


## New Age Pt. 30: AFFIRMATIONS, CHANTING, I AM MOVEMENT, BLAVATSKY, JOEL OLSTEEN

For the past few weeks we've been taking a look at mantras and chanting in New Age and have learned that mantra's are names of Hindu deities which are fallen angels - and can be words and phrases of praise to them. So by doing that, demons are being summoned into the person's life. Satan is sneaky and crafty and has found a way to bring this into the church. I use the term 'church' loosely here because we also have to discern that there are many cult churches today. They are churches that are fronting as godly churches but in truth they serve on Satan's altar where his ministers are fronting as godly ministers. **(2 Cor.11:13-14)** These churches teach many new age practices and one of them is to speak affirmations.

### AFFIRMATIONS

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The occult teaches that you can just speak what you want and have it manifest but be very careful in how you use your words or you may manifest things you do not want. They teach that you can speak things into existence, only God can do that. **(Genesis ch. 1, Romans 4:17)** This is based on their law of attraction, that is what manifesting and vision boards have to do with. This is not Biblical.

The "I Am" movement teaches something along those lines – listen to this: That the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent creator God ("I Am" – Exodus 3:14)

is in all of us as a spark from the 'divine flame', and that we can experience this presence, love, power and light – and its power of the 'violet consuming flame of divine love' – through quiet contemplation and by repeating 'affirmations' and 'decrees'. By affirming something one desires, one may cause it to happen.

This is not how a Christian relates to God. He is not in all people. Jesus created all people but it is not until they come to Him and recognize they have been living a life of sin against Him and ask forgiveness for all the bad things they've done from a sincere heart, sorry for their sin, torn up about their sin, and seeking Jesus' forgiveness and seeking and clinging to Him and surrendering their lives to Him – at that point The Holy Spirit comes in. When they really understand the good news of what Christ did for them, and believe that He died for them and is alive forever more. **(Romans 10:9-13)** The moment faith is truly there, **(Romans 10:17)** then The Holy Spirit comes into their lives on the inside.

The quiet contemplation they speak of is a dressed up way to get a person into ungodly meditation and then, that is paired with chanting the things the person wants and those wants are made into decrees by the person. You cannot manipulate God. You can want things but that doesn't mean it is in God's plan for your life. As Christians we don't make decrees about what we want and we don't just go around chanting what we want. We communicate to God through prayer.

**1 Peter 5:7** - Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.


If you need something, if you want something, you take it all to God in prayer. When you live a righteous life, God meets your needs. **(Matt.6:33)**

**1 Thess.5:17** - Pray without ceasing.

This means that all through our Christian lives, we continue to pray and communicate with God every day. There is never a time that we break communication with Him. Praying daily is praying without ceasing.

Chanting affirmations has crept into the church and people are going around making decrees and trying to speak positive words believing they are causing whatever they speak to happen. I have exposed the false teachings about making decrees as a Christian, in the sermon "Spiritual Warfare" part one.

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This is unbiblical. This is new age disguised as something Christian. They always weave lies, idolatry and witchcraft into their teachings because they are witches and serve the father of lies. **(John 8:44)**

If a person has not repented of sin and they go around saying “I am forgiven.” Are they forgiven? No. And even for those of us that have been forgiven, why on earth would we go around repeating that to ourselves over and over and over? To convince yourself? If you need that kind of convincing, then you are not believing in God’s Word and not really believing He has forgiven you.

If a person is not living a righteous life and they go around saying “I am blessed.” Are they? If they appear to be blessed, it isn’t by God’s hand because He doesn’t bless sin. Do we see anyone in Scripture walking around saying things like this? Is there an example in Scripture of this non-sense? No.

When a Christian speaks in faith, we base it on God’s Word. An example is: By Jesus’ stripes I am healed. Now I may not be healed in my physical body yet, but I am standing on God’s Word and speaking in faith. When I do that, it shows that I know God’s Word and I am waiting on The Lord and believing for this to come to pass because it is a promise to me as a child of God. We are healed spiritually when we get saved and are no longer under satan’s yoke of bondage. Throughout our lives Jesus heals us of so many sicknesses and diseases. We may not be healed from every single thing we want to be healed from before we leave this world but we continue to seek Jesus and wait on Him for our healing. God takes each one of us from this world and it just might be from some type of health issue just like it was for Elisha. **(2 Kings 13:14)**

If I go around saying I am strong, am I? God doesn’t just make someone strong because they start saying it. Speaking in faith, a Christian would say I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me. **(Phi.4:13)** We are only strong if we are truly in Christ living righteous lives and that is only because God is for us, He is our protector and our strength. **(Romans 8:31, Psalm 28:7)**

Let’s find out where this false teaching came from.

# I AM movement

American religious movement

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The Theosophical Society is part of the occult. The “I Am Movement” is part of the occult. And of course Helena Blavatsky was a major proponent of New Age teachings. She is doing a freemasonic hand sign with the finger touching the temple. Now you can see Joel Olsteen is in fact teaching occult New Age teachings.



This “I am” false teaching is really placing a lot of power on the person’s words. Don’t speak anything negative because it’ll come to pass. Wow. We should not speak negatively about ourselves or beat ourselves up anyway because that doesn’t do us any good. Don’t put yourself down, the world will beat you up let alone you beating yourself up. We don’t activate divine power and bring God’s goodness into our lives by making declarations. There is that new age term “activate” – we don’t activate God. We are to serve Him and worship Him and He will move and bless us according to His will.

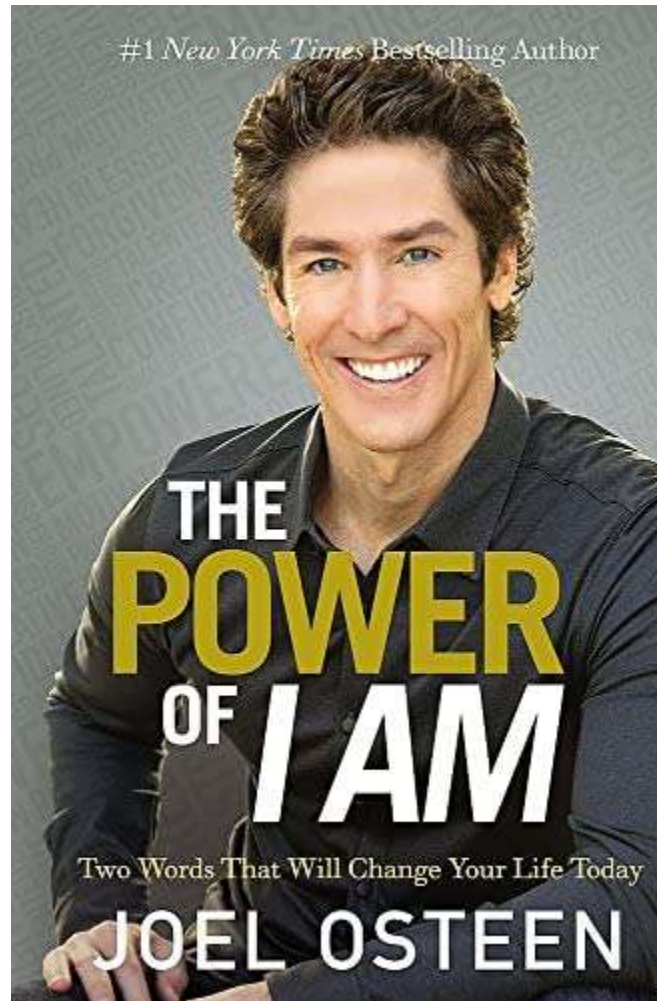
I believe a demon responds to these “I am” statements made by people following this false teaching and the false “I am movement”. They set our English language up so that we refer to ourselves as I. I believe getting people to pair “I” with “am” and make declarations is a way of perverting God’s name. The whole practice is unbiblical. We learned in the freemasonry series that within freemasonry there is a demon that answers to “Mary.” I believe there are demons that respond to these affirmations and decrees made in God’s name as well. The kingdom of darkness pays attention to us and when we do ungodly things they move on that. It gives them a doorway into that person’s life.

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Positive thinking beliefs from the “I am movement” overlap with several movements such as New Thought, the New Age movement and the Human Potential Movement.



This is the old Joel Olsteen. The Mandela Effect has taken the “l” out of his last name and he doesn’t look like this anymore. Everyone says Joel Osteen (Olsteen) is a cheerleader, a motivational speaker. A true minister of God should not be known only as those things. Everyone knows this about him because what he’s really speaking and teaching from his pulpit are New Age teachings. He teaches the “Law of Attraction” - he just doesn’t call it that. He teaches Positive Thinking - he just doesn’t call it that. He teaches New Age – he just doesn’t call it that.



This is the new and improved Joel Osteen, he even looks buff here and he’s usually a scrawny little guy. The “l” is gone from the last name and he doesn’t look the same. This could be a clone. This is his book, *The Power of I Am*. Two words that will change your life today.

In the book he writes: Transform your self-image and embrace the power of positive thinking with two simple words: declare “I Am” and celebrate the life God

has created for you! Whatever follows the words “I Am” will always come looking for you. So, when you go through the day saying: “I am blessed”...blessings pursue you. “I am talented”...talent follows you. “I am healthy”...health heads your way. “I am strong”...strength tracks you down.

If you are not living a righteous life, God is not going to be blessing your life and the rest of this follows suit. Jesus is not going to heal you when you are not saved and living a righteous life. God does not bless sin. You cannot just go around speaking what you want and putting God’s name on it and expect it to happen. If that is how Christianity worked, then none of us would have a relationship with God. We’d just be declaring what we wanted and going on with our lives living materialistic, selfish - fleshly lives. This is what is being promoted here. These are new age teachings in the church.

## **CLOSING**

**Ezekiel 14:1-11** – (Ezekiel speaking here) Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn *yourselves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out



my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh *unto him*; That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.

I think a lot of so called Christians today are lost because they don't read and study God's Word. The Old Testament is just as important as the New Testament. The God of The Old Testament is the same God of The New Testament. He does not change. **(Hebrews 13:8)** To really know Him you need the full council of His Word.

In the context of Ezekiel 14, God addresses the issue of false prophets in Israel. Prophets were expected to deliver messages from God, but some were swayed by personal gain or societal pressures. The term "enticed" suggests a temptation or influence leading the prophet away from truth. This reflects the broader Biblical theme of testing and discernment, as seen in Deuteronomy 13:1-3, where false prophets are a test of faithfulness to God.

God is sovereign, even over false prophets. God can allow or use the actions of false prophets to fulfill His purposes, similar to how He hardened Pharaoh's heart in Exodus 9:12. This can be understood as a form of divine judgment, where God gives people over to their desires as seen in Romans 1:24-28. It underscores the biblical principle that God can use even the actions of the unrighteous to accomplish His will.

The imagery of God stretching out His hand is often associated with divine intervention and judgment. This phrase is used throughout the Old Testament, such as in Exodus 7:5, where God stretches out His hand against Egypt. It signifies God's active role in executing justice and serves as a warning to those who lead His people astray.

The consequence for the false prophet is severe—destruction and removal from the community. This reflects the seriousness of leading God's people away from truth. In the historical context, Israel was called to be a holy nation, set apart for

God (Exodus 19:6). The removal of false prophets was necessary to maintain the purity and faithfulness of the community. This also foreshadows the ultimate judgment and separation of the righteous from the unrighteous, as seen in the parable of the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13:24-30.

There is nothing new under the sun (**Eccl.1:9**), there have always been false ministers. Today we have more false ministers than ever like Joel Olsteen. We have God's Word and we are to study to show ourselves approved. (**2 Tim.2:15**) We are to test the spirits. (**1 John 4:1-6**) The judgment against those who follow false teachers, false prophets and false ministers today is just as severe as the judgement against the false minister himself. It matters what minister you sit and learn under.

## **PRAYER**

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