

**Sid:** My guest says many are looking at Islam as the primary threat for the last days, but they've missed the true sleeping dragon.

*Is there a supernatural dimension, a world beyond the one we know? Is there life after death? Do angels exist? Can our dreams contain messages from Heaven? Can we tap into ancient secrets of the supernatural? Are healing miracles real? Sid Roth has spent over 35 years researching the strange world of the supernatural. Join Sid for this edition of It's Supernatural.*

**Sid:** Hello. Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. My guest, Mike Shreve, is an expert on an area called New Age. Most people aren't familiar with what the New Age is. As a matter of fact, many people that call themselves Bible believers, have a mixture. They have a little new age and a little true supernatural of God. So I asked Mike to explain what the counterfeit looks like and keep in mind you can't have a good counterfeit unless it's a counterfeit of something authentic. The authentic is the supernatural of God as defined in the Bible. The counterfeit looks like it, smells like it, tastes like it, but it really isn't. Mike, what is exactly included in this term "new age"?

**Mike:** Well it's a very comprehensive term, Sid, that can swing all the way to the left and embrace dark spirituality like Wicca and witchcraft, and then it can swing all the way to the right and embrace groups like mind science groups and positive thinking courses, and quite a few other groups in the middle.

**Sid:** Now you wouldn't think that swinging all the way to the right, as you put it, that positive thinking would be under that, but it really is.

**Mike:** Well there are certain new age principles...

**Sid:** Aspects.

**Mike:** ... they adhere to that unite them altogether under this banner. Almost all new age type groups believe in a coming new age of heightened spiritual awareness in the world that differ in how they think that's going to pass. But it's all based on astrology because actually the term "new age" stems from astrology, the idea that the sun passes through 12 houses as it goes around the earth, which is of course, opposite to the truth.

**Sid:** That's why I said, it's a good counterfeit.

**Mike:** But the new age is called the Aquarian age. And according to astrology, we are now in the Piscean age, which is an age of knowledge and reason and that we're at the juncture where we're passing into the Aquarian age, which is supposed to be an age of spirituality and God-consciousness in the world, where many of the world's problems are solved. So it's a very optimistic view of the future and it's all tied in with an awakening in spirituality.

**Sid:** Now you said it covers so many different areas. But yet, there are certain things in common. What else does it all have in common?

**Mike:** New-agers usually embrace some of these beliefs. For instance, number one, they believe in the need for spirituality instead of religion. Most of them are burned out on religion.

**Sid:** Does that sound familiar?

**Mike:** But this is where the error comes in. They believe that all religions and all paths of spirituality are legitimate means to achieve the "in", which is ultimate reality. Most new-agers are looking for an experience of ultimate reality. And number three, they believe that there are means or devices they can implement in order to achieve an experience of ultimate reality, like meditation or yoga or things like that. Then most new-agers also believe that, as I mentioned, there is a coming age of enlightenment, and the way we're going to move into that new age is by individuals awakening their own divine nature. Now there's a very key element. Most new-agers believe that we are God, that we are expressions of the Divine, and the key to bringing this planet to peace is realizing our own Godhood, if you would. And that's the antithesis of the truth, we'll never be God and we can awaken a God nature within. But that's one of the basic teachings.

**Sid:** Well you know, the reason that Mike is so well knowledgeable, because, number one, he studied for many years, but before he knew the Messiah, he actually taught yoga at four universities in the Tampa, Florida area. Why did you even get into yoga? What was your goal?

**Mike:** When I was a freshman in college, I had a near-death experience because of drugs. I went into an overdose experience where I felt, I believe it was actually happening, my soul leaving my body, the life gathering from my hands and feet to the center of my chest, going out into this void that was quite frightening. And I realized then that I was throwing my life away and I needed to find something of eternal value. So I dropped out of college to study under an Indian guru and I became very devoted to a group called Kundalini Yoga, under a man named Yogi Bhajan. And I was spending from 3:30 in the morning to 5:30 at night in some kind of discipline doing Hatha Yoga, Raji Yoga, meditating, chanting, mantras, reading various scriptures.

**Sid:** You were really dedicated.

**Mike:** I was into it passionately for a long period of time.

**Sid:** If Bible believers were just as dedicated. And Mike, you were successful. There was a full-page article about you in a Tampa newspaper.

**Mike:** And I thought that would increase my classes. I was teaching at four universities.

**Sid:** About how many students?

**Mike:** I had about two to 300 students in four universities in the Tampa area. And this big article came out in the Tribune and I thought for certain my classes would go from 200 to maybe 900 or a thousand. Instead..

**Sid:** But wait a second? Were you materialistic? Did you want to make money? What was your goal?

**Mike:** No. In fact, I never charged for my classes. I just put a little basket in the back of the class and if they wanted to drop something in they did. I lived a very separated life. I was somewhat of a recluse and I didn't know anything materially. So that was my focus. But I wanted to impact the world. I thought that what was teaching would help people bring their lives to a place of peace and a place where they could achieve God-consciousness and become more whole individuals.

**Sid:** But unbeknownst to Mike, what he thought the purpose of this full-page article was not the purpose at all.

**Mike:** No.

**Sid:** A group of born-again Christians read the article and decided they wanted to make a focus of their prayer, Mike Shreve. And did they pray a lot for you?

**Mike:** Every hour.

**Sid:** Every hour?

**Mike:** They assigned somebody to do fasting and praying over me every hour of everyday.

**Sid:** You didn't stand a chance.

**Mike:** No. For a month, I was soaked with intercession.

**Sid:** Okay. So you decide you're going to check the Bible out, check Jesus out and you say, I'm going to take one day.

**Mike:** Just one day.

**Sid:** Tell me about that day.

**Mike:** Well what happened is during that month-long period I got a letter from an old friend and he told me how he had been born-again, which was a foreign term to me. I didn't understand, but he described Jesus coming into his heart and how he finally had an encounter with God. I wrote him back and said, "That doesn't make sense to me." But the letter just weighed on my mind until one day, as you said, I decided, you know, I've got to be open-minded. So I dedicated that whole day to the Lord Jesus and I said I'm not going to do yoga. I'm not going to chant. I'm not going to do any meditation like I'm normally involved in. I'm just going to pray and read the Bible today. And if you really are the Messiah and if you really did come to die on a cross for the sense of humanity, then I believe you'll show me today.

**Sid:** Alright. Hold that thought. I know you're going anywhere. We'll be back right after this word.

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*We now return to It's Supernatural.*

**Sid:** Hello. Sid Roth here with Mike Shreve. And we've just found out that if you have a good counterfeit it must be a good counterfeit of something authentic. The authentic of God based on the Bible is the supernatural, miracles, healings, wonderful things of God. But there's something that looks so close that many people are being deceived and it's called the New Age. Now Mike Shreve was an instructor of yoga at four universities in the Tampa, Florida area. And they read a big newspaper article about him and a prayer group got a hold of this and they started praying for him by name, every hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And a friend of his had just had an encounter with Jesus that was in the New Age, like he was, and wrote him a letter. And he said, "I'm not paying any attention to that, but just in case, I'm going to take one day and pray and find out who this Jesus is." And so he takes that day and he is hitchhiking. And guess who picks him up? Someone from that prayer group. How in the world? That's a needle in a haystack, Mike. How did they do that?

**Mike:** It was amazing. It was absolutely amazing the way the Holy Spirit orchestrated the whole thing. One of the members of the prayer group who happened to be a former yoga student himself, now that doesn't like coincidence, it sounds to me like a God instance. He was walking in a Laundromat and the Holy Spirit fell on him and said, "Don't go in there. I've got a job for you to do. Get in your van and start driving." He had no idea where God was going to lead him. But he started driving and every time he felt an impulse he'd take a turn. He didn't know that two miles away I was standing on the side of the ride hitchhiking. I had been praying all day long from 3:30 in the morning until that afternoon that Jesus would reveal to me if he was the truth. And now I'm going to teach a yoga class. And he never picked up hitchhikers, but he said he felt this compulsion again to pull over the side of the road and pick me up. And when I opened the door and looked in my heart just started leaping inside of me.

**Sid:** Why?

**Mike:** Because he had taped a picture of Jesus to the ceiling of his van.

**Sid:** And you're praying, Jesus if you're real, show me.

**Mike:** And that's the first thing I saw when I got in the van. I looked up and there's this picture. So I'm sitting on the edge of my seat in expectation. And a few minutes later, he turned around and said, "Friend, can I ask you a question?" I said yes. He said, "Have you ever experienced Jesus coming into your heart?" I said, "No, but when can I?" And he gave me this surprise look like I wasn't supposed to respond so quick.

**Sid:** I mean, you pray and pray, and pray and then he says, "Can I?" And you say, what?

**Mike:** He said, "You can come to our prayer meeting tonight." I said, "I don't want to wait that long." If I can find Jesus I want to find him now. And so he pulled the van over to the side of the

road, left it running, we knelt down in the back of the van, we talked a little while, and then I prayed a simple prayer that I thought was too simple to bring me into contact with God, but it worked.

**Sid:** But it revolutionized his life. In fact, then he goes back to those hundreds of students at the four universities. And what did you tell your yoga students?

**Mike:** Well I told them that the classes would be dismissed because unknowingly I had misled them and that I found out Jesus was the only way. And see, what I had taught them, Sid, which is a new age belief, is that there's a spark of divinity within every human being, and to find God you look within. And that's a universal opportunity. It doesn't involve one particular religion, according to new age philosophies. But I had discovered when I invited Jesus into my heart that the Holy Spirit came into me from without. So God was external prior to a salvation experience, or an experience of union with God instead of inside. And that just jarred me to the core of my being, realizing that I had instructed them wrong.

**Sid:** How did they react when you told them this?

**Mike:** Most of my main students became Christians also. And we stopped the classes from that very point.

**Sid:** By the way, just for my interest, there are many Christians involved in yoga today. Is that wrong?

**Mike:** I counsel people not to involve themselves even in the physical aspect of yoga. There's five main reasons I give that people should...

**Sid:** Give me your strongest.

**Mike:** Well my strongest reason is number one, if you go to a yoga studio where there's pictures of Krishna and statues of Buddha and there's a prevalent belief system that all religions are different paths to the same God, it's similar to walking into an idol temple, because it's acknowledging false gods and goddesses as being real. Even if you only involve yourself the physical yoga, the Hatha Yoga, you are in an atmosphere that is not going to be blessed of the Holy Spirit. And I tell people just not to involve themselves.

**Sid:** Okay. So there are least five reasons. That was just one. I'm reminded of myself. Before I knew the Messiah, I didn't know my left from my right spiritually. I get involved in the New Age. In my case it was a meditation course. It was the Silva Mind Control course. And I was told that I controlled everything. I invite this counselor into my head. I thought it was all imaginary. The Bible calls it a familiar spirit and that I control this familiar spirit. But I found out that when I was exposed to the belief that Jesus was my Messiah this friend, as they called it, became my enemy, started cursing. And in fact, it reminds of the Harfouch's. Tell me that story real quick.

**Mike:** Robin Harfouche has a chapter in the book, "Truthseekers". It's an amazing, amazing story. She, from an early age, was exposed to the psychic realm and she had experiences with

spirit beings, and then eventually met what she thought was a spirit guide that step by step introduced her to key people in Hollywood and orchestrated events supernaturally so that she became a rising star in Hollywood.

**Sid:** But she was hand-picked.

**Mike:** Yes she was.

**Sid:** ... to be a spokeswoman. As a matter of fact, the same manager of Shirley MacLaine was her manager and she was hand-picked to be supernaturally elevated in Hollywood to be a pied piper for the new religion called the New Age. And when she wanted to take a break this spirit tried to kill her.

**Mike:** Actually, the spirit caused an accident to take place where she was crushed under this very heavy door and it was a paralyzing affect. She was paralyzed and destined to be a cripple the rest of her life. But that just set her up for a miracle.

**Sid:** Of course. As a matter of fact, at one point she saw her spirit guide and it looked just like Marilyn Monroe. Except she saw it change shape and become a demon. We'll be right back after this word.

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**Sid:** Hello. Sid Roth here with Mike Shreve. And Mike, I explained a little bit about my background and you explained a little bit about yours because this book, "Truthseekers", is so vital. What did God tell you would happen with this book?

**Mike:** Well at the end of writing the book, I was awakened one morning and I heard the audible voice of God say, "Bumper crop." And to be honest with you, I had no idea what a bumper crop was. So I went to the dictionary and looked it up and it means an extraordinarily high yield of harvest. What does that mean? That means there's millions of people, I believe, that are going to be affected by this book, that are going to be harvested unto the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of the wonderful stories and testimonies.

**Sid:** Are there many people involved in the New Age today?

**Mike:** Oh, it permeates.

**Sid:** You were telling me some statistics.

**Mike:** Well between 1990 and the year 2000, Christianity, according to a reputable poll, only grew 5%. But during that same period of time, the New Age grew 240%. Now that difference continues unabated into the future. The New Age ideas, the New Age philosophy is going to just totally take over the world.

**Sid:** Well no it's not. We're going to win.

**Mike:** Yes, sir, definitely.

**Sid:** But that's what its goal is. And as a matter fact, most people are looking at Islam as the End Time key player in the last days. I think and Mike thinks it's the New Age.

**Mike:** Yes, the New Age.

**Sid:** Tell me what their strategy is.

**Mike:** Well if it's all right, let me mention this. Three means by which the stage will be set for the Antichrist and that's governmental, which is the New World Order political agenda and then economic, international banking elite that are moving us towards a one-world currency. And then you have the spirituality side of this three-part stage that is being set for the Antichrist, and that's the New Age. And the reason the New Age is the perfect religious philosophy to under-gird the Antichrist is because it embraces everybody. It says all paths are legitimate paths to God. And so it will seem as though the whole world is being harmonized under this particular philosophy.

**Sid:** Well you know, everyone is looking at Islam. I have a theory. When everyone is looking at one particular thing, the devil is not wasting his time. He wants you to look. It's almost like a diversion.

**Mike:** It's a smoke screen.

**Sid:** It's, I'll tell you what, there are people that are watching us right now and you have been touching on the new age and you are in the new age. For instance, witchcraft, communicating with the dead, going to fortune tellers. What are some of the other areas?

**Mike:** Tarot cards, yoga, meditation.

**Sid:** Reincarnation. You know, the Bible says you live once and then comes the Judgment. As a matter of fact, you don't have to keep coming back when you believe in Jesus because you become the righteousness of God in the site of Jesus. You can't get any more righteous. I mean, and who would want to come back as an animal or a human, or anything? I mean, I want to walk with intimacy with God. I want the truth. And as Pontius Pilot said, "What is truth?" Speak to a new-ager about truth right now.

**Mike:** Jesus said, "I am the truth." When I was a new-ager, I didn't think it was important to come to Jesus. I was told that forgiveness of sins, that's not necessary. We evolve through many incarnations to perfection. But when I was confronted with Christianity and biblical truth the whole scenario changed. Then God becomes personal. And if I come to him at the cross I'm forgiven of my sins. Jesus paid the price so that sins could be cleansed. I didn't know if it would work or not. I really had a lot of misgivings. But I invited Jesus to come into my heart. I said, "If you're there, if you're my Messiah I accept you as my savior. Forgive me of my sins. Fill me with

the Holy Spirit." And it happened. And for the first time in my life I had an encounter with God. I cannot persuade you intellectually that Jesus is the only way. But if you get a similar experience, an encounter with God, that supernatural reality of God coming back into your heart and life will show you that the cross and the resurrection, and the biblical point of view truly is the only way to a relationship with God being restored.

**Sid:** And you know, Mike, the thing that I like to say is you're at such a low level of spirituality if you're in the new age that why would you ever want to settle with a cheap spiritual counterfeit when you can taste the real thing. I'm reminded what Mike said when he was challenged, just as your challenged right now. Is that I'm going to take a day, where I tell you don't even take a day. Prayer a prayer that goes something like this, in your own words: Dear Jesus, I've committed many sins for which I'm so sorry. I believe your blood washes away my sins. I believe I'm clean and now that I'm clean Jesus, as Mike said, come into me and become Lord of my life. Pray that right now and you will never, ever be the same because the love of God will flood you.