

IHOP Enters Dominion/Christian Right Politics

Part 1: IHOP is starting to feel its Dominion oats

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We are not merely to have the message of the Kingdom, but become the message.

We are to be living epistles and God's Word incarnate if we are to meet the needs of this generation and become the army prophesied in Scripture.

--Bob Jones & Paul Keith Davis, "The Light of Favor and Grace is Upon Us. And Doubt Not, Have Faith to Move Mountains," 1/17/07, [TheElijahList](#)

Where religion has reigned now get ready for God's government to reign. This government will prepare a way for the Kingdom to come in the Body of Christ out of the innermost part of the sons and daughters.

--Bob Jones, "The Keys 22:22," 8/13/10, [TheElijahList](#)

Another national politician is joining with the false Apostles and Prophets of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).[2] Texas Governor Rick Perry is leading an event scheduled at the Reliant Stadium, seating 100,000, in Houston on August 6. Alice Patterson of JusticeAtTheGate, who is a big part of the Dominionist activities of the NAR, sent out an invitation on June 21st that stated:

Texas Governor Rick Perry, in an historic move that has not taken place in our lifetime, is calling for a National Solemn Assembly called **The Response: a call to prayer for a nation in crisis**, on Saturday, August 6, 2011, in Reliant Stadium (indoors) in Houston, Texas.

In a letter dated May 18, 2011 inviting the 49 other Governors to join him, Governor Perry cited the book of Joel as the answer for the challenges facing America.[3]

The NAR faithful are shaking the [Tea Party](#) trees to fill the stadium. This event is yet another [prayer event with a Dominionist agenda](#): "**The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis.**" The organizers are dubbing this event "a non-denominational apolitical prayer meeting." But don't be fooled. This is common fare for the NAR apostles and prophets in their bid to promote the Dominion Mandate of their apostles

and prophets around the world.[4]

Christian Right politicians see this as an opportunity for securing much of the Christian Right vote, as well as politically acquiring access to the on-ground Network (NAR is a network) of the apostles and prophets, which is well organized even to the precinct level across America. There will be prayers, sermons, prophesies, and spiritual warfare to be sure, but there is only one reason for this event and it is Dominionism political activism pure and simple. Gov. Rick Perry may or may not make a run for the White House. But even if he doesn't it serves the Dominion/Political Mandate of the NAR apostles and prophets and makes them more visual to the Christian Right political base. It garners more influence for them in national politics. And this is the crux of the matter.

What is new about this event is that the organizational burden of this event will be shouldered by IHOP (International House of Prayer)[5] staffers from Kansas City. This is the group known as the "Kansas City Prophets," which forms the foundation of the NAR. The Response event leaders, listed at <http://theresponseusa.com/leadership.php>, include Luis and Jill Cataldo, who are "currently on staff at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City." Randy and Kelsey Bohlender are "prayer missionaries with the International House of Prayer and on the leadership team" of Lou Engle's "The Call Institute," now located in Kansas City at IHOPU. Others among the organizers are IHOP "Apostles" Doug Stringer[6] and Dave Silker, "a senior leader at the International House of Prayer Missions Base" and "on the board of TheCall with Lou Engle."

Jay Swallow, another NAR Apostle, has often spoken at Apostle Lou Engle's IHOP sponsored "The Call" events. Swallow trains people at his SWAT (Strategic Warriors At Training) camps for identifying and purging American soil of territorial spirits. This training has more to do with militia training than sitting round campfires. Cindy Jacobs is heavily involved in bizarre spiritual warfare events.[7]

Mike Bickle, director of IHOP, is listed among the endorsees of this conference. This RESPONSE event marks the beginning of IHOP personnel (excluding Lou Engle) in direct involvement in politics. Christian Right mainstream politics! This is not a fringe operation.[8] This is a noteworthy shift in that previously the public ethos promoted at IHOP has been that of 24/7 prayer intercession and a wilderness lifestyle. If the hundreds of interns and staffers from Kansas City and IHOP satellites are recruited and inducted into the NAR political efforts, it represents a large body of political warriors.[9]

The Significance of IHOP Entering American Politics

It was in A.D. 2000, the now 54-year-old [Mike Bickle](#) resigned his church then called Metro Christian Fellowship to launch Kansas City's [International House of Prayer](#), now known by the acronym IHOP. Today Mike Bickle is the executive director of the multiple ministries of IHOP and senior pastor of Forerunner Christian Fellowship. IHOP is a 24/7 worship and warfare prayer ministry to be sure. But it has ballooned into much more than that. This ministry is sourced from a [Bob Jones](#) prophecy and is modeled after the "Tabernacle of David" teaching, with singers and musicians being "released" to lead corporate intercession and worship 24/7 (ongoing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). IHOP boasts over four hundred fulltime staff that identify themselves as "Intercessory Missionaries."

Mike Bickle has authored several books one of which is his book [Growing in the Prophetic](#). Bickle's core teaching is concerning the return of Christ. Out of the book of Revelation he lifts certain key elements of his message (more about this in Part 2). He stated on a CBN interview the following, which seems to encapsulate Bickle's essential message: "God doesn't send his Son into a vacuum. God sends his Son in answer to a consistent global cry from the church." Bickle continued: "God prophesies a day that the church in its identity as the bride of Christ will work in union with the Holy Spirit beckoning Christ to return.... The world-wide church will become in sync with the Holy Spirit crying out 'Come Lord Jesus, break in! break in!' and so Jesus will then come in His second coming and before that He will release a revival... the church will be interceding together [globally] just before the Lord returns. That is one of the great signs in Revelation of the second coming." (Note he references the IHOP teaching on Bridal Paradigm and allegorizes of the Song of Solomon^[10]).

Elevating the Later Rain teaching of the [Tabernacle of David](#) to a functional level of impelling Jesus to return is behind the whole rationale of the 24/7 of IHOP. It really becomes the way the church can force or at least entice Jesus to return. (See my article, "[The Restoration of Davidic Warfare/Worship](#)," *Plumblines*, Vol. 7, No. 4, Sept/Oct 2002). The Tabernacle of David (TOD) teaching, which Bob Jones prophesied would be restored at IHOP, is not new to IHOP, but clearly is a part of the restoration scheme of [the old Latter Rain cult teachers of the early 50's](#). [George Warnock](#), Latter Rain teacher of the 50's, often referred to the TOD. The so-called 24/7 TOD teaching is just a companion piece of the whole [restoration scheme](#) in which Apostles and

Prophets claim to be "restored" to the final overcoming end-time church. Along with "restored" apostles and prophets, the Latter Rain TOD is "restored" after a supposed appearance in the first century which is now applied to the last days.

In this regard, however, it can be easily established that Acts 15 is not a reference to Davidic worship forms at all. The context of Acts 15:16 and Amos 9:11 demands that the word "tabernacle" (Heb. *sukkah*, which is often translated house) actually refers to the dynastic rule of David (as in house of Usher, etc.). In fact in Isaiah 16:5, the TOD is translated as the "*rule of David.*" "*In love a throne will be established and in faithfulness a man will sit on it , one from the Tabernacle [house] of David*" (NIV). In Latter-Rain/Manifest Sons of God teaching the Tabernacle of David is elevated as a symbol of [God's manifest presence on earth](#) in the last days. According to this teaching we are to expect the TOD to be rebuilt in the last days by the church, and as such it becomes a metaphor for [Dominionism](#). In Latter Rain teaching, which is the source of TOD and also IHOP, this all points to a powerful end-times revelation of believers as glorified, transformed, and perfected and possessed by Christ to such a degree that they become one with him and become a living corporate Son of God on the earth ruling with him. This is accomplished by the descent of "the glory" in a final overwhelming event that will transfigure all those who receive it.[11]

The Kansas City Prophets and their Rise to Power

The Mike Bickle story at IHOP however does not begin in A.D. 2000 and the launching of IHOP. There is a long historical chain reaching far back into the 1980s. It is absolutely necessary to refer back to the earlier events connected with the so-called "Kansas City Prophets." The launching of IHOP, which came much later, was as a result of a prophecy given to Bickle by Bob Jones, the most disputed of the on-site prophets. Jones and other resident prophets had gathered around Bickle and become known as the "The Kansas City Prophets." These Kansas City Prophets were exposed as frauds to the Christian public by Ernie Gruen, pastor of Full Faith Church, who later published a report that became widely publicized and is still available.[12] The report is called "Documentation of The Aberrant Practices and Teachings of Kansas City Fellowship (Grace Ministries)." It is still the most comprehensive exposure of the founding years of Mike Bickle and the Kansas City Prophets the precursor of the current IHOP.

As Christians around the nation were calling for investigation and more information into this maelstrom of controversy regarding the KC prophets, suddenly in stepped

John Wimber from Vineyard Ministries. In 1991, the late John Wimber stopped the public bloodletting of the controversy and took the Kansas City Prophets under his authority and oversight. He renamed the ministry Metro Vineyard Fellowship. This was a pivotal time in their history:

Just at this moment in history, a confluence was beginning which was to have massive repercussions throughout the rest of evangelicalism: John Wimber of the Vineyard Movement connected with the Kansas City Prophets. John Wimber had previously been picked up as an "experiment" by C. Peter Wagner at Fuller Theological Seminary for "signs and wonders" classes. For several decades Fuller had been laying considerable groundwork for the formation of new doctrines – ecclesiology, eschatology, missiology, soteriology, etc. Wimber's connection to KCF proved to be the catalyst for the beginnings of what C. Peter Wagner was to later call the "New Apostolic Reformation." The esoteric doctrines of the Latter Rain movement became an integral part of his post-modern evangelical canon. And because of Wagner's influence, KCF leaders who would have been obscure in 1991, such as Mike Bickle, are now widely known throughout evangelicalism.[13]

Among the Kansas City prophets, especially Augustine, Cain and Jones became controversial, not only for the prophecies they uttered but for the prophetic foundation they laid down, which Bickle now calls "[The Blueprint Prophecy](#)." Currently all IHOP interns must study this "[Blueprint Prophecy](#)." But even more alarming than the silly and absurd prophecies given in this "[Blueprint](#)" is the fact IHOP is openly and squarely built on these three prophets. They form the foundation of the current ministry. But the interns and others at IHOP are only given a redacted and sanitized version of these prophets and their prophecies. Furthermore, Bickle has revised this "[blueprint document](#)" a number of times to excise terms like "Latter Rain," etc. Some of the prophecies have been removed, and when questioned about this Bickle says he simply couldn't understand or even remember some of these now hidden prophecies.[14] Later I will select certain prophetic examples from the "[blueprint prophecy](#)." but first I am now going to deal briefly with the three founding prophets who are still at the [foundational blueprint](#) of what we know today as Kansas City Prophets/IHOP.

The Kansas City Prophets: By Their Roots You Shall Know Them

The three foundational prophets at Kansas City are demonstrably false. That in itself

would not make them unique among the current club of these self-anointed, self-appointed apostles and prophets. But these prophecies, even by current prophecy standards, are odd, silly and ludicrous. Even more alarming is the fact that all three of these prophets have a history of sexual perversion. How can a movement expand when its foundation is false and sexually perverted? This only casts a shadow on the total movement that is built upon them. It is not surprising then that the IHOP practices a "Bridal Mysticism," with sexual overtones among those who experience personal, imaginative, even romantic intimacy, with Jesus the bridegroom.[15] Lou Engle, the Apostle at IHOP, has led young people in an actual [Hebrew marriage ceremony](#) to Jesus at his "The Call" rallies. It would take too much space to give a full historical account of these three false prophets. I will simply list these three and give random samples of their prophecies and sexual perversions.

Augustine Alcala

There is not much information on him. His claim to fame is that he prophesied to Bickle in St. Louis that he would move to Kansas City and initiate a new move of God there. The reason there is not much information on prophet Augustine is that apparently he early fell in disrepute.[14] "Julie's Story," that was once published at "Gray Coats" on the Internet, revealed what apparently happened. She stated: "My husband and I were a part of KCF from its inception... Augustine prophesied that Bickle needed to move to KC and begin a new move of God. Augustine was later dismissed as somewhat false when a certain prophecy never came to pass. He was later discovered to have had a hidden homosexual life style that was exposed before he passed away." Augustine apparently had a run-in early on with Rick Joyner and Bobby Conner (of throwing spiritual glory grenades fame[16]), and reportedly mentored Terry Kruse, who authored a book called *God's New Breed*. Augustine died 5-11-10.[17]

Paul Cain

Paul was a boy wonder child evangelist, who often filled in for William Branham[18] emulating Branham's ministry. But after the sudden death of Branham on Dec. 18, 1965, and the resultant demise of the Latter-Rain as a movement, Cain went into self-imposed exile for years, probably in the Phoenix area as a single man among some die-hard Branhamites still waiting for Branham to be resurrected.[19] In 1987, Cain suddenly reappeared, linking himself to the Kansas City Prophets, Mike Bickle and Bob Jones.[20] Cain was given special recognition as "the Terror of the Lord" prophet by Bob Jones, who also became associated with the KC Prophets during this time.[21] In a sense Cain was like the second coming of Branham. All of the other prophetic

wannabes, including Jones, gave deference to Cain. Cain appeared to have the same clairvoyant abilities as Branham. Nevertheless he once prophesied that Bill Clinton would lead America in a worldwide revival.[22]

One person who was on staff at Metro-Vineyard at the time has since reported that Bickle often pointed out people in the meetings, providing both Cain and Jones with historical commentary that enhanced the awe of their ministries. However, there is no way to establish this report. In those days of researching Cain's clairvoyance fetes, I can remember having attacks of doubt flowing over me to the effect that this man must be a man of God. It was like a cloud over my mind and spirit.[23] But now history has provided for us all the fact that, at the time of his great awe of clairvoyance activity with Bickle and Jones, Cain was even then a practicing homosexual. In Feb 2004 even Cain's most loyal supporters, Rick Joyner, Jack Deere and Mike Bickle, were confronted with evidence that Cain was a practicing homosexual, to which he confessed. But Cain resisted a process of restoration.[24] Nevertheless, recently Todd Bentley in his Lakeland fiasco invoked the alcoholic homosexual to make a cameo appearance.[25]

Bob Jones

Augustine is dead and Paul Cain is discredited, but Bob Jones is currently very active. Although he is not in residence in KC he still is used in promotion videos by IHOP. If Cain was followed for his apparent clairvoyance abilities, Jones is known for the silliness and absurdity of his visions, and his trips to the 3rd heaven. My friend Mike Oppenheimer has compiled a short list of Jones visionary oddities.[26]

Bob Jones, however, is still adulated by the prophetic community. I recently saw online how he was featured at Bill Johnson's Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry in Redding CA.[27] Thousands of young people were pressing in on Bob Jones and each was promised an impartation from him as he grasped their hands. It's like they needed to touch him (or the hem of his garment) to have an impartation. With Cain now discredited, Bob Jones seems now to have inherited the awe inspiring "Terror of the Lord" reputation that previously was accorded to Cain. In recent times Jones takes people on guided trips to the third heaven. Bickle claims to have gone on these trips on two occasions. Bickle was interviewed by the *Kansas City Star* and cryptically stated that he had gone to heaven twice.[28] In a series of five hour-long tapes entitled *Visions and Revelations*, Mike Bickle and Bob Jones are heard wowing followers of the KCF with all sorts of tales of their experiences in the paranormal.[29] Bob Jones claims that when he was 9 years old living in Arkansas, an angel carrying a

"great trumpet" came riding down the from the sky on a white horse and stopped before him in the middle of dirt road. He didn't know what to make of it until he was 13, when he was escorted to the very throne room of God in heaven.... Many years later he saw Jesus in the form of a light who would grab and kiss men and women of different ages and then make them disappear by absorbing them into his body. It was like "two big ole doors right there in his heart and it'd be just that, and they was gone."...

Many of Jones prophecies are not only silly, but just plain wrong. But never mind. Restored prophets and seers have no need to be accurate. Jones response to his and the other prophetic failures is that if they had 100% accuracy it would cause too many dead Ananias's and Sapphira's (referring to the story in [Acts 5](#)).^[30] How is that for making people thankful for failed prophecies? Jones tells us God told him that prophets are like guns and prophecies are bullets and inaccurate prophecies are like blanks. God said further: *"I'm loading the guns. I am putting the blanks in!"* Wow! Jones would have us believe that God is responsible when prophets shoot blanks, that it scares the enemy.^[31]

It would take a large book to catalog the comical nonsense of Bob Jones visions and revelations. But what concerns me even more is the sexual misconduct of Bob Jones. Two women confronted Bob Jones for sexual misconduct in "using his prophetic gifts for sexual misconduct." Various people have described this as a fondling or having women stand before him naked during prophecy. This leaves too much to the imagination. Bob Jones asserted that he did not have sexual intercourse with them. Sounds almost like Clinton asserting "I did not have sexual relations." But this only underscores that for Jones he was not only sexually discovered, but as a sex offender he cannot be trusted let alone receive adulation as a prophet/seer. He is not only a false prophet, which is bad enough, but an admitted sex offender, and he is still a foundation stone for IHOP.^[32]

In Bickle's book *Growing in the Prophetic*, in the appendix Bickle gives a catalog list of phenomena that supposedly accompany the presence of God: shaking, jerking, loss of body strength, heavy breathing, eyes fluttering, lips trembling, oil on the body, changes in skin color, weeping, laughing, drunkenness, travailing, dancing, falling, visions.... angelic visitations, violent rolling, screaming, coldness, and nausea." There are more *ad nauseum*.

Editor's Endnotes:

1. Dr. Steinkamp has followed these New Apostolic Reformation (particularly the IHOP/Latter Rain) leaders for the past two decades, and written about them extensively in his publication, *The Plumbline*. His archive of old newsletters can be found at: <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/plumblinearchive.html>. Many of the comments in this article can be exhaustively documented from his prior writings as well as archived materials found at these websites <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/> and <http://www.discernment-ministries.org/> and also on this Herescope blog. Some of the documentation for this article pertaining to the history and background of the Latter Rain, New Apostolic Reformation, Kansas City Prophets and IHOP is so exhaustive that we refer readers to these excellent web archives. These Editor's Endnotes were compiled with the research assistance of Sarah Leslie.
2. For important background information on this article, read the previous articles by Dr. Orrel Steinkamp posted on Herescope: "The Coalescing of the Christian Right with Apostolic Dominionism" by Dr. Orrel Steinkamp, 4/8/10, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/04/coalescing-of-christian-right-with.html>; "R&R Revival and Revolt: The Tea Party's Strange Bedfellows and What They Believe," 4/22/10, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/04/r-revival-and-revolt.html>; "Hitting the Political Big-Time: Can the New Apostles and Prophets Seize Dominion by Political Inter-marriage? Can God's Supposed Lost Dominion Be Regained By Mere Political Means?" 4/11/11, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2011/04/hitting-political-big-time.html>; "Restoring the Gospel of Salvation: Does not the salvation of sinners trump national restoration?" 6/29/10, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/06/restoring-gospel-of-salvation.html>.
3. The letter, titled "A Personal Request from Alice Patterson, continues, "Listen to Gov. Perry's special invitation here: <http://www.stephenstephanian.com/PrayerEvent/2011-06-09-Greeting-AudioPrayerEvent.aif>," and urges people to sign up at www.theresponseusa.com. See www.justiceatthegate.org. The latest rally appears to be one of a series of "renewal" gatherings of a similar nature, in which Texas Gov. Perry has been a key leader. See the documentation in the article Iowa 'Pastors' Policy Briefing' to host 2012 hopefuls," by Lynda Waddington, 3/1/11, <http://www.americanindependent.com/171596/iowa-pastors-policy-briefing-2012-presidential-hopefuls>. Gov. Perry is just one of many potential Republican candidates for president who have developed close ties with leaders of the NAR. This often comes via groups such as the American Family Association, Family Research Council and other more "mainstream" evangelical political activism entities that are now working hand-in-glove with the false apostles and prophets of the NAR, including Rick Joyner, Lou Engle, Cindy Jacobs, etc. The extent to which these groups and candidates share the radical Dominionist warfare agenda of their new NAR partners should be a matter of deep concern to every freedom-loving American citizen.
4. We do not question the need for prayer. But see previous articles on Herescope about the "prayer agenda" of the NAR and how it is part of the Dominionist agenda, such as: "May Day Prayers: What Repentance?" 4/27/11, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/04/may-day-prayers.html>.
5. The International House of Prayer IHOP was finally, after all these years, being sued by the International House of Pancake (IHOP) for trademark dilution and infringement. See "Pancakes and prayers: IHOP name prompts another suit," *Kansas City Business Journal*, 6/1/11, <http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2011/06/01/pancakes-and-prayers-ihop-name.html?s=print> and

IHOP Sues IHOP," 9/10/11, <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/print/5953>. The suit was apparently dropped: <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/ihop-drops-suits-against-ihop>.

6. "Apostle Stringer of IHOP" has blamed the Sept 11 attacks on the homosexuals in our land (See <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/rick-perry-partners-apostle-who-blames-america-september-11-attacks>). Even if this were true, the first century was filled with homosexuals in Romans circles. The only way to know this is from revelations from already false prophets. See information about the false prophet Paul Cain and his homosexuality later in this article.

7. Swallow has been a ringleader in the movement for a long time. He can be found in the company of the false apostles and prophets on *The Elijah List*, chief organ for the NAR/Latter Rain, e.g., http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word/7147 and <http://www.elijahlist.com/words/textonly.html?ID=7747>. An article "Jay Swallow," <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/category/individuals/jay-swallow>, summarizes Swallow's recent activities: "Another The Response endorser is 'spiritual warfare' leader James 'Jay' Swallow, a Native American "apostle" who founded the Two Rivers Native American Training Center. Like Jacobs, Swallow has spoken at The Call rallies including one in which he accepted on behalf of all Native Americans Brownback's apology for the federal government's mistreatment of indigenous people. According to his biography, 'God has given Dr. Swallow extraordinary insight into 'healing the land' through prayer and spiritual warfare.' The Center is built around the 'Strategic Warriors At Training (SWAT): A Christian Military Training Camp for the purpose of dealing with the occult and territorial enemy strong holds in America.' Seminars include 'Demonic Spirits,' 'Spiritual Warfare,' 'Identifying the Strongman,' and 'Freemasonry.' The training is apparently so intense that Swallow asks participants sign a 'release of liability' form to waive their right to sue." Notice the highly Dominionist "SWAT: Strategic Warriors At Training" graphic posted with this article.

8. The mainstream nature has been observed by a political commentator who noted that the event "will feature Don Wildmon and Buddy Smith of the American Family Association, Jim Garlow of Renewing American Leadership, David Lane, who was involved in the effort to remove the Supreme Court Justices in Iowa and is behind the various "Restoration Project" events across America, former Congressmen Bob McEwen, as well as several leaders associated with Lou Engle and/or the International House of Prayer in Kansas City."

<http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/rick-perry-teams-afa-call-prayer-rally>. Elsewhere on Herescope we have written about Jim Garlow's open association with Lance Wallnau, who is aggressively working to build the 7 mountains of Dominionism. See these posts: <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/05/mainstreaming-dominionism.html>; <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/08/next-great-awakening.html>; <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/09/next-great-awakening.html>; http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/09/next-great-awakening_20.html. Garlow sent out a letter on June 18th promoting the Gov. Perry event titled "If a Governor Asked Us as Pastors to Pray, Would We?" And Texas Gov. Perry has previously appeared with Cindy Jacobs, Rick Joyner, Lou Engle, and other NAR and evangelical leaders at the April 2010 Freedom Federation Summit at Liberty University.

9. For important background information on Mike Bickle, see Bob DeWaay's report, "Mike Bickle and International House of Prayer: The Latter Rain Redivius," posted here: <http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue107.htm>

10. See the Herescope post by K. Jentoft, "Mike Bickle's Gigolo Jesus," 5/1/08, for important background

understanding of this "Bridal Paradigm" of Bickle's movement. <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2008/05/mike-bickles-gigolo-jesus.html>

11. See also Ed Tarkowski's 1990s series on the "Laughing Phenomena: Its History and Possible Effects on the Church." Part 3 explains some of these doctrines: <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/Laugh3.html>

12. This report can be found here: <http://www.deceptionbytes.com/AberrentPractices.pdf>. A full write-up about this article by Pastor Gruen and the background was published by Discernment Ministries back in 1990 in the *Discernment Newsletter*, "The New Order," Vol. 1, No. 7, 1990, <http://www.discernment-ministries.org/Newsletters/NL1990Nov.pdf>. Hard copy of this report is available upon request. Dr. Steinkamp observes, "Ernie Guen was mercilessly attacked for the publication. The KCP fabricated a response that Gruen confessed to being deceived, etc. But Gruen rejected this fabrication completely. Gruen has since passed into glory. Some of those of us still involved in Discernment Ministries heard firsthand accounts of these details."

13. "Preface" by Sarah Leslie from the booklet published by Discernment Ministries titled *JOEL'S ARMY*, which is a history and compendium of the aberrant beliefs and practices of the false prophets of the KC group. This booklet is a "must read" for those trying to understand the IHOP movement. <http://www.discernment-ministries.org/JoelsArmy.pdf>.

14. Dr. Steinkamp comments that this "might indeed be the understatement of all time. It leaves me wondering what these excised prophecies now hidden could have been that required that they be forgotten or actually hidden. The prophecies we still have are such that the hidden prophecies must be so ludicrous, absurd and false that they cannot stand the light of day even to the faithful at IHOP." Click on the live links wherever the "Blueprint" is mentioned in this article to see the many variations on the theme posted online.

15. See "The Bridal Paradigm," *The Plumline*, Vol. 14, No. 2, by Dr. Orrel Steinkamp at <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel34.pdf>. See also "Mike Bickle's Gigolo Jesus," Herescope, 5/01/08, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2008/05/mike-bickles-gigolo-jesus.html>

16. See Dr. Orrel Steinkamp, "Tossing Glory Grenades," *The Plumline*, Vol. 11, No. 4, <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel30.html> which connects Bobby Conner to the Todd Bentley meetings in Lakeland, Florida. Bobby Conner "prophesied" this radical Dominionist "word" posted at <http://www.etpv.org/1999/ritch.html>: "This revolution is not going to be with guns, knives and hand grenades; it's going to be with something far more powerful than that. It is going to be with the weapons of the Kingdom of God... The definition of the word revolution is 'an overthrow of a corrupt government.' We are not talking about the White House here; we are talking about the church house. God is going to take the government of the church out of the hands of man and put it back into the hands of the Son of God. That is the only place it deserves to be. Let me tell you a few things about revolution. There is no such thing as a peaceful revolution. And, a revolution always starts with a small group, never with the masses. It sweeps in the masses but it always starts with a few that are hungry, desperate, destitute and willing for change. Many of you already believe that there is a change coming. If you have been listening with any prophetic insight, you can hear the wind moving in the mulberry trees, you can feel something in the air; there is change coming. God is going to bring about this change in a very strong, unique and dynamic way."

17. "God's New Breed," see <https://christiancrunch.wordpress.com/2007/02/07/gods-new-breed/>. This is an obvious reference to the "New Breed" prophecies about an "elect seed" that is foundational Latter Rain heresy, which we explained in this Herescope post: <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2006/02/new-breed-defined.html>. See "Prophet Bob

Jones and The Florida Fires," 5/14/08, <http://christiancrunch.wordpress.com/2008/05/14/prophet-bob-jones-and-the-florida-fires/> where it says that: "Bob Jones is a prophet from the prophetic movement in the early part of the century. His words have come to pass over the years. He runs with Rick Joyner of Morningstar Ministries, Bobby Conner, and used to run with a little-known prophet by the name of [Augustine Alcalá](#). (This was the man who mentored Terry Kruse from our ministry, [Miracle Life Now](#), and prophesied to Mike Bickle about his ministry that became IHOP. He has now passed away to be with the Lord.)" [Ed. Note: This article was pulled shortly after this post was published on Herescope.]

18. William Branham's teachings undergird the Kansas City Prophets movement (IHOP) and are foundational to understanding the NAR. See his history and teachings summarized at <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/williambranham1.html>, Branham's quotations can be found in an article by Mike Oppenheimer, "The Teachings of 'the Prophet' William Branham," posted here: <http://www.letusreason.org/Latrain4.htm>.

19. There was a "Special Prophetic Edition" of the *Grace City Report*, which was a "monthly newsletter for the six congregations of Kansas City Fellowship," dated Fall 1989, which contains many key articles about history and mission, one of which is "Paul Cain: A Personal Profile," which gives a somewhat sanitized and glorified history of Paul Cain and his ministry. This report says that during this time Paul lives in a "small, two-bedroom home in Phoenix, Ariz., where he, with the help of his sister and family members, took care of his mother." This report also notes that in "1957, the late William Branham had an angelic visitation and was told not to go to a series of large meetings already planned in Europe, but to send Paul instead." The report indicates that during this time Paul was working on the doctrine of "a new breed of men and women leaders."

20. The *Grace City Report* cited above records, "On April 27, 1987, the Lord ordained a divine appointment for Paul with Mike Bickle, Noel Alexander, John Paul Jackson, Bob Scott and other brothers from Kansas City Fellowship. Mike, KCF senior pastor had heard about Paul in 1983 and had prayed many times that the Lord would arrange a divine appointment between them." It then chronicles how Mike and Noel met Paul at a pastors conference in Birmingham, Alabama, and how after that Paul began to visit "KCF regularly" and became "a beloved father and pillar in the church" as he helped "lay a more solid foundation." The report says that "Mike and the KCF eldership instantly felt the Lord prompting them to make a deep and permanent commitment to serve Paul Cain in any way possible for the rest of his days as the Lord permitted."

21. This same *Grace City Report* on Paul Cain records that "Bob Jones said the Lord spoke to him in a dream and revealed the nature of Paul's ministry" which would be "'The terror of the Lord' or 'The jealousy of God.'"

22. See Mike Oppenheimer's report on "*Prophet Paul Cain*," posted here: <http://www.letusreason.org/latrain5.htm>

23. And no wonder this is confusing and troublesome. The same *Grace City Report* cited above also ran an article "Paul Cain's Ministry: Recent Manifestations of the Holy Spirit," which indicates that the man frequently had manifestations that would normally be associated with occult activity, including power surges, electrical reactions, and predicting earthquakes. A notable earthquake prediction that came true, giving Cain the aura of credibility, accompanied John Wimber's visit with Paul Cain in Anaheim. The story as told by Wimber, which is recounted in this *Grace City Report*, is that in 1987 Cain informed Jack Deere, a pastor in the Anaheim Vineyard, that his visit would be accompanied by a big earthquake. The *Report* says "At 3:38 a.m. on the day Paul arrived, Dec. 3, there was a

major earthquake in Pasadena" which resulted in Paul Cain receiving John Wimber's "full attention."

24. Dr. Orrel Steinkamp, "Paul Cain, Latter Rain Prophet of Renown Is Now Discredited," *The Plumbline*, Vol. 9, No. 5, Dec. 2004, <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel19.html>

25. Thanks to YouTube, you can see this for yourself: "Paul Cain with Todd Bentley, Pt. 1," <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o25jTVb5Bj8> and "Paul Cain transfers His "Anointing" to Todd Bentley [sic]," <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db76DwFSZjE> For a reality check, recall the subject of this article post, which is that these IHOP leaders are now part and parcel of the Christian Right Tea Party in America, and are openly associating with high profile presidential candidates.

26. Mike Oppenheimer, "Bob Jones - A Tail of a Prophet," <http://letusreason.org/Latrain52.htm>. See the Ernie Gruen report for many more examples. Bob Jones was also the subject of a featured article in the *Grace City Report* cited above, in an article titled "Bob Jones: A Personal Profile" which details his angelic visitations and out of body experiences. This story chronicles how Bob Jones began to hear about "an army of young people who would be raised up. 'I saw them, they were all young soldiers,' he said.... In early 1983, Bob heard about a group of young people who had only recently begun a new church in the south Kansas City area. After visiting them, he knew this was some of the 'new breed' the Lord had told him about in the visions in 1976. The Lord brought Bob to Kansas City Fellowship just a few months after its beginning."

27. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/25418818/BILL-JOHNSON-THE-DECEIVER> and note the aberrant theology in evidence on this sad YouTube video of a Bethel student: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4VpH1FKkSQ>. See also *TheElijahList* promo for "A Call to the Body of Christ: The Shift: Washington DC" http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word_pf.html?ID=9239 where Bob Jones appeared with NAR bigshots like Chuck Pierce, Rick Joyner and Dutch Sheets at a quasi-political "prayer" event Oct 30-Nov. 6, 2010. In case you think this foray into politics is an aberration, note that Bob Jones, Rick Joyner, Paul Keith David, Ryan Wyatt teamed up with 7 mountains cheerleader Lance Wallnau for a "Taking Your Land Advancing the Kingdom Conference" in Knoxville, TN, Sept, 17-20, 2009, http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word/7956, where the Dominionist church is said to have "a mandate to invade every worldly culture with the supernatural culture of God's Kingdom. God has a mountain that He wants you to conquer; a destiny that only you can fulfill."

28. This is reported on and quoted here: <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/ihop-call-247> which is linked over to the *Kansas City Star* article which is no longer available online

29. This material is excerpted from the report by the late William M. Alnor, "The Kansas City Prophets," posted <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/kcp.html>

30. Documented by Pastor Bill Randles, "Beware the New Prophets," <http://www.e-n.org.uk/p-986-Beware-the-New-Prophets.htm>

31. This is a paraphrase (except for the Jones' quote) by Pastor Bill Randles, *Weighed and Found Wanting* (1995) book. The excerpt is published here: <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/heresy.html> and it reads: "Jones says we shouldn't worry about inaccurate prophecies, for God told him that prophets are like guns and prophecies are like bullets and inaccurate prophecies are like blanks. And he also says that God told him, *"I'm loading the guns, I'm putting the blanks in!"* Incredible! Jones would have us believe that God is responsible for inaccurate prophecies! Supposedly, even when we shoot blanks, it scares the enemy! Bob Jones complains about people who "try to make

us Old Testament prophets" meaning to hold them to the standard of Deut 18."

32. In the Wikipedia entry for Mike Bickle, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Bickle_\(minister\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Bickle_(minister)), footnote 21 states: ^

"Kansas City 'Prophet' Disciplined", *Christianity Today* 36 (3): 67, March 9, 1992., ISSN 0009-5753 "Vineyard leaders took strong steps recently to discipline well-known "prophet" Bob Jones after Jones admitted to "Sexual misconduct (not adultery)" with two women." "Vineyard leadership also is supporting the Joneses through regular counseling, visits by the Kansas City Metro Vineyard leadership, and monetary contributions."

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IHOP: International House of Political Action Part 2: IHOP Enters Dominion/Christian Right Politics

By [Dr. Orrel Steinkamp](#)

"If Governor Rick Perry (R) of Texas runs for president of the United States, he will have one of the most unusual and specific bases for his platform of any candidate in many decades—the spiritual visions of the ancient Hebrew prophet [Joel](#).

"Perry has jumped on the '[Joel's Army](#)' bandwagon, claiming in his promotional message for his [The Response](#) prayer and fasting event in Houston in August....

"The 'response' Perry is talking about is the one Joel 2 calls for when God's people are confronted by an Apocalyptic crisis. In part a call for fasting and prayer, it is also a description of a powerful army of God.

"One group which has for many years taught a theology based on Joel 2's crisis or 'shock doctrine', is the Kansas City prayer organization [IHOP](#) (International House of Prayer), headed by [Mike Bickle](#), part of what was known in the 1990s as the [Kansas City Prophets](#), a neo-charismatic movement of Christian 'dominionists', who seek to transform the USA into a Christian theocracy.

"Perry [lists](#) several figures associated with IHOP and with TheCall movement, started by IHOP associate Lou Engle, as part of the leadership team for the governor's August 6....

"These self-proclaimed prophets often employ the militaristic rhetoric of Joel 2, which describes a great and destructive Army of God, thus Joel's Army. To fill the ranks of this army, the leaders of the movement target young people and children, and shape their message with raucous (often violent) themes and music, intended to appeal to young people's raw emotions."

--Glenn Wright, "Rick Perry bases call for national salvation on 'Joel's Army' cult movement," *The Examiner*, 6/9/22

"...[A]s the church begins to take on this resolve, they will start to be thought of more as military bases, and they will begin to take on the characteristics of military bases for training, equipping, and deploying effective spiritual forces. In time, the church will actually be organized more as a military force with an army, navy, air force, etc."

--Rick Joyner, one of the Kansas City Prophets, "The Warrior Nation--The New Sound of The Church," TheElijahList, 6/27/06

READ Part 1: IHOP is starting to feel its Dominion oats

The Rapid Expansion and Franchising and Global IHOP Branding

IHOP began in 2000 in a renovated strip mall on Red Bridge Rd. in Grandville, Kansas City.[1] In the past decade and especially in recent years IHOP ballooned into a major presence in Kansas City. There are roughly 500 people on staff. In 2009 they commenced a world headquarters including a 5000 seat conference center.

In 2009 *The Kansas City Star* reported that at least 80 homes had been purchased and converted to intern dormitories. The *Star* also reported that 150 IHOP related families were residing near Grandview. An observer saw a large trailer roaring up the street. It was a family from Minnesota, a husband, wife and two boys. There are numerous programs, conferences, and training tracks located at IHOP. I will refer only to a small number of these: There are four levels of 6-month internship programs. There is IHOPU, which is roughly a 4-year training program which includes a music academy and [Lou Engle's](#) TheCall Institute. The Simeon Company is for those 50 and older and the Joseph Company are people in the business world who provide finance, and there is a Children's Ministry Center designed to teach and prepare a second generation of

IHOPers. *The Star* article reported:

IHOP has a "Children's Equipping Center," which, according to the Web site, seeks to mold a million children to lead the next generation, by empowering them "with DNA components that produce in them a holy passion."

Throw in the proportionally heavy infusion of young believers, things such as the "Fire in the Night" internship that meets from midnight to 6 a.m. and a "prenatal soaking room" for expectant mothers and the word "cult" occasionally can be heard in the neighborhood.[2]

There are the core teachings of the 24/7 prayer and worship ministry based on the [Tabernacle of David](#) (TOD, discussed in [Part 1](#)). Another featured teaching is the [Bridal Paradigm](#).^[3] There are a number of anointings taught, and among them are the Shulamite anointing, a reference to the woman lover in Song of Solomon. There is the Hannah anointing, referring to Hannah who spent her time in the temple (1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2).^[4] The whole Contemplative Prayer Ministry is also taught. Special weekend conferences for people across the nation and the world are organized and they include "One Thing" conferences, and "Fire in the Night" conferences. And last but not least there are prenatal soaking ministries for pregnant mothers in which they purport to impart new spiritual DNA to their children in the womb preparing a second generation of spiritual warriors (the "elect seed"/"[New Breed](#)" teaching).

Charisma magazine reported, in a 11/16/10 article, "We Won't Stop Praying," that the "ministry includes 1,000 full-time staff and 1,000 full-time students at the university, IHOPU, yet each person's role, function and purpose at IHOP begins entirely in the prayer room," which is heavy on experiential mysticism through music and altered states of consciousness. The article also details how the ministry is "Going Global" with a partnership with [heavy-dominionist "mission" group YWAM](#) (Youth With A Mission).^[5]

The IHOP goal is to establish IHOP 24/7 prayer rooms and ministries in every major American city and most campuses. At the University of Minnesota (in my own state) there is an UMHOP as an example. They boast at least 200 of these both in the USA and around the world. A continuous flow of free live web streaming flows daily from the KC prayer room and made available around the world to their satellite prayer rooms. Internees are encouraged to become part of establishing these prayer rooms and their 24/7 scheduling. Those trained at IHOPU are slated to give over-all leadership to this expansion. The free web streaming of the IHOP prayer room is sent

abroad and is translated into at least 6 major language groups. Young people in many places become designated "apostles" and "prophets," and they are told they are an elite group with special "deep truth" and "special anointings" or spiritual gifts that elevate them above those who aren't as "spiritually mature." This is often how they recruit new members, by promising them heightened spiritual power, not unlike the occult. One former IHOP member gives the following account:

This is a very close paraphrase of what I've heard many, many times at One Thing, IHOP conferences and in teachings by leaders:

"YOU are called to be on the cutting edge. Come here and join a community of other people who are like you, called to what you're called to. We understand you. You've been mis-understood in the church. You've had your wings clipped, your gifts misunderstood. Here you can fulfill your forerunner calling that your family just hasn't understood about you. You might feel like you don't fit back home, you're on the outside, no one understands the fire in you. Well we get it. **You** are the leaders that G-d is raising up in these end times and you will be kings and queens on the earth—reigning with Him. You were made for this place. IHOP is an incubator for people like you."

Narcissistic speeches like this instill a sense of pride, arrogance and elitism in the hearts of youth who hear it and it feeds their need for validation and identity. They run to IHOP, leave their families, join internships...hoping that what they've heard is true. They go to **IHOP** looking for identity...instead of finding it in Jesus.[6][emphasis in original]

This is not all about "prayer." The *Charisma* article explains how prayer is being turned into activism, and this is the activism that is now becoming overly political:

That long-term generational target is also one of the driving forces behind IHOP's recently expanded vision to combine 24/7 prayers for justice with 24/7 works of justice until Christ's return. Of the 75 departments that make up IHOP, more than three-fourths are dedicated to action outside the prayer room—everything from orphan care to crisis response to inner-city ministry to training marketplace leaders. This is in addition to a thriving worship label, music school, conference ministry, media institute, Israel initiative, children's and high school ministries, and an ever-increasing list of other ministries making their mark.[7]

The leaders have equipped their rapidly growing "Joel's Army" of grassroots activists with a passion for Dominionism:

"If your idea is that people are just sitting there in the prayer room, you're missing the point. You have to have a revelation of what's happening in that room or it's just sitting there," Bickle tells me before we enter the prayer room for an intercessory set he's leading with Edwards. As if following a script, we walk in right as she sings what's become the cry of an entire army of worshippers: *How far will you let me go? / How abandoned will you let me be?* [8]

Red Flags Over IHOP

But the Internet will reveal that not all IHOP interns have prospered spiritually at IHOP. Most appear to be totally immersed in the life and teachings of their leaders. There are continuous reports, however, of over-zealous monitoring of interns. It is reported that they are regimented quite strictly. Among those parents are wary of the IHOP experience of their children, are reports of being rebuffed and interns who have been counseled to declare up to year of separation from their families. Other internees tell of being refused permission to leave the scheduled prayer room duty, even when feeling tired or sick. Finally some internees seem to suffer from sleep deprivation. These testimonies of from IHOP internees and parents can be readily be found on the Internet. I have no idea how much justification should be given to these reports, but many of us have heard reports just like these.[9]

Bickle's "Forerunner Eschatology": Just a Slightly Different Route to the Dominion Mandate

Mike Bickle presents a variant of Dominion end-times teaching that crossbreeds elements of Dispensational eschatology with Dominion Post-Millennial views. This at first glance seems similar to Dispensational teaching which has occupied for decades the most popular view of the end times. But Dispensational Pre-Millennial eschatology in its pure form is directly in opposition to the Dominion teaching.

Most Dominionists portray Dispensationalists as passive in a derogatory way, depicting them as believers who simply wait for the day and hour for the Rapture which snatches them away before the Great Tribulation can begin. But in Mike Bickle's

treatment of the Bible's book of Revelation there is no passive waiting for the Rapture. Rather the church has the mandate to bring forward the return of the Lord, even as it must fight against the Antichrist, and go through the horrors of the Tribulation period. Bickle, who espouses "restored" Dominion Apostles and Prophets of the [Latter Rain restoration scheme](#), nevertheless promotes a view he calls Pre-Millennial Dominionism. Previously, most Dominionists rejected the Dispensational teachings of the church going through the Tribulation and the coming of the Antichrist.[10]

C. Peter Wagner, head of the [New Apostolic Reformation](#) (NAR), promotes a Charismatic version of Post-Millennialism they call "Victorious Eschatology," which is the eschatology promoted on the [Reclaiming 7 Mountains](#) website associated with Dominionist leaders [Lance Wallnau](#) and [Os Hillman](#).^[11] This eschatology sees the church in Post-Millennial fashion as defeating the forces of evil, making the Tribulation and the Antichrist a mute point.

And now, [thanks to Mike Bickle](#), many Dispensational end-time teachers have very quietly made the transition to the elements of the Dominionist view which Mike Bickle calls Pre-Millennial (or Forerunner) Dominionism. Now people with a Dispensational view can advance the Dominionist prophetic clock:

Although Bickle admits that Christians can't predict the exact "day or hour" of Jesus' second coming, he firmly claims that we can know the specific "season" of His return and boldly tells his followers that he believes the end of the world will unfold in this generation.

In light of Bickle's conviction that we are living in the generation of Jesus' second coming, he preaches that, as God raised up John the Baptist to be a forerunner preparing his generation for Jesus' first coming, God is now raising up an elite end-time forerunner movement within the church. This movement will prepare this generation for the soon-coming Great Tribulation and Jesus' return.

Bickle believes God has anointed him to call forth and train these end-time Christian forerunners. He is praying for thousands of last-days "forerunner Christians" to be raised up within this generation as special prophetic voices that will emerge in the spirit and power of Elijah and defeat the Antichrist's soon-coming one-world government and religion by praying the "battle plan" of the Book of Revelation.

The End-Time Forerunner Church

Bickle teaches that Jesus' second coming can be delayed or sped up according to the degree of the church's spiritual maturity and readiness. He declares that most Christians are waiting passively for Jesus to return, when in actuality, Jesus is waiting for the church to prepare itself as the pure Bride of Christ and to ready itself to launch the last-day divine war to drive evil from the earth and cleanse it so that it can be filled with God's love and glory.[12]

In Bickle's morphing of elements of Dispensational and Dominion views, believers must fight the Antichrist and the evil forces during the Tribulation instead of watching from the grandstands of heaven. In fact, we may be in the great Tribulation even now -- according to Bickle the endtime church is far from passive but victorious in the Tribulation against the Antichrist. Furthermore, the overcoming church can speed up the return of Christ and actually defeat the Antichrist and execute judgment on the Antichrist and the ungodly.

Bickle does not simply preach that the church will go through the Great Tribulation sealed by God's sovereign power, but that the end-time church will actually cause God's judgments to be released on the earth through prophetic prayer. In other words, the end-time praying church will not simply be helpless martyrs during the Great Tribulation; it will victoriously **establish justice on the earth by releasing the devastating Great Tribulation judgments** on the Antichrist's global evil empire.[13] [emphasis added]

In fact, even now Lou Engle is setting up JHOPs, *justice* centers, one of which is "strategically located only a couple blocks away from the Supreme Court and the Capitol Building" in Washington, D.C.[14] The theology of these centers is based on Bickle's eschatology:

Luke 18 gives us a mandate to never give up in night and day prayer for justice. This draws us near the heart of God in His great desire to **release justice in the earth** and ultimately **the return of Jesus—the Just One**.^[15]

Many Charismatics who were raised on Dispensational views are now being told to forget the Rapture and prepare to fight. This cross breeding of eschatological views permits those previously trained in, and committed to, the Tribulation view of the endtimes to now embrace the essentials of the Dominionist Mandate. *Joel's Army*, a booklet published by Discernment Ministries online, which discusses the eschatology

of the "Kansas City Prophets" in detail, explains that "The 'Day of the Lord' is re-interpreted by [these] false prophets to mean that Christ will come to His Church and incarnate (become God in flesh) an army of believers - thus giving them supernatural qualities to execute judgment on the Church."

Bickle teaches that Jesus' second coming can be delayed or sped up according to the degree of the church's maturity and readiness. He declares that most Christians are waiting passively for Jesus to return but asserts that in actuality Jesus is waiting for the church to prepare itself as the pure Bride of Christ. The church, he says, should ready itself to launch the last-day divine war to drive evil from the earth, and cleanse it of impurities, so that it can be filled with God's love and glory. It starts with the church, then spreads. Again, the *Joel's Army* booklet explains:

The "Day of the Lord" as seen through the eyes of the New Wave "prophets" will be a time when Joel's Army, led by these "prophets," will pour out God's wrath on the church! Then, they claim, for the first time in two thousand years the "pure church" will come forth. In other words, the blood of Christ did not avail, nor will it, in the last days because this Joel's Army and the "prophets" will do what Jesus Christ's blood could not; i.e., "cleanse" the Church....

Those... attending the Docklands conference in England were promised by John Wimber, "There is something higher than being Baptist and that is to be in this Endtime Army and involved in this greater prize of bringing everything on the Earth and above the Earth and below the Earth to the feet of Jesus." Clifford Hill in his publication *Prophecy Today* summed it up:

The opportunity of joining the "new breed," an elite group of believers endowed with supernatural power that would enable them to be part of the army of "dread warriors" that God was said to be raising up in our generation. According to John Wimber this is a type of "Joel's Army" who will overcome all opposition to the gospel and eventually subdue the nations. This teaching is part of what is known as "dominion theology" which teaches that an elite army of "overcomers" will either destroy or subdue all the enemies of Christ until they eventually gain power and authority throughout the world. The government of the nations will be upon their shoulders and when all the secular authorities, governments, princes and

kings have finally submitted to them, Christ will return and they will present the kingdom to him. (Prophecy Today, Vol. 7, No. 1, England)

Bickle does not simply preach that the church will go through the Great Tribulation sealed by God's sovereign power, but he also teaches that the end-time church will actually bring God's judgments to be released on the earth through prophetic prayer. The end-time praying church will not simply be helpless martyrs during the Great Tribulation: it will victoriously establish justice on the earth by releasing the devastating Great Tribulation judgments on the Antichrists global evil empire, he believes.

Bickle declared in 2008 that

it was time for the prayer movement to realize that it will be the primary agent to transition human history to the age to come through "prayers of faithful not only to heal, but also kill," releasing the heavenly arsenals through intercession that will strike the Antichrist's political, military, and economic power bases across the earth.[16]

This sounds like preparing for literal warfare!

Furthermore, the end-times church will bring back a killing and blood-spilling "Jesus," whom Bickle sees covered in real blood as he does physical combat against the Antichrist's army. From Bickle's tape, "Armageddon and the Second Coming," this returning Jesus will go on a 30-day violent campaign from Egypt to Jerusalem with his resurrected saints, a Jesus killing spree with his own sword and splashing blood on his robe in fashion as David in the OT. [But note the biblical facts: David was kept from building the temple because he "*shed much blood*" (1 Chron. 22:7,8). Furthermore, 2Thess. 2:8 pictures the Lord destroying with the breath of his mouth, and destroying the Anti-Christ with the brightness of His coming. I think I will go with Paul on this one.]

Bickle envisions that the end-time forerunner church will be an advanced 'apostolic' movement. They will experience 'greater things' than the original [New Testament biblical] Apostles themselves. They will function as the last day Moses (more allegorizing) who through prayer releases God's plagues, etc. on the Antichrist, the end-time Pharaoh.

According to Bickle, since the specific sequential events of the future have been prophetically predicted in the Book of Revelation, the end-time church will be able to loose or bind God's judgments exactly as they unfold in history.

Bickle envisions prayer rooms around the world in full agreement as they pray the events of the end-time battle plan into existence. It is because of this belief that Bickle is now attempting to get the global prayer movement to embrace his exclusive interpretation of the Book of Revelation. By praying Revelation's Great Tribulation events into existence, this will result in billions of men, women and children being killed.[17]

Concluding Remarks

The IHOP prayer and intercessory army of young people apparently now sees itself involved not only in prayer and intercession, but preparing to recall a "killing Jesus" back to the earth. The end time new Moses Prayer and Dominion movement supposedly must prepare for battle to drive the Antichrist (the new Pharaoh) from the land. The church must begin to execute the very judgments of God upon the earth.

IHOP's only difference from current Apostolic Dominionism (NAR) is that it points more directly to an actual war. The NAR Apostles and Prophets have always been happy to present a political/spiritual combo warfare effort. But with extremist IHOP staffers now leading the organizational effort for Rick Perry's ["The Response" conference](#) in Houston, the escalation of spiritual warfare into potential literal physical warfare (revolution) will surely increase.

24/7 worship and intercession prayer rooms should now be seen as places where youth are being marshaled into Dominion forces for actual spiritual warfare, in actual SWAT team versions of spiritual/physical warfare to cleanse the land. In this scenario the already militant rhetoric of IHOP's [Lou Engle](#) will surely become an even more actual declaration of some kind of physical warfare in the land. Sounds dramatic, especially to young adults, and many are lured in by the promises of power and elitism. This is seen as a superior kind of spiritual activism. But all this has no basis in Scripture, the actual Apostles of the Lord, as spelled out in the New Testament. The only authority for this new eschatology comes from pretenders and false prophets like Bob Jones and his Latter Rain cohorts.

The Truth:

All this amounts to a false gospel. As the *Joel's Army* booklet explains:

If indeed it takes this Joel's Army to purify the Church, then all the preaching of the Cross from the early Church to the present was in vain. And rather than the Cross of Christ being God's final answer to "walking in newness of life," we should look for another.

This Joel's Army heresy, as it is applied to the Church and the world, is not only in total conflict with the true Gospel of Christ, but represents a radical new rendition of the doctrines of redemption and purification. By all analyses it is "another gospel." It poses a real threat to unstable churches because it is yet another great deception beguiling the Church.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Pet 3:10)

Editor's Endnotes:

1. *The Kansas City Star* article from which these facts and figures in this paragraph are drawn is no longer posted online. However, major excerpts from the original article now appear on this webpage:

<http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/ihop-call-247>

2. Ibid.

3. See "The Bridal Paradigm: Let the King Bring Me Into His Chamber ," by Dr. Orrel Steinkamp, *The Plumblines*, Volume 14, No.2, March/April 2009, <http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/orrel34.pdf>

4. Note that these examples use allegorizing, which is one of the problems inherent in the Latter Rain cult hermeneutics. This type of mis-use (abuse) of Scripture is explained very clearly in the *Joel's Army* booklet, published online at Discernment Ministries website at <http://www.discernment-ministries.org/JoelsArmy.pdf> A key section of the book tells us: "The proponents of the 'Joel's Army' heresy are notorious for reading between the lines and spiritualizing Scripture. They are even spiritualizing global events to parallel their outlandish prophetic views. It seems to give them a deep feeling of being spiritually perceptive. In researching their materials, we see this time and again. By all accounts this belief system is 'Gnosticism' to the core.

In the New Wave (New Apostolic Reformation) theology, we find that whatever God says or promises Israel is dogmatically applied to the Church; and in some cases this done to such extremes that the Church is deified. The

danger is that spiritualizing God's Word in this way can result in idolatry and fanaticism. Because they rely upon the old Gnostic 2nd-century allegorical method of interpreting the Scriptures, the modern 'prophets' have come to believe that the Church is the exclusive beneficiary of all God has promised to Israel." See also the online book *STRANGE FIRE: The Rise of Gnosticism in the Church* by Travers and Jewel van der Merwe, posted here:

<http://www.discernment-ministries.org/StrangeFire.pdf>

5. Marcus Yoars, "We Won't Stop Praying," 11/16/10, *Charisma* magazine,

<http://www.charismamag.com/index.php/news/29555-we-wont-stop-praying>

6. "Why I Believe IHOP is a Cult," Ariel, 2/18/09, <http://gospelmasquerade.blogspot.com/2009/02/why-i-believe-ihop-is-cult.html>

7. *Charisma* article, Ibid.

8. Ibid.

9. Abuse accounts are widespread, and many of us in discernment circles are personally acquainted with stories. Youth are being captivated and put through what amounts to rigorous brainwashing, including sleep and food deprivation, heightened sensory stimulation, altered states of consciousness-inducing activities, rigid and totally controlled schedules, loss of personal privacy, training in marketing tactics, idolizing leadership, and terrible pressure to conform. All of this amounts to cultic abuse. As any survivor knows, it takes incredible courage to go public with stories like these. These accounts can be found at the following Internet locations.

- "Some of my IHOP 'Red Flags'" Posted: January 1, 2010 by Ariel, <http://gospelmasquerade.wordpress.com/2010/01/01/some-of-my-ihop-red-flags/>
- "Julie's story," 1/14/10, <http://thegreycoats.wordpress.com/2010/01/14/julies-story/>
- "Testimony of a Former IHOP-KN Attendee: Stephanie," 3/5/11, <http://notunlikelee.wordpress.com/2011/03/05/testimony-of-a-former-ihop-kc-attendee-stephanie/>
- "Former IHOP Interns Testify that IHOP is a cult," 4/11/11, <http://truthspeaker.wordpress.com/2011/04/11/former-ihop-interns-testify/>
- "Why I Believe IHOP is a Cult," 2/18/09, <http://gospelmasquerade.blogspot.com/2009/02/why-i-believe-ihop-is-cult.html>
- "Mike Bickle & IHOP Cultlike Tendencies," <http://endtimespropheticwords.wordpress.com/2008/08/27/mike-bickle-ihop-cult-like-tendancies/>
- "Former IHOP KC Leader's Testimony 'Ihop is a cult,'" 3/10/11, <http://truthspeaker.wordpress.com/2011/03/10/former-ihop-kc-leaders-testimony-ihop-is-a-cult/>
- "WARNING MIKE BICKLE AT HOUSE OF PRAYER IS A HUGE CULT LEADER," <http://www.factnet.org/vbforum/archive/index.php/t-5847.html>

10. Dominionism was once more recognizable in various eschatological streams. These variants were described very aptly by Al Dager in his seminal book *VENGEANCE IS OURS: THE CHURCH IN DOMINION* (Sword Publishers, 1990). Since 1990, however, various streams of Dominionism have more openly worked together, particularly hammering out hybrid eschatological doctrines. These hybrid doctrines create massive confusion, in that they use similar terminology to the classic positions. This serves to cloak the more extreme elements of the eschatological agendas of Dominionism. See "What Is Dominionism?" by Sarah Leslie, posted at

<http://apprising.org/2011/01/26/what-is-dominionism/>

11. Yet another hybrid, see:

<http://www.reclaim7mountains.com/apps/articles/default.asp?articleid=62371&columnid=4347>

12. Andrew Jackson, "Forerunner Eschatology," *Christian Research Journal*, Issue 32-04,

<http://journal.equip.org/articles/forerunner-eschatology>

13. Ibid. Also see Bob DeWaay's analysis: "Mike Bickle and International House of Prayer: The Latter Rain Redivivus," at <http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue107.htm>

14. <http://jhopdc.com/about> Also written about here, with an accompanying video:

<http://www.rightwingwatch.org/category/groups/justice-house-prayer>

15. Ibid. Emphasis in original.

16. "Forerunner Eschatology" article, Ibid.

17. Ibid.

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