

What is Dominionism?

Dominionism is a term referring to a subset of American Christianity that is conservative, politically active, and believes that Christians should, and eventually will, take control of the government.

Genesis 1:28 – *God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.*

But not every conservative, politically minded Christian is a Dominionist.

What is Reconstructionism?

Reconstructionism says that dominion will be achieved by each Christian excelling in his or her individual field (Christian artists taking dominion of the art world, Christian musicians taking dominion of the music world, Christian businessmen taking dominion of the business world, etc., until all systems and fields are “subdued”).

What is Postmillennialism & Kingdom Now theology?

It is the idea that we are in the Millennial Kingdom now, that it is only a spiritual kingdom. That Christians are obligated to Christianize the world before Jesus can return to usher in the Eternal State.

How do Amillennialism and Postmillennialism differ?

They are essentially the same... amillennialism was likely employed to differentiate its view from that of the more optimistic version of postmillennialism.

- Some have jokingly referred to postmillennialism as ‘optimistic amillennialism’ or to amillennialism, conversely, as ‘pessimistic postmillennialism’!

Will Christianity experience both worldwide growth and influence, such that it gradually becomes the rule rather than the exception among the majority of mankind?

- Amillennialists say No. Postmillennialists say Yes.

How do Dominionists reveal themselves?

From Brandon Holhaus’ comments on Eric Metaxas interviewing author Benjamin Thomas...

- They hate the doctrine of the Rapture thinking it causes Christians to have an escapist mentality and not wanting to work to improve society
- They hate Dispensational/Premillennial doctrine saying it causes Christians to delight in the growing evil in the world and not fight to restrain it.
- They say the “Great Commission” includes the “Seven Mountain Mandate” where Christians are called to Christianize the Seven Pillars of Society
 1. Government
 2. Media
 3. Arts & Entertainment
 4. Business

5. Education
6. Religion
7. Family

How do Dominionists justify their twisted theology?

- Articulated most recently in the 2013 book by Lance Wallnau & Bill Johnson “Invading Babylon”

They embrace Replacement Theology believing that the church assumes the Kingdom promises...

Isaiah 2:2 – *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills*

Who establishes the mountain of the Lord’s house? It is the Lord Himself, not Israel or the church who they believe has replaced Israel.

They also interpret this promise to apply to the church:

Deuteronomy 28:12-13 – *The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.*

They believe that the Church and not Israel will be the head of the nations. They also get their idea of “Seven Mountains” from Revelation 17 by taking it out of context and inventing what the “Seven Mountains” are... this instead really describes the governmental lineage of the Antichrist’s kingdom.

Are believers in the Rapture escapist?

Yes, but that doesn’t mean we check out of society waiting for it... As Jesus said in the Parable of the Minas, “*Do business until I come*” (Luke 19:13).

- Imminency of the Rapture leads to holiness, urgency, evangelism, and being salt & light (Matthew 5:13-16)
- Scoffing about the soon coming of Christ is what leads to laziness of Christians per the Parable of the Faithful & Evil Servants (Matthew 12:45-51)

Matthew 24:48 – *“My master is delaying his coming”*

How does the focus of the Dominionists differ from biblical Christianity?

- Dominionists want to force the world to change their behaviors by applying Christian principles with no regard to actually disciplining true Christians.
- Biblical Christians seek to impact the culture by disciplining born again followers of Christ.
- Dominionists are putting the cart before the horse.

What problems come from trying to change behaviors rather than seeking to change people?

- It causes you to fight for man's kingdom on earth rather than Jesus' kingdom of heaven
- Pagans will resist efforts to Christianize them... it is not a winning battle
- It turns government into an idol... love of country become more important than your Savior
- It divides people fostering an us-against-them mentality... not conducive to evangelism
- It nationalizes the Gospel into an "American gospel"

How is the Dominionists' gospel different from the true gospel?

It puts the emphasis on salvation through human effort (works) to put Christians into power rather than the transformative power of the grace of God through faith in His provision for eternal life, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:8 – if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Thus, Dominionism is heretical and should be called out as such.

- It is understandable that Christians, troubled by abortion and the general moral chaos of a relativistic society, want to take control of the culture and steer it back towards sanity. But holding to Dominionism is not a biblically viable option.

How are the Dominionists making the same mistake as the Jews when they rejected Jesus as Messiah?

Many of the Jews thought that Jesus was going to immediately usher in the kingdom and wipe out Roman rule (see Luke 19:11). But that wasn't what Jesus was about then, and it isn't what He is about now.

How will Dominionism contribute to the true church going underground?

By giving rise to the "State Church" (Religion is one of the Seven Mountains)

- Divisions in the Church due to Covid, Israel, Climate Change, Wokeness

What is the prophetic significance of Dominionism?

It is more evidence of the Apostasy of the church...

1 Timothy 4:1 – Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

So, how should we respond to being called a Christian nationalist?

We can admit to being a Christian and a nationalist, but deny that label Christian nationalist applies to me. Educate the accuser about the difference between a Christian nationalist and a true, biblical Christian.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Christian nationalism hardly applies to all Christians; educate the users of this term!
- Dominionism is not just bad doctrine, it is heretical.
- Bad eschatology leads to heretical doctrines.