

EXTRATERRESTRIALS IN THE NEW AGE

What would you do if you saw this in real life?

This Fringe File consists of more information gathered from the book noted in the related Bible Study, "Hidden Dangers of the New Age". The book is titled "*The Second Coming of the New Age*", by Steven Bancarz and Josh Peck. Quotations are cited by page numbers.

The Bible Study listed several increasingly popular New Age practices Christians should be on guard against. The information in this article is taken from Chapter Nine: "Space and Beyond: Extraterrestrials in the New Age". It's been placed in the Fringe File due to its controversial topics; I've covered these topics in previous articles but they bear repeating, with a few more details thrown in. Like many others, I believe that UFOs and so-called aliens may play a part toward the end of the age, as a trick of Satan's to deceive and confuse the world (either before or after the Rapture of the Church).

Friendly ETs Not So Friendly

"One of the biggest attractions of New Age spirituality is what it teaches about extraterrestrials. These teachings are a big part of what drew in the authors of this book (Josh and Steven) to New Age practices years ago." (page 267).

Indeed, the subjects of UFOs and aliens are fascinating to many people, as evident from the popularity of related television shows and films. The key elements of the "ancient astronaut" theory are outlined in the Bible Study, but briefly it states that the earth was visited in the ancient past by aliens who gave special knowledge to humans and were responsible for what appears to be superhuman feats of architecture. The Biblical response to this is that fallen angels descended to the earth sometime after the fall of man and before the Flood, and mated with human women who bore unnatural offspring called the Nephilim (<u>Genesis 6:1-4</u>), who were renowned for their stature and strength but were thoroughly evil. They were destroyed in the Flood but made a reappearance later, resulting in God's instruction to Moses and Joshua to wipe out certain tribes in the land of Canaan.

According to AA theory, these beings are expected to return as aliens or "gods"; according to Bible prophecy watchers, they are expected to return as demonic entities <u>posing</u> as aliens or gods.

The New Age group would have us believe the aliens are good and are looking out for our best interests. Bible prophecy watchers argue that these demonic beings are deceptive, manipulative, and are actively seeking the destruction of humanity either through spiritual or physical means.

Types of Aliens

Some of this information was covered in a previous article, but I like the way the authors of the book have outlined the material. They have separated the types of "aliens" in groups according to "species" and have included under each group their origin (galaxy), their appearance, the type of UFO they travel in, their association with a mythological belief, their claim as to why they are visiting earth, and their abilities, such as telepathy, shape-shifting, etc. The authors list five species: the Grays, the Nordics, the Reptilians, the Mantis (Insectoids), and the Blue Avians (birdlike).

These are New Age conceptions and beliefs, which "...morph over time because they are influenced by a mix of pop culture and the testimonies of alleged alien abductees." (page 268).

How Do UFOs Travel in Space? (pages 272-278)

The authors devote several pages to show how intergalactic travel is impossible. Without going into technical detail here, it has to do with the speed of light and how it affects time and mass; they also discuss black holes and wormholes, quantum this and quantum that, which are over this writer's head. Their conclusion is that intergalactic travel is simply not possible, and even through the use of "wormholes" is extremely unlikely.

The alternative is that these crafts are traveling <u>between dimensions</u>. "This could explain why some people report seeing these beings shapeshift and how their supposed spacecrafts are able to disappear." This would indicate the existence of a spirit realm, and "...New Agers typically don't have an issue with this...(but) instead of taking the Biblical approach of these entities being demons and angels, they have instead adopted the New Age interpretation of Ascended Masters and Spirit Guides." (page 279).

"Aliens in the Bible" (pages 282-290)

This is the specific heading in the book and begins with: "One of the most influential revelations that has helped bring people out of New Age or secular ufology into the Bible is the realization of what the sixth chapter of Genesis means."

I'll include a brief summary of this section here, but for a fuller understanding please see my article, "Why Did God Destroy the Earth with a Flood?"

Genesis 6:1-4 describes how (as mentioned above) certain fallen angels had intercourse with human women and produced hybrid beings called the Nephilim. The term "sons of God" always referred to angels or divine beings in the Old Testament. "Two main facts support this. First, they presented themselves before the Lord. Second, they were present at the creation of the world." See Job 1:6 and Job 38:4-7.

The "Sethite" explanation of these verses is that the "sons of God" were the descendants of Seth, and the "daughters of men" were the descendants of Cain, who married and produced giants (Nephilim). "This theory doesn't add up when it is compared to the rest of the Bible…" (page 283).

How could angels have sexual intercourse with human women? First, let's look at what Jesus said in <u>Matthew 22:30</u>: "For in the resurrection they (people) neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

The book states, "This verse explains an attribute of only 'the angels of God in heaven'—not of every angel. The angels that took part in this unholy union with human women are not angels of God nor do they reside in Heaven

anymore...they fell from Heaven and thus became what we refer to as 'fallen angels'." (page 286),

<u>Jude 1:6-8</u> refers to angels who "kept not their first estate but left their own habitation" which can be interpreted as having left Heaven and their heavenly family, and possibly "also forsook their heavenly bodies for a type of physical body they could use to operate within our physical dimension." (see <u>II</u> <u>Corinthians 5:2</u>, which connects the word "house" or "habitation" with the body).

In addition, the verses state these angels were "going after strange (different) flesh", comparing this with the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Old Testament has several examples of angels (not fallen angels) appearing in the form of men, including the two who were sent to get Lot and his family out of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Once the angels had committed this sin (for which they were put in everlasting chains under darkness (Jude 1:6), the women gave birth to the creatures known as the Nephilim. The book makes these interesting points:

- They were giants
- They were not fallen in the same sense that the angels who created them were fallen; they were inferior and lost beings that perished with no hope of salvation...they were born fallen, dead upon creation
- Their souls were not created by God and could not achieve eternal life
- When they died their spirits had nowhere to go except roam the earth until the day of Judgment
- These disembodied spirits are the same as demons, always seeking a body to possess. (Fallen angels, as opposed to demons, already have a body.)

The Devil Made Them Do It?

It's speculation as to why these fallen angels committed this sin. Was it Satan's idea and did he suggest it to them? Did they, of their own accord, descend to the earth for whatever reason, begin to lust after human women, and then acted on their own initiative? Was there a more complex and sinister goal than just satisfying their own lust?

The authors and many Bible scholars believe that this was an attempt by Satan to corrupt the human bloodline so that God's plan for a Savior could not take

place. If Jesus was to be the sacrificial Lamb without blemish, he had to have a pure bloodline. The Bible states that by the time of Noah, only his bloodline remained uncorrupted, thus he and his family were saved from the Flood that destroyed the rest of the world.

What Lies Ahead

Will the appearance of UFOs and aliens play a part in the time just before Jesus' return? Or is the ancient alien/astronaut theory enough by itself to confuse and deceive?

Jesus compared the last days as being like the days of Noah and Lot (<u>Luke</u> <u>17:26-30</u>). Could this be an allusion to the Nephilim? Could this be accomplished in today's world by cloning and genetic manipulation?

The Bible says that "men's hearts will fail them because of what they see in the sky (Luke 21:25-26), and that, if possible, even the very elect would be deceived (Matthew 24:22-24)". Page 292.

The last section in this chapter is entitled, "Be Prepared but Not Obsessed". It emphasizes that we don't know for sure what will happen, but it's important to be prepared. However: "We serve a God far more powerful than anything or anyone else...We never have to be afraid."

Conclusion

Many so-called UFO sightings can be explained as strange cloud formations, other weather phenomena, and especially our own military craft—some of it being experimental and kept secret from the public. However, there are enough "unexplainable" sightings to lend them credibility. I believe that Satan will use any means he can think of to deceive and destroy us, but I also know that God is greater than he, and will protect those who believe in Him.

For information on how to get the referenced book and links to the authors' websites, please see the article "Hidden Dangers of the New Age".

RELEVANT WEBSITE: http://www.alienresistance.org/

ADDITIONAL BIBLE VERSES:

II Thessalonians 2:7-10. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth

and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

II Timothy 1:7. ...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

John 10:27-30. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

Romans 8:37-39. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 4:8. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

II Peter 2:1-9. But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,