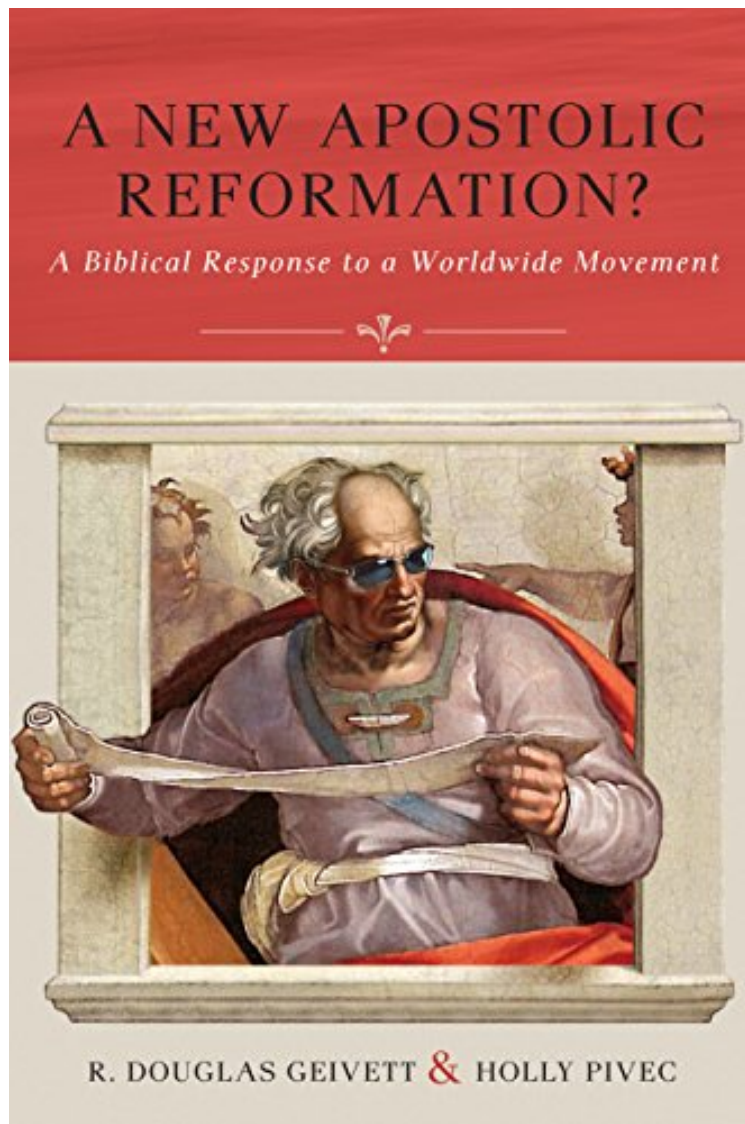


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This critique provides a framework for understanding and interpreting the widespread but little-known New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) movement. As the authors state in the preface: "We write this book with two major goals in mind. First, to give people an idea of the sheer size and reach of the NAR movement. And second, to systematize its key teachings and practices and evaluate them on the basis of Scripture and careful reasoning . In our judgment, the NAR perspective crosses these boundaries [that is, certain broad parameters, revealed in Scripture and practiced in the historical orthodox church], and it does so in part because of flawed theology rooted in a flawed understanding of Scripture. We wish to warn readers about a possible confusion: Some critics have linked the NAR movement with mainstream Pentecostalism and charismatics. We do not do this. In fact, it is our contention that the NAR movement deviates from classical Pentecostal and charismatic teachings. This movement has emerged out of independent charismatic churches and, thus, has gained a foothold in many of those churches in varying degrees."

Geivett and Pivec have done the global church a great service in writing this book! While affirming the proper place of divinely wrought signs and wonders in addition to the gift of prophecy in our day, they expose a good deal of questionable practices and flawed theology found within the New Apostolic Reformation. The book is biblically sound as well as thoughtful, even-handed, and charitable. Paul Copan, Ph.D., Professor and Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and Ethics, Palm Beach Atlantic University This is an important book, a one-stop shop for an explanation and biblical assessment of the so-called New Apostolic Reformation. Anyone interested in this global movement, whether sympathetic or critical, should read it. With their careful elucidation of NAR views and even-handed critique, Geivett and Pivec have pushed the discussion forward at a high level. This book provides a much-needed service to the church! James S. Spiegel, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Taylor University Geivett and Pivec have produced an eye-opening exposé of a rapidly growing phenomenon. The New Apostolic Reformation is increasing its numbers at an alarming rate, and is something that must be addressed by the church today. The authors have offered a carefully documented, balanced, and fair treatment of the NAR. Their penetrating analysis of the claims of NAR is biblically and logically powerful, and at times even brilliant. If you are not yet familiar with this movement, you need to be and you need to read this book! Daniel B. Wallace, Professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary The authors clearly, systematically describe the movement's origins and outworkings, and they offer a thoughtful, balanced, and biblical counterpoint to its many errors and excesses. Their work is desperately needed and long overdue. --Paul Carden, Executive Director, The Centers for Apologetics Research (CFAR) Endorsements Endorsements Leaders of apostolic networks hold a range of views, but some teachings of particular figures should be a matter of significant concern, not only to cessationists or even charismatics, but even to many who affirm or identify with apostolic movements in other ways, and to some of the figures' fellow apostles. This critique invites all of us, wherever we stand on that spectrum, and whether we agree with every detail or criticism, to recognize and challenge these errors. Serious errors exposed here include Manifested Sons doctrine, dominionism, extrabiblical inspired doctrines that exalt individuals, inappropriate fixation on esoteric information about evil spirits, and certain apostles calling people out of other denominations or movements to submit to their coverings. Craig Keener, Professor of New Testament, Asbury Theological Seminary The authors have taken up the Herculean task of providing a panoramic view of a little-known movement and subjecting it to a biblical critique. They contend that at the heart of the NAR is a move to usher in a new church government in which designated apostles lead in tandem with prophets to reform church structures. This in turn will impact the secular order as the kingdom of God is brought to earth through programs designed by the apostles and prophets, such as training in the five-fold ministries and the seven mountain mandate. Weaving together information from a wide array of primary sources published by various leaders, the authors provide a much-needed profile of the NAR, although admitting this general description is not a one-size-fits-all. Much of their attention has been devoted to filtering select NAR beliefs through the prism of their biblical examination. The basic premises of apostolic church government (by those holding the offices of apostles and prophets) and empowered by miracle-working power (believed to be activated by the leaders) were judged to be in

error. The authors detailed assessment provides a significant introduction to a global movement, offering food for reflection and a base from which to continue the pursuit of a better understanding of NARs growth and its impact on future Christianity. Margaret M. Poloma, Professor of Sociology Emeritus, The University of Akron Geivett and Pivec have done the global church a great service in writing this book! While affirming the proper place of divinely wrought signs and wonders in addition to the gift of prophecy in our day, they expose a good deal of questionable practices and flawed theology found within the New Apostolic Reformation. The book is biblically sound as well as thoughtful, even-handed, and charitable. Paul Copan, Professor and Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and Ethics, Palm Beach Atlantic University *A New Apostolic Reformation?* is a well-written survey of the apostolic movements that have recently exploded around the world. It offers balanced biblical and historical insights that will be very helpful for scholars and laypersons alike. The authors draw very important distinctions between the teachings of the historic Pentecostal churches and the newer independent charismatic views of such leaders as C. Peter Wagner and others. Vinson Synan, Dean Emeritus, Regent University School of Divinity This is a thorough study and objective view of the New Apostolic Reformation. It is a necessary read for both traditional Pentecostals and those participating in NAR. We have needed this material for a long time. Gary R. Allen, Former Executive Editor, *Enrichment Journal*; General Council of the Assemblies of God This is an important book, a one-stop shop for an explanation and biblical assessment of the so-called New Apostolic Reformation. Anyone interested in this global movement, whether sympathetic or critical, should read it. With their careful elucidation of NAR views and even-handed critique, Geivett and Pivec have pushed the discussion forward at a high level. This book provides a much-needed service to the church! James S. Spiegel, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Taylor University Every movement that claims to be of the Holy Spirit should welcome scrutiny. Geivett and Pivec are exemplary critics in their respectful tone and portrayal of those with whom they disagree. Advocates of the so-called new apostolic reformation are invited to reconsider if and how their beliefs and practices are aligned with Scripture even as those looking to better understand this global phenomenon more will come away much more informed and be ready to draw their own conclusions. Amos Yong, Professor of Theology and Mission; Director of the Center for Missiological Research, Fuller Theological Seminary Douglas Geivett and Holly Pivec have produced an eye-opening exposé of a rapidly growing phenomenon. The New Apostolic Reformation is increasing its numbers at an alarming rate, and is something that must be addressed by the church today. The authors have offered a carefully documented, balanced, and fair treatment of the NAR. Their penetrating analysis of the claims of NAR is biblically and logically powerful, and at times even brilliant. If you're not yet familiar with this movement, you need to read this book! Daniel B. Wallace, Professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary The authors clearly, systematically describe the movement's origins and outworkings, and they offer a thoughtful, balanced, and biblical counterpoint to its many errors and excesses. Their work is desperately needed and long overdue. Paul Carden, Executive Director, The Centers for Apologetics Research (CFAR) Despite its remarkable claims, including new revelation, many Christians have not yet heard of the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). Christians need to know about this movement and its extreme claims. In their fair and eminently readable book Geivett and Pivec inform us all of the history, founders, beliefs, and goals of NAR. The authors make it clear that NAR is not to be confused with mainstream Pentecostals and charismatics. Rather, the NAR movement is a phenomenon of very distinctive characteristics. Geivett and Pivec expose the movement's dubious theological foundations and quirky understanding of Scripture, and warn of the harm to the church's witness it has caused and will likely continue to cause. All who care for the health of the church need to read this book. Craig A. Evans, Payzant Distinguished Professor of New Testament, Acadia Divinity College, Canada About the Author R. Douglas Geivett is professor of philosophy in Talbot School of Theology at Biola University in La Mirada, California. He is the author of *Evil and the Evidence for God*, and coeditor of four books: *Contemporary Perspectives on Religious Epistemology*; *In Defense of Miracles*; *Faith, Film and Philosophy*; and *Being Good: Christian Virtues for Everyday Life*.