

Holistic Health Practices – Part 22

What is (New Age) Intuition?

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New Age intuition is a euphemism for a wide variety of New Age psychic and occultic powers. New Age intuition is frequently employed with occultic healing, telepathy, clairvoyance, psychic diagnosis, and spiritism. “Intuition” is developed in the same manner as psychic abilities (e.g., training programs involving meditation, concentration, altered states of consciousness, etc.). Once developed, a person seeks out his intuitive abilities and relies on their guidance and instruction for whatever healing or other tasks are at hand.

The basic problem with New Age intuition is its unjustified parapsychological premise: the normalization of psychic powers as “intuitive abilities” latent to the human race. This masks their true reality as supernatural abilities originating in conjunction with the spirit world.¹ Occult abilities and spiritistic powers are thus psychologically internalized as part of latent “human potential”; intuition *per se*, a normal human process, becomes a cover for occultism, while spiritual warfare goes on behind the scenes. Thus, distinguishing one’s perception of normal human intuition from psychic powers becomes difficult or impossible. In fact, it is frightening to realize that many spiritists confess that they are unable to distinguish their own spirit guide’s influence upon their minds from normal human inspiration or creativity. This means that those people who open themselves to the influence of the spirit world can be manipulated by spirits imperceptibly.

Biblically, occultic practices are forbidden, no matter what they are called:

When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. (Deut. 18:9-12)

The dangers of New Age intuition include fostering occult development under the guise of enhancing normal human intuition, along with the normal physical, mental, and spiritual hazards associated with occult practice.

¹ See our *The Facts on the Occult* (Harvest House, 1990).