

US Pastor Released After 18 Years in Chinese Prison

Pastor David Lin and his family are rejoicing as his [nearly two decades of incarceration](#) in communist China have finally come to an end.

The U.S. State Department maintained that Lin had been wrongfully detained since he was first sent to jail in 2006 for his role as a missionary in the country as well as his work in non-state sanctioned house churches.

“We welcome David Lin’s release from prison in the People’s Republic of China. He has returned to the United States and now gets to see his family for the first time in nearly 20 years,” says Department of State spokesperson Matthew Miller.

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Lin, now 68 years old, was “formally” arrested in 2009 for “contract fraud” over a license for a ministry he applied for in China, which allegedly was denied.

“No words can express the joy we have—we have a lot of time to make up for,” Lin’s daughter, Alice, told Politico.

The Chinese embassy declined any comment on the prisoner release.

China currently [ranks 19th on the Open Doors World Watch List](#) for its intense persecution of Christians under the communist regime.

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As reported by Open Doors:

The most overt persecution in China often takes place in regions where Buddhism or Islam are the majority religions—anyone who converts to Christianity is seen as a traitor to their ethnicity and family. These believers may be threatened or even harmed, all to convince them to return to the family's religion.

Christians around the world have rejoiced as the news of Pastor Lin went viral, but there are still many more suffering under the heavy-handed persecution of the CCP. Pray that believers have the strength and perseverance to endure these trials, and that their captors see the light of Jesus in them and repent of their sins and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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Chris Reed Sheds More Light on MorningStar Resignation

Chris Reed continues to provide further details following his resignation from MorningStar Ministries.

“I don't even like showing communications, especially not salacious or incriminating or conversations you're having where you're being light-hearted just with friends, but because no one from MorningStar's willing to speak up and to defend my tenure there, I have to show you communications that

are relevant to the situation. Not just communications to trash people or to embarrass them, but communications to show you what you're [being presented with now](#)," Reed states.

Not disclosing the name of the person, Reed showed text communication he had with someone he claims is one of the top executives [at MorningStar](#). This discussion took place back in January of this year.

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"Chris, I do believe you are here in this place by divine direction," the text began. "And while I know you have options you are considering, I would like to encourage you the decisions you have made and the leadership you have and are providing for MorningStar at this time is critical for this place. You have made more progress in this ministry in less than a year that is bringing this place to new horizons. The problems Ric[k] has created over the last 15 years you have cleaned up in less than a year!"

The message continued: "Remember part of Jeremiah's commission was not only to build and plant but to root out and to pull down. That is what you are doing right now is rooting up and pulling down."

Reed says the changes he helped to implement include the work on the church's tower, and the culture and community of the ministry. He continues to claim that the ministry is trying to shift away the focus from [the legal battles](#) they are dealing with by shifting their focus to him. He also says he has figured out who took the domain for Chrisreedministries.com, however, he did not disclose the identity of the person. Reed's actual website is Chrisreedministries.net.

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“I do know who stole the other domain. I just wanted you to see that there is two-faced stuff being said,” Reed says.

“Thank you to everyone who has been kind. I’m going to be announcing something pretty significant here in the next bit of time,” he continues.

In a recent message to MorningStar, [Rick Joyner](#) also updated the church on his current vision for MorningStar to continue moving forward. He briefly spoke about Reed’s departure.

“I’m real sorry that I created some of the mess that we went through the last few weeks. And in another way, I’m not. In another way, I am truly not because the Lord causes all things to work for good, and He showed me the good that’s going to come from all that,” Joyner says.

Joyner also says he is “going to hear from the Lord before I put somebody else in any position, much less mine.”

Continue to lift up Chris Reed, Rick Joyner and MorningStar in prayer.

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Reports: Over 1,000 Hezbollah

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– Joe Truzman (@JoeTruzman) [September 17, 2024](#)

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members with bleeding hand wounds in the group's stronghold in the Dahiyeh neighborhood of Beirut, where most of the incidents appeared to be concentrated.

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Latest Attempt on Trump's Life Another Example of Chaos Plaguing Society

We were warned that it was just a matter of time before there would be [another attempt on Donald Trump's life](#), and now it has happened. Thankfully, this new attempt to take Trump out failed, and so for now we have avoided a nightmare scenario.

From this point forward, Trump and other prominent politicians are going to need to take extreme precautions regarding their safety. We are less than two months away from the election, and emotions are running extremely high. Needless to say, this is especially true when it comes to Trump. No presidential candidate has ever been more hated by the left than Donald Trump, and he just "narrowly survived yet another assassination attempt."

Former President Trump narrowly survived yet another assassination attempt after a sniper with a scoped AK-47 rifle got within a few hundred yards of him as he played golf at his West Palm Beach, Florida club on Sunday, Sept. 15.

It is the second time a madman armed with an assault rifle has tried to kill the 45th president in two months.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said the suspect had

taken cover near a chain-link fence between 300 and 500 yards away from Trump, but conceded, "with a rifle and scope like that is not a long distance."

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How did this sniper know that Trump would be golfing? Trump's golf outings are not put on any public schedule. Somehow he knew that Trump would be there.

It is being reported that there were gunshots in the "vicinity" of Trump, and once the sniper realized that his plot had been foiled he fled the scene and took off in a black Nissan.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said in a briefing that Trump was about 300-500 yards away from the man with the gun.

Bradshaw they received a call from U.S. Secret Service at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday that shots had been fired. Units immediately moved to seal off the area, and a witness told authorities that they had seen a man jumping out of the bushes and fleeing in a black Nissan. They took a photo of the license plate number, and the car was spotted traveling north on I-95 toward Martin County, where the driver was pulled over and detained. The witness then identified the individual as the man they had seen in the bushes.

Law enforcement found an AK47-style rifle with a scope, two backpacks with ceramic tile and a Go Pro camera in the bushes at the scene. They displayed photos of the weapon and the backpack at the briefing.

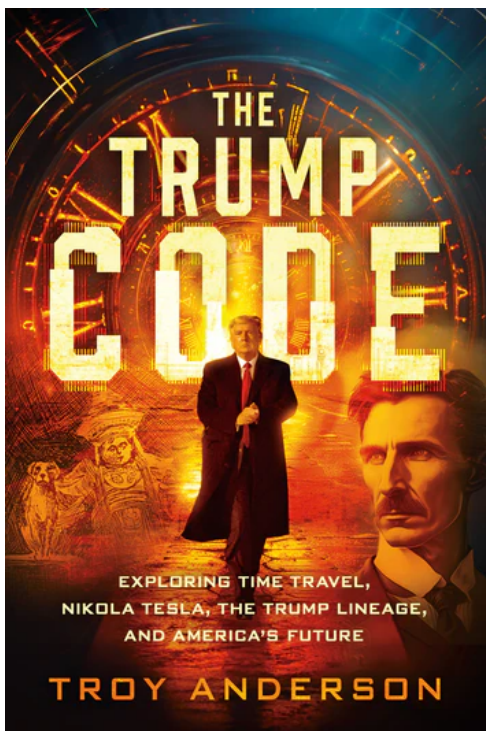
Apparently the sniper had set up the Go Pro camera because [he intended to film himself shooting Trump.](#)

Authorities were able to capture the sniper, and they have identified him as Ryan Wesley Routh.

The man who authorities say pointed a rifle with a scope into former President Donald Trump's golf club and was arrested is Ryan Wesley Routh, three law enforcement officials told The Associated Press.

The officials identified the suspect to the AP but spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

At this hour, we don't know much about Ryan Wesley Routh other than that he is from Hawaii and that he "championed left-wing causes on social media."



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But I find it quite interesting that this is yet another presidential assassin with three names. He also seemed to know quite a bit about the golf course, somehow.

He picked a spot that would give him a very easy escape route, and we are being told that the area around the fifth and sixth

hole is quite “vulnerable.”

The armed suspect was posted up outside the club around the fifth and sixth hole, which a source familiar with the incident told DailyMail.com is a ‘vulnerable’ area of the course.

Obviously there was quite a bit of planning involved in this operation.

Did Routh plan this by himself, or did he have help?

Trump was extremely fortunate that the Secret Service was able to spot Routh, because once someone gets into the shrubbery that surrounds the golf course “they’re pretty much out of sight.”

Asked by reporters how this incident could occur, especially given the previous attempt on Trump’s life, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw described the golf course as being “surrounded by shrubbery” with a limited perimeter.

“When somebody gets into the shrubbery, they’re pretty much out of sight,” he said.

And there is a lot less security around Trump when he is golfing than there is when he is at a rally. So when Trump is golfing, that presents a real security challenge for the Secret Service.

Because Trump is not a sitting president, Bradshaw said, “security is limited to the areas that the Secret Service deems possible,” but that will likely change in the future.

“I would imagine the next time he comes at a golf course, there’ll probably be a little bit more people around the perimeter, but the Secret Service did exactly what they should have done. They provided exactly what the protection

should have been, and their agent did a fantastic job."

If I was Trump, I would refrain from golfing for the foreseeable future.

Undoubtedly, there will probably be more attempts to take him out.

One of the only reasons why authorities were able to catch this sniper is because a quick thinking bystander photographed the sniper and reported what he witnessed to law enforcement.

The gunman's arrest was given a big boost by a bystander who spotted the suspect running out of the bushes and getting into a black Nissan, even photographing the man and reporting the sighting to law enforcement, who then blasted it out statewide leading to his arrest after a felony stop on I-95 a short time later.

Sadly, this attempt on Trump's life is yet another example of the widespread chaos that is plaguing our entire society.

According to one recent survey, approximately 60% of all Americans believe that violent crime is getting worse.

The majority of Americans agree, crime is on the rise. A recent survey from Rasmussen Reports showed that about 60% of Americans believe violent crime is getting worse.

Today, many Americans are literally afraid to leave their own homes because the violence in the streets has gotten so bad.

In Chicago, they have spent 180 million dollars on crime reduction programs, but violent crime just keeps going up.

Crime is up in Chicago despite city-wide efforts, and more than \$180 million, to reduce violence through a series of programs.

Republican state Rep. John Cabello said Chicago's rising crime rate amounts to an indictment of the state's present legal system and all its recent changes.

New data shows robbery, aggravated assault and aggravated battery cases across the city are all at five-year highs over the 12 months as the number of violent crimes overall have jumped by 7.2%.

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Overall, more than 30,000 violent crimes were reported in Chicago during the 12 months that ended in July.

That is nuts. But that is the society that we live in now.

Our society is absolutely teeming with violent predators, and more come pouring into our country with each passing day.

At this point, violent gangs are terrorizing communities from coast to coast, and even "America's highest producing oil field" is not immune.

It's only going to get worse from here, as the Biden-Harris administration's disastrous open border policies have now come to a 'neighborhood near you' (for some of you). In the past week, we saw armed Venezuelan prison gang Tren de Aragua members terrorize the northern Denver suburb of Aurora and other sanctuary cities run by far-left Democrats. New concerns out Thursday afternoon indicate critical infrastructure is now under threat from migrant cartel members.

According to Libs of TikTok, a Texas-based oil/gas company issued a memo to employees informing them that police and the FBI have warned armed Cuba and Venezuela migrant gangs are committing thefts in the Permian Basin (America's highest

producing oil field).

For a long time, we were warned that chaos was coming. Now it is here.

Our society is literally coming apart at the seams all around us, and violence is out of control. But if you think that things are bad now, just wait, because what is ahead is going to be even worse.

Michael Snyder's new book entitled ["Chaos"](#) is available [in paperback](#) and [for the Kindle](#) on Amazon.com, and you can subscribe to his *Substack* newsletter at michaelsnyder.substack.com.

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Were These Eerie Taylor Swift Lyrics Connected to a Murder?

Were some eerie Taylor Swift lyrics connected to a murder?

Catherine Griffith of Florida, 39, was brutally stabbed by her 17-year-old son. According to Fox News, Griffith died from the wounds. What's extra eerie about this case are the chosen lyrics from a [Taylor Swift song](#) that Griffith posted online soon before her son "stabbed his mother in the neck so hard that the knife went all the way through," as Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd stated.

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The son also has a history of [violence](#) with when claimed that “On Feb. 14, 2023...[he] said his dad pulled a knife on him, and he shot and killed his dad,” according to Judd. The 17-year-old claimed that shooting his father once in the chest and once in the head was “self-defense.”

The story becomes even stranger with the connection of the song lyrics Griffith posted before her death. She posted the lyrics from the Taylor Swift song, “It’s Time to Go.”

“You know when it’s time to go...Sometimes givin’ up is the strong thing,” Griffith posted.

The song’s lyrics are filled with [resentment](#) about different life situations. From not receiving a desired promotion, to disputes within relationships, “It’s Time to Go” is riddled with discussion about knowing when “it’s time to go.”

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The chorus reads: “That old familiar body ache / The snaps from the same little breaks in my soul / I know when it’s time to go.”

“Sometimes, givin’ up is the strong thing / Sometimes to run is the brave thing / Sometimes walkin’ out is the one thing / That will find you the right thing,” the song continues.

Swift’s image and music has skyrocketed in fame over the last few years, and with that fame has also come an increase in [demonic influence](#) in her music videos, lyrics, clothing and concert performances.



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Whatever kind of demonic influences were behind the actions of Griffith's son to murder both of his parents, this situation makes it clear that there is darkness in this world, and our battle is not with flesh and blood, but with powers and principalities.

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Morning Rundown: Pope Francis: 'All Religions Are a

Path to God'

Here's a quick rundown of the top stories on charismanews.com:

[Pope Francis: 'All Religions Are a Path to God'](#)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me," (John 14:6).

For the past 2,000 years, the words of Jesus as the way, the truth and the life have rung throughout the world, and that it is only by Him that anyone can truly experience eternal life. However, [Pope Francis](#) is no longer clinging to these words as the truth.

In his visit to Singapore, Pope Francis said that "all religions are a path to God," according to the Christian Post.

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[Was the Second Trump Assassination Attempt Prophesied?](#)

After the second assassination attempt on [President Trump](#) just occurred, here are the things you need to know about the incident and the prophecies which may have acted as a forewarning of what was to come.

- The [alleged gunman](#) is 58-year-old Ryan Wesley Routh.

According to Fox News, Routh is listed as living in Hawaii, and is originally from North Carolina. Since the 1990s, Routh has faced multiple run-ins with the police, including for drug possession. Back in 2002, Routh went on a three-hour stand-off with the police after a traffic stop where he placed his hand on his gun before taking off and barricading himself in the office at his roofing company. Routh had an AK-47, two backpacks and a go-pro camera with him as Trump was playing on

the fifth hole of the course at Trump International Golf Club.

- Trump updated America on his safety.

Trump made sure to update Americans of his safety following the events on Sunday.

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['Biblical Archaeology Society' Claims Genesis Creation Account Is a 'Myth'](#)

Is Genesis a record of true history, given by God, or was it written by men trying to answer the questions that plague our world? An article I saw recently [from the Biblical Archaeology Society] makes the latter claim—that Genesis is just a compilation of etiological myths finally written down by the biblical authors.

Now, what is an “etiological myth”? The article answers this way: [“The creation stories in Genesis](#) served to provide answers to why the world was the way it was, such as why people wear clothes and why women experience pain during childbirth.” So according to this view, Genesis is myth but that doesn't mean it's not “true,” as myths “are stories that convey and reinforce aspects of a culture's worldview: many truths.”

In support of this view, the article claims that the Bible has three different creation accounts: Genesis 1, Genesis 2 and “a third version alluded to elsewhere in the Bible, a myth of the primordial battle between God and the forces of chaos known as Leviathan (e.g., Psalm 74), Rahab (Psalm 89), or the dragon (Isaiah 27; 51).”

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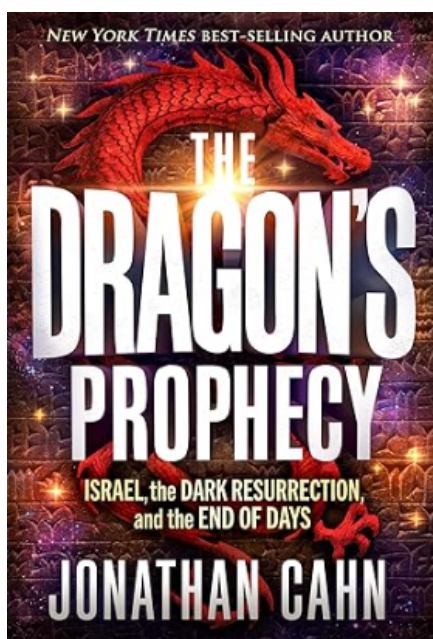
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Amanda Grace, Jonathan Cahn and Prophetic End Time Secrets

What if end time mysteries are unfolding all around us?

During a recent interview, Amanda Grace sat down with [New York Times best-selling author, Jonathan Cahn](#), and spoke about how God is revealing all kinds of end times mysteries in our world today.

Discussing his #1 New York Times best-selling book, "[The Dragon's Prophecy](#)," Cahn says that the more you dive into the book of Revelation, the more you see how prophecies are being fulfilled all around us today.



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"Once you see the spiritual realm and the prophetic realm, then everything makes sense," Cahn says. "It all affects each of us; the [dragon's war](#) is against each of us."

Cahn explains how the dragon – the devil – is after God and His people, especially Israel, all of which connects to the October 7 invasion by Hamas.

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"There's one day of the Hebrew year where they read the account of Solomon building the Temple on the mount and dedicating the temple on the Temple Mount," Cahn says. "Now, that would be a threat to the dragon, the enemy. But they read, they declare and Solomon dedicated the temple on the Temple Mount. What day is it? It was October 7."

"It was a holy day, fell on October 7. So, as the Jewish people are reading the account of the Temple Mount...the dragon goes crazy and Hamas [issues the flood](#) called the flood of the Temple Mount at the same time," he continues.

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Amanda Grace points out that the enemy picks how and when he will strike in strategic ways, including this striking of Israel on a holy day. This demonic hatred of Israel, unfortunately, has spread across the globe, finding its way even into America and on our college campuses.

"The Bible says in the last days, [all nations](#) are going to rage against Israel, and it's going to be the dragon," Cahn says. "From the mouth of the dragon...came spirits. And they went forth all over the world."

“...it’s the largest outbreak of anti-Semitism all over,” he continues. “The young, the next generation, Harvard, the next leaders, were all raging for the death of Israel.”

As we draw closer to the return of Christ, this is the time we are to stick close to the Word of God and continue to lift up Israel in prayer.

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Dire Consequences Await the Apathetic Church

Joseph Z, a prophetic voice and founder of Joseph Z Ministries, recently appeared on “The Strang Report” podcast to discuss the upcoming election and its potential consequences.

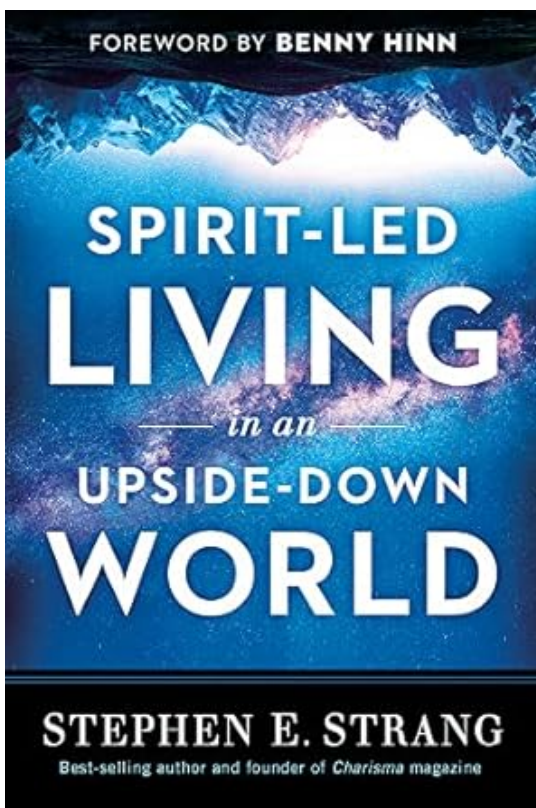
[Z describes 2024 as a “do-over year,”](#) referencing what he sees as unresolved tensions from the 2020 election. He claims that the church’s response will play a crucial role in determining the country’s direction.

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“The Lord is saying it’s in the hands of the church,” Z says, asserting that the outcome of the election hinges on whether the church actively engages in the political process. “If [the church] will show up, I think there’ll be victory. If they don’t, I think we’re going to go into a very, very difficult

season,” he added.

Z also expresses concern over what might happen if former President Donald Trump loses and the Left gains power. He warns that the country could be headed for a [“socialist concentration camp style of governing.”](#) According to him, such a future could involve “digital prisons” and an increase in control by global entities. “They’ll let people like the World Economic Forum run free... take away our medical sovereignty,” he warns, referencing potential loss of freedoms in every corner of society.



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Despite these concerns, Z says he believes there is still hope. He called on Christians to reject passivity, attributing inaction to years of “bad teaching, soft teaching.” He criticizes church leadership for avoiding political engagement, referring to this mindset as the “Pretty pretty pony gospel culture.” Z argues that believers must influence society and engage in political discourse. “We definitely need

to be salt and light... because it's not just about the gospel. It's also preaching the kingdom and bringing influence into all these spheres," he says.

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He urges Christians to overcome their fears of being "canceled" or "hassled" for their political views. "Your house is on fire, and if your house is on fire...You've got to put it out," Z says, stressing the urgency of political engagement.

If Christians in America have any chance of continuing to be an effective influence on culture and society, they must put more focus on unity and action: "We can push darkness back one more round... maintain a future for our children, at least for another few years," Z encourages.

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Do These Signs, Secrets and Codes Reveal Our End-Times Future?

Is this what Billy Graham foresaw as America's "Nineveh Moment?"