew 26:25, KJB

Judas always addressed Jesus as “Master” — never “Lord.” Following the footsteps of Judas, the “betrayer,” the Mess also “betrays” the Lord, always calling Jesus “Master” – never “Lord”!

Another partner in the “Master Jesus” plan is the New Age religion. The *root* of the New Age Movement (NAM) teaches during various “ages,” teachers or guides arise called “Masters.” Helena Blavatsky, the guru of the modern-day New Age Movement, wrote extensively of these enlightened “masters.” In the 1980’s, the book *Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow* by Constance Cumbey exposed the New Age Movement. Cumbey defines the mystic New Age as:

A vast organizational network today, the New Age Movement received its modern start in 1875 with the founding of the Theosophical Society by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. . . . Strongly propounding the theory of evolution, **they also believed in the existence of ‘masters’** who were either spirit beings or fortunate men more highly ‘evolved’ than the common herd. (Cumbey, Constance. *Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*, p. 44)

The Jesus of the NAM is not the “Lord” Jesus but “Master” Jesus:

Jesus to the New Age is a man who ascended to be a Master. . . . (*Understanding the New Age*, Watchman Fellowship Inc.)

A basic tenet of the New Age thinking is that of the Master Jesus. . . . (Yungen, Ray. *A Time of Departing*, p. 112)

◦ MASTER JESUS IN THE MESSAGE ◦

The Mess calls Jesus “Master” over 400 times and the unique New Age phrase “Master Jesus” appears 76 times! The only other Bible I found “Master Jesus” in was the New Age Bible titled *The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

The following examples (among many) of the “Master Jesus” in The Mess loudly echo the Judas-inspired, New Age doctrine of the “Master Jesus.”

As the rocks rained down, Stephen prayed, **“Master Jesus, take my life.”** Acts 7:59

Then some of the men from Cyprus and Cyrene who had come to Antioch started talking to Greeks, giving them the Message of the **Master Jesus**. Acts 11:20

He who testifies to all these things says it again: “I’m on my way! I’ll be there soon!” Yes! Come, **Master Jesus!** The grace of the **Master Jesus** be with all of you. Oh, Yes! Revelation 22:20-21

Not content with propagating the NAM “Master Jesus,” The Mess continues its “master” plan. The “Lord God” occurs 546 times in the King James Bible. The “Lord God” briefly appears 9 times in the Mess. Hundreds of times, the Mess replaces the “Lord God” with “Master God.” I could not find the “Master God” in any other Bible version. Again, notice the New Age, mystic tone of the “Master God” in the Mess.

Abram said, **“Master GOD**, how am I to know this, that it will all be mine?” Genesis 15:8

◦ THE DIVINE GUARDIANS ◦

The NAM identifies their “Masters” as “divine guardians” and “custodians of the Divine Plan.”

The Masters, together forming the Spiritual Hierarchy, **are the custodians of the Divine Plan for this planet.** (*Basics of Ageless Wisdom*, Tara Center, p. 3)

In Deuteronomy 32:8, the Mess also references these “divine guardians” who “care for the Earth.” **This is not Bible Christianity. And this is not in the Hebrew text!** The King James correctly reads “. . . the children of Israel. . .”

When the High God gave the nations their stake, gave them their place on Earth, He put each of the peoples within boundaries **under the care of divine guardians.** Deuteronomy 32:8

◦ THE “ONE” ◦

The New Age Movement revolves around the “One.” Riplinger writes in *New Age Versions*: “Virtually all exposes on the New Age Movement observe **‘the One’ is this movement’s object of worship.**” (Riplinger, G.A. *New Age Versions*, p. 85)

H.P. Blavatsky teaches the NAM begins with “the One”:

“The esoteric theogony begins with **the One** . . .” (Blavatsky, H.P. *The Secret Doctrine*. Vol. 1, Page 94)

The One theology stems from pantheism. Pantheism teaches God is All and All is God or “One.” It rejects a personal, loving God, instead defining God as “Presence” or “One.” The god Pan appears as a cloven-foot, half-man, half-goat satyr playing the hypnotic “pan pipes.” (Ezek. 28:13) Occultist Albert Pike

describes Satan as “. . . the mythologic and horned form of the God Pan. . .” (Pike. *Morals and Dogma*, p. 102) *The Satanic Bible* (p. 144) also includes Pan in its list of Infernal Names of Satan. Hence, a pan-theist follows Satan.

During a NAM meeting in Boulder, New Age leader Jose Arguelles told his listeners to, “. . . **invite ‘Pan’ in, accepting him as the leader and guide for their lives.** . . . that ‘right now Mother Earth is bringing Pan back to save us and lead us into the New Age. **We can help by surrendering to him.** . . .” (www.raidersnewsupdate.com/gaia.htm)

Make no mistake – Pan is the “One” of the New Age.

The Mess changes the *personal* pronouns such as he and him (that reference Jesus and God) and nouns such as the Father, with the NAM pantheistic “One” over 102 times in the New Testament. The following verses from The Mess loudly resonant the New Age “One” mantra.

No one has seen the Father except **the One** who has his Being alongside the Father. . . . John 6:46

Since **the One** who saves and those who are saved have a common origin, Jesus doesn’t hesitate to treat them as family, Hebrews 2:11

° ONENESS °

Building upon the “One” concept, a distinct code-word among the mystic New Agers is “oneness.”

The root idea of the New Age is oneness, unity and wholeness—the One for all, (Groothuis, Douglas R. *Unmasking the New Age*, p. 115)

This oneness of life is the crux of the New Age movement. (Yungen, Ray. *A Time of Departing*, p. 130)

“Oneness” is an unusual word, not appearing in most dictionaries. Only New Agers recognize the “oneness” teaching. The Mess says in Ephesians 4:6, “**Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.**” The word “permeate” means “spread throughout” or “to penetrate.” According to The Mess, “**Everything you are and think and do is spread throughout with Oneness.**” Make no mistake about it — this is heavy-duty New Age doctrine.

The Mess doesn’t stop there. It continues to spread the New Age “Oneness.”

I in them and you in me. Then they’ll be mature in **this oneness.** . . . John 17:23

Because there is one loaf, our many-ness becomes **one-ness.** . . . 1 Corinthians 10:17

° THE PRESENCE °

Another key New Age teaching is “the Presence.” The NAM “Presence” is a mystic, impersonal pantheist “Presence” of God.

The Christ Self, then, has communication with the Father who in both Principle and Person is the Presence of God, the I AM THAT I AM, or the **I AM Presence.** (Elizabeth Clare Prophet. *Mysteries of the Holy Grail*, p. 217)

The Mess refers to God at least 34 times as the NAM “Presence.” Teaching the God of the Bible is a mystic Presence constitutes blatant blasphemy. In sharp contrast, remember, the Mess NEVER directly refers to Jesus as Lord. The following verses (of many) echo the NAM mystic “Presence” of the Mess:

No one has ever gone up into the presence of God except the One who came down from **that Presence**, the Son of Man. John 3:13

I saw a Great White Throne and the One Enthroned. Nothing could stand before or against **the Presence**, nothing in Heaven, nothing on earth. Revelation 20:11

The Mess calls the sacred “shewbread” as the mystic “Bread of the Presence” eight times [Ex. 25:30, 35:13, 39:36, 1 Sam. 21:6, 1 Kings 7:48, 2 Chron. 4:19, 29:18].

Always keep fresh Bread of **the Presence** on the Table before me. Exodus 25:30

° LIGHT BEARERS °

Lucifer literally means “light bearer.” And New Agers, who confess Lucifer as their “god,” wear the title of their god — “light-bearer.”

These words carry meaning to all true disciples and present them with an analogous goal which they define to themselves as that of finding the light, appropriating the light, **and themselves becoming light-bearers.** (Bailey, Alice, *The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 143)

The Mystic Mess also claims the Luciferian NAM “light-bearer.”

If I make you **light-bearers**, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? . . . Matthew 5:15

° THE MYSTIC LOTUS °

Anyone familiar with the New Age and Eastern mysticism knows the importance of the lotus symbol. H.P. Blavatsky’s *The Secret Doctrine* contains a chapter titled “The Lotus as a Universal Symbol.” *The Secret Doctrine*, mentions the mystic lotus over 80 times. In Alice Bailey’s *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, the lotus appears over 249 times.

Blavatsky describes the “Lotus” god of the New Age:

In chapter lxxxi. of the Ritual (Book of the Dead), called ‘Transformation into **the Lotus**,’ a head emerging from this flower, the god exclaims: “**I am the pure lotus**, emerging from the Luminous one [Lucifer]. . . . I carry the messages of Horus. **I am the pure lotus** which comes from the Solar Fields. (Blavatsky, H.P. *The Secret Doctrine*, p. 380)

The Mess publishes the most openly New Age propaganda ever recorded in a Bible. The Mess changes the Lord Jesus from the “lily of the valley” to the NAM mystic “lotus blossom from the valley pools.”

I’m just a wildflower picked from the plains of Sharon, **a lotus** blossom from the valley pools. A **lotus** blossoming in a swamp of weeds— that’s my dear friend among the girls in the village. Song of Solomon 2:1-2

° THE GREEN HOPE °

In Romans 15:13, the Mess contains the most bizarre statement ever in a mainstream Bible.

Oh! May **the God of green hope** fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope! Romans 15:13

The “green hope” originated with the hellish, human sacrificing, Druids. The publication *Talks on Freemasonry* states, “**Green was, with the Druids, a symbol of hope and the virtue of hope with a Freemason illustrates the hope of immortality.**” (Kenneth Tuckwood, *Talks on Freemasonry*) The “green hope” mantra is a popular rallying cry in the new age Mother-Earth environmental movement. In NAM “green” signifies Oneness with the Earth, hence the title of William Anderson’s book, *Green Man: The Archetype of Our Oneness with the Earth.*

° AS ABOVE, SO BELOW °

A popular New Age, Oneness-Pantheistic, mantra says, “as above, so below.” *New Age Journal* published a book titled *As Above, So Below*. The Introduction says, “‘As above, so below’ means that the two worlds are instantaneously seen to be one when we realize our **essential unity with God.** . . . **The One and the many, time and eternity are all One.**” (New Age Journal, *So Above, So Below*, p. xi)

The Mess quietly perverts the hallowed “Lord’s Prayer” into a New Age “as above, so below” invocation.

In Matthew 6:10, The King James begins with the familiar, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.”

The mystic Mess reads, “Our Father in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what’s best— **as above, so below.**”

° AGE AFTER AGE AFTER AGE °

As the name implies, the New Age religion teaches a series of “ages.” The Mess promotes the New Age religion with the phrases “age after age” (Rev. 4:9; 4:10; 14:11) and “age after age after age” (Psalm 72:5; Rev. 5:13; 22:5).

Never again will there be any night. No one will need lamplight or sunlight. The shining of God, the Master, is all the light anyone needs. And they will rule with him **age after age after age.** Rev. 22:5

° SEX, SEX, AND MORE SEX °

The Bible says in Psalm 119:140, “**Thy word is very pure:** therefore thy servant loveth it.”

Note. The following verses from *The Message* include vulgar and offensive language. I recognize the sensitivity of my readers, but *The Message* is heavily marketed towards the youth by scores of Contemporary Christian Musicians, including CDs of verses from *The Message*. The only accurate way to expose this filth is to show the verses. **Remember this is a “Bible” recommended by tons of prominent Christian leaders!**

When the King James Bible describes intimate relationships and immoral behavior there remains a careful wholesome tone in its wording. It doesn’t sugar-coat the sin, but it doesn’t smell with the stench of the world. Contrary to the *pure* Words of God – the Mess wallows in the sewers of smut.

. . . **Sniffing the wind for the slightest scent of sex.** Who could possibly corral her! **On the hunt for sex, sex, and more sex—** insatiable, indiscriminate, promiscuous. Jeremiah 2:24

The word “sex” appears 199 times, (remember the “Lord” appears only 71 times). It’s sex, sex, and more sex — there is sexual intercourse (Jdg 21:11); sexual predators (Job 24:15); sexual excesses (Job 36:14); sluttish sex (Eze 16:24); sex orgies (Eze 16:26); filthy sex (Eze 24:13); loose sex (Hos 4:2); drunk on sex (Hos 4:12); sex-worship (Hos 4:19); sexual orgies (Hab 2:15); sexually confused (Rom 1:27); sexually tortured (1Co 7:9); sexual disorder (2Co 12:21); cheap sex (Gal 5:19) and dirty sex (Jud 1:8) among many others.

The Mess routinely uses crude words such as “genitals,” “semen,” “slut,” “turds” and “streetwalking whore.”

Saul exploded in anger at Jonathan: “**You son of a slut!** . . . 1Samuel 20:30

I’ll expose her genitals to the public. . . . Hosea 2:10

. . . Drunk on sex, they can’t find their way home. **They’ve replaced their God with their genitals.** Hosea 4:12