

New Data Reveals Troubling Trends in Netflix's Children's Programming

Streaming platforms like Netflix have rapidly replaced traditional television and movie distribution, placing unprecedented influence in the hands of a few tech-driven companies. For parents, that shift has created new challenges, particularly as children increasingly consume content through tablets, phones and smart TVs with minimal supervision. What once felt like safe, [family-friendly programming is no longer guaranteed](#), and critics warn that parents often have little visibility into the messages shaping their children's worldview.

Those concerns were front and center in a recent CBN News video featuring Tré Goins-Phillips and Billy Hallowell, who analyzed new research from Concerned Women for America examining children's programming on Netflix. The report reviewed 326 series rated TV-G, TV-Y and TV-Y7 and found that 41% included LGBTQ characters, themes or messaging. Even more concerning, 21% of TV-Y-rated content, typically geared toward preschool-aged children, contained similar material.

"I think parents have made it very, very clear on these issues where they stand," Hallowell said. "The challenge that we have is that a lot of people put their kids in front of a tablet, a phone or their TV, and they go and do work. They do the things they have to do because people are busy and they don't realize maybe that this is what is going on."

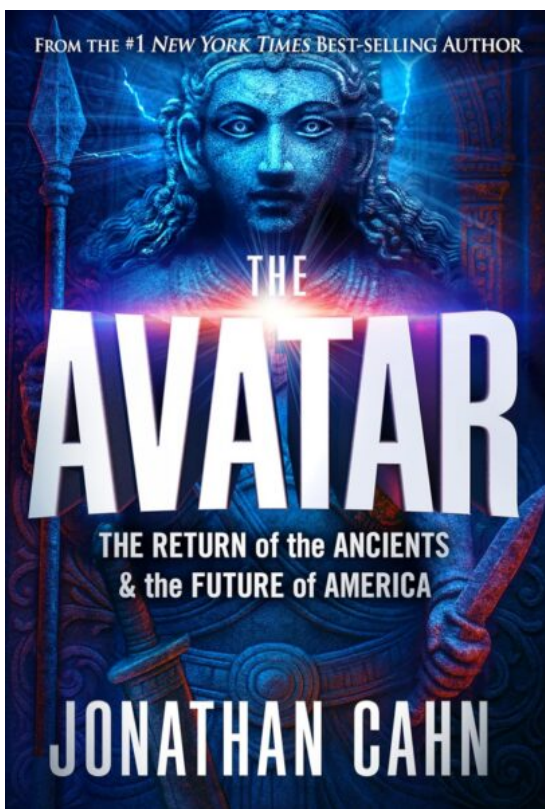
Numbers raise concern beyond

representation

Hallowell said the scale of the findings goes far beyond what could reasonably be considered representation, even by secular standards.

“If these numbers are true and accurate based on what this study is purporting, you have a situation where even if your goal is to say, ‘Oh, we’re trying to reflect the population,’ 41% is a percentage so high that it goes leaps and bounds beyond what you would even do if you felt that that was the right thing to do,” he said.

From a Christian worldview, Hallowell described the findings as troubling for children still forming their understanding of the world. “I don’t want to put children in front of something that’s going to add to any confusion in their lives that’s going to indoctrinate them in any way towards something that would be negative for them or counter a biblical worldview,” he said.



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Ratings system criticized as misleading

Goins-Phillips pointed to what he described as a broken ratings system as a major part of the problem. Penny Nance, president of Concerned Women for America, has argued that the system “doesn’t work” because networks and streaming platforms effectively rate their own content.

According to Goins-Phillips, Nance characterized the process as insidious, saying companies are “couching all of this content in these shows and then they’re giving it a TV-Y rating or a TV-Y7 rating because it is predominantly geared toward kids,” allowing controversial material to be slipped into programming parents assume is safe.

Netflix acknowledges the trend

The discussion also highlighted Netflix’s own statements about its content strategy. In 2023, the company publicly described the year as a standout, noting that more than half of its new shows featured LGBTQ characters. About 60% of its new children’s content at the time also included LGBTQ themes or characters.

For Hallowell, that acknowledgment underscored that the issue is intentional. “This is not a bug in the system, it is part of the system,” he said, adding that Hollywood and media companies often operate within ideological silos disconnected from the broader public.

“People are saying, ‘No, no, no. We don’t like this. We don’t want to see this. We actually don’t want this in kids content,’” he said.

A growing issue parents cannot ignore

Goins-Phillips framed the trend as more than a cultural or political issue, [characterizing it as spiritual](#). Citing Isaiah

42:6-7, he said the passage illustrates how confusion and darkness take hold, particularly among children. "I think it shows that Satan is working as hard as he can to confuse people and to keep them in darkness, to keep them in bondage," he said.

Hallowell concluded by urging Christians to respond not only with concern but with prayer and engagement. "We've done a lot of complaining and rightfully so about Hollywood and media and universities and education and all these things," he said. "Are we actually praying?"

As streaming platforms continue to dominate entertainment and shape young audiences, the concerns raised by CBN News suggest the issue is not fading but expanding. With children spending more time in front of screens, parents face increasing pressure to actively monitor what their children watch, ensuring they are not being raised on messages rooted in confusion and deception.

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What's Beneath the Bermuda Triangle May Be Fulfilling

End-Times Prophecy

A growing number of scientific discoveries are forcing researchers to confront a humbling reality: Earth is far less understood than previously assumed. From the depths of the Atlantic Ocean to the ancient stones of Egypt, what lies beneath the surface is challenging long-held models of geology, history and human understanding.

A recent study tied to the Bermuda Triangle region is the latest example. Scientists analyzing seismic data believe they have identified a massive subsurface structure beneath Bermuda that is “unlike anything else on Earth.” According to the research, an anomalous rock layer more than 12 miles thick sits beneath the island, lighter than surrounding material and acting as a buoyant support system that has kept Bermuda from sinking for more than 30 million years.

“But in Bermuda, there is this other layer that is emplaced beneath the crust, within the tectonic plate that Bermuda sits on,” seismologist William Frazer said in remarks reported by Live Science.

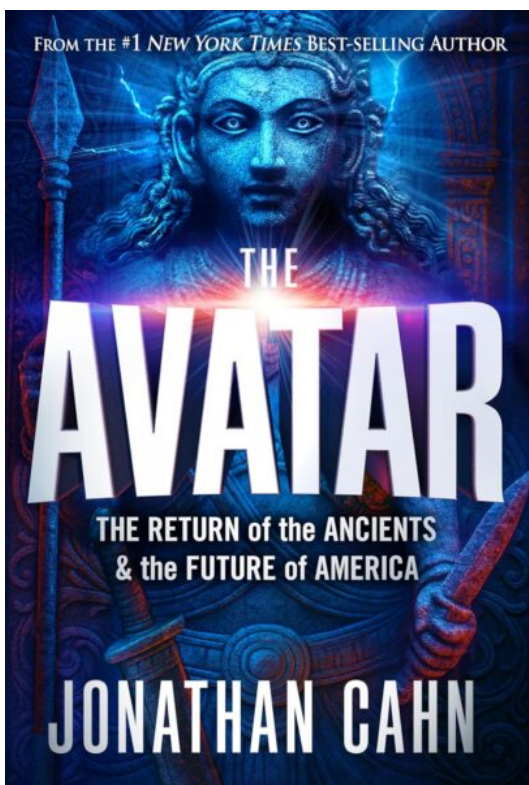
The discovery challenges standard assumptions about what exists beneath oceanic crust and raises new questions about how ancient volcanic activity may have permanently altered Earth’s internal structure. Researchers suggest that mantle material became embedded within the crust, forming a raft-like foundation that holds the island aloft.

At the same time, researchers in Egypt are making similarly striking claims about [what lies beneath the Giza Plateau](#).

Using advanced radar and imaging techniques, teams have reported detecting vast underground anomalies beneath the pyramids. These findings are being described as deep vertical shafts, large subsurface chambers and expansive structural formations extending far below the known burial complexes.

Some researchers have gone so far as to describe the formations as evidence of an extensive subterranean system beneath the pyramids, far deeper and more complex than previously documented.

While the claims differ in scale and context, the pattern is striking. At two of the most symbolically significant locations on Earth, scientists report massive hidden structures beneath the surface that were not anticipated by conventional models.



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The significance of these discoveries extends beyond geology and archaeology. They echo a verse written more than 2,500 years ago.

[In Daniel 12:4,](#) the prophet records a message delivered for the last days: "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

For centuries, that statement was interpreted primarily in terms of travel and education. Today, it is unfolding in ways

we never could have envisioned. Knowledge is not merely increasing horizontally through information sharing, but vertically, penetrating deep into the earth, the seas and ancient foundations once thought unreachable.

The Bermuda study relied on seismic waves from hundreds of earthquakes to generate images down to 31 miles beneath the surface. The pyramid research employs modern imaging technologies capable of detecting voids and structures beneath stone and sand. These are not surface-level discoveries. They are revelations of what has been hidden since antiquity.

Daniel's prophecy does not suggest that increased knowledge would lead humanity to wisdom or peace. In fact, the surrounding passages emphasize confusion, astonishment and the sealing and unsealing of understanding at the end of the age. Knowledge would expand rapidly, but interpretation would lag behind revelation.

That tension is visible today. Scientists are uncovering massive structures beneath the earth, yet openly admit they do not fully understand their origin or purpose. "The origin of this layer isn't immediately clear," the Bermuda researchers acknowledged, even as the structure itself defies existing geological frameworks.

Scripture consistently portrays the last days as a period when hidden things are revealed. The earth gives up its secrets, the depths are searched, and foundations once unseen come into view. These moments are not presented as proof of human mastery, but as reminders of limitation.

The discoveries beneath Bermuda and the pyramids are not signs to fear. They are signs to consider. They demonstrate that prophecy does not always fulfill itself in ways we anticipate. What Daniel foresaw was not simply faster communication or broader education, but a profound unveiling of reality itself.

As modern science peers beneath oceans and monuments,

uncovering structures no one imagined, an ancient prophecy continues to unfold quietly, precisely and without spectacle.

Knowledge is increasing. The question, as Scripture has always framed it, is whether understanding will follow.

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Khloé Kardashian Is Talking About Jesus, and It Exposes a Spiritual Crossroads

When someone from one of the most influential families in American culture begins speaking openly about Jesus Christ, it deserves attention. Khloé Kardashian's recent podcast episode, which centered on faith, prayer and spirituality, reflects a growing hunger many people feel right now. There is a desire for meaning, stability and truth beyond what culture and media can offer.

Khloé does not speak about faith as a branding exercise. She talks about it as something deeply personal, something that has sustained her through grief, trauma and darkness. "I'm a child of God, and I believe in God and that Jesus is the Son of God," she says. "That's my belief system. And it's something that gets me through every day, good or bad."

That confession alone stands out in a cultural moment where faith is often sidelined or mocked.

Prayer as Relationship, Not Ritual

Throughout the episode, Khloé describes prayer as relational rather than formal. “Prayer can just be how I’m talking right now,” she says. “You just say, ‘Dear Heavenly Father,’ and the rest can be loose and conversational.”

She credits faith with pulling her out of despair. “Faith is the reason why I’m out of all of the dark holes I’ve been in in life,” she says. “It’s literally saved my life.”

She also speaks of gratitude in hardship and of teaching her children to pray, especially in moments of fear. “That’s my job as a mom,” she explains, describing how prayer has brought peace to her children in difficult moments.

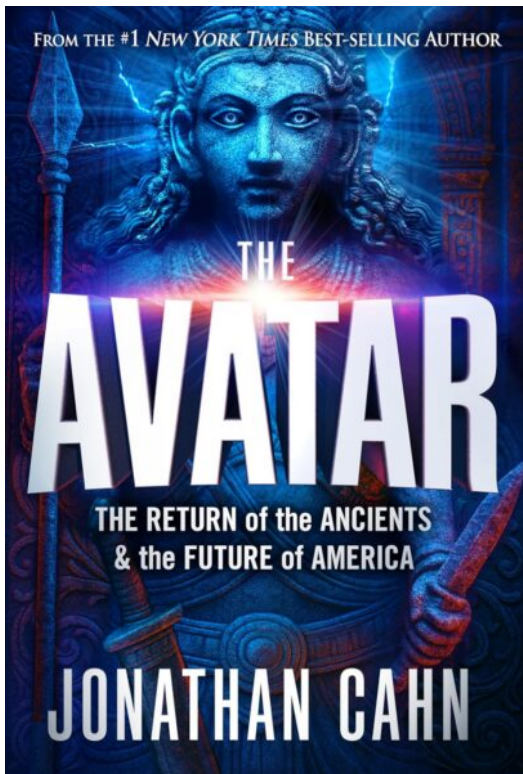
These reflections reveal a genuine desire to know God and to pass faith on to the next generation.

Why Influence Brings Spiritual Responsibility

When a public figure speaks openly about faith, the impact reaches far beyond personal testimony. Millions listen, and many take cues from what they hear. Scripture repeatedly warns that spiritual influence comes with spiritual opposition.

The Bible teaches that deception rarely begins with outright rejection of Jesus. It often starts with minor distortions that pull believers slightly off course. The apostle Paul warned that “even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14).

Khloé’s story shows why belief alone is not enough. Faith must be rooted, taught and guarded.



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Where Sincerity Drifts From Scripture

Throughout the episode, Khloé blends biblical language with ideas that do not align with Scripture. She frequently refers to trusting “the universe,” saying she believes “the universe is God controlling.” The Bible draws a clear distinction between the Creator and His creation. God made the universe and rules over it. He is not synonymous with it.

She also speaks about talking to angels and to her deceased father, describing prayers to “guardian angels” for guidance. While Scripture affirms the existence of angels, it never instructs believers to pray to them or seek their direction. The Bible teaches that there is “one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5).

Khloé also says, “There’s no wrong way to pray.” God welcomes honest prayers, including those spoken in grief or anger. Jesus Himself taught His followers how to pray and to whom to pray. Prayer is not undefined spirituality. It is communion with the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit.

She speaks warmly of all religions as fundamentally similar and encourages exploration of every belief system. Christians are called to love all people and respect others, but Scripture does not teach that truth is interchangeable. Jesus did not present Himself as one option among many. He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

The Missing Piece: Discipleship

None of these concerns negate Khloé's sincerity. They highlight something Scripture emphasizes again and again. [Sincerity is not the same as discipleship.](#)

The Bible does not call believers merely to feel faith. It calls them to be taught, corrected and grounded in truth. Without discipleship, faith drifts toward emotion and cultural spirituality. With discipleship, faith becomes anchored in Scripture and strengthened through discernment.

Khloé herself points to the power of example when she speaks about her father. She recalls watching him read the Bible every morning, not because of what he said, but because of what he did. That is discipleship modeled through faithfulness.

A Call to Prayer and Spiritual Covering

Khloé's openness about Jesus places her in a spiritually contested space described in Scripture. The enemy's aim is not always to destroy faith outright, but to distort it just enough to weaken its power.

A Jesus shaped by culture rather than Scripture [is not the Jesus revealed in the Word of God.](#)

The proper response to Khloé Kardashian's testimony is not cynicism or uncritical praise. It is prayer.

- Prayer that God would protect her from deception.
- Prayer that the Holy Spirit would lead her into truth.
- Prayer that her faith would be rooted in Scripture rather than shaped by culture.
- Prayer that mature believers would disciple and walk alongside her.

Scripture urges believers to “pray for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). That includes public figures navigating faith under intense influence and scrutiny.

Khloé’s story reminds us of both the beauty of turning toward Jesus and the danger of walking without discipleship. It is a reminder that faith must be taught, guarded and grown.

Pray for Khloé Kardashian. Pray that her walk with Jesus deepens. Pray that she comes to know Christ not as the world redefines Him, but as He is revealed in the living and active Word of God.

To watch the full podcast episode, [click here](#) (editor’s note: mild language).

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Comedian John Crist Pulls Back the Curtain on Fake Media Conflict

Media outrage sells certainty. It presents clear villains, clear heroes and constant conflict. What it rarely offers is truth. For Christians, that distinction matters, because [misplaced trust does more than misinform](#)—it quietly redirects faith away from Christ and toward spectacle.

Comedian and podcast host John Crist recently offered an unfiltered look at this reality after attending a Nashville gathering hosted by Tucker Carlson. Speaking on his Net Positive podcast, Crist described a setting that sharply contradicted the divisions audiences are conditioned to expect.

Among those present, Crist said, were Carlson, Candace Owens, Marjorie Taylor Greene, members of Turning Point USA, entertainers and comedians.

“I hate to say this out loud... everybody friends,” Crist said. “Everybody friends.”

Podcast host and comedian John Crist says he went to Tucker Carlson's Nashville party, where there was a wide variety of people including Candace Owens, claims "everybody friends" behind the scenes.

"There was Turning Point people there. And Candace Owens was there, Marjorie... pic.twitter.com/ItH1vYxlCj

– Collin Rugg (@CollinRugg) [December 16, 2025](#)

Crist's observation was not praise. It was exposure. Figures portrayed online as locked in constant ideological warfare were casually interacting in the same space, undercutting the credibility of the narratives audiences consume daily.

"You'd think they should be fist-fighting in the center of this party," Crist said. "Yeah, everybody: 'You want a drink?'"

Crist explained that the experience forced him to confront how often public conflict is exaggerated—or outright manufactured—for attention, engagement and influence.

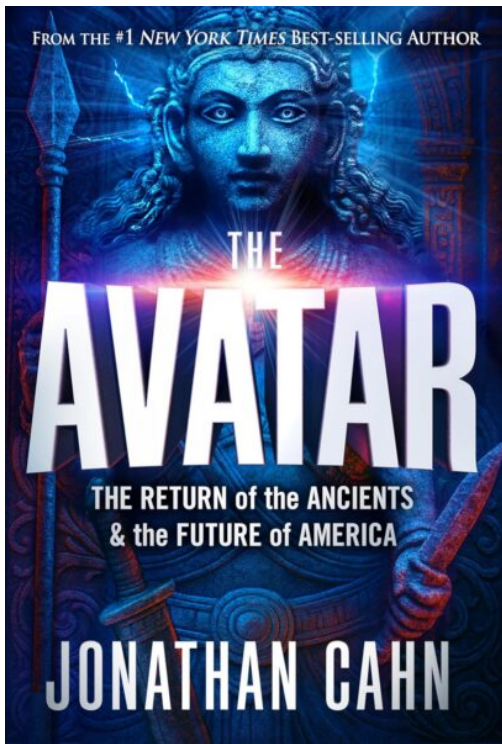
The dynamic, he said, mirrors what has long existed in Washington, D.C., where political opponents project hostility while maintaining private familiarity.

"We saw the Democratic majority leader and the Republican, they're at dinner," Crist said. "I go, yeah, everybody friends."

Crist reduced the phenomenon to its most straightforward explanation.

"They're entertaining," he said. "That's how they are. That's what their thing is."

"I think just a lot of it is business," he added.



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That admission cuts across ideological lines. Conservative media, progressive media and everything in between operate on incentives that reward outrage and division. What appears authentic is often strategic. [What feels urgent is usually curated.](#)

The implication is unavoidable. Scripture never instructs believers to anchor their worldview to media ecosystems or political personalities. It warns against deception and calls for discernment. Trusting media—whether secular or conservative—to deliver truth without distortion is a losing proposition.

Crist's remarks do not expose a single party or platform. They expose the system itself. What is marketed as reality is often performance, and what is framed as conviction is frequently commerce.

Faith grounded in media narratives will always be unstable. Faith grounded in Jesus Christ is not. Discernment begins when believers recognize the difference and refuse to confuse spectacle for truth.

The media will continue to manufacture conflict. Christ does not.

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0 Canada: Of Course Quebec Is Removing the Crucifix at Christmas

No one should be surprised.

[Quebec City's decision](#) to remove the crucifix from its council chamber is not an isolated bureaucratic choice. It is the latest chapter in a long, deliberate effort to purge Christianity from public life while dressing that effort up in the language of “neutrality,” “inclusion” and “secularism.”

According to the CBC, “the crucifix hanging in Quebec City’s council chamber is set to be removed in accordance with the principle of separation of church and state.” The stated justification is familiar, predictable and revealing.

What, exactly, threatens secularism more than Jesus Christ, who declared Himself “the way, the truth and the life”?

Secularism That Targets One Faith

The resolution, which city council members are expected to approve, asks that the crucifix be removed and “preserved in the city’s collection of ethno-historical objects.” In other words, Christianity is acceptable as a museum artifact, but not as a visible moral or spiritual presence.

The CBC reports that [Quebec City’s advisory commission](#) for an inclusive city concluded “the presence of the crucifix no longer appropriate and that the council chamber must promote religious neutrality as a democratic and inclusive space.”

That word – neutrality – is doing a lot of work.

Because in practice, neutrality rarely means removing all belief systems from public life. It means removing Christian symbols while secular ideology fills the vacuum without challenge.

History Isn’t the Issue. Christ Is.

The commission traced the crucifix’s history, noting that “the first crucifix was hung in the council chamber in 1936,” removed in the 1970s, then reinstalled years later. The current crucifix was sculpted by artist Jacques Bourgault.

Former mayor Régis Labeaume recognized the deeper implications when the issue surfaced in 2019. At the time, he argued the crucifix was “a heritage object and was against the idea of erasing all religious symbols in the name of secularism.”

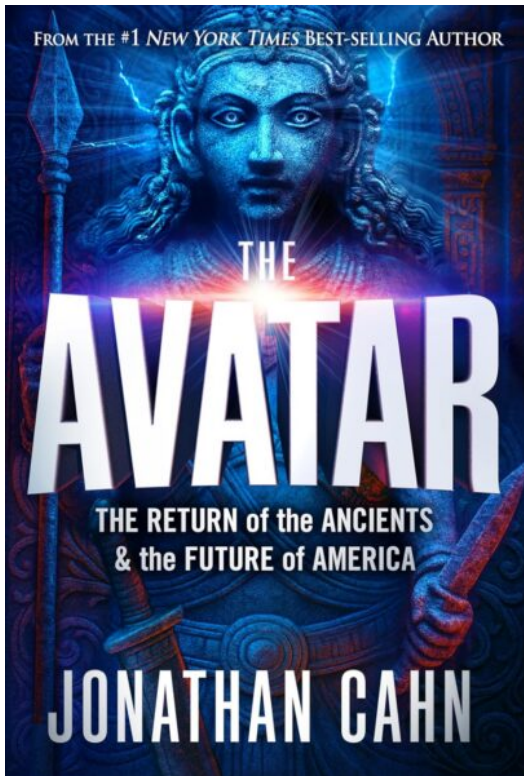
That position no longer holds sway.

Mayor Bruno Marchand has since “rallied behind the position of the committee,” aligning the city with a broader provincial push to reinforce laicity, or state-enforced secularism.

But this is not really about heritage. And it is not truly

about law.

It is about discomfort with Christianity itself.



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Why Is It Always Christianity?

Governments across the Western world have quietly removed the word "Christmas" from calendars and public celebrations, replacing it with vague references to "holidays" or "winter festivities." Yet Christian observances are the only ones consistently muted or reframed for the sake of "diversity and inclusion."

Other religious expressions are accommodated, explained or even celebrated. Christianity is treated as dangerous, outdated or divisive.

Ask why.

The Bible answers plainly: "The world hates Me," Jesus said. And if it hates Him, it will hate those who bear His name.

The CBC article notes that this vote [comes as Quebec's government has tabled Bill 9](#), "An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Quebec," which builds on previous secularism laws.

The direction is clear. The pressure will increase.

A Pattern, Not an Accident

In 2019, Quebec removed the crucifix that had hung for decades above the Speaker's chair in the National Assembly's Blue Room. Now, municipal chambers are following suit.

Each removal is justified as reasonable. Each is framed as administrative. Each is defended as inclusive.

But together, they form a pattern: Christianity must retreat from public view.

Jesus Christ does not fit neatly into a secular framework because He does not claim to be one option among many. He claims authority. Truth. Lordship.

That is what provokes resistance.

Expect More of This – And Worse

None of this should shock Christians.

Scripture is explicit that hostility toward Christ will intensify, not diminish, as history moves forward. The pressure to privatize faith, sanitize language and remove visible reminders of God from public life will only grow stronger.

Quebec's crucifix is not just being taken down from a wall. It is being treated as something that must be contained, explained away and ultimately sidelined.

But history has shown that removing symbols does not erase

truth.

And no resolution, vote or law can do what governments have been trying to do for centuries: silence the name that still divides the world.

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Is a Fourth Temple Hidden in Plain Sight Within Bible Prophecy?

Talk of Israel never really fades from the headlines. But lately, the focus has shifted beyond politics and war to something far more provocative: the renewed push toward temple worship and what it could mean prophetically.

In a recent Charisma Media interview, researcher and author Josh Peck explained why this moment deserves closer attention and why he believes the Bible points to events that are not symbolic but very real.

Peck's argument is straightforward. Scripture means what it says.

A Literal Reading of Prophecy

One of the central questions Peck addresses is whether end-times prophecy should be taken metaphorically or literally. His position is unambiguous.

“I’m a literalist,” Peck said. “I take Bible prophecy literally.”

While acknowledging that Scripture contains poetry and symbolism, Peck noted that symbolic passages are usually explained within the text itself. [When it comes to the temple](#), he said, the language leaves little room for abstraction.

“When it comes to the temple, it uses very literal language,” he said. “So I do believe that we are going to see, at least during the tribulation, a literal third temple of worship.”

Momentum Toward a Third Temple

Peck pointed to growing developments in Israel that suggest preparations are accelerating. From priestly training to sacred vessels, he said the groundwork is largely complete.

“Apparently, from what I understand, they have everything that they need to start it again,” Peck said, noting that the red heifer remains one of the final elements closely watched by prophecy observers.

He also tied the surge in global attention on Israel to a troubling parallel trend.

“The rise of antisemitism has been huge,” Peck said. “Which makes sense if God does have a future plan for Israel and if Satan knows that.”



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The Often-Ignored Fourth Temple

While many prophecy discussions focus on a third temple, Peck said Scripture actually provides more detail about what comes next.

“What’s really interesting is in the Bible, there’s more about the fourth temple than there is about the third,” he said.

Peck pointed readers to Ezekiel chapters 40 through 48, which describe a future temple with precise dimensions and specific functions.

“It’s like a blueprint in text,” he said. “To me, that’s extremely literal language.”

According to Peck, this fourth temple will exist [during the millennial reign of Christ](#), after the tribulation and the defeat of the Antichrist.

“This actually occurs during the millennial reign of Christ,” he said. “He’s going to rule on earth for a thousand years, and part of that rule is this temple.”

History, Expectation and Modern Parallels

Peck also referenced non-canonical writings such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, not as Scripture, but as historical evidence of ancient Jewish expectations.

“What the Dead Sea Scrolls tell us is that this was in the culture at the time,” he said. “They all expected a millennial reign of the Messiah and a future temple.”

He drew a sharp comparison between ancient religious leaders who reinterpreted prophecy and modern readers who do the same.

“When you spiritualize everything, you can really make the text mean whatever you want,” Peck said.

Why This Conversation Is Growing Louder

Peck believes the renewed attention on temples, Israel and prophecy is not accidental.

“I see all these things coming together,” he said. “And I do believe that that’s going to culminate first in a literal third temple.”

For viewers who want the full context, detailed explanations and deeper biblical discussion, the complete interview with Josh Peck is available in the video above.

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Jack Hibbs: End-Times Prophecy Is No Longer Optional

Bible prophecy is no longer a side topic for curious believers. It is unavoidable. Cultural confusion, moral collapse and global instability force Christians to confront questions Scripture already answers. The New Testament does not frame prophecy as speculation but as preparation. Ignoring it leaves believers exposed to deception, [exactly as Scripture](#)

[warns will happen in the last days.](#)

That urgency is evident in a recent conversation led by Pastor Jack Hibbs, alongside Jeff Kinley and Todd Hampson of the Prophecy Pros podcast.

Together, they contend that end-times prophecy is essential for spiritual clarity, biblical confidence and faithful living in an era marked by confusion and compromise.

The Church Drifts From Equipping to Entertaining

The discussion challenges the modern church's priorities. Rather than equipping believers with truth, many congregations soften doctrine to make faith more palatable. The result is a generation of Christians lacking discernment and spiritual grounding.

[End-times prophecy functions as a corrective.](#) Far from being divisive or distracting, it grounds believers in Scripture and forces engagement with what the Bible plainly says about the future.

Revelation Serves as the Capstone of Scripture

A major emphasis centers on the book of Revelation. Revelation is not an isolated or symbolic appendix but the culmination of the biblical narrative. It draws heavily from the Old Testament, making it impossible to understand apart from that foundation.

Avoiding Revelation does not protect believers. It leaves them without a coherent understanding of God's plan and weakens confidence in Scripture as a unified whole.



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Young Believers Seek Depth, Not Dilution

The discussion rejects the assumption that younger Christians cannot handle theology. When Scripture is taught clearly and honestly, young people respond with seriousness and conviction.

Teaching on judgment, accountability and future events produces sobriety, not fear. Shielding younger believers from difficult passages does not preserve their faith. It leaves them unprepared for reality and vulnerable to false teaching.

Israel Stands as the Central Prophetic Sign

The most definitive claim centers on Israel. Israel's modern rebirth stands as the most significant prophetic marker of the current era. The establishment of the nation in 1948 represents a literal fulfillment that cannot be spiritualized away.

If prophecy fulfills precisely in the past, [it fulfills precisely in the future.](#) Scripture establishes a consistent pattern, and attempts to redefine Israel's role disrupts the Bible's prophetic framework.

Replacement Theology Undermines Biblical Coherence

Replacement theology fails to align with Scripture's internal

logic. The Bible repeatedly affirms that God's promises to Israel remain intact and irrevocable. If those promises can be reassigned or nullified, then God's covenant faithfulness itself comes into question.

Confidence in salvation, assurance and future hope remains tied to whether God keeps His word exactly as given.

Prophecy Functions as Evidence, Not Guesswork

Fulfilled prophecy provides evidence for Scripture's reliability. Biblical predictions are specific rather than vague. Details surrounding the Messiah's life, death and betrayal unfold exactly as written.

This precision establishes confidence that what has not yet occurred unfolds with the same faithfulness. Prophecy does not invite speculation. It demonstrates God's sovereignty over history.

Readiness Requires Action

Complacency presents a serious danger. Assuming there is time to delay obedience contradicts Scripture's warnings. Jesus cautions against servants who say, "My Lord delays His coming," because that mindset leads to carelessness and compromise.

Expectation of Christ's return sharpens obedience. It fuels evangelism, service and discernment rather than passivity.

A Call to Discernment

The message is unmistakable. Scripture warns that deception will increase in the last days, and prophecy exists so believers recognize the times and stand firm. We as Christians

are called to take God at His word, study Scripture carefully, and guard ourselves against theological compromise.

The Bible does not reveal the future to confuse God's people. It reveals it so we remain watchful, grounded and ready.

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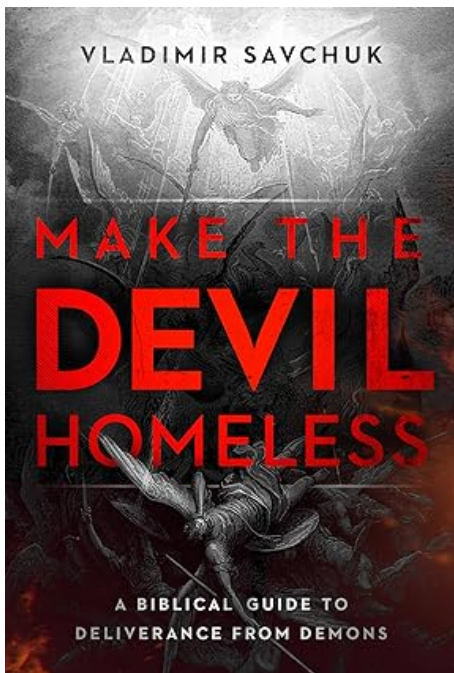
Stop Ignoring the Signs: Not Everyone in Your Life Is for You

Friendship is one of the most influential forces in a person's life, yet many struggle to tell the difference between people who genuinely care and those who only appear supportive.

[Pastor Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen Ministries](#) recently broke down why this matters more than most believers realize. He argues that the relationships surrounding you can either strengthen your walk with God or slowly drain the life out of it.

Savchuk teaches that the Holy Spirit often nudges believers about people they've allowed too close. Those quiet warnings aren't paranoia. They're protection. The Spirit can reveal attitudes, motives and conversations you'll never hear

directly, preparing you to recognize when a relationship is unhealthy long before the damage sets in.



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1. They drain your peace

Savchuk says a major warning sign is how you feel after someone walks away. If their presence leaves you tense or exhausted instead of strengthened, the relationship may be taxing your spirit instead of supporting it.

2. They love your platform more than your pain

Fake friends gravitate to your success but vanish when life gets real. Savchuk explains that they enjoy the benefits of being connected to you but have no interest in standing with you when you're hurting or hidden.

3. They gossip and break confidence

If someone freely shares other people's secrets, Savchuk says you can assume they'll mishandle yours the same way. Gossip is

a preview of how they treat trust.

4. They try to control who you honor or connect with

Another red flag is when a person pressures you to distance yourself from others so they can feel secure. Savchuk notes that shrinking your circle isn't loyalty; it's manipulation wrapped in friendship language.

5. They compete with you instead of celebrating you

Envy reveals itself quickly. Savchuk points out that some people interpret your progress as a threat. A genuine friend is excited when you rise. A fake one resents it.

6. They view access to you as a bargaining chip

Savchuk warns about people who value proximity because of what it gives them. These relationships feel transactional. They want your platform, your connections or your influence—not you.

7. They only take and never give

When someone is always withdrawing and never depositing encouragement, support or presence, Savchuk says the imbalance shows their real intentions. Healthy friendship requires reciprocity.

[Savchuk urges believers](#) to stay alert to the Holy Spirit's guidance. If something feels off, pay attention. The Spirit's goal isn't to isolate you but to protect what God is building in your life. Real friends help you grow. Fake ones drain the strength God gave you. Discernment is the ability to tell the

difference.

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Will You Leave the Familiar Behind for the New Path God Is Opening?

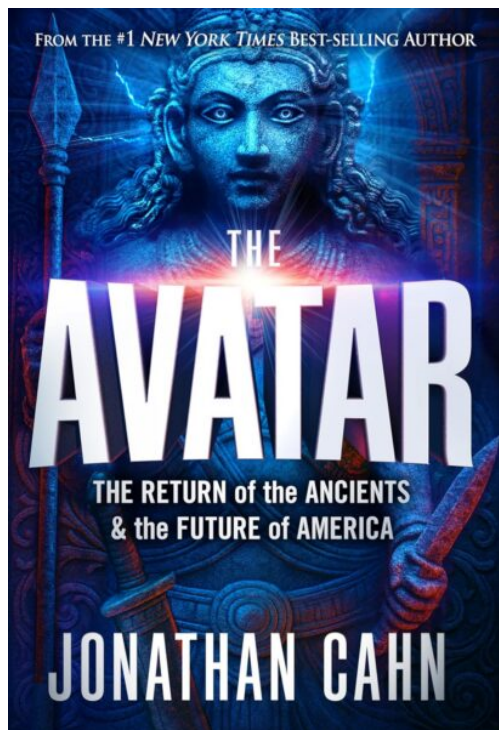
If you've sensed lately that God is nudging you out of old patterns or stirring something new beneath the surface, you're not alone.

A recent prophetic message [from Jeremiah Johnson](#) captured that exact feeling and put language to what many believers have been experiencing. His word wasn't theoretical or vague. It was direct, urgent and deeply personal: God is calling His people into territory they have never walked before, and the familiar will not take them where they are going.

Johnson opened by declaring, "You have never been this way before," a phrase he repeated to anchor the message. He said God is releasing "new coordinates," "new blueprints" and "new plans and purposes" for those ready to step forward. The point, he explained, is not just movement but transformation.

"The past is just simply a point of reference," Johnson said.

“What you have known is simply a point of reference.” He warned that measuring the future by what feels safe or familiar is one of the biggest ways people stall their own calling.



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Johnson emphasized that this moment requires action. “Have you not heard that this is the time to build?” he said. He described a divine “new framework” being released for the days ahead. That framework involves a personal upgrade as well: “I am releasing grace tonight to evolve. I am giving you permission to move into your 2.0.”

To illustrate this transformation, Johnson pointed to Lazarus. “No one had ever met the new Lazarus before,” he said. “For they never knew a man who had died.” He told believers emerging from a season of dying to old identities will feel the same paradox: “Dead but alive. Dead but alive.”

The message also confronted the emotional ties that keep many from moving forward. “Beware of that which is familiar,” Johnson said. He spoke specifically about family patterns and childhood environments that created “stunted growth,” leaving

people feeling “misunderstood,” “bottled up” or obligated to “live someone else’s dream.”

He said God is actively breaking these limitations and “removing you from certain origins of your family that have hindered you from stepping into the new.”

Throughout the message, [Johnson stressed that embracing the new](#) requires self-compassion as God reshapes His people. “Behold, I make all things new,” he said. “You must give yourself permission to evolve. You must give yourself grace that you were simply operating out of what you knew.” He framed this moment as a defining choice: “This weekend is a call to leave that which is behind and press forward to the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.”

Johnson’s reminder cuts through the noise of life with clarity: “You have never been this way before.”

And that, he says, is precisely the point.

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Glenn Beck Reveals Why He Was Wrong About Donald Trump

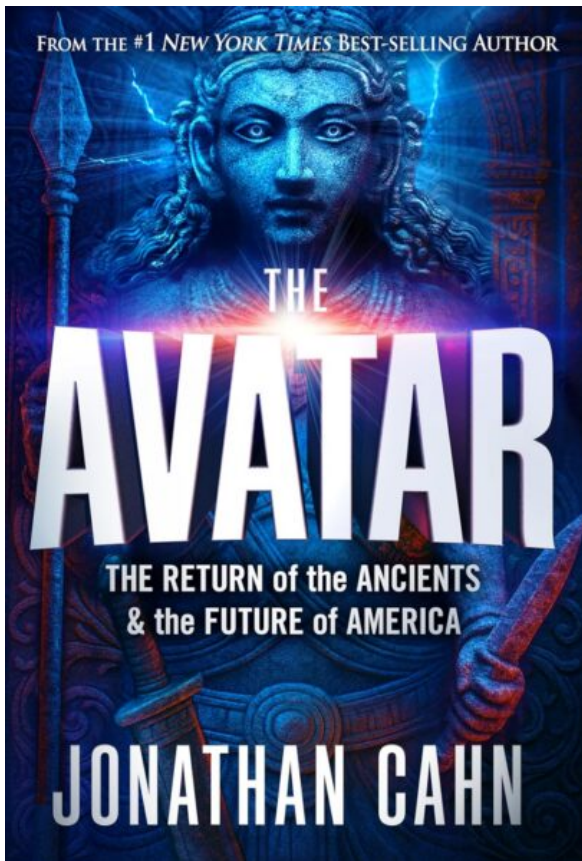
Glenn Beck opened up about what he now considers a serious

misstep in his commentary career, saying he “so misjudged” President Donald Trump and deeply regrets the things he once said about him. Beck shared a detailed account of his personal interactions with the president, describing a private version of Trump that sharply contrasts with how he is portrayed in the media.

Beck said the Trump seen on television is a “flash of him as a performer,” but in private, he is “that really gentle, very kind, kind of guy.” [Beck emphasized repeatedly](#) that the public rarely sees the personal, off-camera Trump he has encountered over the years.

One of the stories Beck recounted was from a stay at Trump International in New York, during a period when Beck was dealing with severe health issues that required an extremely restrictive 70-ingredient diet. Beck explained that he needed to travel with a private chef and asked Trump directly if the hotel could accommodate an unusual kitchen request. Trump agreed without hesitation.

“Absolutely, not a problem,” Beck recalled Trump saying, noting how surprising the response was given New York’s strict policies around outside personnel entering a restaurant kitchen.



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Beck's perspective shifted even further after his father's sudden death forced him to cut the trip short. Soon afterward, Trump called him personally to ask why he had left early and to offer sympathy. "He just gushed ... and he was so relatable and so kind," Beck said. The interaction left a lasting mark on him.

But when Trump announced his presidential campaign shortly after, Beck admitted he cynically assumed Trump had been "courting" him for an endorsement. Looking back, Beck now rejects that idea. "I assumed the worst of him, and that's not what it was about," he said. "That is who he is."

Beck said one detail never aligned with the negative assumptions: Trump's children. "His kids are so unbelievable and his daughters love him to death," he said. "You can't fake that with your kids." He pointed to their affection as evidence of Trump's character and a sign he had misread the man entirely.

[Beck did not hold back](#) when describing his regret. “I really regret the things I said about Donald Trump because I was really wrong,” he said, calling it “one of the worst things I’ve done in a long time.”

His comments echo a larger biblical pattern, one that emphasizes repentance, humility and the courage to correct course when truth becomes clear. Scripture repeatedly underscores the value of acknowledging wrongdoing and seeking to make amends. Whether in Jesus’s teachings about reconciling with a brother before approaching the altar or in the numerous Proverbs that call the wise to embrace correction, the theme is the same: repentance restores integrity.

Beck’s reflections mirror that principle. He chose not to excuse or minimize his misjudgment, but to confront it openly. In doing so, he provides a rare public example of what it looks like to admit fault, seek restoration and realign one’s words with truth.

To view the segment, [click here](#) (viewer discretion: brief, coarse language).

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