

No One's 'Choir Boy'

God and Donald Trump provides answers to questions the media are asking: why Trump—who is not known as being religious—is letting religious leaders pray over him regularly and allowing Bible studies for Cabinet members in the White House. It asks if there is a spiritual aspect to this election and cites four “modern-day charismatic prophets” who predicted Trump would win against all odds. Author Stephen E. Strang explores the religious and spiritual dynamics of the race to find out what impact they may have had on Donald Trump rising to power at this time.

Strang comments, “The morning after the 2016 presidential election, millions of Americans, along with curious observers around the world, were stunned to discover that Donald Trump had pulled off the most amazing and unexpected victory in living memory. Contrary to all the political commentary and expert polling data, Hillary Clinton’s hopes had been shattered, and the most unlikely candidate imaginable would soon be named the 45th president of the United States.

“Suddenly everyone wanted to know how it happened. How had the pundits and mainstream media missed it so badly? While half the nation reacted with shock and disbelief, the other half was ecstatic. Conservative and Christian voters were thrilled, thanking God for what many described as divine intervention and a reprieve from the threat of a Clinton victory they feared would be little more than Obama’s third term. But what was really behind Trump’s miraculous win?”

In *God and Donald Trump*, award-winning journalist Stephen E. Strang takes an incisive look at the factors that shaped this election and drove the largest number of conservative and evangelical voters to the polls ever recorded, including the spiritual aspects of his victory and its impact on America. The author’s personal one-on-one interviews with the candidate

along with first-hand reports from many of America's best known and most insightful Christian leaders reveals the strategies, behind-the-scenes activity and prophetic voices that helped shape these dramatic events.

Strang considers Trump's meteoric rise to the presidency, the role the faithful played and how the president's beliefs shape his leadership in his new book to be released on Nov. 7, almost a year to the day from the election. *God and Donald Trump* will help readers understand who Donald Trump is, what he really believes, where his vision for America will lead us and where God is in all of this.

After interviewing Trump, Strang was involved with other Christian leaders who campaigned for Trump's election. He even attended the 2017 election- night victory party in New York because he believed the prophetic ministers who said Trump would win.

In *God and Donald Trump*, Strang admits Donald Trump is an enigma—a brash self-promoter, casino owner and man of the world. Yet he is also a devoted husband and father who has surrounded himself with men and women of faith and has made religion a key component of his image. The book explores:

- How family and childhood influences shaped Trump's character and worldview
- How openness to evangelical leaders helped build his commitment to religious liberty
- How his election as president was predicted years before by charismatic prophets
- How he captured the largest evangelical vote in history and won the Electoral College
- What he really believes and how those beliefs helped shape his campaign promises

With chapter titles such as "Trump's Miracle Win," "An Answer to Prayer," "Trump and Evangelicals" and "Crossing the Racial

Divide," *God and Donald Trump* is a powerful first-person account of one of the most contentious elections in American history, with exclusive interviews and insightful commentary from the men and women who were there. It will give readers the media insight into a spiritual world rarely discussed regarding politics.

"For Bible-believing Christians, Trump would be the most unlikely candidate anyone could imagine," Strang writes in the introduction to *God and Donald Trump*. "But at some point, to everyone's surprise, Donald Trump managed to win the confidence of enough voters to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. And in the process, he convinced the largest number of evangelicals in history to vote for him on election day, which was nothing short of a miracle.

"The 'faith factor' was brought up repeatedly throughout the campaign, often to the amusement of Trump's critics in the media," Strang writes. "Not only did the candidate make his faith an issue, but he went to the trouble of creating a faith advisory board of pastors, evangelists and ministry leaders, years before he entered the race. Trump obviously believed that religion was an issue, and he understood that the evangelical community of more than 100 million potential voters was an audience he needed to know more about.

"As he gathered advisers and strategists to his side, he discovered that the people in the flyover zone were profoundly angry with Washington," he continues. "They were tired of the government's lurch toward globalism in the Obama administration. They were concerned about the impact undocumented immigrants were having on their communities, and they were rightfully afraid of the threat of radical Islamic terrorism. I believe Donald Trump shared those emotions, but how much of what he promised on the campaign stump was merely tactical, and how much was inspired by a genuine concern for the future of the nation?"

Words of praise for *God and Donald Trump* are already pouring in.

“To say *God and Donald Trump* is an incredible book is an understatement!” says Ron Johnson, pastor of One Church in Orlando, Florida. “This clearly chronicled account is so moving that it will leave even the staunchest critic of Donald Trump inspired and saying, ‘God really does move in the affairs of nations!’”

Added Gary McCullough, founder and director of Christian Newswire, “If you cringe when a political leader mentions God, this book is a must-read. *God and Donald Trump* is less about a president’s faith, rather the welfare of a nation’s faith.”

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