

## Chronology

- 2697-2597 B.C.E.** Dates of Emperor Huang Ti, author of the acupuncture manual, the *Nei Ching*.
- 97 B.C.E.** First mention of Taoism.
- 1555** Initial publication of the prophecies of Nostradamus.
- 1710** Samuel Richter establishes the Golden Rosicrucians.
- 1772** The Church of the New Jerusalem systematizing Swedenborg's thought is founded in London.
- 1784** Anton Mesmer is denounced by the French Academy.
- 1848** American Spiritualism begins with the claims of the Fox sisters in Hydesville, New York.
- 1875** Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Henry Steel Olcott and William Quan Judge found the Theosophical Society in New York.

- 1877 Blavatsky publishes *Isis Unveiled*.
- 1878 Edwin Dwight Babbitt publishes *The Principles of Light and Color* on chromotherapy.
- 1882 Formation of the Society of Psychical Research in London. The book, *Oahspe: A New Age Bible*, channeled through automatic writing, is published by John Ballou Newbrough. Modern interest in Atlantis begins with the publication of Ignatius Donnelly's *Atlantis: The Antediluvian World*.
- 1884 Formation of the American Society of Psychical Research.
- 1885 Emma Curtis Hopkins breaks with Mary Baker Eddy to begin what subsequently emerges as New Thought.
- 1887-1888 William Wynn Westcott and Samuel Liddell MacGregor Mathers found the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn.
- 1888 Blavatsky publishes *The Secret Doctrine*.
- 1889 Charles and Myrtle Fillmore found what eventually becomes the Unity School of Christianity.
- 1891 With the death of Madame Blavatsky, Annie Besant becomes the head of the Esoteric Section of theosophical students.
- 1893 Organization of the Nationalist Spiritualist Association of Churches in Washington, D.C. The World's Parliament of Religions is held in Chicago.

- 1894** Swami Vivekananda founds the Vedanta Society in New York. Daniel David Palmer discovers chiropractic. William Q. Judge organizes the American branch of the Theosophical Society as a separate order.
- 1902** Founding of the Naturopathic Society of America.
- 1907** Max Heindel founds the Rosicrucian Fellowship.
- 1908** Formation of the International Vegetarian Union. Levi Dowling publishes *The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ*.
- 1909** The Tantrik Order is established by Pierre Bernard in America.
- 1910** The Sufi Order founded in London by Hazrat Inayat Khan. Arthur Edward Waite's publication of *The Pictorial Guide to the Tarot*. Linking the cards to the Kabalah ensures their popularity throughout the English-speaking world of the twentieth century.
- 1913** Reflexology introduced to the United States by William Fitzgerald. Rudolf Steiner breaks from the Theosophical Movement to form anthroposophy.
- 1914** Formation of the International New Thought Alliance.
- 1915** Founding of the Astrological Lodge of London.

- 1916** Gurdjieff introduces the enneagram to his students.
- 1919** Rudolf Steiner's Waldorf Schools are instituted. Hatha Yoga is introduced to the West by Sri Yogendra.
- 1920** Paramahansa Yogananda begins the Self-Realization Fellowship in Boston.
- 1922** The International Sufi Movement is inaugurated in Geneva. Alice and Foster Bailey found the Lucifer Trust, later renamed the Lucis Trust.
- 1923** Founding of the American Astrological Society. Alice and Foster Bailey establish the Arcane School.
- 1924** Dinshah Pestanji Ghadiali founds the Spectro-Chrome Institute. The Yoga Institute is established by Sri Yogendra in Bombay.
- 1925** Krishnamurti is recognized as Maitreya by Annie Besant and Charles Leadbeater. Sufi Leader Meher Baba permanently enters "the Silence."
- 1926** Aurobindo experiences the descent of divine consciousness into the physical. Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan is named by his father as the successor of the Sufi Order. Founding of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education in New York.
- 1928** Publication of Gattefosse's *Aromathérapie* in France.

- 1929 Krishnamurti formally denies he is Maitreya.
- 1931 Edgar Cayce founds the Association for Research and Enlightenment. The Vegetarian Society of New York is established.
- 1932 Guy and Edna Ballard establish the Saint Germain Foundation and the Saint Germain Press to sponsor the "I AM" Religious Activity.
- 1934 The Philosophical Research Society is organized by Manly P. Hall in Hollywood, California. The White Eagle Lodge is founded in England.
- 1937 Kirlian photography is discovered as a means to record the body's aura.
- 1937 Founding of the American Federation of Astrology.
- 1939 The contemporary Western pagan movement and Wicca are inaugurated by Gerald B. Gardner in England.
- 1942 The Organic Gardening Experimental Farm is established by J. I. Rodale near Emmaus, Pennsylvania.
- 1943 Corinne Heline publishes *Healing and Regeneration through Color*.
- 1944 Aleister Crowley publishes *The Book of Thoth*, affirming de Gebélin's belief in the Tarot as repositories of Egyptian magical symbolism. The Vegan Society is founded in

- England. Alice Bailey publishes the first volume of *Discipleship in the New Age*.
- 1946 Paramahansa Yogananda publishes *Autobiography of a Yogi*.
- 1947 Norbert Wiener and Arturo Rosenbleuth establish the discipline of Cybernetics. Kenneth Arnold launches the flying saucer era with sightings near Mount Rainier.
- 1948 Alice Bailey publishes *The Reappearance of the Christ*.
- 1949 Buckminster Fuller conceives the geodesic dome.
- 1950 The Urantia Foundation is established.
- 1951 The founding of Astará.
- 1954 L. Ron Hubbard founds Scientology.
- 1955 The Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare acknowledges the validity of Shiatsu. Founding of the Aetherius Society by George King.
- 1956 Founding of the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship. Past-life exploration through hypnosis is introduced with the publication of *The Search for Bridey Murphy*.
- 1957 Revision of the International New Thought Alliance's Declaration of Principles. World Fellowship of Religions established by Kirpal Singh.

- 1958 Mark Prophet founds the Summit Light-house. Founding of the Astrological Association of Great Britain.
- 1959 Virginia Satir, Don Jackson, Jules Ruskin and Gregory Bateson begin the Mental Research Institute in Palo Alto, California, focusing on Family Therapy. Benjamin Creme breaks with George King.
- 1960 Formation of the American Vegan Society.
- 1961 Ohsawa Foundation, the first macrobiotics organization in the United States, is founded by Michio Kushi and Herman Aihara.
- 1962 Esalen Institute is founded by Michael Murphy and Richard Price. The Findhorn Community is established by Peter and Eileen Caddy and Dorothy Maclean.
- 1963 Richard Alpert and Timothy Leary are expelled from Harvard University. Ann Wigmore establishes the Hippocrates Health Institute. Jane Roberts begins to channel "Seth."
- 1964 Idries Shah publishes *The Sufis*. "Initiation of the Earth" according to the Aetherius Society. Marguerite Maury's English publication of *The Secrets of Youth and Life*. Corinne Heline publishes *Color and Music in the New Age*.
- 1965 Rescinding of the Asian Exclusion Act, thereby opening the United States to large-scale immigration. Dr. Helen Schucman begins transcription of *A Course in Miracles*.

- 1966** Guru Maharaj Ji succeeds his father as the head of the Divine Light Mission at the age of nine. Swami Satchidananda forms the Integral Yoga Institute.
- 1966-1967** Richard Alpert receives the name Baba Ram Dass from Neem Karoli Baba in India.
- 1967** Tassajara Zen Mountain Center near Big Sur, California, opens as the first Buddhist monastery outside Asia.
- 1968** Tarthang Tulku Rinpoche opens the Nyingma Institute in Berkeley, California, to provide for the study and practice of Buddhist teachings. Holy Order of MANS (HOOM) is founded in California by Earl Blighton as a New Age School of Christian Initiation. Auroville's foundation stone is laid in Pondicherry, India. Haridas Chaudhuri founds the California Institute for Integral Studies in San Francisco. Oschar Ichazo founds Arica in Chile. Carlos Castaneda publishes *The Teachings of Don Juan*.
- 1969** Fritz Perls publishes *Gestalt Theory*. Elizabeth Kübler-Ross publishes *On Death and Dying*. Tokujiro Namikoshi, founder of Shiatsu, introduces his practice of body-work to the English-speaking world. The Krishnamurti Foundation is established in Ojai, California.
- 1970** Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche founds the Karne Choling center, predecessor of the Vajradhatu Foundation. Sun Bear founds the Bear Tribe Medicine Society in Placerville, California. Yogi Amrit Desai discovers Ki-



palu Yoga. William and Gladys McGarey found the A.R.E. Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. Ida P. Rolf establishes the Guild for Structural Integration (Rolf Institute). Stephan Gaskin establishes The Farm in Tennessee. David Spangler becomes a co-director of Findhorn. Jane Roberts publishes *The Seth Material*.

1971 Yogi Bhajan receives the authority from Amritsar's Golden Temple to initiate his followers directly into the Sikh faith. Sir George Trevelyan founds the Wrekin Trust in England. The Arica Institute is established in New York. Ram Dass publishes *Be Here Now*.

1972 President Nixon opens contact between the United States and China, allowing American investigation of Chinese medical practice. The Academy of Religion and Psychical Research is founded in Evanston, Illinois. Adi Da Samraj (Franklin Jones) opens his first ashram in Los Angeles. Benjamin Creme announces the imminent arrival of Maitreya/Christ. Hyemeyohsts Storm publishes *Seven Arrows*, popularizing the Medicine Wheel.

1973 Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, in his 1973 book *Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism*, introduced the new phrase of "spiritual materialism" into New Age vocabulary. David Spangler leaves Findhorn to form the Lorian Association. Guru Maharaj Ji's disastrous launch of the spiritual millennium in Houston, Texas. With the death of Mark Prophet, his wife renames the Summit

Lighthouse as the Church Universal and Triumphant. Ken Keyes opens the Living Love Center in Berkeley, California. *The American Journal of Chinese Medicine* begins publication. Kevin Ryerson begins to channel "John."

**1974**

Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche establishes the Naropa Institute, subsequently to become the Naropa University. Leonard Orr completes his development of the process of Rebirthing. Rajneesh founds Poona ashram. H. Jay Dinshah organizes the North American Vegetarian Society. Maharaj Ji is deposed by his mother as leader of the Divine Light Mission. Leonard Orr opens the Theta House in San Francisco as a center for Rebirthing. Ram Dass founds the Hanuman Foundation. Werner Erhard invites Swami Muktananda to the United States. Benjamin Creme is "overshadowed" by Maitreya. Jach Pursel begins to channel "Lazaris." Patricia Hayes founds the Arthur Ford International Academy to award "Certificates of Mediumship."

**1975**

Publication of *A Course in Miracles*. Linda Clark publishes *The Ancient Art of Color Therapy*. The Siddha Yoga Dham Associates is founded.

**1976**

David Spangler publishes *Revelation: The Birth of a New Age*. Brad Steiger publishes *Gods of Aquarius*, introducing the concept of "Star People." Wayne Dyer publishes *Your Erroneous Zones*. Patrick Watson founds the School of T'ai Chi Chuan.

- 1977 Leonard Orr and Sondra Ray publish *Rebirthing in the New Age*. Avanta: The Virginia Satir Network is founded. Luc Jouret founds the Order of the Solar Temple. Ken Wilber publishes *The Spectrum of Consciousness*. Marianne Williamson encounters *A Course in Miracles*. Matthew Fox founds the Institute in Culture and Creation Spirituality in Chicago. Benjamin Creme announces that Maitreya has begun his descent from the Himalayas. JZ Knight begins to channel "Ramtha."
- 1978 Mass suicide/murder deaths of the People's Temple in Jonestown, Guyana. Bernie Siegel begins the Exceptional Cancer Patients program for individual and group therapy. Foundation of the American Holistic Medical Association. Foundation of the Sirius Community as a Findhorn spin-off. Foundation of Insight Transformational seminars by John-Roger Hinkins under the auspices of MSIA. *The Silva Mind Control Method* is published.
- 1979 Ruth Montgomery presents the concept of the "walk-in" in her book *Strangers Among Us*. Gary Zukav publishes *The Dancing Wu Li Masters*. James Lovelock develops his Gaia hypothesis that conceives the earth as a unified living organism. Thelma Moss publishes *The Body Electric*. Mark Satin publishes *New Age Politics*. Lyall Watson publishes *Lifetide* presenting the concept of the "Hundredth Monkey."
- 1980 Marilyn Ferguson publishes *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. Michael Harner publishes *The*

- Way of the Shaman*. The American-International Reiki Association is founded.
- 1981 Rajneeshpuram created in Oregon. John Lilly establishes the Human/Dolphin Foundation. Lynn Andrews publishes *Medicine Woman*.
- 1982 Frank Alper publishes *Exploring Atlantis*, stimulating New Age interest in crystals. Benjamin Creme announces through a worldwide newspaper campaign the imminent return of Maitreya the Christ.
- 1983 Barbara Weber Ray publishes *The Reiki Factor*. The countercultural commune, The Farm, is reorganized into a cooperative village. Constance Cumbrey attacks Benjamin Creme with her publication of *Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*. Matthew Fox publishes *Original Blessing*, shifting away from the Christian doctrine of original sin. Shirley MacLaine publishes *Out On a Limb*.
- 1984 Werner Erhard modifies his controversial *est* program. Vicky Hall develops Aura-Soma.
- 1985 Terry Cole-Whittaker establishes Adventures in Enlightenment.
- 1986 The Unity School sponsors *A Course in Miracles* festival in Honolulu. Holy Order of MANS (HOOM) is disbanded. Jonathan Horwitz founds the Scandinavian Center for Shamanic Studies. Adi Da Samraj begins his divine self-“Emergence.” Penny Torres-Rubin begins to channel “Mafu.”

- 1987** Celebration of the Harmonic Convergence on August 16th and 17th. Rajneeshpuram is disbanded, and Rajneesh returns to India. Aum Shinrikyo is founded. The television version of Shirley MacLaine's *Out On a Limb* is aired. John Robbins publishes *Diet for a New America*.
- 1988** Jamie Sams produces *Medicine Cards*. Louise Hay publishes *You Can Heal Your Life*. William Bloom, Sabina Dearborne and Malcolm Stern found the Alternative Programme at London's St. James's Church, Piccadilly. JZ Knight founds Ramtha's School of Enlightenment. Matthew Fox is silenced by the Vatican for a year.
- 1989** Tarthang Tulku establishes the World Peace Ceremony at Bodh Gaya, India.
- 1990** Copies of *A Course in Miracles* sold reach a half million.
- 1993** The centenary celebration of the World's Parliament of Religions is held in Chicago.
- 1994** First mass deaths in the Order of the Solar Temple. Andrew Weil founds the Program in Integrative Medicine. Matthew Fox becomes an Episcopal priest. Barbara Marx Hubbard proclaims that New Thought will become the most important movement on earth.
- 1995** Tokyo subway attack by Aum Shinrikyo. Deepak Chopra publishes *Journey Into Healing*.

- 1996** Wind Daughter becomes medicine chief of the Bear Tribe.
- 1997** Findhorn is recognized by the United Nations as an NGO. Leo Rutherford publishes *Principles of Shamanism*.
- 1998** The United Nations Oslo Conference on Religion and Belief accords the New Age Movement equal status with established religions.
- 1999** The third gathering of the World's Parliament of Religions is held in Cape Town. William Bloom founds Holistic Partnerships.
- 2001** Leo Rutherford publishes *Way of Shamanism*.
- 2012, December 21st** Beginning of the Aquarian Age, according to José Argüelles.