

Jonathan Cahn: Has the Possessor Returned to America?

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Is it possible that behind what is happening to America and the world lies a mystery hidden in the ancient inscriptions of the Middle East?

Is it possible that the ancient entities known as the “gods” have returned to our world?

Could they lie behind the current events, news, and movements of our times, and behind what is even now influencing our lives without our realizing it?

Jonathan Cahn examines these chilling questions and more in his explosive new book, “The Return of the Gods,” published by Charisma Media and released in September 2022.

“When we think of ‘the gods’ of the ancient and pagan worlds, we think in terms of mythology and fantasy,” says Cahn. “But the Bible reveals that behind the ancient gods and idols were entities known in Hebrew as the *shedim* or spirits, and in the New Testament as the *daimonian*. It’s from that word that we get the word *demons*.”

“What this means is that the gods never really die,” he continues. “So what if the gods were to return to the modern world? What would happen? “The Return of the Gods” reveals that they have and it’s already happening.”

A Falling Away

In the book, Cahn asks and answers the question, “If the gods were to reenter Western civilization, how would they do it?”

He says they wouldn't come as they had in ancient times. "A modern world requires a different approach," he writes. "And a world that had been touched by the gospel and had known the Word of God was far different from the pre-Christian and pagan world that had not. So, the gods would alter their appearances and hide their identities."

The gods could only return, says Cahn, if there was a falling away from the Christian faith and a biblical worldview. He outlines how that has certainly happened in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

☒ Cahn uses America's close ties to Israel as a pattern. "As Israel was consecrated to God from its inception, so was America," Cahn recounts. "In its founding days, America's Puritan leader John Winthrop gave the new civilization a charge based on Moses' charge to the Israelites. If America followed the ways of God, it would become the most blessed, prosperous, and powerful of civilizations. But he also gave a prophetic warning:

"But if our hearts shall turn away, so that we will not obey, but shall be seduced, and worship and serve other Gods, our pleasure and profits, and serve shall surely perish."

"So America at its inception was given the same warning that Israel was given at its inception," says Cahn. "It was warned against the seduction of the gods, just as the gods had seduced Israel. And in this is the key: the gods, or spirits, that have returned to America and Western civilization are the same gods and spirits that seduced ancient Israel in the days of its apostasy."

The Anti-God

But if the gods were returning, then which gods? What were the gods of Israel's apostasy? Cahn says there were several, but three specific gods embodied the apostasy itself. Together they constituted Israel's *dark trinity*, and chief among them

was the ancient god known as the Possessor.

To the nation of Israel, writes Cahn, the Possessor was the embodiment of all pagan gods. He was the *other god*, the *substitute god*, the *instead of God*. He was Israel's *anti-God*—the god who made it forget the God of its foundation.

So if the Possessor was the god of the turning away, what would happen if he returned to the modern world? What would happen if the Possessor came to America?

Cahn points out that in the mid-twentieth century the majority of Western nations were still viewed as Christian or Judeo-Christian. America, especially, stood in clear opposition to Marxist ideology and the atheism of Soviet Russia and Communist China.

In America, children were not only allowed to pray in public schools but were actually led in prayer by their teachers, and teachers read the Word of God in their classrooms. America declared itself "*one nation, under God*."

It was into that nation that the Possessor came.

How Did It Happen?

The Bible reveals how it began in the case of ancient Israel: "*They forgot the Lord their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs*" (Judges 3:7, NKJV).

Cahn writes that the mission of the Possessor is to cause a nation that has known God to stop knowing Him and then to forget it ever knew Him. The Possessor caused Israel to forget the God of its foundation and become estranged from Him.

And so when the Possessor returned to the modern world, his mission would be the same—to cause America and the West to forget its God.

The Paganization of America

Though the seeds of America's turning from God can be found in earlier days, says Cahn, it would achieve critical mass in the 1960s, when America removed prayer from its public schools. That act was soon followed by the banning of the Bible as instruction for the nation's children.

By removing prayer and the Word from the education of America's children, the Possessor was weakening the transmission of faith to the next generation. He could then separate the entire nation from prayer, from the Word, and from faith.

The Possessor's American agenda was not limited to its school system, says Cahn. It would permeate every sphere of American culture.

Its major newspapers would no longer publish summations of the past Sunday's sermons. Its leading magazines would no longer endorse Christian values. Its entertainment would no longer uphold biblical morality. Its politicians would speak less openly of Christian values. And its television stations would no longer promote prayer or present the ways of God in a positive light but would now war against them. Praying to God or mentioning the name of Jesus in the public square would be increasingly viewed with hostility.

 "The nation became increasingly alienated from the ways of God," says Cahn. "As the Possessor had turned Israel in upon itself, causing the nation to war against its own foundation, his fingerprints could now be seen on an America at war with its own foundation."

The Only Answer

In "The Return of The Gods," Cahn paints a shocking picture of America's current condition under the influence of the Possessor and even more ancient gods, and where it's all heading. He examines what the future holds in light of the mystery, and what Christians need to know.

He asks the chilling question: If the age is ruled by the gods, and our culture by the spirits, if its leaders are led by them, and the majority are impelled by them, then how does one stand? By what power?

“Only a power strong enough to resist them,” he answers. “And there is only one. There is only one antidote. The only answer to the gods—is God. The powers of the gods can only be overcome by the power of God.” {eoa}

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