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Thanks for joining me today on It Is Written. Today I'm speaking to bestselling author Will Baron. We'll be talking about The New Age movement and how New Age practices and principles have infiltrated Christianity in the current day. Will, thanks for joining me today.

Will Baron: It's a pleasure to be here.

John Bradshaw: Explain for me, if you would, in broad terms or narrow terms, however you wish: What is the New Age movement?

WB: Well, the New Age movement was a new spirituality that was introduced primarily through the theosophical society, founded in 1875 by a Russian mystic called Madame Blavatsky. She was a medium and she communicated with spirit beings that she believed were from God.

I personally started getting involved in this movement through psychology and self-help psychology, then later through professional psychologists. I migrated over, then, into Eastern mysticism.

I was practicing yoga, Eastern meditation, studying the occult, astrology, numerology...many of these different things that are very popular today.

JB: Let me fast-forward and then fast-backward. I want to at least come forward from where you were. You were a New Age priest. Is that correct?

WB: That is correct, yes.

JB: But you had been raised in a Christian home.

WB: Yes.

JB: Okay, the first thing that we are going to point out here is that it's possible even for Christians to get tied up in really satanic New Age practices.

WB: Absolutely.

JB: How did it happen in your life?

WB: Even though I was a Christian—brought up in a Christian family—I didn't have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. I believed that I was saved and I believed that through church attendance and through this belief in Jesus that everything would be fine, but in terms of my lifestyle and my activities, I was not studying the Bible.

I did pray, but not really diligently, and I was fascinated by occult movies and somehow, inside of me, I was captivated by the mystical and the occult. I had an interest in paranormal phenomena, and I started reading books on the occult, on out-of-body experiences, and reincarnation.

Gradually, over the years, I finally severed all connection with Christianity and started getting involved in the occult.

JB: Now, what's interesting is that a lot of people will say there's no harm in watching these movies. I mean, there are loads of Christians, as you well know, who watch occult-themed movies thinking that they are watching something that is essentially harmless because it's not real. But you would say it's not harmless.

WB: I would say it's not harmless because it is real. These movies are portraying real power that is ultimately coming from Satan. And by watching these movies, the fascination with the occult is implanted inside of them. Sooner or later, they will gravitate away from the fiction of the movies to the real world of the occult, and that is exactly what happened to me.

JB: Take this a little bit further. You started getting involved in reading and watching and now you said it started to take over your life. What happened?

WB: Basically, in my mid-20s, I started to realize that I was depressed and I was running out of options—where to get excitement, where to get fulfillment. I had pretty good jobs, but it seemed to me that there was something missing. I was basically depressed.

And I had problems in relationships, problems with addictions, and I realized I needed some kind of power outside of myself that would bring solutions to my life, and that would bring contentment. I always felt there was a mystical dimension to life—a spiritual dimension.

I didn't know where to find it. I felt that traditional Christianity was not the answer. And so I started, then, looking to Eastern mysticism, to New Age psychics, to mystical power, and certainly there was power in the New Age—a lot more power than in psychology, but it is unfortunately a deceptive and satanic power.

JB: In just a moment, I will be asking Will some further questions about where his life went in his involvement with the New Age movement, and then we will be talking about how the New Age movement has come into Christianity and might even be affecting your life. Don't go away. I will be right back.

Thanks for joining me today on It Is Written. Today, we're talking about how the New Age movement is infiltrating Christianity. I'm speaking with author Will Baron, who has been on television and held hundreds of seminars around the world on the subject of the New Age and its infiltration into Christianity. He speaks from experience, having once been a New Age priest.

Will, a couple of moments ago you talked about how you were drawn into and fascinated by occult themes and the things of the New Age. Where did that eventually lead your life—or let me ask you this—when did you start getting involved as a New Age priest?

WB: Well, you don't start out as a New Age priest. I just started out as someone who was looking for solutions to my depression. I went and had a psychic reading and this psychic had tremendous power.

She was able to describe in intimate detail people that I had been associated with and certain aspects of my life, and she invited me to attend classes in that center. I was so intrigued with what was—to me—real psychic ability that I started attending these classes.

I started to learn how to practice transcendental meditation, how to communicate with spirit guides, and how to communicate with what were called the “ascended masters,” supposedly God's representatives on planet Earth.

I basically gave myself over to being a disciple of a spirit guide that appeared to me about one year after I started attending classes at this New Age center. And this spirit guide had incredible light when he appeared in this vision, and I believed he was a divine being.

JB: Psychics. We sometimes laugh them off, make jokes about them, but they're real, aren't they?

WB: Yes, but I would also say some of them are probably not. Some of them are there just to make some money. As entertainment. Some of them though, that have spirit guides, that are in communication with what I know are satanic angels, evil spirits—these evil spirits have a lot of knowledge.

They know all about us and they can telepathically communicate this information into the mind of their channeler or a medium—a psychic reader—and the psychic reader will then issue that information, communicate it, and it sounds as if they have tremendous psychic abilities. But I believe now that it is completely demonic, satanic and terribly, terribly deceptive.

JB: So people, even Christians, who might think about going and speaking to a psychic, again, some of them may just be phonies. However, what you're saying is

that in speaking to one of those people, the person visiting the psychic is simply receiving information that comes right from Satan himself.

WB: Absolutely. Yes.

JB: That cannot be a safe practice for a Christian.

WB: Absolutely dangerous, even though it appears to be truth that is spoken because a psychic can narrate events from your life.

JB: The point that I think is very important is this: what some people might want to write off as being fantasy and fiction is really real. What does this suggest to us or tell us about the reality of the spirit world?

WB: It's absolutely real. It is as real as anything we see in this physical world. For people who have been involved in the occult, we know first hand that is a dimension that exists, and I believe Satan himself tries to brainwash the secular world into thinking that Satan does not exist. In fact, one of the major teachings of the New Age movement is that Satan does not exist.

Therefore, any kind of mystical experience that you have, any kind of channeling or mediumship practice is always within the realm of that which is God, because if Satan doesn't exist, then it must be within the realm of God, according to them. This is a terrible deception.

JB: Tell me what happened next. You started the get quite deep into this and really gave your life to following these pursuits.

WB: Yes. I had a visionary experience where my personal spirit guide, who had the name Djwhal Khul, appeared to me in this incredible vision and invited me to become one of his personal disciples. I then gave my life over to his instructions.

He would communicate with me maybe two or three times a week, initially, during the practice of Eastern transcendental meditation.

I would hear this voice inside my mind and it was very clear, as if you were hearing my voice or I'm hearing your voice, and he would give me practical instructions. How to change my life.

And he then promised me that I would play a prominent role within this New Age movement to launch a new era, this new world order, that the New Age movement is endeavoring to bring about within society throughout the whole world.

As a disciple of this spirit guide, the first two or three years felt very blessed. There were a lot of exciting things happening in my life. But eventually, that discipleship relationship became absolute slavery. A nightmare of slavery to what I now believe to be a demonic spirit.

JB: So to begin with, what the spirit guide was telling you was helpful and good.

WB: Very helpful.

JB: But then it crossed over.

WB: Yes.

JB: How did that become onerous?

WB: Well, for example, the leader of our new New Age center, where I was a senior board member, launched an advertising promotion program. She invited the clients of the center to make donations, and when I got back to the apartment where I was living, my spirit guide told me to immediately send Muriel a check for \$1,000.

That was a problem. I didn't have any money. At that time, I could hold a two-way mind-to-mind telepathic communication with this spirit guide, and so I asked the spirit guide, "Where am I going to get the money from?"

And he said "use your MasterCard." And I recalled that I did have MasterCard checks that had been mailed to me, so I wrote out one of these checks.

Here I am. I have no money and I write out a check for \$1,000 on my MasterCard and mail it to the New Age center's leader. Two days later, my spirit guide spoke to me again and congratulated me on my obedience to his instruction. Then he said, "That's not enough money. You need to send another check for \$2,000."

At that point, I was very afraid. I thought, "Perhaps I'm getting involved in some kind of cult..."

But there was no escape. The spirit guide was hounding me and demanding me that I send that money, and I felt terrible depression—worse than the clinical depression I used to experience prior to getting involved in the New Age. Finally, the depression was so bad, I felt I had to choose suicide or choose obedience.

There was no intermediate ground because I felt so bad. I wrote out one of these MasterCard checks for \$2,000. As soon as the envelope with that check dropped in the mailbox, the depression lifted instantly, but of course, the forced donation didn't stop there. Three days later, the spirit guide came back and said, "This time, I need you to send another check, for \$3,000."

This was the beginning of what I called the New Age nightmare. Total slavery to a demonic spirit and there was no way I could get out of that, of my own strength. This satanic spirit had more power than I had, and I was trapped.

JB: I've read the story about your encounter with the demonic spirit and the donations in your book *Deceived by the New Age*—a powerful book, a bestselling book, and you've talked about this book on television networks across the United States and around the world.

In just a moment, let's talk about how you managed to get out of there. Because right now in the story, there is apparently no way out for Will Baron. But evidently there was, and we'll find out how you managed to get out of the New Age movement.

Will, a moment ago you were talking about how you were getting deeper and deeper into the New Age movement. Now the spirit guide was making demands on you, and you were starting to feel were terrible. From where we are in the story, I don't see the way out, so tell me what happened next.

WB: Before I was rescued from the New Age movement, the deception got even deeper. Our New Age center was run by a psychic called Muriel—"Isis"—a well-known professional psychic in Los Angeles.

She said that our New Age center was no longer going to come under the supervision of the ascended master, Djwhal Khul, my personal spirit guide and her personal spirit guide.

She said she had been visited by Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ was now taking over our center and we needed to change into a Christian church organization.

I was astounded that this would happen because, in sentiment, I was somewhat anti-Christian. And Muriel, the founder and director, now started giving Bible study classes. We started holding some morning worship services.

JB: Real Bible studies classes? Studying the book of John and how Jesus treated people and Bible doctrines?

WB: Well, we were studying the Bible, but Muriel would give the mystical or esoteric explanation of certain doctrines within the Bible, so it was not quite your typical conventional Christianity, but we called ourselves New Age Christians.

We still practiced transcendental meditation, and we still had astrology classes and numerology classes. We still practiced holistic health. We were still channeling, but instead of channeling various ascended masters, we were now channeling only "Jesus Christ."

But this Jesus was not the real Jesus Christ, it was the other Jesus the Apostle Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 11. This other Jesus, this counterfeit Jesus, this fake Jesus, started taking over our center.

For the next two years, I believed that I was a follower of Jesus Christ. I even underwent immersion baptism. I was speaking in tongues, but it was all counterfeit

with a very specific mission of introducing New Age techniques and teachings into Christian churches.

JB: Teachings such as what?

WB: My new spirit guide—who called himself Jesus Christ—the mission that he gave me was to infiltrate regular Christian churches and to try to find people who would be interested in practicing what we called Christian meditation, which was basically New Age Eastern transcendental meditation, just given a Christian name. So I was told to infiltrate different evangelical and mainline churches and start meditation groups in those churches.

JB: Were you successful?

WB: I was not, because it was only a few weeks after that new mission that in a miracle, I was actually rescued from the New Age deception.

JB: Well, I want to get to that, but I also want to follow this thought here a little further. So what you are saying is that there are Christian churches across the fruited plain that are accepting into their fellowship—and into their practices—ideas that they think are Christian and are going to help them in their Christian growth, but in actual fact, they are accepting out-and-out New Age spiritualism?

WB: Yes, there was a pastor of one quite sizable evangelical church, and I believe this is a good church, who literally invited me to start a meditation group in his church.

JB: And this infiltration is deliberate?

WB: Absolutely deliberate, yes. People like myself who were controlled by evil spirits were given instructions and commands from their spirit guides to infiltrate Christian churches, to go to worship services, to attend Bible study groups, to attend home study groups, to make friends with Christians and to basically find people who might be interested in this type of mystical Christianity.

JB: Somebody gets a flyer in their mail. It's the XYZ Church on the corner, and they are offering classes in Christian meditation or Christian yoga. They get this flyer in the mail, and they say "Oh, that could be interesting."

But you get that flyer in the mail now, and you say, "I know just what this is."

WB: Yes. Now today we are finding a lot of New Age mystical meditation techniques infiltrating the Christian church.

JB: These things are not harmless.

WB: They're absolutely dangerous.

JB: We are going to talk more about those in a moment. But for now, you were given the task of bringing some of these things into Christianity, but you were rescued.

WB: Yes.

JB: Okay, how?

WB: When our New Age center converted into a Christian church, I started to study the Bible and I started to visit Christian bookstores. I needed to know how to communicate with Christians. I needed to know what they were teaching. And my spirit guide encouraged me to study some of the teachings of Christianity.

And the amazing thing is, as I visited Christian bookstores, as I started studying the Bible, as I started reading Christian books, a point came in my life where the real Holy Spirit interceded.

My parents were very dedicated Christians. They had been praying for me for 16 years, and the Holy Spirit saw an opportunity and rescued me from that terrible deception.

I had what you might call a true enlightenment, where the Holy Spirit just opened my eyes and my heart to the truth that I was a slave of demonic spirits, and that what we were teaching in this New Age Christianity was not the same as what is clearly taught in the Bible. The New Age is a gospel of the antichrist and I was delivered and rescued from that terrible deception.

JB: Was it easy to get out? Was it just a matter of walking out the door?

WB: No. Absolutely not.

JB: What did you go through to get out?

WB: In my mind, I knew the New Age was deception, that it was satanic, that it was not compatible with the Bible. But the satanic spirits would still manipulate my emotions and especially manipulate my thinking. They would speak into my mind—tormenting thoughts, chastising thoughts, and it was a struggle for five years.

JB: Five years?

WB: Yes.

JB: But how do you get out of that? Do you will your way out? Do you wait it out? Did it involve prayer or fasting, or the laying on of hands? What do you go through to get out?

WB: I would say primarily you need to study the Word of God to be anchored in truth, so that no matter what these voices in your mind—from demonic spirits—are

telling you, you can always respond as Jesus did, “It is written...” so that you cannot be deceived on the intellectual level.

On the emotional level and this satanic voice level, you just have to ignore it. It is a matter of faith. By faith, you move forward and you ignore all these demonic spirits.

I found that singing also helps. To sing Christian songs or praise music seem to drive demons away. And also prayer—dedicated prayer.

Being part of the Christian fellowship is very, very important, and after five years, these demons pretty much left me alone and I praise God for that deliverance, because I was rescued from a terrible, terrible nightmare of depression.

JB: Praise God for His goodness. A couple of things come to mind now. There are people watching who are saying, “So there’s hope for my son or my daughter?”

WB: Absolutely, yes.

JB: And there is someone watching who is saying, “So there’s hope for me?”

WB: Absolutely.

JB: So there is a way out.

WB: Yes.

WB: I think I was as deeply enslaved by spirits as you can get without being insane, but the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of God, is stronger than that of Satan—and Satan has to relinquish that power when the power of the Holy Spirit is at work, but it’s not easy.

The best thing is, don’t get involved with the New Age paraphernalia to begin with. But if you are, there’s hope, and if there are parents watching this program, and their sons or daughters or grandsons or granddaughters are involved in the New Age.

They may need to pray, if necessary, for 16 years like my parents did. If necessary, longer than 16 years, but God looks for opportunities and He can work a miracle of deliverance.

JB: Will Baron, thank you very much for being a part of today’s program.

WB: Thank you for the opportunity to be here.

JB: You have written a magnificent book and you have given a lot of people a couple of things today. This thing is real. These spirits and their deceptions are very, very real and we are being targeted. Christians are being targeted. You have helped us to

know that the safest thing is just to stay away. There is a way out for those who are deceived.

WB: Yes.

JB: Thank you very much for that encouragement today. We must pray and ask God's blessing on so many people who have been affected by this New Age deception. Let's pray together.

PRAYER:

Our Father in Heaven, we are grateful today that Jesus is a mighty Savior and a great Deliverer. And we thank you that Satan's plans need not triumph in the life of any one person who might call out to you for help and grace. Father, I pray for those, and I pray for family members who are caught up in this terrible web.

And I pray for those who themselves are stuck in this place and know they shouldn't be there. Let there be special grace and blessing so people like Will find their way out of the New Age and find their way to Jesus Christ. We thank you and we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

NEXT WEEK:

There's so much more to talk about that we didn't get to this week. I hope that you will join me next time as I speak to Will Baron again about the way the New Age movement has infiltrated Christianity in very real ways.

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