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"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." [Luke 10:2]

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THE NEW AGE

The church is a wonderful organism. Established by Jesus for the benefit of His brothers and sisters, the church is a precious blessing to man since the time of Jesus. You and I are functioning members of this lively organism and we are blessed by God that we are utilized by Him today just as man has been utilized by Him during all of man's tenure on earth. As finite members of the body of Christ we are prone to success, failure, memories, forgetfulness, worldly knowledge and heavenly wisdom. To the credit of our fathers and ourselves, we have accepted much of the wisdom from God. And due to forgetfulness, pride, and other worldly fruits within us we have accepted

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much worldly knowledge, theory, guesses, religions, and so many other fruits which at least in part are of Satan. We are in the world and it is so difficult for us to totally divorce ourselves from the world.

The New Age is a large part of our world in every aspect and area of our lives. The New Age is not "new" but that is a name given by Satan to his present attempt to bring the entire world into subjection to him. The New Age began in heaven with Satan's rebellion, was cast down to earth and has continued to try to sway the world to Satan. We can come through history and point out the attempts by Satan through all the dispensations and histories of man. His latest and perhaps most successful campaign went 'into high gear' circa 1948 for these end times.

The New Age is a title that refers to a world view or philosophy of life. It is a religion because Satan, head of the New Age is attempting to cause all mankind to worship him as God. The New Age holds to pantheism, a belief that everything is a part of God. That is, God is all, and all is God. They believe that every man is part of God.

Mystical experiences are used by the New Age to take a person into self, to higher consciousness. During these experiences the mind is altered so that many 'wonderful' feelings and actions are experienced. Much wisdom and knowledge is gained. Through this activity the spirits of Satan are called upon. Many New Agers describe encounters with spirit guides/beings. These beings depict themselves as good spirits who claim to be people who have died and now reside in the spirit world to guide and help others spiritually. This is impossible according to Luke 16.

Some Christians believe that New Agers have embraced a mixture of Eastern religious beliefs with forms of the occult, channeling, spirit possession. But it is more than this. The out-of-body experiences, extra-sensory knowledge, and mind trips given to New Agers during their altered states of consciousness really do happen. No doubt about it! And the truth of it is that all of this are experiences given by demons to fool people into believing New Age philosophy.

For example, all of these life after death experiences are really happening. Aside from whether or not these people are really dead, the demons can give wonderful visions and experiences in order to fool people into believing a false religious view. These spirit beings are evil spirits and this is documented from many experiences.

In 1 Tim. 4:1, *"The Spirit clearly says that in the later time some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."* How real are demons today? Read that verse again and see how real they are.

Jn. 8:44 Jesus said, *"The devil ... is a liar."*

In 2 Cor. 11:14, *"For Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."*

Christians know that the New Age is a false religion, motivated and taught by Satan's demons masquerading as benevolent spirit guides concerned with the welfare of humanity.

There is much to be learned by Christians about the New Age. If we do not learn of it then we will lose the war -- we will lose our souls.

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Who fell down at the feet of Paul and Silas in the Philippian prison?
2. God said He would save Sodom if there were as few as how many righteous people in the city?
3. What gives Christians a "lively hope", according to 1 Peter?
4. What did the psalmist want God to restore unto him, after confessing his sins?
5. In which Old Testament book do the following characters appear: Jezreel, Loruhamah, and Loammi?

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH . . .

and remember last month's questions?

1. How tall was Goliath? SIX CUBITS AND A SPAN or ABOUT NINE FEET (1 Sam. 17:4)
2. About what building did Jesus say not one stone would be left on another? THE TEMPLE (Luke 21:5,6)

3. When did God set Paul apart to preach to the Gentiles, according to Galatians? FROM BIRTH (Gal. 1:15)

4. Because the wicked man flatters himself too much, what can't he detect or hate? HIS INIQUITY (Psa. 36:2)

5. What did Joseph command his servants to do with Jacob's body? EMBALM HIM (Gen. 50:2)

BROIDED AND PLAITED HAIR

Through use of symbols, inspired writers have beautifully set forth several principles which clearly express the Father's will. One of these symbols is found in Romans 6, where baptism is likened unto a burial. The old man we used to be is symbolically buried in baptism, from which we are resurrected a clean, new person. It is thus in baptism that Christ's death is contacted and its benefits realized.

Another most impressive symbol is that demonstrated in the communion on the first day of the week. Of the bread Jesus said, "*This is my body*" (Mt. 26:26). Of the fruit of the vine He said, "*This is my blood*" (Mt. 26:28). These symbols bring to our remembrance as we partake, the Lord and His sacrifice.

Another principle demonstrated through symbol is that of subjection. The order of subjection is noted in 1 Cor. 11:3, where God is listed as Supreme, followed in succession by Christ, then man, and then woman. God's people are taught in the following verses to observe their role in this

subjective chain by the manner in which they wear their hair. Men are to have their hair short as a symbol of subjection to their head, Christ (vs. 4, 14). Women, on the other hand, are to have their hair long (vs. 5, 15) as a symbol of subjection to their head. It is to be noted that a distinction in the heads (man as opposed to Christ) requires a distinction in the symbol (short hair as opposed to long hair).

But in addition to this teaching about the hair and its covering, women who wish to please God often ponder instructions about the hair found in 1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 3:3-6. Their concern is most commendable. The difficult question likely arises from Paul's use of the term, "*not with broided hair*," and Peter's, "*not . . . plaiting the hair*."

Symbolism relating to the woman's hair is found in its longness -- not in its arrangement. Should the hair be rolled in a ball, plaited, worn as a pony-tail or allowed to flow freely -- none of these arrangements violate God's intent. What is condemned by both Paul and Peter is wearing of the hair or ANY of the other items mentioned (apparel, gold, pearls, and costly array) in such a manner as to serve as the object of attraction. Contrarily, the Christian woman is to adorn herself with:

Modest apparel

Good works

Shamefacedness (bashfulness, innocence,
not brazen)

Sobriety (soundness of mind)

A chaste (clean, pure) conversation (manner
of life)

Fear (Godly fear, no doubt)

The hidden man of the heart (genuine,
unpretended devotion)
A meek and quiet spirit (humble and submissive).

She is to avoid those things which appeal to the flesh and do not become (or would not be appropriate for) the Christian woman. Her appeal is not to be outward, but from within. Things which fall into this category, in my opinion, are such as gaudy and flashy jewelry, tight and inappropriate clothing, and make-up which follows the trend of the world. There is no Scriptural condemnation of a woman being pretty and attractive. To the contrary, there is every reason why she should wish to be. But she is to avoid presenting herself in such a way as to suggest evil thoughts and attract attention from men of the world.

Entwining the hair with gold or other material for the purpose of attracting improper attention would certainly fall under condemnation, as would any of the other items mentioned. The condemnation, however, is not in the arrangement of the hair itself. This could not have been the intent of these inspired writers, for in the same verse in which he mentioned plaiting of the hair, Peter also mentioned "*putting on of apparel*" (v. 3). If we reason that it is wrong to plait the hair, then of necessity we must also reason that it would be wrong to wear clothing. It is not the putting on of apparel (clothing) itself, which is condemned, but rather the doing so in such a way so as to attract improperly attention. Such is also the principle regarding plaiting the hair.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
June 2 - 7	Taylor's Crossroads Roanoke, AL	Harry Cobb (Wedowee, AL)
June 3 - 7	Brown's Creak Church Williamsburg, KY	James McDonald (Woodbury, TN)
June 9 - 14 (Su - F)	West Gadsden Church Gadsden, AL series on Revelation	Sam Dick (Cave City, KY)
June 9 - 14	Mt. Carmel Church Woodland, AL	Wilbur Bass (Auburn, AL)
June 10 - 14	Freefield Church State Line, MS	Tony Whiddon (Brooklet, GA)
June 16 - 21	Ephesus, GA	James McDonald (Woodbury, TN)
June 16 - 22	Jigger, LA	Wilbur Bass (Auburn, AL)
June 23 - 28	Hokes Bluff Church near Gadsden, AL	Sam Dick (Cave City, KY)
July 1 - 5	Chiricahua Wilderness Area gathering Pine Canyon, AZ	Various speakers

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FIVE TRUTHS

ALL SIN	Rom. 3:23
ALL LOVED	Jn. 3:16, Rom. 5:8
ALL RAISED	John 5:28,29
ALL JUDGED	Rom. 14:10
ALL BOW	Phil. 2:10