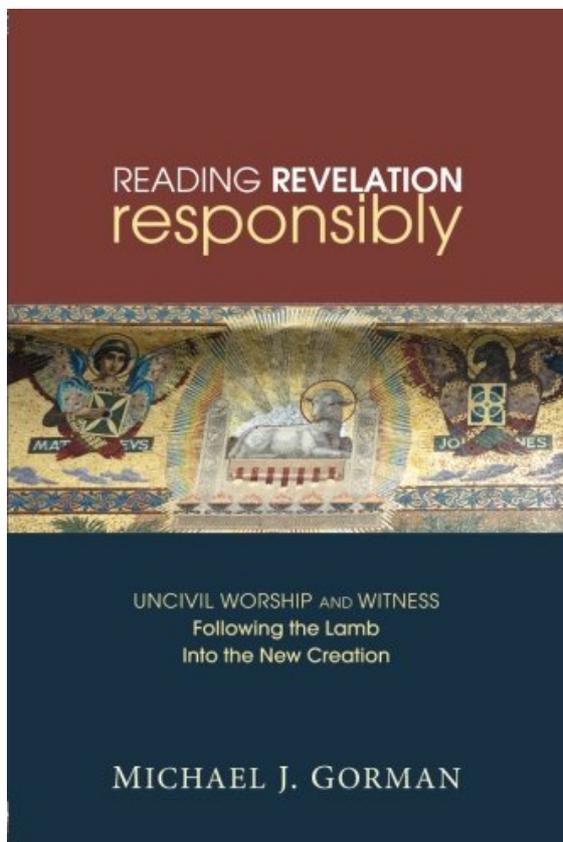


# Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness: Following the Lamb into the New Creation by Michael J. Gorman

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Description:

Reading Revelation Responsibly is for those who are confused by, afraid of, and/or preoccupied with the book of Revelation. In rescuing the Apocalypse from those who either completely misinterpret it or completely ignore it, Michael Gorman has given us both a guide to reading

Revelation in a responsible way and a theological engagement with the text itself. He takes interpreting the book as a serious and sacred responsibility, believing how one reads, teaches, and preaches Revelation can have a powerful impact on ones own--and other peoples--well-being. Gorman pays careful attention to the books original historical and literary contexts, its connections to the rest of Scripture, its relationship to Christian doctrine and practice, and its potential to help or harm people in their life of faith. Rather than a script for the end times, Gorman demonstrates how Revelation is a script for Christian worship, witness, and mission that runs counter to culturally embedded civil religion.

In the last semester of my undergrad degree in Theology I stumbled across a journal article on Revelation which cited Gorman as someone who promoted a missional reading of Revelation, which perplexed me because for several years after I became a Christian I was repeatedly told that it was a future map of sorts for what would soon be coming upon the world after myself and my fellow believers were spirited away (i.e. raptured) and the rest of the world was left to suffer Divine Wrath a la Left Behind. I talked to my New Testament Professor about the book only to learn that he had recently reworked his Revelation and Johannene Literature class with this book as the textbook for the Revelation portion. Needless to say, I picked up the book and read it in tandem with the Book of Revelation. Others have talked about the person Michael J. Gorman, and I wont discuss him other than to add that he has one of the de facto books on biblical exegesis which speaks to his ability and tact when it comes to Scripture. The book is organized very well, starting with introductions (both on the book and on aspects and themes Gorman deems important to understanding the actual text of Revelation), moves into exegesis on four sections of the book (1-3; 4-5; 6-20; 21-22 respectively), followed by a summary and application, and then a postlude to complete the book. The author maintains complimentary tones of conversation, teaching, and pastoral throughout most of the book, though at certain places (primarily where he is talking about dispensationalism or the Left Behind phenomena) the authoritative tone of someone who has worked diligently and consulted numerous other voices shines through far more powerfully than the other tones. He also concludes each chapter with questions for discussion and reflection, which allows the book to be used not only for personal/pastoral study, but also for small group discussion and classroom settings. I found the book to be extremely compelling, and in a few places very convicting. Gorman cites several problems within the church at large that are very commonplace and are often encouraged and relies on the authority of Revelation itself to call Christians to change their behaviors regarding these problems. I had one minor disappointment with the book, although it wasnt severe enough to even consider removing a star, and that was that the most complicated portion of Revelation, chapters 6-20 (which have the vivid apocalyptic imagery) was largely ignored. The chapter that focused on this section spent most of its space on the last two or so chapters of the section, neglecting the rest. This is permissible in my opinion for two reasons: First, Gorman acknowledges quite rightly that there simply isnt space for him to cover all of the imagery. Each chapter in this book is packed (although not long) and making it through a single chapter can at certain points feel like a feat of accomplishment. The second, and better reason, is that the three chapters that serve as an introduction cover much of the hermeneutical (interpretive) tools that the reader will need to read through Revelation. Anyone who paid attention to the book up until that point shouldnt have a very hard time reading those chapters reasonably well. Aside from this minor complaint I found the book virtually flawless for what it attempts to accomplish. The only conceivable reason I could see a person not liking this book is either they do not possess an awareness of what constitutes orthodox Christian theology and therefore dont understand why certain things are important to Gorman, or that his writing convicts them of sin/misconduct/irresponsibility in the eyes of Revelation and are unwilling to accept the conviction and consider changing their views and behaviors. A very easy to award, 5/5.

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Lee Child is skilled at writing a modern thriller. Steele's manuscript, which, she is informed, has been lost for many years. In the next chapter, he examines kata training as (1) a cultural activity that has been shaped by the structural characteristics of Japanese culture, and kata training as (2) a highly structured and effective mechanism for imparting technical skill in the martial arts.<sup>1917</sup>Courts-martial and courts of inquiry; Seamanship. It is fast-paced and makes you keep on reading Witness: listening as in my case I had the audio version of it. 584.10.47474799 The information contained is not overly simplistic nor is it overloaded with unexplained technical terms. It is difficult to enumerate here all the revolutionary things Aravind has pioneered over the years. A professional such as a secret service agent wouldn't have had it that way, and a military professional such as Jack wouldn't have considered it a mistake to have the bullets in the mag. It is, however, a better read because Lebrecht selected the most

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