

G12: revealing the reality of that which is called Government of the Twelve; first part

As we have received some requests for information about the G12 movement (Government of 12), it has seemed good to us to write again regarding this question, for which we have produced this new article, besides the previous one called <<The G12 or Government of 12, in 5 points>>.

We hope that with this new issue, we can satisfy the desire for the truth that so many brothers and sisters in the faith have in relation to this subject, and moreover, when such a movement is causing so much distress and confusion in so many places, and in so many churches and individuals.

1. Placing G12:

Under the flag of Dominionism*, (that is to say, Dominion Theology or Kingdom Now), we have currently the Reconstructionists, the New Apostolic Reformation, the Restoration Movement, the followers of Replacement Theology**, and the sadly celebrated G12, or "Government of Twelve".

**(Dominionism is post-millennial and militant eschatology, which teaches that the only way the world can be rescued must be through the temporal and earthly power previously seized by the church. Only after the world has been rescued in this manner, will the Lord Jesus be able to return (some say that it won't be necessary.) 1*

*** (So-called Replacement Theology is that which teaches that each and every promise of God concerning Israel passed to the church when Israel rejected the Messiah.)*

The philosophy claimed by G12 (government of 12) and other similar entities is of a false theocratic government. We speak of a false theocratic government, because the positioning which they follow, only obeys the premise of believing that "The Kingdom is Now".

If the Kingdom is Now, then we must expect a Theocracy as such. But all of us who have a head to think and a Bible in which to believe, know that the Kingdom is not Now, and that therefore, such a Theocracy on this planet in these days, only appears in the mistaken minds of all those who, in reality, are working, knowingly or not, towards the implementation of the False Church of the False Prophet (Rev. 13), which, in a short but horrible time, will be imposed on the whole world, once the true church of our Lord Jesus Christ has been caught up (1Th.4:13-18).

2. Defining G12:

How do we define G12? With respect to G12 we find many attempts to define what this organisation and movement represents in the ecclesiastical environment, so we would like to transcribe for you the definition from Pastor Onezio Figueiredo 2 which we have found very complete, and which says this: <<*Preliminarily, we affirm that we are dealing with an international parachurch movement with supposed purposes of evangelism and revival, of a charismatic nature, proceeding from neo-pentecostal charismaticism, of supposedly misological objectives. It is founded on an all-embracing pyramidically organised system. It gains participants from all*

denominations. These in the "very secret hall of meditations" (so-called "Encounters"), to tell the truth, are turned, "after being worked on emotionally"; permanent affiliates of these "Encounters"

Pastor Figueiredo continues: *"As a parachurch movement, it sets out to obtain the following:*

1. Gain the sympathy of the established churches, until two groups are produced; those who are in favour and against, until the moment when those who are in favour are sufficiently strong to divide the original church in favour of the "true christianity" which "they discovered".
2. Place and maintain themselves like masks up to where it suits them and the evident themes of a church will be useful to them; family, evangelisation and sanctification.
3. Attempt to establish within a church differences between the "normal" members and the "improved" ones of G12.
4. Impede, for the longest time possible, through the masonic and Jesuit resource of the "secrecy", the exteriorization of their doctrines and objectives, making difficult the investigation of their idealogical body, the independent analysis of their philosophy and the honest criticism of their confession. And it is not only the "secrecy" of their activities, but also the secrecy of the content, carefully preserved. Materials distributed to the participants are non-existent, as are films or recordings of the participants (in the Encounters).
5. Remove the obedience and faithfulness due to Christ, and direct it to the leaders of G12 and to the pastors who embrace the Vision.
6. Sustain and spread the heresies of mentalism and "positive faith".

3. Following the pyramidal system:

The fact that the whole structure of G12 is based on a pyramidal system, like the sales systems of ANWAY and others, is impressive. That is to say, every part has a principle leader at the vertex of the pyramid, whom the twelve under him would follow, and under each one of his twelve, twelve more, and so on successively.

Jesus of Nazareth was very clear in warning his disciples not to copy the leadership models of this world, and in doing so, refuted bluntly the notion of pyramidal schemes, that is to say, as in the case of G12, lifting up a man in the dome of twelve, and that each of the twelve should have their twelve, and so on. If the church of Jesus Christ came to completely adopt that system pretending to be of God (He does not want that!), who would be in the vertex of the enormous pyramid, Jesus of Nazareth or the founder of G12?

And now this G12 (Government of Twelve) is presented to us, giving us a magic recipe of super-results, organising themselves by 12, having 12 disciples, making the number 12 a fetish. Because the reality is that a very spiritualist philosophy has been mounted around the 12. Until the leader (a representation of Christ) does not have his twelve, he

is not complete and that is that, and he is led to believe as fact that his ministry is not going to flow as it will when he has His Twelve.

Bringing forward the millenium

But we should understand that the true "government of 12" should not be applied to this current dispensation, taking into account that the Messianic Kingdom has not yet been established, as the King Jesus Christ still has not come back in glory. Only then, when he returns in glory, will we be able to talk of an establishment of "twelve", given that only then will this planet experience a true Theocracy; never before. This is the reason why only Christ had his twelve, and as we all know, none of his disciples or apostles followed this dynamic of twelve, contrary to what Castellanos assures us.

The devil is a specialist in twisting the truth, and taking it out of its context so that it becomes a lie. It is only of the devil to try to bring forward the millenium to before its time, because what Satan intends is to raise up his Beast Antichrist so that he will reign for a thousand years (Rev 13). All this results in a false copy and mocks what our Lord Jesus Christ will do when he returns; to establish his kingdom (Rev 20), which we call the Millenium.

G12 is no more than an attempt to bring forward the Millenium in the purest Dominionist style. Castellanos writes the following in this respect: <<*That which God has given us is a vision to reach entire nations, to conquer the world for Christ. The time has come for the Christian people to change the course of history, impacting the whole planet...*>> 3

It is the old story of "Christianizing" the world, which the church of Rome attempted to do from the beginning of its existence, through the popes. But the true church of Jesus Christ is not here to "Christianize" all peoples, nor to "change the course of history", but to complete the Great Commision; preach the gospel, and make disciples of all nations, never to implement or establish the visible kingdom of Christ, neither by goodness, nor by force.

4. The celebrated Vision, and its spirit:

This is another term, that of the Vision, used extensively today in neopentecostal and charismatic circles. It is heard and declared so much that it requires our attention. The Vision is a concept especially cradled by G12.

The founder of G12, Cesar Castellanos, overall leader of the International Charismatic Mission of Bogota, Colombia, assures us that God Himself granted him to know the heart of the vision, according to him, the manner in which God will raise up the Church of Jesus Christ to total success in these days. He explains thus: <<*I called to the Lord: "Lord, I need something which can accelerate the growth of the congregation"; and the Lord showed me the concept now called G12, that is to say the Government of the 12.*>> 4

Curiously none of the seven churches which Jesus addressed in the Revelation reaches anything near the ideal, but nevertheless here a man is presented to us who says he has the formula to success, received directly from God. This revelation is called the *Vision*.

He is explicitly saying to us that before the Vision, the Church of Jesus Christ has failed greatly, it has not arrived at the grade of perfection which the master would have desired. Now, since the revelation of the Vision, things are going to change. Such that, every church or congregation which does not subject itself to the Vision is in rebellion against God, and consequently in serious danger of disappearing.

It is evident that all of this has to do with "new things" which it is said that God is doing, and that without doubt fall flat with that which we gather from the Bible (yet more when The Bible itself says that we should add nothing to that revealed within it).

Secrets and Power

The Vision of Castellanos bears within it two implicit things: "Secrets, and Power". The author argues in the following manner: *"G12 has been raised up by God to share with you the secrets of the Vision which God has confided in us". Now it is time that the Vision goes out in all the earth. It is my desire and fervent prayer that God will bless you and liberate you in the power of this Vision.*" 5

The founder of G12 assures us that he has in his possession the secrets (in plural) of the Vision and that they come from God. This is worrying. Implicitly, with this, he is saying two things:

1) That the Vision contains revelations that God has only granted his servant Castellanos to know, and that He is using him to spread these revelations which until now have been secret, openly contradicting that said in Hebrews 1:1,2 where the infallible Word of God tells us that in this dispensation God no longer speaks to us by the prophets as he did in the O:T., but through the Son. In a certain way, Castellanos has set himself up as mediator between God and His Church, and as administrator of the propagation of these so-called secrets.

2) That God, "contradicting Himself", has also decided to add new revelation to His word, which of course, he would have to include in the Bible, or at least interpret it as if it were there.

But there is more. He says that this Vision has power in itself. If it has power, we are talking of it having a spiritual force implicit in it. If this Vision, with its secrets included, is not of God, where does this power come from?...Are all these things which Castellanos teaches the "new things"; the "something new" which it is said God is doing in these last times? They believe that it is. This is the Vision!

But what they say about this "vision of the twelve" having always been in the Bible is not valid, because it is not so. Nothing in the New Testament record can be observed in this respect. It is only the understanding of man for man, and God has nothing to do with it.

Alarmingly, as we have already said, the Vision goes accompanied by its own spirit, called the "spirit of the Vision". But, if this vision is not of God, then we have to conclude that the spirit of it is not either. Perhaps for this, the concept Vision of G12 has been growing bigger and bigger and appearing more and more sacred, as time passes, coming to occupy a place of extreme privilege in the hearts and spirits of its proponents

and also of its followers, producing an effect of alarming repercussions in the ecclesiastical realm. That is, a division is being produced from a vision.

Repercussions

In these days, for G12 enthusiasts, the Vision, as they call it, is everything. You are either in it, or out of it. This is so much so that they dare to affirm that all those who do not want to enter into the Vision will be disappearing from the church scene, and those that criticise, will receive punishment from above, because not only do they not accept what God has revealed, but they are rebels to the said Vision.

For what we see, this whole question is acquiring tinges of fanaticism, and it is getting out of hand. This is typical of all the beginnings of a sectarian type, so common in these situations, but it hurts to see it in the context of beloved brothers who have been trapped, many times by their own ingenuity, and, why not say so, by insufficient knowledge of the scriptures, or perhaps for scarce application of it, giving greater ear and attention to supposed revelations and dreams of some enlightened people, more than to the Word of God itself (1Tim.4:1). It is not in vain that the scriptures warn us saying that the heart of man is deceitful and perverse (Jer.17:9), and that as servants of God, we cannot trust in our hearts alone.

The great tragedy of all this is that many beloved brothers and co-servants have put "all the meat in the oven of G12". And when I say all, I mean all, up to their own faith in Jesus Christ and his work. One day they were "rebaptised" in the Vision, and in the "power of the Vision", and entered in that moment in a very subtle dynamic, absolutely opposed to the simplicity, truth and Spirit of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ; and if you believe I am exaggerating, just give it a little time, and you will realize.

5. About the celebrated "Encounters":

In the Encounters, those who converted through methods previous to G12 are led to the Vision, that is, to make the transition from their faith to G12. They call this to transit, or to receive the Vision.

The Encounter is a three-day retreat held at a week-end, being preceded and followed by four meetings, normally weekly (called pre-encounter and post-encounter). They are nine hours of conversations accompanied by extreme disciplinary rigour, including prohibition of intercommunication, which causes a strong emotional reaction.

About alien foundations

Attention to this: Regarding functioning, it is important to observe that G12 is a movement which does not require the participants of an Encounter to be members of the church which arranges the event. Thus it is possible to be one of the twelve of a particular leader and remain a member of a historical church which has not taken on the G12 model. In this form, the movement, through its Encounters, has a more efficient penetration in the heart of the churches, and allows the leaders of the region to exercise control over members of other churches without them cutting themselves off from them.

Is the forementioned biblical? No, it isn't. The apostle Paul himself left it very clear: <<*And in this way I forced myself to preach the gospel, not where Christ had already been named, to not build on another man's foundation*>> (Romans 15:20) And notwithstanding, G12 builds on another man's foundation.

Of the spirit and works of the Jesuits

Ignacio de Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, the armed wing of the Vatican, sought mental self-flagellation, cried and hurt for its carnal sins, as also the "evangelical" G12 proposes that people cry for their sins in an open mental self-flagellation, including for those which were already forgiven and that God had forgotten, casting them to the bottom of the sea (Mt.7:19).

Brother Oscar Barudi, student of G12, comments about this: <<Doesn't the Lord say that our prayers should not be vain repetitions?: <<And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions, like the gentiles, who think that they will be heard for their many words>>; however, G12 suggests that they repeat them until they are tired: "I am a sinner, I am a sinner, I am a sinner...">>, this is an exact replica of the theology and mental self-flagellation of Loyola>>. We continue.

Some points about the Encounters

The Encounter Manual used by G12 expresses: The leader should **"Lead each person to recognise that he is a sinner and to confess the sins that are still to be confessed"**. Everyone should participate in this, including those already saved.

It goes on: The leader should **"Promote brokenness with deliverance from the ramifications of sin, through prayer"**. How can a man produce brokenness in another man? Isn't it the work of the Holy Spirit?

On the other hand, Are sins forgiven through prayer, and through much praying? We would believe that sins are forgiven by placing faith in the work of the Cross, confessing them once, and separating ourselves from evil (repentance). Prayer can never forgive sins, nor the continual confession of them per se! That is no more than a sterile penitance, a teaching of Roman Catholicism.

The Encounter manual says: **"5. Nobody can be received into an Encounter after the ministration of the first night. Such a thing is expressly forbidden. In the case of a person not being able to go from the first night, he should wait in prayer for the opportunity that God will give him to do the whole encounter"**

What is this due to? A strange thing that is not without reason, the G12 manual says that if a person for any motive cannot attend the Encounter from its beginning he cannot be part of it once the Encounter has been started. Why? Will it not be because such a person will not have been submitted to some washing of the soul, and to enter 'cold' would be able to perceive the errors of certain practices?

Nevertheless those who participate from the beginning will have already fallen into the 'hypnotic frequency', under the "spirit of the Vision".

However, the Encounter Manual says about the Encounter: **"The coming of people who have not passed through the Pre-encounter is expressly prohibited"**. It is not presented as a suggestion, but as an imposition. But there is more: It says this: **"The presence of third parties in the place of the Encounter should be prohibited, so that all can proceed well"**.

We ask just one thing here; what is it that they guard so much? Why such mystery if they only talk about the Bible and its truths? The evangelical churches do not do such things. We never saw such things, everything is always done openly before the unconverted, very confident that nothing is hidden, and now these people in G12 come with all this veiling. They are hiding something.

Let us see regarding the testimony of Pastor Luis Padilla of the Dominican Republic 6: <<*It is of significant importance that before participating in an Encounter, they have to make a vow of silence. Nobody can talk to anyone during the two and a half days of this Encounter, and nobody should give details about what is done there to other people who have not participated*>>.

It is evident that the reason for the secrecy, as others say, and in the mode of Opus Dei, is not to promote curiosity thus making causing the believers to be interested and to participate in these Encounters. On the other hand, only this in itself would be manipulation, for which, without realizing it, they are giving reasons which are sin. The reason for the secrecy is on the other hand more sinister. That is to say, not to divulge what is really being done, because in these Encounters unbiblical practises are carried out. This is the thing.

My attention was called to one of the reasons why the Assemblies of God in Portugal reject G12. Their motive is to do with the Encounters. Those of the Assemblies of God come to say that they cannot accept in any way one of the many points of the G12 teaching, namely that: "*All the Christian life until the Encounter is invalid. It is only after the Encounter that a person begins to live in the true dimension of the Spirit*". As we see, in these Encounters, if one is already a Christian, he has to "reconvert". This is crazy! What does one have to reconvert to? The true answer is: To the "spirit of the Vision", which evidently, is not the Spirit of Christ.

6. About the lack of Bible knowledge in G12:

We read in (Rev.22.7)<<*Behold, I come soon! Blessed is he who guards the words of prophecy of this book*>>.

Christ is already at the door. This is why it is necessary for us to keep, that is to say, study, pay attention and put into operation, that which has been revealed to us in this book of the Bible, the Revelation (besides all the others). Anything less than this will result in loss with respect to eternal blessing. It is for that reason that we have to locate and discount all those doctrines which take us away from revealed truth in this book of Revelation.

To the contrary, Cesar Castellanos says the following in his book: <<Successful Leadership Through The Twelve>>: <<*First we finish a program with teaching about hermeneutics, homiletics, eschatology etc., but the results did not go according to the need of the church, because people filled their minds with knowledge, but did not bear fruit*>>

This is implausible. How is the study of the Bible not going to be useful? Eschatology is the part of Theology which studies the last things; that is to say, biblical prophecy. For Castellanos to say that the study and application of eschatology only fills the mind with knowledge and does not bear fruit is significant. The book of Revelation is eschatology.

To neglect prophecies which have to do with the end times is a grave error, and the book of Revelation deals mainly with this. What Castellanos says is a commentary which takes away from many the interest in something which the Word of God itself emphasises. We take into account what the Bible itself says in the book of Revelation:

<<I testify to him that hears the words of prophecy of this book; if anyone adds to these things, God will bring upon him the plagues which are written in this book. And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the book of life, and from the holy city and the things which are written in this book.>> (22:18). In general, in the centre of G12, the teaching of the Bible almost shines for its absence. This is very serious.

7. About dreams as a language of the Spirit:

With regard to this, we should mention here the following about Castellanos, who speaks to us about dreams. According to Cesar Castellanos, God had told him by prophecy in February of 1983: *“Dream, dream with a great church, because dreams are the language of my Spirit. The church you have to pastor will be as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand of the sea, whose multitude will be uncountable”*. In that same vision, God had asked him: *“What church would you like to pastor?”* From his experiences, he observed that those which have success are those which have learned to “dream”.

The Bible exhorts us to believe God when He says something, but he does not exhort us to dream and believe that what we dream on our own account and risk, is that which God will end up doing, simply because we have dreamed. Nevertheless, Castellanos teaches that, by the use of dreams, all of us can provoke changes in the real world, bringing that which we incubate in our minds into reality. In affirming that the *“world is of dreamers”*, he defines a condition by which we receive everything from God: We dare to dream. 8

This affirmation contrasts with what the Bible says: *“and this is the confidence that we have in him, if we ask anything, according to his will, He hears us”*(1Jn.5:14). Clearly the Word teaches us that what we ask should go in harmony with the will of God so that we can receive it, and always, being like this, God will do in his time, and not in ours. In the final account, He is God, isn't He?

Absolutely no passage exists in the Bible which can be used to endorse the affirmation that *“dreams are the language of the Spirit of God”*. There is a big difference between receiving visions and dreams from God and developing our own. This perverted gospel, as pastor David Wilkerson confirmed, seeks to transform men into gods. It is said to them: *“Your destiny is in the power of the mind...transform your dreams into reality using the power of the mind”*.

What remains clear once and for all is that God will not abdicate his sovereignty in favour of the supposed power of our minds. That is plain and simple “mentalism, “we have the mind of Christ!” The mind of Christ is not materialist or individualist; it is not centred on success and riches, not even in intended, although absent, Christian activities. The mind of Christ centres in the glory of God and in obedience to his Word.

We understand that it is not biblical to affirm that *“dreams are the language of the Spirit*

of God", although God speaks many times through dreams. Thus, we should never fabricate our own dreams and expect God to fulfil them, however well intentioned they may seem to us.

When a dream, as Castellanos encourages saying that it is the "language of the Spirit", a whole series of mechanisms of many types is put into action: mental, emotional, carnal, spiritual etc. The Bible warns us that our heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jer.17:9), so how are we going to make out that the will of God can really be done through our dreams? Gos said through the prophet Isaiah: <<*Because my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts*>> (Is.55:8,9)

If his thoughts and his ways are extremely higher than ours, how are we going to compare our dreams with his? The apostle Paul exclaims before the greatness of God: <<*O the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements, and inexcrutable his ways!*>> (Rom.11:33)

How can we dare to compare our little dreams with his wisdom, knowledge, judgements, ways and will? I can dream, and put all my faith in my children becoming great Ministers of the Gospel. I can dream, and dream and dream, and believe and believe these dreams, but will this bring it into being if God has other plans for them? Or, could I continue "believing" in my dreams, if I knew that God had something else for my children? What is more important, that my will be done, or the will of God? If we do not even know how to ask as we should (Rom.8:26), how are we going to make out that through our dreams things are going to become what we dream? This is called mysticism, and is no more than a religious unreality, related to ancestral gnosticism.

The Holy Spirit can speak to us through dreams (case of Joseph, son of Jacob), so these dreams, being from God, are made real if we continue faithful. But God has never told us that "dreams are the language of his Spirit". The language of his Spirit is his written Word. The Holy Spirit will always make us know what is from the Father (Jn.16:13), be it through the same written word, or through prayer, through visions, dreams, his spiritual gifts, etc. His will, and that is what should really matter to us, and not our own, however well intentioned it may become.

"Dreams are dreams"(Calderon de la Barca). Whoever makes us believe that we do the will of God by dreaming, give attention to that said by the prophet Jeremiah: God said: <<*I have heard what those prophets said, prophesying lies in my name, saying: dream, dream. How long will it be in the heart of the prophets that they prophesy lies, and that they prophesy the deceit of their own heart?*>> (Jer.23:25,26)

Speaking of Visualization

And if by dreaming, what is meant is to imagine, then we continue speaking about it. Visualisation is a very extended concept, not only in G12, but in many others of the charismatic and neopentecostal court. Imagine a thing, something that you desire, and believe that that which you imagine or "visualize" will come to pass, incubating it in the spirit, and later, transporting it from the spiritual world to the material world. It doesn't stop being an element foreign to the Word, and of clear oriental origin.

The followers of the New Age do these things. This technique is very well known amongst occultists, and is a path by which many demons come and go, like genies, as from Aladdin's lamp, all of them very busy, trying to fulfil the dreams and desires of the insensitive who believe that the devil has nothing to do with all this, that everything is a product of their faith. Notwithstanding, it does not cease to surprise us that there are famous ministers of the Gospel who encourage everyone to do these things. This is what was said by one of them: <<*Through visualisation and dreaming, you can incubate your future and obtain results*>> 9

8. About the fruit of G12:

Jesus said: from your fruits they will know you. We see the real work and fruit of G12 up to now, observing it in churches which have embraced the "Vision": (based on the writings of Oscar Barudi)

1. It minimizes the redemptive work of Christ when in the pre-encounters they teach and direct the people to feel pain for their sins (which were already forgiven and forgotten by the Lord), seeking in all that a false contrition and self-condemnation, like that experienced and taught by Ignacius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. In this way they mock the human being who seeks God sincerely.
2. It exalts sin, the sad past and obscures people.
3. It lifts the pastor and the leaders to an exaggerated position such that in the psyches of the adepts to G12 there is more fear of their leaders than of God Himself.
4. It depreciates the Christians who are not in the G12 program.
5. It mocks the Word of God by applying the systematized form in the Encounter manual and of other books which they use, they contain the Word within fixed margins, through phrases and recitations which have to be repeated in a mechanical form by the congregation (this reminds us a lot of Roman Catholicism).
6. In the Encounters, in the manual they "bind" the Holy Spirit, fixing hours and minutes in which he has to work and submit himself to the orders of the ministers, as if God was found ready to receive orders from humans.
7. It mocks the open and clear Gospel proclaimed in the gospel by Jesus, apostles and other preachers who hid nothing, so that human modes would not rule, but expounding the Word of God obediently and where the gospel is explained in simplicity.
8. In the local church it changes the way of celebrating services and meetings, and priorities change.
9. In the meeting or meetings which are held weekly it is emphasised tiringly the necessity and obligation to attend the pre-Encounters, Encounters and post-Encounters.
10. People are motivated with encouraging words and if this is not enough they touch the ego of the brothers, phrases and biblical verses are used out of context to pressurise saying things like God needs bold people and that cowards will live in the wilderness, once again making use and abuse of psychological pressure.

11. They ask people to commit themselves to carry the Vision forward, and that those who do not do so are rebels, unproductive, cowards and every type of denigration.

12. Access to the principal pastor is restrained, everyone has to subject themselves almost with fear to their leaders and confess to them their worries, problems and sins.

13. Aims are fixed for the cells, win a predetermined number of new adepts in a certain time and if the cell has low results changes and corrections are made. This seems more like an organised sales business (like Anway) than a church.

14. In the services the pastors do not preach anything but the Vision and similar, that they have to work and produce the Vision.

15. Other particular activities of a church are reduced or annulled, such as Bible studies, doctrine, children's and young people's programs. They are relegated to second or third level, and it is not important to study the Bible deeply. The priority passes to G12 and the cellular vision. The method comes to occupy first place and not Jesus and his foundation in the Bible, and it is here that sooner or later comes the split, many leave unable to conform to the abandonment of the Word of God as the authority.

The defenders of G12 will say that it is not like that, that for them the Bible continues to be important, but in practise this is not so. The negation of the Bible and of Christ is not verbal, but is realised by acts in which the Vision is prioritized and by their pre-elaborated texts like the Encounter manual.

16. Another change that we have noted is the deification of the pastor, who does not accept criticism related to the Vision, and say that the Vision cannot be revised, that there is no other alternative, no plan B, G12 and only G12. It generates and installs the concept that churches that do not embrace the Vision are on their way to disappearing.

17. All the activities and funds of the local church revolve around G12.

18. They make out that the new convert develops and obtains growth in record time, approximately three months. The new convert did not read half of the Bible but was bombarded with the concepts and rules of G12 and now is ready to capture adepts. How ridiculous! We agree that a new convert from the moment that he accepts Jesus can testify to others about his faith but we do not accept that this can be seen as if it were a business.

9. Concluding:

There is much more that could be said about G12 and that we shall surely say in some future article, such as for example the extreme subjectivism; how Biblical passages are applied in much detail, with meanings absolutely alegorical, and a long etc., but everything commented up to now is sufficient, warning all brothers and workers who fear God, who base nthemelves much in the Word of God, seeking truly the leading of the Holy Spirit, before following that system of G12, or "model", as Castellanos likes to call it, or thinking of adopting it, or actually adapting it. Not everything that glitters is gold, and so we do not forget the wise and prophetic words of our Lord Jesus, when he said: <<*For false Christs will arise, and false prophets, and will do great signs and wonders, such that they will deceive, if possible, the very elect*>> (Mt. 24:24).

God bless you all.

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5. Cesar Castellanos "First Word"
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9. Paul Yonggi Cho, "The Fourth Dimension", p 44

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