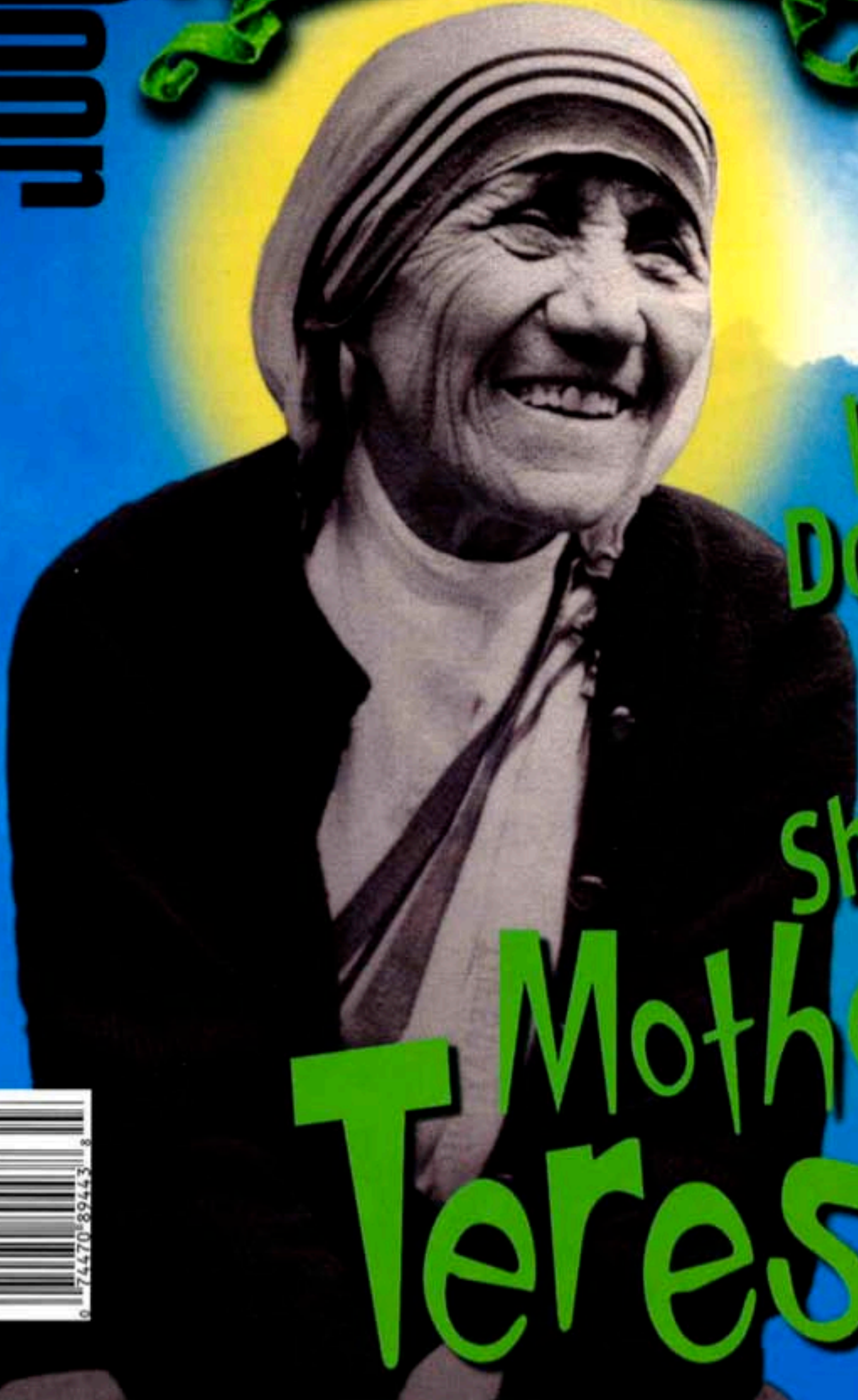


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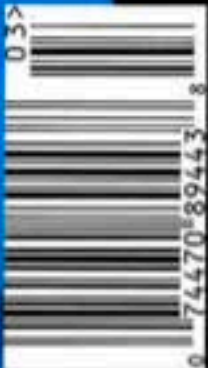


LOSER OF THE DECADE



Who  
Does  
She  
think  
she Is...

Mother  
Teresa?



# FUN WITH WORDS

b y D a r r e l S p e n s i

One of the neatest, most endearing traits of the New Age, other than its charming absurdity, is its ability and penchant for wordplay. They have fun with words. Their vocabulary vibrates vividly with a virulent vivacity, a volcanic vent of vocables, a vomitus vedantic verbiage violating various veracity-venturing ventricles.

Words (and let's throw logic into the mix as well) aren't intrinsically meaningful to New Agers. They are simply expressive (and misleading — there's the fun!) containers in which to pour a variety of thoughts whose resultant use will ideally produce a sense of emotion, love, light, joy, comfort, transcendental heebie-jeebies, etc. and evoke a similar response within reading/seeking individuals (who, contrary to popular Evangelical pap, aren't seeking to fill that "Christ-shaped" hole in their hearts, but are rather hoping desperately to find something to worship that will ease their conscience while simultaneously appeasing fallen human nature's sinful pride).

They say one thing, mean another, creating that peculiar illusion of orthodoxy "the other side" so loves to foist on gullible personkind.

A good example of New Age whimsy is Betty Eadie's recent best-seller *Embraced by the Blight*, er, *Light*, an obscenely profitable "true (fun with words!)" account of her NDE (near-damnation experience) and the playful doctrines thereof.

Now let's have some fun:

## WHAT BETTY SAYS:

## WHAT BETTY MEANS:

*I am a Christian*

*I am a Mormon wearing a New Age bra*

*My Lord and Savior is  
Jesus Christ*

*My advanced spirit-brother*

*God*

*Glorified man — or Betty*

*Satan and demons*

*Powerless spiritual brats*

*Angels*

*Demons*

*Resurrection*

*Spiritual progression*

*The Spirit of God*

*Essentially nothing*

*Evil*

*A veil of forgetfulness*

*Sin*

*"Sin"*

*Truth*

*"Truth"*

*Repentance*

*Forgive oneself*

*Salvation*

*The acquisition of knowledge*

*Light*

*Evil*

*Heaven*

*Everyone's home eternal home*

See how fun it is? And it can be played over and over in the privacy of your own home. The New Age is so fun! Try it — you'll like!

But remember, as mom used to say when we boys enthusiastically threw illegal explosives at each other as entertainment after school: "It's all good fun until someone gets hurt!" ■