

Why You Must Take Dominion Over Everything



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C. Peter Wagner explains why our focus should be on advancing, not escaping.

(In this document all red letters are inserted by Dr. Don G Pickney for analysis)

I can still remember prophecy teachers who tacked rows of charts and diagrams on the church wall and explained spell-binding details of the past, present and future. I cut my spiritual teeth on the Scofield Bible and devoured Hal Lindsey's *The Late Great Planet Earth*. My seminary professors instructed me in pre-tribulationism and premillennialism. I quickly categorized anyone who disagreed as a "liberal."

Now I look back on those days with a strange combination of regret and amusement. How is it that I was so wrong for so long? As I analyze my change, I can sum it up by admitting that I simply did not understand the kingdom of God.

Let me explain what I mean by starting with the Great Commission. The Great Commission has been central to my life. I committed myself to missions the night I was saved when I was 19. I spent my first 16 years of ministry as a field missionary and the next 30 as a professor of missions.

My heart's desire was to help fulfill Jesus' mandate to "make disciples of all nations." However, the time came when I had to make a radical shift in the way I interpreted those words of Jesus.

Formerly, I thought my task was to go to as many nations of the world as possible and save as many souls as possible and plant as many churches as possible. Now I take the Great Commission more literally when it tells us not to make as many individual disciples as we can but to disciple whole social groups—such as entire nations. This is kingdom theology.

When God created Adam and Eve, He told them to take dominion over all His creation (see Gen. 1:28). **NOTE: He believes Adam & Eve's authority was in the Kingdom of God! This was God's plan until Satan succeeded in persuading Adam to obey him rather than God. The result was that Satan usurped Adam's authority and took dominion himself.**

But Jesus came as the second Adam. He brought the kingdom of God to earth and sent His disciples out to preach the gospel of the kingdom. He has now commissioned us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to advance His kingdom, to push Satan's kingdom back and to retake the dominion that rightly belongs to the human race. **NOTE: (So he believes the Kingdom of God belongs to the Human race!!)**

This is the Great Commission. **NOTE: ??? (The Great Commission is to retake the dominion that rightly belongs to the Human race????) It still includes healing the sick, casting out demons, saving souls, multiplying churches and feeding the hungry, but it goes far beyond these activities.** It is putting feet to the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray: **"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."**

How has this played out? **The human race is enormously better off now than it was when Jesus died and was raised from the dead 2,000 years ago!** **NOTE: (The human race is just as lost as it was before Jesus died!) Satan is losing ground more and more rapidly.**

Those who think the world is getting worse and worse are missing the big picture of human history. I now regard my former pre-tribulationism and premillennialism as escapist eschatology. **NOTE: (He clearly no longer believes in the rapture of the Church!) NOTE: (Lance Walnau, one of the NAR Prophets, teaches that at the beginning (not prior to) of the Millennial reign of Christ, the NAR will have brought all the nations into a "proper alignment" [a term often used in their theology] and then Christ will come to the earth and there will be a "sort of" rapture effect in which all of those in Christ's kingdom will feel an kind of glory as they are lifted up into immortality then settle back onto the earth to take their places in dominion.)**

I do not plan to give any territory back to Satan or his Antichrist. Yes, there will be setbacks, but the advances will far outnumber them. **Instead of an escapist eschatology, I expound a victorious eschatology!**

My favorite term is "dominion eschatology." Why? Because Jesus did not give His Great Commission in vain.

The battle will be ferocious, and we will suffer some casualties along the way. However, we will continue to push Satan back and disciple whole nations.

We are aggressively retaking dominion, and the rate at which this is happening will soon become exponential. The day will come when “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever” (Rev. 11:15, NKJV)!

The late C. Peter Wagner was president of Global Harvest Ministries (globalharvest.org), chancellor of Wagner Leadership Institute and Chief presiding apostle of the International Coalition of Apostles. He has written numerous books, including Dominion! (Chosen).

US Apostolic Network Mission Statement

The **US Apostolic Network** is a network overseen by **New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)** Apostle Dutch Sheets. He was regarded by the late C. Peter Wagner as a significant apostle in developing the New Apostolic Reformation to **REFORM** America, this endorsement is found on the US Apostolic Alliance (USAA) website:

“God has His hand on America to bring our nation back into its ‘proper alignment.’
NOTE: (This term is often used by the NAR prophets and intercessors, but never seems to be clearly defined) **A major key to making this happen is the formation of the U.S. Apostolic Alliance.** Few have the clear, practical vision and the passion for mobilizing our nation’s apostolic and prophetic leaders, region by region, than Apostle Dutch Sheets. **I am excited to be a part of Dutch’s apostolic team, and I believe we are going to witness giant steps toward seeing our land reflect the kingdom of God** in very near future.”

C. Peter Wagner, Presiding Apostle
International Coalition of Apostles

On Dutch Sheets’ USAA “About Us” site, Sheets talks about how God gave a blueprint, to ‘Dr. Wagner, Chuck Pierce, Robert Henderson, and me (Sheets)’, how to ‘expand from relational apostolic networks primarily, to functional apostolic alliances, as well’. To accomplish **‘regional transformation’** – or as Sheets said earlier, **‘cultural change’**.

Dutch Sheets writes,

“My dear friend and partner in ministry Chuck Pierce stated prophetically to me that there was a major shift coming to the **United States Apostolic Reformation**. He then challenged me to hear from the Holy Spirit as to what this new phase looked like and what my leadership role in it was to be. Chuck felt that this new assignment for my life was what Dr. Peter Wagner had seen in a dream concerning me. In Peter’s dream I had

moved into the driver's seat of a vehicle in which he and I were riding. We were left to interpret what that "vehicle" represented. The three of us now believe it was the United States Apostolic Reformation with all three of its components.

The plan involves taking the apostolic, prophetic and prayer movements to a much more practical level, **resulting in regional transformation**. Most of us in the Apostolic Reformation have been transformed by the movement individually, as have our congregations and networks. However, if we are honest, we must acknowledge that for most of us this has not resulted in regional cultural change. For this to occur, we must expand from relational apostolic networks primarily, to functional apostolic alliances, as well. God has given us (Dr. Wagner, Chuck Pierce, Robert Henderson, and me) a blueprint to accomplish this.

This new phase is not just for the apostolic leader of a local congregation or network, but for all of us who consider ourselves a part of this movement. If our stream has realized anything in the past 15-20 years, it is that the walls must come down between the pulpit and pew. We are all called to ministry! If you consider yourself a part of this Apostolic Reformation and are ready to see it move into its reforming stage, we invite you to align yourself with the United States Apostolic Alliance."

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Dutch has been in the ministry for 29 years, being ordained at the young age of 23. He has ministered in many nations and cities preaching the cause of Christ. Dutch travels extensively, bringing breakthrough and re-digging wells of revival in this nation. He is a conference speaker, author, Bible college lecturer, and has been a guest on Christian television including *The 700 Club*, *It's a New Day*, the *Inspiration Network*, the *LeSea Network* and *Trinity Broadcasting Network*. Dutch is also Senior Pastor of *Freedom Church* in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he has pastored for 15 years.

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Robert Henderson, Founder and President of Robert Henderson Ministries, has been at the forefront of the Apostolic Reformation and is recognized for his passion to bring apostolic alignment to the Church and the business world. Founder and leader of multiple apostolic networks, Robert travels throughout the nation ministering and equipping churches and networks to function in the areas of Breakthrough, Firstfruits and Signs & Wonders.

With a passion and a commission from God to see His fame declared throughout the earth, Robert has ministered across North America, South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. Throughout his 24 years of ministry he has birthed and raised to maturity an apostolic center, founded a Bible School, planted churches and authored books including his recent release: *The Caused Blessing: Connecting to Apostolic Power Through Strategic Giving* and his most recent release: *Consecrated Business: Apostolically Aligning the Marketplace*. Robert has appeared as a guest on This Is Your Day, The Jim Bakker Show, Celebration with Marcus and Joni Lamb as well as hosting his own television program, The Day of His Power, airing on SkyAngel and Total Christian Television.

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His outspoken advocacy of praying for the sick, spiritual mapping, identificational repentance, the ministry and role of apostles and prophets in the church today, and demonic deliverance have identified Peter as a pioneer in the arena of spiritual warfare. Perhaps his most significant contribution so far has been his relentless effort to promote strategic and effective prayer. Peter and Doris have three adult children, and seven grandchildren.

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He presently serves on various national Boards of ministries throughout our nation. He is on the Executive Board of the International Coalition of Apostles, the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders, and the International Society of Deliverance Ministers. Chuck is also a member of the International Federation of Churches and Ministers. He coordinates prayer for many of the major spiritual events and gatherings around the world. He also serves as National Apostle of the U.S. Global Apostolic Prayer Network. He has six children with his wife Pam.

YEAR IN REVIEW: The New Apostolic Reformation

CHARISMA MEDIA - [C. PETER WAGNER](#)



Editor's Note: As the end of 2018 approaches, Charisma is looking back at the major events of the year, from Billy Graham's death to sexual assault stories to wildfires to the historic North Korea summit and everything in between. The following is one of our top stories of the year. The information presented in the story was accurate at the time of reporting. Continue to follow Charisma News for all the latest updates for these stories and more.

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NPR on Wednesday published an [article](#) called, "The New Apostolic Reformation: The Evangelicals Engaged in Spiritual Warfare." The article names C. Peter Wagner as the movement's architect and ties Texas Gov. Rick Perry and other politicians to NAR in a negative light. Wagner has been observing how the media is working to taint Christian political candidates with false notions about the NAR and wrote the following article to explain what the NAR is—and what the NAR is not.

Surprisingly, the New Apostolic Reformation has recently become a topic of discussion in the political media. I noticed some mention of it in connection with Sarah Palin's run for vice president, but I considered it relatively insignificant. Then more talk of the NAR surfaced around Michelle Bachman, but it soared to a new level when Rick Perry entered the race for the Republican nomination for President in August.

The best I can discern, the NAR has become a tool in the hands of certain liberal opponents of the conservative candidates designed to discredit them on the basis of their friendship with certain Christian leaders supposedly affiliated with the NAR. To bolster this attempt, they seek to accuse the NAR of teaching false doctrine and paste on it the label of "cult." For example, Forgotten Word Ministries posts an article by Marsha West expressing concerns about Rick Perry's prayer assembly in Houston on August 6, that uses the title: "Texas Governor's Upcoming Leadership Event Includes Cult Members."

Soon after the event, nothing less than Al-Jazeera News picked up on the theme and posted an article on the NAR under the title "America's own Taliban." My name comes up in most of the Internet postings on NAR, but in this one I am called the "intellectual godfather" of the movement. When I read that, I felt that I had a responsibility to attempt to bring some clarification as to what the NAR is, what are its goals, and how these goals are being implemented.

What Is the NAR?

Those who affiliate with it believe the Apostles' Creed and all the standard classic statements of Christian doctrine. It will surprise some to know that the NAR embraces the largest non-Catholic segment of world Christianity. It is also the fastest growing segment, the only segment of Christianity currently growing faster than the world population and faster than Islam. Christianity is booming now in the Global South which includes sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and large parts of Asia. Most of the new churches in the Global South, even including many which belong to denominations, would comfortably fit the NAR template.

The NAR represents the most radical change in the way of doing church since the Protestant Reformation. This is not a doctrinal change. We adhere to the major tenets of the Reformation: the authority of Scripture, justification by faith, and the priesthood of all believers. But the quality of church life, the governance of the church, the worship, the theology of prayer, the missional goals, **the optimistic vision for the future**, and other features, constitute quite a change from traditional Protestantism.

The NAR is not an organization. No one can join or carry a card. It has no single leader. I have been called the "founder," but this is not the case. One reason I might be seen as an "intellectual godfather" is that I might have been the first to observe the movement, give a name to it, and describe its characteristics as I saw them. When this began to come together through my research in 1993, I was professor of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary, where I taught for 30 years.

Concerns about the NAR

If the critics are using openness to NAR as a slur against conservative political candidates, they obviously need to verbalize what could be wrong with NAR in the first place. To suppose that

NAR is a “cult” or that it teaches “heresy” can be attributed only to sloppy or immature journalism. All too often “heresy” has come to mean only that the person disagrees with me and my friends, but the purpose of using the word is to project guilt by association on the politician. It attempts to implant a question: Who would vote for a heretic? But there is little evidence presented that the issue in question incorporates the doctrinal unorthodoxy of a true heresy. Instead, key words are usually dropped which describe legitimate areas of disagreement among Christian theologians on the level of whether or not we baptize infants. Neither of the opposite positions on matters like this deserve to be placed in the category of heresy.

Let me review the media pieces I have collected and pick out some key words in order to clarify my position. I say “my position,” because others in NAR might not agree with me, and they are not compelled to do so. NAR has no official statements of theology or ecclesiology, although a large number of us do happen to agree upon many somewhat radical conclusions. Most of us have long track records of service within traditional Christianity, and we have needed to go through paradigm shifts to get where we are now. Keep in mind that one of the affects of every paradigm shift is that some people get pulled out of their comfort zones. One of the reasons for opposition to some of the more radical ideas of NAR is that certain people have decided not to change and they are upset with those who have chosen to change.

Apostolic governance. As I mentioned before, this is probably the most radical change. I take literally St. Paul’s words that Jesus, at His ascension into heaven, “gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:11-12). Most of traditional Christianity accepts evangelists, pastors, and teachers, but not apostles and prophets. I think that all five are given to be active in churches today. In fact, St. Paul goes on to say, “And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers...” (1 Corinthians 12:28). This does not describe a hierarchy, but a divine order. Apostles are first in that order.

I strongly object to journalists using the adjective “self-appointed” or “self-declared” when referring to apostles. No true apostle is self-appointed. First of all, they are gifted by God for that ministry. Secondly, the gift and its fruit are recognized by peers and the apostle is “set in” or “commissioned” to the office of apostle by other respected and qualified leaders.

The office of prophet. Prophets are prominent in the Bible, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. As we just saw above, apostles are first and prophets are second. Every apostle **needs alignment with prophets** and **every prophet needs apostolic alignment**. One of the reasons why both should be active in our churches today is that the Bible says, “Surely God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). And also: “Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe His prophets and you shall prosper” (2 Chronicles 20:20). I want to prosper and I want you to prosper.

Dominionism. This refers to the desire that some of my friends and I have to follow Jesus and do what He wants. **One of the things He does want He taught us to pray for in the Lord’s Prayer: “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”** This means that we do our best **to see that what we know is characteristic of heaven work its way into the warp and woof of our society here on earth. Think of heaven: no injustice, no poverty, righteousness, peace, prosperity, no disease, love, no corruption, no crime, no misery, no**

racism, and I could go on. Wouldn't you like your city to display those characteristics?

NOTE: (This is a distortion of truth. Jesus did not say to pray that "earth be exactly as the way it is in Heaven." He merely prayed that "God's will [whatever that may be] be done in earth, even as His will is done in Heaven." Pay close attention and you will see this distortion plays a chief role in every part of the 7-Mountain Mandate of the NAR movement.)

But where does dominion come in? On the first page of the Bible, God told Adam and Eve to "fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, etc." (Genesis 1:28). **Adam, Eve, and the whole human race were to take dominion over the rest of creation, but Satan entered the picture, succeeded in usurping Adam's dominion for himself** and became what Jesus calls "the ruler of this world" (John 14:30). When Jesus came, He brought the kingdom of God and He expects His kingdom-minded people to take whatever action is needed to push back the long-standing kingdom of Satan and **bring the peace and prosperity of His kingdom here on earth. This is what we mean by dominionism.** NOTE: (Again, this is not indicative of the Kingdom of God which is a spiritual kingdom within us.)

A theocracy. The usual meaning of theocracy is that a nation is run by authorized representatives of the church or its functional religious equivalent. Everyone I know in NAR would absolutely reject this idea, thinking back to Constantine's failed experiment or some of the oppressive Islamic governments today. The way to achieve dominion is not to become "America's Taliban," but rather **to have kingdom-minded people in every one of the Seven Mountains: Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts & Entertainment, and Business so that they can use their influence to create an environment in which the blessings and prosperity of the Kingdom of God can permeate all areas of society.** NOTE: (Blessings and prosperity of the Kingdom of God CANNOT permeate all areas of society with blessings and prosperity because: "the whole world lies in darkness." 1John 5:19 "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.")

Extra-biblical revelation. Some object to the notion that God communicates directly with us, supposing that everything that God wanted to reveal He revealed in the Bible. This cannot be true, however, because there is nothing in the Bible that says it has 66 books. It actually took God a couple of hundred years to reveal to the church which writings should be included in the Bible and which should not. That is extra-biblical revelation. Even so, Catholics and Protestants still disagree on the number. Beyond that, I believe that prayer is two way, we speak to God and expect Him to speak with us. We can hear God's voice. He also reveals new things to prophets as we have seen. The one major rule governing any new revelation from God is that it cannot contradict what has already been written in the Bible. It may supplement it, however.

Supernatural signs and wonders. I have a hard time understanding why some include this in their list of "heresies." Whenever Jesus sent out His disciples He told them to heal the sick and cast out demons. Why we should expect that He has anything else in mind for us today is puzzling. True, this still pulls some traditionalists out of their comfort zones, but that just goes with the territory. One critic claimed that the NAR has excessive fixation on Satan and demonic spirits. This is purely a judgment call, and it may only mean that we cast out more demons than they do. So what?

Relational Structures

Some of the authors I read expressed certain frustrations because they found it difficult to get their arms around the NAR. They couldn't find a top leader or even a leadership team. There was no newsletter. The NAR didn't have an annual meeting. There was no printed doctrinal statement or code of ethics. This was very different from dealing with traditional denominations. The reason behind this is that, whereas denominations are legal structures, the NAR is a relational structure. Everyone is related to, or aligned, with an apostle or apostles. This alignment is voluntary. There is no legal tie that binds it. In fact, some have dual alignment or multiple alignment. Apostles are not in competition with each other, they are in cahoots. They do not seek the best for themselves, but for those who choose to align with them. If the spotlight comes on them, they will accept it, but they do not seek it.

The key to this? The mutual and overriding desire that “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!”

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