

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, October 9, 2022



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **THE SECRET OF LIFE vs. Eastern Mysticism**
Worldview—Part 8
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My Name Is Earl (Jason Lee) "Karma is a funny thing...The secret to life is fixing all the bad things you've done."

Don't we all want to know the secret to life?

Seven worldviews we will examine in this message series:*

1. Biblical Theism
2. Secular Humanism
3. Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
4. Postmodernism
5. Nihilism
6. Eastern Mysticism ←TODAY!
7. Marxism

Eastern Mysticism: "An alternative to western thought, this approach posits there is no personal God. Instead, this combination of eastern philosophies contends that the prevailing force is the cosmos, of which we are all apart, and through which we are all interrelated and interdependent. This view rejects God, absolute moral truths, and human reasoning. Instead...our life's goal is to transcend the material world to reach a unified spiritual expression. Buddhism and Hinduism are the best-known expressions of this philosophy, and a widely recognized adaptation of eastern principles is known as new age." (Barna, 15)

"Everyone is a divine creature engaged in the eternal pursuit of a perfected consciousness and cosmic unity, but certainly not inherently sinful." (Barna, 61)

Americans surveyed:

57%	Believe in Karma (64% of Millennials)
39%	Believe "rebirth" is a real possibility for them (51% of Millennials)

Transcendental Meditation = a form of silent mantra meditation developed by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi who claimed it promoted a higher state of consciousness.

New Age = accepts a holistic form of divinity that pervades the universe, including human beings themselves, leading to a strong emphasis on the spiritual authority of the self.

Yoga (yoke, union) = a group of physical, mental, and spiritual practices or disciplines which originated in ancient India and aim to control (yoke) and quiet the mind, to gain insight, detached awareness, and liberation. ^(Wikipedia)

Eastern Mysticism and New Age finds its roots in ancient Gnosticism –James Sire. *The Universe Next Door*, 294.

All of the Worldviews are trying to answer the **life's deepest questions...**

- Where did I come from?
- Who am I?
- Why am I here?
- How should I live?
- Where am I going?

WHERE DID I COME FROM?

Genesis 1:27 (NLT) So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Psalm 139:13–15 (NLT) You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

WHO AM I?

Psalm 100:3b (NKJV) We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

1 John 3:1a (NLT) See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Hebrews 2:11 (NLT) So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

1 Peter 2:9b (NLT) You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.

WHY AM I HERE?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NIV84) Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

1 Corinthians 10:31b (NLT) Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

HOW SHOULD I LIVE?

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT) And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Micah 6:8 (NLT) No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalm 34:12–14 (NLT) Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous? ¹³ Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

Joshua 1:8 (NLT) Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

WHERE AM I GOING?

Hebrews 9:27 (NLT) And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,

Philippians 1:23b (NIV84) I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far

John 14:3 (NLT) "When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

SO WHAT? Have you discovered the secret to life? Are you truly living to the glory of God?

What is the Lord asking you to do today in response to His truth?

We have the secret in the truth!

Ephesians 4:14–15 (NLT) Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

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ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, October 9, 2022

1. MOSHE & BATEL LOEWENTHAL, ONE MIDDLE EAST AGENCY NOVEMBER 15th 7:00PM—Join us for dinner as we cast our vision and raise support for One Middle East Agency and their work in Israel. Seating is limited, so please text or email your reservations to Pastor Gary (317-513-0227 or gary@garystump.org).

2. PAL (“PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES”) MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

3. YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8PM—Come for food (yes, dinner is served), fun and fellowship. We'll be starting a new series *Stranger Scriptures*.

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays @ 9:30AM at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the book of 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin's guide.

5. SERVERS NEEDED—Our new facility comes with needs for more workers to serve the Lord by serving one another. Areas of particular need:

- **Host Team**—greet our members and guests with a smile and hospitality (see Kathleen Hodnett (khodnett1207@gmail.com))
- **Nursery**—serve our youngest with loving care (see Kathy Stump 317-292-7632).
- **Worship Team**—use your gifts and talents to serve the Lord (see Marc Aldarondo 317-629-5326).

6. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



7. DONATE BIBLES in memory of or in honor of loved ones through the Gideons. See the display on the table in the worship area.