

The Practical Side of Research or Spiritual Mapping 2011 Edition

The process of Spiritual mapping is like putting a giant puzzle together. We like using this analogy because it helps to clarify the process. **If our city is a giant puzzle then the HISTORY of the city makes up the Pieces to our puzzle.**

The first thing we do when putting a puzzle together is to:

1. Lay all the pieces of the puzzle out on the table right side up.
2. Then we identify the 4 corners of the puzzle & put them in place
3. And we're ready to put the edges of the puzzle in place
4. Then we can begin filling in the center with the HUNDREDS of pieces

Each step of spiritual mapping correlates to each of these steps in putting a puzzle together.

The research done in Spiritual Mapping looks at the historical wounds and strongholds of a city and will continue to come back to 3 basic questions:

1. What is wrong with the community?
2. Where did the problem come from?
3. What can be done to make things better?

Step 1: A brief historical report

A brief historical report is equivalent to laying all the puzzle pieces on the table and turning them right side up. This report CAN (but does not necessarily have to) include a chronology. A chronology includes key dates listed in chronological order with a one-sentence description of the event.

The brief historical report will take longer to compile than the chronology, and it should contain enough detail so that it becomes apparent why an item is important to the region. Before attempting to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem, Nehemiah carefully surveyed the damage. We must get the big picture before running to the battle. Neh 2:13

In preparing a historical overview your looking for the influential streams. We call these influences Confluent and Contouring Events. Confluent events are the influences that flow into the community from the OUTSIDE. Contouring events are the INTERNAL flow of the community itself. You will need to look at both the confluent—or external—events and the contouring—or internal—events as you do your historical overview.

People who study the impact of confluent and contouring events are called cultural geographers. Cultural geographers usually write books and papers that deal with a much wider subject matter than you are looking for, but often they will include information that parallels the influences found in your region.

The Brief Historical report gives an overview of your area and includes events that helped to shape your community. The earliest days in a city's founding are important because one of Satan's main strategies is to interfere with the process of birth. Look for such things as:

- The ancient people who inhabited the region, their religion and world-view
- original founders, their vision for the city and their worldview
- significant wars, disasters, massacres and epidemics that effected the area,
- church beginnings, and revivals
- discoveries, foundings, inventions and firsts of all kinds.
- a geographical overview

Interesting Information is not necessarily relevant information—stick with relevant information. Look for things that indicate the moral and spiritual choices a region has made; events that affected the city or region as a whole, and played a major role in defining the life and character of the community.

Intercessors often don't even look at the puzzle pieces the researchers find, but they should be praying along with the research team to turn the puzzle pieces right side up.

Step 2: Establishing the boundaries of your mapping assignment.

Setting your parameters equates to setting the 4 corners of your puzzle in place.

Don't use prevailing civic and political boundaries. Your boundaries are determined by God's assignments, and pre-existing pacts that only the Lord knows about. These pacts or covenants effect your entire city. Let God show you what your boundaries are—they are rarely where we assume. Often geopolitical boundaries have no social or spiritual significance whatsoever. Prayer initiatives that use these arbitrary boundaries may be addressing issues that have no significance in the spiritual dimension, and are of no consequence to the Lord.

According to Acts 17:26, our boundaries are set by God Himself, Who places us in a city when, and where He wants. Paul talked about the boundaries God had set for him in 2 Cor 10:13-15 referring to the limits of his commission; not overstepping the limits of his province. Paul called these boundaries his sacred portion. Be flexible about establishing the city boundaries; allow God to Unfold His wisdom for you.

- Ask the Lord to show you city's SACRED PORTION.
- What territory has the Lord specifically given you responsibility for?
- What territory has the Lord specifically given your city responsibility for?

Step 3: Character Mapping

By this time we should be able to confidently identify the Redemptive Gift of our city known as Character Mapping, which equates to putting the edges of your puzzle in place. Determining your city's redemptive gift is even more important than discerning the nature of evil principalities.

We need to take a look at both sides of the same coin: both the Redemptive Gift of the city, and the perversion of it. Principalities rule through perverting the gift of a city in the same way an individual's gift is turned to the enemy's use through sin. However, we don't have to find every evil entity in the city—only those that pervert the gift and feed the foundational stronghold.

Once you know the Redemptive Gift of the city you will automatically know what the stronghold of the city is. From God's perspective, it is the character of a city that distinguishes it; a community will be known for its fruit:

- Jerusalem was known for stoning its prophets rather than its pure teaching and worship.
- Ephesus was not known for her well-run government, her world-renowned port or magnificent library, but for her goddess, Artemis.
- Babylon means "Gate of the god", and was probably known as a leading center of politics, education and religion,
- But God saw it as "a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit."
- God gave Babylon a character description in Rev. 17:5 when he called it the "Mother of Harlots."
- Nineveh was known as the "mistress of sorceries" Nah. 3:4
- Pergamum became known as the "seat of Satan" Rev 2:13

Even today we identify a city by its character, and quite often its negative:

- Las Vegas, Nevada is known as "Sin City",
- San Francisco is known for its militant homosexuality
- New Orleans is known for its occult spirits related to Mardi Gras.

Once you have completed the Character Mapping you have the framework for the rest of your project. We call this framework or frame of reference the "PICTURE ON THE TOP OF THE PUZZLE BOX". This "picture" is what you will continually refer back to for the remainder of the prayer effort, and it becomes the foundation for your intercessory work.

Therefore, a level of excellence in laying these foundations will be pay off in the future—invest time doing character mapping.

Step 4: Focused Intercession

This equates to filling in the center with the HUNDREDS of pieces of the puzzle. From this point on we begin filling in the framework of our puzzle. Positive social reformation will only grow out of territory gained in the unseen realm. 2 Chron 7:14

Research must now be “tailored made” to discover what has hindered the Redemptive Gift God placed in your city—we must move from random to accurate prayer. Where there is no vision, the people perish. We cannot call a city to repentance without calling it to its ongoing purpose and design. The gospel awakens the gift. The focus of research and intercession can now be narrowed to discover the specific strongholds which are designed to hinder the city’s particular gift. No more shot gun praying from this point on.

We need to remember that God is not after perfection—demanding we get everything exactly right; He’s looking for obedience through intimacy. We need to learn deep dependence on the One who knows where the walls of the city are broken down, and get into agreement with Him regarding the specific redemptive assignment He has given to the city. Every city and nation was created to excel at something specific, but we must be in alignment with our assignment before stepping into that excellence.

Many mapping projects attempt to begin right here--by trying to place the hundreds of puzzle pieces inside an unknown boundary, having no frame of reference. It’s the PICTURE on the TOP of the BOX that gives you the shape, the color, the content and the context of your puzzle. Zeal is not an assignment, and rabbit trails end up in holes—stay focused on the assignment at hand.

SPIRITUAL MAPPING REPORTS

We all need Reference Points to survive. Airport beacons bring us down to earth in a safe place. Road signs tell us what highway we are on or that the bridge ahead has been washed out. Barbed-wire fences warn that we have approached a territory that we should not enter. Map locators in the Shopping Mall helps keep our husbands sane. All these things give us a frame of reference so we can get our bearings; they help us to know which direction to go.

Just like road signs, barbed wire and airport beacons, the Process of Spiritual Mapping also has its useful Reference tools. Spiritual Mapping is a multi-leveled discipline. It helps to be familiar with the TOOLS God has put in our hands.

4 Basic Types or Layers of Spiritual Mapping Reports; clarifying the research process:

1) The Profile:

The profile serves as an aid to prayer walking initiatives, reconciliation walks, and marches. The Profile is a birds eye view without the details. This report is a non-standardized, brief local history, and includes such things as: historical or social bondages, (such as the treatment of migrating peoples and social trends or current problems (things like abortion or racist gatherings).

A good profile can be done in 2-4 weeks and often includes prayer directives provided by the research. What is said and done on these prayer walks needs to be journaled.

- Prayer walks are what you do within your city boundary
- Prayer journeys are done outside your city boundary

2) A Briefing:

Special Briefings are designed to alert local churches, ministry teams and prayer groups to issues and circumstances that warrant special attention.

Briefings have more detail and include such things as:

- Chronic problems; Things like accidents at certain street corners or highways, or the renewal of ancient spiritual practices;
- Disturbing facts or trends:
Such things as floods, burnings, ritual murder sites, church splits or the lack of church growth in the area. (a pattern of renewed anti-Semitism, a cycle of death in “natural” weather patterns or ritual sacrifice, for example)
- Unique circumstances (not a trend) such as a new openness to the gospel brought on by traumatic events. (the attack on New York City’s Twin Towers, for example)

Briefings should include the known facts of a circumstance or occurrence.

The report should not be revelatory information. This type of report takes more than a couple of weeks to do because of the detail needed.

These first two types of reports, the Profile and the Briefing, are to stimulate intercession in an area. This is how some corporate prayer efforts have gotten their start.

The next two types of reports are intended to be the gas in the engine of intercession that is already moving forward. The reports will help to sustain fervency in Prayer for the long term.

3) A Neighborhood Report:

These very detailed reports focus on an area where people live and gather or display a common affinity. This includes such things as: small towns, school campuses, large companies, housing estates, military bases or particular city blocks.

The neighborhood report must be standardized for comparative analysis because they will help reveal regional trends and strongholds. When a territory becomes too large, it no longer qualifies as a neighborhood report, and becomes a regional report.

- 4) Regional Reports help us to discern the spiritual lay of the land in large cities, counties, states or regions. Other than size, the regional reports are the same as neighborhood reports, but they are too large for any single ministry to complete. It will take a multi-church partnership where each church takes the responsibility in mapping it’s own area. When the research projects are completed, the findings are merged into one report.

None of the 4 kinds of reports is intended to stand alone. You need them all.

- On average, it takes a competent, part-time team of eight people between two to three years to finish a medium size city.
- God will not allow us to short-cut this process, but as we learn how to cooperate with Him better, He will allow us to accelerate the process.
- Learning the Redemptive Gift principles Arthur Burk teaches will Act as the Accelerator.

ESTABLISHING A MAPPING TEAM

There are three main ways God unravels the hidden mysteries in our cities:

1. Historical revelation—spiritual mapping research or Archival Unit
2. Interviewing or talking to people—Mobile Unit
3. Intercessory Revelation--Intercessory Unit

These three different units of a Mapping Team do NOT function separately. They work in tandem, as a team; if these roles function separately, it becomes difficult to establish a team spirit and it causes the process of mapping to move much slower and become fragmented.

First, the Archival Unit: These are the researchers.

- They are skilled at culling information from secondary sources such as books, journals, dissertations and maps.
- They are most productive in libraries and archives, and in front of computer screens.
- Detail oriented
- You will find they have a need for accuracy--
- they will be patient so they can be precise.
- They are resourceful, and they feel the search for information is half the fun of finding it.
- They have excellent memories,
- good analytical skills and
- are generally well read and
- computer literate.

The 2nd function is the Mobile Unit

- They thrive on social interaction.
- They are “people persons” who are adept at getting information with their social skills.
- They are generally articulate, which is helpful in arranging and conducting interviews,
- They are keen observers and
- wise judges of character.
- These people enjoy talking with the city historian, archeologists or librarians.

The 3rd Role of a mapping Team is the Intercessory Unit

- The intercessory unit is made up of those who appreciate the quiet place of prayer.
- They find a wealth of information in prayer and
- are faithful to record the deliberate promptings and revelations of the Holy Spirit.
- They are disciplined,
- And they have learned to Persevere.
- These intercessors will understand the difference between subjective and objective information, so they are quick to submit what they hear in prayer to others to avoid error.
- They learn to balance quality time in God's word with time with His saints.
- They are often the first on the mapping team to perceive important cautions, patterns, specific instructions or change in direction.

God has equipped some people to overlap and function in several areas. Give ROOM for the variety of gifts in the individual. Most all of the team will be intercessors, some will be researchers; a few will overlap in all three roles. It's important to give the team members time to find their places. Most do not know what position they function best in until they walk it out for a while.

The intercessors of the city are not the same as the intercessory unit of the mapping team. The intercessors on a mapping team will likely be involved in the city-wide intercession as well, but intercessors for the city is a different ROLE than the Intercessors on the mapping team. Their function should be Distinctly Different.

Intercessors involved in mapping are praying generally over the well-being of the mapping team, praying to uncover hidden information, praying for insight when new information is uncovered. Mapping intercessors know how to gain information in prayer just as researchers know how to gain information in books. They pray over every step of the process of mapping and the mappers on the team.

Not so with the intercessors involved in the city-wide team. City-wide intercessors will be praying over the well-being of leaders in the city, and they will pray over the broader issues going on in the city. The city-wide intercessors will be using the information gained by the mapping team later on, but the mapping intercessors are the first to sift information in prayer. City-wide intercessors should NOT be focused on the Process of mapping. Intercessors on the mapping team MUST be focused on the process of mapping. It is possible to do both of these, but you will have to learn to shift into a different focus. Committed intercession on the mapping team is one of the keys to successful mapping and your secret weapon.

GENERAL ATTRIBUTES OF MAPPING TEAM MEMBERS

People are looking for a place to belong and spiritual mapping can draw loners and misfits. It helps to know what a spiritual mapper looks like. There is a difference between an interest in mapping and God's call to DO mapping. You don't want to find out the difference halfway through your project.

Intercession and a heart for the lost should be core motives for getting involved in spiritual mapping but beyond that look for those who know how to HEAR and OBEY God. They will need to know how to find what God is saying and follow His PLAN in the middle of a blizzard of information. You find most of your mappers among intercessors.

Mappers will appreciate the protection of being under authority. Lone Rangers are a danger to the entire mapping team. Those who love to delve into the demonic yet are unwilling to submit to authority should not be on a mapping team. On the other hand, those in authority need to protect the team from dominating, controlling, or dictatorial leadership

Mappers should appreciate the wisdom in being held accountable. Avoid circuit-riders. Mappers must be team players. They need to have a servants attitude; to serve the team and their community. They should be humble, yet able to take dominion and be bold in the right circumstance.

The elitist attitude says "I see more clearly and more profoundly than you do." Those with the exclusive, "in the know" attitude need to be screened out or dropped from the team.

Spiritual mappers who are overly mystical tend to project inaccurate details into their research as though it were fact. They will defend their position even though there is no historical evidence to back up their view. On the other hand, those who are overly conservative are liable to miss seeing the real issues. Avoid both extremes.

Those who are always looking for the path of least resistance are not the kind of people who do well in mapping; diligence is a requirement. Those who are rigid cause a great deal of harm; Flexibility is a must. Mapping demands resourcefulness, honesty, and Integrity.

A high level of openness balanced with confidentiality will be required from the team. The team is not secretive, yet they must make it a practice NOT to share information with others outside the team. The mapping leader and the advisor should be responsible for communicating information to city leaders and intercessors.

Commitment to the community is a necessity for mapping team members. We ask for a 2 year minimum commitment for team members because of what we call CORPORATE MEMORY. The memory of the mapper who leaves the team cannot be recovered, and it is very disruptive.

Those who keep (what George Otis calls) their "emotional and spiritual bags packed", waiting to migrate to another region cannot be effective team members. God will entrust insights to those who love their city, and have been actively engaged on its behalf. You find intercessors and leaders who have prayed and worked in their community for many years, will have a great deal of authority before the Lord in their city, BECAUSE they

have been actively engaged on its behalf. “Territorial revelations are tied to territorial commitments.” Bob Beckett

Some leaders have responded to the message of commitment to the land by attempting to dictate where THEY think everyone’s boundaries “should be”. Some have even gone so far as demanding that others stay out of “their” boundaries unless they have been given specific permission from them personally to be there. This is a perverse view of the principles found in Bob Beckett’s message of commitment to the land. (Commitment to Conquer) This view flows out of the same “territorial” attitude which has displeased the Lord in the past, and it has no place in a city on it’s way to transformation.

It is God who assigns boundaries and the authority that individuals walk in. And it has nothing to do with titles and flow charts. We need to be careful to honor the call and the giftings God has placed in individuals and avoid the legalism that has killed the moves of God in the past. To reject the gift and call God has put in someone’s life is to reject God’s Plans and Purposes. Watch for what God is doing in His People and build on that.

Some team members will have a heart to map their own church or community, and some will have a heart for the entire city, state or beyond.

This is God’s way of assigning boundaries for individuals, and He has equipped them to succeed in the boundaries He has set for them.

Conversely, to expect someone to work in a boundary God has not assigned for them will set them up for failure and exclude the one God has truly assigned to that position.

As George Otis says, “doing things right is NOT as important as doing the right things.”

SPIRITUAL MAPPING LEADERSHIP

Selecting a competent team leader will make or break a team. They must be able to equip and empower the team members and establish a safe atmosphere where there is trust. They must be able to help the team members find their place of strength, and be willing to release them in it.

They need to be able to socially interact with the broad spectrum of personalities and giftings that will make up the team. Being good at facts and figures if not enough. Inflated egos, personal agendas and dictatorial personalities will destroy any team, but the process or destruction will be quicker and more devastating if these are found in the leadership.

Leaders must command respect and be able to command the attention of the team members. Mapping is an interesting subject and some are drawn to mapping for this reason alone. Leaders can’t afford to invite someone not suited for the team out of misplaced mercy. They won’t make it through the hard times.

Leaders must have wisdom; patience and humility will go a long way as well yet, they must be able to take dominion, without dominating, at the appropriate time. Leaders must be able to watch over the team and deal with the subtle indications of impending problems. For example, is a team member bothered when others question their revelations or conclusions? That’s a signal that the team member has lost his balance.

Does a team member question revelations and conclusions just to be argumentative? That team member will undermine the team's unity.

Are there signs that the team is losing its passion for souls as they get involved with the details of mapping? The leader must step in and ask God for a fresh revelation of the harvest, and alert the intercessors to pray about that.

"Nothing is more irritating to a fanatic than Common Sense." George Otis

The leader must bring balance and common sense to the team.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

Sometimes you will need Specialists to help you with specific areas of research. We need to allow specialists to contribute toward project goals from within their area of expertise; it is not necessary they become a part of the mapping team. Allowing specialists to work with the team will help to maintain an inclusive, rather than exclusive attitude. Examples: Statistician, archeologists, Librarians, historians, Biblical scholars, even intercessors who are adept in a particular area.

Keep a list of the top 5 things God is speaking to the team about your city. (anti-semitism, rivers, massacre sites). Researchers concentrate on the top thing on your list. Intercessors pray about all 5 things on the list, paving the way for the next steps in research and discovery.

Don't go-it-alone on any intercessory or mapping adventure where there are unknown factors. Prayer walking your neighborhood is not the same as prayer walking a dark place in the city. If your researching in a location which is out of your normal routine, request prayer covering from your personal intercessor.

When you are prayer walking, make it a practice to bless the Lord, bless the Land, and bless the people living on the land. If your team has effectively cleansed an area, it is good to bless the land and its people for 3-4 weeks after the prayer walk/journey.

Keeping your specific assignment in focus will also keep you within the boundaries of your authority. The days of charging out and attacking everything that moves is over. The strongholds have been in place for millennia, by the corporate will; corporate iniquity requires corporate repentance and obedience. Be faithful in the part you are asked to do, and allow God to orchestrate the rest.

There are no formulas for city reaching; creating one empowers the very strongholds your attempting to displace. The Lord is the only one who can orchestrate the cleansing of our land. We are on His timetable and Under His Command.

SPIRITUAL ORDER

It is important that individuals have the agreement of their spouse when entering into mapping. The spouse may not understand or have a personal interest in mapping themselves; they don't have to. Mapping is time consuming and it will become your hobby so you will need the spouses blessing to maintain family unity, because it will have an impact on their lives as well.

Every researcher needs to seek the blessing of their pastor or ministry leader. Many have made the mistake of expecting their pastors to have the same understanding and fervor for mapping that they do. Most pastors DON'T WANT all the details; their call is to pastoring, not to mapping, so don't give them a dissertation on spiritual mapping.

What kinds of things is the pastor or leader looking for? They like the bottom line—keep it simple. Share simply and honestly from your heart about your desire to see lost won to Christ in your city, and see the city transformed, and your interest in the historical things that happened in your city that might have spiritual implications. If they want to know more, they will ask. Researchers are generally detail oriented, Pastors are generally not.

Know the scriptural basis for mapping before you ask for his blessing, just in case they want to know more. If mapping is a foreign word to them, use the term Research.

Once you begin, don't give in to the temptation to bury your pastor in the exciting details once you begin mapping. It can be more of a distraction and annoyance to him than a blessing. Use your excitement of discovery as an opportunity to thank the Lord for it; He enjoys your excitement and it becomes an opportunity to tithe the first fruits of your research back to him.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

What do you do when a city is too large for one team to map? Use the **Central Training—Local Control approach**

- Work with 1 or 2 representatives from a variety of areas around the city
- Begin with those God has already networked you with.
- Strategic Partnerships should be made up of people who are capable of teaching others. These will be teachers of teachers.
- They need to commit to the city-wide team for a minimum of 2 years to maintain continuity on the city-wide team; they will either be preparing to teach others, or simultaneously teaching others.
- Mentor at the central or (city-wide) level and empower them to mentor others in their own smaller areas
- You will get tired of us saying it, but appoint no one; Watch where God is already working and hook on there.
- You may have some mapping teams going concurrently, and some teams may form later. That's fine.
- Don't push anyone into a leadership position who is uncomfortable with it. They may have to grow into it. .
- As the Strategic Partnership team learns, they mentor others.

- Give people time to find their place on the mapping team.
- Strategic Partnerships help to push the level of unity in the city ahead quickly. When God is allowed to structure the mapping team, the level of authority the team carries dramatically increases.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Brief Written Historical Report (Brief Overview)

- Did the city have a founder? What was his dream?
- Why was the city founded?
- How was it originally settled?
- What place does it have in this nation's history?
- Has the national or city government ever disintegrated?
- Was there ever the imposition of a new culture or language through conquest?
- What has been the leadership style of past governments?
- What does the city say about itself?
- Does it have slogans or mottos?
- What were the principles upon which the city was established?
- Were those who organized the government godly or corrupt?
- Was there a presence of secret societies? (Freemasonry, Scottish Knights, etc)
- Was there a Philosophical Society early in the city's founding?
- Is there any evidence of greed in the economic system?
- Have there ever been wars that affected the city?
(Wars of conquest, resistance to invasion, civil war)
- Has the city or its people ever suffered any type of economic collapse, race riots or physical disaster? Any evidence or traumas that would affect the whole community?
- Was the city a site of a battle?
- What names have been used to label the city, and what are their meanings?
- As political, military and religious leaders have merged, what did they dream for themselves and for the city?
- What has been the experience of immigrants to the city?
- Has the town experienced the birth of a socially transforming technology?
- Has there been sudden opportunity to create wealth, such as the discovery of oil or a new irrigation technology?
- What is the history of relationship among the races?

Origins of the Church presence in the city:

- Who introduced Christianity into the area
- What significant events effected the Church
- Has there been any evidence of religious deception
- Was there a time when a new religion emerged
- Have there ever been religious conflicts among religions or among Christians?
- What is the present condition of the Church

Who were the ancient people on the land?

- What was their place of origin?
- Is there an identifiable entrances and ancient worship sites of the ancient people?
- What were the religious practices of the ancient peoples?
- Most all-ancient people held particular numbers as sacred. What was the sacred number to the ancient people of the city? (It will still be reflected in city symbols found on the courthouse, church, schools, government buildings, etc.)
- What happened to the ancient people?

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MAPS

You will need to use ONE map as the standard throughout the project for your city. A variety of maps may be used to serve a specific purpose, but you want to maintain one good map as the “go-by” for the entire team project.

By-pass the geopolitical maps and find an uncluttered map of your city showing only the primary boundaries, landmarks and thoroughfares. Find a map small enough to transport fairly easily, but large enough to identify streets and establish exact locations. The bigger the scale/ratio number of the map, the less detail you see; The smaller the scale/ratio number, the greater the detail.

The map scales and ratios used in the common Atlas are far too large for use in Spiritual mapping. For example: an Atlas may use a scale/ratio of 1:3,000,000 or 1:6,000,000. This scale/ratio is too large to see details of your city. A good scale/ratio to use for a city map is approximately 1:10,000 or better still 1:5,000.

A map for an average size city will measure 26”x 22”. All of these maps are very mobile and have a laminated surface. The size of your assigned boundary may determine the map scale/ratio you can use.

Clear plastic overlays can be cut the same size of the map, allowing you to visually locate specific things in your city, i.e.: Churches, hospitals, parks, government buildings, rivers, main transportation arteries, etc.

The universal color-coding which is used researchers:

Black: Frequent accident areas

Blue: Graveyards and cemeteries (past and present; especially if used in ritual worship)

Red: Christian churches

Yellow: Hospitals/clinics/government and municipal offices

Orange: Cult churches/Secret Lodges (Masonic etc), questionable organizations

Brown: Known areas of occult activity

Purple: Areas of persistent crime/high density of past crime/prostitutions etc.

Green: Sites of ancient massacres and broken treaties

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/>

The History Place, <http://www.historyplace.com/index.html>

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<http://www.fbi.gov/publish.htm>

CDs:

Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 99; Texas History, "Early Inhabitants"

SPIRITUAL MAPPING FORUM

George Otis and the Sentinel Group maintains a website Online the Spiritual Mappers Forum . The Forum includes people from around the world and it is to be used to share strategies, ask questions, and get insights. You can find information at glowtorch.org

The PURPOSE of Spiritual Mapping is to provide fuel for intercession and open the way for effective evangelism, BUT the effect of Spiritual Mapping will be to find God's Plan for your city and open the way in intercession. We don't expect any one city to develop exactly the same in mapping because God likes being creative.

WHERE TO GET SPIRITUAL MAPPING INFORMATION

It is wise to have information confirmed from 2-3 sources, such as:

- Internet; i.e. www.37.com (37 search engines)
- Libraries—State and Local
- College libraries
- Chamber of Commerce
- City or county historical society
- Museums
- Newspapers

- Community bulletins or newsletters
- Statistical information
- Police statistics
- Department of Natural Resources (maps)
- Interviews
- Cartographers

EXAMPLES FOR A BEGINNERS FILING SYSTEM

- Prehistory
- General history
- Regional history
- Statistics
- Maps
- Prophetic words for the city
- Correspondence
- Overheads
- Biblical research
- Topical research (Freemasonry, waterways)
- Interviews

When you begin to identify those things God wants you to focus your research on, something interesting begins to happen. You will find the Lord going ahead of you, inspiring news journalists, TV producers, and editors to do feature articles on the subject you need to research. Articles will begin to appear in the newspaper, which will lead you to more of the sources you need, and, even more frequently, confirms the answer to your prayers. As the creator of time, God helps us to steward it in a thousand unique ways.

Recommended reading and materials for spiritual mapping

BOOKS:

Breaking Strongholds in Your City by Peter Wagner
 Commitment to Conquer by Bob Beckett
 Confronting the Power by Peter Wagner
 Engaging the Enemy by Peter Wagner
 Healing America's Wounds by John Dawson
 Heal Our Land by Jimmy Owens
 Healing the Land by Winkie Pratney
 Healing the Nations by John Sandford
 Taking our Cities for God by John Dawson
 That None Should Perish by Ed Silvano
 Intercessory Prayer by Dutch Sheets
 Informed Intercession by George Otis, Jr.
 Redeeming the Land by Gwen Shaw
 Releasing Heaven on Earth by Alistair Petrie

The Last of the Gaints by George Otis, Jr.
The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane
The Renewal of the Mind by John Sandform
The Serpent of Paradise by Erwin Lutzer
There were Two Trees in the Garden by Rick Joyner
Transforming Your World by John Mulide
Twilight Labryinth by George Otis, Jr.
Roll Away Your Stone by Dutch Sheets
Redemptive Gifts of Cities CD set, by Arthur Burk
Redemptive Gifts of Individuals CD set, by Arthur Burk, Plumblin Ministries,
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