

REFORMATION

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**Since the beginning of humankind,
there was one single, ultimate message from God
man needed to hear.**

**And it was that one single message man
automatically and routinely rejected.
Many would rather die than even hear it
– let alone respond to it.**

What is that message?

Repent, because the Kingdom of God is at hand.

This was and is the central message of Jesus Christ, the King. Jesus neither came to reform Judaism, nor to found the religion of Christianity. He came to usher in his Kingdom, the domain of his uncontested rule. But most of humankind has been a rebel at heart. That is why until today, the sovereign Kingship of Christ that offers to rule us is the one single message that utterly confronts our cockish egos. It is a violent threat against any uncrucified desire to build our own little kingdoms, ministries and brands and to put our human logos on the *Logos* (“the word”) of God. The message of the Kingship of Christ completely implodes our guru-driven personality cults. It exposes our small, man-made religious empires and insults our democratic mindset that absolutely refuses to be ruled by anyone but ourselves. However, no other message is so utterly liberating for our spirit and so revolutionary for the world. Any religious person can cry out to God for help, healing, deliverance and salvation. Anyone can say: “Lord, Lord!” but fail to do what this Lord says.

Anyone can have a god. But not everyone has a king. Only when we submit ourselves lovingly to the full authority of Jesus Christ as our ruling King and judge; only when we align ourselves to his Kingdom, its constitution and its economy as our ultimate frame of reference, then, and only then, will we become the revolutionary people that we are all called to be. That revolution has now begun. And you are invited to join.

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1. VISION

Do you see him as he is?

When the Apostle John saw Jesus in his resurrected, glorified nature in Rev. 1:12-17, all he could do was **to fall flat as though dead**. That is the one single, correct response to a true encounter with him, the resurrected King of kings. Jesus is no longer the itinerant preacher from Galilee. He is not a baby any more to fit into our little Christmas cribs. He does no longer hang helplessly on the cross. He refuses to fit into neat, controlled, harmless, religious theologies. He is risen! He is now the arresting, dazzling and utterly sovereign persona, the Lord of lords, the judge of the world. Can you fall flat as dead before him as you should? Because many have a Jesus that is far too small. A Jesus imported from history, “yesterday’s Jesus.” But if you truly see him as he is now, if you would **fix your eyes on the one that sat down at the right hand of the throne of God** (Heb 12), *what would you do if he asks you to? Anything?*

We are looking for the city that is to come (Heb 13:14). Again, we are defined by what we see. Do we look *backward* to a man-made religion that defines us? Or do we look *forward* to the **City of God**, the New Jerusalem, the **City without a temple** that Jesus is building (Rev 21:22)? In the first case, we are slaves, bound to a religious history. What we rather should do is to be looking *forward* to our returning King and his City as our true home and destiny. This is our template. This is what defines the true nature of the church. *Can you see it?*

Imagine the day when it will become global news, broadcast across all TV channels and social media simultaneously:

Jesus Christ has returned visibly and has assumed global Kingship. He has, effective immediately, declared a global theocracy under his rule. He is not inviting any referendums, votes, or even parliamentary discussions about this.

On the very first day of his global Kingship, he has summoned all heads of State, all kings, dictators, tribal leaders, warlords, chancellors presidents and prime ministers to appear before him within 24 hours.

On the next day, he has summoned all denominational church leaders, metropolitans, the pope and his cardinals, all bishops, superintendents, all apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists and every ministry and mission executive to appear before him.

On the third day, all economists and finance ministers, all participants of the World Economic Forums, all directors of foundations and particularly all those that are both rich and claim to be Christians will have to stand before him.

What will he tell all of them? Are we ready for that moment? If not, let us get ready –now!

Reformation to the KINGDOM template

Jesus preached the Kingdom - what came was Christianity:

Pyramidal structures, religious personality cults, nepotism, clerics-laity-division, programs, rituals, dogmatism, church splits, denominationalism, an obsession with buildings, competitiveness and the naïve or shameless marketing of religious brands to religious consumers. *In one word: religion.*



Large parts of the body of Christ have become lost sheep in this chaos, yet again. Once they were lost without Christ, now they are lost within religion. Good-natured and devotedly they have followed the blind leading the blind, and watched their lives turn into a dead end road: disillusioned, sobered, incapacitated and tired of all those fundraising appeals. Many are restless, upset, some even resigned. Many are treading water and ask themselves: Was that it? Was that all there is? They were looking for God, but were given a church leader. They looked for the Kingdom, but were given the church instead.

But there is hope! There is life beyond CAWKI: Church-as-we-know-it! Entire generations, inspired by the Spirit of God, are turning away from the institutionalized religion of their parents that is obsessed with organized meetings. Large parts of society have long lost interest in CAWKI, seeing it for what it is: a series of orchestrated, badly choreographed, predictable, boring meetings in buildings that are mostly empty and unproductive for the largest part of the week. Once inside a church building, you will inevitably have to experience a **4-S-performance**: sermons, songs, and sponsoring for yet another social project. Every once in a while, CAWKI would raise some ethical concerns and challenge a world gone greedy and hypnotized by the spirit of Babylon, while it fails to demonstrate and live the radical alternative, what Jesus called, “the city on the hill”, the light of the world. The world is not all that impressed with the church, because it fails to see it as a true and exciting alternative to its own predicament. One of the reasons for this is that the founding message, the core narrative, has changed. Jesus preached: **Repent, because the Kingdom has come.** The church preaches proselytism: Welcome, become a member of our religion today!

But God is not oblivious to this dilemma. Too much is at stake. In a **global recall**, God’s spirit is beckoning everyone who has ears to hear to say farewell to man-made religion and come back to him. First and foremost, he is calling his bride: Come back to the house of the Father! But it is also a call to God’s people: Come back into God’s

order! And the Spirit of God is saying to the world: The Kingdom, not the church, is God's amazing offer to you.

Wherever people are following this call from God, we will observe a **migration**, people fleeing from religion and **repatriating** into the true Land of the Free – The Kingdom of God. If Jesus is not only our God, but our active King; if we observe his constitution and his (economic) house rules, we will experience a true revolution. The spirit of Babylon and religion will lose its power over us, and God will be able to perform a **factory reset** which will literally re-invent us to become, in his Kingdom, what we were supposed to be in the first place. This begins a process where we as individuals and as a body can begin to model the city of God, filled with the life of citizens of the Kingdom.

Because this process is based on God's original and final nation, the Kingdom, we call it **Reformation**.



“Give me back my church, so I can give it back to the world.”

John Wimber (USA; 1934 – 1997)

“The church is having a layover, that stressful place where we are no longer in the old and not yet in the new. The future of the church hinges decidedly on whether we have the boldness to dare new things, to set out, to allow for new forms of church and rearrange ourselves in a new way.”

Michael Herbst (Germany), Prof. of practical theology (Lutheran)

„The church is the only club in the world allowing itself the luxury to repeatedly do things since 500 years that have proven not to work. If it were a business, it would have gone bankrupt long ago! Something crucial needs to change. In our country it seems that those who succeeded prayed: On earth, as it is in hell. That is why the centerpiece of the reformation is to be formed into the original blueprint of the order of God. We need a church that brings the order of heaven back to earth and finishes what was started hundreds of years ago.”

Johannes Wöhr, Konstanz (Germany)

KINGDOM RECALL

God will not remain silent if his people are lost. Will he not reach out in compassion to his lost bride and call her to come home? Even if this means leaving the man-made religion of Christianity and CAWKI? This is exactly what millions of Christians sense the Spirit of God saying. For all those who have ears to hear, God has issued a global recall for his people: Come out of Babylon, come out of man-made religion,



come out of kingless rebellion, come out of lawlessness and economic licentiousness that follows mammon, not God. It is a call to come back to our maker and humbly ask him for a factory reset. A call to finally grow up and dismantle the childish balancing wheels of religion. When we find the Kingdom, the treasure hidden in the field (Mt 13), we do no longer need any human religious

systems, because we have come home. God is calling all his lost sons and daughters to say: **I have sinned.** I have missed the mark. I have failed my mission so far. **Let me arise from feeding swine and go to my father.** It is a call to step into the true inheritance of the sons of God, the Kingdom. It is a call for all of us to become what God wanted us to be since the foundation of the world: **The King's Woman.**



And the Bride said: "Let me arise and go to my father!"

Many women fell for the wrong guy. A man who promised heaven, but delivered hell. A man who looked good for a moment, but soon showed his true face. How many women have lost their way in this manner? The Bride of Christ has lost her way as well. She followed folly, not wisdom. With ripped and soiled clothes, an empty look on her face, separated by man-made structures from her true home, her father's

house – the Kingdom; she sits in despair. She is waiting, but she does not know for what. She is homesick, longing to be in a country she has never been before. She knows, deep inside, that she is called to be the King's woman. But her life is that of a slave. She is free only in name. How did she end up being engaged with religion, with a religious, powerless, effeminate "Jesus"? Who sold her the wrong guy? However, she is waking up! Many hear the clear call of the Holy Spirit: **Zion, come out of Babylon!** (Zech 2:7). And she is getting ready to go home!



(More on this in *The King's Woman* by Mercy Simson)

The Repatriation map

If we know how we got in, we know how to get out

Most of classical Christianity (Roman Catholicism, Orthodox Churches, Protestantism), has said a resounding “no!” to God’s primal requests to mankind. Following blind guides and the “traditions of their elders”, they ended in the trap of religion. These five inquiries of God are:

Repatriation:
Bringing or sending
back persons,
prisoners of war or
refugees to his land
of citizenship
dictionary.com

1) Relationship: I want a love relationship with you; I want to marry you, my bride. Do you say yes, or chose religion instead?

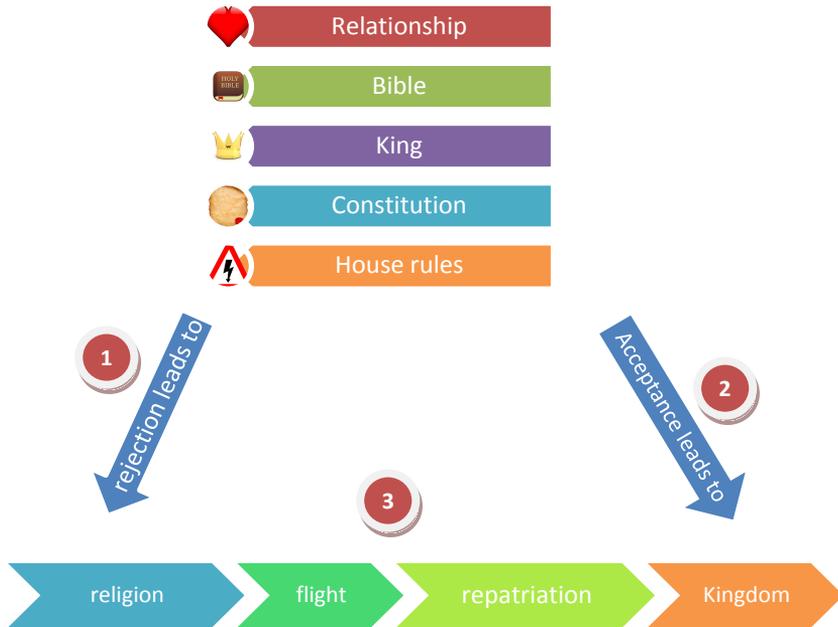
2) Bible: Do you accept my word to be the binding authority in your life, or do you rather say: The Bible is not God’s word; it only *contains* God’s word?

3) Kingship: I do not only want to be your God, but your acting King. Do you say yes, or no, like Israel did?

4) Constitution: My Kingdom is no anarchy, but a constitutional state. Do you love me enough to obey my laws and be constitutional (John 14:15)?

5) House rules: The Kingdom is God’s house and is governed by his economy (*oikonomos*: rules of the house). Do you accept them?

The following page is a meta-map of the three largest movements of our days: Proselytism, Kingdom initiatives and migration – people running away from religion.



1) Religion(s) recruiting (proselytizing) members into man-made systems. 46,000 denominations and 200,000 churches and stand-alone ministries are a testimony to the prophecy of Paul: **From among yourselves men will rise up, distorting things to draw away disciples after themselves (Acts 20:30).**

2) Kingdom initiatives. This is a relatively new phenomenon where people *directly* become citizens of the Kingdom, without detour through a religious system. Examples are the Kingdom Passport initiative (www.kingdompassport.eu), regional house church movements, post-Christian/post-church initiatives or sovereign moves of God amongst Muslims (many of them dream-based).

3) Migration: Flight from religion. Independently organized Christians are almost as numerous as all organized Protestants together. Add to this the OOC (Out-of-church-Christians) who say *God yes, church no!* According to researchers, more than 30% of American (and 50% of all UK-) Christians have left CAWKI (Church-as-we-know-it). This movement has two phases: a) Fleeing away from the religious system; b) repatriation into the Kingdom.

2. THE PROBLEM

Burning out for God? That can't be God!

"I do my best", many Pastors are crying, "but my church just won't grow. It feels like the more I preach, the emptier it gets! And I feel empty, too!"

Many Christian leaders are severely burnt out, disappointed, having served with all their heart, but with seemingly little reward. The vast majority of all churches are struggling, stagnating, some are even imploding. More and more church leaders are realizing, with all humility: "Our church setup, our religious configuration, our pyramidal architecture and our financial system are not going to achieve the very purpose that God created us for. We understand that religion is not going to be the vehicle to usher in God's Kingdom. What do we therefore do?"

Likewise, millions of Christians are in great turmoil. They know something is very wrong with their setup, with CAWKI, but they find it very difficult to put their finger on the problem. They feel they are the right people - in the wrong film! This profound sense of bewilderment of Christians with their own setup has two reasons. It is caused by the Holy Spirit calling his people out of a system God has never instituted! And it is caused by a false identity that has been implanted into many Christians at the beginning of their spiritual journey. Trapped in a religious system, many feel like a caged animal, yearning for freedom, dreaming to be delivered. They experience the *spiritual restlessness* that is described in Hebrews 3:7 to 4:7. God says: **I declared an oath in my anger: They shall never enter my rest!** God speaks of the faithless and disobedient Israelites, that, with the exception of Joshua and Kaleb, all perished in the desert and never entered the promised land. Likewise, there are many Desert-Christians who embraced religion, not the Kingdom, as their identity. Can you pause for a moment and allow some – maybe – unthinkable thoughts?

- **What if we stop seeing ourselves as the children of the "mother church", and start seeing ourselves as children of the heavenly Jerusalem? (Gal 4:24-26)**
- **What if we stop being religious Christians, and start the process of repatriation to become citizens of the Kingdom?**
- **What if there is the invigorating life of the Kingdom waiting for us, outside the walls of CAWKI?**
- **What if we burn out because we are not serving God, but a religious system God has never instituted?**

Jesus is not a Christian. Why should you be one?

God is not the founder of Judaism and Jesus is not the founder of Christianity. Both are man-made systems. The central idea of God always was **the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world** (Mt 25:34). If Jesus is not a Christian, why should we be?

No where does the Bible ask anyone to become a Christian. God always calls people *out* of man-made religion, not into it. The Bible calls the followers of Christ *believers, disciples, saints, those of the way, children of God, citizens, brothers, fellow citizens with God's people or members of God's household*. The term "Christian" (Greek: *christianos*) only appears three times in the entire New Testament, and never once in a positive way, let alone indicating we should become one. In Acts 11:26 it states that **the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch**. They did not (active tense) call themselves that, they *were* called (passive tense) by those outside. A "Christian" was a negative label, a swear word, just like the terms Quaker, Baptists or Methodists were later meant to be. Only with time did they become an accepted term. In linguistics this is called reappropriation, where a derogatory term has become acceptable. Why, therefore, would you want to wear a swear word like it is a medal?

In the two other appearances of the word Christian (Acts 26:28.29; 1. Pet 4:13-17) it is used as a *derisive* term and even as a reason for persecution: **If someone suffers because he is** (accused to be) **a Christian**, we should understand this as a judgment, as suffering for Christ, not as an honorary title.

What is therefore the best and most accurate label for followers of Jesus Christ? As we are entering the days where the Gospel of the Kingdom is being proclaimed to all nations (Mt 24:14), the best identifier fitting for our time is: citizen of the Kingdom!

How Christianity became the world's biggest cult

Not the Jewish synagogue or the Roman Catholic Church, but God's nation, the Kingdom, the domain of God's uncontested rule, is the only true and liberating blueprint for life. **Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** Life under the rule of God as King is the creational design and destiny of every creature: The Kingdom of God is prepared for you from the foundation of this world (Mt 25:34) and will culminate and become enforced when Jesus takes over global rulership when **the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ** (Rev 11:15). God chose the nation of Israel to be a global Kingdom forerunner, a theocratic model nation; to demonstrate to the nations of the world the glory and splendor of how it is if a nation lives under a loving God-King that gives them a unique constitution and an economic model eliminating poverty. However, Israel failed God in five specific ways:

1. They rejected the Kingship of God and became headless; God's glory literally departed
2. Instead, Israel chose its own kings. Beginning with Saul, this led to a perpetual personality cult of kings and the denominationalism of Rabbis and their theological schools
3. Israel rejected the Kingdom, its laws and economy, and chose a synagogue-based religion instead: Judaism.
4. Israel failed to model and wanted to become like everyone else of the surrounding nations
5. Israel finally preached itself (proselytism: join us!), instead of the Kingdom message

Christianity copied the cardinal sins of Israel

The catastrophic failure of Christianity is that it copied these five cardinal sins of Israel. Doing so, it ended up, like Israel before, in a Babylonian exile ruled not by its King, Jesus, but by an inflation of human leaders, both big and small. A headless and kingless Christianity has, as of today, fallen apart into 46,000 denominations and thousands of "apostolic networks", demonstrating a stubborn disunity to the world – and to Israel! The man-made religion of Christianity has divorced itself from its own King, disintegrated into a myriad of personality cults, and practices spiritual incest by closing itself to the true Kingdom message and by marrying its own traditions. It effectively became an illegal anarchy by rejecting the Law of Christ, the constitution of the Kingdom and by scorning the economy of the Kingdom. It failed to model the life of the Kingdom and began to preach itself: Join us! Become our tithing member. It has therefore deceived the world by promoting itself to be what it is not: The people of the Kingdom. It has even deceived itself to be the solution, while it firmly remains part of the problem: The Christian version of Judaism, *a man-made, religious rebellion against God in the name of God.*

Babylon will never disciple Babylon

Beginning in the Garden of Eden, the story of mankind then turns into the tale of two cities: Babylon and Zion. The book of Revelation describes Babylon as a whore and a global bartender, serving up her **wine of impure passions to all nations, making the kings drunk. All nations have drunk from the maddening wine of her adulteries.**

In other words: She has already disciplined the nations! Once someone is drunk, the spirit of Babylon expresses itself in three ways. I call them the *Pillars of Babylon*:

1) *Babylon rejects God as King* and sets up her own king, beginning with its founder, Nimrod. Typical hallmarks are pyramidal leadership and systems of control, bombastic structures and the addiction to self-generated, enslaving religion.

2) *Babylon refuses God's law* and makes her own rules, ready to break them whenever it is convenient.

3) *Babylonian economy is a Mammon-inspired, elite-driven, non-sharing, competitive economy made in hell at the expense of the poor and God's true servants.* It is based on the "Luziferian deal" that Satan offered even to Jesus: **If you worship me, I will make you rich and powerful!** (Lk 4:6.7). Deal making - buying and selling - is at the core of Babylon. Babylon says: If you do this, you get that. God may give freely, but I give only with strings attached. I am stingy; I give measured, so that I can control all my slaves. I give them just enough of a carrot and a stick to make the donkeys move. (More on this in the book by Miguel Diez: *Untie those donkeys!*)

If you are ready to see it, the problem of CAWKI is that it has been deeply drinking from the Babylonian well and made those three foundational pillars their own. The bottom line is: We will never challenge or change Babylon if we drink from Babylonian wine, if we are a chip of the same block. We cannot disciple Babylon if we ourselves still live in Babylon. Darkness will not dispel darkness; only light will. We must move out and relocate to Zion as our true home and operating base, because Babylon does not bow to Babylon. It only bows to Zion.

Synagogue: The fox became the guardian of the henhouse

If we compare CAWKI with a computer, Babylon has provided its operating system. But even worse than that, the hardware, the computer itself, is another product of Babylon: the synagogue!

God never commanded Israel: Go build synagogues! While God had sent Israel, because of her stubborn disobedience, into 70 years of treatment in exile, the synagogue was invented. It is literally a product of Babylon, created out of religious and national self-preservation and defiance. In the absence of the temple in Jerusalem, the sacrifices there were replaced with prayers and songs. Soon, the synagogue-pattern of a worship service emerged that God never ordained. It had

five elements: The people of God are called to a “place of worship” for a meeting, songs, Bible reading, sermon and a prayerful farewell.

It is true that Jesus and later Paul regularly preached in synagogues – but never to endorse the synagogue system, but in order to preach to the Jew first (Rom 1:16) and *to steel sheep!*

Jesus has prophesied in Mt 23:34,35 that the synagogue is going to be the *center of resistance* against anyone that he would send (prophets, apostles, teachers). He called it a place of snakes and vipers, an anti-Kingdom fortress! Very early in church history, as I have shown in the book *Houses that change the world*, the synagogue has “married the cathedral” and created a hybrid of both, a highly toxic religious trap that I call the *cathegogue*. What people today routinely mistake as a “church” is essentially a christianized version of a synagogue.

We cannot make the fox the guardian of the henhouse and use a Babylonian delivery system to experience Kingdom results. We will have to change our computer and our operating system completely! They both must reflect Zion, not Babylon.

Why a Reformation is not enough

Martin Luther is best known for three of his “solas”: *Sola scriptura, sola fide, sola gratia*: Only the Bible, only faith, only grace. He was an apostolic figure that God used to bring much light into a dark world, corrupted by a monopolizing religion. He had two phases in his life: In the beginning of his reformatory work he was full of faith, revolution and hope. But towards the end of his life we see a bitter man, angry and tired from political and religious frictions. Many have concluded that his Reformation neither went far nor deep enough; it is unfinished. Luther’s church is fighting with “unresolved tasks”, says Prof. Gerhard Maier, a former Lutheran bishop in Germany. There are ten unresolved aspects, gaping holes in Luther’s Reformation, that had a devastating effect on all those in Protestantism that inherited its spiritual DNA.

Just as Moses led Israel out of Egypt, it took a Joshua to settle them into the Promised Land. Just as it took a Martin Luther to call the Bride out of religion, it will take a new and daring breed of reformationists to finish what he started.

The ten gaps in Luther’s Reformation

1) *Personality cult*. It is in the nature of religious man to glorify, even deify leaders. This happened to Luther as well. Elevating Luther with all his pros and cons to the status of a demi-god is probably *the* central disaster that befell Protestantism. It deflects not only from the true centrality of the person of Christ, but gave license to an army of little Luther’s, mega-personalities elevating themselves to guru status and basking in the praise of a crowd.

2) Low on ethics and legality. Martin Luther was once an ascetic monk that became a married man enjoying all of life. He became famous for his love of freedom. However, the pendulum swung to the other extreme. Luther, in trying to refute Catholic legalism, rejected not only the law of Moses, but also legality, life in alignment with the Law of Christ, the 75 commandments of Jesus, the Constitution of the Kingdom, and in this way threw out the baby with the bathwater. Lutherans have been so lax and lawless, that even most Lutheran reform movements tried to correct this element and called for *praxis pietatis* (more biblical ethics). “Through the influence of liberalism and biblical criticism”, said Prof. Georg Huntemann, Lutheran German Professor of ethics, “anything goes today in Lutheranism, as long as it is *not* written in the Bible.”

In modern days, another strange fruit of this is the hyper-grace teaching. If everything is *sola gratia*, rules, laws and morals are basically irrelevant and stand in the way of an individual pursuing fun and freedom to do what he wants.

3) Ecclesiology. Luther did not want to start a new one, but to reform “his” Roman-Catholic church. However, his church blueprint was not the Kingdom, but essentially catholic. His church became a Lutheran version of a Catholic one. For Luther, “the Christian church is found wherever the gospel is preached in its truth and purity and the sacraments are administered according to the gospel” (Confessio Augustana). At its core Luther remained a sacramentalist (including baptismal regeneration) and an event-driven preacher, celebrating religious rites and liturgies in sacred buildings. His church is the result of this – an event location.

4) Scriptural confusion. If Lutherans are asked: a) *Is* the Bible the word of God, or b) does it *contain* the word of God, the answer is clear: b! Luther was wrestling with Bible passages that were difficult for him, like the book of James which called for deeds of obedience; he called it an “epistle of straw”, and even denied that it was written by an apostle. He differentiated between important, less important and problematic parts of the Bible. This laid a shaky foundation, and it is no coincidence that the most devastating proponents of liberal theology were all Lutherans. Watered down by centuries of liberal criticism, the Bible in today’s Lutheran Church is not much more than a book of fairy tales with a religious narrative.

5) The Jews. Luther hoped to convert the Jews through his protestant gospel. When they refused, he demonized them: “You should burn their synagogues. They are downright evil, poisoned and a devilish thing, our plague, pest and disaster; we have true devils in them”. Full of hatred, he wrote several anti-judaistic writings that even fuelled the flame of the Nazi Holocaust and probably burnt the bridges between Protestant and Jews forever. It is hardly conceivable that any Jew would become jealous of a Protestant the way Paul describes it in Romans 11.

6) *Missions*. Luther was not very successful in what we today call missions. Failing with the Jews was followed by failing with the Turks. Luther did not see them as a mission field, but as the “archenemies and scourge of God, agents of the devil”. It is almost a humorous development that, of all things, it was the “enthusiasts” he so badly condemned that became the very pillar of protestant missions.

7) *House churches*. The “church in the house” clearly is the first and most original expression of church. Throughout history, house churches soon turned into church houses. Where the church found itself in bed with government, house churches often became an enemy, persecuted by the State, the State church, or both as they love to govern things. Luther first flirted with the idea of house churches and called it “the third form of the mass”, only complaining that “I do not have the people for this!” Later Luther, angry about losing control, became so irate about free preachers and Anabaptists (who mostly met in houses), that he became a murderous persecutor of the house church movement. In 1531 he and Melancton signed a legal document for the elector, sanctioning the death penalty for Anabaptists and calling it “a cult of the devil out to destroy the true teaching.”

8) *Backstabbing the peasants*. Backed by Catholic religion, the situation for the poor in the feudal days of Luther had become unbearable. Early pre-communist uprisings like that of “the Colored Shoe” (Lörrach 1517) started to rebel against the oppressive system. When Luther’s first German translation of the New Testament appeared in 1522, farmers and poor citizens jubilated, because they believed their plight will now come to an end. They could read in the German Bible a truth for themselves that the church had suppressed for all too long: That true believers had everything in common. The rich are to share with the poor, so that there was no needy person among them (Acts 2:44.45; 4:32 – 5:4). The biblical truth of commonality, the Kingdom-based commonwealth of God, would have revolutionary consequences, they rightly believed. In a German city called Memmingen, a number of farmers penned down in 1525 what became famous as the “Twelve Articles” - the first constituent assembly on German soil and the first draft of human rights in continental Europe. Luther first agreed in writing, but later he reneged under the pressure of electors, feudal lords and a church that continued to refuse to share with the poor, whether this is in the Bible or not. Luther called on the peasants for more patience and diplomacy, but they simply exploded, having waited for too long already. Luther then switched sides and declared the peasants to be the enemies of his Reformation. In one of his most demonic writings, “Against the murderous, thieving hordes of peasants”, Luther called “to smash, stab and choke them, to beat them like a mad dog.” He gave the armies of the elites the theological go-ahead for one of Europe’s bloodiest wars, the Peasant War (1524-1526), in which more than 100,000 have been brutally killed. Whoever made it to limp home from this war did

not only feel abandoned by the elite, the clerics, by Luther and the Bible, but by God himself. Many villagers simply swore a momentous oath to readily conform to any religious pressure placed on, however in their hearts they would always remain pagans! This is why superstition and pagan festivals like Halloween have remained the true religion of the poor and the villagers. This was a traumatic moment for Protestantism, as it lost its own revolutionary spirit and lost the trust of the poor. Since then, Protestantism typically keeps cementing the Status Quo until today, extracting taxes and tithes from the poor, with a few lame moral observations and interjections in between.

9) *“How do I get?”* The big question Luther asked at the beginning of his Reformation was: *“How do I get a gracious god?”* And the I-questions continued. How do I escape hell? How do I experience the spirit of God? How can I flourish? How can I get successful? What is in it for me?

Until today, Protestantism never lost this inbuilt self-centeredness. If we remain to have an anthropocentric view built in, we will find it hard to switch to a theocentric view. In God’s Kingdom, it is him and his Kingdom that matter most, not the desire of humans and “their churches”.

10) *Cheap protest.* Protesting is simply cheaper than modeling and living the alternative. Many groups of protesters have one thing in common: They shoot at the powers to be, without being ready to take over the responsibility of government themselves. The primal scream of Protestantism has been: We want to *reform* the church, not *be* the church! Chatting up Rome and trying to be ecumenical, Protestantism has long lost its desire to reform itself or anyone else, for that matter. It has, so a number of Lutheran theologians, become a kind of civil rights movement, echoing some of the social and political topics of today, but having lost its original protestant, let alone prophetic, impulse. It no longer pro-acts, but simply re-acts.

From Reformation to Reforn**ation**

Martin Luther was a wonderful gift to mankind. His Reformation has fuelled much hope and an economic progress that lifted Europe out of the Dark Ages. His Reformation brought back many long lost elements of biblical truths. However, his Reformation was neither final nor complete. It stalled and waits to be finished. In the meantime, the mixed spiritual DNA of the Reformation is found in thousands of denominations and movements. Their shelf life often reflect that of Luther's church itself: It has a good, almost revolutionary beginning, but soon settles down into a routine of preaching, singing, sacramentalizing and a bit of social action.

In addition to this, the church of the Reformation has hidden itself in "a mighty fortress" that is no longer God, but consists of financial deals with the governments, religious institutionalization and bureaucracy. Some Lutherans comment that even if Luther himself would rise from his grave and demand to speak to the top brass of the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, he would be laughed out the door as a cultic preacher who lost touch with reality.

Advance from Apostolic Kindergarten

Since the days of Martin Luther's Reformation there have been countless voices demanding or declaring a new reformation. Many have cried: *Reformation, Reformation!* – but the setup, the spiritual DNA and the structural configuration of most “reformers” have remained remarkably unreformed. In most cases, they have built glorified synagogues, following the devastating, false blueprint of a “5-P church”: Pastor, parking lot, pews, programs, problems. Many of these pseudo-reformed structures had the effect of a spiritual vacuum cleaner. They sucked people into a structure that quickly became their trap, instead of releasing them into their apostolic mission and destiny. Rather than empowering an apostolic people, people became the fans of a guru and superstar.

No other ministry is so crucial to the healthy DNA and setup of the church than the apostolic ministry. Jesus himself was an *apostle*, calling not 12 evangelists or pastors, but 12 *apostles* to lay the groundwork for an initiative that would turn the world upside down, disciple the nations, “make the Jew jealous” and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom. The book of Acts of the *Apostles* is not called the *Acts of the Teachers* for a reason. In his wisdom, God has appointed in the *ekklesia* **first apostles**, a pivotal, foundational, architectural ministry (1 Cor 12:28; Eph: 2:20-22; 4:11-16) of master builders. But any one reject God's master builders and, instead, allows children to be the master builders (or any other ministry), the result will not be what God intended to build. Ignoring, sidelining, replacing or even rejecting the ministry of apostolic servants - and their twin-ministers, the prophets - has had catastrophic consequences. It resulted in what we call “Apostolic Kindergartens”: Structures that call themselves apostolic, but are childish and immature at heart. Some of them are:

Absence of the apostolic. Worse than childish apostles are no apostles at all! In many churches and denominations, people have been taught the apostolic has literally died out, and is now replaced by theologians and bureaucrats.

Personality cults. The world of CAWKI is filled with big egos that have declared themselves to be apostolic. But if you see a big ego in religious regalia, strutting like a prominent peacock and basking in the worship of confused and giddy sheep, you know you have run into just another version of Diotrephes, a “Senior pastor” who just loves to be first (3 John 9-10).

Pseudo-apostolic cults. The Roman-Catholic church with her “holy See”, apostolic Nunciatures, apostolic robes, palaces and private jets has become a blueprint for

many protestant copies, pseudo-apostolic Vaticans run by pseudo-apostolic popes who say they are the real thing, but are not.

Apostolic Clubs and networks. The world has seen the emergence of “apostolic clubs” and networks to replace the older denominational structures. Some even issue apostolic licenses, where you can become a card carrying “apostolic” member if you pay your fees. Many of such networks are not much more than a group of salesmen of “apostolic teaching”, rushing from congresses to conferences to sell their latest apostolic insights to the highest bidder. Typically such networks do not bring the Gospel of the Kingdom to the poor, to unreached people groups or see large-scale conversions. Their main growth is by adding more pastors to their member list of religious customers.

Apostolic covering. One of the business models of childlike or even false apostles is to lend their “apostolic covering” and anointing to spiritual underlings against a declaration of fealty and the payment of fees.

Label change. Very common is the childish idea of Christian ministers, particularly prophets, evangelists and bishops, self-declaring themselves to be apostles, even if they clearly have another ministry. This leads not only to great confusion, but to gross misappropriation of funds, as immature sheep are told to lay their money at such pseudo-apostles feet, which is then used for anything but apostolic purposes.

At the core of these apostolic Kindergartens are a few **typical, but childish heresies:**

Nicolaitan teaching and practice. *Nico* is Greek for victory, climbing over and above someone. *Laos* is the people. Nicolaitans are those that establish themselves as superior clerics above lay underlings. Jesus has a powerful verdict on this: **I hate it!** (Rev 2:6 & 15). Nicolaitan practice establishes pyramidal, top-down structures that remind more of Pharaoh than of Jesus, the servant King with the towel, who washed the feet of his disciples.

Dominionism. God gave humans dominion (the right to rule) over fish, birds, livestock, the earth and its creatures (Gen 1:26). However: *God did not give man the right to rule man!* That was to remain his job, as King of the nations! Dominionism is the brainchild of the childish desire to rule, reign and govern people, to climb five, seven or ten mountains and to rule all underlings from a top-down position. That is not the style of Jesus! Some dominionists even go so far as to say: *We are gods! Jesus, move over on your throne. I have to rule!*

Burglarizing the Kingdom. Jesus has declared in Mt 11:12: **From the days of John the Baptist, the Kingdom of God has suffered (passive tense) violence, and violent people have kidnapped (usurped, hijacked) it by force.** This describes *robbers*, people who burglarize something without invitation. Childish and power-hungry people turned this statement into an invitation to be forceful, bulldozing their way into the Kingdom. If you meet such bulldozers – flee!

We are kings. In complete misrepresentation of the biblical statement that we are a **royal priesthood** (1 Peter 2:9) or a **Kingdom of priests** (Rev 1:6), many have twisted this into an act of self-enthronization, anointing themselves to be what they are not: kings. Think. A nurse working in the royals' hospital does not automatically become a royal herself! We may be children of a King, we may be princes, but we have only one King, and his name is Jesus Christ.

You can use these typical heresies as a simple, spiritual *shibboleth*, a litmus test of authenticity. You can determine if you are looking at the genuine article, or a childish, if not a false version of the apostolic.

This list was not designed to simply be food for thought, but subject of a new, mature conversation that is taking place globally. We call it Advanced Apostolic Conversation.

But what do you do if you do no longer want to be part of the problem, but part of the solution?

Read on.

3. SOLUTION

If you have correctly diagnosed the problem, you have a roadmap full of solutions.

Here is a one-page overview of
the Kingdom alternative to the religion of Christianity

It is about

Kingdom
Reformation
Kingship of Christ
Gospel of the Kingdom
Kingdom-based discipleship
Order
Obedience
Selflessness
Flat structures
Reset
Migration
Apostolic advance
Huge numbers
Kingdom colonies
House churches
Corporate listening
Kingdom intelligence
Centrifugal
The Malachi Conversation
The Re-Invention of the world
Kingdom economics
Relational building together
“Making the Jew jealous”

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Religion
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Leadership of man
Gospel of the church
Religious proselytism
Chaos
Lawlessness
Big Egos and brands
Pyramidal dynasties
Retreat
Stagnation
Apostolic kindergarten
Small flock
Denominations
Church houses
Cacophony of voices
Blind leading the blind
Centripetal
Conferences as usual
A new ICE Age
Christianized Babylon
Positions and status
Judaizing Christians

KINGDOM SOLUTIONS

In this part of the booklet, we will **introduce six Kingdom solutions**. For space reasons and the nature of this booklet, they will have to remain short, in seed form. A seed is not yet the final crop! Yet, Jesus compared the Kingdom with a man sowing seeds (Mk 4:26-29). Once the seed is sown, we will see three phases of growth: First the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. Once it is ripe, then the time of harvesting has come. Many wish to see the final product before they are ready to buy a seed. But this is a moment that requires faith. Abraham probably first wished to see the country God called him to go when he said to him (Gen 12:1): **Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go into the land I will show you**. God makes known the end from the beginning (Isa 46:10). If we want a Kingdom harvest, we need to start with Kingdom seeds. We are all called, like Abraham, to step out in faith, **obey and go, even though he did not know where he was going** (Hebr 11:9).

This booklet is a seed. It will require many of us, working together under the direction of a common King, to walk through those three phases of Kingdom growth. It will require all our passion, obedience and a readiness to work in synergy – in sync with our King and each other. Nowhere does the Bible encourage us to believe that we have it all figured out. Paul writes in 1 Cor 2:16: **We have the mind of Christ** – not / have the mind of Christ. **All of us know in part** (1 Cor 13:9). The body of Christ requires not a one-man show, but a synergy of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to grow into maturity (Eph 4:11-13).

A good beginning is to be desperate about our status quo and to be hungry for answers. Anyone who is truly despaired about the dysfunctional disposition of the church will find answers from God. **Seek, and you shall find**. Don't seek, don't find.

If you have followed the Reformation thesis so far, we would ask you now to open up yourself for what we call Kingdom seeds, thoughts and concepts in seed form. In Mt 13, Jesus describes the Kingdom to a man (himself) who was sowing two kinds of seeds: First, the **word of the Kingdom** (Mt 13:19) is sown into the hearts of man like into a garden. This has the power to turn that person into a **son of the Kingdom** (Mt 13:38) who then, in the second phase of sowing, is sown out into the world. You are the only one that can make sure that your heart is a well-watered garden, not a stony desert full of worries, thorns and thistles.

Solution #3: The Reformation

The Reformation is a holistic, systemic solution that does not try any longer to upgrade a dysfunctional church configuration that is based on a Babylonian template. Embracing the Reformation is the natural conclusion of people who understand that Luther's Reformation did not go far enough, and that it is the Kingdom, not the religion of Christianity, that holds all the solutions. The core message of Jesus was: **Repent, the Kingdom of God is near!** This message calls people from religion to the government of God, from rebellion to repatriation, from unruliness to orderliness. It calls all of us into a holy agreement and alignment with the Kingdom that goes far beyond the indifference and outright rebellion against the Kingdom in the religion of Christianity. Here are the eight pillars of the Reformation:

1. We have arrived at a historic Kingdom *kairos* moment, a global singularity, a watershed moment, where dramatic events that have been prophesied in the Bible are taking shape before our very eyes. *The core question is: Do we recognize them? Do we respond to them, or do we continue to do business as usual?*

Recognizing the time is crucial. To sleep through a global, historic and defining moment means to not recognize the timing of God (Lk 19:44) and his visitation. The books of Daniel and Hebrews summarizes this moment like this: **In the days of those kings, God of heaven will set up a Kingdom. And: God is shaking earth and heaven, so that what cannot be shaken remains – the unshakable Kingdom** (Hebr 12:26-28). What are "those kings"?

Here are a number of symptoms of this divine shaking:

- **The falling apart of the EU**

Dan 2:41-44 prophesies that the *setting up* of the Kingdom will happen as a sovereign act of God in the midst of the systems of this world falling apart. Many have overlooked that the ten toes of the statue of Dan 2 represent ten kings that come after the Roman Empire. That speaks of Europe. When the European kings (the European Union) do not remain united (verse 43), the time for God to sovereignly set up his Kingdom has arrived. This is now happening before our very eyes. Brexit was only the beginning.

- **Amos 3:7**

Almost the entire prophetic community is alert about impending judgment on both a local and global scale. Some are seeing a new world war. Are they really all wrong?

- **The children run away**

A screaming aspect of a Church that is being badly shaken and judged is that its children are running away. As an expression of almost complete

disillusionment with CAWKI and their refusal to follow their parents into the tamed religion of Christianity, young generations basically quit church.

- **Many prominent leaders are dying prematurely**

There is a wave of Christian leaders who have seemed to represent middle-of-the-road Christianity that are taken early, as if they are standing in the way.

- **A planet shaken**

These are the days of Mt 24, where politics, economics, health, religion and the entire physical planet are shaken by God. Tension between nations is building up like a gigantic surge of electricity waiting for an explosive discharge. The world is screaming for a post-democratic and even a post-capitalist order. We see the rise of autocrats and even non-democratically elected entities that demand world rulership. Many political and economic scientists speak of an impending implosion of the world as we know it, a meta-crisis of such proportions that it throws all of mankind that is not anchored in God and his Kingdom into a free fall.

We either believe this is all normal – and change nothing. Or we can see and correctly interpret the signs of the time to mean that God has stood up to take the final initiative to disciple (that includes discipline and judge!) the nations, to deliver the captives and to prepare his creation for his Kingdom, the true New World Order. Therefore, *carpe diem*. We are either holding on to the old order and become part of the problem, or we become part of the solution. But you do have to choose. Let us rise up and join God and each other in this final moment of harvest. It may be the last time in history where we have the ability to make that choice between obeying God, or not.

2. The proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom (Mt 24:14) replaces false pseudo-gospels

The Gospel of the Kingdom is the announcement that God rules, that he is King over all those that, in faith, bow their knees to him right now, and that Jesus Christ will soon be ruling King over Israel **and the whole earth** (Zech 14:9). The heralding of the Gospel of the Kingdom is not offering a personal wellness gospel of individual salvation, prosperity and happiness for people who wish to be healed, delivered, become rich and go to heaven when they die. Beyond salvation, healing and deliverance, this is about inviting individuals, tribes, companies, kings and entire nations into a binding alignment with the ultimate ruling authority of the universe. The correct response to the Gospel of the Kingdom is not just salvation, but our declaration of complete obedience and unwavering fealty. The first step in response to this is not to become a member of the Christian religion, but to become a naturalized citizen of the Kingdom (Phil 3:20) and a responsible, law-abiding member

of God's household that respects his divine house rules, the civics and economics of the Kingdom.

The great majority of Christians are the fruit and result of a watered-down, cheap and ultimately misleading gospel of a church preaching and proselytizing itself: *Come to Jesus, come to our church!* False gospels attract the "curse of Paul" who said: **Cursed is who preaches another gospel!** (Gal 1:8.9). Pseudo-gospels lead to fragmentation, splits, superficial conversions and the creation of religious hybrids – people who wish to go to heaven but have never truly broken with the sinful world. It makes members, not disciples. It is the gospel of the old order, not the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Gospel of the Kingdom produces an entirely different harvest of individuals, tribes, nations and kings. Let us not dare to preach any gospel other than the one Jesus entrusted to us.

3. Returning into the order of God

God calls people from the disorder and rebellion of kingless anarchy, from the chaos and disobedience of religion, into the highly ordered jurisdiction of the Kingdom.

This has three aspects:

Spiritual order: In the Kingdom, Jesus is not only our God, he is our acting King. Our place is before his throne, and his throne is not only in heaven, but should be in our hearts. This means that anything that has dictated us before – human laws, money, political and religious leaders and traditions – must be dethroned and given their secondary role at the feet of Christ. In addition, the Kingdom is a domain of absolute judicial accuracy. Heaven is the High Court for the entire universe. Any created being must acknowledge the protocols of the courts of heaven to flourish.

Legal order: Jesus gave us a new law, the Law of Christ. He commanded: **Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you** (Mt 28:20) and said: **If you love me, you obey my commands** (John 14:15). Rather than being lawless, God is fully expecting his saints to **obey God's commands and remain faithful to Jesus** (Rev 12:17; 14:12). Paul says: **I am under the Law of Christ** (1 Cor 9:21). Are we? *The Law of Christ is the sum total of his commands, the constitution of the Kingdom of God.* No one can expect to have legitimate, official Kingdom authority while ignoring its constitution – just as in any other nation state. A dysfunctional, illegitimate and rebellious church will not be conferred or "given the Kingdom" (Lk 22:29; Dan 7:22,27). A church that functions almost completely outside of the Law of Christ has tried for a long time to reject God as a judge and to escape his justice. As a result, it can hardly exercise any healthy church discipline. If we do not allow justice to be done *to us*, how can we expect justice being done *through us*? This is why returning to a constitutional life based on the sum total of the 75 commands of Jesus is not about returning to a new form of legalism, but returning into the *legality* of the Kingdom.

Economic order: Entering the house of God, the Kingdom, requires us to recognize who is the man of the house (God) and to obey his house rules (Ez 43:12; economics, from *oikos*, house, and *nomos*, law). Failure to do that and literally robbing God (Mal 3:8) will make us an antibody and rebel in God's house. It can be shown that CAWKI has broken most of the revolutionary house rules of God. You will find five of the most significant of these Kingdom economic rules in the **Kingdom Codex** contained in this booklet.

4. New vessels: The emergence of Kingdom structures and arks

Religious vessels from earth like Sunday-Churches patterned after synagogues, denominations, pyramidal structures and staged religious meetings are counterproductive to a Kingdom harvest. Only structures from heaven that are based on a *heavenly* blueprint like Zion, the **City of God** (Heb 12:22) will be able to contain the harvest that God wants to give. This is why this Reformation will be about Kingdom citizens, Kingdom households, Kingdom colonies and, in its global expression, the Commonwealth of the Kingdom. While the world is about to drown in a flood of agony as in the days of Noah (Mt 24:37), God is having his people build Kingdom arks: places of refuge, identity and destiny that literally float, because they are from heaven, not earth.



5. Vessels for God's glory

Is there more than being filled with the Holy Spirit? Yes, absolutely. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit at the beginning of his ministry – like we all should be. But fullness of the Holy Spirit never was the end result of a life with God. It always was a *glorified* life, a life full of glory!

In the Reformation, fullness of the Holy Spirit is understood as God's power to live a holy life that makes us attracted to God, to love him, praise, thank and serve him in a manner worthy of our calling. But what is a vessel that God himself is attracted to? Anyone can be filled with the Holy Spirit. But even the **Holy Spirit is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance - to the praise of his glory**, says Paul in Eph 1:14 (see also 2. Cor 1:21.22).

One of the elements of the Reformation is that God is looking for new vessels with a *new content*. If the new vessels are vessels of God's Kingdom, what is the content of these vessels? *The glory of God!* This is because the Kingdom of God is the largest vessel for God's glory! God wants to *dwell* amongst his people, not just *visit* them briefly during the religious visiting hours CAWKI has gotten accustomed to. *But God's glory only dwells where his throne is.* Where his Kingship is rejected, his glory departs - *Ichabod* (1 Sam 4:21 and 8:7; Eze 11:23). **All sinners fall short of God's glory**, says Rom 3:23. But when we submit to his Kingship and our hearts become his throne, God will begin to turn us into vessels of his glory, chosen vessels like Paul (Acts 9:15; 2 Tim 2:21). The Holy Spirit is the deposit, but God's glory, his *doxa* (Hebrew: *kabod*)

is the claim! And as more and more Kingdom citizens become holy vessels for God, *this* will be the true coming out, **the revelation of the children of God** (Rom 8:19). This is not only an individual, but also a corporate calling. The new temple, the **latter house** of Haggai 2:9, **is the household of God, a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit** (Eph 2:19-22). This does not speak of a building any longer, but living stones built into a spiritual house (1 Pet 2:5). This is why we need to move on just seeking the Holy Spirit and His gifts and become Holy Spirit empowered, obedient, holy vessels, recognizing that God is **urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory** (1 Thess 2:12). Only those that do not understand that still wait and prepare for another physical construction of “a third temple” in Jerusalem. They will wait in vain, and miss the greatest culmination of God’s history, prophesied in Haggai 2:7: **I will fill this house with glory.**

6. Kingdom-based discipleship

If we see disciples as vessels of the Kingdom, not assimilated members of CAWKI, how does this change the way we do the discipling? It changes it completely! If the Kingdom, and not the religious church, is our template for discipleship, we will not training Christians to attend and hold meetings where they just sing, pray and read the Bible. If we see the Kingdom as a country, we can break down the apostolic process to turn unbelievers into ambassadors of this Kingdom into a process with five phases that we can only outline here for space reasons:



I) Naturalization: Legal immigration and naturalization into the Kingdom involves five aspects: Repentance (personal application to become a citizen), baptism in water, baptism in the Spirit and alignment to both the constitution and the house rules of the Kingdom (see The Kingdom Passport as an example)

II) House Cleaning: What needs to move out when Jesus moves into the house? A life in sin requires efficient and thorough clean-up, **a vessel cleansed from dishonor** (2 Tim 2:20), otherwise our vessel will remain dirty. Many who have failed to clean their house are hybrid beings, limping on both sides, torn between God, demons and their flesh. They lead a strangulating and embarrassing double life of a public show and hidden sin. When they receive the clean water of life, the dirty residue in their vessel turns it into an unappetizing soup. Thorough house cleaning involves seven activities: 1) We literally clean our house (physical living space) of unacceptable goods and objects, and we rid and detox our human body of the damaging and even deadly influence of addictions (sugar, wheat, chemicals, addictive substances). 2) We repent where we have sinned



against God. 3) We forgive those that have hurt us. 4) We reconcile with those that we have hurt. 5) We ask Jesus to heal our personal traumas (inner healing) and 6) get delivered from our demons. Once we are free, delivered and clean, God can begin to fill us with his glory.

III Kingdom Civics: the ways of the Kingdom

Every person entering a new country needs to familiarize himself how things are done there. When in Rome, do as the Romans do; when in the Kingdom, do it **“on earth as it is in heaven”**, what Jesus asked all of us to pray. If we want to highlight the most important Kingdom principles and its central values, these eight Kingdom benchmarks summarize the essence of civic life in the Kingdom:

- **Holy fear:** Appreciating a fearsome God as holy, our supreme judge, respecting and obeying him
- **Humble submission:** As Jesus submitted, the bride submits to her King and is under his authority
- **Loving obedience:** Constitutionality; “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15)
- **Thankful passion:** Defined by unspeakable joy, peace, love, and merciful, irresistible servanthood
- **Selfless sharing:** God owns us, he shared everything with us, and so do we with others
- **Trusting oneness:** A common King and brotherly love makes us of one heart and one soul
- **Prophetic discernment:** Sheep who hear their master’s voice clearly, God’s GPS
- **Apostolic life:** Becoming worthy to be deployed and sent to do what the King commands



IV: Deployment

All of us are made for a specific task and role in the Kingdom. Once we become a vessel of God, the next step is to ask what Paul asked: **Lord, what do you want me to do?**

Our King then will begin to send us in to our life’s mission, first smaller errands, then, depending on how faithful we are in the small things, into bigger tasks, until we can say like Paul, at the end of his life: **I have finished the race!**

V: Parenthood. As we mature in Christ, our parental role in the Kingdom becomes evident and we are no longer about ourselves and our mission, but about finding,

nurturing and releasing next generations into their Kingdom destiny. We take ownership of the process of Kingdom discipleship and become an integral part of the multiplication process. We begin to reproduce ourselves, and the apostolic process, until we reach

70.2%

God's plans are huge. Mt 24:39-41 indicates that, at the return of Christ, one out of two, that is 50% of the population **will be taken, the other left**. To harvest at least 50% of the population of the world *requires a completely different strategy than CAWKI-based evangelism plus follow-up*. It requires an obedient, Kingdom-based apostolic initiative that attracts God's blessing. It is not our strategies and methods that will do this. It is God's blessing that alone can cause fruitfulness, multiplication and the filling the earth (Gen 1). We call that the *Starfish principle*. At its heart is the understanding that God's purposes will never be **reached by might nor power, but by God's Spirit** (Zech 4:6), but by God pouring out his blessing on what is obedient to him. This is the secret of the fact that true Kingdom growth is exponential multiplication of vessels, rather than the slow, linear growth of classical religious groups. Only an explosive, Kingdom-based growth pattern will ever lead us to the prophetic fulfillment of Hab 2:14. It is a startling and almost unbelievable statement: **The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.**

What if God literally means this? It would mean that we would have to consider how much of the earth's surface is actually covered with water. And that is 70.2%! That is the true goal post of Kingdom missions! Anything less is not enough. So let us believe and make ourselves available for an initiative, a last Kingdom harvest that will see at least 70.2% of the world disciplined. The goal of missions is, as Paul states in Rom 11:25, that **the full number of the nations has come in**. *Fullness* speaks of a certain measure of numbers (and probably quality) that is represented from families, villages, cities, tribes and nations. They all are called to become an "obedient nation" under one King: the Commonwealth of the citizens of the Kingdom.

7. New Mission: The Re-Invention of the world

If CAWKI is the base for missions, missions becomes the extension of "our church at home" to "our church abroad". But if the Kingdom becomes the base for missions in this current Reformation, it is no longer *our* churches, denominations and networks that wait to be set up "abroad". Missions becomes an extension of God's Kingdom, not ours. Kingdom missions transforms into heaven colonizing earth, to fulfill the prayer Jesus taught us: **On earth, as it is in heaven** (Mt 6:10).

Because things on earth are not as they are in heaven, God has initiated a universal project of innovation: turning our earthly mess into heavenly bliss. Peter calls it the **restoration of all things** (Acts 3:21). Jesus said it like this (Rev 21:5): **I will make**

everything new. His New World Order is the Kingdom. And those who already accept now in faith that “heaven rules” (Dan 4:26) will become the prophetic model of divine innovation that will literally touch all of life. This process of re-inventing the world follows three-steps:

- I. God has created this world in an ingenious fashion; “*God saw it was very good!*” In the beginning, love, sex, food, church, health, energy, business, education and all aspects of life have been masterfully designed and created.
- II. Humans rebelled against God and poisoned themselves and the world with the GEF-virus: Greed, ego, fear. Since then, every day the media screams, “*It became very bad!*” All that God had created became corrupted, love grew cold, money seems to rule the world and life has become bleak.
- III. Heaven has the solution for problems earth can’t solve. Where former homeless rebels submit again to God as their King, he will show them his original, divine blueprint of every aspect of life. Implementing them will lead to a re-invention of every facet of life on the planet, so that true colonies of heaven emerge on earth. Such places then become a prophetic model, an ark of God, a shopping window of the Kingdom to show that nothing is impossible for God. Anyone who sees this will exclaim, “*Look, this is pretty incredible!*”



As I have written in the booklet *The Re-Invention of the World*, our planet is currently in the process of freezing up. Love has grown cold, money, Big Brother and big corporations seems to rule the world. Greed, ego and fear seem to take over and cover the world with a thick layer of ice. I call it an “ICE age”, the intentional corruptive environment that emerges when GEF takes over the world. One of the hopes and expectations of the Jewish community

is reflected in a daily prayer, the *Aleinu* prayer recited at the conclusion of every religious service. It is a prayer for *tikkun olam*, God repairing the world under his divine order, establishing his Kingdom on earth. The Kingdom of God is truly the greatest innovation of the universe. This is why not only traditional missionaries, but divinely inspired innovators – inventors, pioneers, entrepreneurs – are at the cutting edge of Kingdom missions. And this will have one historic aspect: It will contribute to Paul’s cry **to make Israel jealous** (Rom 11:11,14) – something that has absolutely lacked in the long and twisted history between Christianity and the people of Israel. Which brings us to the final element of the Reformation:

8. A new and final chapter of redemption with Israel

The best is yet to come. God is not at all finished with his first love, Israel. Nor should we be finished, but we should love what God loves, no matter how unlovable. Modern day Israel, established mostly by violence, war and political scheming, is

mainly relying on its own might and power, not the Spirit of the Lord (Zech 4:6). It is a very far cry from **the redeemed and ransomed of the Lord returning to Zion with singing, everlasting joy crowning their heads while gladness and joy overtakes them, sorrow and signing fleeing away** (Isa 35:10). Many will be shocked, Christians and Israelis alike, including those that idolize Israel, about the impending **time of Jacob's trouble** (Dan 12:1; Jer 30:5-7) that many of the leading Orthodox and Chassidic sages have recently declared. It is the **great distress** that Jesus prophesied for Israel in Mt 24:21. But Israel *will* be saved, united and restored, and it will even have an apostolic role that God has reserved for it. Apostolic work is not only for Christian mission agencies, as God says about Israel: **I will make you a light for the nations, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the world** (Isa 49:6). My friend Sean Steckbeck who lives in Israel sums up the dilemma of Israel like this: "Israel is drunk with her own calledness, but she does not know for what she is called."

For Israel to be shaken out of her religious coma and self-justification as a nation and to be stepping into her Kingdom inheritance, she needs a very different message than the cheap gospel of Christianity: "Come to Jesus, come to church and join the religion of Christianity!" Christianizing Jews has simply not worked. Compared to the apostolic expectation of Paul (and God!), the relationship between historic Christianity and Israel (let us not forget Luther here!) has been twisted, traumatic, pathetic and mostly unsuccessful. With very few exceptions, most of those that believe they represent God today visit Israel as tourists, as tour guides for other Christians visiting Israel, or as Torah students. But instead of modeling and preaching the Kingdom, "making Israel jealous", the opposite is happening today: *Many Christians are jealous of Jews*. It is vital for Kingdom people to embrace their historic and Hebrew roots that go back to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Joseph. Jesus himself said: **Salvation is out of the Judaians** (John 4:22), the tribe from which he, the savior comes. However, nowhere are we told to join the religion of Judah or even become Judaizers, something that Paul had to confront even in Peter (Gal 2:14). In the absence of a clear understanding of the Kingdom of God, many Christians embrace Juda-an, juda-istic religious roots as if it were the Kingdom. In the case of "Messianic Jews", some even mix two religions God never instituted: Judaism and Christianity. This may be attractive for the religious soul, but it does not shake nor impress Israel as a nation at all.

However, in the process of the Reformation, God is creating a new and possibly final scenario. He is calling a people from both Gentiles and Israel that model a Kingdom life that is a genuine and loving challenge to all of Israel, arousing them to envy. If a younger brother, an "obedient nation", that is **taken by God from out of the nations for himself** (Acts 15:14) demonstrates and models for his older brother, Israel, a life that screams for an impossible explanation, this older brother would wake up. If that Kingdom life is so authentic and righteous that it even **surpasses the righteousness**

of the scribes and Pharisees, as Jesus said in Mt 5:20, Israel would listen up. If people emerge that are more joyfully God-fearing than the Jewish *Charedim* and *Chassidim*, Israel will be shaken up. If people begin to model life under the King of kings and keep the Law of the Messiah, his constitution, as obedient law abiding citizens of **the Kingdom prepared since the creation of the world** (Mt 25:34), those that say they keep the Law of Moses would be stirred up. If a people start to appear who are more inspired, innovative and game changing than even Israel's best inventors, "Gentiles" living a life of *tikkun olam* that should be reserved for Israel alone, Israel will look up. If people begin to appear with an ability to hear the voice of God, their shepherd and Israel's shepherd, far clearer than her best own "sages" and Rabbis, Israel would wish to step up. If modern day Elishas would turn up, people that receive downloads of prophetic intelligence that is far better than Israel's own secret service, like the Mossad, it would remind her of a time when the prophet Elisha prophesied every move of the enemy army (2 Kings 6:12) to preempt them from hurting Israel. This would make Israel sit up. If gentile apostles would see millions and even billions of people come to salvation and find their home with the God of Israel and his Kingdom, Israel, who is supposed to be a light to the nations, would wake up. And if all of this is done with such love and compassion, even while Israel might still be kicking and screaming, Israel will open up. Because it is written that a moment will come, when Israel will be asking for forgiveness that they pierced their own Messiah (Zech 12:10) and will finally pray: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord** (Ps 118:26; Mt 23:39).

This may all happen far faster than we think. We are living in *kairos* times of many apocalyptic fulfillments of ancient prophecies before our very eyes. But at this point all that is important to say is: God will not let anyone have a Kingdom-based Reformation without Israel, God's first love, fully benefitting from it.



Solution # 4: RESET

How do we get to be such Kingdom people- especially if many of us have grown up in religious Christianity? By doing a reset! If you have a computer full of viruses and malware, or with conflicting programs running on it, it can become slower and slower and finally not do any longer what you want it to do. Sometimes, it just freezes up. This is when you have to **restart your computer**, insert a boot disc, and clean up your system with an anti-virus program. After the computer has been cleaned out, you can begin to properly set it up again with a new operating system.

If we compare them with computers, many if not most Christians have not been set up correctly. They have been installed with “religion” as their operating system and swallowed up into CAWKI. Add to this the often shallow conversions, shaky foundations, the lack of discipleship and the confusion created by denominationalism, the myriad of voices and bizarre teachings circulating the internet, and we have a recipe for disaster. Their system has become frozen, and their lives come to a standstill. Adding yet another program, no matter how good it is, will not improve their situation.

This is where you might want to attend and experience a RESET-day we have designed for exactly that purpose. It is a one-day intensive experience that allows God to do a **factory reset**. Only after people are freed from religion, after cleaning their vessel of the deadliest viruses of Churchianity, can their journey home, their spiritual migration and repatriation, truly start.

Solution # 5: Migrate! The Migration map

Galatians 4: 24-31 and Hebr 12:18-22 introduces two mountains: **Mt. Sinai**, symbolizing religious bondage, represented with today's earthly Jerusalem, and **Mt. Zion**, the heavenly Jerusalem, representing the Kingdom, the city of the living God. Many Christians are wondering why heaven seems so far away, why their lives are stuck, their churches stagnant, why there is so little fruit, joy, purpose, blessings, excitement. The reason is simple: They have followed blind guides and ended up on the wrong mountain: the mountain of religion.

But God has intervened. He does not leave his sheep without a shepherd and sends them modern day Moses to unsettle them and call them out of Egypt, and modern day Joshuas to help repatriate and settle them into the Promised Land. There is a global phenomenon that has begun in many countries, a gigantic exodus, the great Migration. It is in response to the Holy Spirit who calls people from the mountain of religion to the mountain of the Kingdom. This migration typically has six phases:

1) Exodus from Religion. This is where people catch a vision or yearning for something bigger than religion and say their farewell to their "mother church". Many have described how they have been literally called by the Holy Spirit to leave CAWKI in the name of Jesus. Most Christians are so lost in religion that they need the equivalent of a factory reset, before they repatriate into the Kingdom after a process of spiritual migration.

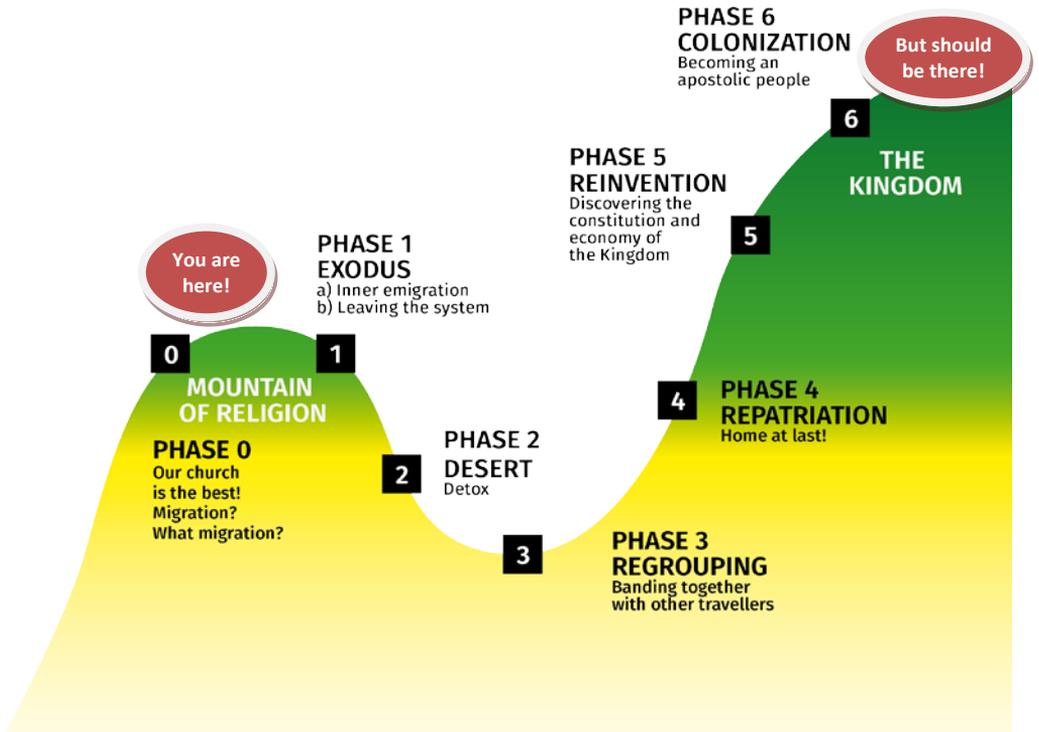
2) Desert. Many are first entering a desert time on their journey, a time of religious quarantine, where we do not only leave the religious system, but the internalized religious system is taken out of us. During this time, people look for retreat, a hiding place, a safe spot for a religious detox.

3) Regroup. At first, many who leave organized religion find themselves to be very lonely. Soon enough, they meet others in the desert and join various travelling groups in many new forms and expressions.

4) Repatriation. This is where the desert ends and we are finally home in our true Fatherland. We have escaped religion and now become the properly naturalized citizens in the Kingdom.

5) Reinvention. The Kingdom, not human religion, now defines who we are. While many have been confused about their identity in the religions of man, they now discover what their true role, purpose and destiny is. They become reinvented versions of themselves, inspired by the spirit of Christ who said **I will make everything new** (Rev 21:5)

6) Colonization. This is where heaven begins to colonize earth, establishing first beachheads of the Kingdom, then colonies, then an entire Commonwealth of Heaven, the Kingdom. The harvesters of the Kingdom are no longer looking to proselytize people into religious structures, but invite people to become legal citizens of the Kingdom.



Where are *you* on that map?



Solution # 6:

The KINGDOM CODEX

In the Kingdom of God, Jesus is King, lawgiver and the supreme ruler of his household. He defines its political, legal and economic reality. In order to belong to God's Kingdom, to attract its blessings, to thrive in it and to legally represent it, we need to accept these three foundational pillars of the Kingdom of God as binding and align ourselves to them. Ignoring or trespassing these means, we will remain an anti-body, an oddity and impurity, a legal obstruction to the Kingdom of God, instead of an asset. We might be those saying "Lord, Lord," but not doing what the Lord

commands.

Beyond mere statements of faith, theological agreement and words of religious consent, submitting ourselves to King and Kingdom has the nature of a covenant with the supreme ruler of the universe, in which we are junior partners. This covenant was ratified through the shedding of the blood of Christ and became legally binding through his resurrection and ascension to the throne at the right hand of God. To embrace the Kingdom Codex as our own and sign ourselves over to it is our personal declaration of fealty. By this we declare: We are owned and operated by Christ, not ourselves. We can no longer do as we wish, but as we should. It is written! We cannot "do church" as we like it, but as God likes it. We are now bound to his rule, free to do his will out of loving obedience. *Your Kingdom come - our kingdom go.*

I) Kingship of Christ

The risen Christ, as he is described in Rev 1 and 19, is not just a representative monarch, a president, a distant philosopher or "just God", but our loving, fearsome, ruling and acting king. To fear him as Lord and to seek first his Kingdom means that we unquestioningly accept him as our sovereign Lord, King, judge, lawgiver and our first and final authority in all matters. Our role is to be both royal subjects and obedient children in the theocracy of the Kingdom.

This means that no other human organization or leader can be a mediator or broker between us and our King, or dare to claim to own and operate us, to define, judge and rule us more than Jesus Christ does. We must obey God more than man.

II) Constitution: The Law of Christ

Jesus brought a new Law, the Law of Christ. He commands his disciples: **Teach them everything I have commanded you** (Mt 28:20) and declares: **If you love me, keep**

my commands (John 14:15). All 75 commands of Christ together became the consolidated body of law that forms the constitution of the Kingdom. The Apostle Paul is bound to *this* when he says: **I am under the law** (1 Cor 9:21). In political realism, no one can have executive power unless swearing an oath of office to the constitution of his country. In the same way, no one can expect to have *exousia*, legal and governmental authority in the Kingdom by ignoring the constitution of the Kingdom. 1 John 2:4 summarizes it: **We know that we love him if we obey his (Christ) commands.**

III) House rule: Kingdom Economics

God is the supreme ruler of his household. It does not follow Babylonian greed, the market rules of buying and selling or the rich suppressing the poor. The principles of the commonwealth of heaven are based on love, generosity, sharing, giving and receiving. The five key house rules of Kingdom economics are:

I. God owns us. We are his property, not our own, because he created and bought us through the blood of Jesus Christ from the slave market of sin (1 Cor 6:19.20; 10:26).

This means that we cannot give to God what he already owns. Our role is to ask him: What he wants to do with *his* money that is in *our* bank accounts, and how much to keep for ourselves.

II. No place for surplus and greed. Christ commands: **Beware of greed (Lk 12:15).**

The early ecclesia is described as people who explicitly renounced their surplus (more than one needed) and shared everything they had over and above their personal requirements, including, if they had more than one, houses and fields (Acts 2:46; 4:32-34).

III. Koinonia is co-ownership in the commonwealth of heaven. Abundance eliminates need (2 Cor 8:14). Acts 2:45 says: **They disposed surplus and properties and divided them to all so that there was no needy person amongst them.**

Kingdom economics eradicates layers one and four of the four social levels of society: 1) poor/needy, 2) those that have enough, 3) those with surplus, 4) the rich (those who fail to share).

IV. Jesus collects and distributes his money through his apostles. Nowhere is money collected by pastors or evangelists, and nowhere does the Kingdom give us licentiousness to do as we like with “our money”, simply because it is not our money, but God’s. Jesus had a financial collection system (the coffer, the purse), entrusted to Judas (John 13:29). Money was collected privately, but always laid at the apostles feet and distributed from there (Acts 4:35; 5:2; 1. Cor 16:1-4).

V. Kingdom budget. Kingdom spending follows a highly strategic and prioritized list: 1) widows and orphans in the Kingdom; 2) Kingdom workers, 3) Kingdom projects, 4) the poor outside the Kingdom.

4: What do you do now?

Tick those boxes as a sign of your agreement

If God can and will shake heaven and earth, the sea and the land, can he shake *you*? Can he make *you* move from any religious foundation to a Kingdom

foundation and become part of the Kingdom initiative? God will not do this without your permission and invitation. Will you do that, now?

Do you, personally, accept the Reformation?

Do you have jurisdiction or influence in an organization, denomination, foundation, business or church? Then invite God to initiate and guide you through a process of corporate Reformation

Make a move! Do not underestimate the need for a personal and corporate Reset! and Migration. *Will you move?*



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