



New Apostolic Reformation History

At The Beginning Of The 21st Century

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The history of the New Apostolic Reformation began in the 20th Century. If you have not read the eBook with that historical background, you may want to begin there.

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C. Peter Wagner was deeply involved at the beginning of the New Apostolic Reformation. I attended a Church Growth seminar in the late 1970s and spent many hours listening to his thoughts about how to “grow” a church. Though he believed and taught “signs and wonders” at Fuller Theological Seminary from the early 1970s, I don’t remember him mentioning that in the seminars I attended with him. His primary focus was on Church growth.

I received regular mailings from Wagner for many years and read some of his books. It was through his writing that I noticed some things that concerned me.

As a journalist, my intent is to discover and report truth with both accuracy and objectivity. That's one reason I use so many direct quotes in the articles and books I write. I've found that people will often deny something they said or wrote until faced with their own words. That's part of the investigative process.

As you will see in this eBook, the NAR believes it has recaptured something the Church lost for hundreds of years. Is that true? Or is something else going on? Something about which Christians should be concerned?

My concerns grew as I read more and more of Wagner's teachings about Church theology, leadership, and practice. I personally saw the toll some NAR beliefs and practices took on Christians and churches. I addressed many of these in personal conversations and emails, and also some of my writing through the last 20+ years. The eBooks in this series about the New Apostolic Reformation are the result of those earlier writings and personal conversations.

C. Peter Wagner

Peter Wagner claimed at the Arise Prophetic Conference in San Jose, California in 2004 that, “The second apostolic age began in the year 2001.” Wagner said that was the year God restored the lost offices of prophet and apostle to the Church

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“I hope it’s convincingly, that 2001 marks, is the year that marks the second apostolic age, which means for years the government of the church had not been in place since about, you know, the first century or so. It doesn’t mean weren’t apostles and prophets, because the government of the ... the foundation of the church according to Ephesians 2:20 is apostles and prophets, Jesus being the chief cornerstone. It doesn’t mean there weren’t apostles and prophets, it means the body of Christ hadn’t recognized them and released them for the office that they had so that they’d function as apostles and prophets in the foundation of the church. But we now have that, I believe we’ve reached our critical mass

in the year 2001. Now I'm concentrating on apostles in this teaching, not so much prophets, you've got a couple more prophets coming on the scene here. But here's the thing. If God gave apostles to the church, which He definitely did, ok, and I don't have to convince anyone at Gateway that He gave apostles to the church, but here is my point. If He gave them to the church as the government of the church, He must have given them both to the nuclear church and to the extended church. Now, the thing is, I've written five books on apostles already, and all my books, with the exception of a mention, maybe a paragraph, the substance of every one of my books has been on apostles in the nuclear church. I haven't written a book on apostles in the extended church. So, this is new. I know Rich Marshall, he's from here in San Jose, he's now writing a book on the marks of a workplace apostle, it hasn't been published yet. And so, we'll find out what these characteristics of workplace apostles are very soon, but all I'm saying is the first step toward finding out is to know that they're there. See, because that church, the government of that church, needs to be set in place.

And the problem is that like a lot of you, you know, all you have to do is join a church and within the first six weeks you find out that where you are in the workplace you're salt and light, see? You all know you're salt and light. Everybody knows they're salt and light, that's a common thing. But I tell you what, some of you have been out in the workplace, you know you're salt and light, you don't have to be persuaded you are, but you've been out in the workplace for fifteen years and everything's just the same. Nothing's changed. But you're salt and light. Why hasn't anything changed? I tell you why, it's not because you're not legitimate servants of God, but it's because you're out in the workplace different from where you are on Sunday and Sunday is very important, whether you belong to Gateway, whether you belong to a Presbyterian church, whether you belong to Jubilee, on Sunday, when the church is gathered it's very important that you belong to... who's your pastor, who takes care of your small groups and all, that's very important. But I tell you what, once everybody in all the church gets out into the workplace together, how important is it? What church do you go to

on Sunday? It's not very important at all. What's important is that you're the people of God out there, you're representing the kingdom of God, and you know this, but nothing has happened because the government of the church has not come into place. See, the problem is, is that Satan has had too much of his way in our society because he has a government! And the only way to overthrow a government is with a government. It won't happen otherwise. So therefore the government of the church has to get into place in the extended church just like we do have it very well in place, we haven't reached our goal yet, but it's very well established in the nuclear church." Transcript of C. Peter Wagner, Arise Prophetic Conference, Gateway Church, San Jose, CA, 10-10-2004 (Transcript by Sandy Simpson)

[Wagner mentioned that Rich Marshall was writing about "workplace apostles." Marshall published *God@Work: Discovering the Anointing for Business* in 2005. He wrote about a new breed of ministers emerging in the world marketplace who are "called of God to make money—a lot of

it.” That concept is part of what Wagner calls the Seven Mountain Mandate that we’ll look at later in this series.]

We saw that Peter Wagner emphasized apostles, prophets, signs and wonders, warfare prayer, prayer shields, breaking strongholds, confronting the power, territorial spirits, spiritual mapping, third wave and healthy church during the end of the 20th century, prior to the official start of the “second apostolic age.” Based on Wagner’s own emphasis of 2001 as the year when God ushered in the new age of apostles, of which Wagner was a primary apostolic leader, what would Wagner emphasize at the beginning of the 21st century? If Wagner is truly an “apostle” of God, given the definition of what he says an apostle is today, what Wagner has revealed in his writings and speeches is direction every Christian should receive and act.

Here are some of the books Wagner wrote between 2001 and 2015, along with introductory quotes and descriptions from each book. After looking at Wagner's emphasis in this new century, we'll see what it means to this and future generations.

Spheres of Authority: Apostles in Today's Church (Wagner Publications, 2002)

“God is pouring the new wine of revelation, power, and authority into the 21st century church; and with it He has given the church a new wineskin prepared especially for such a time as this. This wineskin, known as the New Apostolic Reformation, is the most radical change in the way of doing church since the Protestant Reformation five centuries ago. The central focus of this Reformation is the resurgence of apostles in the church. In this book, C. Peter Wagner, a widely recognized authority on church leadership and himself an apostle, takes a revealing look at the subject of apostles that is sure to satisfy many questions of both layperson and scholar alike including:

- What is the definition of an "apostle"?
- What are the characteristics of a real apostle?
- Isn't it prideful to call oneself an apostle?
- What does an apostle do?
- What is appropriate apostolic authority?
- What are the different spheres of authority an apostle may have?
- What role do apostles have in transforming cities and territories?

Using biblically sound theology, historical anecdotes, and personal experience, Wagner brings a new level of clarity to a subject that is easily misunderstood. This book is an important tool in both understanding and entering into the new wineskin God has given the church.” Publisher Description

Radical Holiness for Radical Living (Wagner Publications, 2002)

“Can anyone really live a holy life? Is there a test of holiness?

Can I be holy enough?

What are the non-negotiable principles for radical holiness?

How much holiness should be required of a leader?

Do you want to be everything God created you to be?

Radical Holiness For Radical Living will answers these questions as well as open the way for you to move to new levels in your Christian life. You can defeat Satan's schemes and enjoy daily victory in your walk with God.”

Humility (Chosen Books, 2002)

“If the summation of the gospel is to love God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves, then the essence of how we fulfill that commandment is found in clothing ourselves in an attitude of humility. First we walk humbly with God; then we practice humility toward our fellow human beings. Becoming a humble person is God's will for every believer, but it is every individual's choice. If we do not choose to walk humbly but instead choose to exalt ourselves, God will humble us in a way that we would never have chosen. This character quality is so dear to God's heart that it is the key to walking closely with Him and finishing life well.”

Out of Africa: How the Spiritual Explosion Among Nigerians Is Impacting the World (Chosen Books, 2003)

“I began to suspect that something extraordinary was going on in Nigeria in the early 1990s when I was invited by Pastor William Kumuyi to train leaders in a pastors’ conference that he would convene. I was stunned when I saw the crowd of 13,000 pastors and leaders who had registered for the conference. In fact, Kumuyi had constructed a building to hold that many people just for the conference ... Kumuyi invited me to speak to his Deeper Life Bible Church headquarters congregation on Sunday. The Sunday attendance at that time was 74,000 adults, with 40,000 children in the building across the street. The last I heard, that local church has 150,000 members. Kumuyi has planted more than 5,000 Deeper Life Bible Churches across Nigeria and has sent church-planting missionaries to start Deeper Life movements in virtually every other African nation, as well as many nations outside of Africa.

Then years later I revisited Nigeria. This time, with the help of my fellow apostle Joseph Thompson, coeditor of this book, I convened a Nigerian Apostolic Summit under the auspices of the International Coalition of Apostles. Meeting with those Nigerian apostles was a remarkable experience. Four of the five most prominent Nigerian apostles attended (William Kumuyi could not make it), as well as many others ... These four apostles seated together in that room constituted the most powerful coalition of anointed Christian leadership in one place that I had ever seen.” Peter Wagner

“Nigeria, once a hopelessly beleaguered society, has risen from the ashes and is a spiritually revived nation. One of the main contributors to this book states: ‘It is safe to say that the Church and effectual prayers have kept our nation from complete anarchy and genocide. The impact of Christianity is evident wherever you go. If you look a little deeper, listen a little closer, you will see and hear the myriad changes that are subtly transforming our nation into a nation that truly fears the Lord.’ The miraculous is evident in the church of Nigeria.

Out of Africa offers the testimony of numerous Nigerian pastors who are making a difference for God all over the world. Learn from churches who are experiencing a radical move of God.” Publisher Description

Changing Church: How God Is Leading His Church Into the Future

(Regal Books, 2004)

“Some may wonder why God might have chosen the historical sequence of intercessors first, prophets second and apostles third. This can be explained by highlighting the principal function of each of the three offices. The task of intercessors, for example, is to stand in the gap between the visible world and the invisible world. God gives them a supernatural ability to clear the pathway between heaven and Earth. When they succeed in removing the roadblocks that the enemy has erected, God’s voice can be heard much more clearly by those of us on Earth. The members of the Body of Christ most

gifted to hear the voice of the Lord are the prophets. Let me repeat: 'Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets' (Amos 3:7). The prophets clearly hear the voice of God. However, prophets typically are not gifted to know how to *apply* it to a given concrete situation. Implementing the will of God, generally speaking, is the task of apostles, those who are specially equipped to set things in order (see Titus 1:5). Once all of this came into place in 2001, I began to feel comfortable using the label 'Second Apostolic Age.' Peter Wagner

"For church leaders, prayer warriors, and Christians who want to see the bigger picture of what God is doing in the world right now, this follow-up to "Churchquake!" overlooks denominational barriers, asking one and all to join together for the ultimate fulfillment of God's purposes."

The Book of Acts: A Commentary (Chosen Books, 2008)

“My experience in power ministries comes through the framework of what has been called the Third Wave. This refers to the third wave of the power of the Holy Spirit experienced through the Body of Christ in the twentieth century—the first being Pentecostal movement starting at the beginning of the century, and the second, the charismatic movement back to 1960. The Third Wave does not replace the other two but flows into the same stream of Holy Spirit renewal.” Peter Wagner

“Experience Pentecost. Look on as 130 converts shake a city. Meet Paul. Go with him as he plants the first Gentile church. Extend the kingdom's power and see the enemy upset. Walk with Paul as he travels to Corinth, Antioch, Ephesus and beyond. For those desiring to be a part of God's action in their churches, their communities and throughout the world, there is nothing that will help more than thoroughly understanding the book of Acts and applying what we can learn from it. Acts was designed to

be God's training manual for Christians. It worked in the early church, and it works in the postmodern world. The reader's study of Acts in The Book of Acts will bring new intimacy with the Spirit and new joy in doing His will.”

Publisher Description

Freedom from the Religious Spirit: Understanding How Deceptive Religious Forces Try To Destroy God’s Plan and Purpose For His Church (Chosen Books, 2005)

“It is good to start out with a working definition, so I’ll suggest one. As I have studied this for some time now, I have come to the conclusion that *the spirit of religion is an agent of Satan assigned to prevent change and to maintain the status quo by using religious devices ...* Knowing what we already know about the invisible world of darkness from what we read in Scripture, we can safely surmise certain things. For example, there certainly must be *many* spirits of religion, not just one. Consequently, our term ‘the spirit of religion’ should be

understood as a generic term, embracing however many of these demons there might actually be ... because in my personal area of ministry I deal constantly with hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches collectively about new times and seasons, this corporate manifestation is the one I have been faced with the most. This is the only chapter in this book that specifically addresses the issue of the corporate spirit of religion. Understanding the corporate spirit of religion is extremely important because we now live in the Second Apostolic Age (which I date as beginning in 2001) and we are currently witnessing the most radical change in the way of doing church since the Protestant Reformation. This is why I like to call what we are seeing the New Apostolic Reformation.” Peter Wagner

“Composed of archaic traditions and obsolete practices, and masterminded by the enemy of our souls, the spirit of religion seeks to keep individual believers and the corporate church stagnant and unaware of the call of the Holy Spirit for change. We witnessed the spirit of religion when the Pharisees failed to recognize the coming of the

Christ. Today, the spirit of religion can be so subtle that we are unaware of its impact, instead being deceived into believing that God is directing us. Only when we recognize the hold that this counterfeit religion has over Christianity can we be freed to experience the transformation of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the heart of the church. Join C. Peter Wagner and other dynamic Christian leaders as they unveil the dark influence of the spirit of religion.” Publishers Description

The Church in the Workplace: How God’s People Can Transform Society (Regal, 2006)

“There are many important things that the Holy Spirit *said* (past tense) to the churches, starting with the Bible itself. At the same time, I believe just as strongly that the Holy Spirit did not stop speaking after the Bible was written and the canon of Scripture was established. The Spirit continues to speak, and God’s people need to listen attentively. Parents need to know what the Spirit is

saying to their families; teachers need to know what the Spirit is saying to their pupils; corporate executives need to know what the Spirit is saying to their companies; pastors need to know what the Spirit is saying to their church; believers on the city council need to know what the Spirit is saying to their community, and so on.

Contrary to what some people might think, however, it is not the responsibility of all believers, nor even of church pastors, to hear directly what the Spirit is saying to the *churches* (plural). Apostles are the ones who have been given the primary responsibility of hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Those who provide apostolic leadership to a number of churches need to hear what the Spirit is saying to those churches under their apostolic covering. Likewise, those who have more of a horizontal jurisdiction need to hear what the Spirit is saying on an even broader basis.

True to my personal apostolic calling over the years, I have found myself developing the boldness (I hope it's not arrogance) to say that I am quite sure I am hearing a major global word from the Spirit. I imagine that I would

not be as bold if I were the only one hearing this, but fortunately I am not the only one. Numbers of other leaders who also hear from God are now saying the same or similar things, providing further confirmation. What is this word from the Spirit? ‘Social transformation!’”

Peter Wagner

[Wagner used a graphic in his book to demonstrate Social Transformation sitting on two pillars – The Church In The Workplace and The Transfer of Wealth. Workplace Apostles are shown working between the two pillars. Under the pillar of The Church In The Workplace is The Government of the Church. Under the pillar of The Transfer of Wealth is Breaking the Spirit of Poverty. Both pillars stand in the center of an area described as “The Land.”]

“Social transformation is standing on two pillars: the church in the workplace and the transfer of wealth. Without both of them, we will not see our cities transformed. The pillar of the church in the workplace arises from the foundation of the biblical government of the church, and the pillar of the transfer of wealth arises from the foundation of breaking the spirit of poverty. Finally, the ongoing, dynamic linkage between the two pillars is provided by workplace apostles.” Peter Wagner

“If Christians are in the workplace, then so is the church. In *The Church In The Workplace*, C. Peter Wagner explores how the role of the church in the work life of believers is just as much a ministry, a service to God and even worship, as what believers do on Sunday in their local churches. A further indispensable step toward activating faith at work is to understand clearly how the extended church operates through the nuclear church and how bridges can be built to join the two. Wagner does just this as he looks at the biblical perspective on work, the Holy Spirit's call to the church to bring about social transformation and worldwide examples of the role

the church has already played in the workplace.”

Publisher Description

Warfare Prayer: What the Bible Says about Spiritual Warfare
(Destiny Image, 2009)

“I first wrote *Warfare Prayer* in the beginning of the 1990s when the Holy Spirit began speaking strongly to the churches about strategic-level spiritual warfare. This book, along with Cindy Jacobs’ *Possessing the Gates of the Enemy*, was widely circulated among the churches representing what I like to call ‘Charismatically-inclined evangelicals.’ These two books helped initiate a widespread paradigm shift. Instead of just praying for individual souls to be saved, prophetic intercessors also began wrestling with principalities and powers as Paul describes in Ephesians 6.

Through prayer initiatives such as the AD 2000 United Prayer Track, an army of God began to be raised up internationally to combat the enemy on high levels, with notable changes in the spiritual atmosphere in many places.

As I see the world picture unfolding, the year 1990 marked the beginning of a strong upsurge of interest across denominational lines in spiritual warfare, particularly what I like to call strategic- level spiritual warfare.

When all is said and done, there are probably many, many different discernable levels of spiritual warfare. At this point I will suggest three generalized levels for which there is a fairly broad consensus among Christian leaders who are specializing in this type of ministry. I realize that each one of the three will allow for several subdivisions, and that there will be considerable overlapping around the rather fine lines that separate them. But I have found it helpful to distinguish the following:

1. Ground-Level Spiritual Warfare 2. Occult-Level Spiritual Warfare 3. Strategic-Level Warfare” Peter Wagner

“Warfare Prayer provides a toolbox and an operator s manual for those who take seriously the Apostle Paul s statement that we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers. The demonic world around us is a reality, but all too few believers understand that realm of darkness to say nothing of having the skills to use effectively the weapons of warfare that God has given us. Based on a combination of sound biblical theology and real life experiences, this book is a user-friendly guide for those committed enough to join the army of God.” Publisher Description

Praying with Power (Destiny Image, 2008)

“Christian people are praying and talking about prayer more than at any time in memory. Pastors are elevating prayer toward the top of their agendas for the local church. Seminaries and Bible schools are teaching courses about prayer that they have never taught before. Denominations and mission agencies are adding prayer leaders to their top-level staffs. New independent prayer ministries are multiplying on every continent. This is the time for you to be informed, and for you to become involved.” Peter Wagner

“The groundbreaking Prayer Warrior Series culminates with C. Peter Wagner's most personal insights yet into the dynamics of prayer and spiritual warfare. Dr. Wagner reveals his personal approach to prayer as he provides you with practical steps for deepening and strengthening your own prayer life. *Praying with Power* will encourage you as it leads you into intimate personal, life-changing communication with your Father, the almighty God. Dr.

Wagner answers personal, practical questions about prayer including: How can I make my prayers more effective? How can I hear God better? How can I pray for my community? How do I network with like-minded prayer warriors? As a missionary for almost 20 years in Bolivia, Dr. Wagner's interesting insights about witchcraft, two-way prayer, and corporate prayer introduce concepts you may not have previously considered. Also provided are steps for establishing a prayer ministry in your church or small group, and how to use prayer to heal past wounds. Discover today that Praying with Power brings you closer to God.” Publisher Description

Dominion!: How Kingdom Action Can Change the World
(Chosen Books, 2008)

“In a word, we are now in the Second Apostolic Age. We have been here, to the best of my calculation, since around 2001. For the first time this side of the initial few centuries of the Church, a critical mass of the Body of Christ once again recognizes the contemporary gifts and offices of apostle and prophet. Growing numbers of people have come to take literally Ephesians 2:20, which says that the foundation of the Church is apostles and prophets, with Jesus the chief cornerstone.

David Barrett, one of our most respected researchers and author of the massive *World Christian Encyclopedia*, has divided world Christianity into five ‘megablocks.’ The largest is Roman Catholicism, with over one billion members. However, of the four non-Catholic megablocks, the New Apostolic Reformation (which Barrett calls Neo-Apostolic, Independent or Postdenominational) is the largest, with over 432 million

adherents, compared to small numbers for the Protestant/Evangelical, Orthodox and Anglican megablocks. These Neo-Apostolics comprised only 3 percent of non-Catholic Christianity in 1900, but they are projected to include almost 50 percent by 2025.

Not only is the New Apostolic Reformation the largest of the four non-Catholic megablocks, but significantly, it is the only one of all five megablocks that is growing faster than Islam. It is important to recognize that we are not talking about something on the fringes, but about a dynamic movement at the very heart of 21st-century Christianity.

We can trace the roots of the New Apostolic Reformation back as far as 1900, when the African Independent Church Movement was first launched. The Chinese House Church Movement beginning around 1975 and the Latin American Grassroots Church Movement emerging around 1980 were also parts of the same spiritual phenomenon on different continents. In the United States, the independent charismatic churches, dating back to around 1970, were the most immediate

precursors of what is now called the New Apostolic Reformation.”

“A significant acceleration of the historical process leading to the Second Apostolic Age began in the decade of the 1970s. This is when the great prayer movement started. Virtually every notable prayer movement on today’s scene originated this side of 1970.

For the first time, the Body of Christ began recognizing the gift and office of intercessor. Today one can go into churches virtually across the denominational spectrum and be introduced to so-and- so with the words, ‘She is one of our intercessors.’ In the 1970s and before, this would have been extremely rare, although ‘prayer warriors’ were sometimes acknowledged. But now the newer trend of recognizing and activating intercessors in our churches and ministries continues to grow.

The Body of Christ began to affirm the gift and office of prophet in the decade of the 1980s. By stating this, I do

not mean to imply that there were no prophets before 1980. I believe the Church has always had prophets. However, previous to the 1980s most prophets of God were restricted in their ministry by the widespread notion among many believers that the office of prophet had ceased after the first century or so. Now, however, a growing critical mass of the Church recognizes and affirms the office of prophet.

The decade of the 1990s saw a beginning recognition of the gift and office of apostle in today's Church. True, many Christian leaders do not as yet believe that we now have legitimate apostles on the level of Peter or Paul or John, but a critical mass of the Church agrees that apostles are actually here. For example, at this writing the International Coalition of Apostles (ICA), over which I currently preside, includes over five hundred members who mutually recognize and affirm each other as legitimate apostles." Peter Wagner

"Jesus has mandated his church to actively engage in transforming society on earth--"Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." But when societal issues and

problems loom large, it can seem an impossible task. Offering solid teachings on apostles and prophets, spiritual warfare, the church in the workplace, and much more, C. Peter Wagner shows readers just how kingdom action can change the world. With a sense of mission and urgency, Wagner explores the biblical roots of dominion theology, the views of great Christian thinkers through the ages, the ways Christians are working it out in their lives and on the job, and what each part can do when brought together through the operational power of the Holy Spirit.

From the Inside Flap

For many years the Church has endeavored to make Kingdom inroads into the world's structure, but transformation has been minimal. This is about to change. The "greater works" Jesus promised His followers are actually coming into view. In tandem with this growing awareness, voices of church leaders are rising with a clear mandate: Social transformation is the current overriding objective for the people of God. Never before has there been such an opportunity. It is time for

the Church to rise up and take Kingdom action. Join the pioneers of a new reformation--and change your world.”

Publisher Description

Wrestling with Alligators, Prophets, and Theologians: Lessons from a Lifetime in the Church – A Memoir (Chosen Books, 2011)

“For the past half-century, C. Peter Wagner has been at the leading edge of the key spiritual paradigm shifts that have been accompanied by major moves of the Holy Spirit. In the 1960s the missionary movement in South America was at its peak--and Dr. Wagner was there. In the 1970s he was a recognized authority in the church-growth movement. In the 1980s he taught a popular course at Fuller Seminary with Vineyard movement leader John Wimber that advocated praying healing for the sick, spiritual mapping, identificational repentance and spiritual warfare. Dr. Wagner coined the phrase Third Wave to describe this fresh move of the Holy Spirit--the

impact of which is still being felt today. In the 1990s he became a leader of the New Apostolic Reformation, and in the new millennium he has championed the Dominion Mandate, adopting the Seven Mountain (or 7M) template for reclaiming the culture for God's kingdom. For five decades, Dr. Wagner has led the church from one great move of God to the next, riding the wave of the Spirit through changes he never imagined when he first answered God's call to ministry. In *Wrestling with Alligators, Prophets, and Theologians*, Wagner tells, for the first time, his personal story of ongoing transformation. Readers will get a close-up view of the seismic shifts in the church's recent history, through the eyes of one of the only people to have seen it all unfold.”

Spiritual Warfare Strategy: Confronting Spiritual Powers
(Destiny Image, 2011)

“Never since Pentecost itself has history recorded a level of prayer on six of the continents comparable to what is happening today. The Bible tells us that somewhere in Heaven golden bowls are being filled with “...*incense, which are the prayers of the saints*” (Rev. 5:8). Exactly when the bowls will be full to overflowing no one knows. But one thing is certain: The incense level in the bowls has never been higher and rising faster than it is today!

Many think the burgeoning prayer movement is a sign that the great revival for which generations of Christians have been hoping and praying is just around the corner. Four of my good friends have written key books on the subject. Bill Bright stressed the role that fasting plays in his *The Coming Revival* (New Life Publications). Robert Coleman’s book is *The Coming World Revival* (Crossway Books). Tom Phillips has published *Revival Signs: Join the New Spiritual Awakening* (Vision House), and David Bryant, chairman of the National Prayer Committee and convener of the Forum for National Revival, has documented trends as well as anyone in his *The Hope at Hand* (Baker Books). Bryant says,

‘God is stirring up His people to pray specifically, increasingly, and persistently for world revival.... If God is stirring up the church to pray with this distinctive focus and consensus, He will not let us pray in vain. He has promised to hear and answer us fully. We can prepare for the answers with confidence.’

Thousands of churches have installed prayer rooms, tastefully furnished rooms that include a phone line or two and perhaps a fax machine or a computer for email. These rooms are occupied by intercessors 24 hours a day. Some are bringing in outside speakers for special prayer conferences. A few have added full- time or part-time staff members who have the title ‘minister of prayer,’ ‘pastor of prayer,’ or ‘prayer coordinator.’

One of the varieties of prayer that has gained wide attention among Christian leaders around the world is called ‘strategic-level intercession.’ Every few of us, particularly in the United States and other nations of the Western world, had even so much as heard either this

term or related ones such as *spiritual warfare*, *territorial spirits*, *prophetic acts*, *remitting the sins of nations*, *spiritual mapping*, *warfare prayer*, *tearing down strongholds*, or *identificational repentance* during our seminary or Bible school days. Many of these terms were coined in the 1990s. It is understandable, therefore, that such innovative concepts would require considerable processing, especially among those of more conservative temperaments. For some, the assimilation of new ideas requires more time than for others.” Peter Wagner

“Discover how Jesus and the early Church overcame the enemy—and you can overcome too. We live in a day when the Holy Spirit is speaking strongly to the churches about aggressively retaking the dominion over creation that Adam forfeited to satan. This level of spiritual warfare is a new ministry area to many Kingdom-minded believers. *Spiritual Warfare Strategy* provides a biblical and theological rationale as well as practical tools for advancing God’s Kingdom. Dr. C. Peter Wagner examines the role spiritual warfare played in Christ’s

ministry and among His first followers and applies it to today's battle." Publisher Description

Apostles Today (Chosen Books, 2012)

"The Second Apostolic Age is a phenomenon of the twenty-first century. My studies indicate that it began around the year 2001. The First Apostolic Age lasted for another 200 years *after* the first of the New Testament apostles concluded their ministry. This is not to say that the church of Jesus Christ or the kingdom of God went into some kind of hibernation for 1,800 years—it most certainly did not. The true Church has been with us down through the ages, sometimes larger, sometimes smaller, sometimes stronger, sometimes weaker. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, 'I will build my church,' and He has been doing so for over 2,000 years through God's people on Earth as they preach the gospel, make disciples, and set captives free ... My term for the new wineskin that God has provided for these churches is the 'New

Apostolic Reformation.’ It is a ‘reformation’ because we are currently witnessing the most radical change in the way of ‘doing church’ since the Protestant Reformation. It is ‘apostolic’ because the recognition of the gift and office of apostle is the most radical of a whole list of changes from the old wineskin. And it is ‘new’ to distinguish it from several older traditional church groups that have incorporated the term ‘apostolic’ into their official name.”

Peter Wagner

“C. Peter Wagner Shows How You Can: Determine who is an ‘apostles of the city’ and how they are set in place. Examine the role of apostles in transforming cities and territories. Learn the three crucial concepts that will lay the proper groundwork for city transformation. See your city move beyond short-term success into the genuine transformation that God desires to bring!” Publisher

Description

The Chapter titles are important to note about modern apostleship –

The Apostles Have Surfaced!

What Apostles Do

Character Counts!

Spiritual Gifts and Apostolic Assignments

The Power of a Title

Apostolic Spheres

Where Do We All Fit?

Apostles in the Workplace

Apostles for Social Transformation

Conclusion: New Wine in New Wineskins

Appendix: What Is an Apostle?

Territorial Spirits: Practical Strategies for How to Crush the Enemy Through Spiritual Warfare (Destiny Image, 2012)

“All around the world, praying Christians are arriving at a consensus about the nature of the battle for the individual cities. For example, the prayer warriors of London believe that they are battling a spirit of unrighteous trade that has influenced the world through that great city for hundreds of years. The Bible usually identifies an evil spirit by its territory or by its prime characteristic, for example, ‘*The prince of the kingdom of Persia*’ (Dan. 10:13) or ‘*Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire...*’ (Rev. 20:14). We associate New York with mammon, Chicago with violence, Miami with political

intrigue. Getting the exact name of demons at any level is not necessary, but it is important to be aware of the specific nature or type of oppression.” Peter Wagner

“The Battle Is Ours!”

“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world” (Eph. 6:12 NIV).

For generations when Christians have engaged in spiritual warfare, most of the time they have focused on “satan” as the main opponent. However, C. Peter Wagner has gathered together a number of ministers who teach from personal experience that the “principalities and powers” are more than just satan—there is an entire hierarchy of demons in this world. Often, missionaries and ministers are finding that they have far more success in an area when they first go to war in the spirit and in prayer against the evil power that rules a certain region. C. Peter Wagner has compiled this book of many voices, speaking from Scripture and personal experience, teaching the reality of territorial

spirits and the necessity of waging targeted, powerful warfare against them in order to reach the souls these evil powers have held captive for too long.

You will learn:

- There is an entire hierarchy of demons in this world, many with specific geographic territories.
- Once a territorial spirit's power is broken, ministry in that area can be far more effective.
- How to go to war against evil spirits to break their power over the people of a region.

Christians must take to heart what the Bible teaches about spiritual warfare.

Arm yourself with this book!" Publisher's description

On Earth As It Is in Heaven: Answer God's Call to Transform the World (Bethany House, 2012, Foreward to Dutch Sheets book)

“I now see that I severely underestimated the degree of opposition that had already developed in certain circles against what I call the dominion mandate. In fact, I am embarrassed to admit that a network of Christian apologists had been opposing what they called dominionism for some time; and when I wrote this book, I had not yet even heard the term nor read what they were writing. What were they saying? Let me just randomly choose from the Internet some of their descriptive phrases relating to dominionism: a ‘dangerous political movement,’ ‘religious extremeism,’ ‘a betrayal of the political and social mores of our society,’ ‘hate mongering,’ ‘bizarre ideas of a handful of Christian Right players,’ ‘aberration of true Christian theology,’ ‘heresy’ and ‘Christian imperialism,’ just for starters.

The more I have read and analyzed this material, the more convinced I have become that fear is one of the principal driving elements underlying the sincere opposition by some to dominionism. While there are many other specific objects of fear pinpointed in the literature, most all of them can be summarized in the fear that dominionism will lead to a theocracy. Oddly enough, I am as apprehensive of a theocracy as the critics of dominionsm are.” Peter Wagner

“There has been an intense and growing debate in recent years regarding "dominionism" and what it means for Christians' involvement in business, politics, education, entertainment and other realms of societal influence. Now Dr. Peter Wagner brings Spirit-inspired clarity to the conversation with this essential guide for believers who want to impact our world for God's kingdom. This invaluable study examines powerful strategies God has revealed to His people in recent days and answers persistent questions with clear, biblical wisdom: Is wealth a legitimate tool of the church? How do today's workplace apostles lead in spiritual battle? Does God

allow His people to make some decisions about the future? How is dominion theology operational in our world today? This groundbreaking study lays a biblical, theological and inspirational foundation for the mandate God has given His people.”

This Changes Everything: How God Can Transform Your Mind and Change Your Life (Chosen Books, 2013)

“A "paradigm shift" is a radical change in your way of thinking-- and C. Peter Wagner has undergone a number of them during his decades of ministry. Now he invites you to open your mind to the Holy Spirit's paradigm-shifting power. *This Changes Everything* is your essential guidebook for how God is transforming the world through people just like you. Discover new movements of God's Spirit that are turning the tide against the evil one, opening wide the doors of heaven to usher in God's reign on the earth. Find out what these powerful new strategies mean for Christians' involvement in business, politics,

education and entertainment, and learn how you can be a part of what God is doing in your sphere of influence. Find clear, biblical answers to questions such as:

- Is wealth a legitimate tool of the Church?
- How do today's workplace apostles lead in spiritual battle?
- Does God allow His people to make some decisions about the future?
- How is dominion theology operational in our world today?
- God is calling you to a new way of life, starting with a new way of thinking. When your mind is renewed, you will never be the same!" Publisher Description

- “This Changes Everything fearlessly tackles theologically profound and extremely important biblical subjects in a clear, lucid and practical way. C. Peter Wagner brilliantly distills the paradigm shifts that have transformed his life and a theology that has been the foundation for more than 50 years of fruitful ministry around the world. This is a must-read for those who want to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to His church today!” Dr. Che Ahn, President and Founder, Harvest International Ministry, Senior Pastor, HRock Church, Pasadena, California

“C. Peter Wagner has been my friend for more than 30 years. Since I met him during the 1980s, I have seen him change the emphasis of his ministry on occasion—changes he described as ‘God giving him a new assignment.’ Those who want to follow his growth in ministry over the years will understand these changes by the ‘new paradigms’ he explains in this book. Here you will find insight into Dr. Wagner’s heart.” Elmer L. Towns, Co- founder, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

Prayer Shield: How to Intercede for Pastors and Christian Leaders (Chosen Books, 2014, Revised)

“During the 1970s, the Holy Spirit began to speak clearly to many Christian leaders about the need to cover in prayer those who were engaged in Christian ministry and related activities. This was the beginning of one of the most far-reaching changes in modern Christianity. Never before in living memory had prayer been such a high agenda item for apostles, pastors, Christian leaders, ministers in the workplace and other believers. As these leaders obeyed God’s call, the Church was brought to a new level of impact, from which we continue to benefit today ... One of the reasons I wanted to do this second edition of *Prayer Shield* is that my previous focus, and that of other authors of books on prayer, are largely on pastors. Since *Prayer Shield*’s initial publication, some seismic shifts have been moving the Church to new levels. For one thing, the New Apostolic Reformation is now being recognized as the most explosive segment of contemporary Christianity, especially in the Global South.

The Second Apostolic Age began in 2001. One of the implications of this has been that Ephesians 4:11 is taken more literally than it was in the past. This is where the apostle Paul says that Jesus ‘gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.’ Yes, we need to continue interceding for pastors, but we also need to include apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers at the same level. I knew virtually nothing about apostles and apostolic ministry when the first edition of *Prayer Shield* was released, but now I have a wealth of experience—in fact, I am an apostle! A second seismic shift impacting the Church has been the mushrooming agreement that the hearty of the Great Commission is to make disciples of whole nations (see Matt. 28:19), leading to a commitment to the dominion mandate or the transformation of society. In order to help bring this transformation about, God has allowed us to begin recognizing that the kingdom of God is not limited to the organized church as we have customarily conceived it, but that the Church functions in the workplace as well. What God’s people do in the workplace is a legitimate form of ministry. There are

apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in the workplace, and intercession for leaders must include them as well. Once we recognized our duty to reform society, God then, through Lance Wallnau, gave us the insight we needed to understand the ‘Seven Mountains’ that have always operated together to mold the culture in which we live. Instead of attempting to reform society in general, it becomes much more convenient and productive to attempt to reform each of the Seven Mountains simultaneously. The mountains are religion, family, education, media, government, arts and entertainment, and business.” Peter Wagner, Introduction to the Second Edition

“In this complete guide to becoming an intercessor, C. Peter Wagner reveals how you can help advance the kingdom on earth by invoking God's strength and protection over Christian leaders through intercessory prayer.” Publisher Description

Supernatural Forces in Spiritual Warfare: Wrestling with Dark Angels (Destiny Image, 2012)

“The 1980s to the 1990s was an awesome period of time for the Christian community. Skilled analysts and prophets alike are affirming that the decade of the ‘90s shaped up as an arena for the greatest outpouring of spiritual power in at least living memory if not in all of Christian history. The fruition of the 90-year-old Pentecostal movement, now joined by the charismatic movement the Third Wave, was one of the chief contributing factors. These movements combined with new and powerful emphases on church growth, compassion for the poor and oppressed, prayer, prophecy, and other aspects of the supernatural.

A striking feature of this buildup that resulted in a new breakthrough around the turn of the century was a new openness to the miraculous works of the Holy Spirit across the lines of historic Christian traditions. For years many evangelicals shunned the reported manifestations

of signs and wonders, healings, demonic deliverances, and miracles in the Pentecostal and charismatic movements. A few still rather staunchly adhere to their traditional anti-Pentecostal positions, but their ranks are becoming notably thin.” Peter Wagner

“A biblical and theological rationale with practical tools for advancing God’s Kingdom.

Supernatural Forces in Spiritual Warfare: Wrestling with Dark Angels is a compilation of keynote speaker presentations in an important symposium that was a public legitimizing of academic pursuits in fields related to the supernatural power of God both for local church ministries and for world evangelization.

Topics include:

- Power Evangelism: Definitions and Directions by John Wimber
- We Are at War by Ed Murphy
- Deception: Satan’s Chief Tactic by Timothy M. Warner

- Pentecostal/Charismatic Understanding of Exorcism by L. Grant McClurig Jr.
- Sickness and Suffering in the New Testament by Peter H. Davids
- In Dark Dungeons of Collective Captivity by F. Douglas Pennoyer

In addition to these scholars, well-known pastor, ministry leader, and teacher, Dr. C. Peter Wagner examines the role spiritual warfare played in Christ's ministry—and applies it to today's battles.

You don't have to be afraid of spiritual warfare—you have God's supernatural forces on your side every day in every way." Publisher Description

NAR Timeline

Peter Wagner was the Convening Apostle of the International Coalition of Apostolic Leaders (ICAL) or the Presiding Apostle Emeritus of ICAL during the years he wrote these books, so we can accept the history he shares about the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) as “official.” Therefore, here are important dates in the “timeline” for the NAR and a brief explanation of each from an article Wagner wrote for Charisma Magazine in June 2014.

1900 – African Independent Church Movement launched
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“In the early 1900s, not only did we see the beginning of the Pentecostal movement, but we also saw the first component of what I like to call the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) fall into place. That was the emergence of the African Independent Churches that had split from the previous generation of churches established by western missionaries. Since then, the independent churches have far surpassed mission churches in their dramatic growth.”

1940s – 1950s – Apostolic Movement

“Focusing on North America, I believe that God desired to bring back apostolic government to the church in the years following World War II. During the late 1940s and through the 1950s, some notable new movements emerged under leaders whose names became household words, especially within the charismatic stream. Though some accepted the title "apostle" and others did not, they all led their movements apostolically.

These were our pioneers. Some of the initiatives were known as restoration, Latter Rain, shepherding, discipling or the like. They enjoyed considerable growth momentum, but it wasn't sustained. They made some mistakes, but all pioneers do.”

1970 – Independent Charismatic Churches –

“Once it became clear that these fledgling apostolic movements were not going to increase in size and influence in North America, I believe that God began to implement a new process designed to resurface the biblical government of the church.”

1970s – Great Intercessory Prayer Movement begins – intercessors stood in the gap between the visible world and the invisible world to clear the pathway between Heaven and Earth so that God’s voice could be heard “much more clearly” by members of the Body of Christ who were “most gifted” to hear the voice of God (identified by Wagner as the “prophets”). The prayers of the intercessors removed “roadblocks” that the enemy had erected between Heaven and Earth.

“The 1970s witnessed the emergence of the great prayer movements, many of which continue today. As a part of this shift, the gift and office of intercessor began to be recognized by the body of Christ.”

1980 – Latin American Grassroots Church Movement

“In the 1970s, the Latin-American grass-roots churches began multiplying like mushrooms throughout Central and South America. Add the independent charismatic churches that became the fastest-growing segment of Christianity in America, and you have the main ingredients of the NAR.”

1976 – Chinese House Church Movement

“The second NAR component was the Chinese house church movement that began in 1976. They experienced the greatest harvest of souls in a single nation in history.”

1980s – Body of Christ affirms the gift and office of prophet – Prophets are the most gifted at hearing the voice of God “clearly.”

“The gift and office of prophet began to be highlighted in the 1980s. We've always had prophets in the church, but for the most part they weren't recognized and accepted as such.”

1990s – Body of Christ recognizes the gift and office of apostle – Apostles are most gifted to “apply” the will of God and “set things in order.”

“Throughout the 1990s, the gift and office of apostle became activated more and more among cutting-edge church leaders.”

2001 – Second Apostolic Age begins

“This historical sequence is interesting. Why would God first activate intercessors, then prophets, then apostles? The principal job description of intercessors is to open the pathway between heaven and earth in the invisible realm. Once they do this, the voice of God becomes more audible.

While all believers should hear the voice of God, those most called to tune in on the higher levels are the prophets. Prophets can be better prophets if they follow the intercessors. The prophets accurately receive and communicate the words from the Lord, but most of them have little or no idea as to what to do with the words they hear. It is the apostles who are assigned to take what the Spirit is saying to the churches and implement it by developing a strategy for moving forward.

Let's call those apostles who began to emerge in the 1990s "Microsoft apostles." As we go on, we'll see many significant differences between them and the World War II apostles of a previous generation. One of them is that Microsoft apostles understand much better why they need to be aligned with prophets and intercessors.

From what we have been saying, it is obvious that one of God's prominent new wineskins for this season is the NAR. The corresponding old wineskin is traditional denominational Christianity. Most Microsoft apostles maintain high respect for the old wineskin, partly because—at least in North America—that is where they had their Christian beginnings. God exhibits

His mercy by not pouring new wine into the old wineskins because He doesn't want them to break. After all, at one point in time, they were His new wineskins! He loves them, and so should we.

In the sweep of history, the New Apostolic Reformation represents the most radical change in the way of doing church since the Protestant Reformation. This statement does not mean to imply a change in doctrine. The doctrinal foundations of the Reformation such as the authority of Scripture, justification by faith and the priesthood of all believers remain intact. However, fundamental changes in the way the church has been organized and has operated for the better part of 500 years are being implemented.

The old wineskin final authority in the Protestant churches never was entrusted to an individual, but always to a group. The final spiritual authority became a church council, a deacon board, a presbytery, church elders, a congregation, a synod, a general council, a state convention, a vestry, a national assembly, a session or any number of other ecclesiastical terms, all signifying a group but never individuals.

On the local church level, the new wineskin pastor is the *leader* of the church, not an *employee* of the church as he or she was in the old wineskin. If the church elders, for example, could hire a pastor, they could also fire a pastor. To keep the job, a pastor had to please the church. That partially explains why in America's two largest denominations, the Southern Baptists and the United Methodists, pastoral tenure averages only two to four years. In apostolic churches, pastoral tenure is much longer—frequently for life—because the pastor does not report to the elders; rather the elders are appointed by and report to the pastor.

So to whom does the pastor report? He reports to the apostle. Typically, apostles form a network of churches and oversee their pastors. Apostolic networks are the functional successors to denominations. The major difference, however, is that networks led by Microsoft apostles are relationally based, not legally based. Those who follow apostles are voluntary—they can leave the network any time they desire. But they usually stay because they are grateful, convinced that the apostle adds value to their life and ministry.

Yes, both apostles and prophets are resurfacing. With the biblical government in place again, the church is poised for the greatest advance of God's kingdom ever.”
Peter Wagner, Charisma Magazine, June 25, 2014

NAR Statement of Faith

What do people involved in the New Apostolic Reformation believe? We look to Peter Wagner and other leaders of the movement and the official Statement of Faith (SoF) of the ICAL -

THE TRINITY

We believe that God eternally co-equally exists in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God.

GOD'S CREATION

We believe that God through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit created and governs all that exists. He created man and woman in His own image and has commissioned them to exercise dominion over His creation.

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

We believe the Bible, in its entirety as originally given, to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, without error and the infallible, authoritative Word of God.

SATAN AND THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that by willfully sinning against God, man fell into rebellion against God. Since the fall, all men are born in sin and therefore subject to God's wrath and captive to Satan's kingdom of darkness. Mankind's only escape from this satanic bondage is to biblically repent of sins, appropriate the sacrificial blood of

Jesus as the required ransom for their sins, and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus.

JESUS AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, who became the substitution and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. We believe in His soon coming personal return in power and glory to receive His Church. Jesus came to earth to redeem that which was lost (Luke 19:10). We believe that all Christian activity should have a redemptive and transformational purpose.

SALVATION (NEW BIRTH)

Salvation (a born again conversion experience) is an awesome opportunity made available to all mankind. To take advantage of this opportunity, we believe in the necessity of biblical repentance, the personal appropriation of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus. When this is sincerely done the sinner is pardoned and accepted as righteous in God's sight. We deny that Christ can be received as your Savior without Him becoming Lord of your life. We believe that faith without accompanying spiritual or physical works is dead. We are called to a life of discipleship and holiness in joyful obedience to Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son. We believe that the Holy Spirit makes available everything believers need to live a godly life and accomplish everything He asks us to do.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe that the Church is commissioned to preach the Gospel to the world and to disciple the nations. We believe in the practical application of the Christian faith in everyday life and the need to minister to people everywhere and in every area of their lives, which includes not only the spiritual, but also the social, commercial, political and physical.

GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORKPLACE

We believe that all authority and dominion flows from Jesus Christ who has delegated His authority to various governmental spheres among men, including self, family, church, corporate and civil. Each believer has been divinely assigned a sphere of influence that they must bring under the dominion of Christ.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

We believe that no public official or corporate officer can function effectively without the knowledge of God's will as revealed in His Word. His every purpose must be to establish or further the Kingdom of Jesus on earth.

FIVEFOLD MINISTRY OFFICES, ELDERS AND DEACONS

We believe that Christ Himself has bestowed upon certain men and women of His choosing the spiritual gifting of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. These five offices constitute the eldership of the Church whose function is to cooperate in spiritually equipping and activating believers for effective service in every sphere of life, including the marketplace, political, education, media, arts, family and church. The work of the eldership is to establish spiritual unity and the priesthood of all believers in Christ. Their objective is to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.” icaleaders.com/about-ical/statement-of-faith/

ICAL also claims it “believes and agrees with the historic creeds of the universal Church of Christ: Nicene and Apostles Creed.” However, they also believe and agree with the Lausanne Covenant, which many Christians do not agree.

Keep in mind that this SoF comes from the ICAL website. Though it is an official document, it does not necessarily mean that every member apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, church, or member agrees with everything in it; just as is true with many denominations where individual pastors and/or churches do not necessarily agree with every point of a denomination’s SoF.

Primary areas of disagreement that many Christians have with the NAR are their beliefs about supernatural signs and wonders, apostolic and prophetic offices, receiving new revelation from God (new “words” from God similar to how 1st century apostles heard from God and were inspired by the Holy Spirit), the beginning of the Second Apostolic Age in 2001, and working to bring in the Kingdom of God on earth through the process of the Seven Mountain Mandate (pulling down the blessings of God from Heaven to earth and Dominionism).

Personal Thoughts

My interest as a journalist and Christian is whether the NAR claims are true. If they are, then Christians everywhere need to get on board quickly because God is on the move and “wills” that we all be involved in listening to His Word through the modern-day prophets and apostles and doing our part to “bring under the dominion of Christ” our “divinely assigned sphere of influence” (ICAL Statement of Faith). If the NAR claims are true, then the “eldership” of fivefold ministry offices (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) is here “to establish spiritual unity and the priesthood of all believers in Christ” and “the Kingdom of God on earth” (ICAL Statement of Faith). If God has chosen this time and method to bring His Kingdom to Earth, all Christians should hear and obey. However, if the claims of the NAR are not true, they need to be challenged and exposed.

Next eBook

The next eBook in the New Apostolic Reformation series will look at the ministry of “intercessors.” Remember that Peter Wagner taught that the function of *intercessors* was to “stand in the gap between the visible world and the invisible world.” Wagner went on to teach — “God gives them a supernatural ability to clear the pathway between heaven and Earth. When they succeed in removing the roadblocks that the enemy has erected, God’s voice can be heard much more clearly by those of us on Earth.”

Is that true? We’ll look at “intercessors” next.

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