



**Let my people go!**  
**Ministry of Cpt. Gordon Nelson**  
**The Old Ship of Zion**  
**Only believers are**  
**"content with such things as ye have"**  
(Heb. 13:58)  
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**THE DOCTRINE OF THE NICOLAITANS**

*By Captain Gordon F. Nelson*

*"So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate." (Rev. 2:15)*

In the above text, God is speaking to the church of Pergamos (Gk.-comfort self) (Rev. 2:12-17). It was in Pergamos that *"Satan's seat is,"* and *"where Satan dwelleth."* How would you like to be a Christian warrior in Pergamos? You'd meet the same fate as *"Antipas (Christian martyr) was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you."* (Rev. 2:13-14) Perhaps Antipas went out to defend his daughters from being raped by the Pergamosians? When the heathen completely take over society as in Pergamos, life has no meaning. In Pergamos "if it feels good, do it," like America is becoming. Pergamos means, "comfort self."

**Roe v. Wade and landing on the moon, man became "as the gods"**

Ever since Roe v. Wade and man landing on the moon, we've fallen prey to Satan's original lie to Eve, *"Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye SHALL BE AS GODS, knowing good and evil."* (Gen. 3:4-5)

How did our original parents become "as gods"? They ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The only way a revival could come to America is to first destroy every Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Bible College or Christian University). Every believer, if he feels the call of God upon his life, is brainwashed into believing he must first go to the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil to eat (the knowledge) of his predecessors in Jerusalem first.

**Paul refused to eat manna mixed with the law**

On the other hand, the Apostle Paul boasts, *"Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me."* (Gal. 1:17) Paul refused to eat the old manna that the apostles of the circumcision served as bread. Their bread contained too much leaven to be edible.

Jesus said, *"I am the bread which came down from heaven."* (Jn. 6:41) Manna was only good for the day it fell, except on weekends! Glory to God! Old stale manna from the Old Covenant is all you're eating, at best, from your televangelists. We are under a New Covenant that abrogated the old. Preachers love the law, but *"promise them liberty."* (2 Pet. 2:19)

**"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse" (Gal. 3:10)**

Just as in Paul's day, all the preachers believed Jews could be saved, but must obey the rules of circumcision in order to make it into heaven. *"Thou seest, brother (Paul), how many thousands of Jews*

*there are which believe* (says Apostle James the Less); *and they are ALL ZEALOUS OF THE LAW.*" (Acts 21:20) The law is the glue that binds you to the false prophet.

Our modern day televangelists are only different in one respect. Of their converts they could quite agree with James by saying, "Thou seest, brother (a graduate of the Tree), how many thousands of graduates from our Tree; and they are all zealous to bind their converts to Old Testament covenants of blood." Dominion Theology preachers demand a "Dominionist Covenant" sealed by a blood oath before God by every pastor in league with them.

### **Paul refused to eat leavened manna**

Do you understand why only Pauline truth can completely deliver you from the leaven of the law? He was the only one that didn't eat from the Tree (Jerusalem). *"Neither went I up to Jerusalem...but I went into Arabia."* (Gal. 1:17)

### **The Captain is "Ordained for Eternity"**

I spent exactly three years in Dr. Bebe Patten's Bible College (the Tree) in Oakland, Calif., where I was "Ordained for Eternity" by the Patten's. I graduated from the Tree as a minister of the circumcision. The legalism of the law is so subtle that one thinks it is holy.

### **Law is the schoolmaster**

The Apostle Paul plainly tells us that the law is a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ. *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But AFTER THAT FAITH IS COME, we are no longer under a schoolmaster* (Gk.-paidagogos, "child conductor," or the law)."*"* (Gal. 3:24-25) When the minor becomes an adult, he does voluntarily what the paidagogos demanded.

The paidagogos told you you were a sinner. It continues to convict your conscience until you become an adult son. *"Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child* (still under the rule of the paidagogos), *differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all."* (Gal. 4:1)

Can you understand what Paul is saying? If you're a servant, you're still under the paidagogos and "differeth nothing" from the child. Both live their lives in fear of what the law saith. Both the servant and the child (new convert) are *"under tutors and governors UNTIL THE TIME APPOINTED OF THE FATHER."* (Gal. 4:2)

The word "servant" means slave, a bondman, and in a qualified sense of subjection or subservience. I was subservient to the "paidagogos" for 20 years because no one in Pentecostalism told me the Good News that I was "saved by grace"!

The Bible says you judge a tree by the fruit it produces. Mary, the Commander, and Randy, the just appointed Lt. Commander, are the fruit of this ministry. Randy has just recently graduated from the schoolmaster called "paidagogos." Immediately upon graduation, the appointment was made. I've been waiting patiently for 30 years, *"until the time appointed of the Father."* The scripture warns, *"Lay hands*

*suddenly on no man.” (1 Tim. 5:22) Jesus said, “Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth.” (Jn. 15:15-17)*

My Commander and Lt. Commander have never eaten of the Tree of Knowledge, only of the Tree of Life entrusted to me. The local church has the tutors (pastors) and governors (teachers) to water the seed to bring forth the fruit. Apostle Paul learned to preach at the church at Antioch, not some Bible School. (Acts 13:1-2)

Jesus instructed his disciple to *“Put up thy sword.”* (Jn. 18:11) *“My kingdom is not of this world.”* (Jn. 18:36) What Howard Dean and George Soros are to the left, Dominion Now and amillennialism are to the right. Judas was an activist Zealot that sought the overthrow of Rome by a Dominion Now theology, which infers “the Lord delayeth His coming,” hence we must take the kingdom now by violence.

### **While yet under the “paidagogos,” you’re vulnerable to the false prophet**

The Bible says, *“the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless.”* (1 Tim. 1:9). *“The law is not of faith.”* (Gal. 3:12) The false prophet invariably can be identified by his subtle indoctrination of some or all of the law. The law builds the temple. The law binds disciples to the Bishop or Apostle. The law demands loyalty. If you’re still under the paidagogos, are you not *“a debtor to do the whole law”*? (Gal. 5:3) In an attempt to keep the whole law, you can become a “leavened lump.” (Gal. 5:9) As a leavened lump you are worthless. Blame it on the law.

The law is the gate to the entrance of Freeway 666 called The Broad Way. *“And broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY THERE BE which go in thereat.”* (Matt. 7:13) It is that “leaven of righteousness” that you have done that you believe warrants your entrance into heaven. With this as your testimony, you will become disconnected from the Father, because it will be as if Jesus died in vain for your sins. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS* (which we have done), *lest any man should boast.”* (Eph. 2:8-9)

### **The church at Ephesus hated what God hated**

The church at Ephesus, a capital city of the province in Asia, is known for having, “left its first love.” Ephesus is so unlike Pergamos. We, as Christians, would enjoy living in this city. God states so many commendable things about Ephesus. (Rev. 2:1-7)

#1 – *“thou canst not bear them which are evil”*

#2 – *“thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars”* (I wonder how Dennis Peacocke, a self-proclaimed Apostle, would fair in Ephesus. His “Strategic Christian Services” would be scrutinized in Ephesus.)

#3 – *“for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted”*

#4 – *“thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate”*

Apparently, Ephesus only had one real problem, that they had left their first love for Jesus.

John the Apostle is commending Ephesus for hating the same things that God hates. We learn in Pergamos God's attitude toward the Nicolaitans. *"So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate."* (Rev. 2:15) What was only "deeds" in Ephesus became a doctrine in Pergamos. Pergamos held to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing God hated.

Pastor owns the church: this is the "thing" God hates! Pergamos loved what God hated:

#1 – *"thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam"* (Balaam taught Balak to corrupt God's people by marrying the heathen Moabites.)

#2 – *"hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate"*

### **Thyatira's Jezebel is a type of the "great whore"**

A doctrine of Balaam in Pergamos, became a worship service under the Papacy in Thyatira. Jezebel, a prophetess of the temple, seduced God's people into believing their sins would be forgiven by fornication with a temple priestess and *"to eat things sacrificed unto idols."* (Rev. 2:20)

Thyatira was a place in Asia Minor, the triumph of the Papacy, AD 500-1500, by conquering the people through the prophetess Jezebel. *"Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation."* (Rev. 2:2)

Is Thyatira's Jezebel a type of the "great whore"? *"Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters (people): with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication."* (Rev. 17:1-2) *"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."* (Rev. 18:3-5)

There is only one church that we are commanded to come out of in scripture, and that is the Roman Catholic Church. My first introduction to religion of any kind was Roman Catholicism. There is a saying in Boys Town, "Give us any child until he is eight years old, and he will die a Catholic." My child-like brain adored the attire of the priests, the nuns, the statues of saints, the candles, the worship of the Virgin Mary, all except the last rites given to Pretty Boy Floyd, Baby Face Nelson, John Dillinger and the Mafia mobsters ushered right into heaven on the authority of the church, simply because a man dressed in black gave him his last rites. I was only a child in the third grade at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on West Jackson Blvd., and that disturbed me as a Catholic. I attended St. Joseph's school from kindergarten to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

### **"IT IS FINISHED" – That is the Christian's "last rites"**

This "last rites" deal was settled once and for all at Calvary. When Jesus died, He gave us all our "last rites" by dying for you and for me. *"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished."* (Jn. 19:30) That, my dear friend, is your "last rites," believing that Jesus died to save your

soul. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”* (Rom. 10:9-10) Confession with your own mouth that Christ is your Saviour is your last rites. *“For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.”* (Lk. 9:26) These “last rites” remind me of the Mormon priests baptizing dead Jews of the Holocaust. Are those dead Jews Mormons in heaven?

### **Do you know why God hates the whore?**

Do you know why God hates the great whore of Rome? *“For she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.”* (Rev. 18:7) *“And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus,”* going *“forth conquering, and to conquer.”* (Rev. 17:6, 6:2) We all saw her “bow” on television.

With the Devil’s use of Fox News and CNN we will see the White Horse Rider of the Apocalypse shoot *“the fiery darts of the wicked”* (Eph. 6:16) into people’s hearts. We will wonder, looking at what we saw, along with Apostle John, *“with great admiration.”* (Rev. 17:6)

“The root of the word Nicolaitans comes from Greek *nikao*, to conquer or overcome, and *laos*, which means people and which the word laity comes from. The two words together especially means ‘the destruction of the people’ and refers to the earliest form of what we call a priestly order or clergy which later on in church history divided people and allowed for leadership other than those led by the spirit of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. A good translation of Nicolaitan would be “those who prevail over the people.” This clerical system later developed into the papal hierarchy of priests and clergy lording over the flock...This very idea was taken over by the Protestants with their own corruption of leadership roles and coverings.”<sup>1</sup>

### **At the core of Apostasia is the doctrine of the Nicolaitans**

At the very core of the Apostasia movement is this hated doctrine of the Nicolaitans. God hates what your government loves. Any three members of any family can file with the Secretary of State’s office in your state and set themselves up as a “Nicholas” to conquer the people via their non-profit religious incorporation.

The church at Ephesus and God hated such “deeds.” The church at Pergamos and your government love this doctrine of the Nicolaitans. Nicolas, a type of Nimrod of Babylon, virtually becomes accountable to no one on earth except the IRS. The government is an ex-officio member of this Nicolaitan takeover of the people through these family owned non-profit religious incorporation. The hierarchy of the church (the preacher as President, his wife as Vice President, and his son as Secretary-Treasurer) is in direct violation of scripture.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://latter-rain.com/eschae/nicola.htm>

## **Pastor Greg Dixon and UBC**

These hard-shelled Baptists of Indianapolis, IN, under the leadership of Pastor Greg Dixon, organized what has become known as UBC, Unregistered Baptist Churches, as the answer to the problem. As a Pentecostal, you're not invited to the solution. You're all damned anyway because you speak in tongues. If these Baptists have the answer, why aren't Charismatics and Pentecostals being invited into the solution?

These UBC preachers can give an excellent treatise on the intrusion of the camel (type of government) desiring to enter the tent. The only solution offered was to install "Nicholas" as a "little god" owning the tent. A "Nicholas" cannot lead you into the Promised Land. *"Neither as being lords over God's heritage."* (1 Pet. 5:3) Can't Baptists read?

### **Guided by a Nicholas is not the answer, Greg Dixon**

One-man rule is not the solution, but is the problem. God is on record saying how he hates the "doctrine of the Nicolaitans." I love Greg Dixon, but like Texe Marrs, another hard shelled Baptist, they didn't surrender their own position of playing "Nicholas." UBC is incapable of seeing themselves as the nemesis, regardless of the problems with the IRS. It is the spirit of the age where every leader desires to be classified as a "god," "Nicholas," to conquer the people.

### **Pentecostal preachers marked by pride. Are they "little gods"?**

As a new convert, I could never understand why every Pentecostal preacher was marked with the spirit of pride. You must learn how to "work the faith," like the magicians and sorcerers of Pharaoh's court. When you work "with God," instead of "for God" as a servant, the signs simply follow. One cannot play the part of Nicholas without being filled with pride. As a leader, once you have chosen the profession to be another Nicholas, you must now be given to "signs and wonders" to live up to your name. Have these preachers never read about the seven deadly sins? (Prov. 6:16-19) "A proud look," or pride, is number one on Solomon's list of seven abominations. This one sin changed the most beautiful cherub ever created into the Devil. This is why Jesus declared, *"An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign (running after a Nicholas); and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas."* (Matt. 12:39) The greatest sign is when Jesus conquered death by coming out of the tomb in a new body.

### **The Visible Church (TV) is the Apostasy (C.I. Scofield – 1909)**

Dr. C.I. Scofield, writing before television was invented, stated, "The predicted future of the VISIBLE CHURCH IS THE APOSTASY." Quite a remarkable prophetic word when you consider the timing: the 1909 (KJV) The First Scofield Study Bible. The prophecy appears in the footnote of 1 Timothy 4:15 for the explanation of the word "church."

Dr. Scofield's scriptural foundation for making the assertion was based on his insight into:

#1 – *"When the Son of man cometh, shall he find (the) faith on the earth?"* (Lk. 18:8)

#2 – “*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*” Why? “*For men shall be lovers of their own selves... having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*” (2 Tim. 3:1-5)

The Visible Church that you watch on television is the Apostasy! All the televangelists appearing on TBN and Daystar have agreed in principle, or signed the document, Evangelicals & Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium. It was either reach this agreement, or experience the same bloodbath now going on in Brazil, where some of the largest Protestant Pentecostal churches exist in the world, of whom 95% of them are ex-Catholic. While you’re enjoying your love affair with Romanism on CNN and Fox News, please pray for Brazil. The German Rottweiler, thanks to the running of the White Horse, Pope John Paul II, will now deal even more forcibly with this Brazil outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit. Pope Benedict XVI knows now he has the complete backing of the American news media, so he can squash this Protestant revival. Also, the televangelists are silent relative to the “Gods of the Lodge.”

While you’re watching your TV for spiritual guidance, remember the words of C.I. Scofield from 1909, “The predicted future of the VISIBLE CHURCH is the APOSTASY.” It is time to return to our Bibles for the truth! “*Let God be true, but every man a liar.*” (Rom. 3:4)

### **Parable of the Unjust Judge**

Please read the parable of the unjust judge again in Luke 18:1-8. It is in the context of this particular parable we find the concluding statement, “*I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find (the) faith on the earth?*” (The reference is not to a personal faith, but to the belief in the whole body of revealed truth on the earth. <sup>2</sup>)

“*There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man (a secular humanist judge): And there was a widow (type of the church) in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.*” (Lk. 18:2-3)

### **The Captain’s adversary was a Nicolaitan. He owned the church.**

My adversary was C. Thomas Patten. God told me I was to stop him. I kept knocking on the District Attorney’s door for a whole year saying, “*Avenge me of mine adversary.*” Finally, the Governor appointed this District Attorney to the Crime Commission of the State of California. Cecil J. Mosbacher, a Jewess, filled the replacement. What a woman! “Gordon, you line up all the witnesses and we’ll go to work.” She told me, “The reason the other D.A. wouldn’t avenge your adversary is because he knew he’d have to burn the midnight oil to bring a conviction. I will burn the midnight oil to avenge your adversary.” C. Thomas Patten of Oakland, Calif., the husband of the late Bebe H. Patten who founded The Patten University, was found guilty of five counts of grand theft and sentenced from 5-50 years in San Quentin Prison.

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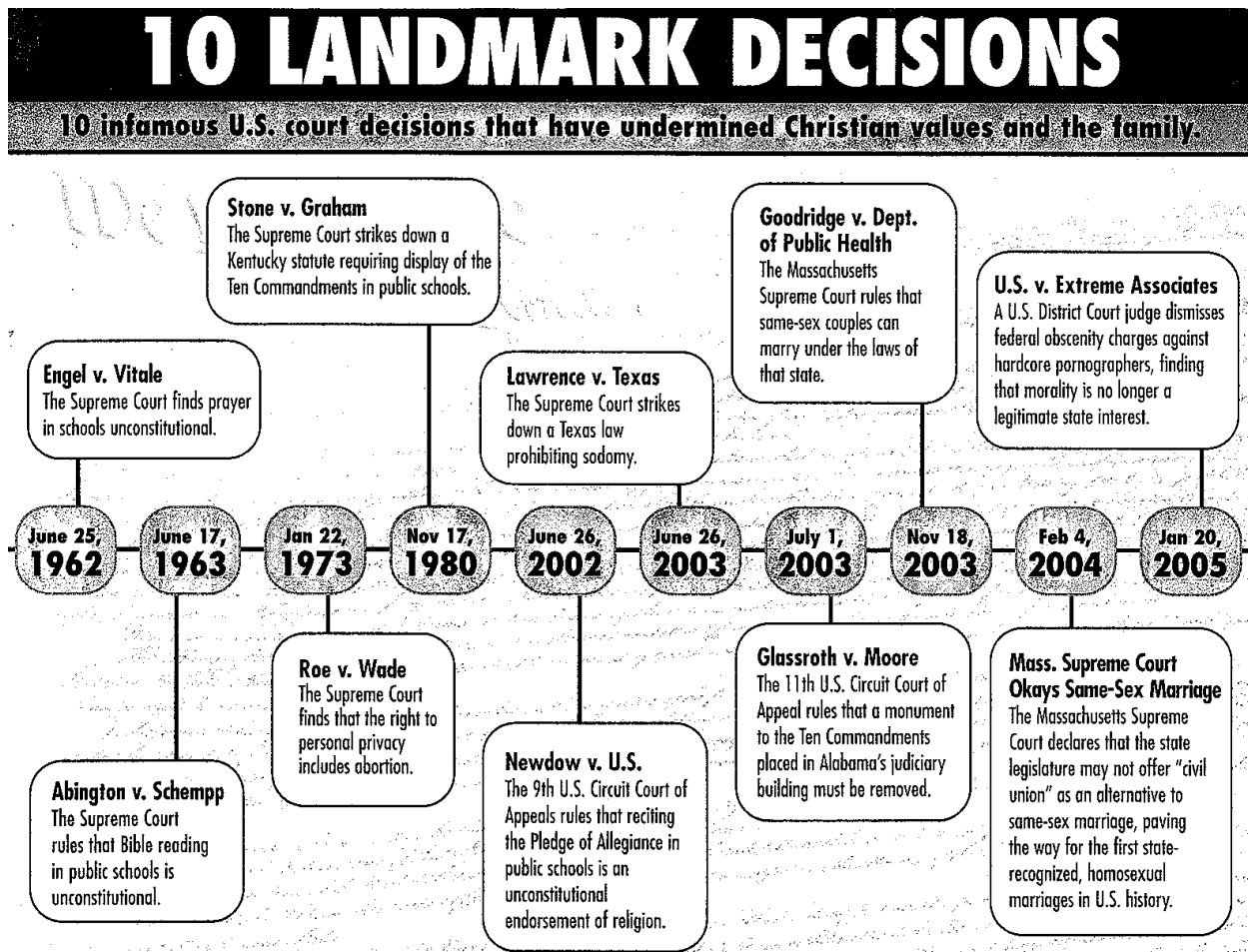
<sup>2</sup> Footnote to Matt. 18:8 – C.I. Scofield

The nice little Christianette's of our day would never pray such a prayer to "*Avenge me of mine adversary.*" She knocked and knocked! Jesus said, "*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*" (Matt. 7:7) Persistence pays off! Just keep on knocking! My ministry is completely indebted to my persistence in knocking.

### Secular Humanism is on the march!

Vladimir Putin—is he Gog? When will he "*think an evil thought*"? "*Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that AT THE SAME TIME...*" (Ezk. 38:10) Read it! At the same time Howard Dean, Nancy Pelosi, Charles Schumer, Ted Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, are going to war against Christian conservatism in 2008, will Russia strike Israel? Will this Northeast sector of the USA drive Christians out of politics as Putin attempts to drive Jews into the sea?

**Enough is Enough! Says Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995-0352**



## Coalition on Revival (COR) - A revival of Old Testament Law

COR was formed in the 1980's, and headed by Dr. Jay Grimstead. Dr. Grimstead received his doctorate at Fuller Theological Seminary. Grimstead says he started out in the Presbyterian tradition and has close ties with the Shepherding Movement.

There is a 50-member National Coordinating Council, and 112 members of COR.

The Coalition on Revival was called into existence as a catalyst to help unify and mobilize leadership in the Body of Christ to cause 'God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.'" This Manifesto-Covenant was signed by 60 of COR's Steering Committee members. They made "A Solemn Covenant" with God and each other to live by its terms until death, natural or martyred. COR signers made a public covenant with God to establish a theocracy in place of democracy. They made "A Solemn Covenant" with God and each other to live by its terms until death, natural or martyred. COR signers made a public covenant with God to establish a theocracy in place of democracy. The other objective is to use the covenant as a means to "teach" (indoctrinate) believers with COR's brand of Christianity. (As we shall see later in this report, discipleship, according to COR, requires political activism. What COR requires of those who sign its covenant is to be willing to die in the attempt to establish a theonomic political state. This statement makes the COR Manifesto-Covenant more than just a covenant; it is a blood covenant, sworn to on the life of the signers; cf. Matt. 5:33-36.)<sup>3</sup>

*"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."* (1 Tim. 2:1-3) This is not what Dominion Now, Dominion Theology, Reconstructionism is about.

COR is headquartered in Mountain View, California. It is an organization actively working to implement Coventalism and Reconstructionism in the churches...COR leader Jay Grimstead says COR is made up of "fundamentalists, evangelicals, and a bunch of charismatics" (11/12/90, *Christian News*)...It is comprised of approximately 500 "Christian" leaders who must swear to a Dominionistic oath...How sad to see thousands of professing Christians coming under the delusion of this kind of leadership. In their hearts they believe they must do something to rescue a rotten America. But why? The Scriptures must be fulfilled. Evil will wax worse. God's judgment is at hand. The end is near. Naturally, we do not participate in evil, but neither do we try to do the impossible. The Christian's first objective is to solidify his union with Christ on a personal basis. Of course, it is much easier to join a Rescue, attend a rally, get arrested, and perform political work than it is to come to grips with personal sin. The Reconstructionists and the Religious Right have combined to make a mockery of Christianity. In their zealotry to fulfill what is really unbiblical -- a kingdom on earth now -- they are producing a terrible witness for Christ, and worse, their actions and rhetoric will result in mass persecutions of all true Christians.

- COR's goals do not exclude violence in accomplishing them. At a 1989 COR conference, one well known evangelist suggested that Christians should pray that God would kill all of those leaders who are opposing Dominion Theology. Then later in the week, another well known pastor from the Dallas area suggested that God is purging his church and purifying it for a great revival, and that believers need to be willing to use violence if necessary in order to help bring in the kingdom. This violence message is really scary. The call to be willing to use violence to bring the kingdom can't be more clear -- even if that violence is directed against Christian brothers and sisters. According to Dominionists, those who believe in the "any moment return of Jesus" and are not willing to commit to violence to bring in the kingdom, are obstructing the coming of the kingdom and are preventing the outpouring of God's Spirit on the earth. (Personal letter on file.)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm/Psychology/cor/general.htm> - Jesus instructs us to "swear not at all" (Matt. 5:34)