

*What is Congress WBN and is it a true Christian organization?*

The Congress WBN (World Breakthrough Network) is a cult. Its founder, Noel Woodroffe, is involved with the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), as well. The term NAR was coined by C. Peter Wagner. Wagner calls himself an "apostle" of God. He says that he receives: new revelations, prophecies and visions from God. He believes that he; therefore, should be in charge of bringing God's kingdom to earth.

An apostle is one who walked and talked with Jesus. God *is* living and active in the lives of believers today; however, every truth claim must be tested against scripture (Ac 17:11). God may speak to his children through dreams and visions. Dreams and visions may *increase* as we near the end of the age.

The prophet Joel wrote:

*That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;*

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your old men shall dream dreams,

Your young men shall see visions. Joe 2:28<sup>1</sup>

It is the Lord who builds his church. Jesus said: I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (Mt 16:18b).

Wagner suggests that Christians should buy entire cities so that God's will will be done in them. He says "kingdom action" can change the world.

The world is indeed growing spiritually darker. The bible teaches that wickedness will increase not decrease as we approach the Second Coming of Christ. The apostle Paul wrote: Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (2 Ti 3:13). Believers are to be salt and light (Mt 5:13-16).<sup>2</sup>

Wagner encourages occult meditation such as visualization and guided imagery.<sup>3</sup> NAR practices include: listening/contemplative prayer, holy laughter, spasmodic jerking, being glued to the floor for hours, howling like wolves, oinking like pigs, pogoing (jumping up and down continuously), soaking in the Lord, transference of the Holy Spirit, acquiring divine powers—including: raising the dead, spiritual mapping, prayer-walking and becoming gods.<sup>4</sup> NAR teaches that demons inhabit the material world and must be conquered.

In The Book of Deuteronomy it is written:

There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a

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<sup>1</sup> Visions are less complex than dreams. Young believers tend to have visions while those more mature in the faith tend to have dreams. Visions and dreams may or may not be from God.

<sup>2</sup> Lot's wife was an example of one who was not salt. She was judged by God (Ge 19:26).

<sup>3</sup> Emergent movement aka New Age Movement rooted in Eastern mysticism, the occult and socialism.

<sup>4</sup> Van Kuiken, Claris: Missions, Mysticism & Magic: A Closer Look at the Missionary Organization Adventures in Missions.

sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord. Dt 18:10–12

God has forbid certain practices for the believer. Demonic forces are present in the world; but, God does not prescribe occult methods for ridding the world of them. The forces of darkness have strongholds in the lives of certain individuals and groups because men have opened themselves up to their influence (Eph 6:12). The believer should give out the word of God and pray for such individuals (Ge 18:16-33).

Both The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) and The Congress WBN (World Breakthrough Network) are cults.

Members of The Congress WBN include university students and professionals who are groomed to transform society by developing values-based leaders.<sup>5</sup> They seek a transformed society with a one-world order. Their members are prominent business management and organizational experts like: Peter Drucker, Peter Senge, Jack Canfield, Ken Blanchard, and others. They teach systems theory<sup>6</sup> and The Kingdom Now doctrine.<sup>7</sup>

Cults tend to build their movements on personalities rather than on the person of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Like Wagner from NAR, Noel Woodroffe, from WBN also claims to have a higher authority over others in the church. He says that he is closer to God than others--like the Apostle Paul and maybe even greater. In the Congress WBN believers are told to grow into maturity so that they can restore Christianity.

Christianity; however, is Christ-centered not man centered. Jesus warned *his own followers* that false christs would come in his name (Matt. 24:4-5, 24).

It is true that Christians should grow in maturity. The apostle Paul wrote:

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Heb 5:12–14

Christians should study God's word so that they can share the gospel with others (2 Ti 2:15).

Two witnesses will come to restore faith in Israel (Re 11:;4). The prophet Malachi wrote:

Remember the Law of Moses, My servant,  
Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel,  
With the statutes and judgments.

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<sup>5</sup> See: [www.glinetwork.org](http://www.glinetwork.org)

<sup>6</sup> God is seen as a universal energy or force of consciousness which permeates all of creation (e.g, panentheism).

<sup>7</sup> Also called Dominion theology.

<sup>8</sup> For additional study, also look into: Peter Wagner, John Wimber, Rodney Howard Browne of the Holy Laughter movement.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet  
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.  
And he will turn  
The hearts of the fathers to the children,  
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,  
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse. Mal 4:4–6

The “hearts of the fathers” did not turn to the Lord at that time so the “hearts of the children” will in the future.

The prophet Zechariah wrote:

And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem (Zec 12:10–11a).

Jesus said: This gospel of the kingdom<sup>9</sup> will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come (Mt 24:14).

The falling away from Christianity in our day is a sign of the end times (2 Thess 2:3). Christians are told to “occupy til I come” (Lk 19:13). The believer should be found working for the Lord when he returns (Mt 24:46).

Jesus told his disciples:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you (Mt 28:19–20a).

Christians should have the heart of Isaiah who wrote: *Here I am Lord, send me* (Is 6:8). Believers should rightly be concerned for the souls of others in an ever darkening world (2 Co 5:11).

The church is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. It is the Lord Jesus (not a man) who is the chief cornerstone of his church (1 Pet. 2:6, 8).

Christ is a type of firstfruit (1 Co 15:20) and his followers are responsible to guide others toward him (Neh 10:35). Believers are turned more into his likeness daily (Jas 1:18). He is the *Creator* (Is. 40:28) and men are his *creation* (Gen. 1:26, 27).

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<sup>9</sup> A pure gospel.