Liop and Lamb Apologetics The New Apostolic Reformation Cornucopia of False Doctrine, Dominionism, Charismania and Deception

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The "New Apostolic Reformation" is a loosely knit association of churches and ministries with no absolute statement of beliefs or specifically defined doctrine. In this regard, it is true that the NAR is not a global conspiracy that is secretly holding meetings and making plans to dominate the world. On the other hand, there are millions and millions of people around the world who are unaware that their church or favorite ministry has all or most of the characteristics of the NAR. There's a good chance that a person holding to all, or most, of the NAR beliefs doesn't know that they've subscribed to those beliefs because they think it's just "ordinary Christianity."

<u>C. Peter Wagner (1930-2016)</u> invented the term "New Apostolic Reformation" and then pronounced himself God's appointed leader of it:

"I needed a name ... For a couple of years I experimented with 'Post denominationalism'. The name I have settled on for the movement is the New Apostolic Reformation." (Source: C. Peter Wagner, The New Apostolic Churches, Ventura CA; Regal, 1998, p. 18.)

Wagner presided over the commissioning ceremony of fraudulent preacher, Todd Bentley, at the "Lakeland Revival" in 2008. This is the day that the New Apostolic Reformation was at its most glorious and self-congratulatory peak. This day turned out to be <u>The Charismatic Day of Infamy</u>, and all of its "Super Apostles" were proven to be incompetent, unqualified and full of hot air.

This loosely knit association of churches and ministries has much in common with the <u>Latter Rain movement</u> and the <u>Word of Faith movement</u>. Supernatural Signs & Wonders; Dominionism; Joel's Army; The 7 Mountain Mandate; Third Wave Revivalism; Mike Bickle's <u>IHOP</u>; Bill Johnson's <u>Bethel Church</u>, The <u>Hillsong</u> Media Empire, Rick Joyner's <u>MorningStar Ministries</u>, Todd White's <u>Lifestyle Christianity</u>, Che Ahn's <u>Harvest</u> <u>International Ministries</u>, Randy Clark's <u>Global Awakening</u>, Lou Engle's <u>The Call</u>, John & Carol Arnott's <u>Catch the Fire/Toronto Blessing</u>,... these ministries share much of the same theology and so they *all* a part of this shape-shifting movement in one way or another. It is gobbling up churches and deceiving millions around the world.

Some key beliefs of the NAR are:

- We've entered a "2nd Apostolic Age" that is marked by increasing Signs & Wonders. In order for the Church to accomplish its mission, we need to be under "Apostolic Alignment," which means that God will fully function once the new instructions from these new apostles and prophets are obeyed.
- Christians should somehow take over the world in a way that's never happened before; the "7 Mountain Mandate" is the means for this to happen. Christians now have a great "Destiny" to achieve as royalty on the earth. We are to "Bring heaven to earth."



C. Peter Wagner N.A.R. "Founder"

- The Holy Spirit has introduced new demands that aren't taught in the Bible; fresh "Revival" is His new emphasis, so ongoing meetings, conventions and lengthy worship sessions are needed with rock bands, smoke machines and emotional speakers (who tend to yell a lot). The institution of the Christian Church is not nearly as important as this new move of God. We are told to constantly ask for more: "More Lord... more." (One thing for sure: there are always more and more conferences to attend.)
- Jesus is the example for us to duplicate-in fact, we should *literally* be doing "greater works than Him." This means we should all expect to raise the dead and heal anyone we want to at anytime. There are no leaders in the NAR who are actually doing these things, but they make great claims of having extraordinary power and ability. And if you buy their books/DVDs/conference tickets they promise to give you the "secret formula." This is the Theology of Glory, as opposed to the Theology of the Cross.

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- A great end time harvest/outpouring will occur once we battle enough demons, perform enough miracles and unify under these new Apostles, (who tend to yell a lot). There is supposed to be a "billion soul harvest" according to many in the NAR, although the Bible only speaks of an end time falling away defined by great signs and wonders.
- Although God is giving new revelation to his Prophets/Apostles they will make many mistakes in the process and that's okay, but following the Bible too closely makes you a "religious" and narrow-minded Pharisee. In the NAR, using your mind is generally bad but having a mystical and subjective experience is very good.
- In this new movement, we are to give people an Encounter with God, because the simple Gospel message is not enough. People need to see the power of God with their very eyes in order to believe (this is why we should be supernatural acts for people all the time). They do not need to understand the nature of their sin and their need for a Savior, however, as much as they need to know their identity as "sons and daughters of the King." So, fundamentally, conversion is a matter of finally understanding how special and lovable we are, not understanding how our sin deserves the wrath of God which Jesus took upon Himself on the cross.

Here are a number of different articles from different theological and denominational backgrounds that all agree that the "New Apostolic Reformation" isn't new, isn't apostolic and isn't a reformation:

- * <u>Resource: What Is the New Apostolic Reformation? (Many links and articles) by</u> <u>Church Watch Central</u>
- * New Apostolic Reformation 101-Interview with Holly Pivec and Chris Rosebrough
- * Debunking the False Kenotic Christology of the NAR by Chris Rosebrough
- * Is the N.A.R. a Cult? by Chris Rosebrough
- * <u>New Apostolic Reformation (many articles and links) by Sandy Simpson</u>
- * Does This String of Incredible Coincidences Connect Dr. Michael Brown to the NAR?
- * List of Direct Quotes from C. Peter Wagner by The Zedekiah List
- * <u>Chuck Pierce Speaking Directly for God-Add This to Your Bible at the Museum of</u> <u>Idolatry</u>
- * The New Apostolic Reformation by Apologetics Index
- * Interview With Sandy Simpson (with more links and info.) by Echo Zoe Radio

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- * The Roots and Fruits of the New Apostolic Reformation by Bob Dewaay
- * <u>C. Pete Wagner Alters the "7 Mountain Mandate"-An Act of Desperation by Steven</u> <u>Kozar</u>
- * The New Apostolic Reformation and Church Growth Movement by Elliott Nesch
- * The Changing of the Apostolic Guard: 13 Names to Watch by Holly Pivec
- * The C. Peter Wagner \$400 Apostolic Bargain!! at the Museum of Idolatry
- * The Apostles Who Don't Do Anything by Grace to You
- * Interview With Caryl Matrisciana: New Apostolic Reformation by Amy Spreeman
- * Dominionism and The NAR by Berean Research
- * Apostles and Prophets are the Foundation of the Church by Bob Dewaay
- * Heidi Baker's Demonic Impartation at Bethel Church
- * The New Apostolic Church Movement by Let Us Reason
- * What Is The New Apostolic Reformation? by Got Questions
- * Do Miracles, Signs and Wonders Create Faith? by Robert Liichow
- * Christianity Today Should Correct Heidi Baker NAR Story by Talk To Action
- * Debunking the Seven Mountains Mandate and the NAR by Chris Rosebrough
- * What's Wrong With the Passion (NAR)"Translation" Bible?
- * The New Apostolic End Times Scripture by Steven Kozar
- * <u>C. Peter Wagner's Apostolic Movement on Issues, Etc.</u>
- * The Apostolic and Prophetic Movement by Keith Gibson
- * Why I Must Speak Out Against the NAR and Bethel Church by Tony Miano
- * The Latter Rain Movement on Issues, Etc.
- The History of the Renewal Movement: Interview with Lyndon Unger on Echoe Zoe <u>Radio (with links and notes)</u>
- * The NAR: A Warning About Latter Day Apostles by Orrel Steinkamp
- * What Is Dominionism? by Apprising
- * I Refuse to Believe Bob Jones-I'm Staying Home by Steven Kozar
- * What Is The NAR? by Asleep No More
- * <u>C. Peter Wagner Spins the NAR by Herescope</u>
- * The NAR-You Will Know Them by Their Nuts by Church Watch Central

- * HAW and WOF NARpostles by Church Watch Central
- * The New Order of the Latter Rain by Spirit Watch
- * Quick Thoughts: What is the Seven Mountain Mandate? by Lyndon Unger
- * The Six Hallmarks of a NAR church by Berean Examiner
- * Todd White-How to Read Your(self into the) Bible by Steven Kozar
- * Magic Charms Enchant Apostolic-Prophetic Movement by Holly Pivec
- The Charismatic Day of Infamy (The NAR doesn't want you to know about) by Steven Kozar
- * How to Spot a NAR Book by Holly Pivec
- * The Spiritual Map of George Otis and the NAR by Doug Evans
- * <u>C. Peter Wagner Resource Page by Beyond Grace (multiple articles & links)</u>
- * The Grip of the Cult-like New Apostolic Reformation by Famine in the Land

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!" (Galatians 1:6-9)

"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

"Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness." (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12)

Here are <u>some shocking things</u> that NAR leaders don't want you to know. And here is an article that will help you see past all the layers of <u>deception in the church</u>.

The NAR "Super Apostles" *don't* want you to know about their involvement in the **Charismatic Day of Infamy**.



This is from the Global Harvest Ministries (C. Peter Wagner) website.

This article by Steven Kozar; check out his new and improved: <u>The Messed Up Church</u> <u>website</u>!

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