



A New Apostolic Reformation?



“We are now living in the midst of one of the most epochal changes in the structure of the Church that has ever been recorded. I like to call it the ‘Second Apostolic Age.’”

- C. Peter Wagner



Why Apostolic?

What kind of reformation?

How is it new?



“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.”

- C. Peter Wagner



NAR is a Movement

Why call it a “movement”?

Size & Scope of the NAR Movement



NAR Leaders and Organizations

C. Peter Wagner

Bill Hamon

Bill Johnson

Mike Bickle

Rick Joyner

Cindy Jacobs

Randy Clark

Lou Engle

Ché Ahn



Three Major Offices

Apostles



Prophets



Intercessors



NAR Proof Texts

Ephesians 4:11-13

Ephesians 2:20

1 Corinthians 12:8



The Seven-Mountain Mandate

Government

Media

Family

Business

Education

Church

Arts & Entertainment



Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare

Territorial Spirits

Spiritual Mapping

Prayerwalking



Testing NAR Apostles

Appearance from Christ

Specific Commission by Christ

Miraculous Acts

*Continuity with the
Apostolic Tradition*

*Connection with the Chain
of Revelation*



Testing NAR Apostles

*Continuity with the
Apostolic Tradition*

1. Extension

2. Expectation

3. Expansion



Apostles in the Bible

Apostles of Christ

Apostles of the Churches



Testing NAR Prophets

Fulfillment Test

Orthodoxy Test

Lifestyle Test



New Revelation: The Wagner Test

“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.”

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Acts 17:10-12

“The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.”



The Berean Principle

- 1. There ought to be traces of past revelation in anything new that follows.*
- 2. What is new should to some degree be anticipated in what already has been revealed.*
- 3. New revelation should amplify already existing revelation.*

Revelation Old & New

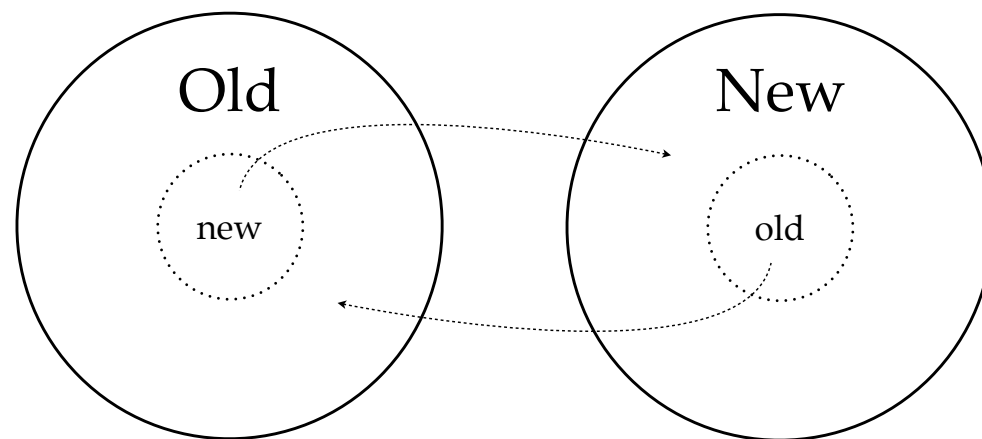


Diagram 1

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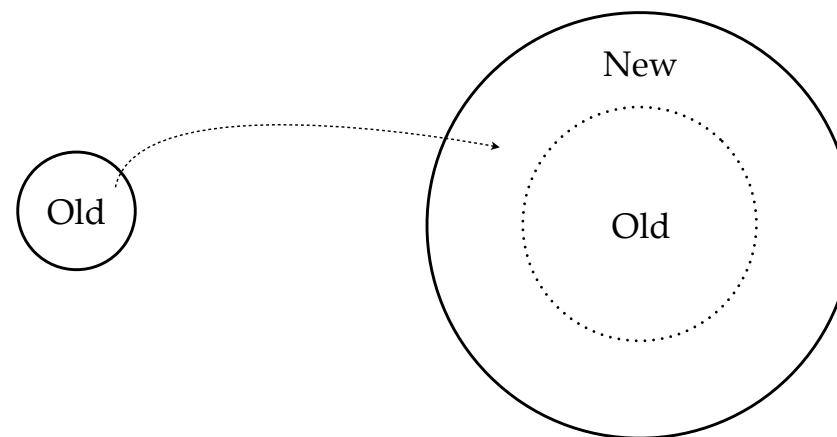


Diagram 2



Why Talk about NAR Here?

- 1. The call to cultural engagement*
- 2. The nature of the supernatural*
- 3. The risk to Christians*
- 4. The reputation of the Church*
- 5. The message of the Gospel*



The appeal of NAR

part of a miracle-working army

making a difference

charismatic leadership

community life

divine guidance

intimacy with God

desire

choice-supportive bias

fear



*A common
response to a
critique of NAR*

*“cold orthodoxy”
&
“the spirit of religion”*



Answering NAR Worries about “Cold Orthodoxy”

Revelation 2:1-5

*Orthodoxy united by acts of
obedience*



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Romans 10:1-3

Zeal without knowledge



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1 Thessalonians 2:13

*The word of God performs its
work in those who believe*

A few words
about the
books . . .

