

# Wikipedia Co-Founder Larry Sanger Announces Plan to Convert to Christianity

Larry Sanger, the co-founder of Wikipedia, has revealed plans to convert to Christianity after spending most of his adult life as a religious skeptic.

Sanger recently announced on X his intention to “seek to be confirmed in early September into the Anglican Church of North America,” adding with humor, “I’m fairly sure they’ll let me in.”

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As reported by The Christian Post, Sanger explained his decision by describing a recent visit to an Anglican Church service: “I absolutely loved the liturgy, which I found deeply spiritual, as well as the fellowship. It helps that the liturgy is all on overhead projectors, and the acoustics are such that I could actually hear the sermon if I turned my hearing aids all the way up.”



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Sanger said he stopped believing in God as a teenager but later spent more than two decades studying Christianity on his own. After reading the Gospels in 2020, he concluded that he did believe in God and needed to “pray to God properly.”

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The 57-year-old internet pioneer also highlighted why he chose the Anglican Church of North America, noting that the denomination is “entirely consistent with my approach” because “they have been set up to be welcoming to a wide variety of Christians, while being firm on the fundamentals.”

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Once a central figure in creating the world’s largest online encyclopedia, Sanger has since emerged as one of Wikipedia’s sharpest critics. He contends the site’s neutrality policy is “dead” and pointed to its coverage of Jesus as an example of bias. “It simply asserts ... that ‘the quest for the historical Jesus has yielded major uncertainty on the historical reliability of the Gospels,’” he said. “A great many Christians would take issue with such statements, which means it is not neutral for that reason.”

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## **Pastor Greg Locke: Antisemitism Is a Demonic Spirit Against God’s People**

For decades, people have tried to pinpoint the exact day of the rapture, and every time, they have failed to do so. From 1948 to 1967, 1988 and beyond, not a single prediction has ever come to pass. Evangelist Perry Stone recently addressed the latest wave of speculation, this time pointing to September 2025, and he cautioned believers not to fall into

the trap of date-setting, but instead to stay grounded in what Scripture actually teaches.

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“There has always been time frames throughout modern history in which people have set dates for what they believe to be the rapture,” Stone said. “I remember in 1948 people talked about it because of the restoration of Israel. In 1967 they discussed it again because of Jerusalem being reunited. ... And then there was the big one, from 1948 to 1988, which was 40 years. But He didn’t come in 1988.”

## **Why the Fall Feasts Draw Attention**

Much of the excitement around rapture predictions centers on the Jewish fall feasts—especially the Feast of Trumpets, also called Rosh Hashanah.

“Rosh Hashanah is a two-day period ... based on the appearance of the silver sliver of the moon,” he explained. “Nobody knew the actual day or the hour it was going to happen until three witnesses saw the silver sliver of the moon.”

This detail, Stone noted, is why some connect it to Jesus’ words that “no one knows the day or the hour.” The Feast of Trumpets also involves the blowing of 100 trumpets, which many tie to Paul’s words about “the last trump” in 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4.

“To say that it’s going to happen in a fall period could be absolutely correct,” Stone said. “However, why are they selecting this time period?”



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## The Theories Behind 2025

Stone said those pointing to September 2025 cite three main reasons: the Jewish shemittah cycle, a calculation involving 2,550 prophetic “days” as years, and Daniel’s 70th week supposedly beginning that fall. But he pushed back hard.

“All of this is speculation and this is people’s interpretation,” he said. “A lot of this is fed by internet blogs and YouTube channels ... they put these real sensational things up trying to get you to watch.”

## What the Bible Actually Says

Stone reminded his audience that Jesus was clear: “It is absolutely a fact that Jesus said nobody will know the day and the hour of [His] return,” he said. “Can you know the times and seasons? Yes. You will know the general idea based on the signs of the time ... but the Scripture makes it clear that no man knows the day or the hour.”

Stone believes two prophetic conditions must still unfold before the tribulation begins: the gospel being preached worldwide (Matt. 24:14) and the global outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2). While both are beginning, neither has reached full completion.

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“These two things must happen before the tribulation begins,” he explained. “Is it happening? It’s beginning to happen, yes. But we are not in the fullness yet.”

## The Danger of Setting Dates

The danger in date-setting, Stone warned, is twofold: it

destroys credibility when predictions fail, and it fuels the arguments of scoffers.

“Once again, it gives the mockers and the scoffers an opportunity to say, ‘You people are just crazy,’” he said. “It hurts the credibility of prophetic teachers when it doesn’t happen when they’ve predicted it.”

Stone encouraged believers to remain prepared regardless of the timing: “If He comes this September, I’m ready. If He comes five years from now, I’m still living, I’m ready. ... Be therefore also ready, for such an hour you think not, the Son of Man cometh.”

## **Stay Watchful, Not Fearful**

Stone offers all of us a reminder that Jesus will not return when everyone is looking for Him, but rather when it is least expected.

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“He’s not coming when everybody’s looking for Him,” Stone said. “He’s coming when they’re least expecting it. That’s all through the New Testament.”

So in the meantime we must watch for the signs, but not get caught up in dates. Keep doing what Jesus commanded: fulfilling the Great Commission and building the Kingdom of God.

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# Signs of Prophecy: UN Treaties, Digital ID and the Green Rider of Revelation

Deception will sweep the world in the days before Jesus' return, the Bible warns, and one of the leading topics of deception centers on the nation of Israel. From false teachings to outright denial of God's covenant, the effort to undermine Israel's role in prophecy continues to grow.

Pastor Jack Hibbs, founder of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills in California, recently sounded the alarm about a doctrine known as "replacement theology." In his message, Hibbs explained, "Replacement theology comes heavily out of those who hold some, not all, but some who hold to reformed theology. And in their practice, replacement theology [teaches]: take out Israel from the Bible and put the church in."

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He did not mince words about the dangers of this belief system. "They say Israel has no right to God any longer. They are the Christ killers. They blew it and everything that God promised to Israel is now promised to the church," Hibbs said. "I believe that is one of the most, if not the most, egregious and arrogant belief systems today. It justifies first of all and spreads anti-Semitic thought."



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Hibbs stressed that God's covenant with Israel is eternal and cannot be revoked. "God says that His covenant with the nation of Israel and the children of Abraham—that is both by belief

and by genetics and by government—God says, ‘I will never never abandon the covenant I’ve made with them. It is eternal. As long as there’s stars and sun and moon in the sky, so long will my covenant be with Israel forever.’”

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Calling replacement theology “evil from the get-go,” Hibbs said the doctrine “violates the authority of Scripture and frankly it understands nothing about Bible prophecy because wherever Israel appears, they put the church in there and that corrupts the entire narrative of eschatology. And it is certainly holding suspect soteriology, the doctrine of salvation.”

Hibbs urged believers to reject the teaching altogether. “Friends, get away from replacement theology and from those who hold to it. It is a last days manifestation promised by the Lord that there’d be those in the last days departing from the faith. There would be those in the last days that would turn their back on Israel. Just make sure you’re not one of them.”

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As deception deepens in the world, Christians must remain rooted in Scripture and resist doctrines that distort God’s eternal promises. The covenant with Israel stands as a testimony to God’s faithfulness, and any teaching that erases that covenant undermines both prophecy and salvation. As Pastor Hibbs reminds, believers should not be counted among those who “turn their back on Israel,” but instead stand firm with God’s Word and His chosen people.

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# This Is How an AI Avatar Destroyed a Marriage and Exposed Spiritual Idolatry

In a startling case out of China, a 75-year-old man reportedly decided to divorce his wife of several decades after falling in love with an artificial intelligence-generated avatar. Known only as Jiang, he became emotionally dependent on the digital woman, despite her mechanical expressions and awkward lip-syncing.

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According to Beijing Daily, Jiang discovered the avatar while scrolling on social media. She would greet him each morning, call him “brother,” and even flirt on command. “For Jiang, this was enough to create a sense of intimacy,” the report noted, one that soon overshadowed his real marriage.

## What Is an Avatar?

An avatar, in today’s digital world, is a computer-generated persona designed to mimic human interaction. In this case, the AI “woman” was nothing more than a program that simulated affection and conversation. Unlike real human beings, avatars have no soul, no spirit and no genuine emotion. They are crafted illusions.



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Originally, the word comes from the Sanskrit term avatāra,

meaning “descent,” often used to describe gods appearing in human form. In our modern culture, the word now refers to digital figures in games, apps, or, increasingly, AI companions.

## **Manufactured Relationships**

Jiang’s obsession is not an isolated story. “Virtual digital people” are a booming industry in China, targeting lonely seniors. These avatars not only offer fake companionship but also serve as sales platforms for products such as camel milk and calcium candy.

Experts warned that “emotional manipulation and false propaganda targeting the elderly may lead to economic losses and emotional dependence,” according to Sinchew. For Jiang, the cost went beyond money. His relationship with his wife and family was jeopardized because of an affection built on a lie.

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## **A Christian Perspective**

This story shines a light on a deeper spiritual reality: humanity’s growing dependence on what is not real. Avatars, bots and artificial intelligence create the appearance of life, love and truth, but they are lifeless imitations. Scripture warns us against deception, reminding believers that Satan himself “transforms himself into an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14).

Just as Jiang was deceived into believing an AI avatar could replace his marriage, countless people today are drawn into digital illusions, whether through social media personas, false ideologies or imitations of faith. These are modern idols, crafted to pull hearts away from God.

