

Megashift

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The 1700-year nightmare is over. This is not another book highlighting the eradication of Christian piety and rehashing the overpowering evil that seems to rule society. Rutz's refreshing outlook illuminates an upsurge of power and activity in the body of Christ. A megashift of spiritual power into the hands of ordinary people is about to overwhelm the world and put it into vastly better shape. Prepare yourself to take part in a total makeover of Planet Earth! Discover a new world where... Over a billion non-Christians may become highly active Christians in the next dozen years. A whole new form of Christianity promises to bring a far greater impact than the Protestant Reformation. Millions of ordinary people are doing miracles. God has brought hundreds of people back from the dead, mostly in the last 15 years. These are not near-death experiences, but real resurrections of actual corpses. A shift from spectator religion Megashift not only documents a wide range of miracles, but also spotlights hundreds of thousands of house-church teams around the globe that are producing a new culture of responsible freedom. In these teams, people are allowed to speak and interact. They often form deep friendships, dump their heaviest problems, turn into free and powerful spearheads of worldwide change, and get connected with God and man in ways that almost defy description. This is a Megashift away from spectator religion. 8% Growth Per Year There is a hidden world that already has 707 million evangelical/charismatic Christians who are growing by an incredible 8% a year. In the center of this shockwave are roughly 100 million informal networks of committed circles who run their own show without buildings, paid pastors, or sermons. Megashift is a startling introduction to that surge of grass roots power and love, which is forming the culture you will soon live in. Sample Chapter titles include: 1.) The New Kingdom Explosion: Exciting miracles and church growth. Rutz tells how the kingdom of God is expanding exponentially! 2.) The New Engines of Change: 10 Rediscovered Forces Behind it all. This exciting chapter shows how God is pouring His power into new believers and what brought about this radical change. 3.) The New Saints: 7 Signs of Today's Overcomers. A new kind of disciple is breaking away from the sidelines of Christianity--one who is liberated, proactive, and empowered. 4.) The New Church: 30 Hallmarks of Emerging, Scripture-based Congregations. Today churches all over are going back to a biblical basis. Rutz illuminates what defines these churches and explains their unique characteristics. Finally, here is a positive book focusing not on the depravity and hopelessness of the world, but highlighting the change that Christians are making worldwide. This book will boost every Christian's confidence and motivate all to get off the sidelines and participate in the work of Christ. About the Author James Rutz is an author, advertising copywriter, columnist, teacher, pioneer thinker, chronicler of the miraculous, spokesman for the worldwide House Church community...and all-around humble guy. Brace Yourself for a Total Makeover of Planet Earth The world is changing hands - for the last time. It is not a mere shift in power, but a total transformation in how things happen. For centuries, tyrants and generals have swept across the Earth, crushing and raising empires. But 2003 probably saw the last war of massed armies. Military technology can now fry a million field troops in days. In fact, all our centralized power structures are morphing into something else. Traditional, top-down systems are turning into gigantic, bottom-up co-ops.

The driving institutions of society are the family, religion, government, economy, military, science & technology, agriculture, business & industry, education, media & communication.

and law- plus ancillary fields like medicine, sports, entertainment and the arts.

All of their structures have taken major hits in our lifetime. All (except law) have been decentralized, demystified, and democratized. All of them are about to be overwhelmed and put in vastly better shape by a kind of power you probably wrote off years ago: the spirit.

The Great Game is all about power and control. Till now, the main weapons in that game were knowledge, wealth, and force (also known as technology, money and violence). But now, as you read this book, you will see the unfolding of the main event, the great transfer of power. Time is up, and God is taking over - with a little help from His friends.

The new world force is an alliance between the Holy Spirit and our own human spirits. The main facets of this force are love, truth, wisdom, and a miracle-working spiritual power that has nothing to do with guns, gold or governments.

Until our generation, this force was held back or shot down by friendly fire - the traditional church. To be a Christian was to be subject to the stained-glass hierarchy and absorbed into its endless programs.

Now there's a new ball game in town, and it has started in the ninth inning. So pull up a chair and prepare to be astonished. Or better yet, grab a uniform and get into the action. Welcome to the endgame of God.

Jim Rutz is the leading U.S. spokesman for open Christianity, a startling innovation on the traditional church that is laying a whole new basis for civilization. his megashift to a new, responsible society is attracting thousands in North America who want a lot more from their faith than a warm pew, a commercial-grade sermon, Nashville-level music, and a Brownie-point religion that may or may not get you into Heaven, depending on whether God grades on a curve. Rutz's open Christianity solves the three biggest problems of the church, he says: We've gotten rid of all the expensive buildings and paid pastors. Plus, you never have to listen to another sermon. This is the next step up from Protestantism. As the author of the 1992 best-seller *The Open Church* (230,000 sold, counting all editions), Rutz appeared on more than 80 TV and radio stations, up to and including TBN and CBN (Pat Robertson on *The 700 Club*). He is chairman of Open Church Ministries and has been a full-time writer for 31 years. Sales of his newest book, *MEGASHIFT: Igniting Spiritual Power*, could pass half a million and create demand for well over a hundred interviews. It's a shocker. Among other things, Rutz's research has found 51 countries where God has raised people from the dead, mostly in the last 15 years (all footnoted, some with photos). These are not near-death experiences, but bona fide resurrections of corpses. Rutz (rhymes with klutz, he says) has an endless stream of astounding but documented reports of varied miracles from around the world. Your audience will be spellbound. But far more important, Rutz and his house-church friends are offering your fans a doable new 24/7 lifestyle where lives get straightened out, long-standing problems get solved, wimps turn into world-changers, and everyone experiences the strong presence of God. The miracles are being done by ordinary people worldwide millions of them. For example, China already has over 110 million Christians who are authorized to take power roles in the church. And since 2001, Rutz has

taught former Hindus across India who have now planted perhaps over 10,000 house churches. The revolution is headed this way, and he is ready to tell your audience how they can change their lives by starting or joining a family-like, interactive, highly participatory team.

Other Books

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