

I want to provide some insight into the political situation we face at every level of government. Local, regional, and national. The national news gets all the coverage, but at the local level we are also being besieged. It used to be all politics were local: now it is everything, everywhere, all at once. Getting at the root of it is not difficult; beating it back is. Here is yet another attempt to share understanding, aimed at a level where we can really make a difference.

This is a query I ran in two different AI platforms: Chat GPT, and Perplexity. Both programs are available for download to your device for free. (Perplexity has a pay version which I am not using).

You will see the query at the top of the First page of each query. Both platforms return generally the same information. The query:

Provide the outline of a paper on the New Apostolic Reformation and Christian Nationalism, their differences, their similarities and how to tell if your church is leading from either of their teachings.

Chat GPT restated the query without really changing the meaning, then returned results.

I have not provided the Perplexity results. I encourage you to do that yourself. What is nice about the Perplexity results: they provide their resources (like reference footnotes) with links. You can do additional reading, if you wish. I did provide the perplexity footnotes and references.

I leave you to make your own conclusions. I have made mine. The point is whether religious or not, Christian Nationalism and the New Apostolic Reformation have plans for your life.



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Here's a strong **outline for a paper** on the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) and Christian Nationalism, highlighting their differences, similarities, and practical signs for discerning their influence in churches:

Outline: The New Apostolic Reformation and Christian Nationalism: Similarities, Differences, and Church Discernment

I. Introduction

- Brief definition of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).
- Brief definition of Christian Nationalism.
- Why this topic matters: the rise of political and spiritual movements reshaping evangelical churches.
- Thesis: While NAR and Christian Nationalism share overlapping themes of authority, power, and cultural influence, they differ in origins, goals, and methods. Understanding their distinctions and signs of influence helps Christians discern whether their church aligns with biblical teaching or with these ideologies.

II. The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)

- **Origins and Leaders**
 - Roots in late 20th century charismatic movements.
 - Leaders: C. Peter Wagner, Bill Johnson, Lou Engle, etc.
- **Core Beliefs and Teachings**
 - "Seven Mountain Mandate": Christians must influence spheres like government, media, education.
 - Restoration of modern-day apostles and prophets with direct authority from God.





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 - Spiritual warfare, dominion over culture, miraculous signs and wonders.
 - **Political and Cultural Expression**
 - Emphasis on aligning nations under God's kingdom.
 - Prayer rallies, prophetic declarations, and influence on elections.
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III. Christian Nationalism

- **Definition and Origins**
 - Belief that the U.S. (or another nation) has a divine covenant with God.
 - Christianity should shape laws, government, and national identity.
 - **Core Beliefs**
 - America (or one's nation) is or should be a Christian nation.
 - Blurring of religious identity with citizenship.
 - Bible used as foundation for public policy.
 - **Political and Cultural Expression**
 - Advocacy for Christian laws and leaders.
 - Strong ties to partisan politics.
 - Nostalgic narrative of "returning the nation to God."
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IV. Similarities Between NAR and Christian Nationalism

- Both seek cultural and political influence.
 - Both use biblical language of dominion and authority.
 - Both often frame opponents as enemies of God's will.
 - Both link spiritual revival with national renewal.
 - Both can create insider/outsider dynamics (true Christians vs. others).
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- **NAR:** rooted in charismatic theology, supernatural signs, apostles/prophets, global scope.
- **Christian Nationalism:** rooted in political ideology, law, history, and national identity.
- **NAR:** tends to emphasize direct spiritual authority and prophecy.
- **Christian Nationalism:** tends to emphasize political authority and civic structures.
- **NAR:** transnational/global; wants all nations disciplined.
- **Christian Nationalism:** particular to one nation (e.g., the U.S.).

VI. How to Tell If Your Church Is Influenced

Signs of NAR Influence

- Leadership refers to modern "apostles" or "prophets" with unquestionable authority.
- Heavy emphasis on spiritual warfare, miracles, prophecy, and taking "territory" for God.
- Frequent use of terms like "Seven Mountains," "dominion," or "apostolic covering."
- Mixing worship with political rallies or prophetic declarations about elections.

Signs of Christian Nationalism

- Sermons equating patriotism with faith.
- Use of national symbols (flags, pledges) in worship.
- Preaching that America has a special covenant with God.
- Political candidates endorsed from the pulpit.
- Framing cultural issues primarily in terms of "saving the nation."

VII. Biblical and Theological Evaluation

- Scriptural contrast: Jesus' kingdom "not of this world" (John 18:36).
- Distinction between the church's spiritual mission and the state's civic authority (Romans 13).
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