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“...how is it that ye do not discern this time?” Luke 12:56

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The Next Great Awakening... or Great Deadening? A POLITICAL PLATFORM

“Third Great Awakening”

“We believe that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came on November 11, 2009, in Kansas City signaled the beginning of a Third Great Awakening that we prophesied would come to America and the world. November 11th was the day that the Pilgrims made covenant with God in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Many intercessors across the nation are crying out to God for the nation to once again become “a city set on a hill.” If we continue to pray and call out to God, the nation will shift.”

- Cindy Jacobs¹

“A prophetic word from Cindy Jacobs, August 19, 2009: ‘Florida is going to be a great army; God has made Florida a great weapon in the hand of God.’ (Jer. 51:20) ‘Florida, you are my battle axe and weapon of war. Florida is a war-club, a battle axe. There is terror in Tampa, Tallahassee and Miami - a ring of terror; but, God has a ring of fire. Shaking, shaking, shaking. Florida is my threshing floor for the nation. The key is the marriage of righteousness and justice.’ There are revolutionary angels moving around; we are moving into a Kingdom Season where we war from the glory realm of Heaven, bringing forth our future.”

- Cindy Jacobs²

“I want to tell you, and I believe, that we are on a verge of the greatest awakening, not only what we would say just in the church, but we are on the verge of the greatest awakening that we have ever seen in our history as a nation.”

— Cindy Jacobs³

Cindy Jacobs, who has been called a “prophet to the nations”⁴ is identified by C. Peter Wagner as “the U.S. national apostle”⁵ in his 2002 book *Spheres of Authority: Apostles in Today’s Church*. This book is one of the earlier attempts to describe his “New Apostolic Age” in which he calls the “New Apostolic Reformation” (NAR) – “the most radical change in the way of doing church since the Protestant Reformation back in the 16th Century.”⁶ In this book, he lays out the principle that his newly conceived “apostles” will be in charge of designated “spheres of authority” for “the task of implementing what God wants done on earth.”⁷ Wagner endows these “apostles” with supernatural gifting to hear new revelation directly from God:

“Apostles receive revelations from God, and consequently they are able to say ‘This is what the Spirit is saying to the churches right now.’ Making such a

statement with credibility carries with it tremendous authority.”⁸

In this book Wagner provides a “definition” of apostle in the context of “spheres,” which are governing realms that are also now referred to as “gates” or “mountains”⁹ –

“An apostle is a Christian leader, gifted, taught, commissioned, and sent by God with the authority 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.”¹⁰

C. Peter Wagner believes that apostles are an important part of getting “the biblical government of the church in place” through vertical and horizontal networks. These new-fangled apostles “had a network of which they were at the top. For each of them, the primary apostolic sphere in which their authority received a divine anointing was their particular network.”¹¹ But these apostles aren’t just in charge of restructuring churches into downline networking hierarchical non-denominational ecumenical structures. These apostles are also in charge of “social transformation,” utilizing the same networking structures for cultural renewal and political action. In Chapter 8, titled “Apostles for Social Transformation,” the first subheading is “Our Goal: Social Transformation.” Wagner explains how the concept of taking over the “spheres” of society developed into a plan of action:

“During the 1990s the idea that the kingdom of God is not confined to the four walls of the local church began to take hold strongly among Christian leaders. We began to take our prayer, ‘Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’ more seriously than we had in the past. We believed that not only did God desire to save the lost and bring them into our churches, but that He also desired to change the world we live in for the better.”

“We began to talk about ‘city taking,’ and ‘city reaching,’ and ‘community transformation.’ But gradually, toward the end of the decade, ‘social transformation’ seemed to be the most satisfactory way of expressing our outreach goal. The renowned Transformations video, produced by George Otis, Jr.’s Sentinel Group, helped sharpen our thinking. ‘Social transformation’ includes all of the other terms, but it is broader. It encompasses spiritual transformation, educational transformation, and governmental transformation. This can be applied to neighborhoods, cities, regions, and nations.”¹²

We would now recognize this plan as the Seven Mountain Mandate for Dominionism. Wagner believes that each of these newly-concocted “apostles” will be assigned a regional, cultural or territorial “sphere of authority” with which to work out this planned societal transformation. Admitting that “few apostles are pacifistic,” Wagner describes his apostles as

"visionary, aggressive, uncompromising, warlike, and often abrasive."¹³ He promises that if you voluntarily "submit gratefully to the authority of the apostle who is over whatever territorial sphere" you find yourself in, then there will be a "powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit."¹⁴ It is this much-touted "powerful outpouring" that is now being equated with a "Great Awakening."

Cindy Jacobs: "U.S. national apostle"

Time for a reality check. What all this means for you, if you are an American, is that you must now submit to Cindy Jacobs, whom C. Peter Wagner apparently appointed to be the "U.S. national apostle" in charge of our nation. According to this new apostolic (NAR) worldview, when these "apostles" come into "alignment," we will then see a great revival, i.e. a "Great Awakening."

If this apostolic position of power for Cindy Jacobs is indeed a genuine fact, it explains some strange happenings this past year. If Jacobs truly has been set up as the chief "U.S. national apostle" it explains why she has suddenly and inexplicably emerged prominently as a spokesperson and activist on the national political scene this past year. In a [Herescope post of June 24, 2010](#) we observed this curious fact:

On June 16, 2010 Cindy Jacobs, head prophetess of the New Apostolic Reformation, issued a political statement, an "Urgent Call to Prayer Concerning California's Proposition 8 and Defense Of Marriage Act." Written on the letterhead of her "United States Reformation Prayer Network" it has all of the hallmarks of a political action alert. This is a major first for the woman who has been associated with all sorts of strange doctrines and wacky practices. By taking a political position on these high-profile issues Jacobs is obviously attempting to enter the Christian Right mainstream as an ally. Just this week she and fellow "apostle" Chuck Pierce have actually spoken out about the Gulf Oil Spill.

The "Great Awakening" has been one of the consistent themes accompanying the public outing of America's new apostolic [Grande Dame](#).¹⁵ Cindy Jacobs is apparently running on a platform of a "Great Awakening."

On July 17, Jacobs reported that "God spoke to her and warned that America was on the verge of slipping into 'another Great Depression' and the only hope of stopping it was for massive prayer, fasting, revival, support for Israel ... and, of course, proper voting."¹⁶ Jacobs reported that she heard a message from the Lord that said, "**If the Church doesn't fast and pray for a faster acceleration of revival and awakening, the iniquitous sin structures in the nation will tip the scale that is teetering and there will be another great depression.**"¹⁷ This "awakening" message of Jacob's was widely distributed, and one account said it was accompanied by "signs" and "wonders":

"We must rise up and press in to the Lord for a full release of the Awakening and Reformation that our nation so desperately needs. God has spoken that He is releasing the beginnings of awakening, and He desires to release in a greater measure a mighty awakening with signs, wonders, miracles, and creative miracles

through those who will press in to Him as never before."¹⁸

Shortly before this episode, Jacobs headed up a prayer initiative for the BP Gulf Oil Spill on June 30, 2010, billed as a "Solemn Assembly: Standing in the Gap on Behalf of the Land: Crying out in response to the Gulf Oil Spill Crisis and its affect upon our nation and the nations of the world," in Montgomery Alabama. Joining Jacobs and her husband Mike was John Kilpatrick, who is best known for his pastoral role in the frenzied drunken and shaking phenomena of Pensacola, Florida in the 1990s.¹⁹

Just prior to this oil spill prayer event, Cindy Jacobs had been in Georgia for the "Awake Georgia" conference held June 24-26, which also featured the well-known NAR apostle [Dutch Sheets](#). Dutch Sheets has his own brand of an "[The Awakening and Reformation Tour](#)," complete with a [promo video](#) proclaiming the fulfillment of "[God's Dream](#)," an esoteric theme of [global Dominionism](#) efforts. Not surprisingly then, after this "Awake Georgia" conference was over it was also described as an "awakening":

*"We have stepped into a 'Kairos Season of Awakening' in Georgia! A season of the flames of awakening burning more and more brightly within our hearts. A season to fan the flames of passion, to fervently press into the Lord for increased faith to operate in signs, wonders, and miracles, and to cry out to the Lord with passionate desire to be those He will use to disciple nations."*²⁰

John Benefiel was also a featured speaker at this "Awake Georgia" conference. He heads up the **Heartland Apostolic Prayer Network (HAPN)** that partners with Cindy Jacobs' **US Reformation Prayer Network (USRPN)** and the **US Alliance for Reformation** headed by Dutch Sheets. Each of these purported "prayer networks" is actually an apostolic downline political/spiritual "sphere of authority." All this prayer activity is a cover for their Dominionist agenda to [build the 7 Mountains](#). For example, HAPN's prayer activities are described in terms of grassroots political organization:

"Raising Up An Army of 10,000 Mighty Men & Women of God Across the State of Georgia To Advance Christ's Kingdom On Earth... as It Is In Heaven"

"The Spirit of the Lord has charged each state coordinator within the HAPN to raise up 10,000 men and women of God to stand in intercession, making declarations and decrees, and doing the work of ministry in all the seven mountains of culture to advance the Kingdom of God. By faith, I know that there are thousands already engaged in this work across the great state of Georgia. I am asking the Lord -- and you - - to help us build bridges of networking and partnership all across this state that we might discover how the Lord would have us to co-labor with each other to see our state and region enter into Awakening in our Day and Reformation in our Lifetime through healing the land, setting captives free, dismantling strongholds, laying foundations for Kingdom work, building relationships of effective ministry where we live, work, and play, and bringing the culture of Christ Kingdom to bear upon

*every sector of society through gifted, trained, equipped, empowered, celebrated, and supported men and women of God.*²¹

As part of this politicized prayer initiative, Cindy Jacobs launched what is called the "ROOT 52 National Prayer Strategy" this year via her United States Reformation Prayer Network. Concerning this prayer "strategy," note that these apostles teach that they can issue "decrees" from heaven that will implement their ambitions on earth. Jacobs explained that:

*"The first two weeks will be a special concerted time of prayer for the governmental leadership of the nation and then we will go state by state in the order that they joined the Union. By the end of the year, we will see all 50 states have a **covenantal root** established or deepened as we build a highway of prayer across the nation from state to state."*

*"Part of the strategy is to make proclamations from the Preambles of State constitutions. For the first two weeks, and throughout the year, let us also pray over and make decrees from the Preamble to the United States Constitution and the United States Constitution itself. We also need to "declare" from the Declaration of Independence and pledge our nation to be "**one nation under God**".*²²

Jacobs, who happens to also be named as a "prophet" in the NAR, said that she "heard two distinct prophetic words for 2010 - they are '**Win in 2010**' and '**Arise and Shine America**'" and called her followers to "battle... until we see the **Great Awakening and Reformation** back to biblical worldview."²³ Her "ROOT 52" USRPN National Prayer Strategy incorporates the theme of "seven gates or mountains," and has been accompanied by a "torch of prayer" that goes en-route from "state-to-state in the sequence that they joined the Union and came to form the United States of America." It also

*"encompasses all 50 states standing together in covenant both to fast and pray in agreement during the first two weeks of 2010 for our national leadership and national governmental structure. We will then move forward each week with individual states continuing to bow in repentance before God and taking up the torch of prayer and fasting until we complete 52 weeks, equaling 1 year. (50 states plus 2 weeks for government leadership)."*²⁴

Cindy Jacobs' prayer activities are totally interconnected to her political commitment to the "7-M Mandate" of social transformation, which she has described aggressively as:

"His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven... we need to understand that every sector of society needs to be governed by the knowledge of God.... Generals are strategists. And so we as generals have these different mountains of society that we want to take systematically. And some of you will fit on each of these mountains.... You will become the principals of the universities on the education mountain. You will write the textbooks that are read. The law of God becomes the law! God is calling his next generation to be the heads of

*nations...."*²⁵

In this same youtube video cited above Jacobs gives an account of how she has anointed two young men, one in Argentina and one in Mexico, to be the next presidents of their nations. This is the highest calling of the way-up-the-ladder apostles in the NAR. They actually believe that they are supposed to appoint and anoint leaders, not only of churches, but even the political leaders of nations! How can they do this? C. Peter Wagner begs us to enable these new-fangled apostles with our tolerance and affirm their divine "destiny"—arguing, "Let's agree that apostles are expected to be further up the scale toward perfection than other believers."²⁶

Now that we know that apostles are more perfect than the rest of us, it is quite fascinating to see how far and wide Cindy Jacobs has gone in the political Right. She was part of an "The Awakening 2010" conference this year, hosted by a group called The Freedom Federation, which also featured the eclectic mixture of "Rick Joyner, Ken Blackwell, Tony Perkins, Richard Land, Cindy Jacobs, Ergun Caner, Wendy Wright, Lou Engle, Samuel Rodriguez, and many more Christian cultural leaders."²⁷ This rise to fame was apparently planned for some time because Cindy Jacobs, along with the other self-anointed self-appointed "apostolic elders" of the NAR, in October 2009, predicted a "Third Great Awakening" for 2010. They also "prophesied" their involvement in the rising Tea Party Movement, which they claim is the formation of "a new third political party":

*Over the next years in the United States there will be a new third political party that will arise. The Lord is preparing His leadership for this party that will come out of the citizens of the United States groaning under the corruption of the old guard. Many leaders are being tested and tried in the fire right now who will take leadership in due time, for it will begin not so much as a political party but a movement. The movement will become a party in time.*²⁸

Running on the "Great Awakening" plank, Cindy Jacobs hosted a third annual Convergence conference, "Convergence: A Cry to Awaken a Nation," held on March 4-6, 2010 in Cedar Hill, Texas, and described its theme as to "see the nation experience a Great Awakening that turns us back to God." This conference featured Janet Porter, who coordinated the May Day 2010 event at the Lincoln Memorial with the assistance of Mike and Cindy Jacobs who "helped us to birth the idea of May day."²⁹ Convergence 2010 also featured Lance Wallnau, who is the chief promoter of the 7 Mountain scheme for Dominion.

The Great Awakening campaign theme continues right into election season, as another conference planned by Cindy Jacobs is timed just before the elections. The "Open Heavens Conference" is scheduled for October 21-23 in Melville, New York, and it is billed as "Releasing the Apostolic & Prophetic." Its stated purpose is similar to that of all of the other conferences – a Great Awakening –

The Church is in a very critical hour. Not only is the moral foundation of America fractured, but the moral foundation of the Church is fractured as well. The Church has a mandate to be spiritual salt and light. In

order to see God's Kingdom advance in the earth, the Church is in a desperate need of another Great Awakening.³⁰

All of this above represents mere snippets, randomly collected small pieces of evidence that the planned "Great Awakening" is nothing more than a scheme to take Dominion over various segments of American culture and society. Elsewhere around the world, there is increasing evidence that the self-anointed self-appointed apostolic networks are coming out into the open and claiming their "destiny" to rule the nations.³¹

The Truth:

Since their inception, the self-anointed self-appointed apostles of the New Apostolic Reformation have claimed to have supernatural powers, and they assert that they are a revival of the authentic New Testament early church "apostles" that were somehow lost during the church ages. They believe that they receive revelation from God that is on a par with, or supersedes that of written Scripture, the Word of God. They state that they can issue edicts and decrees that having binding power over spiritual and physical realms, and they demand absolute allegiance. They write that they are aligning themselves into networking hierarchical downline cellular structures where they can control the world.

This pompous and grandiose scheme might be funny, or whimsical, or even the farcical stuff that comedies are made of, if it weren't for the fact that these men (and women) have gained great ground and credibility in certain political circles. One might ask why no one is pointing out that these "emperors have no clothes" this is all so patently absurd. Nevertheless, these men (and women) have stated that in order to access God and His will, one must go through them. To obey them is to obey God. And to stand back and permit these leaders their positions of mountainous power, is to further the "kingdom of God on earth," they say.³²

The biblical truth is that "apostles" in the New Testament sense have always been "simply those who are sent out with a particular mission. From this concept we get the word 'missionary.'"³³ The church has always had missionaries. But the original New Testament Apostles, who received their doctrine of the Gospel of Salvation by direct revelation from God, and who wrote the books that are in the Canon of Scripture, did not continue into our present age. This false teaching of the NAR conflicts with both Scripture and solid New Testament history.³⁴

"Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell." (Isaiah 57:7-9)

Endnotes:

1. "Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders (ACPE): Word of the Lord for 2010," compiled in October 2009 by Cindy Jacobs of Generals International,

published on TheElijahList, January 21, 2010,

<http://www.elijahlist.com/words/html/textonly-012110-ACPE.html>

2. Cindy Jacobs, United States Reformation Prayer Network, "Florida Root 52 State Prayer Guide," July 16-23, 2010, distributed by Jacquie Tyre to her lists, July 14, 2010.

3. Remarks by Cindy Jacobs transcribed in "Jacobs: 'The Bible is the Government of the People, by the People, and for the People,'" April 16, 2010, <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/jacobs-bible-government-people-people-and-people> Video coverage and more articles from the perspective of the political Left can be found at:

http://www.alternet.org/news/146634/exposing_the_christian_right%27s_new_racial_playbook/ and also here:

<http://www.truthwinsout.org/blog/2010/04/8311/>

4. "Cindy Jacobs: The Great Awakening Part 2," posted at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehIDBzDpEWO&feature=related>. Here she is described as "Cindy Jacobs, the prophet to the nations." See also her interview with Peter Kairuz on "The 700 Club Asia," April 9, 2009, "Cindy Jacobs: The Great Awakening Part 1,"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bHesSNQ_Zo&feature=related, where one can hear her say, "God is on the move. The Lion of Judah is arising. And he is demolishing everything before him that is not righteous. He is coming with his refiner's fire."

5. C. Peter Wagner, *Spheres of Authority: Apostles in Today's Church* (Wagner Publications, 2002), p. 97.

6. *Ibid*, p. 121.

7. *Ibid*, pp. 22 and 15.

8. *Ibid*, p. 24.

9. See Herescope posts, "The 7-M Mandate," June 15, 2007, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2007/06/7-m-mandate.html> and "Neo-Kuyperian Spheres," June 28, 2007, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2007/06/neo-kuyperian-spheres.html> and "Seven Mountains: Set To Go Viral," June 24, 2010, <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/06/seven-mountains.html>

10. *Spheres of Authority*, p. 27.

11. *Ibid*, pp. 31, 60, 76.

12. *Ibid*, pp. 101-102.

13. *Ibid*, pp. 60, 103, 110. For more "sphere of authority" quotations along these lines, see the lead quote at this Herescope post:

<http://herescope.blogspot.com/2010/05/mainstreaming-dominionism.html>

14. *Spheres of Authority*, pp. 117-118.

15. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grande_dame

16. "Cindy Jacobs Issues "A Serious Warning and a Call for Urgent Prayer,"

July 20, 2010, <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/cindy-jacobs-issues-serious-warning-and-call-urgent-prayer> reporting on "Cindy Jacobs: An Urgent Call for Massive Intercession" put out by TheElijahList, July 20, 2010, http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word_pf.html?ID=8968 as a promo for her book *The Voice of God*.

17. *Ibid*.

18. Jacquie Tyre of Kairos Transformation Ministries in Georgia put Cindy Jacobs' prophecy out in her newsletter on July 20, 2010, along with this added commentary. Linking political action to this anticipated "awakening," the title of the newsletter was "A Call for Urgent Prayer & a Reminder to VOTE & PRAY for today's General Primaries across Georgia."

19. Jacquie Tyre, "Prayer Gathering with Cindy Jacobs in Montgomery: Gulf Oil Spill," Kairos Transformation Ministries newsletter, June 28, 2010.

Documentation on John Kilpatrick can be found at this webpage:

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/pensacola.html>

20. *Ibid*.

21. Jacquie Tyre, Kairos Transformation Ministries newsletter dated April 21, 2010.

22. This "ROOT 52 National Prayer Strategy" newsletter from Cindy Jacobs, was posted here on March 30, 2010: <http://www.injesus.com/getMessageContent.php?msgID=HB007H5J> For more information about this national prayer strategy, see the "50 State-by-State Weekly Prayer Calendar," http://txapn.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/50_State_by_State_Weekly_Prayer_Calendar.pdf and the "Prophetic Words on Covenant Roots by Chuck Pierce,"

http://txapn.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/Prophetic_Words_on_Covenant_Roots.pdf and the "Root 52 Proclamation," written by Cindy Jacobs on December 21, 2009, which confesses national sins corporately, and is titled "Proclamation of a Year of Repentance, Fasting and Prayer To Call the United States back to Her Christian Roots During the Year of Our Lord 2010," http://txapn.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/ROOT_52_Proclamation.pdf

23. *Ibid*.

24. "7 Mountains Mandate - Cindy Jacobs,"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID6OmQe_t2U&feature=related

25. *Spheres of Authority*, p. 38.

26. Newsletter by Matt Staver, Liberty Counsel, dated April 7, 2010. "The Awakening Schedule" is posted here:

<http://freedomfederation.org/content/schedule>. See photos of this event here:

<http://freedomfederation.org/index.php?url=content/summit> and videos here: <http://freedomfederation.org/videos>. To read about the downline networking structure of this organization to the precinct level, see this webpage <http://freedomfederation.org/content/about> and note the wide range of organizations that have joined together under this hierarchy for political action: <http://freedomfederation.org/content/members>. Also see article of August 2, 2010, "Oak Initiative Warns Democrats 'We're Coming After YOU!'" at <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/oak-initiative-ad-warns-democrats-were-coming-after-you> and <http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/sputtering-start-religious-rights-rebranding>

27. "Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders (ACPE): Word of the Lord for 2010," compiled in October 2009 by Cindy Jacobs of Generals International, published on TheElijahList, January 21, 2010.

<http://www.elijahlist.com/words/html/textonly-012110-ACPE.html> In 2009 Cindy Jacobs and the ACPE had prophesied "The Beginning of a Third Great Awakening," <http://www.generals.org/newsletters/e-newsletters/acpe-word-of-the-lord-2009>. This theme continued in 2009. For example, an AWAKE Arizona '09 conference was held in the Phoenix area that featured Dutch Sheets and Lance Wallnau

http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word_pf.html?ID=7711

28. "Join Mike and Cindy Jacobs for Convergence: A Cry to Awaken a Nation - March 4-6, 2010 - Cedar Hill, TX," advertised on TheElijahList,

http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word_pf.html?ID=8394

29. May Day 2010 event program,

<http://f2a.org/mayday/MayDay2010Program-Color.pdf>

30. Open Heavens Conference, Releasing the Apostolic and Prophetic with Matt Sorger, Cindy Jacobs, James Goll, Roberts Stearns and Steve Swanson, Oct. 21-23, 2010, Melville, NY, co-sponsored by TheElijahList, advertised August 18, 2010.

31. See, for example, this website from South Africa, where Natasha Vermaak is sponsoring a conference called "Ariel Gate Summit," which is billed as: "This is our first Ariel Gate Summit and we aim to gather Kingdom intercessors and leaders who are ready to read the scrolls from heaven, legislate in the heavens and then begin to administrate into the earth. It is time to see the Ecclesia of God establish His Kingdom government in the earth!"

http://www.arielgate.co.za/Events_-_Conferences_and_Schools.html and

http://www.arielgate.co.za/About_us_-_Future_Perfect_-_Ariel_Gate.html and

http://www.arielgate.co.za/About_us_-_Natasha_Vermaak_.html

32. Herescope has run a series of posts on these topics, for example:

<http://herescope.blogspot.com/2007/03/apostolic-regions-spheres-of-authority.html> Also see this unfinished report:

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/cellchurch.html>

33. For a good understanding of the role of apostles in the modern-day church, see Pastor Anton Bosch's excellent book *Building Blocks of the Church: Re-examining the Basics*, available here:

<http://home.etcable.net/hestervanboven/Books.htm> See especially chapter 8,

on "Apostles." This quote was taken from page 130 of his text.

34. Ibid.

CINDY JACOBS: A FALSE PROPHET

The following pieces of information have been compiled by various discernment researchers. There are very helpful refutations of the false prophecies of Cindy Jacobs, who is one of the key leaders of C. Peter Wagner's New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).

False Prophecies of the NAR CINDY JACOBS

[From "False Prophecies of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)," at

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/narfalseprophecies.html>]

Cindy Jacobs, notably the most vocal and probably the leading prophet in the New Apostolic Reformation at this time, makes a lot of predictions claiming they are directly from God. Jacobs declares that we are taking authority over every spirit that has been assigned to oppose the laws of God.

"We tear down the imaginations of man that oppose the laws of God, that would distort the laws of creation, and we say, "No," to it in Jesus' name. We take authority over every spirit that has been assigned to bring it

to pass. And we forbid it and stop it now, in the name of Jesus. Hallelujah." (Cindy Jacobs, *National School Of The Prophets-Mobilizing The Prophetic Office*, May 11, 7 pm, 2002)

The Bible does not give us this kind of authority. Only Jesus Christ has the authority to bind Satan, and will only do so at the beginning of the millennial reign.

In this tag team prophesy, another prophet goes on to claim to cancel all curses, broken covenants, and every decree of darkness.

"We break the decrees of the enemy. We cancel the curses of unrighteousness and broken covenants with the Lord. And we say we break every decree of darkness in that part of the nation, every unrighteous decree. We sever it. We bind it in the name of Jesus and forbid it in the name of the Lord of hosts. Hallelujah." (National School Of The Prophets-Mobilizing The Prophetic Office, May 11, 7 pm, 2002)

The NAR false prophets are not only superseding any authority we have been given, but this is lying.

Jacobs comes back and predicts that Roe vs. Wade will be overturned.

"Unborn, I'm going to bring the anointing." And God says, "It's going to be anointing to legislate in the heavens, in Austin, Texas. And an anointing that will be a decisive hope. Again, it will turn the Roe vs. Wade decision. God says, "I'm going to anoint Austin." (Cindy Jacobs, National School Of The Prophets-Mobilizing The Prophetic Office, May 11, 7 pm, 2002)

This hasn't happened and is unlikely to occur. Babies as still being killed in the womb by the millions. This is one sin, along with that of homosexuality, that will bring the judgment of God down on America and all nations that allow these things to continue.

Jacobs prophesies the most liberal state, which she calls California, will become the most conservative state.

"And the most liberal state is gonna become the most conservative state," says the Lord your God. Now let the fire come. Let the fire come. California, wave your hands at me. Where are you? The fire of God is falling on you right now. Ohh. Hallelujah. It's a holy mess. It's a glorious disarray. When God comes he shakes everything up. Let the fire come. Oh, yeah, yeah. More fire. Let the fire burn. Let the fire fall. Come on. Hallelujah. Let the fire fall. Ohh, let the fire fall. Ohh, hallelujah, Lord. Hallelujah." (Cindy Jacobs, *National School Of The Prophets-Mobilizing The Prophetic Office*, May 11, 7 pm, 2002)

Actually a number of states, notably Oregon and Massachusetts, are far more liberal than California, so apparently God has His facts wrong. This has also not happened, and is unlikely to happen. California is unlikely to become the most conservative state even with the influx of Hispanics, which is what she was obviously basing this prophesy on and not on what God had told her, which she claimed was the case. Even with Arnold Schwarzenegger as Governor at the time of this writing, who is a moderate

Republican, the state has not become the most conservative state by any stretch.

*Cindy Jacobs, in a women's conference in California in 1996 called "Women Of The Word" that **the divorce rate for Christians would be cut in half within one year.** (E-mail L.M., 11/01)*

The divorce rate among Christians has continued to rise and shows no signs of abating.

When is a Prophet NO Profit?

Is Cindy Jacobs Really A Prophet to the Nations?

[Excerpts from Philip L. Powell's 2001 article of this title, posted at: <http://www.intotruth.org/prophets/no-profit.html>]

CINDY JACOBS - is introduced to Brisbane in the official CITY HARVEST INTERNATIONAL advertising brochure ...in the up-coming Burning Heart 2001 Conference, the published aim of which is the *"Raising up a generation in the style of Jesus"* in the following terms and I... quote: *"Rev Cindy Jacobs is widely recognised as a prophet to the nations. She is author of three best selling books and editor of the Women of Destiny Bible."*

So not only does she take to herself a totally unbiblical authority but also NOW Cindy Jacobs tampers with the Word of God, which is unequivocally forbidden to both men and women. These things in themselves make what City Harvest International is projecting an entirely false thing. How can anyone edit the Bible?...

In a video tape aired in USA on SKY ANGEL TV on 29 May 1999 **Joy Strang**, related to Stephen Strang publisher of CHARISMA magazine introduced Cindy Jacobs as "the president of Generals of Intercession" and as someone who "has been used around the world in stirring revival, raising up a spirit of intercession across the world." In one of the subsequent video clips Cindy refers to Peter Wagner as her spiritual father. These are her words: "Peter Wagner is really-my spiritual dad - ...he is very much like a dad. I call him my dad"

Cindy is married to Mike Jacobs. They hail from Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. She wrote the book, *Possessing The Gate of The Enemy*. I guess the question is, "What do you do with the Gate of the Enemy if he lets you possess it?" In my opinion we are looking at some dangerous stuff here,....

Jackie Alnor reports of the video, which was aired on Sky Angel TV, USA - *"Cindy Jacobs starts out with an odd look on her face and silent/dead air. (She looks possessed) She begins talking about 'God's fire' wave after wave of fire, etc."* Reference is made to a city called Daytona Beach.

Cindy: "We're here because there's a changing of the guard in the heavenlies."

Cindy: "Why Daytona Beach? You see God is very particular about places. He chooses places as he chooses people. There are places that there are redemptive deposits of anointing, visitation and what we have found and what we discussed in the speakers' meeting, caused us to realize we're here for such a time as this."

OK - let's pause and examine what Cindy Jacob's has just said. All of this is totally unbiblical. What guard is being changed in the heavenlies? What in the name of common sense can such a statement signify? Contrary to the claim, the Bible shows that within the New Covenant God is not particular about any place. There are no "redemptive deposits of anointing", whatever that expression signifies, upon certain places today. Christ told the woman of Samaria that is was no longer a question of where or when - not even Jerusalem or Mt Gerazim - but simply a matter of "spirit and truth." (John 4:21-23) Let's proceed:

Cindy: "Churches like in Denver, Colorado, where Kathryn Kuhlman preached and places that seemingly at this moment are not experiencing what even they want to experience, there are visitations by such people as Smith Wigglesworth and Aimee Semple-McPherson and Kathryn Kuhlman. I feel like the Holy Spirit is saying, 'where are the Aimee Semple-McPhersons?' I believe God is raising up a nation, a company of Aimee Semple-McPhersons, Kathryn Kuhlman." "Through years the fire goes out. And God will bring people to a place to light the fire."

Wow - Now isn't that something? These visitations from Smith Wigglesworth and the two women named, all of whom are dead and buried many years ago - is Cindy Jacobs talking about their ghosts coming back or what? How can men... support a person like this and call her a "prophet to the nations"? She calls Peter Wagner her dad but my Bible says that the devil is the father of lies - and these are lies about God, about the nature of God and the ways of God and about the state of those who hopefully died in Christ.

Cindy Jacobs: "I know and the visitations that I've had from the Lord even recently, when that glory of God has come, I thought I would die! I thought I physically could not stand the glory. I just simply felt . . . unclean. . . But we don't need to be afraid of the fire. We need to welcome it cause God wants to have a holy bride."

Joy Strang: "On the church was a huge sign that said, 'pillar of fire.' . . . The awesome thing, Daytona had visitations, people came through, a lot of powerful revivals. . . Churches were spawned, many of them out of that very church that was started by a woman."

Joy Strang's old mother goes berserk and lies on floor while Cindy screams and Steve Strang dances. More goofiness - Cindy screams under the 'anointing', "Oh, oh, are you feeling this?"

Then Joy Strang says: "And we unleash the spirit of God and the spirit of unity to come. The flowing of the river, that the fire of revival would come back to this city."

Then Cindy lays hands on locals saying, "Receive the fire of God." Cindy screams, "Fire" over and over again. Then she speaks in a changed voice that sounds very sinister: "Yes, for the Lord says there is a new wave yet of the spirit coming and the Lord is showing me that Daytona Beach is the gateway for the fire of God."

OK - enough of that.... Incidentally Cindy Jacobs prophesied that New Zealand would discover huge mineral reserves and the economy would boom and as a result funds would be

provided for the church and that many missionaries would be sent out. The week she gave this prophecy the NZ dollar fell faster than the Fiji dollar even while the coup was in progress in Fiji. Since then there has been no indication that Cindy Jacobs's prophecy was accurate in any way - quite the reverse. New Zealand's economy is still in the doldrums and there is no sign of the mineral reserves. Need I say more? She is a false prophet.

Cindy Jacobs and ZIMBABWE

Cindy Jacobs has prophesied about the nation of Zimbabwe. Excerpts of her prophecy on 10-17-01 include:

And the Lord says I am going to stay this spirit of violence and I am going to begin to reverse things in this land.... I am going to make this a peace-making nation.... And this will be known as a country that is a peaceful country and restored. The Lord gives me Joel. That God is going to restore the years that the cankerworm and the locust have eaten up.... The Lord is showing me that He is getting ready to build an east to the west road across Africa that will physically open up the heart of Africa....

And earlier, on 10-31-98 Cindy Jacobs had prophesied:

...An army of women with the Deborah anointing will march across the land. They will be like a net all over Zimbabwe with prayer.... I see ancient thrones coming down, reconciliation between black and white.... I will use Zimbabwe like a jewel, she will help feed the world with beautiful produce. God will break the curse that came through civil war - the curse will be broken.... The land will produce beautiful beef. New factories will be built.... The anointing of reconciliation will be all over Zimbabwe.... this army will be used to stop war and bloodshed. A treaty will be written with other nations. Zimbabwe will be like Switzerland to bring the healing of nations - to break ancient things....

The truth is quite the opposite.¹ Zimbabwe has suffered greatly. The truth makes these prophecies seem horrifyingly mocking. For example, the BBC has written:

But the forced seizure of almost all white-owned commercial farms, with the stated aim of benefiting landless black Zimbabweans, led to sharp falls in production and precipitated the collapse of the agriculture-based economy. The country has endured rampant inflation and critical food and fuel shortages.

Many Zimbabweans survive on grain handouts.... [H]undreds of thousands of Zimbabweans, including much-needed professionals, have emigrated.

...[T]he razing of "illegal structures" left some 700,000 people without jobs or homes, according to UN estimates....²

Excerpts from a Wikipedia report on the nation of Zimbabwe are equally gruesome and disturbing.

The **economy of Zimbabwe** has shrunk significantly from economic mismanagement after 2000, resulting in a desperate situation for the country and widespread

poverty from among others 94% unemployment. The participation from 1998 to 2002 in the war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo set the stage for this deterioration by draining the country for hundreds of millions of dollars. Hyperinflation has been a major problem from about 2003 to April 2009, when the country suspended its own currency. The economy deteriorated from one of Africa's strongest economies to the world's worst.

Reliable crop estimates are no longer available since the agricultural marketing system collapsed.... The University of Zimbabwe estimated in 2008 that between 2000 and 2007 agricultural production decreased by 51%

In recent years, there has been considerable economic hardship in Zimbabwe. Between 2000 and December 2007, the national economy contracted by as much as 40%; inflation vaulted to over 66,000%, and there were persistent shortages of hard currency, fiat currency, fuel, medicine, and food. GDP per capita dropped by 40%, agricultural output dropped by 51% and industrial production dropped by 47%.

As of January 2006, the official poverty line was ZWD 17,200 per month (US\$202).... Most general labourers are paid under ZWD 200 Billion (US 60c) per month.³

Various other websites reported that in 2008 there were 5 million people facing starvation, and some 12,000 people dying of hunger every month.

Pastor Anton Bosch, who is a native South African, has observed Zimbabwe, and comments for our newsletter on the falsehood of these Cindy Jacobs' prophecies:

The infrastructure in Zimbabwe has been so severely damaged and the brain-drain has resulted in such a loss of skilled man-power, that even if there were a change to an excellent government today, it would still take at least 20 years for the country to rebuild.

But to exacerbate the problem, there is no hope of a better government. The opposition is more moderate but equally inept. A lifetime of dictatorship has repressed the development of new leaders, unlike South Africa where the present government were training their people at the best universities in the world in anticipation of the day they would get to govern.

Who knows how long Mugabe will still live and his death could initiate a power struggle that will further decimate the country. So nothing is going to change soon. I know Jacobs would say that God is going to perform a miracle, but there is no precedent of God turning a situation like this around, that I am aware of and there is no Biblical reason why He should.

Endnotes:

1. See websites with false prophecies and comments: <http://www.ourchurch.com/view/?pageID=235952>
<http://www.discerningtheworld.com/2009/11/03/cindy-jacobs-two-truly-false-prophecies-for-zimbabwe-and-africa/> (with comments)
<http://apostasywatch.com/delusions2/jacobs.html> (with comments)
2. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1064589.stm
3. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_Zimbabwe