

‘Bible’ Satan Actor: Obama Resemblance ‘Nonsense,’ But Good for Career

Mehdi Ouazzani, the actor who played Satan in *The Bible*, says his supposed resemblance to President Obama was “nonsense”—but has helped raise his profile.

The Moroccan actor spoke to the Associated Press in Casablanca.

“For someone like me, a simple unknown actor, to find himself in a controversy like this—even though it’s nonsense—it makes me known around the world, so it’s something positive,” he said, chuckling.

The AP said that with his “gray hair pulled back in a ponytail, an expressive face and a slim Errol Flynn-style pencil mustache,” Ouazzani doesn’t actually resemble Obama or a stereotypical devil.

The miniseries was a hit for History, and drew headlines worldwide because of the supposed resemblance between Satan and Obama. The network and producers Mark Burnett and Roma Downey said they never intended the resemblance.