

Part 1:

The Global Day of Prayer

By Sarah Leslie

*Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?
Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?*
(Job 38:33)

“Over the past five years a vision was born and is being realized that is and has been the blessing of millions of people and whole continents. This dream has been the hope of many, including the prophets, and is now being joined with a critical mass and modern technology to bless the earth. Certainly, this story represents a call and a movement of God. Soon, the whole earth will be affected.”

<http://www.gdop-usa.com/History.html>

On May 15, 2005, Pentecost Sunday, the Latter Rain apostles have cooked up the biggest prayer extravaganza that the world has ever seen. Stadiums all over the world are to be filled with believers who pray scripted prayers in unison while watching others do the same via high tech satellite hook-ups.

A poster advertising the Global Day of Prayer claims that “On Sunday, May 15 The greatest power known to man will be released.” Promotional material all across the globe promises that if God’s people get together and pray with “one voice” in “one day” that “God will reveal His *glory* and *bless* the nations of the earth.” These two words, “glory” and “blessing,” are key words for this event.

“How can you be against prayer?”

Before proceeding, it is necessary to answer this question. No sincere Christian is “against prayer.” That is a ridiculous and fallacious argument! This report provides Christians with some solid biblical reasons to separate themselves from participating in this specific event.

History and Background

According to the press kit “spin” on numerous Internet websites, the Global Day of Prayer (GDOP) idea came about because of two visions given to Graham Power, a South African businessman and new convert, who envisioned Africa becoming the “Light to the world.”

On March 2001, 45,000 Christians gathered for prayer in Cape Town. The following year eight other towns participated and the event was televised.

Next a strategy was developed to take this “Transformation Africa” globally. There was a small African summit in 2002, and the International Prayer Counsel consultation decided on a course to launch a Global Day of Prayer by 2005.

Following this, on May 1, 2004, there was a larger “Day of Repentance and Prayer for Africa.” Then on May 2, 2004, there was a “Canopy of Prayer” across the continent with a reported 22 million participants.

Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2005, is referred to as “Stage V: Global Transformation – Every Nation.” It is a plan to bring in a “Greater Pentecost.” Its scope is unprecedented. “The plan is to start praying as the sun rises in New Zealand until the Sun sets in the United States.” GDOP is actually more than a one day event. It is scheduled to happen in three phases:

Phase I: May 6-15 is ten days of organized prayer from the Day of Ascension through Pentecost.

Phase II: The Global Day of Prayer, May 15, 2005.

Phase III: 90 days of Blessing: “community transformations and a compassionate Plan of Action.”

The Global Day of Prayer “process” is scheduled for the next five years until 2010 “in order to build momentum and fill the earth.” Official histories can be found at these websites, among others:

<http://www.religionjournal.com/showarticle.asp?id=1918>

<http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/background.asp>

<http://www.americandaily.com/article/5861>

The history leading up to this event is actually more complex. It is intricately connected to the Fuller Theological Seminary Latter Rain leaders. It is the tip of an iceberg – part of a much bigger plan to change the way people pray and live their lives. Prayer is proving to be a useful tool to make everyone feel like they are “stakeholders” in the coming global transformation of church and society. Prayer activities are also a good way to infuse new doctrines. In some promotional literature, the GDOP is referred to as “grassroots,” but that is misleading. There is very little “local” other than the location. This is a global Plan.

Vonette Bright, wife of Bill Bright of Campus Crusade, is credited with launching the worldwide prayer movement at the Seoul, Korea International Prayer Assembly for World Evangelisation in 1984. This event launched a whole new style of public prayer activity: prayer marches, prayer journeys, Jesus Marches, lighthouses, prayer concerts, prayer canopies, and prayer initiatives. New doctrines about prayer were concocted and promoted by C. Peter Wagner, John Dawson, Cindy Jacobs, Ed Silvano, John Maxwell, Chuck Pierce, Dick Eastman, Luis Bush, George Otis and others. These new doctrines included: strategic-level spiritual warfare, identificational repentance, prayer evangelism, personal intercession for leaders, two-way prayer, on-site praying, city transformation, commitment to the land (territory) and spiritual mapping (databanking research).

“The gravitational centre of the GDOP is in South Africa,” says one promotional piece. Indeed, Africa has been “ground zero” for spiritual experimentation (known as “transformation”) for well over a decade now. In 1990, Thomas Wang (AD2000) spoke at a “Bless the Nations” conference in South Africa in an attempt to create a new Student Volunteer Movement. In a May 2000 International Christian Chamber of Commerce bi-annual meeting, “J. Gunnar Olson, founder of the ICCC, made a prophetic proclamation over the nation of Africa.” In November 2002, World Vision’s Office of Prayer Mobilization staged the International Prayer Leaders Consultation (International Prayer Council) in Cape Town to connect and coordinate prayer networks worldwide. David Bryant wrote about it, saying that “heaven came down!” and there was a “spiritual explosion.” By 2004, the prayer movement in Africa had gone global. At the Lausanne Conference in Thailand, “70 prayer leaders from each of the major regions of the world met to consult and plan for the Global Day of Prayer.”

Visiting Africa with the “transformation,” “prayer,” and “leadership” themes over the past several years are well-known evangelical leaders such as Rick Warren, Bruce Wilkinson (who relocated there), Brian McLaren (emerging church), Landa Cope (YWAM), John Maxwell, Bill Hybels, Tony Campolo, and Ed Silvano,

<http://www.oneinamillionprayer.com/site/apps/nl/content.asp?>

<http://www.joelnews.org/news-en/jn424.htm>

<http://www.ad2000.org/re00623.htm>

<http://www.globalvisionresources.com/>

http://www.sacla.za.net/public_html/9calender/9citywidevision.htm

<http://www.turnthetide.net>

<http://www.transformationafrica.com>

<http://www.africanenterprise.org.za/sacla/talks.htm>

<http://www.africanenterprise.org.za/sacla/edsilvano.htm>

http://www.sacla.za.net/public_html/4saclaii/talks/talks.htm

http://www.sacla.za.net/public_html/4saclaii/talks/landa%20cope.pdf

<http://www.worldvisionresources.com/newsletters/mar03-1.pdf>

<http://www.jesus.org/uk/dawn/2002/dawn47.html>

<http://copi.gospelcom.net/writings/praymag/pm035.html>

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2003/011/1.44.html>

<http://www.ccnews.org/index.php?mod=Page&pageid=46>

<http://www.transform-world.net/focusgroupall.asp?id=2#>

<http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/docs/Background%20on%20TA.doc>

Facts about the Global Day of Prayer

The entire worldwide event, “the largest teleconference of its kind,” is going to be broadcast by satellite and Internet. The plans are “fluid” right now according to the www.gdopusa.org website. Teleconferencing will be done by Greater Calling, Inc. This company is “a non-profit Christian teleconferencing ministry that allows people worldwide to unite in simultaneous prayer through an innovative and cost-effective use of teleconferencing technology.” Moody Radio plans to broadcast the event.

Currently there are 124 prayer sites in the United States. Preludes to this event in this country include the National Day of Prayer and the Nationally Broadcast Concert of Prayer on May 5th, and the March for Jesus on May 14th. That night is also Whole Night, an overnight prayer vigil for youth (www.wholenight.com).

Major cities across the United State and the world have set up websites to promote the GDOP. On these websites one can see the church partners, business partners, and community partners from each local area. One can download materials such as calendars, bulletin inserts, prayer manuals, promotion strategies and press releases. Different websites include different materials. In fact, so widespread is the support for the GDOP, that one can find promotional references to it on almost every major evangelical organization website. Key websites for information include:

<http://www.prayerweek.com>
<http://www.transformationafrica.com>
<http://www.concertofprayer.com>
<http://www.globaldayofprayer.com>
<http://www.waymakers.org>
<http://www.jwipn.com>

One can find a sample Global Day of Prayer service at: <http://www.gdopusa.org>. The Word of God is not to be preached. "It is wise to simply forbid speeches, homilies, challenges so that the event is consecrated as a session of extraordinary prayer," reads the "Program Ideas" section. An offering will be taken, but there are very few guidelines for using the funds.

The ten days between the Day of Ascension (May 5th) and Pentecost Sunday (May 15th, the Global Day of Prayer) have scripted activities and prayers for each day. This prayer guide is posted on numerous websites.

Partnering with business is a unique and essential feature of the GDOP. According to www.faihandworkresources.com, "Business and ministry leaders are leading the way" for the Global Day of Prayer. The International Coalition of Workplace Ministries is one such organization. Os Hillman of ICWM and the Atlanta Global Day of Prayer has written a number of articles about how cities and marketplaces can be "transformed." Business leaders are referred to as "gatekeepers" and "catalysts" and potential "financiers" for "transformation." Peter Drucker, Bob Buford, C. Peter Wagner and Alistair Petrie are just a few of the architects of this city-wide and marketplace transformation movement. Businessman Graham Power, who founded "Transformation Africa" and heads up the GDOP, lists C. Peter Wagner as his advisor in the Transform World Market Place.

www.marketplaceleaders.org,
<http://www.globalharvestministries.org>
<http://sss.icwm.net>
<http://www.transform-world.net/focusgroupall.asp?id=2#>

Ted Haggard, President of the National Association of Evangelicals, whose church in Colorado Springs houses the World Prayer Center, issued a press statement in support of the GDOP event:

Christian prayer enhances life and light, while at the same time diminishes darkness. The Global Day of Prayer provides an opportunity for Christians world-wide to pray, worship and fellowship. I highly encourage all Christians to participate, and urge all Christian leaders to inform others about the importance of unified, biblical intercession. This is an unprecedented opportunity for unified intercession with millions of others world-wide. There is no reason not to participate in the Global Day of Prayer, May 15th.

The GDOP doctrinal agenda

What follows are some key quotes and phrases from documents connected directly with, or promoting, the Global Day of Prayer. The quotes are taken from websites already mentioned unless otherwise cited. These quotes shed considerable light on the doctrines that undergird this event. The reader is encouraged to exercise grave caution and discernment while reading this material. The error is very subtle. Ask hard questions. Consider the whole counsel of Scripture. An explanation about the doctrines that these quotations embody can be found in the next section.

- **Description:** Ten Days of Prayer toward a Greater Pentecost, The Glory of Christ and the Transformation of the Nations.
- **Vision:** With the Book of Acts as our model, to **reveal God's glory on earth** by: mobilizing millions of Christians in every nation to pray with one voice culminating in one day, to ask God to **Bless the Nations of the Earth**. Then, Collaborating as One Body, proceed to be the instruments through which God answers these prayers. [emphasis in original]
- **Mission:** "*Globalizing Prayer, Revealing God's Glory*"
- Building a canopy of prayer over all the continents.

- “for the healing of the nations... and for the glory of the Lord to fill the whole earth.... a major catalyst.” (<http://www.houstonprays.com>.)
- “Continue to pray and contend for the kingdom of God to be release [sic] & revealed ‘on earth as it is in heaven.’”
- “Yet, what a better way to hasten His coming...”
- “...work toward the healing of the nations.”
- “...to pray for the healing and blessing of the nations.”
- “...praying in one accord for the biblical hope of Christ’s greater glory and the transformation of all nations.”
- “...breakthrough blessing... blessing of His kingdom... lasting transformation.”
- “...pray persistently for promises of His kingdom to be fulfilled.”
- “The Global Day of Prayer becomes a catalytic moment....”
- **The Lord Jesus Christ** – appealing to Jesus to overcome evil to accomplish His purposes.”
- **The King of Glory** – inviting Jesus to come, filling the world with His glory.”
- “praying that God would make us to become the blessing by His Spirit....”
- “Leader 6 prays that God would subdue evil under Christ’s Lordship....”
- “Leader 7 expresses the cry that Jesus would visit the community in transforming power. Pray in vigorous hope that every people and nation would soon experience the powerful transforming presence of Jesus at work through His people. Express expectant confidence that Jesus will soon accomplish all the Father’s purpose and break open the skies to fill the earth with His manifest glory.”

The following prayers are listed in the Prayer Guide for the 10 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday:

- “That once again, God would pour out from heaven that which can be seen and heard by everyone.”
- “For God to bring outbreaks of Christ’s peace all over the world...”
- “For God to raise up the coming generation to fulfill His promises by the power and Spirit of God.”
- “For Christians to live with expectancy for the promises of transformation to be fulfilled in their lifetimes.”
- “For the righteousness and justice of God to transform the ways of commerce and politics.”
- “For the peace of Christ’s kingdom to change the way cities and nations are governed.”

The following prayers are in the GDOP “A Prayer for the World,” a lengthy scripted prayer that is supposed to be recited in unison on the Global Day of Prayer:

- “Let Your Kingdom be established in every nation of this world so that governments will rule with righteousness and justice.”
- “May your blessing bring transformation amidst every people on earth. And may Your glory cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.”
- “Empower the Church to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ.”
- “Give us wisdom and insight in every sphere of life.”
- “You will defeat all powers of evil.”
- **“King of Glory**, we invite You to come to the nations of the world... to restore all things. We welcome You to finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations.”

What these words really mean

These are Latter Rain teachings. The doctrines are readily recognizable as such. If the reader is unfamiliar with the background on the Latter Rain cult, its teachings and how it mainstreamed itself over the past 60 years into the evangelical mainstream, please visit the Discernment Ministries website (<http://www.discernment-ministries.org>) and its links, and/or purchase the excellent resource materials listed in this newsletter. What follows is a brief explanation of the particular Latter Rain doctrines in evidence in the Global Day of Prayer.

One key Latter Rain doctrine is dominion. It is inextricably linked to a heresy that the Body of Christ can *incarnate* Christ and therefore wield His authority on earth. Because the term “dominion” reveals too much, the words “transformation” and “healing,” and “blessing” are now widely substituted. These doctrines are succinctly summarized by researcher Mike Oppenheimer in a series of website reports on the history and doctrines of Latter Rain:

Some believe that the second coming of Jesus is to be “in the Church,” before he comes for the Church. That the Church, his body will actually become Christ on earth, glorious and triumphant. They will go Conquer the land and then rule the nations with a rod of iron. Some believe that after the Church has taken dominion over the nations, she will hasten the day that will call Jesus back to earth and hand the nations over to Him. (<http://www.letusreason.org/Latrain1.htm>)

Another key Latter Rain doctrine has to do with “blessing.” This doctrine is explained well by researcher Ed Tarkowski:

1. [Biblical truth states that] Christ is the one who blesses the nations by giving the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Him and His finished work. This was fulfilled at Pentecost and is ongoing. The recipients of the blessing are those who receive the Spirit because of their faith in Christ: “Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?” (Galatians 3:2). Those who do not believe in Him are excluded from the blessing.

Latter Rain teaches that every person on earth is to receive this blessing, called “the anointing,” through the Church, not from Christ personally and through faith in Him. In other words, the recipients replace Christ by themselves becoming “distributors” of the spirit based on their own intercession. This redefines the Abrahamic Blessing as... [“blessing the nations”] making it man-delivered instead of God-sent.

2. In Latter Rain teaching, the Church intercedes for the nations, and then God releases the blessings promised to Abraham through their efforts to TAKE “the Blessing” to the nations. Salvation is moved from a personal level to a territorial one, with emphasis on “taking the land” or nations. Then after all have received what is offered and the earth is cleansed of all who would not receive, God's Kingdom can be supposedly set up.

3. Latter Rain teaches that the blessing of Abraham will be released into the nations as the Church celebrates the Feast of Tabernacles or the Ingathering of the Harvest. But the promise was fulfilled when Christ sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Therefore, any spirit “released” through the “new” Israel celebrating [Pentecost or] Tabernacles now cannot be the Holy Spirit. The Feast of Tabernacles is not a vehicle to unite the world, but is the main feast to be celebrated in the millennium after Christ establishes His reign (Zech 14).

4. [Biblical truth states that the] Spirit seals all believers as God's guarantee that when Christ returns to judge the nations and establish His rule, we will receive all of God's promises.

But Latter Rain teaches that the Church is the promised seed (corporate) which enters into its inheritance by 1) celebrating the Feast of Atonement, 2) experiencing Pentecost, and 3) entering the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. The expected outcome of this “journey” is that Christ becomes incarnate in His perfected members, bringing them immortality and enabling them to be His endtime army, Joel's Army. As they take “the blessing” of Abraham... to the nations, this Army ESTABLISHES that which Scripture says they are to INHERIT: the Kingdom of God (Matthew 25:34)....

In Latter Rain teaching, the Corporate Seed [the Church, ed.] will supposedly fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant because - hear this - ABRAHAM FAILED AT IT, JESUS FAILED AT IT AND THE DISCIPLES FAILED TO FULFILL IT.... Latter Rainist Alan Vincent, for instance, teaches that EVERY city and family on earth is to receive this blessing through the Church. (Part 3 of “A Brief History of the Redefined Abrahamic Covenant” at <http://www.velocity.net/~edju/Abraham2.htm>)

The entire Tarkowski Internet report is particularly relevant to the Global Day of Prayer and readers are encouraged to read it. In his report, Tarkowski discusses how, in the late 1980s, Ralph Winter at the U.S. Center for World Missions wrote seminal articles for *Mission Frontiers Magazine*, in which he re-defined the Abrahamic Covenant. Winter claimed that the Church was given a “secret mission” to finish the work of Christ on earth, a Great Commission mandate, a command to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant by “blessing” the peoples of the earth with dominion. According to Tarkowski, “Winter has redefined the Abrahamic Covenant and placed a call to the Church to go forth with the Great Commission to extend the rule of God.”

Winter also taught that Christ has “unfinished work” on the cross, and therefore we, the church, are required to finish His work for Him. In the same article, “The Work of the Savior,” Winter states, “I believe we must face the fact that the Bible is not merely God’s primary instrument of revelation. The Bible clearly expounds the intended non-disclosure of God.” (*Mission Frontiers*, Feb. 1987)

These new doctrines caught on like wildfire. This was the spark that set off the modern global missions movement. This point is exceptionally well-documented by Al Dager in his recent book, *The World Christian Movement* (available from Discernment Ministries). Christians were told that “all of the peoples of the earth” would be “blessed” by the activity of “making disciples of all nations.” That, we are to “teach the nations to obey everything God has commanded us... [and] establish God’s kingdom. We are to help the nations see that they are already subject to His authority; they must now acknowledge and submit to it with all of their hearts.... we will bless

the nations by making His name known, revealing His glories, and establishing His kingdom among them.”
<http://www.missionfrontiers.org/1996/1112/nd964.htm>

Lest the reader suppose that these doctrines are obscure, there are relevant examples which pertain directly to the Global Day of Prayer. *Marketplace Meditations*, a “Daily Electronic Devotional published by Os Hillman at Marketplace Leaders” (a businessman involved in the Atlanta GDOP), published a talk by Landa Cope to YWAM: “‘We need to preach a gospel of the kingdom that God is the God of law, development, science, technology, health care, and economics.’ God does not just want a big church, he wants a diverse church, a deep church. He does not want just to save individuals in nations but to redeem the nations themselves.”
<http://www.scruples.org/web/archive/99octup.htm>) Notice the subtle shift from individual salvation to the Kingdom dominion.

Latter Rain also teaches that Satan was not defeated at the cross when Jesus shed His blood for our sins. Part of the Latter Rain kingdom “mandate” is to defeat Satan, however that comes to be defined. Rebecca Greenwood, who serves as executive assistant to C. Peter and Doris Wagner at Global Harvest Ministries in Colorado Springs, has written a new book entitled *Authority to Tread: An Intercessor’s Guide to Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare*. In a review of her book, C. Peter Wagner states the Latter Rain heresy that Jesus’ work was not finished on the cross. Jesus “has delegated His Church to continue the [war against Satan] by spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the peoples of the earth.” According to this doctrine, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples (at Pentecost) Jesus “gave them a command to make disciples of all nations. He authorized them to use His name and to move against the enemy in His kingly authority. What does this mean? It means that the war to continue pushing Satan and his wicked forces back by the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is now in the hands of the Church, the people of God. In other words, we as the Church are at war!” http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word_pf.html?ID=3027)

The men behind the GDOP

C. Peter Wagner is the Presiding Apostle over the International Coalition of Apostles, a group he formed for the purpose of speeding the completion of the Great Commission. “The accelerated advance of the Kingdom of God is our highest priority,” he states. Apostles are necessary to “establish the foundational government of the church within an assigned sphere of ministry by hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches and by setting things in order accordingly for the growth and maturity of the church.” <http://www.apostlesnet.net/index.asp?action=introduction>) Elsewhere Wagner has reiterated, “Apostles are anointed by God to set the things of the body of Christ and the kingdom of God in order. For them to accomplish that, and for the rest of the church to accept their work, they need an incredible amount of authority.”
http://www.generals.org/articles_reports_words/Global%20Church/Articles/Wagner%20Interview.html)

This emphasis on city-wide church transformation represents a structural change in governance, not only of the church but potentially governments. This is because Wagner and others are putting in place a “Kingdom” apostolic structure that governs cell churches by “apostles” placed over cities, regions, nations and the whole earth. (See the cell church tapes available from Discernment Ministries for more information.) At <http://www.transform-world.net> one can read that “Christian governmental leaders... [are being used] as agents of his transformational will.” Other information on this website sheds considerable light on the 90 days of “blessing” that takes place after May 15th, the dominionist mandate, and the city and global transformations that are in progress. This website is a veritable list of who’s who in evangelical “Kingdom” doctrine leadership.

Ed Silvano is another key change agent in the move to “transform” the earth. He has also been focusing on the “marketplace” for “transformation.” The “marketplace” is defined as “business, education and government.” Silvano teaches that “Christians must gain authority over cities by applying kingdom principles...”
<http://www.transformationafricacom/transform%20business.htm>). Also see <http://www.harvestevan.org/atn/> and <http://www.africanenterprise.org.za/sacla/edsilvano.htm>, Ed Silvano sits on the Advisory Board of Prayer Transformation Ministries along with Francis Frangipane, Vonette Bright, David Bryant, Paul Cedar and others in the transformative prayer movement. A brochure for this organization claims that “through prayer we unleash God’s power” and “A transformed city will witness miraculous decreases in crime, economic depression, and political corruption. Spiritual darkness will be pushed back....”

George Otis: This emphasis on miracles is not isolated. The popular *Transformation* video series produced by George Otis of The Sentinel Group has probably influenced the global prayer movement more than any other single factor. In these videos Otis makes amazing claims that these new styles and methods of prayer can restore and regenerate the earth itself. Everything from renewed coral reefs, to swarms of fish, to huge carrots and beets are

attributed to “transformational” prayer. The *Transformation* videos were widely shown in Africa. In fact, Transformation Africa claims that they have “collected numerous testimonies of how the prayer days have changed lives and communities.” A refutation of some of the more bizarre claims on these videos can be found at http://www.geocities.com/smithtj_geo/transformations.html.

The *Transformation* videos focus on “inviting God’s presence as a catalyst for revival and transformational changes in lives and communities,” according to the GDOP website. The Atlanta GDOP website (<http://www.atlantaglobaldayofprayer.com>) reveals the extensive influence of Otis’ doctrines when it claims: “What would transformation look like in Atlanta? When God impacts a city the crime rate and **unemployment** goes down, ethics in government increases, and churches unify to bless the city.”

Luis Bush: In an article entitled “A Call to Transformation: Transformational Streams are Becoming one Fast-flowing River for the Healing of the nations,” Luis Bush of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization has re-defined “transformation:”

Transformation is the progressive and ongoing measurable supernatural impact of the presence and power of God working in, through and apart from the Church on human society and structures. In the church, this is characterized by increased holiness of life, reconciliation in relationships, and appetite for prayer and worship. Through the Church this is characterized by accelerated conversion growth, mobilization of gifts and callings, and an increased relevance to and participation in greater society.

In the culture, this may be characterized by pervasive awareness of the reality of God, a radical correction of social ills, a commensurate decrease in crime rates, supernatural blessing on local commerce, healing of the brokenhearted (the alienated and disenfranchised), regenerative acts of restoring the productivity of the land, and an exporting of kingdom righteousness.

C. Peter Wagner was willing to head up the AD2000 United Prayer Track because of Bush’s willingness “to let me experiment” with the new spiritual warfare doctrines and practices. (<http://www.AD2000.org/re00623.htm>) Bush reiterates the Latter Rain belief that we can “incarnate” Christ in this statement: “The whole Gospel requires methods that are **holistic** in nature requiring a balanced integration of proclamation and incarnation.” (<http://www.transform-world.net/>)

Alistair Petrie: It is no accident that the promoters of the Global Day of Prayer use the Lord’s Prayer phrase “on earth as it is in heaven” in a reverse sense to mean “as in heaven, so on earth.” They literally believe the Church can bring the Kingdom of God upon earth. In fact, Alistair Petrie, a prayer “transformation” expert who works with George Otis on *Transformation* and C. Peter Wagner at Wagner Leadership, has written a book entitled *Releasing Heaven on Earth*. Some Latter Rainists believe that the earth will regenerate like the Garden of Eden.

Rick Warren: An examination of the GDOP would not be complete without mentioning Rick Warren and his substantial role in this event and its future. Rick Warren is scheduled to speak at the Dallas event, along with Rev. Tony Evans. In October, Rick Warren is going global. He is scheduled to release his Global P.E.A.C.E. plan, launching “short-term small groups to the ‘utmost parts’ as catalysts for long-term, cross-cultural mission.” The stated mission for Warren’s 90 Days of Peace is “transformation:”

- Transforming the Church through God’s purposes
- Transforming individual lives with the Gospel
- Blessing the nations as representatives of Christ

One can easily see the resemblance between Warren’s plan and the Global Day of Prayer plan for “transformation.”

On the occasion of Saddleback’s 25th anniversary celebration, Warren stated that his “P.E.A.C.E. plan will be a ‘revolution’ for global Christianity” and “I’m looking at a stadium full of people who are telling God they will do whatever it takes to establish God’s Kingdom ‘on earth as it is in heaven.’” Warren has already set up a new website, www.acts-of-mercy.com for this initiative.

Warren openly acknowledges the influence of Ralph Winter (see www.missionfrontiers.org, May/June 2005). Furthermore, his advisor while working on his doctorate at Fuller was C. Peter Wagner. It is therefore no surprise that Warren wrote in *Ministry Toolbox* on March 2, 2005, “A plan for blessing the whole world.” In this he uses Winter’s redefinition of the Abrahamic Covenant to justify a new “global blessing.” In name-it-and-claim-it fashion Warren promises that “Our blessings to others will come back on us” and “When we bless others, God takes care of our needs.”

Why the GDOP should concern us

The Global Day of Prayer did not come up on the radar screen until recently, but it was many years in the planning. Sue Conway and I spent several months researching this on the Internet as it developed. The more we delved into it, the more apparent it was to us that this was an event that the organizers truly believe will officially launch the “Kingdom” on earth. The organizers and organizations backing this event are tightly interlocked.

This plan for Kingdom transformation is intended to affect every living person on the face of the earth. There are many disturbing references to dominion as an activity that the church has the right to engage in by whatever means – whether it be psycho-social marketing techniques, collaboration or force. The Word of God (the Gospel) is de-emphasized in favor of spiritual warfare type activities and social action. Marketplace “transformation” is particularly concerning because of the obvious opportunities for exploitation of the poor. Kingdom-building activities will be costly to families, women, children, elderly and infirm.

This article presents a short overview before the event occurs. Internet addresses are provided for those who wish to do more research on this topic in the days and months to come. Some of the links cited are cached. We will make every attempt to make the more obscure material available through the <http://www.discernment-ministries.org> website.

Above all, please stay in the Word of God. Read the old Godly ministers. When somebody comes to you and says, “God is doing a ‘new’ thing,” run back to your Bible as fast as you can.

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another,; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed
(Gal. 1:6-8)

Republished with permission of the authors. Originally published in *Discernment Newsletter* (Vol. 16., No. 3), May/June 2005. Links were active at time of original publication.