

Will 'The Lord of the Rings' Find Its Faith Again or Has Darkness Won?

The J.R.R. Tolkien Estate has announced a major shift in representation bringing on the London-based agency Curtis Brown Heritage to oversee the author's literary works. While the move is intended to preserve Tolkien's legacy for future generations, questions remain about whether this change will help restore the deep faith that infused his writings or if major outlets like Amazon will continue steering his works into woke DEI-driven adaptations that miss the heart of his vision.

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As reported by Movieguide the estate said, "As a family we remain deeply conscious of the responsibility of looking after J.R.R. Tolkien's literary works and legacy. We are committed to keeping his stories alive for generations to come. In Curtis Brown Heritage we have found partners who share that passion and we are delighted to be working with them."



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Curtis Brown Heritage was launched in 2016 to manage the literary estates of influential British authors. The agency represents figures such as Douglas Adams, Iain Banks, Iris Murdoch and Stephen Spender. Its Head Noah Perkins stated, "It is a great honour and joy to be working with the Tolkien Estate to preserve and celebrate J.R.R. Tolkien's extraordinary literary legacy and to help to bring new readers (and viewers and listeners) to his writing." Curtis Brown Group CEO Jonny

Geller added, "All of us who grew up passionate about reading have been influenced and dazzled by the works of . Tolkien and we are committed to help to bring a new generation of readers to the enduring pleasure of these great books."

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The Tolkien Estate still holds the rights to the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit books as well as television rights. Movie rights however were sold in 1969 and eventually landed in the hands of Swedish gaming company Embracer which has licensed them for projects like The Lord of the Rings: The Hunt for Gollum. The estate itself licensed Prime Video's The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power which has been met with criticism from fans who argue that it distorts Tolkien's themes and values.

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The new partnership with Curtis Brown Heritage raises the question of whether Tolkien's work will once again be handled with the reverence it deserves or whether Hollywood will keep bending his stories to fit modern ideological trends. Will Tolkien's enduring tales of good, evil and faith be honored or will the push for corporate agendas continue to overshadow his timeless vision?

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Demons Exposed: The End Times Aftermath of Charlie Kirk's Assassination

Joe Kirby of Off the Kirb Ministries recently released a wide-ranging video exploring the many Christian denominations around the world. With his usual mix of humor, candor and conviction, Kirby laid out the differences between various traditions while pointing believers back to the one thing that truly matters: the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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"I am going to get a lot of hate for saying this," Kirby admitted, "but Jesus did tip us off to watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing. And not everyone who says they are Christian are Christian." Even so, his heart throughout the message was not division but unity, pointing listeners to the cross.

A Walk Through Denominations

Kirby explained that every denomination has its history, emphases and distinctives. Here is how he summarized them:

- **Roman Catholicism:** Largest Christian denomination with the Pope in Rome as leader. Practices include praying to saints, using the rosary, honoring Mary, confession to priests and belief that communion bread and wine truly become Christ.
- **Protestantism:** Prayers go directly to God, no rosary, Mary is respected but not exalted, sins confessed

directly to God and communion is symbolic.

- **Word of Faith / Prosperity Gospel:** Centered in the U.S. and Nigeria, this movement teaches that faith can unlock blessings, wealth and health. Kirby warned against it, saying it conflicts with Jesus' call to deny ourselves and take up our cross.
- **Orthodox Christianity:** Found across Greece, Russia, Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. Worship is mystical and ancient. They believe communion becomes Jesus but do not follow the Pope.
- **Anglican / Episcopal:** Originated in England under King Henry VIII, with wide variation from liturgical cathedrals to casual evangelical services.
- **Lutheran:** Began with Martin Luther's Reformation. Focused on salvation by grace through faith and the authority of Scripture.
- **Presbyterian:** Rooted in John Calvin's teaching, strong in Scotland and the U.S. Emphasizes covenant theology and infant baptism.
- **Pentecostal:** Known for passionate worship, speaking in tongues, miracles and revival focus. Growing rapidly across the globe.
- **Amish / Anabaptist:** Found mainly in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. Value adult baptism, simplicity and separation from modern technology.
- **Reformed / Calvinist:** Strong in the Netherlands, South Africa and online. Emphasizes God's sovereignty and predestination, with a focus on believers' baptism.
- **Mormon (LDS):** Began with Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. Believe Jesus is separate from the Father and that people can become gods.
- **Jehovah's Witnesses:** Known for door-to-door evangelism. Reject the Trinity and see Jesus as God's first creation. Believe 144,000 will reign with Christ in heaven while others live forever on earth.
- **Seventh-day Adventists:** Observe Saturday Sabbath, abstain from certain foods, emphasize health and mission

and focus on Christ's soon return.

- **Plymouth Brethren:** Keep church simple with no paid pastors and structured gatherings.
- **Quakers:** Emphasize silence, inner light and peace.
- **Moravians:** Older than Protestants, known for music, unity and simple devotion.
- **Christadelphians:** Deny the Trinity, teach Jesus is God's Son but not God Himself and await His return to rule on earth.
- **Methodists:** Founded by John Wesley, emphasize grace, holiness and community. Strong globally but declining in the UK.
- **Progressive Christians:** Not a denomination but a movement. Often reinterpret the Bible more loosely, leading to unbiblical conclusions.



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Where Kirby Stands

After listing so many denominations, Kirby finally addressed the question he often receives: what denomination does he belong to? "Even though going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car," he said, "I believe it is crucial for our faith to be in regular fellowship with other Christians."

He described himself as leaning Baptist with some "quirky edges," but made it clear that his allegiance is not to a label. "There is only one denomination in heaven and it's called the forgiven," Kirby declared. "Not the Baptists, not the Methodists, not the Pentecostals, not the Anglicans, not the theologically sound or the most spiritual, just the forgiven. Just sinners who've thrown themselves on the mercy of Jesus Christ."

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The Gospel at the Center

Kirby closed his video not with denominational debates but with a call to the heart of the Christian faith. "Jesus didn't come to start a religion. He came to rescue the lost. And that includes me, and that includes you," he said. Quoting Scripture, he reminded viewers, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And the wages of sin is death. But here is the good news. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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For Kirby, the conclusion is simple and unifying: no matter what denomination believers belong to, what matters most is whether they have been forgiven through Jesus Christ. "At the end of the day, Christianity isn't about climbing your way up to God through rituals and perfect theology," he said. "It's about a God who came down to us, who wrapped Himself up in a human skin, walked in our shoes and died in our place."

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Hall of Fame-Bound: Dodgers Legend and Outspoken Christian Clayton Kershaw to Retire

Clayton Kershaw, one of the most dominant pitchers of his generation, announced his retirement Thursday in an emotional news conference at Dodger Stadium. Surrounded by teammates, coaches, front office members, and his family, Kershaw reflected on his 18-year career with the Los Angeles Dodgers and made clear that he is stepping away with peace in his heart.

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“I’m really not sad,” Kershaw said as his voice broke with emotion, according to reports from ESPN. “I’m really at peace with this. It’s just emotional. I tried to hold it together. I told our guys not to make it weird today because I was going to get weird if you make it weird. And here I am, making it weird.”

A Career Marked by Greatness

Kershaw’s career is certain to land him in the Hall of Fame. He won three National League Cy Young Awards, an MVP, made 11 All-Star appearances, and collected 222 wins. His career ERA is the second lowest in the live ball era among pitchers with more than 1,500 innings. He also became only the 20th pitcher in history to record 3,000 strikeouts.

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said, “I think he’s the greatest pitcher in this generation. There’s obviously a lot of great pitchers. I’ve just never been around a greater competitor.

Very accountable, very consistent. He's made me better. And I think that we have grown together, so I feel fortunate to have been able to manage him and be around him for 10 years. He's earned this right to walk away at his choosing."



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Faith That Anchored Him

While baseball defined much of his public life, Kershaw has consistently pointed to his Christian faith as the anchor that carried him through success and hardship. He has spoken openly about his belief that Jesus Christ is the foundation of his life, once saying, "Jesus is the only true way to Heaven." That conviction, combined with the support of his wife Ellen, guided him through seasons of dominance and times when injuries threatened to derail his career.

Kershaw has also used his platform to live out his faith through service. His foundation, Kershaw's Challenge, has helped children and families in need around the world. Whether on mission trips to Zambia or serving in Los Angeles, Kershaw has seen baseball not as an end in itself but as a gift that allowed him to serve a greater purpose.

Admired by Teammates and Fans

His humility and character left as deep a mark as his pitching. Dodgers first baseman Freddie Freeman, who had known about Kershaw's retirement plans for months, said, "Knowing Clayton, I thought he would just not even tell anybody and just retire. But I'm glad he did, so the fans and not only Dodger fans, but all baseball fans can enjoy his last start here at Dodger Stadium in the regular season tomorrow. It's just a heck of a career. Just in awe of him."

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Teammate Mookie Betts added, “The teammate he is, the competitor he is. Not just on the mound, but really everything. The person he is. I’ll always remember that, and I’ll always be able to say Clayton Kershaw is someone that I love.”

A Fitting End

Even in his final season, Kershaw showed flashes of brilliance. He posted a 10–2 record with a ERA despite diminished velocity and injuries that had piled up over his career. “I can’t think of a better season to go out,” he said. “We still have a lot to accomplish, obviously, this month, and the last thing I want to do is be a distraction to anybody from accomplishing our ultimate goal – to win in the last game of the season.”

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For Kershaw, retirement is not the end but a transition into more time with Ellen and their children, and more opportunities to serve through faith. He made that clear as he closed his remarks with simplicity and gratitude. Asked about his final start at Dodger Stadium, Kershaw smiled and said, “I anticipate pitching good.”

It was a humble answer from a man whose faith, family, and fierce competitiveness have defined his journey.

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Senate Passes Resolution Honoring Charlie Kirk With National Day of Remembrance

The U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., designating Oct. 14, 2025, as a National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk. The measure honors the life and legacy of the conservative leader who was assassinated earlier this month.

“Like most Americans, my wife Ann and I are completely heartbroken by the tragic loss of our friend and fellow patriot, Charlie Kirk, in a despicable, targeted assassination,” Scott said on the Senate floor.

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The resolution is cosponsored by more than 20 senators, including Tommy Tuberville, Jim Risch, Rand Paul, Josh Hawley, Lindsey Graham, Mike Lee, Ted Cruz, James Lankford and Marsha Blackburn. Congressman Jimmy Patronis is leading a companion resolution in the House of Representatives.

Scott praised Kirk as “a good man – a devout husband, father, and friend. His life was shaped by his faith and the idea that in America, debate and discussion are crucial to the betterment of our country.”



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Kirk, founder and executive director of Turning Point USA, built thousands of chapters nationwide to educate students on freedom, free markets and limited government. Scott said, "Charlie inspired millions of young Americans to be involved in the future of their country and make their voices heard. He'd travel to college campuses around the nation to share ideas and talk about them."

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Scott emphasized that Kirk's commitment to free debate set him apart. "He didn't care if you agreed or disagreed with his ideas. He welcomed the opportunity to respectfully and peacefully debate ideas in the court of public opinion."

Calling the assassination "a disgusting act of political violence," Scott urged Americans to honor Kirk by continuing his mission. "We have the opportunity to carry on his memory by believing in the power of our ideas, discussion, and the values of our nation," he said.

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As the resolution takes effect, Scott asked citizens to gather in their communities to pray for Kirk's family and the future of the nation.

Let us join together in prayer for Erika Kirk, her children and our nation as we navigate these waters of division and anger.

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Rosh Hashanah 5786: The Prophetic Feast That Could Change the Church Forever

A heritage of pastors and peacemakers

Pastor James Kaddis says his roots shaped his prophetic lens. "I am the first generation to be born in the United States of America. My parents were both born in Egypt," he said. "My grandfather was a pastor in Egypt for 65 years... they were oftentimes the ones that were actually making peace." He added that his grandfather "every single day... prayed that somebody from his bloodline would become a pastor," and "almost to the day that he passed away" Kaddis began teaching the Word.

Called young and forged fast

In an exclusive interview with Charisma Media, Kaddis said he was saved at 16 and quickly sensed a call to teach. "Within a couple of months, I just have this desire to want to start teaching the Bible," he said. "By the time I was 18, I was already serving in ministry full time." A love for languages and prophecy followed: "I'm a kind of a language guy. Language doesn't come very hard for me."

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From Greek class to cyber forensics

What began as tech to study Scripture became a parallel career. “I was one of like 1,000 court recognized computer forensics experts,” Kaddis said, explaining that he later served as a municipal police department’s chief information officer. He emphasized he was “more on the networking side,” not programming, but the tools sharpened his ministry.

Where we are in Revelation

Asked to place the moment, Kaddis did not hesitate. “We’re definitely at the tail end of what I would call chapter three,” he said. “By the time we get to Revelation chapter four, the church is raptured.” The signs, he argued, are converging fast: “Right now we’re beginning to see the orchestration of so many things going on geopolitically... which tells us that the rapture has to be near.”

The modern Tower of Babel

Kaddis warned about a new unity of language created by AI. “We are building a modern day Tower of Babel,” he said. “AI has, in essence, completely eliminated the inability to be able to communicate with other people in other languages.” He called it fertile ground for deception and idolatry. “We’ve seen these AI Jesus. We’re seeing all kinds of crazy things that are going on right now that are just brutally demonic.”



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Deception, discipleship and screens

For Kaddis, the deeper danger runs through the heart. “AI is

part of a conglomerate of tools that are ruining the collective consciousness of humanity,” he said. He urged pastors to resist shortcuts. “I think it’s just idiotic to say, ‘Here chat, GPT make me a sermon’... It’s terrible. It’s shameful.” At home he is firm about screens. “I will never, ever allow a single one of my children to have more than a certain amount of screen time a week, not a day.”

Why prophecy content exploded

The COVID era pushed his message daily. “The Lord had told me that day, I want you to make a video every day, and you’re never going to stop,” Kaddis said. As fear swept the world, he saw how easily populations could accept control. “We always wondered, How in the world will it be that people will be in line to take the mark... You realize very quickly that it’s going to happen easily, because the fear of death makes people do some of the craziest things in the world.”

The Temple Mount is the flashpoint

Kaddis traced the mount from David and Solomon to today, then issued a stark reminder. “That temple is being built for the Antichrist,” he said of a future Third Temple. The pace of news stuns him. “The Temple Mount might be the most consequential news that we’re seeing right now,” he said. “Now we’re getting one story out of the Temple Mount every six minutes sometimes.”

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Geopolitics racing toward prophecy

What once seemed impossible now moves into view. “We are watching it all form,” Kaddis said, citing shifts in Saudi messaging about Jerusalem, Syria’s turmoil, Turkey’s ambitions

and Russia's positioning near the Golan. He sees a rising commercial system that echoes Revelation's warnings.

Knowledge increasing and tools accelerating

Quoting Daniel's promise of increased knowledge, Kaddis applied it to prophetic understanding. "It's about the knowledge of Bible prophecy increasing," he said. Technology multiplies access. "What used to take me literally six months to be able to see now takes me six seconds."

Sovereignty in the chaos and hope in the rapture

Kaddis urged believers to reframe the moment. "The chaos is a function of the orchestration of God's complete sovereignty," he said, pointing to Joseph's story. Far from fear, he points to hope. "The beautiful part about the Rapture is you don't die," he said. "You literally go right into the state of eternity."

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Urgency with eyes on Jesus

Kaddis ended with a charge for all Christians to watch and be ready. "This is the most exciting time in the world to be alive in human history," he said. "Think that through... and recognize that God has this immense, incredible plan for you." The signs are in the headlines. The hour is late. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and live ready.

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