

## Why is “Jesus Calling” another “Jesus”?

**It is inspired by a channeled New Age book:** “. . . Sarah Young did not see “God Calling” for what it is – an occult/metaphysical book advocating a number of spiritually dangerous New Age practices and concepts.” p.53

“During that same year I began reading God Calling, a devotional book written by two anonymous “listeners.” These women practiced waiting quietly in God’s Presence, pencils and paper in hand recording the messages they received from Him.”  
“Jesus Calling” p.xi

## How is he revealed?

**Both “God Calling” and “Jesus Calling” bring the occult/New Age practice of “channeling,” or being a “channel” into the church:** “The occult meaning of the word “channel” implies being a spiritual conduit for the New Age Christ Energy.” p.55 (JC p.94)

**There is no evidence that the spirits are being tested to see if Sarah Young’s messages are from the true Jesus Christ.** “Scripture’s warning to ‘try the spirits’ (I John 4:1) is nowhere to be found in “Jesus Calling”. To the contrary, her “Jesus” is quoted as saying, “You must learn to discern what is My voice and what is not”, he. . .is instructing her to ask **his** spirit to tell her what is true or not. Consequently, instead of **testing** the spirit, she is **asking** and **trusting** the spirit that she should be **testing**.” p.58 (JC p.66)

## What does he say?

**This “Jesus” openly contradicts the true Jesus Christ of Scripture:** His last words were not that he would be with them always, but rather that they would be His witnesses. p.60 (JC p.29)

**This “Jesus” tells us that the future is a phantom, seeking to spook you, and to laugh at the future:** Jesus Christ makes it clear that the future is no laughing matter. In Matthew 24 and

in other verses, He describes the serious events that will transpire at the end of time as very real and not a phantom.  
p.62 (JC p.16)

**The “Jesus” of Jesus Calling consistently flatters Sarah Young and her readers.** After my days in the New Age movement, I learned how the seductive spirit realm used meditation, channeling, psychic readings, and other occult practices to appeal to our need to feel special or specially cared for. It was seductive flatter, and we fell for it time after time. And it is just this kind of flattery that brought rulers to power and will one day characterize the entry onto the world scene by Antichrist: “But he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. (Daniel 11:21)  
p.66 (JC p.182;216;262;377;310;239;278;199;139)

**This “Jesus” wants us to “Take time to rest by the wayside” when Jesus Christ warned that the wayside is where the devil comes to take away the word of God.**  
p.67 (JC p.228)

**Visualizing Jesus?** “Visualization” and guided imagery” have long been recognized by sorcerers of all kinds as the most powerful and effective methodology for contacting the spirit world in order to acquire supernatural power, knowledge, and healing. Such methods are neither taught nor practiced in the Bible as helps to faith or prayer.”  
Encyclopedia of New Age Beliefs” Dave Hunt & T.A. McMahon p.70 (JC p.xiii)

**The dark night of Jesus’ Birth?** “In what can only be described as the ultimate revisionist description of the night of Jesus’ birth, this “Jesus” openly bemoans what he describes that that “dark night for Me.”  
p.74 (JC 376)

## What are we urged to do?

**Contemplative prayer, the New Age, and Psalm 46:10:** Countless references to meditating, being quiet, being still, relaxing, resting, letting go, and reciting Psalm 46:10. . .are suggested ways to experience God’s presence. The reason so

much emphasis has been put on stillness and Psalm 46:10 in the New Age/New Spirituality is because stillness has provided a “channel” for supernatural communication. What I learned long ago was that the silence allowed deceptive spirits to establish contact with those of us who were naive and undiscerning “listeners.” . . . Psalm 46:10 has nothing to do with sitting in silence, practicing the presence, or any meditative practice. In reality, God is rebuking the nations of the world and telling them to “Be Still” and to know that HE is God. . . is a call to faith and obedience, not to meditation and contemplative prayer. There is nothing in Scripture about being still and sitting with pen in hand waiting to hear from God while practicing the presence and doing contemplative prayer.

(JC p.xiii)

**Biblical meditation is different.** We are to meditate on – think on- His Word, His precepts, His laws, His attributes, His statutes, his testimonies, and His works. P.86

The New Age/New Spirituality has made great inroads into the church – particularly in the area of meditation and contemplative prayer. Despite grave warnings from many of us who came out of the New Age movement, the church remains extremely vulnerable to deceptive supernatural experiences that appear to come from God. We knew from our own New Age involvement that powerful, seemingly “meant to be” spiritual experiences had often been used to draw us into the New Age and its various spiritual practices, which included meditation and contemplation. Because our spiritual experiences felt so good, we just assumed that what we were experiencing was coming from God. p.134

**Practice what Presence?** The word “Presence” is found more than 365 times in “Jesus Calling”. The term is also commonly used in the New Age/New Spirituality. . . . Why are there so few warnings about the role of seducing spirits in this whole meditation-contemplative prayer-practicing the presence process? They are called seducing spirits for a reason. . . many people are spending more and more of their time “soaking” in

the presence of an unholy spirit and less and less time reading and understanding the Word of God. p.88 (JC p.367)

**Co-creating with God?** In Jesus Calling, “Jesus” mentions a key New Age term: co-creation. Many people do not realize that co-creation is a New Age evolutionary concept that teaches that man as God co-creates **with** God because man **is** God also. But man is **not** God. Co-creation is a New Age concept that entails the necessity of man recognizing that he **is** God and then acting as God to **co-create** a positive future. p.94 (JC p.362)

**Being a “Cocoon of Light”?** The Christ of the New Age refers to the birth of a new humanity awakening to the understanding that we are all “One” because we are all “God.” . . With the light of “God” shining upon them, they will emerge from their cocoons in the “Oneness” of being self-realized gods. P.105 (JC p.166)

**The “Great Work” of “Divine Alchemy”?** Alchemy-an ancient mystic art of the occult – is the “great Work” of the New Age transformation, referred to as “divine alchemy.” And in Jesus Calling, “Jesus” states: I can glean Joy out of sorrow, Peace out of adversity. Only a Friend who also the King of kings could accomplish this divine alchemy.. . . Searching on the Internet leads to an overwhelming number of references to the occult! p.108 (JC p.260)

## Who is this “Jesus”?

**Jesus is above all and “in” all.** The foundational teaching of the New Age/New World Religion is that God is both transcendent (outside of his creation) and immanent (in man and all creation. The “Jesus” of Jesus Calling states: “I am above all, as well as in all. p.111 (JC p.199)

But eventually a new world religion will be inaugurated which will be a fusion and synthesis of the approach of the East and the approach of the West. The Christ will bring together, not simply Christianity and Buddhism, but the concept of God

transcendent - outside of His creation – and also the concept of God immanent in all creation – in man and all creation. p.112

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Not that long ago, New Age terms like **ultimate reality, universal presence, Love-Light, supernatural plane, living channel, divine alchemy, co-create, paradigm shift, and true self** were sure indicators of someone’s New Age/metaphysical orientation. All these terms can now be found in books such as Jesus Calling and are rapidly becoming part of the everyday language of the church. As the church merges more and more with the spiritual language of the New Age, and also accepts New Age practices and disciplines into the church, then compromised spiritual beliefs are the result. Ultimately, everything has to be unified for a New World Religion and a New World Order to take effect. . . Two thousand years ago, the true Jesus Christ warned about false Christs and false teachings that would come in His name and deceive even the elect if that were possible. Two thousand years later, in Jesus Calling, this “Jesus” who says, “I am totally trustworthy” doesn’t warn about them at all. p.116

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“When the New Age Gets Old”  
Vishal Mangalwadi

“A second and related advantage for the New Ager of receiving knowledge from the spirits is that we do not have to take the trouble to hold channels and their spirits accountable.

The Bible says that prophecy can and must be tested because of the abundance of false prophets. One obvious test is to examine whether its predictive aspects come true (Deut. 18:21-22). Another test is to see whether the content of a prophet’s teaching, both in the area of morals (what is good?) and metaphysics (what is true?) conforms to God’s objective revelation in Scripture and nature (Deut.13:1-4; I John 4:1-3).

p.74

The Bible does not portray angels as teachers, because they are in fact messengers and ministering spirits. The bible says that it is the Holy Spirit himself who leads us into all truth (John 16:13). Therefore, although we are asked to seek him, nowhere does the bible exhort us to seek visions or encounters with angels. p.106

The New Age talks a great deal about forgiveness, but little about repentance. That is because it does not acknowledge the fact that we live in a moral universe where real moral laws exist, and that we are guilty of having broken real laws. Repentance is our part. Forgiveness is God’s part, because we have broken his laws. We could have self-healing without repentance, but we cannot have divine healing without forgiveness.

God forgives us because Jesus has already taken the punishment of our sins on the cross. It is not some theological mumbo-jumbo that Jesus became our sin on the cross. It is a historical fact. . . As He hung on the cross, he prayed, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing’ (Luke 23:34). This is why the prophet Isaiah predicted, ‘The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed’ (Isaiah 53:5). p.234

