

# CONFRONTING THE POWERS



exploring theologian  
Walter Wink  
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## A Journey of the Spirit Travel Journal and Guidebook



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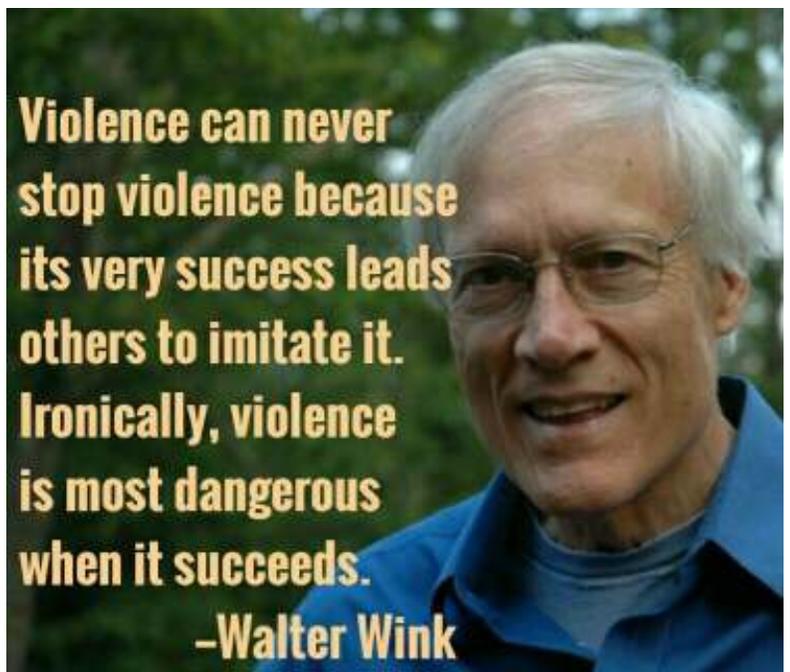
# Confronting? 🖐️

Hmmm... Not sure what I think about that.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of holy power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but **against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

*~Ephesians, chapter 6*

**Join JOS discussions at 9 o'clock in the multipurpose room (spiritual formation) and at 11:45 AM in the Chapel (Afterparty).**



# An Overview of Our Time Together



## March 1: The Domination System

*How might we work to unmask the violence at the core of human culture and society?*

Resources: Walter Wink obituary, parable “The Messiah Is Among You”

## March 8: The Spiral of Violence

*Where is the pattern of violence at work in our media and culture?  
Where does the cycle end?*

Resource: YouTube cartoons

## March 15: The Third Way of Jesus

*How will we respond to the Domination System? Will we take seriously the examples provided by Jesus?*

Resource: essay, “The Opposite of Rape Culture is Nurturance Culture”

## March 22: Practical Nonviolence

*What can we do to delay, prevent, or mitigate violence in our culture?  
What are the risks?*

Resource: essay, “Transformative Justice, Explained”

## March 29: “What if...?”

*How do we move away from the Domination system and toward the vision of Imagine? What will we do personally when confronted by violence?*

Resources: essay, “6 Ideas for a Cop-Free World,” *Imagine* lyrics

*Links to these resources are available at [www.shadowrockucc.org/jos](http://www.shadowrockucc.org/jos).  
Hard copies are available in the church office.*

# An Irreverent Look



## at the History of Journey of the Spirit

In 2010, Pastor Ken had a thought. That happens sometimes. “How could Shadow Rockers come together to study scripture without their heads exploding?” he mused. He reached out to a retired pastor in our midst, Bill Reese, a conversation started, and Journey of the Spirit was born.

Since 2010, we’ve studied a variety of topics, moving purposefully among the Hebrew testament, the Christian scriptures, and non-scripture sources. Poetry, science, parables, music, and even meme culture have provided members of our community with opportunities to come together, connect with one another and provide a container for our shared experiences.

The Shadow Rock Covenant talks a lot about balance: balance between doing and being, balance between proclaiming the Word and living the Word, balance between worship and study. These weeks of preparation and reflection leading up to Easter, the ancient season of Lent, this is when we study.

