Subject matter: The New Age movement as a quasi-religious subculture.

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Topicality of the research: The confessional situation in our country was shaped in such a way that beside Orthodoxy and Islam, Buddhism and Judaism that are traditional religions for Russia, there emerged a great many of the so-called new religious movements (NRM)

Among the disciples of the traditional religious beliefs there exists a steady negative attitude to the NRM: a widely-spread view of them as destructive organizations suppressing every kind of critical thinking. Therefore there arises the need for the systematic, holistic analysis and assessment of both the activity of these religious organizations and the philosophy of their followers. The study of the specific features of the doctrine, organization of various new religious movements was in the sharp focus of philosophers, specialists in religious studies and culture studies, however, the problem of the cult environment and especially
of the New Age movement remains insufficiently explored, though this very culture phenomenon is the genuine iceberg and one can see only its tip.

**Objective of the research** is to give a complex, systemic analysis of the New Age movement, to show its specific features and on this basis to outline the possible scenarios of the development of the New Age movement.

**Tasks of the research:**

- to examine the new religious movements;
- to study the New Age movement;
- to reveal the main methods and approaches to the study of the New Age movement;
- to analyze the ideas and spiritual practices of the New Age movement in modern mass culture;
- to consider the New Age movement in the post-socialist Russian environment;
- to spot the prospects for and tendencies of the development of the New Age movement.

**Theoretical and practical significance of the research** is that as the problem of the New Age movement is insufficiently explored, the analysis and regulation of the state-confessional relations and inter-confessional relations in the sphere of the NRMs with the use of the materials presented in this thesis is quite possible.

**Results of the research:** In our research the New Age movement was explored in the context of the modern unique stage in the development of the society and culture. We conducted the classical research in the religion studies based on the systemic approach. This approach included the description of the historical ties, organizational specific character of the main mystical and ritual elements and socio-cultural significance of the New Age movement. We made an
attempt to structure great numbers of the religious associations integrated with the New Age movement both as a whole and within the Russian branch of the movement.

**Recommendations:** we propose the draft project on the improvement in the religious and legal literacy.

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