

# **An Outline of Pentecostal/Charismatic/Third Wave/and NAR Movements**

## **“First Wave”: Pentecostalism**

*Pentecostalism, the "first wave," originated in the early 20th century with an emphasis on baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Pentecostals believe in the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" as a distinct experience after conversion, often accompanied by speaking in tongues. They also emphasize other spiritual gifts like healing, prophecy, and frequent miracles usually by a healer.*

## **“Second Wave”: Charismatics**

*The Charismatic movement, or "second wave," emerged in the mid-20th century, spreading Pentecostal practices into mainline denominations and even the Catholic Church. Starting in the 1960s, the Charismatic Movement appeared within existing Protestant and Catholic denominations. Many churches went through upheaval and splits. Defining Characteristics: Unlike Pentecostals, Charismatics integrated spiritual gifts like speaking in tongues and healing into traditional church settings while generally remaining within their original denominations.*

## **“Third Wave”: Neo-Charismatics**

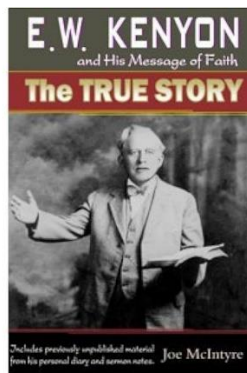
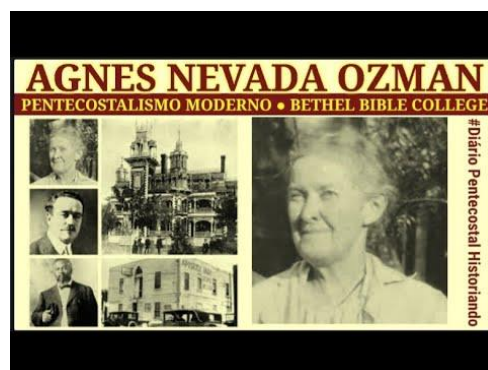
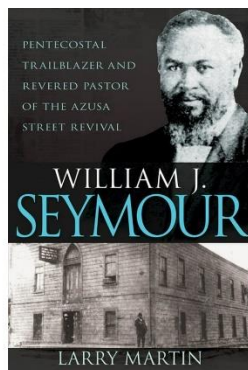
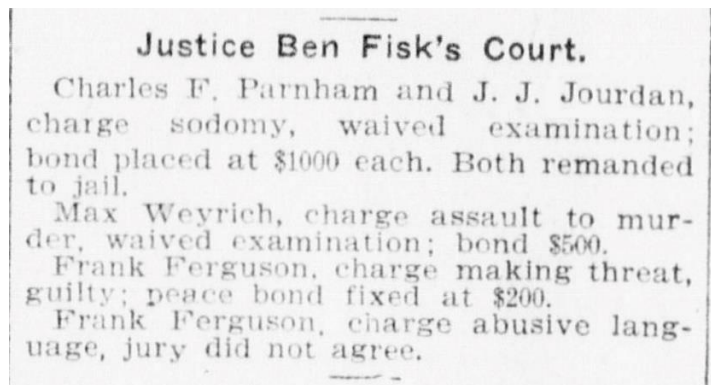
*Coined by C. Peter Wagner in the 1980s, the "Third Wave" describes a movement emphasizing the Holy Spirit's ministry and spiritual gifts within evangelical circles, distinct from the first two waves. The so-called Third Wave acknowledges charismatic gifts but typically doesn't require a specific post-conversion, Spirit baptism or view tongues as the primary evidence. This neo-charismaticism focuses on the Spirit's ongoing empowerment for ministry and includes independent and post-denominational groups like the Vineyard Movement. Neo-charismatic groups are now believed to be more numerous than the first and second waves combined. The Third Wave, beginning in the 1980s, saw a renewed emphasis on spiritual gifts among conservative evangelicals, often without the full Pentecostal distinctives. Emerging in the 1980s and 90s, the Third Wave represents a renewed interest in spiritual gifts among “evangelicals.” This led to even more turbulence in established churches and more churches splitting. The Third Wave is characterized by a wide range of groups, including Vineyard and Calvary Chapel churches, that emphasize the gifts of the Spirit while maintaining an evangelical identity.*

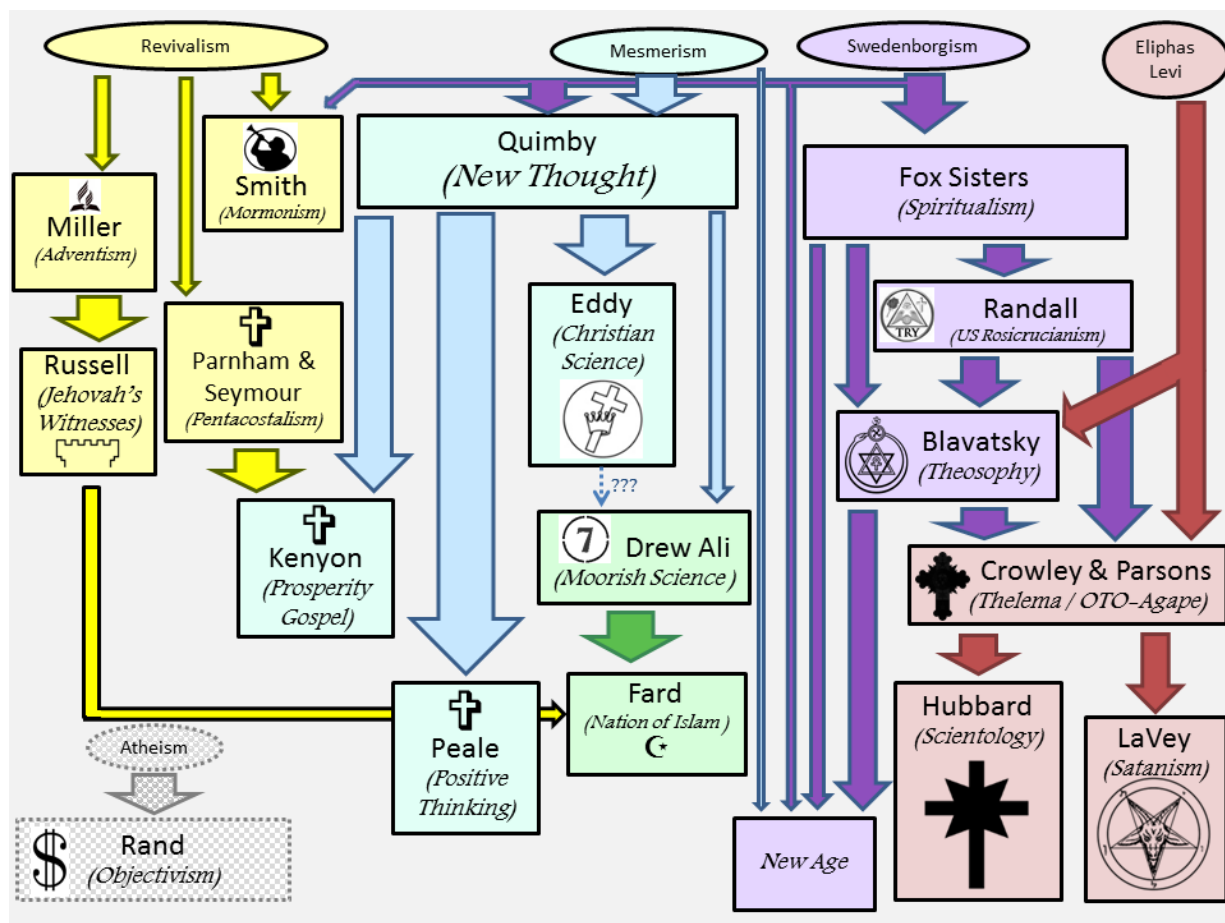
## **New Apostolic Reformation, Age of New Apostles and Prophets [NAR]: C. Peter Wagner**

*The NAR, as identified by Wagner, is characterized by several key beliefs: 1) the restoration of apostles and prophets to modern church leadership (these figures are believed to have divine authority and receive new revelations from God), 2) the concept of Dominionism, particularly through the "Seven Mountain Mandate," which encourages Christians to influence key areas of society and political reforms to establish God's Kingdom on Earth, 3) an emphasis on spiritual warfare to combat perceived demonic hindrances to God's kingdom, and 5) The continuation and importance of supernatural gifts like revelatory gifts, healing and miracles.*

# Key Leaders of the Pentecostal/Charismatic/Third Wave/and NAR Movements:

## “First Wave”: Pentecostalism





\*\*\*E. W. Kenyon (Word of Faith + New Thought)→ Oral Roberts→ Kenneth Hagin→ Kenneth Copeland

Kenyon, Hagin, Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn, and Copeland have taught that Christians are “little gods” ... This is heresy. Compare this to Aleister Crowley’s *Thelema*...

**From Google AI:** In Aleister Crowley's *Thelema*, the concept of True Will is central to how one's will and words are believed to affect reality. *True Will and its manifestation...* True Will is an individual's unique, divinely ordained purpose or path in life, which transcends mere personal desires and ego-driven motives. *Magick* (or Magick with a "k") is the art and science of causing change to occur in conformity with Will. It is not about bending reality to superficial wishes, but about aligning actions and words with one's True Will to bring about desired outcomes in reality. *Thelema* teaches that when an individual discovers and aligns with their True Will, their actions become more effective and naturally contribute to the cosmic order, leading to fulfillment and harmony with the universe.

**Role of will and words...** *Will (True Will):* By identifying and embracing one's True Will through practices like meditation and self-reflection, individuals gain clarity on their purpose, allowing them to channel their intentions effectively. **Words:** Words are considered a powerful tool in Magick, used to express and solidify intentions, and can become a means to manifest one's True Will. **Impact on reality...** *Magical acts:* Thelemic rituals and magical practices are designed to align the practitioner with their True Will and effect change in reality in line with that Will.

**Manifestation:** Through focusing one's True Will and expressing it through words and actions, individuals are believed to be able to influence and shape their experiences and surrounding reality. In essence, *Thelema*, particularly through its emphasis on True Will and the practice of Magick, suggests a connection between an individual's deep-seated purpose (True Will), their actions, and the manifestation of desired changes in their reality.