

2 Peter Series

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False Teachers and Evangelicalism

2 Peter 2:9–12



2nd PETER

Guard Against False Teachers

2A God Warns Us About False Teachers, 2 Peter 2:1–22

**1B The certainty of false teachers and
their destructive heresies, 2:1a**

**2B The destructiveness of deception,
2:1b–3**

**3B The certainty of their judgment,
2:4–10a**

**4B The self-destruction of their
arrogance, 2:10b–22**

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James 1:13, “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

James 1:14, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

James 1:15, “Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

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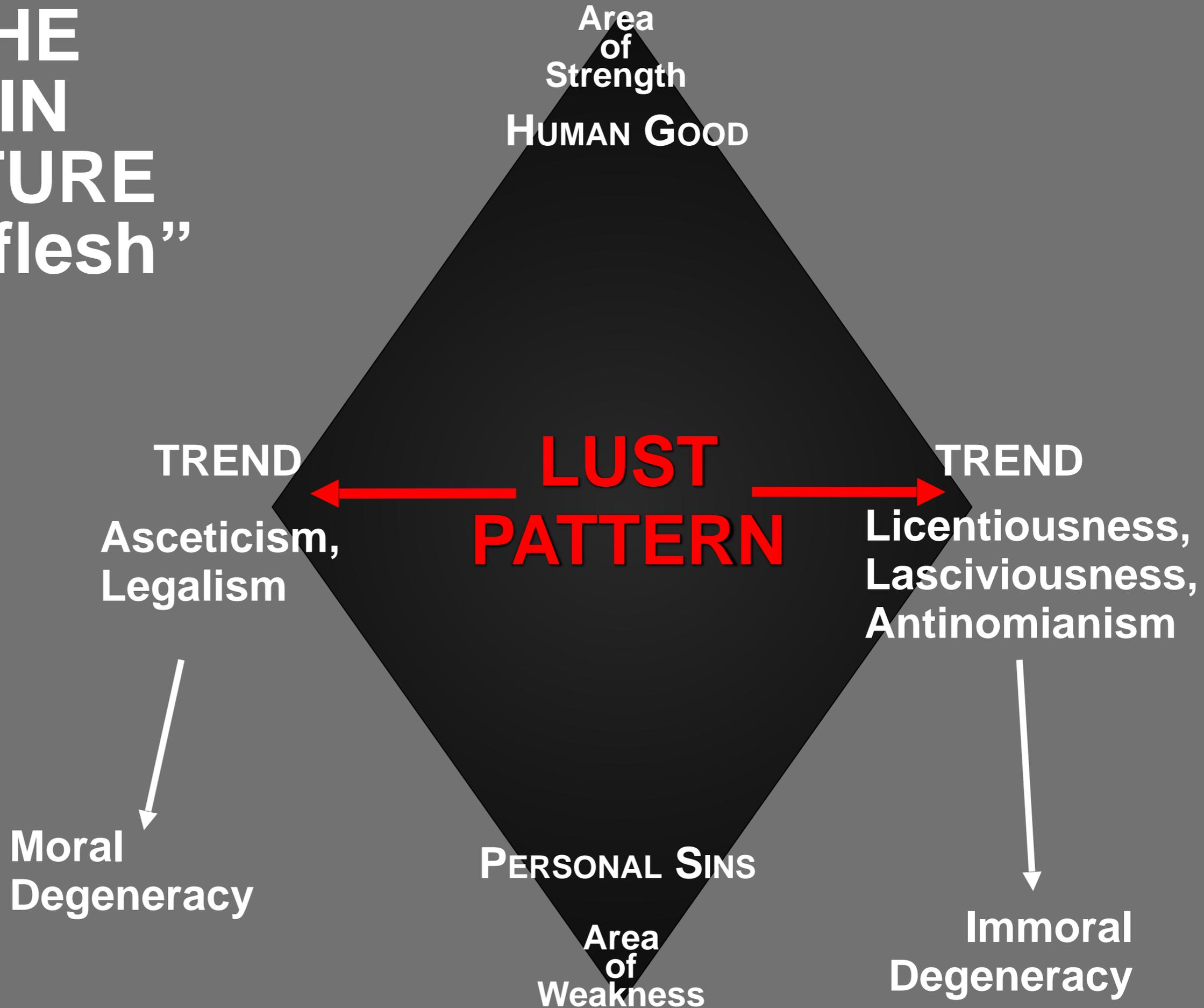
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**ὀπίσω *opisō* Improper Preposition (+gen) (+gen) after (prep.); back (adv.)
To follow the flesh, be led by the sin nature**

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



“lust”

ἐπιθυμία *epithumia* desire, lust

1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Pet. 1:14, “as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

1 Pet. 1:15, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,”

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

1 Pet. 2:12, “having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

List of False Teacher Characteristics

Controlled by the lust patterns of the sin nature, i.e., uncleanness, like walking through a sewer or cesspool or septic tank.

Despise authorities, i.e., glories, all spiritual authority including elect angels and demons.

Presumptuous, bold

Self-willed, arrogant

Not afraid, revile, speak evil of authorities

Arrogance Skills

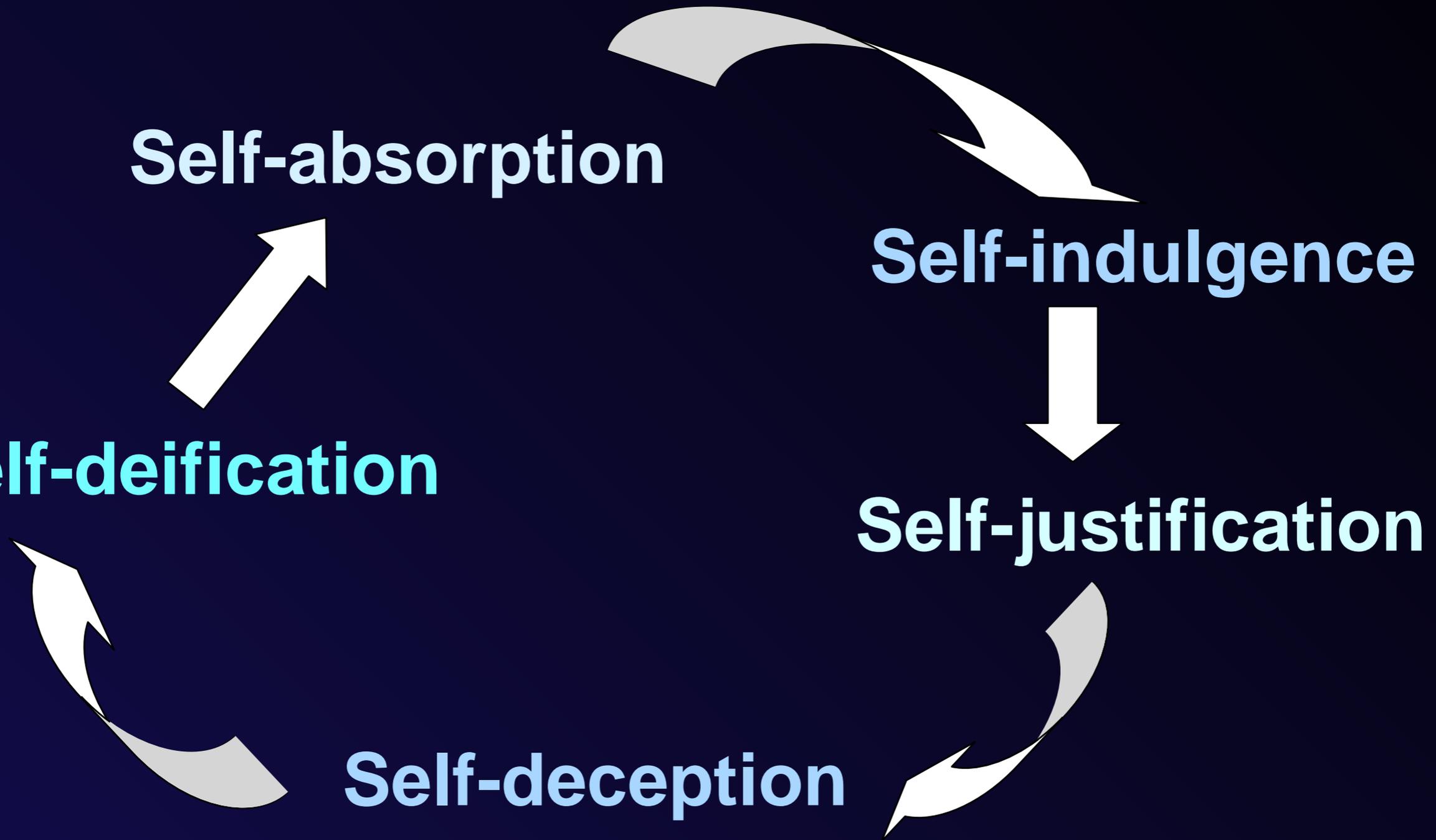
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φθορά *phthora*, fem sg acc.

**ruin, destruction,
perdition, corruption,
destruction**

Comparison of False Teachers with Wild Animals

False Teachers

Ridicule what they
don't understand and
will in their
destruction be
destroyed

Wild Animals

Natural, irrational animals
born for the purpose of
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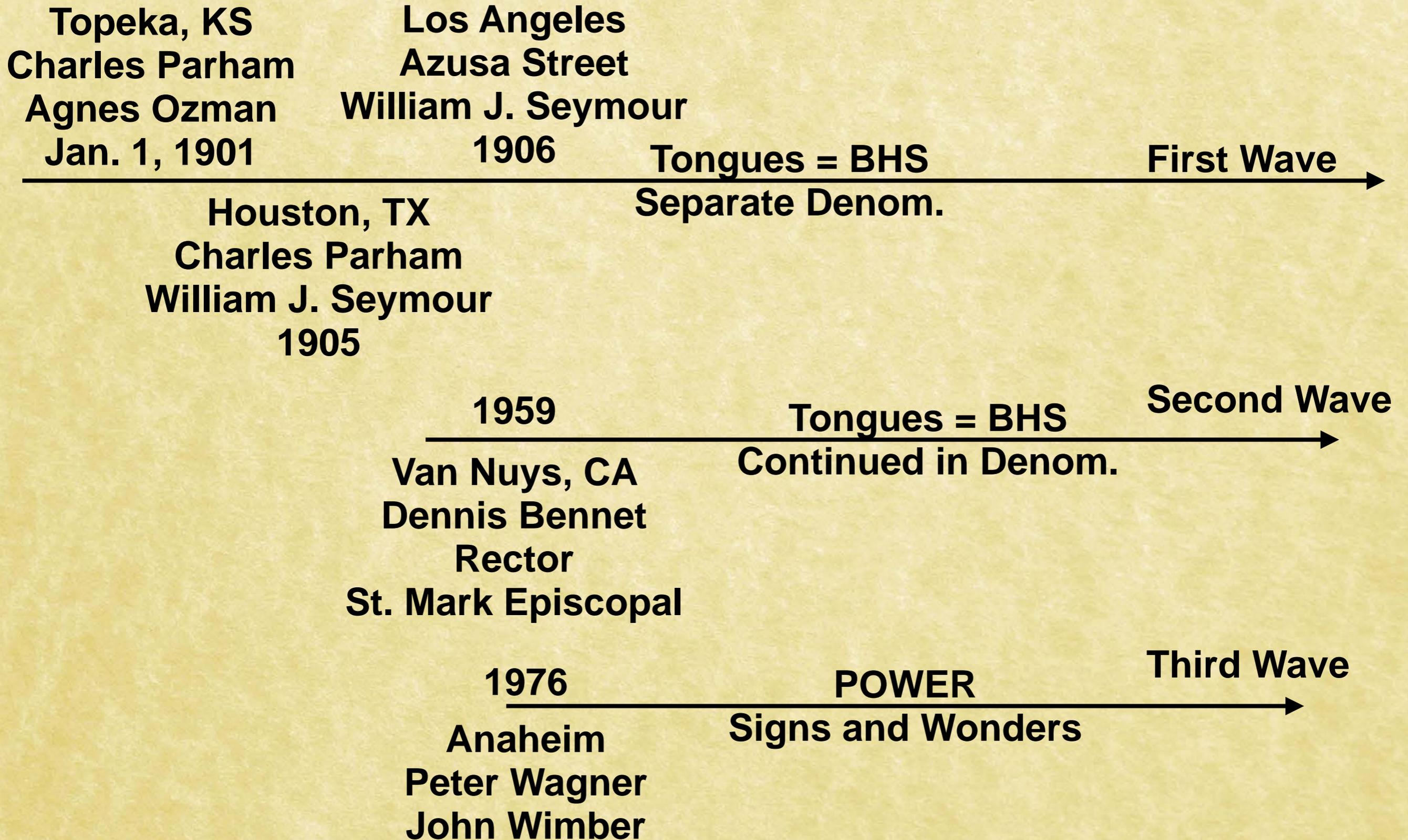
(f) deceit,

deceitfulness

2 Pet. 2:14, “having eyes full of adulteresses and that unceasingly sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.”

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The History of the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement in America



Bethel Church and NAR – Origins

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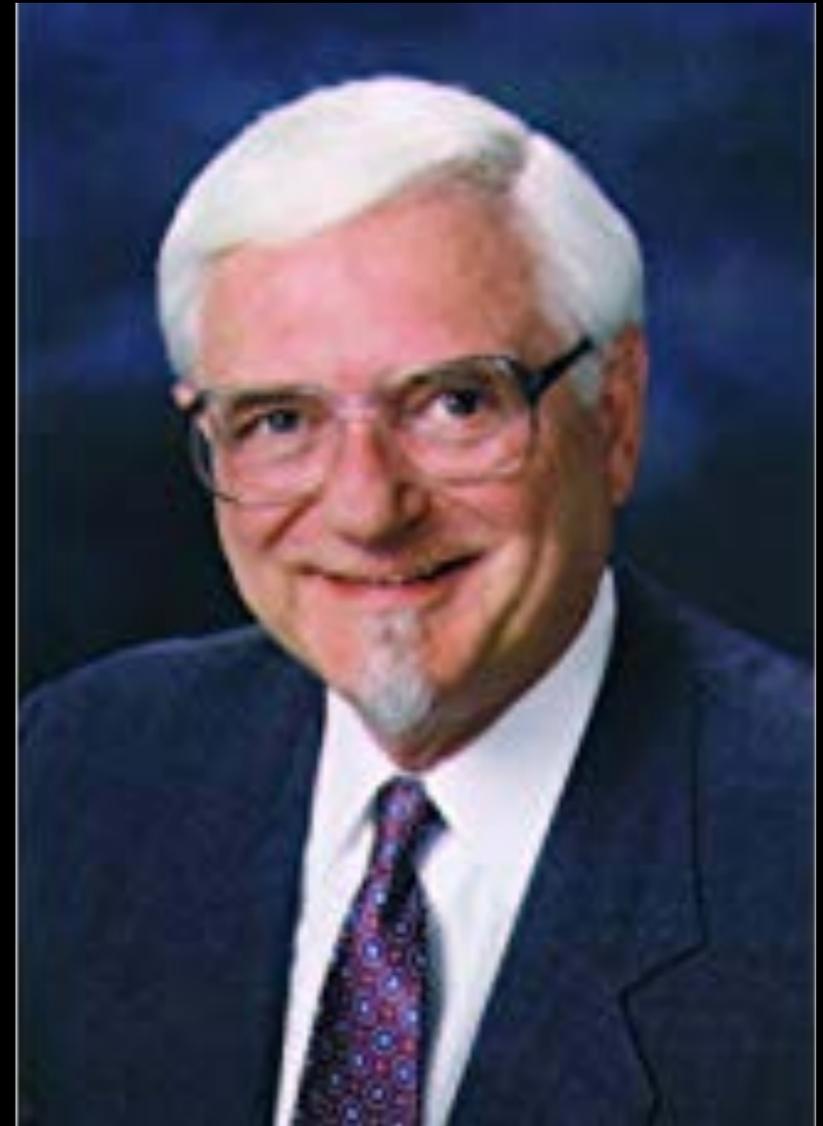
- Missionary
- Prof. of Church Growth, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Founder, International Coalition of Apostles
- Used phrase “New Apostolic Reformation” (1996) – an advance upon the third-wave movement



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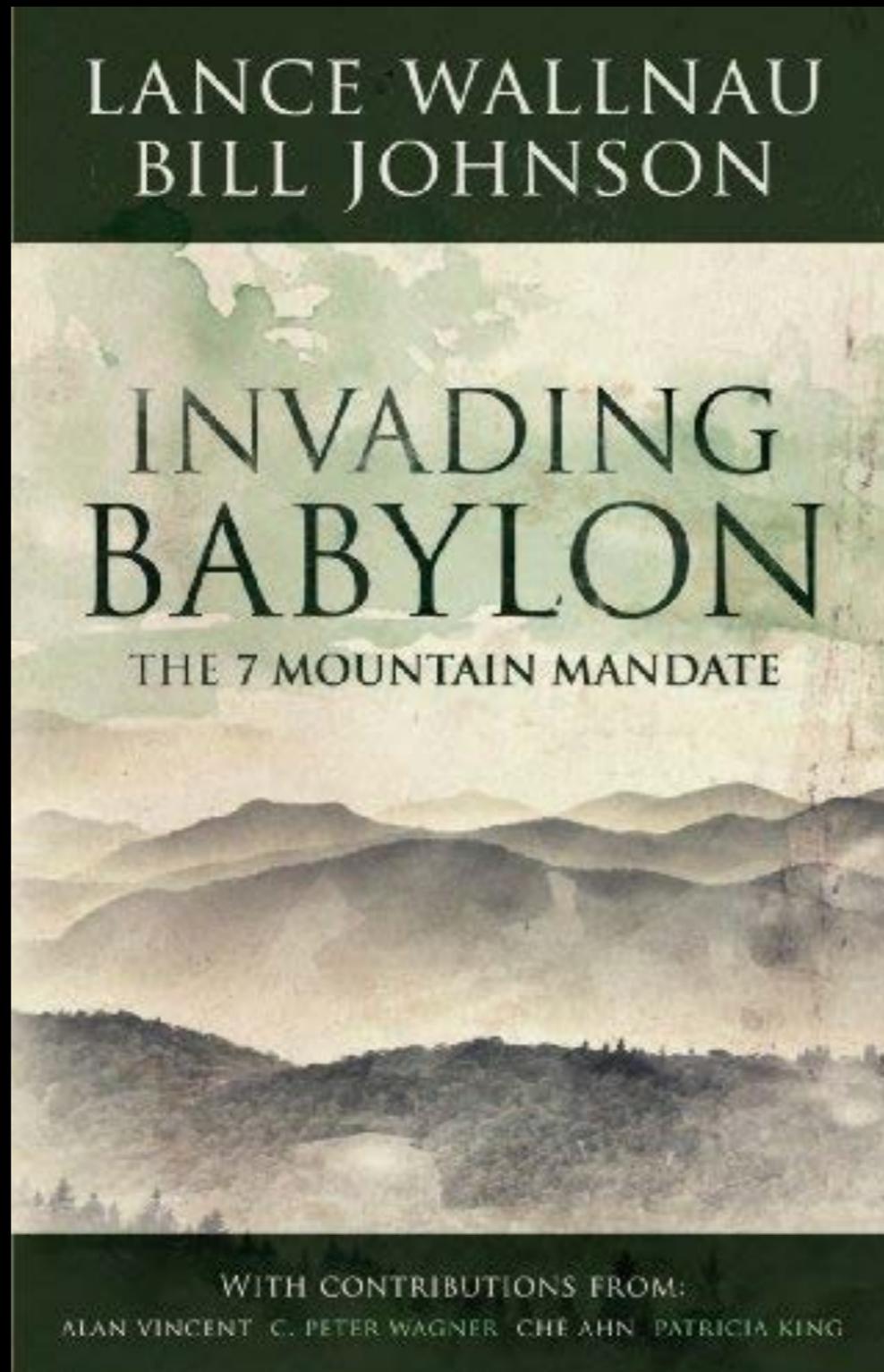
We are now living in the midst of one of the most epochal changes in the structure of the Church that has ever been recorded. I like to call it the “Second Apostolic Age.”

—C. Peter Wagner, *Apostles Today: Biblical Government for Biblical Power* (Regal Books, 2006)



NAR – 3 Characteristics

- Restoring apostolic authority
- Restoring prophetic authority
- Restoring dominion authority



(Destiny Image: 2013)

- Postmillennial
- Replacement Theology
- Unconstitutional

“The Seven Mountain revelation helps us strategically identify different aspects of society so that cultural transformation can become a manageable task. All of us are called to at least one of these seven mountains: religion, arts, media, business, government, family, and education. ... As we begin taking land for our King, we will undoubtedly face great resistance. ... The third chapter of this book ... offers a profound teaching about taking spiritual ground by occupying the spiritual gates of our cities. Gates represent the spiritual powers that rule over geographical areas.”

Invading Babylon: The 7 Mountain Mandate, by Bill Johnson, Lance Wallnau, Alan Vincent, C. Peter Wagner, Che Ahn, and Patricia King (Shippensburg, PA: Destiny Image, 2013), p. 1. [Emphasis mine].

Here are the seven mountains, according to the seven-mountain mandate:

1. Education
2. Religion
3. Family
4. Business
5. Government/Military
6. Arts/Entertainment
7. Media

Bethel Church and the New Apostolic Reformation

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2. Restoration of the Prophetic Office
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False apostles, Rev. 2:2 (to *Ephesus*) “I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false.”

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False prophets, Rev. 2:20 (to *Thyatira*) “But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of immorality* and eat things sacrificed to idols.”

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