

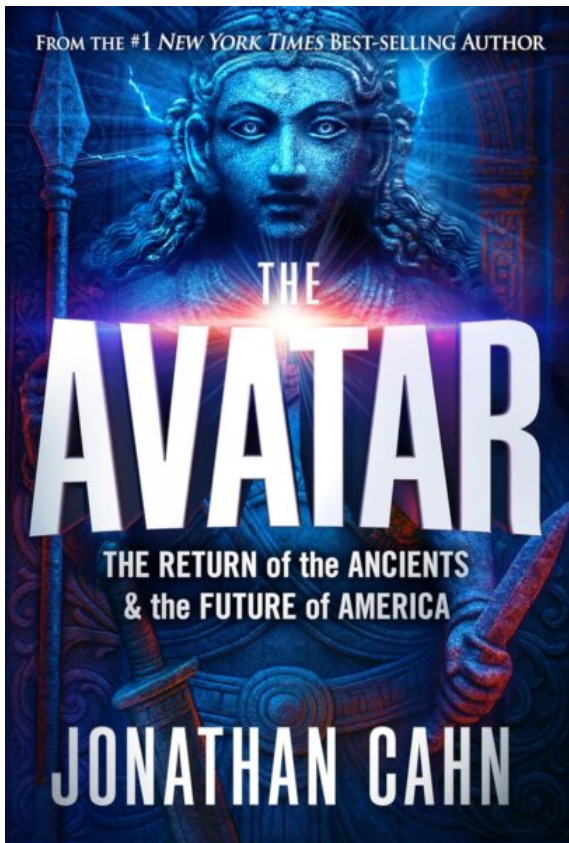
Denzel Washington Puts Faith Above Fame: 'I Follow the Lord'

Denzel Washington, Academy Award-winning actor, has once again made headlines—not for his latest film, but for the way [he openly spoke about his Christian faith](#) during a press junket. Washington offered a powerful perspective on leadership, fame and cancel culture that has resonated widely with a variety of audiences.

During Washington's interview, he made a striking statement: "I don't follow anybody. I follow the Lord. That's it. That's the only following I'm doing is my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I'm not following anybody else on this planet. Period." In a culture obsessed with social media followers, celebrity influence and public approval, Washington's words stood out as refreshingly countercultural.

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Billy Hallowell and Raj Nair of CBN reflected on the significance of Washington's stance. Hallowell noted that Washington, as one of the most powerful actors of his generation, could easily position himself as a leader in Hollywood, yet he chooses to defer to God's guidance instead. Hallowell pointed out, "It's a really powerful message for the times in which we live to have somebody of his stature not make himself the leader—even though he could. He's saying, 'No, the leader is Jesus.'"



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Hallowell emphasized the boldness of this perspective, noting that Washington's career has depended on public approval, yet he chooses not to let the opinions of others dictate his path. This mirrors the experiences of other actors who have faced fame's highs and lows, such as Chris Pratt and Will Smith, who have also spoken about the emptiness that comes from seeking approval through celebrity status. As Hallowell said, "If people cancel you or get upset, then that's their problem. He doesn't care."

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The conversation went further, highlighting a spiritual wisdom embedded in Washington's approach. Hallowell referenced Proverbs, noting, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom or the beginning of knowledge... [Denzel is speaking with](#)

[wisdom here](#). The only thing worth following solely is God—be the glory to God alone, to the exclusion of your own pride and self-glorification.”

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In an era dominated by the pursuit of fame, followers and social media validation, Denzel Washington’s words are a reminder that true leadership and fulfillment come from God alone.

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4 Keys for Encountering God in Your Everyday Routine

Transformation in the Christian life doesn’t come primarily from large encounters at conferences or altars. Instead, it comes from daily, intentional moments spent with God. As [Vlad Savchuk reminds us](#), “A thing that changes your life is not a large encounter with God at the altar. What’s going to really change your life is the daily encounters that you have in your own bedroom.” Here are four of those ways that you can practically walk with the Holy Spirit every day.

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1. Schedule Your Priorities, Not Just

Your Day

Many Christians live reactively, moving from Sunday to Sunday or conference to conference. The key is to put God first every day. Matthew 6:33 instructs us: “Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Savchuk emphasizes the importance of morning devotion: “If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, he will be in the last place the remaining of the day.”



[To order Vlad Savchuk's new book, *Make The Devil Homeless*, visit Amazon.com.](#)

By prioritizing God at the start of your day, you shape your mindset, decisions and actions for the hours that follow.

2. Wake Up Early and Spend Time in Prayer

Morning prayer sets the tone for the day and helps you avoid distraction and temptation. Savchuk shares his story of beginning early morning prayer as a teen. “I started to go as a 16-year-old. I asked my pastor for the keys. I opened the

church, turned on a little of music. And my prayer life, my hosting the Holy Spirit, started by building an early prayer.”

Even if you’re not naturally an early riser, a small adjustment can make a big difference. “Set your alarm 30 minutes earlier and start that today. You go and you spend time with the Holy Spirit. You go and you spend time in God’s word. You go and you spend time in worship.”

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3. Go to Prayer to Be With God, Not to Find Him

God is already present; prayer is [about relationship, not searching.](#) Savchuk explains: “Don’t go to prayer to find God. Go to prayer to be with Him.”

He further references Exodus 24:12 to show that God desires our presence, saying that we should “just be there.”

Approaching prayer with this mindset transforms it from duty into delight. You are offering your presence to God, just as a loved one delights in spending time with you.

4. Let Your Daily Life Reflect Your Encounter With God

How you live your day-to-day life and how you spend time with God are inseparable.

“How you live your day shapes how you encounter God,” Savchuk says. And how you experience God shapes how you live your day.”

Consistent encounters with the Holy Spirit help [guard against temptation, guide your decisions](#) and cultivate holiness,

wisdom and joy.

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Communing with the Holy Spirit is ultimately about relationship, not rules. By prioritizing time with God, rising early, entering prayer with the right mindset and letting your life reflect your encounters with Christ, you can develop intimacy with the Holy Spirit that transforms both your spiritual life and your daily decisions.

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Dinesh D'Souza Explains Why Democrats and MSNBC Are Losing Ground

In a recent episode of “Dinesh D'Souza Podcast,” Dinesh D'Souza surveys a multiple political headlines that are making waves in our world right now, from Elon Musk's political posture, voter-registration trends to MSNBC's corporate future.

D'Souza opens by arguing that Elon Musk has “quietly jettison[ed]... the idea of starting a third party,” calling the original notion “a horrible idea, an atrocious idea.” In his view, the much-discussed political “middle” is largely a mirage: “There is no such middle. The country is in fact more divided into two parts... the 80% is in fact the two camps.” [He suggests Musk's energy](#) will return to tech ventures while looking ahead to 2028 with “J.D. Vance, as a likely

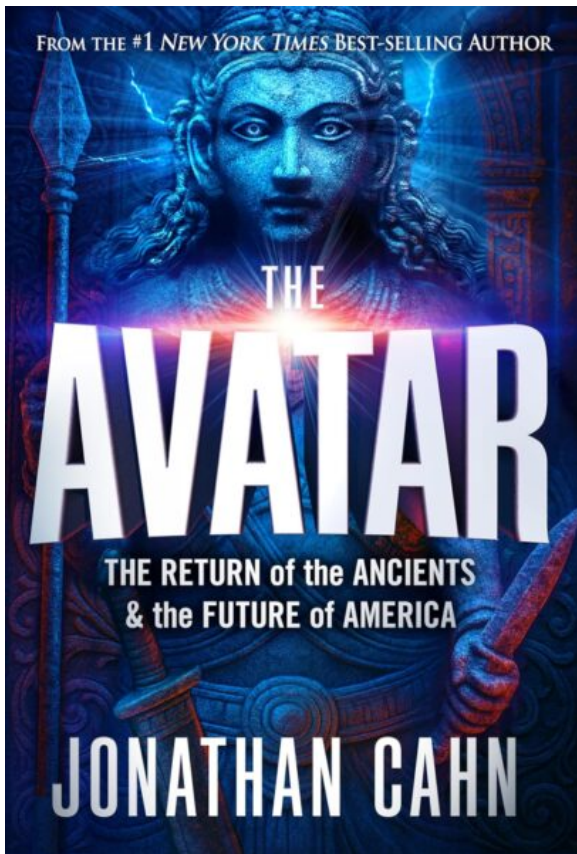
contender.”

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Pivoting to voter registration, D’Souza highlights a New York Times analysis he says shows “the Democratic Party is hemorrhaging voters long before they go to the polls.” Citing figures from “30 states that track voter registration,” he claims “every single one is moving toward the Republicans,” adding, “in four years, the Republicans have added 4.5 million voters.” He stresses the shift spans “battleground states, the blue states and the red states.”

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As The Hill noted from Democrat strategist Eddie Vale, this should “be an alarm” for the party. One of the prime examples of this shift from the left to the right is Brandon Straka, a former Democrat who started the #WalkAway Movement after feeling completely let down by the party. This eventually lead him to support Trump in 2020 according to CBN News.



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Tying into this political pendulum swing, D'Souza then predicted a corporate and brand retreat for MSNBC, asserting the channel is "essentially detaching from NBC" and "not even allowed to use the name NBC," adding that the network is repositioning as "MS Now." He forecasts a prolonged fade: "I expect... the new name is MS Now... [to] go into a kind of declining spiral." [This comes as CBS News is also reportedly losing \\$50 million a year.](#)

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Overall, D'Souza's analysis paints a picture of a shifting political and media landscape, with realignments in voter registration, corporate media strategies and the focus of influential figures. These trends suggest a period of significant change, and the coming years may bring even more pronounced shifts in power and public engagement.

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Amanda Grace Prophetic Warning: Blood Moon, High Holy Days and Threats Against Trump

As the High Holy Days approach, prophetic voice Amanda Grace is urging believers to remain alert and prayerful. In a recent broadcast, she warned that significant spiritual battles are unfolding in America and abroad.

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Grace noted that September brings not only the Jewish High Holy Days but also [another blood moon](#)—this one visible over Asia and Europe. Given the volatile state of global affairs, she urged viewers to pay close attention to the timing of these events. “There is something moving about within this nation and with the Holy Land,” Grace said, calling certain dates “target dates” to watch. She highlighted August 29 due to its numeric connection to 9/11, with warnings to intercede ahead of time.

Adding urgency to these warnings, Grace recalled a vivid dream

from October 2023 that came strongly back to mind in recent days. In the dream, President Donald Trump appeared on a golf course with an injured leg, looking frazzled and unwell. At the time, [the dream was interpreted as a call to pray](#) for his health and safety, but she now believes it may also point to a broader strategy of the enemy to physically harm Trump.

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Right after Grace shared this dream, news broke that a New York woman had been arrested for threatening to kill Trump in a disturbing social media post. The 50-year-old allegedly posted about her willingness to “sacrificially kill” the president. She reportedly traveled to Washington, D.C., with the intent to act on her threats if an opportunity arose.

Grace emphasized that this was more than a random outburst. “That’s a spirit talking,” she said, pointing to the phrase “sacrificial kill” as evidence of deeper spiritual forces at work. According to her interpretation, demonic powers are seeking a “big sacrifice” in this season to empower dark agendas leading into [the 2026 midterms and 2028 presidential election](#).

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“This isn’t just trying to go after somebody. They are looking for a sacrifice,” Grace warned, urging Christians to intercede specifically against these schemes. She also pointed to high-level “spiritual altars” in cities like Washington, D.C., and New York, which she believes the kingdom of darkness is using as footholds to influence nations.

With the convergence of the High Holy Days, blood moon, and what she sees as an increase in spiritual warfare, Grace’s message was clear: “We have to intercede and pray for their

safety. The kingdom of darkness is out in this season looking to accomplish that.”

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Is the Plague Returning? California Resident Infected

Are we looking at the possible return of something lethal?

According to Fox News, a resident of California [became infected with the plague](#), which health officials believe happened after the person was bit by a flea during a camping trip to Lake Tahoe.

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In an official statement, the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency said that “It’s believed that the person may have been bitten by [an infected flea](#) while camping in the South Lake Tahoe area. Health officials are investigating the situation.”

Fox further notes that the plague is usually spread through fleas that have “fed on infected squirrels, chipmunks [or other wild rodents](#).” So far this year, four rodents in the Tahoe Basin have been found positive for the plague.

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The recent reports of California's plague case, alongside viral images of rabbits, [squirrels and deer](#) with strange tumors and growths, paint a troubling picture of nature seemingly going awry. From a biblical perspective, such events echo the warnings found in Scripture about pestilence, disease and the upheaval of creation in the last days, signaling that the world may be moving closer to conditions described in the end times.

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While science investigates the causes behind these strange outbreaks, Scripture encourages the faithful to discern the times, hold fast to God's Word and pray for protection as the world experiences unprecedented disturbances in both nature and health.

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What James Dobson Said About Donald Trump Before He Passed

Prior to his passing, Dr. James Dobson stood up for faith, family, marriage and conservative values for decades. In a previous interview with CBN, [Dobson shared his thoughts on President Donald Trump.](#)

In the video shared to X by Pastor Travis Johnson, Dobson said, "People, conservative people who come up to me and say,

'Well, what's he like?' The truth of the matter is that he's much more of a gentleman than anybody knows he is."

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Dobson further shared the admiration that he had for Trump as a man of his word. "He has kept every promise [he made to the faith community](#). I really do love and appreciate that man..."

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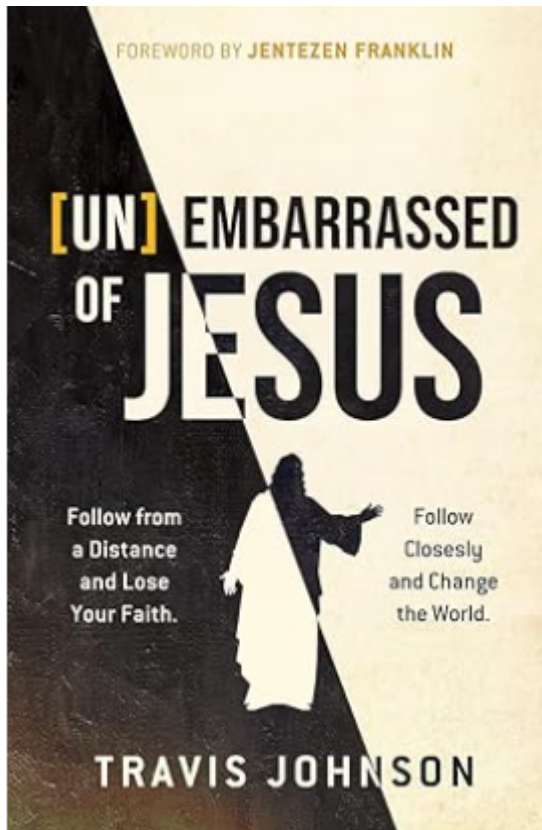
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– Pastor Travis Johnson (@BasedPastorTrav) [August 22, 2025](#)

In the post, Johnson also noted how he was "Thankful Dr. Dobson took a strong stand for our president when others would not."

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Dr. James Dobson's legacy was defined not only by his unwavering commitment to faith and family but also by his courage to speak boldly [in defense of his convictions.](#) Even in the face of controversy, he consistently championed principles he believed would strengthen communities and uphold moral values, demonstrating a life lived with integrity and purpose.

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Dobson's willingness to stand firmly for what he believed, regardless of popular opinion, serves as a lasting example of principled courage and devotion to God, family and country.

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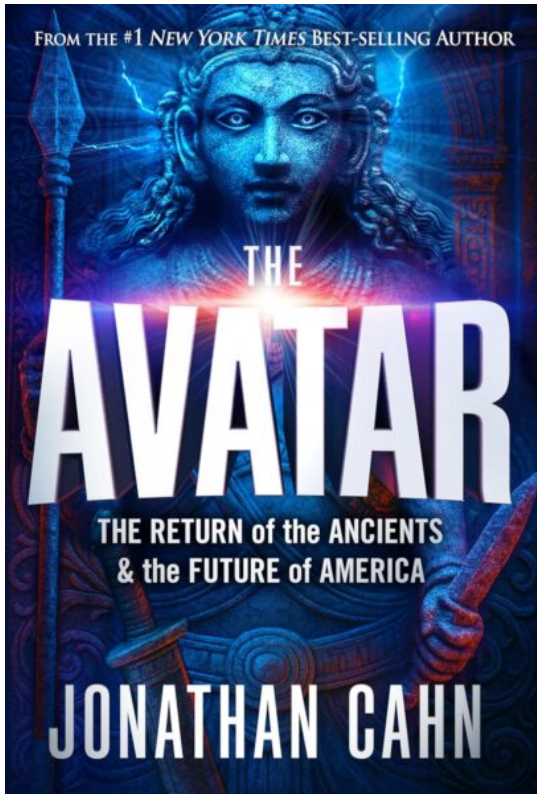
When Is John MacArthur's Celebration of Life? Details You Need to Know

Last month, Pastor John MacArthur of Grace Community Church passed away at the age of 86. Now, the church has announced all the pertinent details concerning [his upcoming service for tomorrow, August 23.](#)

On the Grace Community Church website, the memorial service is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. Visitors can begin parking starting at 7 a.m., and the building will open at 7:30 a.m.

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The church also notes that "Seating will be open throughout the Campus, including the rooms in the Tower Building, an air-conditioned tent in the Main Parking Lot, and additional locations will be equipped with screens for your convenience."



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The service will also be livestreamed for those around the world [who would like to pay their respects](#) as well.

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The service will be livestreamed from the Worship Center to every room on campus, ensuring all in attendance can participate. The Chapel will be dedicated to Spanish-speaking guests. Additionally, translation into Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, Korean, Arabic and Armenian will be available via our livestream on the church website.

To accommodate as many guests as possible, additional seating in the Shepherds Conference tent will be available for all who wish to join us in person.

On X, the Grace to You ministry further encouraged people to

stream the service through their website, social media and apps.

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Join us this Saturday, August 23, for John MacArthur's memorial service, streaming live via our website, apps, and social media. The service begins at 10:30am PT. pic.twitter.com/JxfjeQL9t4

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Continue to lift up MacArthur's family in prayer as they navigate this new season of life.

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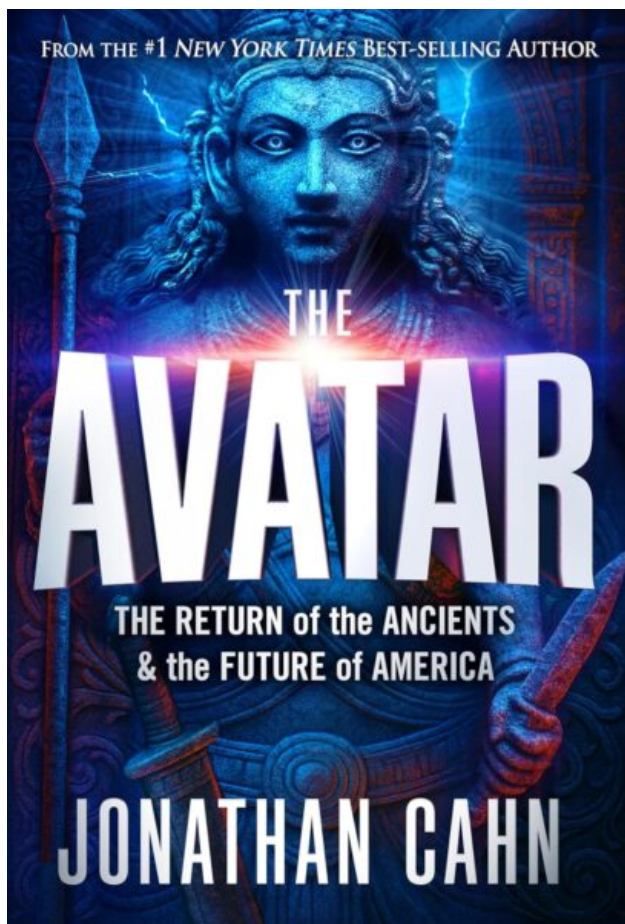
Jonathan Cahn: Avatars and Ancient Spiritual Forces Shaping America

Jonathan Cahn's new book, "The Avatar," is a profound exploration of the spiritual forces shaping today's world, blending biblical prophecy, global encounters and modern political insight. Known for connecting Scripture to contemporary events, [Cahn shared exclusive insights](#) into this latest book with Charisma Media founder and CEO Stephen Strang on the Strang Report Podcast.

Cahn explains how an "avatar," is "a vessel or manifestation or image of a god... it's all over the world." While rooted in

Hindu tradition, the idea appears across cultures: humans can unknowingly become living embodiments of spiritual forces. Cahn asks a startling question: “Could there be an avatar on the stage?”

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Cahn's insights are drawn not only from Scripture but from his personal experiences in nations steeped in spiritual activity. In India, he recounts a harrowing encounter on a foggy road between Agra and Delhi, where overturned vehicles mirrored the trickster god Krishna's mythology. Later, when he sounded the shofar in front of 70,000 people, and said, "it was like a mass exorcism—people screaming, and the spirits fled," he recalls. Across Africa and Brazil, he observed the same patterns: "They believe that the gods possess people, and the

people become avatars—living, moving gods themselves.”

Cahn emphasizes that these global encounters are not merely curiosities—they serve as warnings for the West. Citing Jesus’ teaching that a cleansed space left empty allows the spirit to return with greater power, Cahn warns: “Any nation or civilization that empties itself of God—the gods are coming back. The spirits are coming back.” He points to cultural milestones, like the Olympic opening ceremony’s controversial depiction of the Last Supper replaced with pagan imagery, as evidence of a broader spiritual shift.

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A central feature of “The Avatar” is its exploration of modern political leaders through the lens of biblical templates. Donald Trump is compared to Jehu, a biblical king raised by God to strike down the house of Ahab. Like Jehu, Trump is unpredictable, combative and uniquely positioned to confront anti-biblical agendas. “Trump is being used against the agenda of the gods,” [Cahn explains](#). “His trumpet is also used of God.. It doesn’t have to know; it just has to be filled with the breath of God.”

Yet, Cahn is quick to caution that political figures are vessels, not solutions. Just as Jehu did not fully eradicate idol worship, modern leaders alone cannot secure spiritual revival. “The answer isn’t political. Even though God uses politics, if we change the government but don’t change the people, the unchanged people will change the government,” he warns. The key, he insists, is national and personal revival—a turning back to God that will determine the trajectory of culture and governance.

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Jonathan Cahn's message is a call to recognize the spiritual forces shaping our world and the ways leaders reflect ancient biblical patterns. This is the moment for Christians to awaken, pray and live with intentionality, understanding that the choices of today determine the spiritual and cultural destiny of tomorrow.

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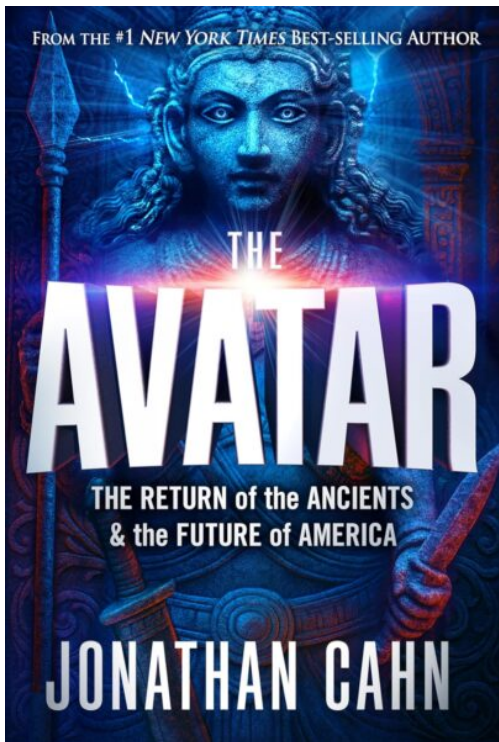
Antisemite of the Year? Jonathan Cahn Rebukes Candace Owens' Dangerous Rhetoric

We are in a time when we must make all efforts to step out of the darkness and into the light. However, not everyone has chosen this path.

In a reaction video to [Candace Owens' claims against Israel](#) and the Jewish people, Jonathan Cahn warns that her views are like playing with fire.

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"This is the kind of toxic venom that brought the Holocaust," says Cahn. "And believers in Jesus have to have nothing to do with it in any way, shape or form."



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Owens previously stated that "Zionism has brought us nothing but grief in America." As Cahn points out, Owens was recognized by news media organizations as the "Antisemite of the year."

"When you give yourself over to the dark side, there's no depth you cannot fall to. And so she has fallen to deception, and we should [pray for her that she gets set free](#)," he continues. "It is the devil's job to accuse Israel and the Jewish people. Don't make it yours."

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Cahn further points out that our God is a "Jewish judge" from Israel.

"On the day of judgment you're going to be standing in front of a Jewish, Israeli, Zionist king of kings."

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Jonathan Cahn's words serve as both a sobering warning and a call to action. As believers, we cannot afford to align ourselves with the same spirit of hatred that fueled history's darkest hours. Instead, we are called to stand in the light, pray for those deceived by lies and remember that our ultimate accountability is before the Jewish Messiah Himself—the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Historic Discovery Near Ancient Site Tied to the Ark of the Covenant

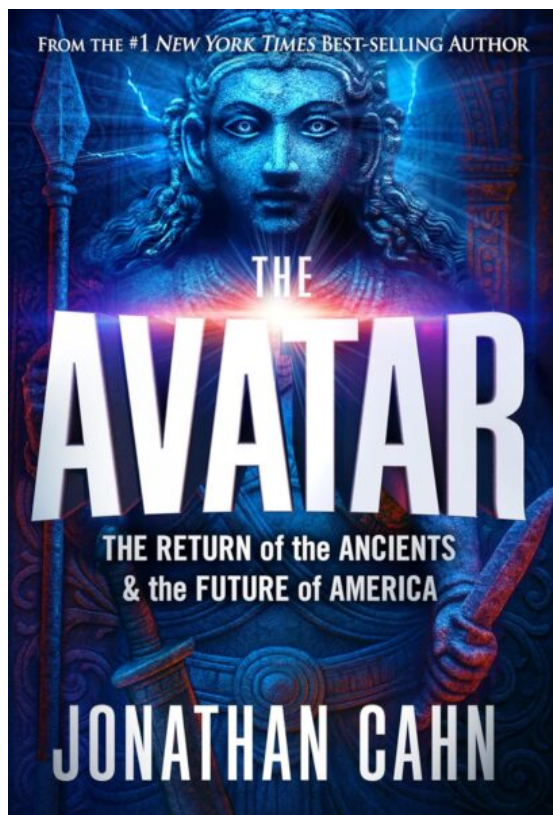
Archaeology just keeps proving that the Bible is more than a story. It is a historical narrative that proves the existence of [God's people and His miracles.](#)

In a report by the Daily Mail, archaeologists have located a gold ring at the location which is believed to have been the spot where the Ark of the Covenant resided.

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This ring, which was unveiled in the City of David, is believed to be 2,300 years old, and is the second of its type to be found in the area. The excavation took place by the Israel Antiquities Authority, and if dated correctly, is from the period of the Second Temple.

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This discovery adds yet another layer to the mystery surrounding the Ark of the Covenant—a sacred object described in Scripture as the dwelling place of God's presence and the vessel of His covenant with Israel. The Bible recounts in Exodus 25 how God gave Moses precise instructions to build the Ark, and later in 2 Samuel and 1 Kings, its central role in Israel's worship and national identity is recorded. Yet, its final resting place remains one of history's [greatest unsolved mysteries](#). Finds like this gold ring serve as reminders that the biblical record is deeply rooted in real places, real people and real events.

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As archaeologists continue to uncover evidence in Jerusalem and beyond, each artifact points back to the truth that the Bible is not myth but history interwoven with divine revelation. In the end, the Ark's mystery does not simply lie in where it was hidden, but in what it represents: the holiness of God, His unbroken promises, and the hope of His presence dwelling with His people forever.

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