

## Azusa Redux: Lou Engle, Greg Laurie uniting denominations?

“Can you believe with us that denominations will unite, that the races could come together, that God could make us one, as the antidote to the terrific division in our day? Could you believe with us for stadium Christianity where signs and wonders are breaking out and mass evangelism explodes across our country- the Third Great Awakening?”



Lou Engle

So asks NAR-affiliated false teacher Lou Engle, founder of the ["Azusa Now: The Call"](#) set for April 9th at the LA Coliseum. "We are believing for an outbreak of God's glory that will touch the Lord on this day! If we move together, we can see a shift in the body of Christ, unto a day of greater healings and a great awakening for America!"

When Azusa Now calls all denominations, it includes the Church of Rome:

"In the invisible realm, intercessors of every stripe—evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal and Catholic—felt the silver cord tremble in our hands. If prayerless vacuums have been responsible for eventually swallowing every previous revival, then the patient wisdom of God has been made plain. The Holy Spirit has preemptively architected a massive, global Worship-Prayer-and-Missions movement. Could this sustain the next wave in perpetuity unto His return? Since any true awakening brings enormous pressure and conflict, the next great revival now has a global anchor in prayer." (Source: [Charisma Magazine](#), "Azusa Now: The Power of the Silver Cord Between Heaven and Earth.")

Engle is calling for 120,000 bodies in seats to bring about a huge revival:

<https://youtu.be/udHrFAFexdo>

### **The Bible warned us about this**

This might be a good time to remind readers that Jesus never promised a giant outpouring of revival, but rather a giant falling away from the true faith. The Bible does, however, talk about a *false revival*. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 tells us of a coming counterfeit revival before the return of the Lord that will be both of such magnitude as to deceive the whole world and of such persuasion as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

### **Who's Lou?**

Engle emerged from the [Kansas City Prophets](#) and [Latter Rain movement](#), and was a senior leader of IHOP (International House of Prayer). Engle's Azusa Now signs and wonders revival was inspired by dreams, visions and extra-biblical prophecies. He claims that a friend had a dream telling him to buy 5 plane tickets on United Airlines that would expire 1080 days after the dream. Engle says "United Airlines" represents God's desire for denominational unity. They did some date forecasting, and figured God was telling them to gather people April 9, 2016, the 110th anniversary of the Azusa Street revival.



William J. Seymour initiated his historic Pentecostal Revival meeting in Los Angeles

### **Azusa's frightening "signs"**

In 1906, the so called "Azusa Revival" kicked off the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement in the United States, with more than 500 million Pentecostal and charismatic believers across the globe - making it the fastest-growing form of Christianity today. Here's what one newspaper reporter observed:

"They cry and make howling noises all day and into the night. They run, jump, shake all over, shout to the top of their voice, spin around in circles, fall out on the sawdust blanketed floor jerking, kicking and rolling all over it. Some of them pass out and do not move for hours as though they were dead. These people appear to be mad, mentally deranged or under a spell. They claim to be filled with the spirit.

Here are two letters provided by [Mark Jefferies](#): In the first, Pastor Greg Laurie and Harvest America recently invited Calvary Chapel pastors to a "Pastor's Brunch" to "Connect and catch the vision for Azusa Now".

From: [REDACTED]

Original was addressed to a Calvary Chapel Pastor  
- name withheld by request

From: Harvest Crusades [mailto:harvest@harvestevents.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:17 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Los Angeles Pastor's Brunch

Harvest Crusades would like to make you aware of an opportunity coming to the LA Coliseum. Our friends at The Call with Lou Engle are hosting an amazing event called AzusaNow at the LA Coliseum. We encourage you to **RSVP now for their upcoming Pastors Brunch being held on Wednesday, January 20th** to learn more about this great opportunity.

Dear Pastor,

As a pastor, you are on the leading edge of what God is doing in our city. Can I be honest? Many see and proclaim the doom of America, and it is hard to argue with their assessment. Our cities and nation face many deeply troubling trends in our social, moral and political character. And yet...

- *I believe the manifest destiny of America* remains strong in the purpose of God.
- *I believe our best days are ahead*, not behind. The church will rise and shine, because even when we are faithless, He remains faithful.
- *I believe Los Angeles is a powerful revival well* that can turn our entire nation back to God.
- Perhaps most pointedly, *I believe revival is real, ripe and ready*, but we must consciously choose to walk it out in faith. We must move from waiting and praying, to believing and acting.

Attached you will find a letter inviting you to a free brunch I am hosting on January 20, 2016. I would love to share **the vision for AzusaNow**, a gathering of possibly 100,000+ coming to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum next spring **on the 110th anniversary of the Azusa outpouring**. I want you to know the plan for mass evangelism in our city, and the opportunity for local churches to bring in a great harvest. Let me be clear: this is not a fundraiser. **Rather, it's a time to connect and impart the vision** for how this gathering can transform our city and possibly serve as a catalyst toward the next great Jesus Movement. Please read the letter and watch **THIS VIDEO** for a quick understanding of our vision.

**Los Angeles Pastor's Brunch with Lou Engle**

**Where:** Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (Hall of Fame)

**Date:** January 20th, 2016

**Time:** 10am - Noon

Will you join us for brunch and a time of prayer together? I look forward to seeing you. Please RSVP below so I know you are coming. Brothers and sisters, only a united church can save a divided nation! Now is the time for the church to arise!

Seating capacity is limited, so RSVP by January 6th. If you would like to quickly learn more about partnering with us, register as part of our **Los Angeles Partner Coalition**.

Thank you!

For unity and the sake of revival in our day!

Lou Engle, Founder  
TheCall, Inc



In this previous Harvest letter, leaders are promoting joining with local Catholic churches toward the vision of unity:

Date: Thu, 1 Sep 2011 15:02:46 -0700  
From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fw: RE: Harvest Online Contact Submission - [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]

--- On Thu, 8/2/07, Jeff Dietz <JeffD@harvest.org> wrote:

From: Jeff Dietz <JeffD@harvest.org>  
Subject: RE: Harvest Online Contact Submission - [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2007, 3:07 PM

Dear [REDACTED]  
Thank you for your email. My name is Jeff Dietz and I am one of Pastor Greg's associate pastors. Thank you for your kind comments and may God minister to you and through you as you learn & grow, in part through Harvest Ministries. We have had involvement from local Catholic churches as they have seen the vision of reaching the lost with the gospel message. Though there may be doctrinal differences between many participating churches, what we have in common is the message of the gospel that saves and changes lives. All participating churches are familiar with and accept what Harvest believes and why we believe it.

As Pastor Greg waits upon the Lord and prepares for the messages each night of the Crusade, one thing he does not consider is who of the participating churches might be offended by what he shares. What he focuses his prayer upon is hearing from God through His Word and faithfully presenting the Good News of the gospel complete and without reservation. As Romans 1:16 says....  
Rom 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" NKJV

Therefore in regards to your examples, Pastor Greg will not in any way "shy away from" Scriptures like 1 Timothy 2:5 that says "...there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" or Hebrews 9:27 saying..."It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." For, as I mentioned earlier His message will be based upon that which the Lord directs him to in His Word.

I hope this answers your question, if you have further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

May God richly bless you as you seek to grow in your relationship with Him.

Jeff Dietz  
Associate Pastor  
Harvest Christian Fellowship

Meanwhile, Engle says that getting youth to fill the stadium is the key to bringing a revival and great harvest of souls that [only a "united church"](#) can accomplish:

<https://youtu.be/kK-P5gq6uQM>

Ahead of this event in April are several significant "pre-rallies" in [Des Moines](#), Iowa and Madison, Wisconsin, headed by Engle and **Matt Sorger**, who claims to "move powerfully" in signs, wonders and miracles. "Get ready to receive an impartation at the [Global Presence Center in Madison](#)."

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