

RELIGIONS AND CULTS OF THE WORLD

- The New Apostolic Reformation, or NAR, is an unbiblical religious movement that emphasizes experience over scripture, mysticism over doctrine, and modern-day apostles over the plain text of the Bible. Of distinction in the New Apostolic Reformation are the role and power of the spiritual leaders and miracle workers, the reception of new revelations from God, an over-_____ on spiritual warfare, and a pursuit of cultural and political control in society. The seeking of signs and wonders in the NAR is always accompanied by blatantly _____ doctrine.¹
- NAR (pronounced nahr) is a movement. NAR is not an organization or a denomination: it consists of churches and other Christian organizations that have developed _____ networks with one another in pursuit of a common mission that is rooted in shared beliefs and realized through distinctive practices.²
- Outgrowth from “Christian Identity” (1920’s - British Israelism) and then later, the “_____” movement. (1940’s) – Joel 2:23
- Spanning from the 1960’s to the present, worldwide.



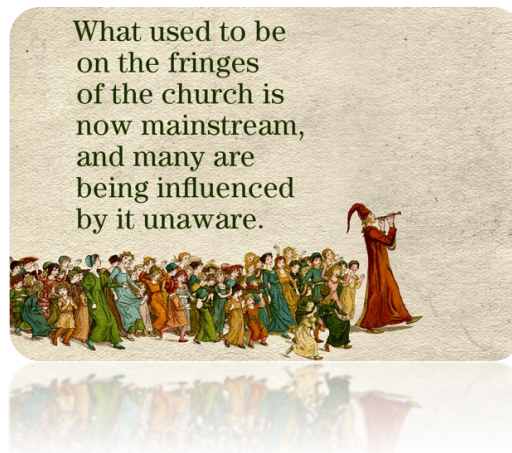
¹ What is the New Apostolic Reformation? GotQuestions.org

² Pivec, Holly, R. Douglas Geivett, Reckless Christianity: *The Destructive New Teachings and Practices of Bill Johnson, Bethel Church, and the Global Movement of Apostles and Prophets*, 2018., 2.

KEY BELIEFS & PRACTICES

- » Apostolic and Prophetic Authority – emphasizes the role of contemporary apostles and prophets
- » _____ Ministry – Eph. 4:11-13 ...working alongside pastors, teachers, and evangelists
- » Spiritual Warfare – deliverance ministries, prayer walks, and strategic-level spiritual warfare to combat _____ forces
- » _____ Theology (Seven Mountain Mandate) – Some adherents believe that Christians should influence seven key areas of society (government, media, education, business, family, religion, and arts/entertainment) to establish God’s kingdom on earth.
- » Signs, Wonders, and Miracles – embraces _____ experiences such as healing, prophecy, and other charismatic gifts
- » Revival and Church Growth – NAR churches often emphasize revival meetings, evangelistic outreach, and _____ church expansion

LEADERSHIP & TIMELINE



- The New Apostolic Reformation’s spiritual leader is the prophet C. Peter _____
 - » Church growth _____
 - » Leading authority in _____ warfare
 - » _____ - World Prayer Center
- Critics, including some evangelicals, argue that Wagner's teachings on apostles and prophets created unchecked spiritual _____.
- Some theologians _____ his views on dominion theology, warning that it could lead to authoritarianism.
- His emphasis on spiritual warfare was sometimes seen as speculative and _____, for instance, raising of the dead.

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- Affiliation - originally part of the Assemblies of God (AG), but now an independent, Apostolic network church
- School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM) - A training school focused on _____ students how to perform miracles, heal the sick, and operate in the prophetic.
- Worship Ministry - Bethel Music is a major _____ in contemporary Christian worship, with artists like Bethel Music Collective, Jesus Culture (which started at Bethel), and popular songs such as *Reckless Love*.
- Bethel encourages aggressive prayer and _____ to combat spiritual forces.
- A heavy focus on _____ with God, dreams, visions, and supernatural experiences.
- Critics say this can lead to an overemphasis on _____ rather than biblical doctrine.

DOES THEOLOGY REALLY MATTER? – DOM THEO VS. SYS THEO

- **Dominion Theology:** the belief that Christians are called to take authority over society and _____ God's Kingdom on earth by influencing key areas of culture, government, and business.
- **Systematic Theology:** a structured, academic approach to _____ Christian doctrine by organizing biblical teachings into clear categories.
- **Stewardship Theology** (as a counterpoint): This perspective emphasizes that while Christians have a responsibility to care for the world and its resources, they should do so through personal _____ and service rather than through seeking political or social dominance.
- **Premillennialism** (as a broader context): Dominion theology stands in contrast to standard Christian doctrine, also called premillennialism, which suggests Christ must return first _____ a Christian kingdom is established on earth.
- **Triumphalism** is still evident in certain Christian circles. For example, some Christians believe in a form of eschatology that expects the eventual global _____ of Christianity. Also possessing a triumphalist mindset are adherents of dominionism and kingdom now theology. These groups believe God wants them to take dominion over all the earth, physically, spiritually, and politically. This perspective fosters a belief that Christian values should be imposed on society, often through political means, and that the Church is destined to govern the world in a literal sense.³

³ What is Kingdom Now Teaching? GotQuestions.org

Feature	Dominion Theology	Systematic Theology
Approach	Practical, culture-transforming	Academic, doctrine-based
Biblical Basis	Genesis 1:26-28, Seven Mountain Mandate	Entire Bible, organized by doctrine
View of Government	Believes Christians should take control	Neutral—focuses on theology proper, not overemphasis on politics
Leadership Model	Apostles and prophets lead culture change	Scholars, pastors, and theologians interpret doctrine
Focus	Societal transformation	Understanding God, salvation, and the Church

APOSTLESHIP

What is an apostle, biblically speaking?

- The term “apostle” comes from the Greek word *apostolos*, meaning “one who is sent” or “messenger.” In the Bible, the word is used in different ways, but it primarily refers to those who are sent with _____ to proclaim the gospel.
- The Twelve Apostles of Jesus:
 1. They were personally called _____
 2. They were _____ of his ministry, death, and resurrection
 3. They were given _____ to perform miracles and cast out demons
 4. They were sent to _____ the foundation of the church

View 1: no modern apostles (Cessationist View)

View 2: apostles still exist today (Continuationist)

A BIBLICAL RESPONSE

Resistance to the NAR

- What if your loved one needs rescuing from this movement?
Gently and kindly challenge them. Pray for them to be receptive.
Focus on nurturing the relationship.
- People seeking safety and peace after spiritual abuse within NAR churches must be taught the basics of reading scripture. The model they have often learned is wrong. They now seek a new church for fellowship and growth. We must be sensitive and offer support and care.
Understanding a little of what they've been through can help us minister to them to get them on the right path.
- "...be _____, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
» 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NASB)

SCRIPTURES⁴

"And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:"

Luke 6:13

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

Matthew 7:15

"But the one who prophesies speaks to people *for* edification, exhortation, and consolation."

1 Corinthians 14:3

"...and like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord."

1 Pet 2:2-3

"Therefore, holy brothers *and sisters*, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession: Jesus;"

Hebrews 3:1

⁴ New American Standard Bible, La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 2020.

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