

THE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH NEEDS!

Dear Co-Workers in the Kingdom of God and COR Donors,

For 45 years our Lord Jesus led me to gather godly, scholarly leaders to work together to create Biblical Documents which furnish a Theological Foundation *on which His Church must stand and which she must teach if the Church is to be a Biblical and obedient Church*. Many of these scholars and leaders are mentioned on pages 229 and 238 of our COR book, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, which I believe most of you received by now. If you do not have that book, please let me know.

During that process I believe the Holy Spirit has led us to create four **Foundational Documents**, each of which were Historical Landmarks in the modern Church's history. It is my belief that the 21st Century Church cannot ignore or oppose the truths contained therein without opposing God's purposes for the Church. Those four documents (all downloadable from our COR website at reformation.net/cor-documents.html) were created on these dates by various teams of those scholars:

- 1978: The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy** (See Footnote #1)
- 1984: 42 Articles of the Essentials of a Christian Worldview** (See Footnote #2)
- 1986: A Manifesto for the Christian Church** (See Footnote #3)
- 1989: 25 Articles on the Kingdom of God** (See Footnote #4)

COR is offering a quality 58-page, spiral bound book (8.5 X 11) which includes all four of these Foundational Documents to "world-changer" friends and to anyone who pays the price of \$25 (payable to COR in the return envelope.) This \$25 is not tax deductible.



I have included footnotes for each of these documents on the reverse side of this *COR Update* which should be of interest to you who have theological or philosophical concerns about the condition of the American Evangelical Body of Christ at this point of our history in 2022.

The Foundational Documents book and footnotes on page 2 of this newsletter outline a few facts about the documents you should know, such as:

- a. The Church's need for each document at this point of history.
- b. Some of the key points in each document which the Church needs to fight effectively.
- c. Why some of the key falsehoods of the liberals have occurred only since 1919.
- d. How the Church will be unprepared to stand strong and fight if these points are disregarded.

Dear special friends out there in Christ's Body who, over the years, have been led into a rather deep friendship with me as co-workers in Christ's Kingdom" and who have felt my love for you as we have labored together to "**see God's will done on earth as it is done in heaven,**" please pray about becoming part of a new kind of *united movement of Christian leaders*" that I believe God has called me to attempt to birth and organize during my "sunset years" at 87 years old. I refer to that new movement as the "**Gideon Man Plan**" which will be led by an executive team of "national leaders" I call the "**American Council of Elders**" (ACE). All "Gideon Men" and "ACE" members must sign a Covenant I have previously outlined in a brochure entitled "Theological & Biblical Life Standards." If you order our 58-page book and you also want that Covenant brochure (for free), please mention that in your order.

If you pray for me, do ask the Father to help me be efficient and wise in my remaining years.

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FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOOTNOTES

1. We created the **Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy** to clarify what has been the Bible's view of itself and its inerrancy, absoluteness and total inspiration by God's Spirit and to clarify what has been the teaching of the historic Church's view of the Bible over the past 2000 years, in order **to counter** the many falsehoods that the anti-Biblical, liberals have been teaching about the Bible since around the 1780's. The organization we launched to create this document and fight this battle was named the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy (ICBI). This ICBI document also **counters** the false teachings of the "New Liberals" we call the "Neo-Orthodox" false teachers from within the ranks of general "Evangelical Christianity" which follow the teachings of Swiss Theologian Karl Barth. Dr. Barth foolishly accepted the unscriptural "Dichotomy Worldview" of the German philosopher, Emmanuel Kant, who in 1781 claimed the invisible world of "Religion, Spirit, Heaven, and God" (which he called the "Noumenal World") has zero logical or language connection with the world of Time and Space, Matter and Energy, Math and Science or History (which he called the "Phenomenal World"). Having this wild, unrealistic, false Dichotomy Worldview in one's philosophy allows him to be comfortable with very unworkable and illogical contradictions within his own theology. It flies in the face of the non-dichotomy Worldview of the Bible, Logic, Science, Math, History, and Reality. If this view were true, then (*à la* Kant) even God could not communicate with us through a Bible composed of human language because the "Noumenal World" and the "Phenomenal World" exist in supposedly two different "airtight compartments" which cannot connect to each other through logic or language.
2. We created the **42 Articles of the Essentials of a Christian Worldview** to be a kind of "Statement of Faith" which would generally state what the newly formed "**Coalition on Revival**" believed were the major, non-negotiable, basic points of doctrine which the various divisions of the historic Church in its many denominations have believed in a united way for the past 2,000 years. Our theologians, as it were, took a "helicopter ride" over the past 2,000 years of theology, then put what they found into a large "beaker" and "boiled it all down" into a fine, pure ointment. When their consensus wisdom told them they should eliminate all statements in the Church's creedal history which dealt with Eschatology, Ecclesiology, the Sacraments, Social Freedoms, and the Arminian-Calvinistic debates, they found that most Christian denominations over the past 2,000 years all basically believed the same major points of doctrine which they distilled down into "**The 42 Articles of the Christian Worldview.**" We see this document as a potential key to eventual "Global Doctrinal Unity." During the past 38 years of its existence as a hopefully unifying theological document, after sending it out to leaders of many different denominations, COR has received no letters or calls challenging the truthfulness of any of the 42 Articles of the Christian Worldview, though we asked them to tell us where they disagreed.
3. **A MANIFESTO FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** identifies 12 areas of ministry where most evangelical churches and pastors are failing to live and operate by Biblical standards. It also lists a number of sins for which the Church should repent in a public Solemn Assembly. This Manifesto was discussed and edited by the COR Steering Committee. At the end of the three-day COR conference at our National Solemn Assembly in Washington, D.C., at the Lincoln Memorial on July 4, 1986, members of the Steering Committee read aloud the entire Manifesto in about 30 minutes, then publicly signed it. COR is suggesting that throughout the United States, it would be appropriate and spiritually profitable at this critical moment of history for the Body of Christ in many cities to hold Solemn Assemblies to repent publicly and by having this Manifesto read aloud by various Christian leaders from different local churches. The list of 112 national and regional Christian leaders on our COR Steering Committee who signed this Manifesto in 1986 is shown on pages 233 to 237 of our COR book, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, and the 62 who were speakers at that conference are listed with their pictures.
4. **The 25 Articles on the Kingdom of God** was created in January 1989 by a Kingdom of God Committee which I gathered for a three-day consultation and work session in Washington D.C. to distil, discuss, write, edit, and re-edit the Biblical points which together state God's view of His Kingdom. In 1988, I had just recently come to a fuller understanding of the Kingdom of God. (After going through a Christian college and seminary, and after launching the ICBI, and being in the ministry for 32 years, I only then came to a Biblical understanding of the Kingdom of God.) This document states several Biblical points about the Kingdom of God which much of "Evangelical Christianity" does not understand, and at those points those Evangelicals need to understand the Biblical perspective on those points to begin to fulfill the Great Commission and truly represent God's thoughts and His Truth about the Kingdom of God.



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