

WORLDVIEW-COSMIC HUMANISM FACT SHEET

KEY VERSES:

Genesis 1:1, 27	Acts 4:10–12	Colossians 1:15–20; 2
Psalms 115	Romans 2:23	Hebrews 9:27
John 1:1–3; 14:6	2 Corinthians 11:3–4, 13–15	1 John 1:7–10

KEY QUOTES:

"The New Age movement...is an extremely large, loosely structured network of organizations and individuals bound together by common values (based in mysticism and monism—the world view that 'all is one') and a common vision (a coming 'new age' of peace and mass enlightenment, the 'Age of Aquarius')."

[A]ll New Agers believe that 'all is one'—everything that exists consists of one and the same essence or reality. A second assumption is that this Ultimate Reality is neither dead matter nor unconscious energy. It is Being, Awareness, and Bliss (which is to say, a Hindu conception of God as an impersonal, infinite consciousness and force).

The first two assumptions imply two more: all that is, is God (which is pantheism); and man, a part of 'all that is,' is likewise divine...."¹

All that is can form itself into individual droplets of consciousness. Because you are part of all that is, you have literally always been, yet there was the instant when that individual energy current that is you was formed. Consider that the ocean is God. It has always been. Now reach in and grab a cup full of water. In that instant, the cup becomes individual, but it has always been, has it not? This is the case with your soul. There was an instant when you became a cup of energy, but it was of an immortal original Being.

You have always been because what it is that you are is God, or Divine Intelligence, but God takes individual forms....As that little form grows in power, in selfhood, in its own consciousness of self, it becomes larger and more Godlike. Then it becomes God."²

"There are two fundamental problems with the doctrine of theological monism. First, it is not really theology. We have always known that the universe exists; to simply change its name from 'universe' to 'God' is a meaningless tautology and does not answer the real questions of the origin and purpose of the world or the nature of God. Second, the 'God' of monism is fatally flawed. Since he (or 'it,' which is more accurate) is of one essence with creation and consciousness, God is thus the origin of the imperfection and evil in our world; the foulest deeds and thoughts of humanity literally become attributes of God."³

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² Gary Zukav (a New Ager), *The Seat of the Soul*, (New York: Fireside, 1989), pp. 185–86.

³ Mark Albrecht, *Reincarnation: A Christian Critique of a New Age Doctrine*, (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1982), p. 106.

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