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# UNIT 4: PANTHEISM

## LESSON 1: NEW AGE



READ EXODUS 3:13-14 AND ACTS 17:22-28

- Write one paragraph on what you learn about God from these verses.

## HOW DOES NEW AGE ANSWER THE FOUR BIG QUESTIONS?

- **Creation:** I have always been; I am an expression of consciousness
- **Fall:** humans have failed to understand true consciousness
- **Redemption:** Humans must have indifference to suffering and live the cycle of reincarnation
- **Eternity:** we go on to our next life to relieve our journey of suffering. This is sometimes called nirvana or stream of consciousness.

## KEY DEFINITIONS

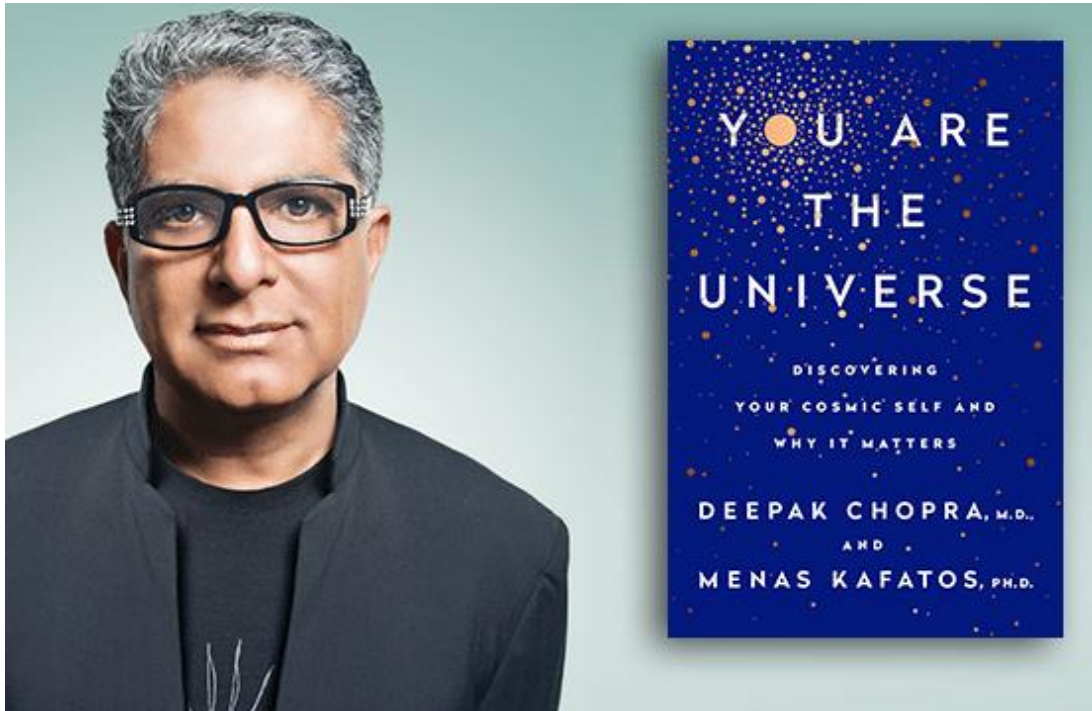
- Transcendentalism: human beings are inherently good and nature is fundamentally divine. It is experienced through introspection
- Consciousness: the belief in a divine inter-connected essence of reality



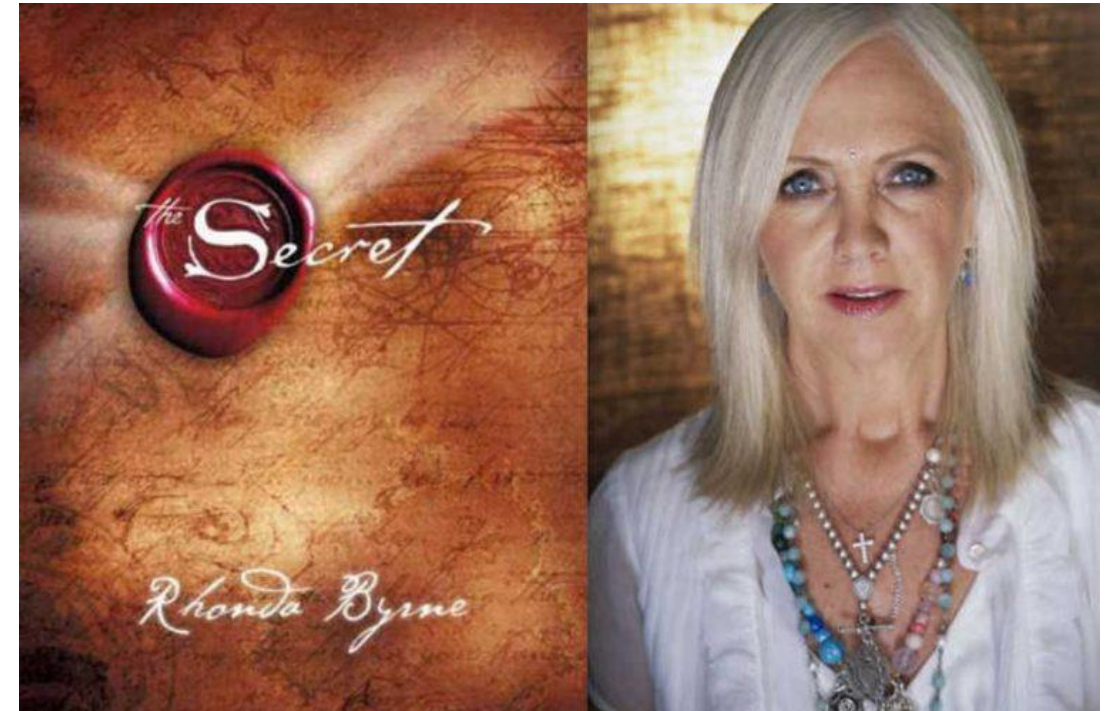
Use the Force, Luke

# POPULAR TEACHERS OF NEW SPIRITUALITY

## Deepak Chopra



## Rhonda Byrnes



## KEY DEFINITIONS

- Reincarnation: a living of life, dying, and being reborn as one becomes more enlightened
- Karma: a law of causality; good is returned to those who do good and evil is returned to those who do evil
- Nirvana: the actual state of the final cessation (end) of suffering

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# What is New Spirituality?

1. A pantheistic (the belief that all things are god) worldview that teaches everyone and everything are connected through divine consciousness
2. However, it lacks a definitive core of belief
3. “Everything is spiritual and the physical world is an illusion”
4. “We are creators of our Universe, and that every wish we want to create will manifest in our lives.” *Rhonda Byrne, The Secret*

