

"I will set a Plumbline among my people..." Amos 7:8



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7Mts Apostolic Dominion Teachers Accomodate Glenn Beck's Politically Correct Mormonism

As I outlined in a recent Plumbline, *The Coalescing of the Christian Right*

and Apostolic Dominionism.(Plumbline, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2010), the Apostles and Prophets of the New

Apostolic Reformation) have decided to mix it up politically by working closely with the Christian

Right(CR) and the Tea Party (TP).The Christian Right probably does not know the details of NAR teaching

and practice. They just see the NAR in terms of political activism partnership. It's just too much political

power to ignore. Surely the CR is too preoccupied with saving America to check out the actual so-called

Christian Credentials of the Apostles and Prophets. But both of these entities find they can unite with

each other for their own purposes. The CR can only think of political victories at mid-term and in 2012.

Even though the NAR Apostles and Prophets regularly claim to command angels to display

false signs and wonders, nevertheless see the political scene as free mileage in their drive for

ultimately reaching apostolic political dominance. A few years ago Peter Wagner

declared that the democratic process could be utilized in the march toward theological

dominion. Consequently, we will see that the NAR is immersing itself in the political scene.

Some new names in the NAR have emerged as designated teaching apostles for their political

aspirations. They are Lance Wallnau and Jim Garlow. With the blessing of the other apostles they are

traversing the nation teaching the strategy for the 7 Mts scheme of cultural transformation. In addition

to these two, apostle Lou Engle has on been on apostolic political assignments such as laying on hands

for Newt Gingrich.

Lance Wallnau is totally engaged in teaching the 7 mountain strategy for cultural transformation. Os

Hillman (Market Place Apostles) also teams with Wallnau in this regard. Wallnau has a coast to coast and

overseas ministry that is restricted to the 7 Mts of Cultural transformation. He now heads up his 7Mts

University. Wallnau continuously refers to a special revelation supposedly given to Bill Bright and Loren

Cunningham separately regarding these Seven Mts of culture. But these 7 spheres were already common parlance among early dominionists who advocated these same 7 spheres of culture decades ago. They actually came directly from Jay Grimstead and the Coalition on Revival. The claim of a sudden revelation to these two men is simply false. Someone, I don't really know who, renamed these seven spheres as the 7 Mts. But now with a new name and new teachers they have gained the status of special revelation. Recently at a Cindy Jacobs (NAR Apostle/Prophet) Convergence Conference, Wallnau gave his stock presentation about the 7Mts. Let me give you a few of his quotes leading up his 7 Mts teaching. He states: "Let us not look for an awakening but an OCCUPYING PRESENCE." Wallnau continues: "But what happens if you sweep a nation in revival, a tsunami of passion and urgency? It seizes an entire generation and an entire nation tilts toward the kingdom. What happens if you sweep the house clean? You have a revival. What happens if you fail to fill it? You end up with a 7 times worse situation than before the revival. Let us take a look at the 7 places. This is the 7 Mts strategy... What is God after? He is after nations. Heaven wants nations! We have to give Him what He wants. When we say He wants a nation it's a real paradigm shift for us. We think He wants souls. What happens When we are seeking souls and He wants nations? You can stop a revival with conversions. But if we take nations we will get what we want namely souls. We need a generation of young people who feel they are ready to dominate." (Lance Wallnau).

I agree that is a major paradigm shift from the bible. The Apostle Paul apparently was mired in old biblical revelation, for he never tried to transform any of the cities he evangelized. But new revelation supersedes old revelation, right? Just ask the Mormons. Somehow I don't feel ready to dominate but ready to reach the lost and minister to the church

The second 7 Mts operative is Jim Garlow pastor of Skyline Wesleyan Church, in San Diego. Although he is a pastor, Garlow is much more directly involved in the political arena, although Garlow is currently bringing Wallnau into political prominence. Garlow achieved notoriety in his successful effort with Lou Engle for Prop 8 in CA. Now mind you, I have no pleasure in same sex marriage. Garlow and Engle were able to form a coalition with Mormons and especially Mormon money. But just one federal judge was able to reverse this. Garlow has been named to serve Newt Gingrich's presidential political bid by chairing Gingrich's Renewing American Leadership (REAL) political action group. Garlow also teaches the 7Mts cultural message. But although very similar to Wallnau and others, Garlow offers a few sweetening additions that distract from some of the harsher elements of 7Mts message. He appears to advocate a form of friendship evangelism (or should I say dominion evangelism). Rather than confront the current individuals occupying the 7 Mts of culture with spiritual warfare as I heard Peter Wagner suggest, he suggests that we humbly attempt to talk with these cultural Mountain Movers and try to convince them of their evil ways by learning their language (the language of Babylon). All the while we must train up new young people who will begin a rapid ascent to the top of these mountains of culture, displacing those who will not listen to moral reasoning. For those who refuse to cede their mountain top cultural dominance, Garlow suggest fasts so that God will remove them. Jim Garlow was among many evangelicals and Richard Land of the Southern Baptists, that were ready to endorse Glen Beck's obvious Mormonism. Jim Garlow pronounced Beck a Christian brother attempting to lead a new Christian Awakening. That should not be surprising. When cultural moral transformation is the be all and end all

of our Christian activity, we cannot afford to disregard any recruits and moralists even if they are Mormons pure and simple.

From the Latter Rain to Latter Day Saints

Although the 7 Mts strategy claims recent revelation and seems so current with its political alliances with the CR and the Tea party, still the false theological engine that drives the NAR has a pedigree that goes back at least 50 years. A few dominionists hail from the Reconstruction Movement.

Reconstructionists desire to replace democracy with Old Testament law. And although some evangelical dominionists overlap some with this movement, most find they are forced to find their heritage in the early 50's in the New Order of the Latter- Rain (NOLA). That teaching was a complete break with current end time teaching. The Latter Rain Revival was birthed in Canada and influenced by Wm Branham. The Latter Rain eschatological motif among other things added the restoration of the offices of Apostles and Prophets and new revelations. They quickly produced a far reaching new end time message that turned biblical eschatology on its head. A few quotes of the teaching of the Latter Rain will show that among other elements the whole NT teaching about the return of Christ was completely altered. The Latter-Rain first began at the Sharon Orphanage and School in North Battleford Sask. But the real ignition came in the fall of 1947. Gordon Lindsay arranged for Branham to hold meetings in Vancouver BC. Several of the teachers from North Battleford Sask. were at these meetings. Branham was asked to lay hands on them for an impartation.. They returned to North Battleford with this impartation which began the Latter Rain Movement. From there it exploded among Pentecostals throughout North America and then around the world. The rest is history. Even though after the unexpected death of Branham in a car accident, and the AOG rejecting officially this movement, still holdovers like Ern Baxter who travelled with Branham were able to reintroduce many of the teachings of the Latter Rain among Charismatic's. In the halcyon days of Charismatic Renewal the term latter Rain was assiduously avoided. Still in a piecemeal fashion many of the teachings of the LR were openly taught. I will now try to distill the basics of the LR. You will notice that many of the dominion ideas so current today first found expression in the LR of the late 40s and early 50s.

1.The reintroduction of the office ministry of Apostles and Prophet 2. Out of this end time church will come an elite corps of super saints. 3. They will purge the earth of all wickedness. 4.They will restore all of creation and the church will inherit the earth and rule over it.

This is a very simplistic overview of the LR. But the Wallnau's and Garlows are the descendants of this radical teaching of the 50's. Now in this time of unquenchable desire to rule and dominate, they are willing to tap into the same desire for political revolution in the wider CR and the TP. They are opportunists of the first order. They are willing to attach to these movements like parasites in order to super-size their dominionist cravings. Paul Crouch of TBN exhibits dominionism in his teaching of the parable of the Wheat and the Tares. "Read this parable and you will see that at the end of the age the "ANGELS" are sent forth to remove evil from the earth. That "ANGELS" also can mean messengers. So God may use some of us to finish the work of this age" (Joel's Army, Discernment Ministries)

Glen Beck, Mormon Messiah For A National Awakening

"Glenn Beck leans forward on his elbows. His voice hushes. His eyes grow red at the corners. He presses his lips together and clears his throat. He cannot speak. The tears fall and just for a moment the brashest voice in American conservatism is silent. This is what happens when Beck retells his story of his 1999 conversion to Mormonism. 'I was friendless, working a small radio market. I was a hopeless alcoholic, abusing drugs every day.' That's when Beck's wife suggested they go on a church tour which finally led to a Mormon warehouse. Six months later the Beck family joined the Church of LDS. 'I was baptized on a Sunday morning on Monday - Beck's throat tightens again, he wipes his tears away from his eyes with his index fingers - an agent called me out of the blue. Six months later, Beck was offered a political talk radio show in Tampa - the job that put him on the road from a 'morning zoo' prankster to a conservative media heavyweight.... Beck who was raised Catholic has produced with the help of Mormon owned Desert Bookstore Co., the DVD An Unlikely Mormon. The Conversion Story of Glen Beck 2008; Mormon Fansites inviting visitors to learn more about Beck's beliefs by clicking through to the official website of the LDS. But these websites don't reveal the extent to which the LDS have given Beck the key element of his on-air personality and messaging.... Beck developed the content of his current conservative amalgam of anti-communism, united states founder worship and connect the dots conspiracy theorizing from Mormon thought and culture. A significant element in this is the late Cleon Skousen (1913-2006) an arch conservative and fiercely anti-communist Brigham Young (Mormon/John Birch) professor... Beck started quoting Skousen's book 'The 5000 year Leap' on air in 2008. He wrote a preface for a new edition and in march 2009 used it to kick off his 9/12 movement and declared Skousen's book 'divinely inspired'... Mormon church President Wilford Woodruff (1807-1898) declared that George Washington and the signers of the Declaration of Independence appeared to him in the Mormon Temple in St. George Utah and requested that he perform temple ordinances on their behalf... Joseph Smith prophesied in 1843 that the US constitution would one day 'hang by a thread' and be saved by faithful Mormons who view the US constitution as divinely inspired. Many key elements (too numerous to mention) of Beck's on-the-fly messaging derive from a Mormon lexicon of beliefs. (How Mormonism Built Glen Beck, Religion Dispatchs.org, Joanna Brooks.)

"Too many Christians so love the sugar of the American pie (patriotism) that Beck dishes out so that they are gobbling down the crust that molds it... Don't get confused just because Mormons use the same terminology as Christians. For example, don't confuse the God and Father of Christianity with the god of Mormonism. The father god of Mormons was once a man just like us that progressed to become a god before us. Don't confuse the Jesus of Christianity with the Mormon Jesus who is a spirit Brother of Lucifer and a god in the making like his brother. Don't confuse the blood atonement of Jesus with the atonement in Mormon teaching... (that's why Mormon communion uses water rather than wine)... In short Mormons believe there are many gods and those gods have children than can also grow up to be a god. Mormons believe we are pre-existing spirits that came to earth to continue the progression to become gods. Beck stated on a recent program: 'I am that I am - is the most powerful phrase, as it is the name of God. Never use it in vain. Use it to create who you want to be.'

Few people are warning people about Beck that his is really a false pagan flag hidden behind the stars and stripes. If you go to a Tea Party you should watch what some of its leaders are pouring into your cup." (Don Koenig, World and Church Trends and Bible Prophecy.)

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