

The Kingdom Manifesto

Prepare for what comes after Christianity

The stone that struck the image became a great mountain that filled the whole earth (Dan 2:35)

Of the increase of his government there will be no end (Isa 9:7)

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Many people dream of God. But what does God dream of man? What is his vision for his future with mankind?

His vision can be summed up in three parts:

- **walk with them**
- **be their King**
- **marry the bride**

Walk with them. The book of Genesis describes God as the creator who loves to communicate with man, made in his image. In the beginning of mankind's history, the Garden of Eden was the idyllic setting for the peaceful, relaxed and protected community of God with man. This is where God would openly speak and even walk with Adam and Eve, like friends. This

original, direct, face-to-face communication between God and man existed as long as humans obeyed God. When they failed, that innocent, immediate, face-to-face communication with God was lost. The innocent friendship between God and humans dramatically stopped. Man tried to walk without God – and has been lonely ever since. But not only did man miss the walks and talks with God in the garden, God also missed these times with his human creation. The Bible mentions only a few individuals that were different: **Enoch walked with God (Gen 5:24)**. Noah was **a just man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God (Gen 6:9)**. The first time that God told his friend Abraham what he wanted from him, he said: **I am God the Almighty, walk before me and be blameless (Gen 17:1)**. To walk before God meant to live a life that has nothing to hide from God, a life of integrity and transparency, a life aligned with God and his statutes, laws and covenants. Through Moses, another friend of his, God gave the Law of Moses to his people of Israel. This was crucial,

because for God and man to walk together, outside of the Garden of Eden, two conditions need to be met: a) for unholy man to meet a holy God, a sacrifice needs to be made to cover man's sin; b) man is required to follow the laws of God. Accepting God's forgiveness and keeping God's Law was the required protocol to regain and enjoy his friendship. This friendship would include walking together again: **If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands... I will walk among you and be your God** (Lev 26:3-12). The post-Eden message of God to man is: *I want your friendship back. I want to walk with you. But if you want to come into my house, come cleaned and follow the house rules.* Jesus, both Lamb and King, said the same: **You are my friends – if you do what I command** (John 15:14). The Bible ends with this vision coming into reality: **The dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them** (Rev 21:3).

Be their King. This is another thing God is after: he never wanted to be just the *God* of his people – he always wanted to be their *King* as well. God said to Israel in Ex 19:6: **You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.** God is the King, and people are his *dom* (as in domain). God was never planning to sit in a remote heaven and do only those things one would imagine God does – without desiring to be directly involved in the everyday life of those he wants to rule as king. Even a glance at the many names he chose to reveal to Israel makes it abundantly clear who God wanted to be for them: *Yahwe Zebaoth* means Lord of hosts; he wanted to be involved in their wars – like a real king. *Yahwe Nissi* means Lord my banner – he wanted to be the royal sign that gave them identity and hope in battle – like a real king. Some of his other titles are: *Yahwe Rapha* (Lord that heals), *Yahwe Roi* (Lord my shepherd), *Yahwe Shalom* (Lord who gives peace), *Yahwe Shammah* (The Lord who is present), *Yahwe Zidqenu* (Lord of justice). This last title, in the book of Jeremiah (23:5-6), is the very name for the Messianic King of Jerusalem. The dramatic tragedy of Israel was not to understand that God wanted to be both *God and King*. In 1 Sam 8:7 God laments to Samuel: **It is not you they have rejected but they have rejected me as their king.** Israel, his people, rather wanted a king like all other nations around them. When the Kingship was up for a vote, the people voted for the other guy. And God became the God who was not allowed to be King. Later, in the person of Jesus Christ, God came to earth in the flesh to offer himself both as God and King again. And what did man do? Some accepted the Jesus-part, the one that heals, saves and delivers, and answers the question, *what can he do for me?!* But very few accepted him as the Christ, the one who is anointed to be King and to whom mankind is to submit in daily life as his royal subject. Jesus Christ called all who can hear to repent, because the Kingdom of God is at hand and make the Kingdom of God their first priority. But the very same picky and rebellious pattern, just like in the Old Testament, emerged yet again. If the motto of Israel was, *God – yes, king – no*, the motto of Christianity was, *Jesus –*

yes, Christ – no. Many Christians say they worship God, but their lives and actions clearly show that Jesus Christ is not their active king at all. His laws are ignored and broken all the time by the very people who call themselves after his name. Most Christians do not even know or realize that Christ has given them his law, the constitution of the Kingdom. And so, the overwhelming majority of them do not live according to the laws of the Kingdom of God. That makes them illegal aliens who say *Lord, Lord*, but do not do what this Lord tells them to do (Mt 7:21-23). They essentially follow the laws and principles of the world, particularly in the areas of money, sex, power, religion. Most Christians have been taught and raised to do what their churches told them to do: visit services, pay their taxes and tithes, and participate in religious programs – none of which Christ has told anyone to do. They dutifully look up to “their leaders,” pastors, founders, set-men and their own board of directors, just like Israel looked up to the Saul they had elected themselves. And this is how the same thing happened in Christianity that happened with Israel: humans are on the throne, while God is denied to rule his own people. In the parable of the *Ten Minas* (Lk 19:11-27) that speaks of his own rise to Kingship, Jesus describes how his own subjects **hated him and sent a delegation after him to say: We do not want this man to be our king!** *This* is the very heart of the rebellion of man against God: to refuse and reject his kingship and find any excuse not to obey Jesus as King, particularly not his laws. Many have not yet seen the stark severity of the words in which Jesus ends this parable: **Those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them – bring them here and kill them in front of me.**

Marry the Bride. God is a bridegroom outrageously in love and in full pursuit of his Beloved. He is busy making all the necessary arrangements for the greatest show in the history of mankind: **The Wedding Feast of the Lamb** (Rev 19:6; 21:2.9-10). No other bridegroom has ever taken thousands of years to prepare a place for the homecoming of his bride (John 14:2). God is in love with man, so much so that he desires to marry those individuals who, collectively, in responding to his call to salvation and obedience, become his Bride. Many know about the parable of the Prodigal Son in Lk 15. Few understand, however, that there is a far bigger picture that God pursues: *The Prodigal Bride*. She too, like the Israel of old, has gone astray, after many other lovers. She has run off from the place where she actually belongs, and is filling her stomach with pods meant for pigs. By exposing herself to many idols, the doctrines of demons, the many conflicting traditions of men and clinging to human gurus, she has become all but unrecognizable and utterly unattractive – both for man and God. How much more joy will it be if she comes to her senses, sobers up, gets herself cleaned and responds to the call of her eternal bridegroom who is waiting for her, whispering: Do come back to me, my darling. You do not know what you miss!

What hinders it?

What hinders God's vision for mankind?

The answer in one word is: *The church.*

For 2,000 years, there has been a cacophony of voices of teachers, reformers, revolutionaries, revivalists and dissidents that filled the bookshelves and airwaves with their manifold cries: 'This way, Church!' But each voice has to ask itself: 'Am I part of the problem or the solution?' And 'how would I know?' Church history has been a constant tug of war between established and new forms of church, between conformists and nonconformists. It was characterized, for example, by the tension between those that embraced either a "high church" or a "low church" model of church. One was a top down, ecclesiastical hierarchy, typically in bed with government and big money. The other was advocating a more bottom-up, laity driven, flat structure, the church of the poor and the marginalized. One followed more rigid religious liturgies and rituals, the other was more free-flowing and open. Most centuries saw their own church reformers come and go, with their various calls back to simplicity, back to the Bible, grace, faith, obedience, devotion, charismatic gifts or personal holiness. Movements like the Monks, Celtic Christians, Waldensians, Lollards, Puritans, Methodists or Baptists emerged that pushed various aspects of church life. Often this caused a reaction, and each reformation had its counter-reformation. Therefore, church history essentially became reactionary: a reaction to the reaction of another reaction. The pendulum has been wildly flying between many poles. Most new developments came from those that disagreed – or protested! – against what others did or didn't do. British historian A.J.P Taylor once said: "All change in history, all advance, comes from the nonconformists. If there had been no trouble-makers, no Dissenters, we should still be living in caves."

But what if "church" was never what Jesus was about and what he came to establish in the first place? Church was never the main subject of Jesus. His core message was: **Repent, because the Kingdom of God is at hand.** Not: Repent, because the church is at hand. The word *basileia* (Kingdom) appears 162 times in the New Testament. Only *two times* did Jesus even mention the term *ekklesia*, Mt 16:18 and Mt 18:17. Both times he used it in the original, *political* sense of this Greek word, the way the common man understood it during his time. *Ekklesia* was simply the assembly of those above 20 years of age able to vote in Greek, democratic city states. *Ekklesia*, the way Jesus used the word,

never had the religious connotation like the term *synagogue*. *Ekklesia* meant what we today would call a city senate, a parliament. *It was a form of government*, not a religious assembly, let alone a “church building.” Jesus did not come to bring another religion; *he came to free us from religion!* He did not come to reform Judaism, he came to start a domain, a realm, a unique *country* called the Kingdom of God, complete with a king (himself), a seat of power (heaven), a constitution (the Law of Christ), borders (the line of obedience to his Law), citizens (those that are invited to become naturalized and abide by it’s laws and statutes), and finally instruments of his government (the *ekklesia*). When Jesus said: **I will build my *ekklesia***, he was saying: *I will build my government*. It is therefore correct to say: Jesus preached the Kingdom – what came was the church.

The message of this Kingdom Manifesto is that this is exactly the human error Christ is correcting today. And if he is, it will be the single most significant re-adjustment in history that God is challenging all of us with. In fact, it will be bigger than the Reformation.

Will we accept that challenge – or trod on, unimpressed and unreformable?

Today’s church is mostly obsessed with arranging repetitive, choreographed religious meetings to satisfy the needs of religious consumers called church members. These meetings, properly called services (as in service stations, where cars fill their tanks with gas), may vary in style, culture, length, noise levels and charismatic ingredients, but are essentially all variations of one single theme: specific, time-bound meetings in artificial places where typically no-one lives (sanctuaries, meeting halls, cathedrals) focusing on activities like singing, reading, preaching, praying, reflecting, and more singing. In my book *Houses that Change the World*, I trace today’s Christian worship patterns back to the Jewish synagogue. The synagogue was a Jewish survival structure invented in a corrective facility called Babylon motivated by religious and nationalistic self-preservation. It was never born out of a direct command of God, that said: *do synagogues!* The synagogue was a symbol of national defiance and rebellion against God. Prayer replaced the temple sacrifices and religious rituals became the center of Jewishness. The synagogue gave the Jewish nation a religious toy, a smokescreen that allowed them to convince themselves of their own piety, while they essentially remained disobedient to God’s laws, statutes and decrees. The liturgy in a synagogue had five elements: a call to worship, singing, reading of a portion of scripture, a sermon, blessings and farewell. Think of it. Does this structure sound familiar? It is, because this has become the pattern of “worship” in most Christian churches today. And who, other than the very enemy of God, would have an interest in installing a faulty operating system

into the bones and marrows of all those that wish to follow Christ? Is it a coincidence that Christ himself mentions the “Synagogue of Satan,” **of those that say they are Jews, but are not**, as a mysterious player in the apocalyptic scenario (Rev 2:9 and Rev 3:9)? An Egyptian pastor friend of mine once called today’s church the “5-P-Church,” because it always seems to have five core elements: pastor, pews, parking lot, programs, problems.

Christian versions of synagogues called churches, and their history, their twists and turns and their religious specialities, are not at all as important as many would think. God simply has other priorities – the Kingdom – while religious men have been splitting hairs. There were times when Christians would even debate what is the correct response of man when the Holy Spirit briefly visits him: to fall forward on the face, or to fall backwards. I remember that I found this debate very futile. It created three new Christian camps: those that like to fall backwards, those that fall forwards, and those that would not fall at all and remained unmoved. In any case, does it really matter which way anyone falls? And should someone fall, what matters, I believe, is, what we do *when we get up!*

In a moment, we will look at the fact that the history of mankind is swiftly coming to a crucial waypoint, a *kairos* moment that will change our entire context, whether we know it or not, whether we like it or not, and whether we are with it or not. In a sovereign act of God, he himself will change our context by ushering in a new phase of history. This is why we need to prepare for a future that will not be like our past. CAWKI (Church-as-we-know-it), is neither ready nor prepared for the mounting political persecution in the imminent future. And it is also not ready for a large harvest. But these are only the symptoms of a far deeper root problem. And that is that the *Prodigal Bride* is not prepared to be ruled by Jesus Christ the King, to walk before him, obey his laws, function within his household rules and to be married to him.

Jesus walked away from the temple

There was a defining moment in the life of Jesus where his direction changed entirely. He stopped a life that was geared *towards* the temple, and walked *away* from it: **Jesus walked away from the temple** (Mt 24:1). He probably realized how entrenched and unreformable Judaism had become. To the shock of his disciples, he declared that not one stone would remain on top of another. With a few exceptions, CAWKI in general is right now in stand-by mode, treading water, stagnating. Many sense that God has pulled the plug on organized Christian religion, just like the *Shekinah* glory of old had departed from the temple in Jerusalem (Ez 10). Many of today’s christian activities are fueled by human traditions, powered by the inertia of “doing what we always

did.” Many church buildings are nothing more than christian versions of religious temples made by human hands (Acts 17,24), where man believes he can meet with God for two hours, and later continue his walk without him. Many members of such sanctuary-centered and program-driven churches have come to the conclusion that “Jesus has left the building.” They are thoroughly shaken by this situation, and try to follow their Master, even when this means to leave behind cherished and familiar traditions. Statisticians like George Barna report that church members are leaving CAWKI in droves, looking for a place of quarantine and religious detox. Although they don’t speak much in public about it, many of CAWKI’s leader are seriously burnt out or just going through the motions, waiting for retirement or a financial alternative to make their living. But are we ready to get to the bottom of this?

A sober moment of diagnostics

Let us take a sober moment of unemotional diagnostics, because our diagnostics determine our therapy. If our diagnostics are wrong, our activities might prolong our suffering, rather than change it. Our discernment at this exact point in history decides whether all we do and stand for is leading us towards the solution – The Kingdom – or makes us to be blind religious leaders of more blind followers. Let me add this: although the truth shall set us free, sometimes, diagnostics still hurts. Especially if we have identified ourselves not fully with Jesus Christ alone, *but with our work and ministry for him*, with our roles, titles, methods, books, messages, theologies and our seemingly safe places in churches and ministries. Anything other than God that gives us identity, security and destiny *is an idol* from which we should separate ourselves and repent. Even the word *Christian* is a slanderous word given to Christ’s followers from outsiders in Antioch (Acts 11:26). Many are proudly presenting or even representing their theological tradition and call themselves by a denominational label, Lutheran, Baptist, Calvinist, Methodist. But think again. Why would you want to identify yourself with anything else than Christ himself? Is someone paying you for that? Why would you repeat the same mistake that the Apostle Paul had to challenge the *ekklesia* of God in Corinth with that divided the Body of Christ into those that followed Paul, Apollos, Cephas, Christ? (1 Cor 1:12; 3:3)? Denominationalism is not a product of the Holy Spirit; it is a product of religious humans unable to unite under one common head and King because of their own petty and carnal preferences.

Five reasons why Christianity is not what it thinks it is

Apart from this denominationalism and plain idolatry, classical Christianity – and this particularly *includes* the evangelical, charismatic, pentecostal and free spirit wings as well – has committed five crucial, gigantic, fatal mistakes:

1) Jesus came to free mankind from religion, as in self-made systems of worship and traditions that replace life before God with human protocol. Christianity has made the very same mistake as Judaism and has become exactly that – a religion, just like Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, etc. German Theologian Karl Barth summed it up like this: *“Religion is essentially unbelief, the matter of godless man.”*

2) Christianity has removed Jesus Christ from Kingship, literally beheaded itself and then told him, ‘we do not want you to rule us. You may save, heal and comfort us, but you will not rule us!’ The directives of Christ and his laws are disregarded and rebelled against day and night under disguises like grace, freedom and talk of the Holy Spirit. The entire setup is nothing but institutionalized rebellion.

3) Once Jesus as head and leader was gone, a headless Christianity needed a new king, a Saul, a new head, "like everyone else." This is why it has become completely obsessed with human leadership, from hierarchical pyramids of power headed by Senior Pastors, Popes, Bishops and a myriad of “ministry leaders” down to the youth leader and the new student entering Bible School. Leadership is basically about control and uses very worldly management principles to do its constant planning, budgeting and controlling. Today, more than 45,000 protesting denominations, 200,000 individualistic ministry mum-and-pop-shops, 225 million members of Orthodox churches and one Roman-Catholic Organization make defiance to Christ’s every command it’s very organizational principle. The situation is exactly as in the days of the Judges: **In those days, Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit** (Judg 21:25).

4) Christianity has failed to demonstrate and model what it preaches. It is the nature of hypocrisy to tell others what you do not live yourselves. Christianity has not modeled the City on the Hill, the colony of God, where his will is done on earth as it is in heaven, the very thing Christ taught his followers to do. Christianity has particularly failed to model economic brotherhood and true sharing, a common purse as demonstrated by Jesus himself and the early church in Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37. This kind of sharing results both in the eradication of poverty and need (Acts 4:34) and of *Rich Christians in an age of hunger*, as American author Ronald Sider once put it. Our global and local economics are now unashamedly dictated by greed, big egos and spirits of fear and control. If there is no place on earth where anyone lives the Kingdom alternative (giving and receiving) to the rule of Mammon (Mt 6:24) – buying and selling – if there is nowhere a greed and ego free zone that demonstrates the economy of the Kingdom in the name of Christ, then Christianity has completely and utterly failed to manifest Christ and prove it’s point.

Jesus gave his followers two central tasks: 1) Be my witnesses (Acts 1:8) and 2) make disciples of all nations. One task is to demonstrate, to live and model, to show and be a living proof and testimony of the fact that Christ reigns over individuals and the corporate body of Christ. This must become visible, not hidden like a light under a bucket as Christ said: **Let the people see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven** (Mt 5:13-16). The second task is about harvesting people for God's Kingdom. But what happens when we harvest people without first modeling the Kingdom? What if people visit us at home and find out we do not live what we preach? Anyone can see through mere words. In many ways, this is why the Body of Christ has failed the litmus test of the home and fled into professional sanctuaries. It has given up the place of organic authenticity, and is now obsessed with plastic, orchestrated, choreographed meetings far away from any home. What religious Christianity misses in local, tangible and transparent authenticity, it often makes up in social service worlds away. To compensate for the disaster at home, Christianity builds wells, schools and hospitals with a vengeance and an insatiable helpers complex, although Jesus, the King, never asked nor ordered anyone to do this. What do we call it when people do what Christ has never commanded, but refuse to do what he specifically did command? Rebellion and desertion. Christianity, in the eyes of the observing world, has become a religion of a multitude saying "Lord, Lord," but not doing what he says.

5) No model, no message. How is it that we do not live the Kingdom but still we preach? What do we preach, if we do not preach the Gospel of the Kingdom? The answer is: another Gospel. The Apostle Paul minced no words when he wrote (in Gal 1:6-10): **You are quickly deserting to a different gospel, which really is no gospel at all. If even we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally damned.** Paul repeats the last part, to make sure everyone gets this. Who, then, comes under the curse of Paul himself? Anyone who preaches a watered down gospel, a gospel of the church, a gospel of wealth and health. That includes anyone that simply preaches of salvation without pointing out that *the Kingdom is the purpose for which men are born again*, as English church planter Roger Forster points out. Life in the Kingdom requires obedience to the King. It is not enough to simply preach "evangelistic sermons," advocating cheap, easy believism. If we ignore the apostolic, foundational, original Gospel of the Kingdom, we are found to be wanting. Everyone is a product of the Gospel that he received. What if we we ourselves have become the product of a theological tradition that preached an effeminate, emasculated, watered down gospel to us? If we simply perpetuate this, in the name of tradition, we become religious dominos.

Tradition draws its legitimization from the idea that *our* forefathers must have had it right, simply because they were *our* forefathers.

Let us make no mistake: The Gospel of Jesus is powerful all by itself, even if it is preached out of false motives (Phil 1:12-18). And millions of people have been saved, even by a watered-down gospel. That is how powerful it is. But the real question is: *will they remain saved* by once reciting a quick “sinners prayer” and then joining a worship event every once in a while? All Apostles, even Christ himself, deny a once-saved-always-saved fairy tale and make it plain: **We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands** (1 John 2:3). Or: **Everyone who only hears my words but does not practice them is a foolish man who built his house on sand** (Mt 7:26). God is interested in **fruit that remains** (John 15:16), not in fruit that is harvested and then perishes on the fields. This is why God never gave anyone the license to preach **faith without works** (James 2). But Christianity has a history of calling people to a life of semantics, a life full of mere words: sermons, bible studies, conferences, books, tracts, web sites, chat rooms, emails, poems and lyrics. Christianity has been all about semantics and religious rituals. The Kingdom of God is about life in the presence of God, walking with him and before him, submitted under his Kingship, following his laws out of passionate love for the King (John 14:15) and living in his economy – here on earth, being in the world, but clearly not of this world. Where our model does not align with our message, we actually become proselytizers, religious sales people propagating ourselves and “our church.” This contradicts and cheapens the gospel, discredits the name of Christ, mixes Kingdom with religion, puts a moment of sugar in the mouth of people but leaves them empty in the end. It ultimately vaccinates people against God and makes them say: *God yes, church no.*

Now, that last part may actually be a good thing. Because this is why more and more people are now searching for God anywhere, except in church.

If this five-point analysis is correct, mere cosmetic changes, new methods, church planting or a revival of what God wants to completely reform will not help. In fact, it will only prolong the problem. This is particularly challenging to those that have committed their lives to renew or restore CAWKI, or even to expand it, like missionaries and church planters. They may find themselves to be trained as sales personal and distributors of a system that God himself wants to change completely. I differentiate here between *voices* and *echos*, those that sense to be original speakers, writers, reformers and revolutionaries, while others follow them and echo their teachings. Such voices may have written their books, manuals and a myriad of teachings and articles to address the issues of CAWKI. To use an image, they may have suggested to move the piano

from the right to the left side of the ship; they may have suggested the whole ship needs a new engine, a new painting, a new hospital, or new windows. But what if the name of this ship is called Titanic? What if God never launched it, named it, baptized it, commissioned it, ordained it? This is the point where repentance – a return to the Kingdom – is going to cost us dearly. But what is the alternative? Should anyone remain on a ship that is not kept afloat by God, but by tithing or tax-paying members, based on the transactional deal between pastors and members to care for them as long as they pay?

Andrea Xandry, a prophetic voice from Zürich, Switzerland, compared the situation of CAWKI with the ship used to carry Paul and his 275 companions on his journey to Malta. Paul said that this ship will run aground and be shipwrecked. And then he said: **Not one will be lost – except the ship** (Acts 27:22).

What hinders us to simply get into a life-boat and leave all behind that is not of God? Is someone paying us? Have we invested so much of our time, energy and money into a religious system that we simply cannot afford to walk away from it because it will look embarrassing? Again, this is where repentance and a return to the Kingdom will be costly to many. But the alternative of remaining in a system we *know* is not of God, is far more costly. It will not only cost us our purpose, the reason why we are here; we run danger of falling out of God's vision and dream for us. And far more seriously: why would God want to walk with you in eternity, if you did not walk with him in your short life?

In Hosea 8:1-4, God speaks a prophetic word to his people, Israel. But this word speaks far beyond Israel and, I believe, encapsulates the essence of what God has to say about today's Christianity:

**An eagle is over the house of the Lord.
The people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law.
They cry out to God; O our God, we acknowledge you!
They set up kings without my consent and choose princes without my
approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their
own destruction.**

What is the Kingdom of God?

Many have been led to believe that the Kingdom of God is something reserved for the book of Revelation, a future time when Jesus Christ will visibly come down to earth and take over the Millennial Reign. But this doesn't do justice to the fact that Christ is King *already now*. Even if he is not visible for all to see at this time, he is still King. In fact he is called **King of kings** (Rev 17:14 and 19:16). And he is King because God his father made him King, not because humans "crowned him with many crowns." In the parable in Luke 19, speaking of himself, Jesus speaks of **a man going to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return** (Lk 19:12:15). In other words, after his death and resurrection, Jesus was going to heaven to receive the Kingship – the right to rule. But a king without loyal subjects does not yet constitute a kingdom. For this to happen, he needs *to set up his kingdom, he needs to open his country*. The Bible clearly speaks about the fact that this country is ready to receive citizens already. **Our citizenship is in heaven**, not "it will be," writes Paul in Phil 3:20. In Col 1:13 Paul describes how **God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son he loves**.

But what is the Kingdom of God? For our purpose a helpful definition is: *The Kingdom of God is the domain of his uncontested rule*. It is the country, the sovereign territory, over which God rules, not man. If **Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever** (Hebr 13:8), he rules already today – however he is yet invisible, and his rule is offered, not enforced. He rules over all of those who voluntarily submit and bow their knees to him out of love and respect. A time will come when **all knees shall bow** (Rom 14:11; Phil 2:10), and he will rule in visibility, with an **iron scepter** (Psalm 2:9; Rev 2:27; 19:5), that speaks of an enforced rule, not because of a democratic vote. But at this time, before our TV news channels will publicly announce that Jesus Christ has assumed world rulership in Jerusalem, the rule of God is yet voluntary, accepted by those who want it. It requires our human contest and rebellion to cease and individuals and whole communities to pray and walk out the statement: *Your Kingdom come, my kingdom go*. This Kingship of Christ must be personally accepted by us humans in faith, *while not yet seeing him*. We are called to approach God by faith. **Faith is being sure of what we hope for, being certain of what we do not see** (Hebr 11:1). To accept Christ as King when he becomes visible requires no faith at all – unbelievers will see him as well. But if we want to be his subjects now, we must submit to him as our acting King, live by his constitution and accept his economy to be ours, without him forcing us to do so. We simply do

this because we love him, just as he said, **“If you love me, you keep my commands”** (John 14:15).

The secret Kingdom

The Kingdom of God itself is a big secret. Jesus said to his apostles, when he was alone with them, not with a crowd: **The secret of the Kingdom of God has been given to you** (Mk 4:10.11). Details of this Kingdom are even bigger secrets: what is it, when is it, or how is it set up, how does its finance ministry work. Secrets are not public information; the right to learn them must be earned through trust and loyalty towards the one that has such secrets to share. He, the owner of secrets, must be convinced that his secrets are safe with those that he chooses to share them with. The top secrets of any country, the good, the bad and the ugly, are kept only to those with the correct clearance level. An ordinary citizen cannot just walk up to his seat of government and declare that he feels quite patriotic today, bought a flag and therefore demands to know all the State secrets, be it in the area of finances, military or in regards to economic issues. Such insights are only given to those who are carefully screened and tested for their loyalty and have sworn an oath of office on the constitution of their country. Without complete and official dedication to their government, ordinary people will not be given access to such State secrets. They are to know only what is published. The real stories and secrets remain hidden from them because the government cannot be sure how they will handle them. No one wants to throw pearls before the swine. Someone might even go and sell such secrets to an enemy.

The secrets of the Kingdom

A case in point is the classical misunderstanding of what Jesus said in Mt 24:36: **No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the father.** Jesus was talking about his return to earth and told his disciples in no uncertain terms to be ready, watch, pray, discern the times and be vigilant and watchful like the five prepared virgins, because, as he said, **you do not know the day or the hour.** Many have wrongly concluded that we humans are not able or even supposed to know the time for his return for his Wedding Feast at all; the mantra is: nobody can know, nobody should know. This is compounded by the many false and sometimes ridiculous predictions of the return of Jesus by numerous cults and individuals in the past. If someone says: Jesus will return next week, almost all will consider this to be a joke, a reason to arrange another “End of the World” party in defiance of such a silly thought. But let us not forget: Jesus prophesied that **the Son of man will come at an hour when you will not expect him** (Mt 24:44). Jesus said *you* (his very own people), not they (the world) will be confused and in a state of ignorance

about his return, almost like unbelievers who will be caught by this event like a **thief in the night** (1 Thess 5:2), completely unaware.

Anyone who is familiar with ancient Jewish wedding feasts knows that weddings then were not been a one-hour event on a Saturday from 2:00-3:00 PM. They were festivities that went on for a week, and required huge planning and logistics. In the middle of the week, at a time only the father of the bridegroom knew, he would give the green light for the bride and his son to be together for the very first time, and consume the marriage. Nobody else was to know, not even the bridegroom or his best man. It was to be a surprise, a last moment of honor for the father of the bridegroom to give his final consent to the marriage union. This is why we need to carefully hear the exact words of Jesus. He said, **“no one knows the day and hour.”** *He did not speak of the week, month, or the year!* Jesus himself is preparing the place for his bride since more than 2,000 years (according to John 14). He definitely knows when his own wedding feast will happen, as this requires huge preparations. You can't have the party of the universe at just a moment's notice. The wine needs to mature perfectly, and the oxen need to be marinated just right. But even Jesus, the bridegroom, does not know the exact *day or hour* when he will be finally together with his bride. It might be Wednesday morning, it might be Thursday night, he does not know the day, or the hour, just exactly as he said. *But he will be pretty sure about the week, month and year,* let us make no mistake about that. This is why we should be biblically sound and not throw out the baby with the bathwater, mindlessly trumpeting: *we do not know, we should not know, knowing is automatically wrong. Not knowing is right.*

Jesus did not mean anyone to never sleep and keeping watch throughout the nights for every night of the the past 2,000 years in case he comes back. That would be impractical, even cruel. He simply expects us to know and correctly interpret the signs of his coming he has predicted. When that time has come, when the indicators are at hand, then we are to be alert and awake like never before.

Kingdom clearance levels

Jesus does not want us to be confused, but to be crystal clear. However, let us not forget that these things are secrets, and secrets are not *demande*d, they are *awared*. Secular governments often use levels of clearance, from confidential, secret to top secret, usually on a *need-to-know* basis. The Kingdom of God also has such an information policy in place. Not everyone is to know everything, but **we all know in part**, as Paul says (1 Cor 13:9-12).

The Kingdom of God, says Jesus, **has been prepared from the creation of the world** (Mt 25:34). He once promised to his apostles, that he would **confer** on

them a **kingdom, just as my father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel** (Lk 22:29). Knowing and expecting this, after his resurrection the Apostles asked him, **“Are you at this time restoring the kingdom to Israel?”** (Acts 1:6). Jesus answered, **“It is *not for you to know the times (chronos) or dates (kairos) the father has set by his own authority*”** (Acts 1:7). Again, we have to be careful about what Jesus said here, and what he did not say. He did not say that no-one will ever know such dates. He only said that *they, his apostles of that time*, would not get to know the answer to their very specific, Israel-related question. The Bible, in other places, speaks very clearly of the fact that some will find answers to secrets *when the time is right*. In the book of Daniel (12:4), God is telling him to **seal up the words of the scroll until the end times. Many will then go there and find great knowledge**. This speaks of mysteries and secrets that some will find during a time the Bible calls Last Days or End Times. The Apostle Paul, describes himself specifically as someone who is entrusted with mysteries (Eph 3:3), and he even writes to the *ekklesia* in Corinth: **Men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God** (1 Cor 4:1). Jesus said to his disciples, **“The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them”** (Mt 13:11). As with all secrets, they are not public knowledge. Some know it, some don't. The Bible describes the tribe of Issachar as **men that have understanding of the times and know what Israel should do** (1 Chr 12:32). In Amos 3:7 God declares: **Surely the Sovereign Lord does not do anything without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets**. Secrets, in other words, are only revealed to insiders, says Jesus. **To those outside, everything is said in parables, so they might see but not perceive, hear but not understand.**

God created a unique communication filter to sort out people to whom he does not wish to disclose his secrets. The filter is twofold: one is peoples' own motives. If people are after the truth, they will find it. If they only seek their own righteousness and self-justification, to prove how right they are, they will run in circles. Those that do not seek the Kingdom won't find it. Those that do not ask for it shall not be given any clue about it (Mt 7:7). Those that are not born again, by water and spirit, cannot even see it (John 3:3-5). The other filter is our alignment to the Law of Christ, the constitution of the Kingdom of God. Just as no-one who does not swear an oath of allegiance to the constitution of the country he wishes to serve, no-one who does not declare his loyalty to the 75 commands of Christ that, collectively, form the Law of Christ, **all that he commanded (Mt 28:18-20)**, can expect serious insider knowledge, let alone to be let in on true Kingdoms secrets.



There is an eagle over the House of the Lord

In our analysis we have concluded that Jesus has been denied to rule over his own people as King, just as God has been denied to rule Israel as their King. The question therefore is: if Jesus is not over the House of the Lord, *who is?* The prophecy of Hosea (8:1-4) begins with a fascinating statement: **There is an eagle over the House of the Lord.** An eagle is an unclean animal (Lev 11:13); as a punishment and a curse, God had prophesied that a nation from far away will be swooping down like an eagle on Israel, devouring and destroying it (Dt 28:49-52). In scriptures like Isa 46:11 (**I will call an eagle from the east**) this clearly means Babylon. Babylon is the eagle! In history, the eagle was *the one sign, banner and coat of arms of most empires or countries that God used to subdue the House of God.* Already back in 3,000 BC, the eagle was the sign of the Egyptian goddess Isis. We can trace the eagle later through the Hittites, Zeus of the Greek, Persians, Alexander the Great, Jupiter and later Rome.

There was only one time when the rule of the eagle was challenged. When Jesus was baptized by John, a dove, not an eagle, came down from heaven to settle on him. The sign was unmistakably clear: here is the one who would break the yoke of the eagle over the house of God in the power of the dove. In the days of the Romans, augurs, pagan priests interpreting the will of the gods by studying the flight birds, would declare who is the chosen one to become the next Cesar. The sign was that an eagle settled on the elected one, a ritual from which we still have the word *inauguration*.

But the rule of Christ over the House of God was shortlived; after the days of the Apostles, quickly politics and money became the number one issue amongst Christians – their meta-order to which they looked up to. Political leaders, especially from Roman Emperor Constantine I onwards, took charge again over the House of God. The eagle was back. Later, popes, bishops and kings even fought over who crowns whom – who has the supreme authority in the world. It was all about money, power, and who controls whom.



There is also a direct connection between money and the eagle. Many currencies depict an eagle on their coins. Jesus said that we **cannot serve both God or Mammon.** He knew full well of the satanic lie that *if you have money, you don't need God!* If God is not our ruler, money is. The symptoms of a person run by money are that he will be driven and dictated, depressed or exhilarated, depending on what is happening on his bank account. He ends up fighting debt,

pursuing financial success, buy and sell, plan and scheme, driven by a mixture of fear and greed, enslaved to work and the up's and down's of the market, all to the tune of the cry of the eagle.

Babylon was once seen in a vision by Daniel as a **lion with the wings of an eagle** (Dan 7:4, see also Ez 17:3). In the book of Revelation, we are introduced to the “Whore of Babylon,” a great prostitute that the kings of the earth are in bed with, **intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries**. She is described as *riding the Beast*, a satanic power that makes war (Rev 13), persecutes the Saints and gains power over all nations. This satanic spirit has masqueraded as a *goddess*, with names like the “queen of heaven,” Gaia, Artemis, Demeter, Madonna, Freya, Germania, Helvetia and many other names. A woman on a beast is by now the official picture of the EU. Both the headquarter of the Council of Europe in Brussels (Belgium) and the European Parliament in Strasburg (France) parade a “Europa on the bull.” The essence of Babylon is a female, unclean spirit controlling religions and the military, while having a global, economic and political influence. In the book of Proverbs, we see a competition between two women called Wisdom and Folly who are both calling on the streets for people to follow them. Folly’s house is literally a highway to hell, **leading down to the chambers of death** (Prov 7:27). Folly and the whore of Babylon are both names for the same thing: the direct, satanic, alternative to the Bride of Christ. Whoever follows Folly will end up in her house, not the House of God. The Bible calls Babylon a **haunt for every unclean and detestable bird** (Rev 18:2). God’s people are specifically called **to come out of her** (Rev 18:4). You cannot come out of something that you have not been in before. This begs the question: If the people of God are not in Christ Jesus, in whom, *or in what*, are they?



In a birds cage? A domineering system of religion, money, and military power, *all under the sign of the eagle?*

Until today, a very large part of Christianity is trapped in a cage with walls named religion, materialism, fear, greed. They look up to their secular government to be their Meta-Order, from which they expect justice and order. And they look up to money (and secular work as their source of money) as their bottom line – just like all those that have no God. That means two things: Christ does not rule his own house, because his people look to someone else for government and provision. And as long as the spirit ruling over the house of God is not the dove, but an imperialistic eagle, God is number two in his own house, not number one.

Can humans set up the Kingdom of God?

If we agree with the previous analysis that historic Christianity has been, with very few exceptions, a religion just like Judaism, then we must accept that

Christianity, as a whole, has been missing the boat entirely. Particularly in regards to the biggest secret God has to give — The Kingdom of God. Not surprisingly, the biggest mistake of Christianity has been to think it can actually “build the Kingdom of God,” to propagate the rule of God through human means and actions, to extend God’s rule through human efforts. Many have tried to establish what only God can establish, namely, the Kingdom of God on earth. If it is God’s kingdom, how can we humans establish it unless we have become complete victims of a spiritual mania, a psychiatric disorder that makes people float in the sky because they lost their footing and believe to be what they are not? Augustine (354 – 430) was the first to proclaim that the Kingdom of God on earth was the Catholic Church. The Roman-Catholic Church has relished that thought, and decided that yes, God rules through the Papacy, the pope being the Vicar of Christ. Reformers like Calvin sought to establish the rule of God in places like Geneva by introducing church laws (his *Institutes*, a book on systematic theology) to run the city. The Holy Roman Empire, emerging from the Kingdom of Germany in the 8th century, was the name of the dominion of the Holy Roman Empire (of German Nations) that lasted until 1806. This self-attested “holiness,” combining human and religious government to rule over mankind, was nothing but a political move to install the Kingdom of God. The Coat of Arms of the “Holy Roman Empire” (of German Nations; see picture right) began to mix the eagle with a cross – the cross clearly being overshadowed by the eagle. Thomas Müntzer (1489 – 1525) tried something similar, to turn the city of Münster, Germany, into a city of God. The attempt ended in a bloodbath. The Puritans of England, at the time of Oliver Cromwell (1599 – 1658), tried to usher in the Kingdom of God, this time by an Act of Parliament. The myth of a Christian nation, the messianic nationalism believing to be God’s chosen nation, runs rampant in America ever since its foundation, says American author Gregory Boyd and US-historian Richard Hughes. Today, both Mormons and charismatic Christians alike believe that “each of us can help build the Kingdom of God on earth.” At its core, all of this is *dominionism*, the utopian dream of religious people of all times: to see the godly rule the ungodly. This theme runs wild in many prayer groups that wish to “occupy the gates of the enemy” or “rule through prayer.” No-one can rule others who is not ruled himself! The core dream of such dominionism has always been to set up God’s rule (dominion) through man. But top-down rule has never been the style of Christ. Jesus was a bottom-up man, a King with a towel. He did not call any of us to climb seven mountains to rule over others from the top. The Kingdom of God is set up by him, not by man, not even in response to human actions.



To summarize this, let us look at the 20 key differences between the Kingdom of God that Jesus Christ preached, and man-made Christianity:

Characteristics

CHRISTIANITY

KINGDOM



Importance	Secondary. Material welfare is primary.	Primary (Mt 6:33). All else is secondary.
Jesus	Just God, but not King	God <i>and</i> King
Law	Lawless, “free of the law”	Under the Law of Christ (1 Cor 9:21)
Leader	Human leaders (organized in hierarchies from youth leader to Pope)	Jesus
Fellowship	Sporadic, spiritual	Spiritual, material, constant
Gospel	of salvation	of the Kingdom
Church	Place for religious events	Participation in godly government
Economy	Babylonian: buy and sell	Share: give and receive
What is it?	Religion	Country
Role of the Head of State	Lord Protector, Head of church	Submitted to God (like David) or enemy of God (like Pharaoh)
Political home	National State	Heaven (Phil 3:20)
Giving	Alms, “Watering Can Principle”	Plenty alleviates want (2 Cor 8:14)
Rich	Desirable	Swear word
Foundational ministries	Pastors, evangelists, teachers	Apostles and prophets
DNA	Homesteader, settler	Missionary pilgrim
Standard	Paying church member	Disciple (Lk 14: 26-33)
View on God as judge	Outrageous imposition	Expression of God’s justice
Service	Religious event	Sacrificial lifestyle
Worship	Singing songs	Living sacrifice
Nature	Yesterday’s news	It is a secret

Kingdom Singularity

A singularity (from Latin: *singularis*, unique) is a unique, single-occurrence event. The term is used in many ways; in astronomy, it can mean spots like a Black Hole. I use the term here to speak of a *kairos*, a decisive point in space or time where a constellation of circumstances emerges that seem to all converge towards one single spot. Once this spot is reached, the game changes completely. A tipping point has been reached, a point of no return that changes everything.

I believe we are close to such a singularity, and there is strong biblical evidence to confirm just that. I see *eight currents* that all converge towards such a singularity. They are:

- 1) The “120 years” God gave mankind
- 2) Israel and Jerusalem
- 3) End time events like the Psalm 83 war
- 4) The Last Harvest
- 5) Prophecy
- 6) The plans of the new World Order
- 7) The falling apart of Europe
- 8) The apocalyptic Gospel

If our news media would tell us that there are clear and irrefutable signs of an imminent famine, a global inflation, a new global dictatorship, a pandemic, a radical change of the entire political and economic order basically meaning the introduction of martial law, would it catch our attention? Would we respond? Would we change? And if there is news that there is only one country in the whole world that is safe, that is an oasis and ark in times of extreme trouble, would we not make every possible attempt to get there with our families and loved ones, no matter what the cost?

There is such a country and it is called The Kingdom of God. And it is open to you. It is the only safe place from what will happen next. Religion, including Christianity, materialism or politics will not save us. They will all implode like bubbles at the emergence of the dominion of the **Kingdom that will never be destroyed** (Dan 7:13-14). They will be **swept away like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer** (Dan 2:35), while the rock that struck the statue of fragile human systems becomes a huge mountain that fills the whole earth. Mountains, in biblical language, are often a prophetic symbol of a domain, a

kingship, a kingdom. When Jesus Christ and his Kingdom become **chief among the mountains, raised above the hills** (Isa 2:2-4), it means that the government of God, his Kingdom, will become paramount. It will grow high above all human hills. All human efforts and systems will pale in comparison. This is our imminent future. But this future can begin now and we should prepare for it immediately. It begins with voluntarily bowing our knees to the King in faith, love and obedience. But for this, we need to come out of anything, any relationship, any sworn loyalties that we have bound ourselves to that is not representing the Kingdom of God. We cannot be in the cage, fretting about an eagle, if we want to be ruled by the dove.

All of creation is waiting for that moment that Paul describes as **the revelation of the sons of God** (Rom 8:19). Let us not miss what all of creation is desperately waiting for. This is a unique moment in history, which requires a unique response. Look at these eight developments that are swiftly bringing us to the point of a historic Kingdom singularity. And make your choice to follow Wisdom, not Folly.

1) The “120 years” are running out

During the time of Noah, but still before the flood, God made the following startling statement about mankind: **My spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal. His days will be 120 years** (Gen 6:3). Maybe the flood, at the moment when God said this, was a mere 120 years away. But the truth is: mankind was not wiped out altogether. Noah and his family experienced a new start, a new chance. But the time of man is not without limit. God has given mankind a timeline here, a sell-by date: 120 years. It is clear that this cannot mean 120 normal, 365-day years. After the flood, the sky, that **expanse between the waters to separate water from water** (Gen 1:6-8) had rained down, because **the floodgates of heaven were opened** (Gen 7:11.12). Scientists have pointed out that the very long number of years that people lived before (see Gen 5) and immediately after the flood, plotted on a graph, dropped down in exactly that manner we would expect if a life-threatening influence – like the UV rays of the sun that cause aging – would suddenly have full access to man. The water/steam belt “in the sky” that had rained down during the flood had prevented the onslaught of those rays. It was an age-preserving mechanism that suddenly was gone. Man was now exposed – and aged rapidly. From the 930 years that Adam lived, or Methusela’s 969 years, general lifespan dropped to the 500, 403 or 209 years, as mentioned in Gen 11. Abraham died at 175, Moses at 120 years, and all others appear to have arrived at a life expectancy that Psalm 90:10 describes as: **The length of our days is 70 years or 80, if we have the strength.**

Years in the Bible can mean one of the three kinds of years: ordinary 365-day years, Sabbath-years (a 7 year period), and Jubilee years, which last 50 ordinary years. If we take the statement of God: **the days of man will be 120 years** and count with Jubilee years, because God is a redemption-oriented God, we end up with this: from the moment in time when God said it, mankind has $120 \times 50 = 6,000$ years until the time of humans is up, and the time of God begins. For example, if we were to date the flood at about 3,977 BC (although there is no scientific consensus on pretty much anything related to the flood), this would mean that the clock of man would finish ticking in the year 2023.

2) Israel and Jerusalem as the clock on God's wall

Many believe that because the State of Israel has been re-established (1948), Jerusalem has become its capital (either in 1967 or 1980) and a global return of Jews to Israel is in progress, **the fig tree now sprouts its leaves** (Lk 21: 29-32). Jesus predicted the return of Jews from their global diaspora to be a sign: **when you see these things happening, you know that the Kingdom of God is near. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.** *This generation* is interpreted as the generation that witnesses the blooming of the fig tree, the re-establishment of Israel. Some have pointed out because of Dan 9:24, that the countdown for such a generation starts when Jerusalem, **the holy city** of Dan 9:24, is again fully in possession of Israel. Some have calculated that a biblical generation is about 52 years, based on the statement in Mt 1:17 that there were 42 generations between Abraham to Christ. Calculating 2,160 years from Abraham to Christ, a generation would be 52 years. A bigger genealogy, as in Lk 3, indicates it was 77 generations from Adam to Christ. If this time period lasted 4,000 years, as some suggest, and we divide those 4,000 years by 77, the number of generations mentioned, we would end up again with about 52 years for one generation. This would mean that either $1967 + 52 = 2019$, or, if we accept 1980 as the date Jerusalem became capital of Israel, the year 2032 would be the year Jesus spoke about.

3) End-time events: The Psalm 83 War

Others point to the clearly increasing number of wars today, as well as famines, earthquakes, crises and other disturbances in the area of weather, finances or epidemics that seem to reflect the apocalyptic events predicted in Matthew 24 and elsewhere.

A distinct sign that we are crossing into apocalyptic times will be when we see the *War of Psalm 83* break out. Prophesied by the seer Asaph in Psalm 83 (and other scriptures like Ez 28:24-26) is *the formation of a Muslim Alliance of ten different groups that conspire to wipe Israel off the map*. It will include all the

direct Muslim neighbors Israel currently has, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, as well as **the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites**, which speaks of the Palestinian refugees and more radical groups like Hezbollah, ISIS, Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. Currently, much of the Muslim world is bitterly divided into Shiites and Sunnites with their various factions; but the common hatred against Israel will lead to an unlikely alliance – and an all-out war against Israel. It is possible that this process has already started, the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza (July 2014) being a forerunner to these events. Israel will win the Psalm 83 war and, as a result, will significantly enlarge it's territory. The defeated Muslim neighbors will then call a Big Brother for help, Russia (and allies like Iran, Turkey, Libya), that has been waiting for the moment to step into the Middle Eastern theatre for a long time. This will then lead to the Second Apocalyptic War, described in Ez 38 & 39, where Gog and Magog (Russia) will invade Israel, only to be met by the Lord himself.

4) The Last Harvest has started

Jesus said, **"The harvest is plentiful"** (Luke 10:2). Remember the ten virgins in Matthew chapter 25? *Half* of the virgins went in, 50% of those who were sleepy and unprepared had to stay outside, unrecognizable to the bridegroom. In the book of Esther, the King asked, **What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you** (Esther 5:3 & 6:7:2). Habakkuk prophesied a time **when the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea** (Hab 2:4; Isa 11:9). More than two thirds of the globe is covered with water. What if God meant all of what he said, literally? **God wants all men to be saved** (1 Tim 2:4). **The full number** (Greek: *pleroma*) **of gentiles will come in**, says Paul in Romans 11:25. *Pleroma*, meaning totality, full measure, describing a ship that is fully laden, does not speak of a pitiful few. How full is full? As the **uncountable great multitude** will stand before the great white throne of God (Rev. 7:9), who can count the uncountable? In Mt 24:40-41 Jesus predicts: **That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken, and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.** Could it be that the Lord of the harvest means just exactly what he says here? He speaks of a 50:50 situation, indicating that the harvest would include at least 50 % of the world's population.

Much of this has already started to happen, specifically in China, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, the Middle East and some countries of Africa. Traditional churches (CAWKI) focus in their mission mainly on humanitarian work like orphanages, as well as conventional evangelism, aimed at "decisions for Christ" followed up by church programs. What most do not know: sustainability statistics show that less than 1 % of all such converts actually

become long-term members of CAWKI-churches; 99 % fall away and are literally vaccinated against Jesus by a religious machine. Those that do not fall through the many cracks of this system are incorporated as new members into stifling CAWKI-structures, taxed, tithed and taught in the doctrines of the religious church. Such churches are occupied and literally consumed with conforming new members to their particular church culture, spiritual heritage, theology, endless leadership training and the development of hierarchical structures under “the big man.”

A very different world is opening up where the goal is not to make members but to make disciples and plant reproducible, organic churches in normal homes. Where the focus lies on sharing, childlike faith and obedience to the word of God, the blessing of God is producing a fruitfulness and a level of multiplication literally unheard of in the cultural West and its church systems. The harvest brought in through flat-structured housechurches and regional networks in the last two decades alone is already much bigger than the Reformation and all the historic revivals of Christianity, together! (For more on this, read my book *The Starfish Manifesto*)

5) Prophetic voices

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets (Am 3:7). If this is true, we should not be too surprised if God is sharing some of his plans with such prophetic servants in our time. In fact, we should expect it. And sure enough: a number of prophetic voices seem to indicate that 2008 – 2015 were to be *fat years* in comparison to 7 *lean years* from 2015 – 2022, using the analogy of Joseph interpreting Pharaoh’s dream in Gen 41. This means, that from 2023 onwards, we will see a completely different scenario altogether. A young man we know well has recently heard from God a summary of these prophetic directives:

The Kingdom developments will be explosive and you have to be prepared not only for the explosions, but to be at the frontline of it all. Understand the gravity and urgency of the gospel of the Kingdom.

6) The NWO schemes

The apostle Paul writes that no one is to **be unaware of Satan’s schemes** (2 Cor 2:11). One of Satan’s biggest schemes has always been global government – under his inspiration. He wants to mimic the coming, inevitable global rule of Christ, and uses anyone who is not under the kingship of Christ to advance his global agenda. Christ himself speaks of a “synagogue of Satan,” a mysterious group in the apocalyptic scenario that hide behind a faked Jewishness (Rev 2:9; 3:9). You don’t have to become a conspiracy theorist to believe that in our age

of globalization, more and more monopolies and cartels are making plans behind closed doors to expand their control and defend it against the competition. This is the nature of a market driven by greed, fear and big egos. Many do not know how close the timetable for global governance has come. Myriads of modern day politicians (like George Bush, Barak Obama, Gorbachev, Angela Merkel, the Pope) are speaking in public of a new world order (NWO), a global regime. This, in essence, means a government controlling other governments. NWO-Insiders and observers are looking at the year 2015 to begin a process of radical change – all towards the implementation of a global oligarchy, the rule of a small group of insanely rich over the impoverished masses a few years from now. Globalized greed has already reached a stage where the financial power in the hands of a few asset and hedge fund managers, combined with the influence of private political elites, is far beyond any meaningful government control. These groups benefit from increased global destabilization, because it increases the level of their control – more power in the hands of fewer people. Such groups can now literally pull the financial plug on whole countries (Argentina being a recent example). They steer world developments through controlling debt, gold prices, currencies, even by controlling what can eat and cannot eat, as in the case of the infamous *Codex Alimentarius*. We will even see the redrawing of the political map, Ukraine and ISIS being a current example.

Destabilization and increased stress levels can be used as a means of war to advance certain goals while everyone is busy. People fighting for survival don't think clearly. And the fight for survival has now gone global: billions of people are battling debt, unemployment, exploding health issues like diabetes, rising nationalism and increasing ethnic and religious conflict. Most people are simply too worried and too occupied to imagine or understand that many seemingly harmless global initiatives, done in the name of health, education, peace and development, are actually enhancing the global rule of a small group of three-letter agencies. A streamlined and tightly controlled media exists to offer diversion, distraction and red herrings in the form of mostly meaningless and brainless entertainment for those that want to switch off after work and escape the stress. A populace busy playing video games, watching sports, fashion and music clips and the latest products of the film industry are already living in *The Matrix*, an alternative world pulled over their eyes, while they sleep on their feet.

Add to this a swiftly rising social and political totalitarianism, pushing agendas like gender mainstreaming, a tightening of security, even the establishment of martial law in some countries, which is always benefitting the same group: an economic and political elite. Implantable RFID chips and back-room

technologies in the hands of people bent on maximizing control have enabled all those that wish to play Big Brother to do as they wish, as organizations like Wikileaks or whistle blowers like Edward Snowden point out. It will then be not surprising to learn that NWO-planners are looking at the year 2023 as the critical, global, NWO-game changing year where earth is going to get a new global government. Even transhumanism, the philosophy – or shall we call it a Luciferian religion? – plans to upgrade mankind to a sort of mankind 2.0, using technical means like brain-mapping and commanding computers by ways of thought, so that man can break free from his traditional limitations and become a “posthuman.” In his book, *The Singularity Is Near*, Ray Kurzweil not only dreams of a time when AI (artificial intelligence) will overtake human thinking. In his position as Google’s director of engineering, he is helping Google gobble up any significant AI-companies to position themselves for just such a moment. What if the *doctrines of demons and the machinery of man become one*, as one of my prophetic friends, Desmond Baker, usually says? Then, demonic spirits will not only possess humans; they will infest their machines as well. Viruses, malware, Trojan horses and the like are only the beginning. *We all will have to live a hacked life.*

7) The crucial role of Europe

Now we come to a development that many have overlooked. After Israel, “the clock on God’s wall,” Europe plays a very crucial role for the question: *when* will God set up the Kingdom? Here is why. If we agree that the Kingdom will not be manufactured and constructed by humans, we would be looking for a statement in the Bible that would declare that *in a sovereign act, not as a response to any human activity, God will set up his Kingdom*. Hopefully, this statement would indicate historic circumstances that no-one would be able to miss, so that there can be no doubt **that it is near, right at the door** (Mt 24:33).



We find exactly such a statement! It is in Daniel chapter 2. In broad strokes, God has shown Daniel the development of empires until the time of the end (Dan 11:40; 12:3), which will see the emergence of a particularly wicked king (Dan 11), the **little horn** of Dan 7:8. The statue God had shown Nebuchadnezzar starts with a head of gold (traditionally interpreted as Babylon), breast and arms of silver (Medo-Persia), belly and thighs of brass (Hellenistic Greece) and legs and feet of iron (Rome, divided into East and West). Into this exact situation, so the prophetic picture, a rock – symbolizing Jesus Christ – is thrown to strike the statue. It broke everything in pieces, the wind – symbolizing the Holy Spirit – sweeping them away like chaff on a threshing floor. **The rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth** (Dan 2:28-45).

What many Bible interpreters seem to overlook *are the toes*: the feet are not the last thing that is mentioned in the prophetic imagery, but the toes (Dan 2:41.42). The Bible once even says the **feet and toes** (Dan 2:41), indicating that they are both made from the same stuff, iron and clay. Traditional interpretation of this scripture has usually been that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem during the time of the Roman Empire (the two legs/feet). Because he was born to a virgin, this happened “without a human hand.” However, the violence in the prophetic picture (the rock *strikes, smashes* them, all is *broken* to pieces, the wind *sweeps* it all away, it will *crush* all other kingdoms and bring them to an end), does not really fit what happened during the time Jesus walked the earth. It would require some quite brutal interpretation to make the birth, life and death of Jesus mean to have achieved all that smashing and crushing of earthly kingdoms. We might spiritualize this and speak of Christ triumphing through his resurrection (2 Cor 2:14) and lead captivity captive (Eph 4:8), but this speaks of a spiritual victory, and not yet of a political smashing, a falling apart of existing nation states.

A far better explanation is that the prophetic scripture in Daniel 2 actually speaks of an entirely different moment in history, a time clearly after Christ has lived on earth. This historic, singular moment is described with these words (Dan 2:42-44):

As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. This mixture of iron and clay shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix. In the time of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to other people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Here we have the very phrase we have been looking for: In the time of these *kings* (note the plural), the God of heaven **will set up a kingdom**. This is a clear statement of a sovereign act of God where he acts without the use of a human hand (no human action can force, induce or hasten this event), which is tied to a very interesting, historic statement. The prophecy does not speak of a single king or emperor (like Augustus, 63 BC to 14 AC), but of a time of *kings, plural*. It speaks of “toes,” the foothills of the Roman Empire, the kings that came after Rome, that have tried to form political alliances through intermarriage. No other continent has tried to do exactly that more than Europe.

According to most historians, the Roman Empire ended in 476 with Odoaker deposing Romulus Augustulus. The Roman Empire was split into many different nations, and, not surprisingly, fell apart *into exactly ten nations* or kingdoms: the Alemanni, Anglo-Saxons, Franks, Burgundians, Lombards, Visigoths, Suevi, Ostrogoths, Heruli, and the Vandals.

Here we have our ten toes. Or ten horns, to use another picture Daniels describes in chapter 7. These ten nations have become the core nations of Europe, the heir of the Roman Empire, and the cradle of the cultural West. From here, through colonization, European genes have spread throughout other continents as well. The “European Idea,” the concept that Europe should become the *United Nations of Europe*, similar to the United States of America, has been propagated by a great many. But it does not work. Iron and clay do not mix. Many believe that Europe is only held together by three things: a common currency that nobody likes, the fear of the architects of the European Idea to lose face when their political pet projects comes crashing down, and the gigantic financial debt that a failed Europe will cost. But the fact is that Europe *is cracking up*. In May 2014, Europe witnessed a political election that led to at least 10 % of all seats in the European Parliament being held by *Eurosceptics*. 26 % of voters in Denmark, 28 % in the UK, 20 % in Austria and 25 % in France voted against Europe.

The imminent failing of Europe is a key moment to behold. I believe that God has left us enough clues for another important part of the Kingdom Singularity which is in the making, hidden in plain sight. When Europe falls apart, God will set up his Kingdom. When the toes stop clinging together, when kings (political governments) say farewell to each other and go back to their national identities, the rule of the eagle will face a new and surprising enemy. A rock, seemingly coming from nowhere, is going to smash into the brittle concoction of all architects of Old and New World Orders, global financial schemes or Freemason takeover-plans. That rock is Jesus Christ, King of kings. He is now no longer the tame Jesus willing to be nailed to a cross. He now is Jesus the Lord of all, who brings justice to earth. He is the stone, rejected by the builders, that will grow to be a mountain that fills the whole earth. In Isa 9:7, the very same event of the growing expansion of the Kingdom of God is described like this: **Of the increase of his government, there will be no end.**

8) The Last Message before the End

Jesus prophesied: **The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come** (Mt 24:14). Jesus places this occurrence into an apocalyptic scenario – directly before the end comes. It is itself an end-time event. This is not a sovereign act of God alone,

but it will require the co-operation of man with God to redeem, rescue and shape that message, before it can go around the globe.

Classical evangelistic messages usually do not even contain a reference to the Kingdom of God, let alone the challenge to submit to Christ as King, obey his 75 commandments, the Law of Christ, and follow his economic principles. Most evangelism is actually Christian proselytism, the point of sale is to invite people to raise their hands, say a sinner's prayer and then start to go to a church of their choice. It usually focuses on: Jesus loves *you*, he will forgive *your* sin, it will be good for *you* to go to church, Christianity is good for *you*, and *you* get to go to heaven. In other words, it is an anthropocentric message focusing on you and all the advantages Christianity seems to offer you. It uses a method some call ABC: Admit you are a sinner, Believe Christ is God's son and died for your sins, Confess your belief. If someone did that, he will be (best-case scenario) dropped off at the doorstep of a church, who is supposed to take care of him, while the evangelist goes on to look for the next person.

The Gospel of the Kingdom goes far beyond a mere message of salvation, God's goodness and love, and the gospel of the church. Even a short glance at the three apostolic sermons recorded in the book of Acts (Chapters 2;10; 17) show a much different message than today's evangelistic standards which focus on quick decisions. In sharp comparison, the Gospel of the Kingdom announces the fact that God is Creator *and King* and that he is expanding his country throughout the earth, inviting all who are willing to become naturalized citizens of this Kingdom by faith and grace. This requires obedience and submission to the new King as well as to his law, his creational order and his personal and corporate directives. It invites people into the economy of God, rejecting the rule of Mammon and greed, and calls individuals, marriages, families and entire nations to become his disciples and model life under the Kingship of the resurrected Christ here on earth. It declares that, **in the past, God has overlooked all ignorance, but now commands all people everywhere to repent** (Acts 17:30). It declares that Jesus Christ is going to judge the world and every person in it with justice, making anyone found to be his enemy *to become his footstool*.

As a response to such a proclamation people are called to **repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit** (Acts 2:38). They are warned to **save themselves from this perverse generation and be added to their number that same day** (Acts 2:40.41). It is an intrinsic part of the Gospel of the Kingdom that people immediately switch their allegiances from all other gods (Cesars; ideologies; primary loyalties) to Jesus Christ as their new King. They experience both an *extraction*, out of their corrupt generation, and an *implantation*, a grafting into

the New Order of God — the Kingdom, their new home country (Phil 3:20). They are then expected to align themselves with life in the Kingdom and become reinvented, reconfigured, repurposed and recommissioned to become part of the mission of their new country, the Kingdom.

After Peter preached his apostolic message on Pentecost, Acts 2:42 lists the four main activities that such Kingdom citizens would engage in: **They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching, to togetherness, the breaking of bread, and prayer.** The teaching of the apostles (not the teaching of pastors or teachers) is foundational for anyone in the household of God, (Eph 2:20). Only apostolic teaching installs an apostolic, missional DNA, a spiritual genetic code that prevents Kingdom citizens from being turned into spiritual couch potatoes and picky consumers, but become an integral part of the mission of the Kingdom. Apostolic teaching also challenges them to biblical *koinonia*: the fellowship of those that practice common ownership, togetherness, to have everything in common (except marriage), selling their possessions and goods, giving to anyone who has need.

This second aspect, participating in the economic *Common Wealth* of the Kingdom by no longer claiming that one’s possessions are one’s own (Acts 4:32-37), creates a revolutionary society, an alternative **City on the Hill** (Mt 5:16) that instantly becomes a beacon of light in a sea of greed, corruption, fear and boastful egos. In the days of the biblical apostles, such citizens of the Kingdom became each other’s family. They regularly ate with each other not *sacramental*, but *real* bread and food (1 Cor 11:21), not in sacramental buildings but from house to house. There, they prayed all the time – which included – prayer being a two way communication with God – that they would listen to prophetic directives every time they came together (1 Cor 14:29-33). These kinds of revolutionary “meatings” carried such an air of excitement and expectancy, that they were highly infectious. This demonstrated that they literally lived in another kingdom, as Jesus put it, **in this world, but not of this world.** Those who watched it from the outside responded not with boredom, pity and the minute raising of eyebrows, but were profoundly challenged by a practical and hands-on demonstration of a life that routinely modeled what everyone thought to be impossible – overcoming ego and greed, fear and mistrust. You can read more on this in my book *Houses that Change the World*.

Repatriation: Back into the Kingdom

Imagine a people who start to live exactly this kind of revolutionary, gravity-defying life again right where you are, as individuals, marriages, families, house churches and even whole colonies of the Kingdom, where this becomes a regional phenomena. Such Kingdom colonies will become authentic models, the

backbone of a new message that many in this world are eagerly waiting for. And the message is: *Let us move and repatriate into God's country!* Only there will we find an alternative to a life driven by greed, fear and egos! It is possible, under three conditions: where people accept the forgiving and loving Kingship of Christ, live by his Law of Liberty, and practice an economy made in heaven, not Babylon.

This is why the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom cannot, dare not, and will not be a disembodied sermon, a tract cut off from the very fact that it is lived and demonstrated locally. Christ says that this message will be preached **as a testimony** to all nations. In other words, this message will not be proclaimed to individuals alone, but to whole people groups and entire countries. Christ said in Mt 21:43: **The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people (*ethne*) who will produce its fruit.** The Gospel of the Kingdom is a message that will be proclaimed to entire cities, ethnic groups, tribes, clans and even Nation States, who will be asked: Will you accept the Kingdom of God as your umbrella? Will you exchange the rule of the eagle for the rule of the dove? Will you, or will you not, become a disciple of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom *as an entire nation*? Just as cities and nations have accepted the Reformation of Luther or Calvin in their days, we will see tribes, people groups and whole nations collectively, with their political leaders, make such a decision.

But again, a mere beautiful but lofty message that is not demonstrated somewhere in time and space, without a model that people can taste and see, will not have the authenticity that is necessary in a world that has heard it all. That is why it is significant that Jesus said: **The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations.** The word witness (*martyria*) means something evidential, something that can be tested, a testimony being not what people say about themselves, but what others say about them. A testimony requires a test case, a place where a truth is tested in real life before it becomes believable. An ultimate message like the Gospel of the Kingdom cannot be sown as a gospel tract, secretly slipped into other people's letter boxes in the night by anonymous distributors. It cannot be preached by Evangelists in grandiose, but essentially artificial meetings from pulpits and platforms. It cannot be preached on TV by blow-dried people whom you cannot visit at home. It cannot even be preached by churches that defy the very rulership and Kingship of Christ and his laws in the lives of their leaders and members. Such an attempt would be as silly as that bumper sticker on a car that says: *Don't follow me – follow Christ!* This message, the Gospel of the Kingdom, must be modeled – or it is void. It must be demonstrated, or it implodes.

What is our response?

This raises two crucial questions: are we ready to respond to it first, before we go out and preach it? Because, what is the use if Christ is King, but he is not *your* King? And if you do not personally submit to Christ as King, why should your spouse, your children, your household, your “church,” your region do what you do not do? If we remain in Christianity, and all that it stands for, we will have invested so much time, energy, money, hope, prayer, and years of religious programs. But to what end? We cannot expect to live Christianity – and attract people for the Kingdom. We cannot preach Christianity – and reap the Kingdom. But we will have to stand before the King one day and he will ask us: **Why did you call me Lord, Lord, and did not do as I said?** (Mt 7:21-23)

Secondly, are we ready for the Kingdom singularity that is clearly brewing?

Because it will happen with us, or without us. God is not taking a democratic vote this time like in the days of Saul. When God sets up his Kingdom, the establishment of it will be a sovereign act, and we need to prepare for this *now*. Otherwise, it will catch us unaware, like the five sleepy virgins in the parable (Mt 25).

Here is a test. *What would you do first*, if your favorite TV station would announce *today* that Jesus Christ has just taken office in Jerusalem? Through his enforcing angels that suddenly became visible as well, he has already summoned all heads of State, all participants of the World Economic Forum, the Council on Foreign Relations, representatives of the BIS, IMF, World Bank, WHO, UN, all Reserve bankers and top Fortune 500 CEOs, to appear before him within 24 hours and pay their non-negotiable tribute to the new ruler of the world. His next move would probably be to summon all Christian leaders, representatives of all churches, missions and ministries. What, do you think he will tell them?

What would be your first response to this new situation? How would this event – the visual rulership of Christ – affect the way “you do church”? Would we still meet in a multitude of independent and unconnected “sanctuaries” on Sundays to practice a religion, singing and preaching about someone who, supposedly, is safely hidden behind the clouds and has no real say in this world? Or would we start to accept his rule over us, pay our tribute to him as well, and immediately begin to live a life that reflects the fact that we now have a new, acting King – Jesus Christ?

I believe this moment – the visible return of the King – will mark the final implosion of all denominationalism, factions, mutual excommunicating and religious fundraising. Christ revealed will be, in fact, the end of Christianity, the human religion made out of Christ. It will be the beginning of his actual

Kingship, where mankind finally accepts his rule. The entire world will begin to follow his law, the Law of Christ, the constitution of the Kingdom of God, and immediately switch to Kingdom economics as the new global economic system. All our human laws and economic models, ultimately driven by a Babylonian mindset of Mammon, will be history. From that moment onwards, faith will no longer be needed; nor *rewarded*. When Christ appears in visibility, the need to believe in him, the requirement to have faith, disappears. No one needs to believe in what he sees.

This is what makes our time so special. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebr 13:8). The Gospel of the Kingdom calls us to accept his Kingship and rulership *now, while we have the time*. Now is the time to respond to his Kingship in faith, not by force. We need to submit to him *now* as we would submit to him, then, out of faith and love. And such a faith in the Kingship of Jesus needs to become visible, not only for us, but for others to see as well. People need to see us, our lives, how we behave in the areas of sex, money, power, God, and conclude: *these people are either crazy, or holy*. From which country *are they?! Because they are obviously not of this world; they have a secret we do not have. They function based on a power unavailable to us. They have overcome greed, fear, even their own ego! How is that possible?*

This should not be our own testimony about ourselves. It would be about as impressive as “liking” our own Facebook status! When Moses and Aaron stood before Pharaoh and demanded: **Let my people go!**, they did a number of signs to convince the Egyptians that God is on their side. At first, the scientists, magicians and diviners of Pharaoh could copy turning staffs into snakes, water into blood and make frogs come up from the waters. But then they admitted defeat. They could not copy the signs of gnats, flies and the many others to follow. They realized: we cannot compete with that. We don't have that abilities. This Moses and Aaron play in another league! **This is the finger of God!** (Ex 8:19).

The sovereign act of God to establish his Kingdom requires an act of faith from all of us; a conversion not just to escape hell, but to enter the Kingdom of God. A *Kingdom* conversion, not a christian conversion! Let us be honest: if our faith in the Kingship of Christ is not visible to *others* around us, we need to realize we have no such faith at all. We may have faith in our faith, but not faith in God as our King. We may have opinions, traditions, rituals, liturgies, titles, churches, books and methods. We may even be very religious; we may even fight for our doctrines and think we serve God. It has all happened before, as the horrible Crusades and countless religious conflicts in history have demonstrated. We may have worked and toiled all our lives to do what others have asked us to do,

served in churches and ministries, participated in all the programs and followed every protocol. But if we have served religious men, not God, what was it all for? Man-made religion is idolatry, an enemy of God, a stench in his nostrils that he hates (Amos 5:21-24). Religion is rebellion, a pious excuse not to obey God and still look good! But God sees through such a scam. Jesus said it in unmistakable earnestness, **“Those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them— bring them here and kill them in front of me!”** (Lk 19:27).

The Solution — What do we do?

Our therapy is as good as our diagnostics. If our analysis so far is correct and honest to God, then our task is clear. We need to recapture the following three core elements:

- *The political foundation*: our political home in the Kingdom (Phil 3:20) under the undisputed and acting Kingship of Christ
- *The legal foundation*: the Rule of Law – allegiance and obedience to the Constitution of the Kingdom of God
- *The economic foundation*: Kingdom Economics, as both model and message

STEP 1: RECLAIMING OUR POLITICAL FOUNDATION

If Jesus Christ is both God and King, then our first step is our loving and voluntary submission to Jesus as our *acting King*. This includes submission to his person, his word, his will, his directives, his building patterns, his law, his economy, his judgment. In other words: This is where we *surrender*; where we *relinquish the control of our life*. In addition to not any longer being king of our own life, this requires a clear rejection of any primary allegiance, oaths and idolatry offered to anything but the King – patriotism, nationalism, denominationalism, or oaths sworn to Freemasonry, cults, leaders, ideas, ideologies etc. People born in democracies have all but lost their ability to serve a King, and people in many of today's (constitutional) monarchies may have kings that reign, but do not rule. Such a submission may come easier for people raised in a political climate that is closer to a monarchy, but nevertheless people from democratic cultures, or even rebellious backgrounds, will need to become a loyal subject to Jesus Christ their King. **Our attitude here should be, as the Apostle Paul points out, the same as that of Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing... humbling himself and became obedient to death... Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:5-12).** Just as Christ Jesus submitted to his father, we are to submit to him in the very same spirit.

This is a particular challenge for all who are used to bow to no one, Alpha males, self-made men, emancipated women, free spirits. And even the manliest man needs to realize that he is called to be part of a collective *woman* — the Bride of Christ. And she, as a Bride, very much submits to her Bridegroom and future husband. Submission to Christ declares: *I am your man, your woman,*

rule over me. If you say jump, I will not argue, but ask, “How high?” I am under your authority, and have given up any rebellion, any **complaining, arguing and debating** (Phil 2:14). If someone makes this step into the service of his King, we can almost hear an audible *click* in the spirit world as another human fills the very spot created for him in God’s creational order. This is when we finally come home, when we *repatriate* into the household of God. (You can read more on this eminently important first step into the Kingdom in Mercy Simson’s book *The King’s Woman*)

STEP 2: ACCEPTING THE CONSTITUTION

Every new citizen of the Kingdom of the Kingdom of God needs to accept the Law of Christ, his 75 laws, as legally binding for him. This requires a clear rejection of all rebellion, lawlessness, subjectivism, opinion-drivenness, specifically if it is clothed in democratic language, and any unwillingness to submit to God’s creational order, decrees and laws.

Paul speaks of **obedience** as the result of us humbling ourselves under God. Obedience to what? Paul says, in 1 Cor 9:21: **I am under Christ’s Law.** He is no longer under the Law of Moses (1 Cor 9:20), the 613 laws God has given to the people of Israel through Moses. **In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek** any longer! (Gal 3:28). In Christ, we live in his Kingdom, under his Kingship, and that means, *under his law!* Paul was, like we all should be, under the Law of Christ, the sum total of the laws the Jesus Christ decreed while he was with us. In the Great Commission Jesus said: **Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you** (Mt 28:20). What is the *everything* he is speaking about? It is all the laws and commands that Jesus has issued. We should not forget: he did not just come as healer, deliverer and savior, he also came as King and thus as a lawgiver. There are 382 imperatives of Jesus in the four gospels, commands like, **Be on your guard against all kinds of greed!** (Lk 12:5) or, **Make friends with the unjust Mammon!** (Lk 16:9). If we sort out any double statements and commands that are clearly not meant to run a country with (like: Go behind me, Satan! or Wash yourself at the pool of Siloah!), we end up with exactly **75 laws**. These are the laws that Jesus commanded – not just recommended! – his followers to keep. He said it like this: **If you love me, you will obey my commands** (John 14:15).

Most modern countries have a constitution – a body of foundational laws that assure the Rule of Law, not a lawless situation where might is right and kings rule as absolute dictators or where there is anarchy, no binding law at all. The Kingdom of God is a *just* Kingdom that is ruled with justice, and justice without law is despotism and arbitrariness.

Just because followers of Christ are free from the Law of Moses does not mean that they are free from any law at all. Many behave as if the situation today is

like in the chaotic and anarchistic days of the Judges in the Old Testament, where the last verse of the book of Judges states: **In those days, Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit** (Judg 21:25). No country on earth can be ruled by just two laws alone (love God, love men); these may be a *culmination* and a *summary* of the law, but they are not the law itself. All citizens of the Kingdom are expected and required to be constitutional: to obey and stay within the body of Law that is called **The Law of Freedom** (Jam 1:25), or the **Law of Christ** (Gal 6:2). In every nation state of today, no one can take office as a police, as a soldier, government official, MP, or president, without swearing a public oath of allegiance to the constitution of that nation. The Kingdom of God is no different. A correct translation of Mt 6:33 even says, **Make a life for the Kingdom and according to its constitution your first priority, and everything will be given to you**. If we don't have a constitution to align ourselves with and pledge ourselves to won't obey Christ (because we are simply unaware of his laws!), and we will also be ineligible for government services! The Apostle John perpetuates this when he says: **By this we may be sure that we know him (Jesus), if we obey his (Jesus') commandments. Whoever says: I have come to know him (Jesus) but does not obey his (Jesus') commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist** (1 John 2:3-4).

Prophetic scriptures like Micah 4:2 speak of a time when **the law will go out of Jerusalem, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem**. Who's law? The law of Jesus. Because who is going to be the Lord ruling from Jerusalem? Jesus. Even the book of Revelation (14:22) still speaks of people obeying **God's commandments**. What commandments could that be, if not the commandments of Jesus Christ, the King of kings, who has declared his law to mankind? In my book, *The Constitution of the Kingdom of God* you will find a comprehensive list of all the 75 Laws of Christ, complete with a brief explanation. It also contains a list of excuses that Christians of all times, driven by a **spirit of lawlessness**, have presented to avoid obeying the Law of Christ, while willfully submitting themselves to any amount of rules, statutes and regulations made by humans in the name of religion, often even in the name of God.

Once we have reclaimed our political base and the Law of Christ, the Constitution of the Kingdom, as our inheritance, the **Law of Freedom** for the citizens of the true Land of the Free, we will need to make one more crucial step: *obey the house rules of God – Kingdom economics*.

STEP 3: ACCEPTING THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THE KINGDOM

If we wish to be in God's presence in his house, we need to follow his house rules. The Kingdom – not the Church or even the Temple – is the true House of the Lord. Our word economics comes from the Greek terms *oikos* = house,

nomos = law. These house rules are binding for any new member of God's household.

Serving Mammon and serving God is mutually exclusive, says Jesus in Mt 6:24. This is why accepting Kingdom economics requires a clear rejection of a Babylonian economy, that Mammon-driven mindset that desires to seek first a firm financial foundation and have the Kingdom come later. Mammon's economics constantly says, *trusting in God is not financially safe for you and your loved ones. Trusting God for your finances is a pie in the sky! Don't trust God – trust money! What you need are financial security systems, deals, contracts, safety nets, career and investment plans.*

But Kingdom Economics is not about making deals with God, or even using God's resources for us to come out big and successful. Kingdom Economics is also not like *Christian* economics, which mostly copies the world's economic principles and sanctions them by a fallen structure called Church. The Kingdom of God features endless resources, the promises of God, the justice of God, and it solidly builds on the laws of the Kingdom. This is why, without accepting the Law of Christ, we will not be able to enter into the economy of Christ; one builds on the other.

Economics without law means that *might is right*, and all ends in robbery, injustice, stealing and lying and the suppression of the poor. In my book *Kingdom Economics* you will find the 25 principles of Kingdom Economics that the Bible sets forth. It is the most revolutionary economic system open to man; it completely goes in the face of greed, fear and institutionalized economic injustice. It provides social justice and enough for all. An economic system is a system of production and distribution of goods, services and resources in a society. Once Christ returns to Earth, it will be the economic system that will become mandatory on earth, replacing all our profit-making and market driven economics from socialism to capitalism.

For the sake of limited space, let us briefly mention just five of the twenty-five principles of Kingdom Economics:

- 1) the ownership of God
- 2) the existence of a national Bank of the Kingdom (The Treasury)
- 3) the role of Apostles as Kingdom bankers
- 4) giving and taking instead of buying and selling
- 5) the sharing in the common wealth – a common purse – amongst rich and poor.

The ownership of God means, for example, that if God owns us (because we were purchased with the blood of Christ out from the slave market of sin; Rev 5:9; 1 Petr 1: 18 etc), we cannot give him anything that he does not already own! The New Testament is no longer about just giving – it is all about ownership!

Sharing in the Kingdom does not mean to give away 1 % and keep 99 % for yourself. That would be giving alms. Here is an excerpt of some of the 75 Laws of Christ that focus on finance and how we deal with "things" in the Common Wealth of God:

Give! And it will be given to you Lk 6:38

Do not steal! Mt 19:18

Sell! your surplus and give! those that need... Mt 6:19-21; Lk 12:33-34

Give! those that ask of you...Mt 5:42/Lk 6:30

Do not hoard! Mt 6:19-21.24; Lk 12:33-34

Stay away! from all kinds of greed Lk 12:15

Make friends! with unjust Mammon Lk 16:9

The Bible speaks of four social levels: 1) The poor/need; 2) those that have enough; 3) those that have surplus, overflow; 4) the rich.

It is standard teaching that level three share with level one: **your plenty supplies what they need** (2. Cor 8:14), so that neither level 1 nor 4 exists any longer (**there was no-one amongst them who had need**; Acts 4:34). Rich people are those that refused to share their surplus, blocking the flow of the common wealth in the Kingdom out of selfishness, greed, fear or **the deception of riches**. This has a terrible effect — it reverses ownership. Instead of them (those that have surplus) having money, money starts to have *them*. In the NT, other than in the OT, you cannot be both rich and a Kingdom citizen, you are either – or. That is why *rich* is a swear word in the NT. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus utters three times a strong **“woe to you who are rich!”** And he was very clear that those that did not share with the poor *go to hell* (Mt 19:21-26).

The teaching that *koinonia* is a radical sharing of what God owns and gives, beginning with material, not just spiritual possessions, including a common purse and the role of Apostles as “bankers,” is presented and supported in the strongest of all possible biblical ways. The idea that such sharing was a romantic, one-time occurrence in Jerusalem, that later was neither repeated or prolonged, is a statement produced out of silence and gross misunderstanding. It reads *into* the Bible what it does not say. The common purse was modeled by Jesus, taught by Jesus, legally decreed by Jesus, and implemented by the first Kingdom Citizens. It remained un-corrected by Jesus during the times of the Apostles, and it is reinforced by a number of apostolic statements like James 5, Gal 6:2 and others. This is why the radical sharing of possessions – and the

common purse as an institution – is a timeless and prescriptive principle. It has never been lifted anywhere in scripture. In fact, documents of early church history confirm that the first believers understood life as a continuation of what Jesus and his disciples had modeled amongst them. One early apostolic document, the *Didache*, says it like this: *Do not turn away from those in need, but share all things in common with your brother. Do not claim anything as your own, for if you have fellowship in the immortal, how much more in the perishable things!* Early Christian author Tertullian (160-225) said: *We do not think of goods as private. We who are in communion in heart and spirit do not hold anything back from the communion of goods. Everything among us is in common, except marriage.*

Economic solidarity and social justice may be on everyone’s lips – but only a handful of people actually live it. Physical places that would demonstrate a common wealth will become an instant place of revolution. They will become an island of liberty in a sea of greed, demonstrating something far better than socialism, communism, capitalism, kolkhozy, kibbutzim, co-ops, time-shares and any other idealistic systems society talks about. Only where our own egos and the all-domineering greed and fear have been forgiven and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and our own selfishness and rebellion comes to rest at the feet of Jesus Christ, the King, will we see the emergence of true ego-free and greed-free zones. If ever anyone wanted to live a stark contrast to life in the world, this is the area where this contrast will be most striking. Prophecy, healing, driving out demons and even miracles can be copied and faked (Mt 7:21-23). But a life beyond greed, fear and avarice, driven by love, obedience, selfless service and a community that functions in peace, synergy and harmony is better than anything that money and all the philosophies and religions of this world can buy.

Nothing that has hindered you to participate in such a life in the past is stronger than the firm foundation available in Jesus Christ; in fact, **no other foundation can even be laid** (1 Cor 3:11). Let us summarize this foundation that we need to reclaim for the Kingdom to become tangible:



1. Political foundation

- The Kingdom is our political home



2. Legal foundation

- The constitution of the Kingdom is our common law



3. Economic foundation

- Kingdom economics is the economic system shared by all citizens of the Kingdom

When Heaven colonizes Earth

Jesus taught people to pray: **Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven** (Mt 6:10). If God's will is done on earth, it is fair to say that a bit of heaven has arrived on earth. The Bible describes heaven, amongst other things, as a storehouse of originals and blueprints that wait to be accessed, literally downloaded and put into practice on earth. It is said about Moses: **See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain** (Heb 8:5). How much heaven there is on earth depends on how much heaven finds a welcoming space here. Those that yield and align themselves to the will of God, the political, legal and economic dimensions of the Kingship of Christ, will become the conduit and vessels through which heaven begins to colonize earth. This process has four steps:

1) INDIVIDUAL. Those that accept the political, legal and economic requirements become and remain **individual Kingdom citizens**. They are now under command and direction of the King and cannot anymore do what they want, but are obliged to do their King's bidding. Their first nationality is *in heaven* – while they may carry a second passport of far lesser importance, as they happen to live in countries like India, China, USA, the Republic of South Africa or Germany.

For religious Christians, this would require a complete repatriation from religious licentious- and kinglessness. A Kingdom citizen is not just a believer in the sense that he is a passive member of a religious group – he is a disciple. A disciple is a person under a master, a subject, including the discipline of his master. Jesus has defined at least three minimum requirements for a disciple: selflessness, carrying his cross, giving up everything (Lk 14:26-33). In the words of Argentinean Bible teacher Victor Lorenzo (London): *If you wake up in the morning and have no people to defer to, who's burden you carry, whom you regard higher than yourself and for whom you care more than for yourself, you are not in any biblical fellowship at all!*

2) MARRIAGE & FAMILY. A unique window available to mankind to closely watch and observe the beautiful relationship of husband and wife is marriage. This is why marriage is supposed to be a piece of heaven on earth, where a husband, himself submitted to Christ, loves his wife just like Christ loved the church, who, in turn, submits to him in love and respect. If we lose this precious picture and it is shattered at the hands of domineering, unbroken and uncrucified men brutalizing and patronizing their women, or in the name of

equality or gender mainstreaming, all is lost right there. But if marriage is a prophetic reflection of the Kingdom theme of Jesus marrying his bride, children and other members of the household will be happy to reflect this spirit in obedience and respect (see 1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:6-11).

3) KINGDOM HOUSEHOLDS. When several Kingdom citizens congregate to share life locally, it becomes a **Kingdom House**, an embassy of the Kingdom, a "revolutionary cell" of sorts, where Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-37, 1 Cor 12-14 and the *one-anothers* of the New Testament are practiced as a minimum requirement. The Bible summarizes life according to the Law of Christ like this: **Carry each other's burden, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ** (Gal 6:2). Such a Kingdom House is not a home group or cell group that meets for two hours on a Wednesday night to conduct a small version of a church service. The Kingdom is about life, not religious programs. You live it, or you don't.

Just as an embassy is a sovereign territory on foreign soil, such a Kingdom House is a door to another world, where the life of the Kingdom is lived 24/7, through all ups and downs of life. It typically begins where people, in the name of Jesus Christ, *open their house, their kitchen, their fridge*, and share in the common wealth of the Kingdom in very practical manners right where they live. Because the Kingdom is open, such houses are open! This might include adopting orphans, singles, widows or widowers or simply lost sheep of humanity to come under this roof, extending the tent of parenthood to others. It can start with a few young people deciding to share life based on the three foundations of the Kingdom. It can start if a senior citizen in a sad, empty villa opens it up to be filled with life again. It can start anywhere where life happens – so long as Jesus is understood as the common King, Lawgiver and economic director. Then such a place is transformed into an Embassy of the Kingdom, where many will come, attracted like bees to the honey, to glean, participate and wonder how such a unique life is even possible. Once they find the secret, many will apply for their own citizenship in the Kingdom at such an embassy, not only touched by a message about heaven, but because they have found a house that changes the world, here on earth.

4) KINGDOM COLONY. When several Kingdom Houses connect with the King, each other and the turf he has placed them, this then starts a **Colony of the Kingdom**, the **City on the Hill** Jesus Christ spoke of in Mt 5:16. It represents "all the saints in Achaia" – the regional dimension of the Kingdom. This step particularly requires the presence or availability of apostolic and prophetic people to lay the foundations and provide the DNA for the household of God (Eph 2:20; 1 Cor 12:28). This colony would welcome as new members only those that accept the three basic requirements stated above as binding for

themselves. Then every new member would be asked two questions: *What do you bring – what do you need?* Each member of such a colony has something to contribute – time, money, ideas, business ideas, connections, wisdom, special skills, humor, stories, and can serve the colony with whatever God has gifted him. Each member also has specific needs that can be met in the fellowship of such a Kingdom Colony. As there are no business transactions in the Kingdom of God (God is a Father, not a businessman), everyone will give and receive whatever he has to give and what he needs. If such a colony has dentists, doctors, electricians, bakers, gardeners, teachers, hunters and plumbers, these mutual services would be free for members of the colony. A communal way of life dramatically cuts down on costs. If each member starts to serve the other members with his contributions for free as well, costs are lowered even more dramatically. Over time, members of the colonies would become each other's health insurance and pension plan. In their interaction with the outside world, people would still buy and sell, because people outside of the Kingdom may be good at receiving, but they may not be good at giving. In classical Christianity, the emphasis was on spiritual, not material sharing. That is why religious meetings became a place to exchange spiritual gifts like preaching, prophesying or teaching. Once sharing is applied to all of life, a far more holistic picture starts to emerge. In terms of numbers, this requires a certain threshold to gain traction and momentum. Insights from anthropology and sociology indicate that about 300 families are needed *to start a culture*.

The Roman Empire, unlike empires before, believed in a military victory swallowing up provinces and nations into a Pax Romana. But then Rome would install a Roman governor in the new province to represent Roman government and build impressive buildings reminding people how great Rome really is. Most importantly, *they would transplant about 300 families from all walks of life into the new province of the empire to model the superiority of Roman life. They* believed that their culture was so much superior to the cultures of other nations that people simply needed to see this in order to believe it. If they can't come to Rome, Rome would come to them, and model Roman life day in and day out, until people start to absorb that culture as the new standard and become Romans themselves, not by military power, but by persuasion.

If you ever visited a place like *Ramstein Air Base* in Germany, a US-military installation near Kaiserslautern, you will find a fenced off and protected area, where, once you are inside, you find American supermarkets, schools, shops, cars, school systems, buses, and an entire airport. It is literally *Little America* on German ground. Every screw seems to be imported from America, even some of the drinking water is literally flown in from the US. If you immerse yourself in such a culture, you may forget that you are actually still in Germany. The place

is full of American culture, American laws, and the American flag. This can be a picture of just what a colony of the Kingdom is: a place where the Kingship of Christ is observed, where the Law of Christ is valid over and above human law (“we must obey God more than men”), and where Kingdom economy is practiced. Such colonies will find ways of legally organizing themselves, be it as a cooperative, a micro nation, a business, a foundation, a trust, depending on the country that is their immediate context. Such Kingdom colonies will begin to connect with each other around the world and start to form a parallel way of life, becoming more and more independent – through their own farming, investments, education, health systems – from a world eaten up by greed, fear, war and control. They will not cut themselves off completely from their surrounding world like the Amish, some monasteries or the hermits of old, because they are not afraid of interaction. **They know that greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world** (1 John 4:4).

Such colonies will also serve as an apocalyptic version of the Ark of Noah, a divine counter-culture and parallel society that will still stand and swim, when all of humanity will be drowning as God switches into judgment mode. As the days are going to get tougher, and inflation, corruption, war and human drama will greatly increase, Kingdom Colonies will become places like Joseph’s storehouse in Egypt, where bread was found through the careful planning of Joseph, even when the whole Middle East was drowning in famine and starvation.

The Re-Invention of the World

Such Kingdom colonies will become not only a state within another state. They will also become the home base for the *Mission* of the Kingdom, which is to both model the Kingdom and ask people to join it. Similar to the role of Antioch and later Ephesus in the New Testament, such colonies provide

- legitimacy and authenticity for the Gospel of the Kingdom
- legality for God to entrust his people with **true riches** (Lk 16:11-12)
- a place for God to share some of his secrets (Mt 13:11) into trustworthy hands: Kingdom intelligence, innovations, money or knowledge of times and seasons

As such, it becomes a hub from which to launch Kingdom initiatives, sending out ideas, money, people, messages and innovations into this world as the seeds of the Kingdom to produce a global harvest of unheard proportions. Such a Kingdom Hub is the true launching pad of Kingdom projects to model the truth in a sea of lies in all aspects of life, sex, money, power, health, education, energy, sports etc. This requires people to go out and implode the systemic lies this world has been captured with like balloons (Rom 1:18), and replace them with the truth that demonstrates for anyone to see the stark contrast between world and Kingdom.

Jesus said, **“I will make everything new”** (Rev 21:5). He is, therefore, the project director of the biggest innovation project this planet has ever seen. He is the true Patron-Saint of innovators: inventors, pioneers, entrepreneurs. These innovators are his Kingdom Avantgarde, like the Joshua and Caleb of old, to demonstrate the fruits of the Promised Land to a stunned world that has never seen anything like it. Increasingly, a growing number of inventors are either inventing or rediscovering divine secrets God is sharing with them. Most of these are true game changing innovations that will revolutionize and turn life on the planet literally on its head: engines powered by water, financial solutions that create an exodus from debt and poverty, healing of seemingly incurable sicknesses, and Kingdom solutions in areas like health, education, business, even politics. Jan Simson, for example, has written a book called *We Need A Completely Different Kind of Education*, offering a Kingdom alternative to an educational system that has become almost completely hijacked by *The Holy Market* where everyone, from Kindergarden to University, is trained for a *job* and that is, to become a wheel in the machine, so that he can work and earn,

pay taxes and burn. God made mankind for something bigger than exhausting oneself to earn an inscription in a headstone that says: *His life was work and sweat*. This is what is to be said about a horse, not a human being.

Such Kingdom colonies will pose a surprise and will very much upset anyone pursuing a New World Order – without God. But the Kingdom will become visible in us and through us because God himself, in his sovereignty, will set up his Kingdom during a singularity of time that is not given into the hands of humans to decide. Those that have ears to hear what the Spirit says to the *ekklesia*, that is, those that are called to govern with God, will respond to an echo in their spirit, because they *know* it is the Truth!

Are you one of them? And if not, would you respond to this today?

If yes, then you know what to do. Start with yourself, your marriage, your family. Then, start with your household, your business, whatever is available to you, or start a Kingdom House with those that you either already know or get to know. Continue until this grows into a Colony of the Kingdom, and do not stop until the King himself says, “*stop!*” Remember, there is a mission to fulfill, a model to live, a harvest to bring in that is bigger than anything the world has ever seen. It all may happen in these three steps:

- 1) When God created man, he said, “*It is very good!*”
- 2) When sin and greed took over, everything *became very bad*.
- 3) Where people come back under the directives of the King, they will re-invent life, one aspect at a time. Anyone who will see this will say — *This is actually pretty good!*

For more on this theme, you may want to read my book *The Re-Invention of the World*. But more than books, let us not forget: Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come; especially if the idea is from the Creator himself. Therefore, if anyone asks, what could be the possible motivation and force that empowers and inspires such an initiative, he will find the answer, just like Pharaoh’s wise men of old found out: **It is the finger of God!**

So, will you and what you have and represent, be part of this – or do you really have something better to do?

Next Steps

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Kingdom Starter Package

Many have been introduced to Christianity, but not the Kingdom. To help you enter that ultimate destination God has designed for you, we have prepared a *Kingdom Starter Package* consisting of five books that build on each other:

The King's Woman. Beautiful and Dangerous, by Mercy Simson, is a completely new look at who we are in Christ from the perspective of the Kingdom. If we can learn to leave behind a life of disobedience and rebellion that is all about us, and fall in love with our heavenly King and bridegroom in respectful and obedient submission, everything falls into place. Both the people of Israel and Christianity have missed accepting Jesus Christ as their functioning head and King, and have been obsessed leading and managing themselves in circles ever since. But God does not give up on you easily, and is in hot pursuit of you. He is inviting you to stop being part of a *Prodigal Bride* stuck in the traditions of man-made religion and come home into the Father's House, The Kingdom, and be part of The King's Woman. This is what you have been made for.

The Constitution of the Kingdom, by Wolfgang Simson, is an introduction, complete compilation and short explanation of the 75 laws Jesus Christ laid out while he was on earth. If we want to "teach them to obey everything I have commanded you," we need to be very clear what this *everything* is. If even the apostle Paul was "under the law of Christ," how can we say 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what this Lord says? **If you love me, you keep my commandments**, says Jesus.

Those who work for an earthly government need to swear an oath of allegiance on the constitution, before they can have any governmental authority, serve or represent their country. Similarly, no one will rise to significance in the Kingdom of God without aligning themselves to the Law of Christ. This book shows you what it means to obey Christ – and keep *his* commandments.

Kingdom Economics, by Wolfgang Simson, is an introduction to the revolutionary house rules of God. Anyone who wants to live in God's presence needs to acknowledge who is the Master of the house, and what are his ground rules. In the Kingdom of God, which is soon going to be the political system of the whole world, the Babylonian, Mammon-driven economy will be replaced by the most fascinating, liberating and God-honoring economy this world will ever see: the Commonwealth of God. Some of this briefly flared up during the days of the early Apostles, where all followers of Christ had everything in common and lived an economic standard that neither socialism, communism or capitalism would ever be able to match. Discarded by a kingless and religious Christianity as a romantic error, God is now calling those who have ears to hear to become part of a prophetic people, returning back to his economy that will soon be everyone's economy, and foreshadow and model this already now! God does not exist to make our business successful; we exist to make his business successful. And his business is setting up his

Kingdom. Therefore, it all begins when we learn to pray: Your Kingdom come – my kingdom go!

The Re-Invention of the World, by Wolfgang Simson, is a rallying call to join the most fascinating mission this world has to offer: to be part of the greatest innovation project the universe has ever seen. After God created life on the planet beautifully, every aspect of this life became infected by the cancer of greed, big egos and fear. This has created a new moral ice age. Jesus is the only one who has the antidote to greed, big egos, and fear. He is the only ice breaker. Because he said: **I will make everything new!** Jesus can be seen as the Patron Saint of true innovators. Many inventors, pioneers and entrepreneurs are reporting of dreams and visions from God showing them solutions that will become complete game changers in areas like health, energy, finances, business, education, even church. God is recruiting a new breed of people for the Mission of the Kingdom which both requires us to implode the systems of greedy lies that have hijacked the world, and model the truth, the City on the Hill, for all to see. If both the world and the traditional church don't offer a mission that people want to give their lives to, this is the ultimate mission, the biggest project on the planet. And you don't want to miss it!

The 12th language of God, by Wolfgang Simson, is a sobering Kingdom based explanation and preparation for the many unprecedented disasters that are going to hit the planet. God speaks to mankind in many ways; ignoring his voice is about as helpful as ignoring red traffic lights. If one way of communicating does not work, God has no choice but to step up the volume, even use an ultimate means of speaking to mankind – disaster, the *12th Language of God*. God notices even a sparrow when it falls; how much more will he know when the people he made perish because they would not listen and unstop their ears. Jesus predicted a time when people will *be in great distress, faint from terror and be in great anguish and perplexity* at what many truthfully understand to be Acts of God. Lighting candles, observing minutes of silence and fatalistic commentaries only put band-aids on a fatal wound. Even need-driven humanitarian help that does not look at the *reason* why Acts of God happen remain superficial. Only if and when people realize that God is both judge and savior, will they wake up and understand that the one who has torn us to pieces is the one who will heal us. There are very stormy times ahead. Prepare yourself – and others – with a clear understanding of what God is saying through disaster, and how to respond to it.

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