

Antichrist and AI? Peter Thiel's Secret Rome Gathering Alarms Church Leaders

A secretive conference in Rome, hosted by billionaire venture capitalist Peter Thiel, is drawing attention from religious observers after reports that the gathering centers on the Antichrist and the possibility of a future global ruler.

According to a report from Reuters, the invitation-only event launched Sunday and features a series of closed-door lectures exploring the theological and philosophical implications of the Antichrist. The gathering is not open to the press and organizers have not publicly disclosed the location.

"The invitation-only conference, which runs until Wednesday, is not open to the press and its venue has not been publicly disclosed," Reuters reported, adding that "participants are drawn from academia, technology and religious circles."

Thiel, the co-founder of Palantir Technologies, has increasingly spoken about religious themes in recent years. The technology billionaire previously held a similar lecture series in San Francisco examining the concept of the Antichrist and its implications in the modern world.

Reuters noted that Thiel has expressed concern that the Antichrist could emerge by presenting himself as a global problem-solver during a time of crisis.

"In particular, Thiel has said he is wary that an Antichrist will emerge who will create a one-world government on the promise of something like stopping nuclear, AI or climate-induced disaster," the report stated.



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Scripture describes a coming world leader who deceives the nations and consolidates power over a global system before the return of Jesus Christ.

Passages such as 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 warn that this figure will present himself as a solution to global chaos while leading the world into rebellion against God. The scenario Thiel described closely mirrors the biblical warning about a ruler who rises during a time of crisis and offers peace and security through centralized authority.

Reuters noted that Thiel "grew up in an Evangelical Christian family and has said Christianity shapes his worldview." Yet his life today reflects a clear departure from biblical teaching. Thiel is in a relationship with businessman Matt Danzeisen, a reality that openly contradicts the moral framework laid out in Scripture.

The situation illustrates a broader spiritual truth. Anyone can walk away from God and begin reshaping biblical concepts to fit personal philosophies. Without an active relationship with God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Scripture can easily be reinterpreted through the lens of politics, technology or academic speculation rather than divine revelation.

The reaction in Rome has already been sharp. Catholic commentators have publicly criticized Thiel's approach, including Father Paolo Benanti, an adviser to Pope Leo on artificial intelligence.

Benanti wrote that Thiel functions as a "political theologian" within Silicon Valley and argued that "Thiel's entire action can... be read as a prolonged act of heresy against the liberal consensus."

The conference has also drawn scrutiny from Catholic media

outlets, with the Italian bishops' newspaper L'Avvenire publishing articles warning that technology leaders should not be allowed to define ethical boundaries for society.

Thiel's visit to Rome also carries political undertones. He maintains close ties with figures in Washington, including Vice President JD Vance, and follows recent visits to Italy by prominent U.S. conservative figures such as Steve Bannon and Elon Musk.

Why Thiel is pursuing these discussions about the Antichrist remains unclear. What is clear is that believers must approach such commentary with discernment. The Bible already provides a clear prophetic framework for the rise of the Antichrist and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ.

Speculation from influential figures outside the authority of Scripture must always be weighed carefully against the truth revealed in God's Word.

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