



Christian Nationalism Today: Dangerous Ideas, Dangerous Leaders, Dangerous Agendas

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Who is this woman
and what does she do?





Question 2

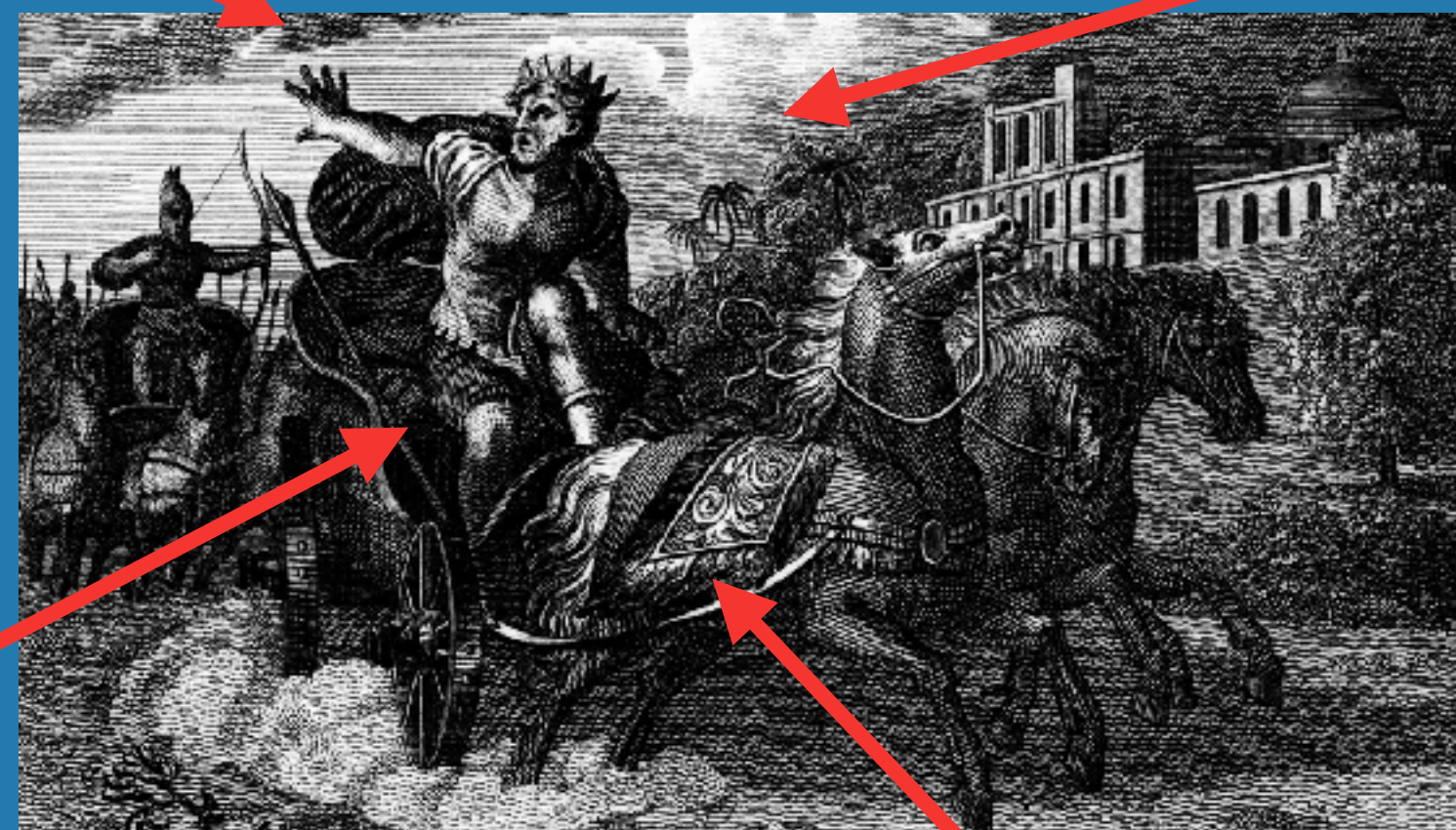
This grandfatherly looking man is a pastor. Why is he important?





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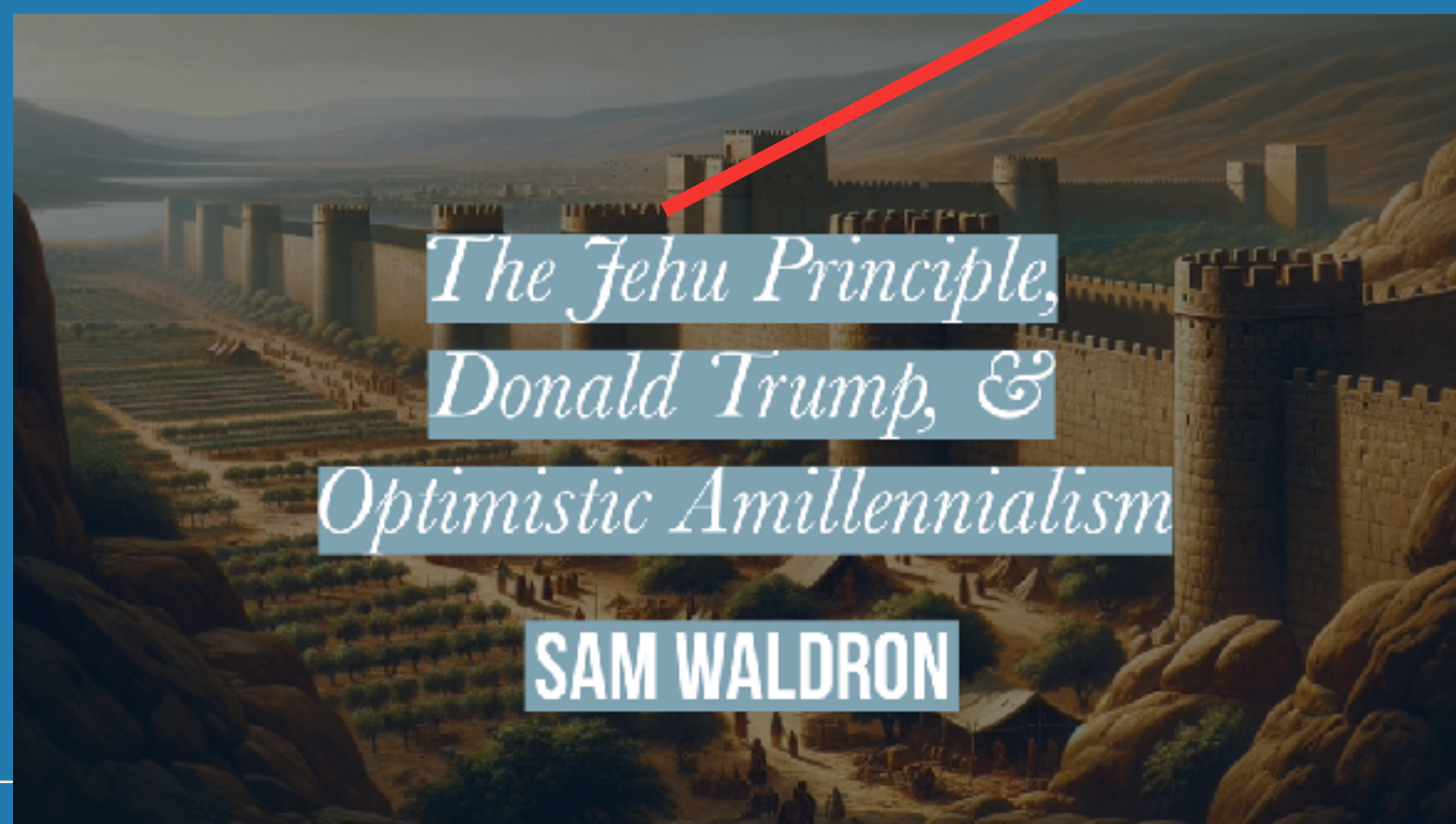
Who is Jehu, and why would anyone compare him to Trump?



DONALD TRUMP AN AMERICAN JEHU

Speculations on Donald Trump's prophetic connections to an obscure Israelite king who destroyed a corrupt dynasty and restored a people's greatness under God.

By Troy D. McLachlan





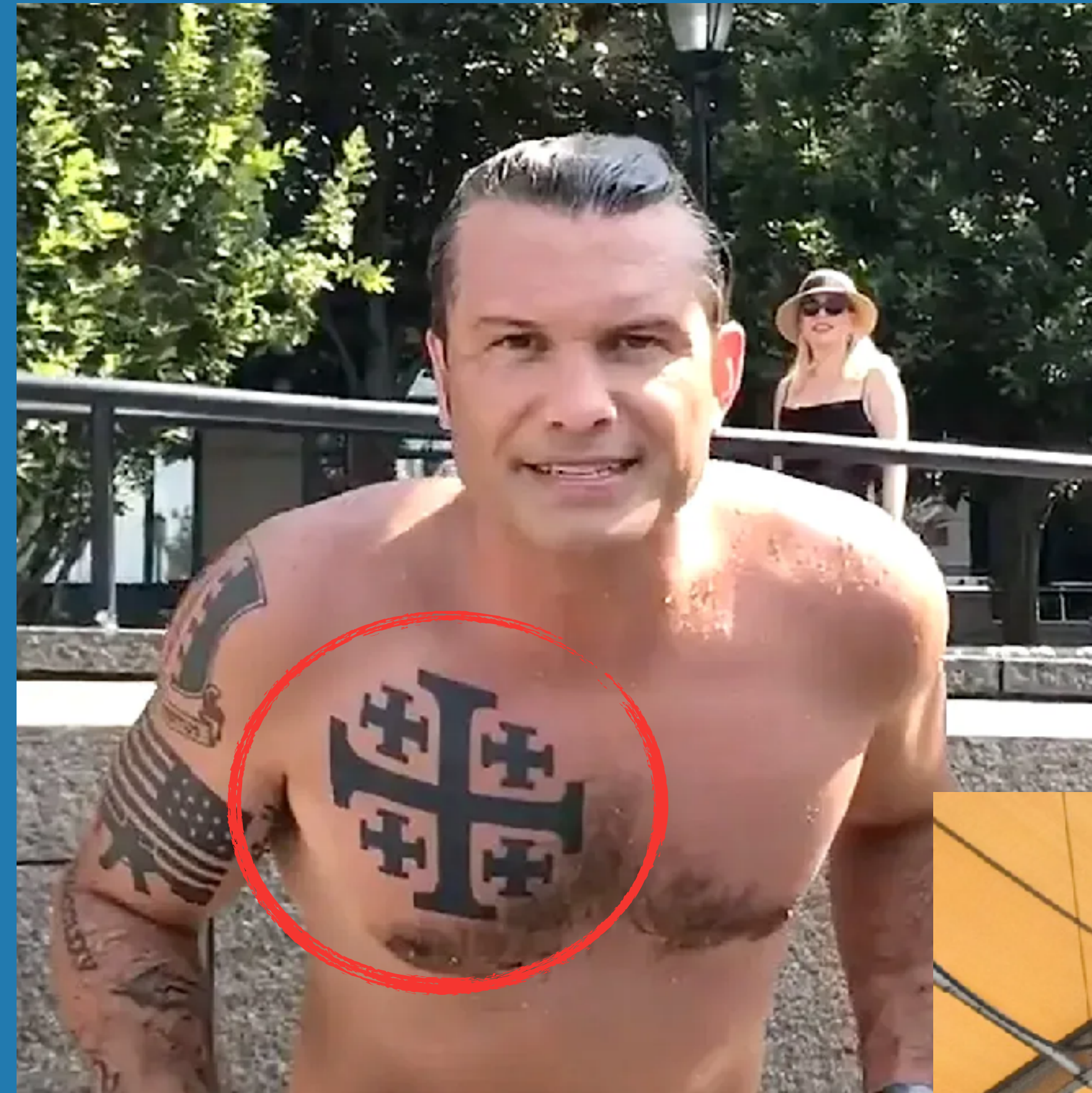
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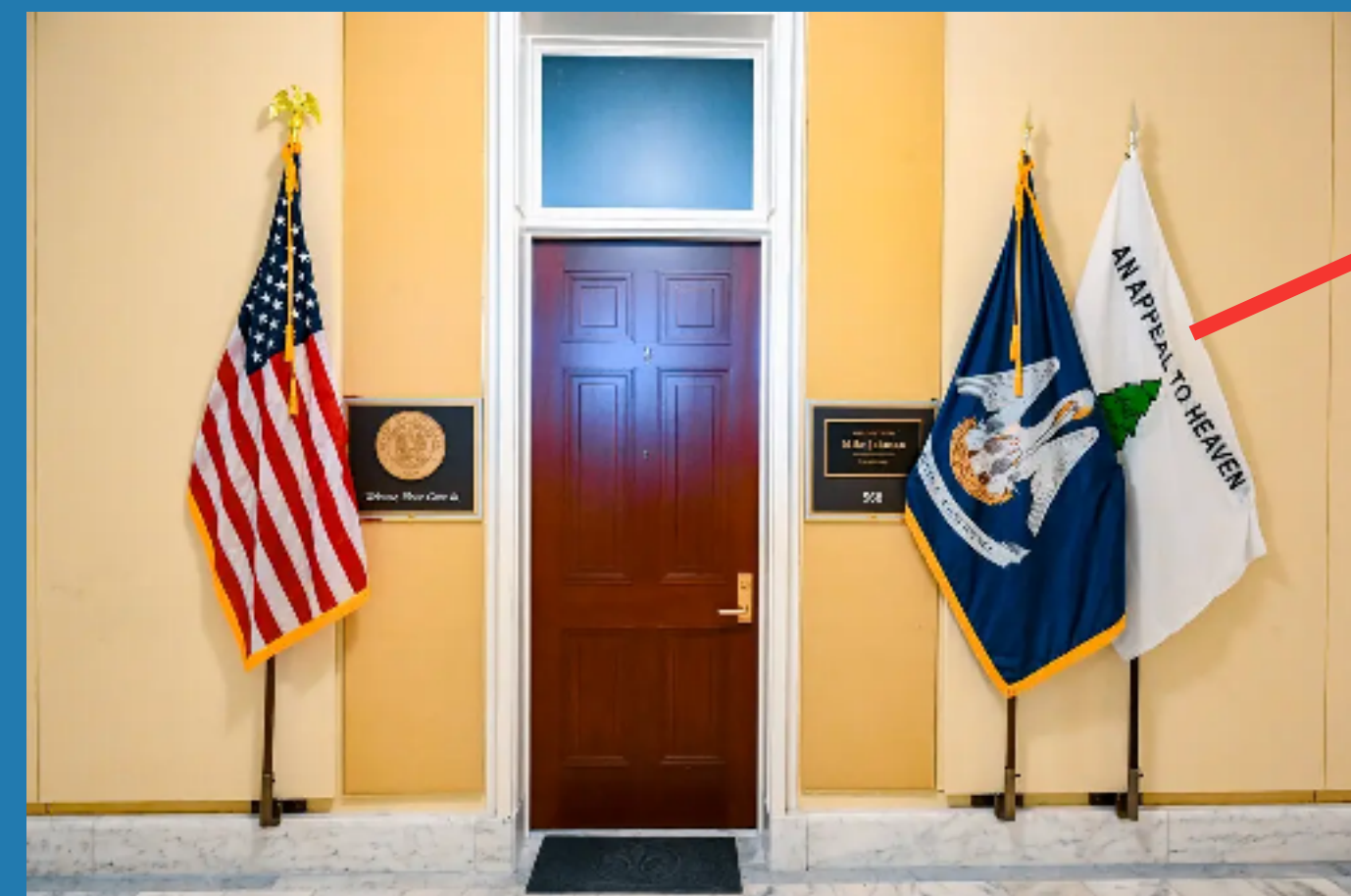
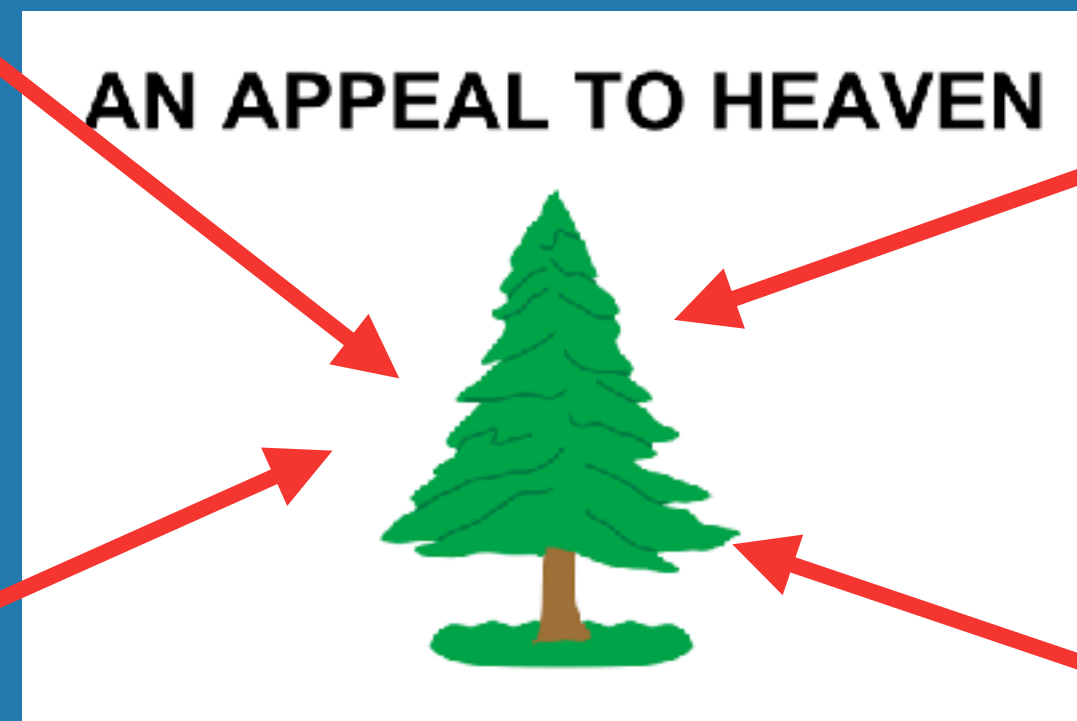




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What do these tattoos on Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth signal?

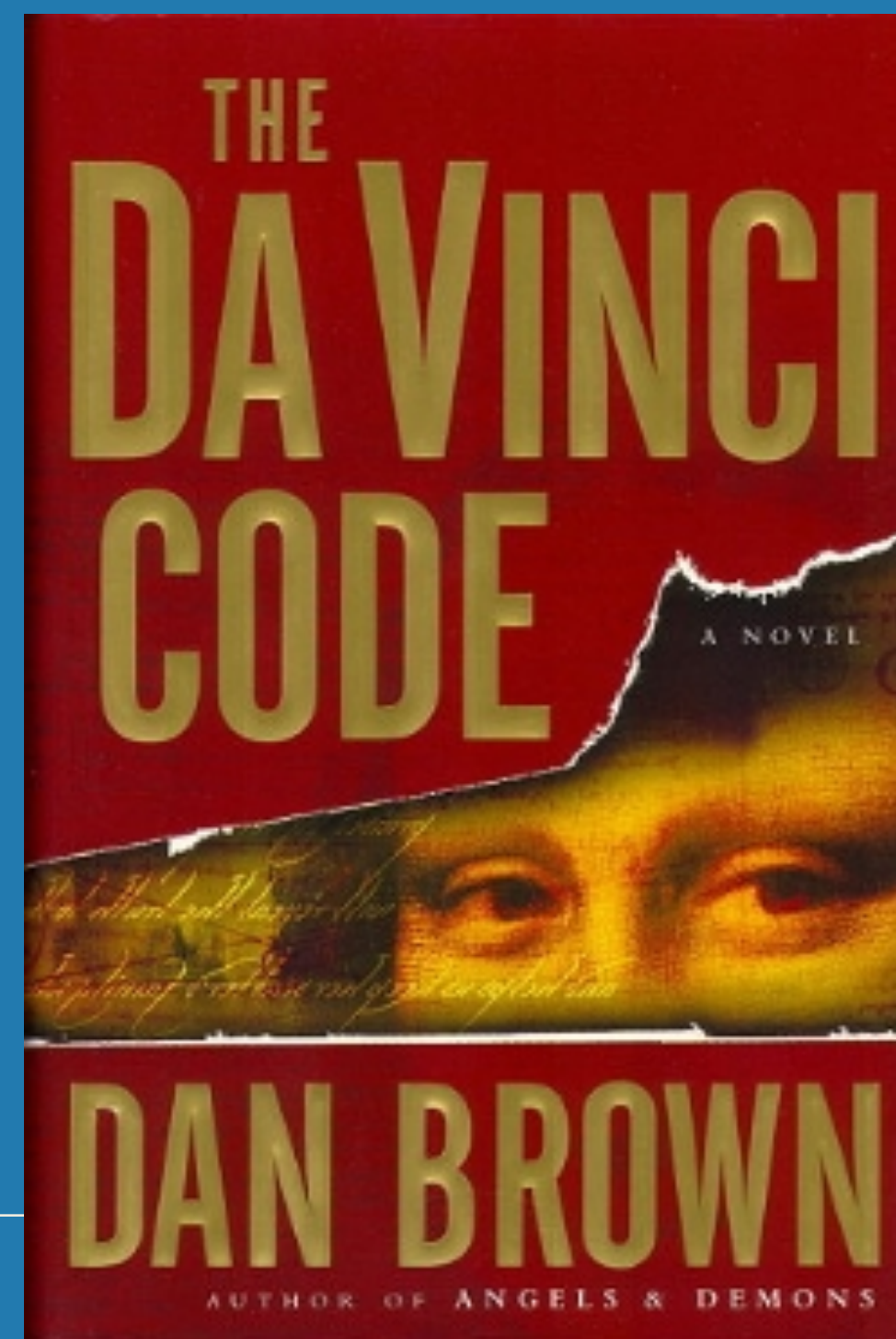


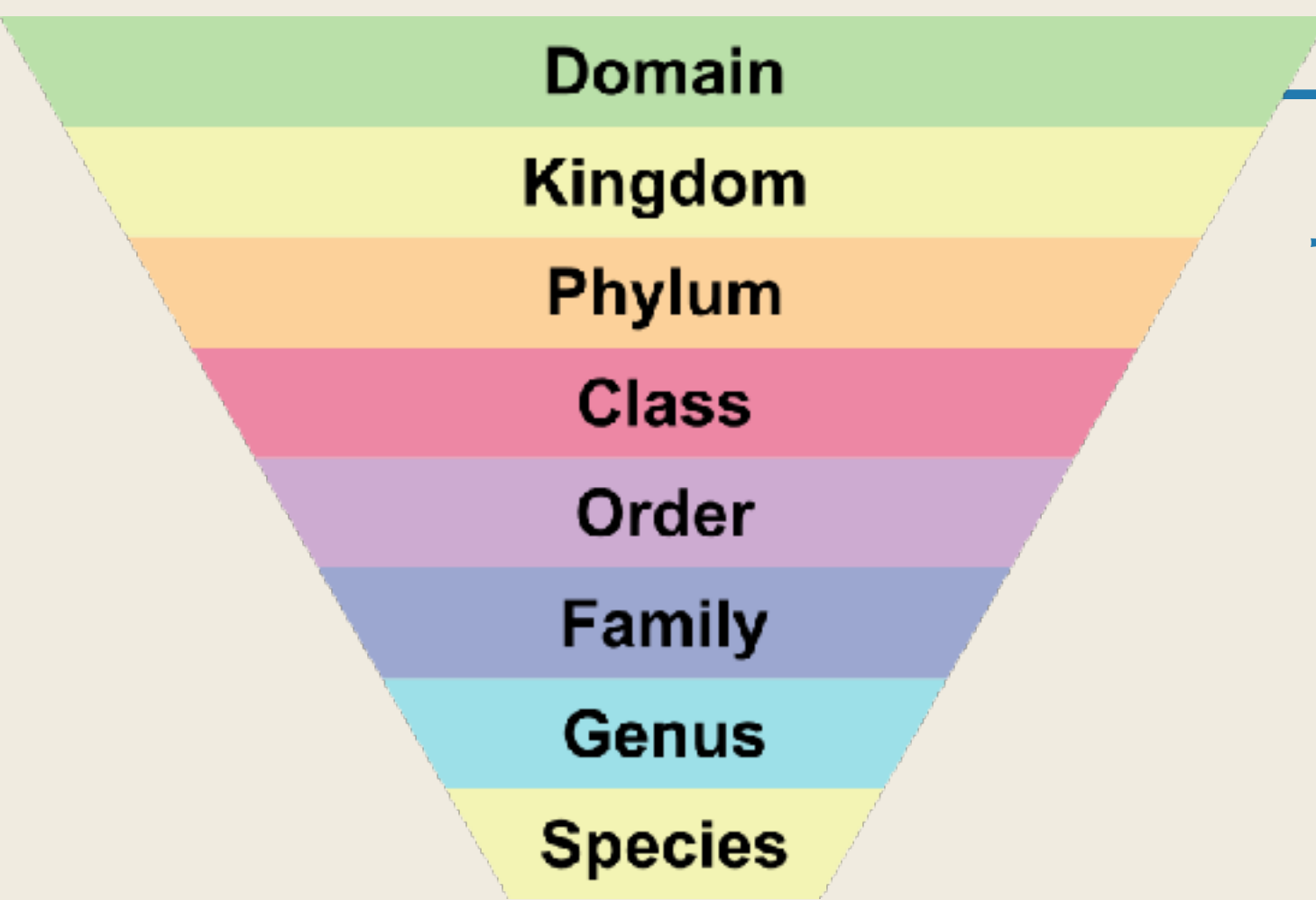


Question 6
What is this flag and
what does it mean?

Question 7

Opus Dei was just a scary thing in *The Da Vinci Code*, right? That's not a real thing, is it?





This is all tied up with American Christian nationalism

- A simple taxonomy: FAMILY = religious nationalisms, GENUS = Christian nationalisms, SPECIES = American Christian nationalism(s)
- Globally, we are experiencing an eruption of religious nationalisms aligned with far-right politics:
 - Hindu nationalism in India
 - Buddhist nationalism in Myanmar / Sri Lanka
 - religious Zionism in Israel
 - Islamic nationalism (Islamism) in Turkiyé and Syria
 - Christian nationalism in Brazil vs. Hungary vs. Russia



Should we be worried about all Christian nationalism?

- We all have layered identities, and our nationality and politics are naturally important dimensions of our identities.
- Someone who answers “Yes” to the question, “Is the United States a Christian nation?” could mean:
 - A) Christians make up a majority of the U.S. population (that’s always been factually true, *though decreasingly so*)
 - B) The U.S. was founded as a Christian nation on Christian principles (usually based on gauzy theological or mythical readings of the founding)
 - C) Christians/Christianity should be privileged over other communities or worldviews in America (this is anti-democratic Christian supremacy)
- So how do we tell the dangerous Christian nationalists from the benign ones if they’re all answering “Yes” to this question?

Ethnicity/Race

Gender

Sexual Orientation

Nationality/Politics

Religion/Nonreligion

Class/Socioeconomic Status

Education



The Christian Nationalist Spectrum

*soft Christian
nationalism*

RADICALIZATION

*hardline Christian
nationalism*

More passive, democratic,
and sentimental

More organized, anti-democratic,
and theological



An American flag
alongside a Christian
flag at a church altar

CONSPIRACY THEORIES

BIBLICAL (RE)INTERPRETATION

MODERN PROPHECIES

PHILOSOPHY/THEOLOGY

a.k.a., Christian supremacy



A Christian flag on the front lines of
the January 6 insurrection

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3 Major Strands of American Christian Supremacy



Kevin Roberts,
president of
Heritage Foundation

J.D. Vance wrote
the foreword to
Roberts's book

**Anti-Vatican II
Catholic Traditionalism**



**Reformed (“Reconstructionist”)
Theological Nationalism**

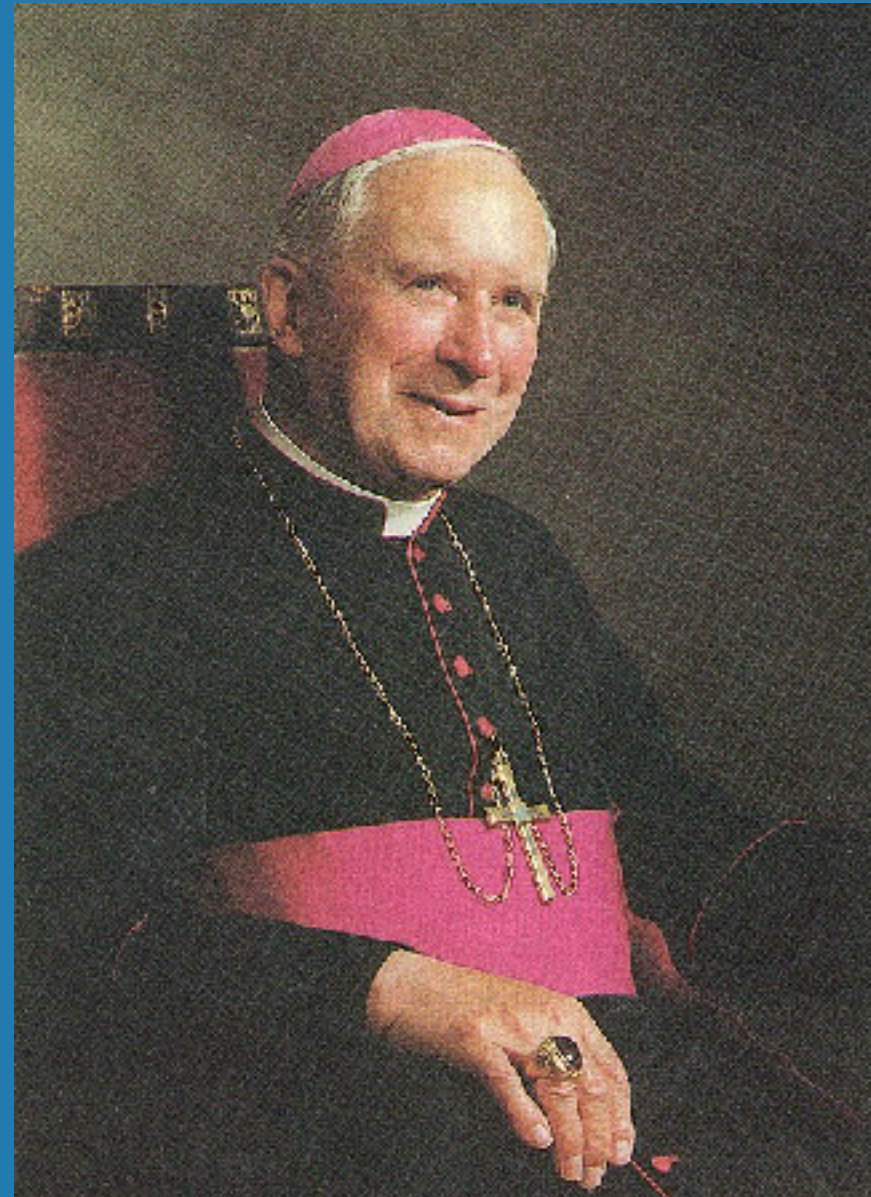
Doug Wilson / Pete Hegseth



**Independent Charismatic
Spiritual Warfare Activism**

Anti-Vatican II Catholic Traditionalism

Archbishop
Marcel
Lefebvre
(1905-1991)



Paul
Weyrich
(1942-2008)

- The Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) was a landmark shift in the global Catholic Church in the 1960s.
 - the non-Latin mass
 - more interfaith dialogue
 - a downplaying of clericalism
- Since that time, there have been reactionary elements within the Catholic church aimed at rolling back or overturning the Vatican II reforms.
- Within the church, it manifests in an effort to elevate far-right priests through the church hierarchy. Politically, it manifests as an alliance with far-right Protestants, Eastern Orthodox, and even Neo-Nazis to reclaim Catholicism.

Anti-Vatican II Catholic Traditionalism Today



Opus Dei



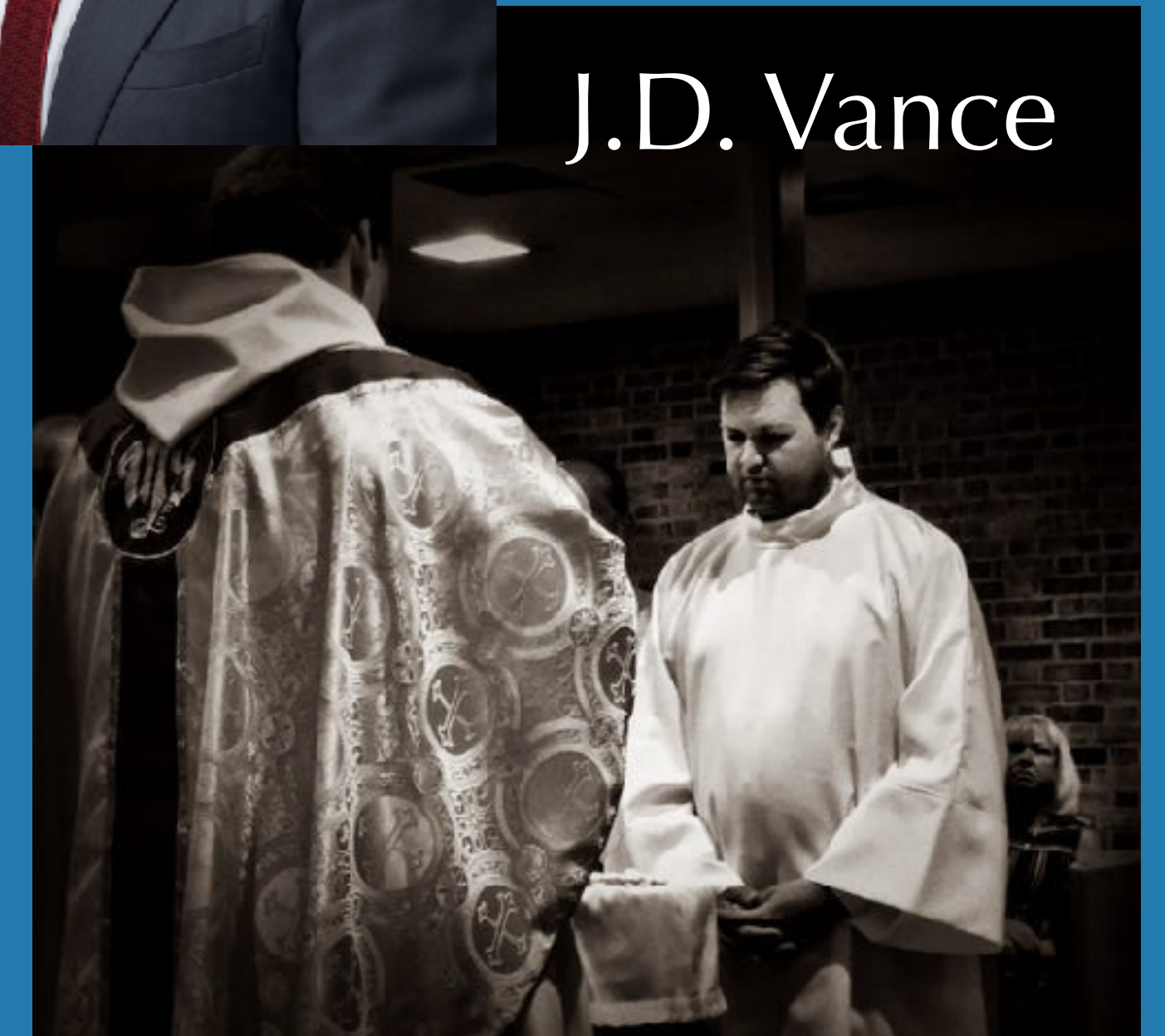
Leonard Leo and the
Supreme Court



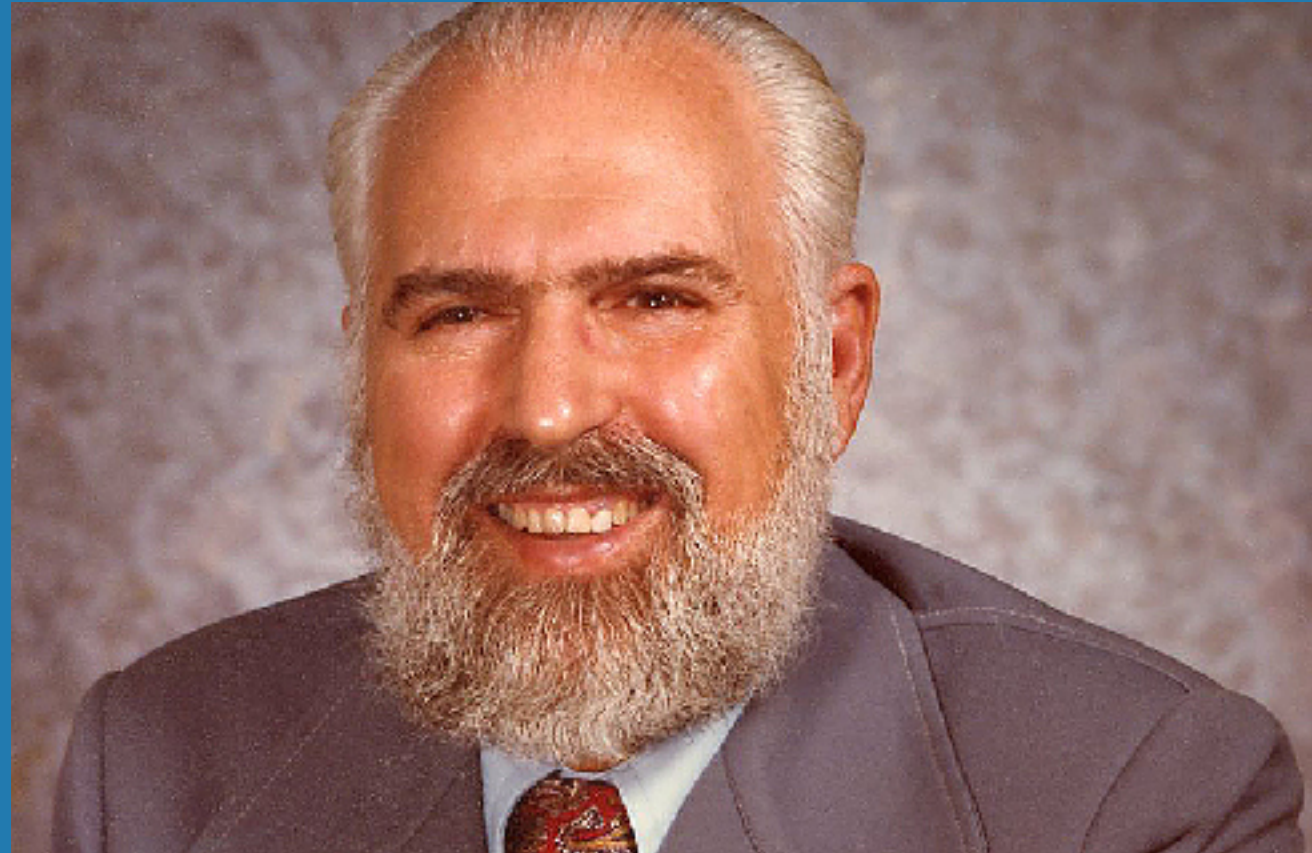
J.D. Vance

Moderate range: “postliberal” activists, Constitutional law professors, hyper-political priests and bishops

Extreme range: Neo-Nazis, groypers, militias tied to the All-Polish Youth (Polish Neo-Nazis)

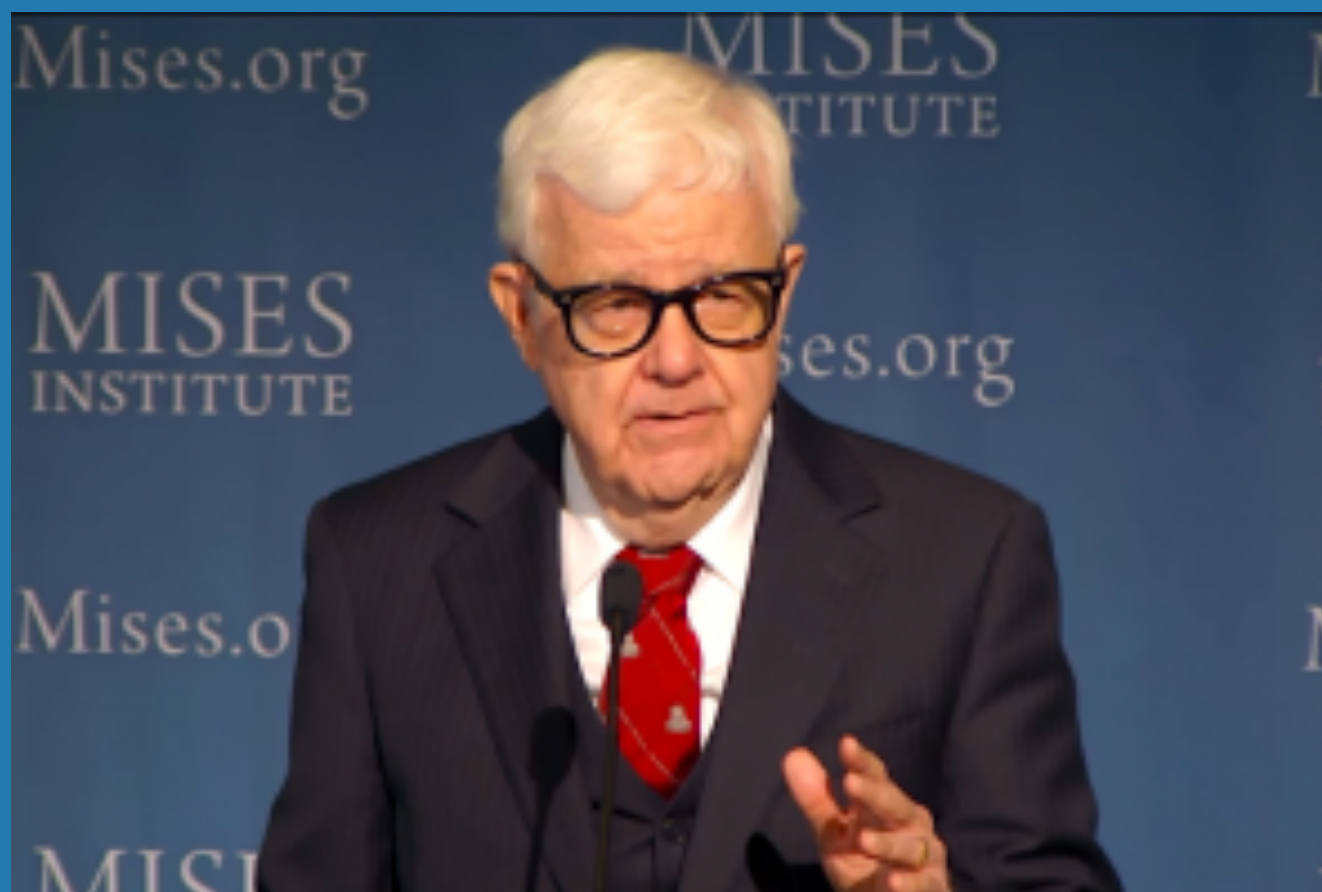


Reformed (“Reconstructionist”) Theological Nationalism



Rousas John
Rushdoony
(1916–2001)

Gary North
(1942–2022)



- Emerged in the 1960s and 1970s around R.J. Rushdoony and Gary North
- Very influential (though subterranean) in the rise of the religious right in the 1980s
- Tends to be more intellectual/cerebral and theologically tied to Calvinism
- Created the concept of “dominion theology” and embraced a gradualist vision of “theonomy” (implementing biblical law in modern societies over generations and centuries)

Reformed (“Reconstructionist”) Theological Nationalism Today



consent by non-Christians. Non-Christians living among us are entitled to justice, peace, and safety, but they are not entitled to political equality, nor do they have a right to deny the people of God their right to order civil institutions to God and to their complete good.

We lack the spirit for this sort of dominion today—a once-uncontroversial spirit that animated the magisterial Protestant reformers and Christians prior to the Reformation. We must revitalize and return to it. The Christian's posture towards the earth ought to be that it is *ours*, not theirs, for we are co-heirs in Christ.

From Stephen Wolfe's, *The Case for Christian Nationalism* (2022)

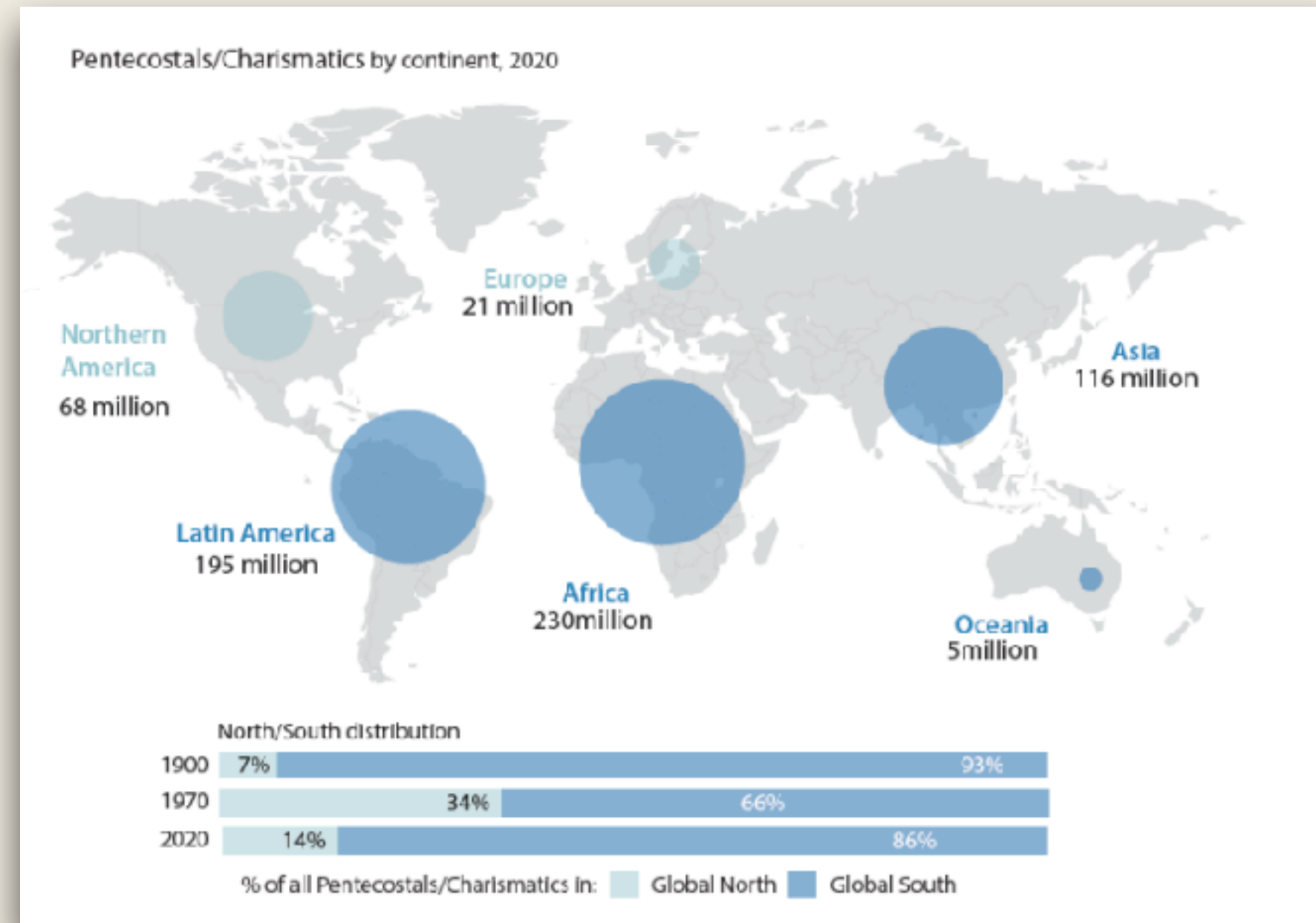


Moderate range: Theo bros, Twitter trolls, bearded men's conferences

Extreme range: endorsing racism, justifying slavery and the Crusades, calling for the end of women voting, and playing footsie with Nazism

Characteristics of Independent Charismatic Christianity

“Independent” =
Nondenominational:
not attached to the
bureaucracy,
accountability, and
governance of
denominational
bodies



“Charismatic” =
from Greek, *charismata*,
gifts - a Christian
spirituality centered on
accessing the supernatural
gifts from the Holy Spirit
that are described in the
life of the early church
(speaking in tongues,
prophecy, miracles, etc.)

- *The fastest growing segment of American and global Christianity*
- *Ethnically diverse and globally connected*
- *The realm of televangelists, megachurches, and celebrity preachers*
- *The “Silicon Valley” of the American Church*

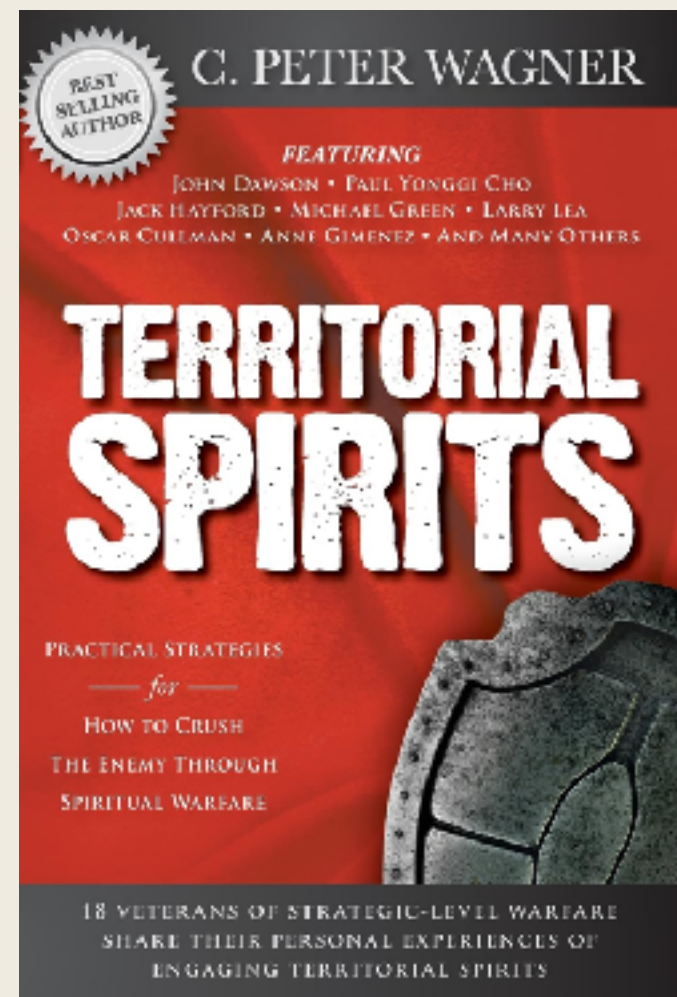
Markers of Independent Charismatic Belief & Practice



- ecstatic and experiential worship
- belief in modern prophecy
- longing for—and activity toward bringing about—local and/or global revival
- emphasis on spiritual warfare (angels/Christians vs. Satan/demons)
- (often) belief in Fivefold Ministry (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers) with a primacy of apostles and prophets
- tracking charismatic media and the celebrity televangelists, apostles, prophets, Messianic rabbis, revivalists in that class

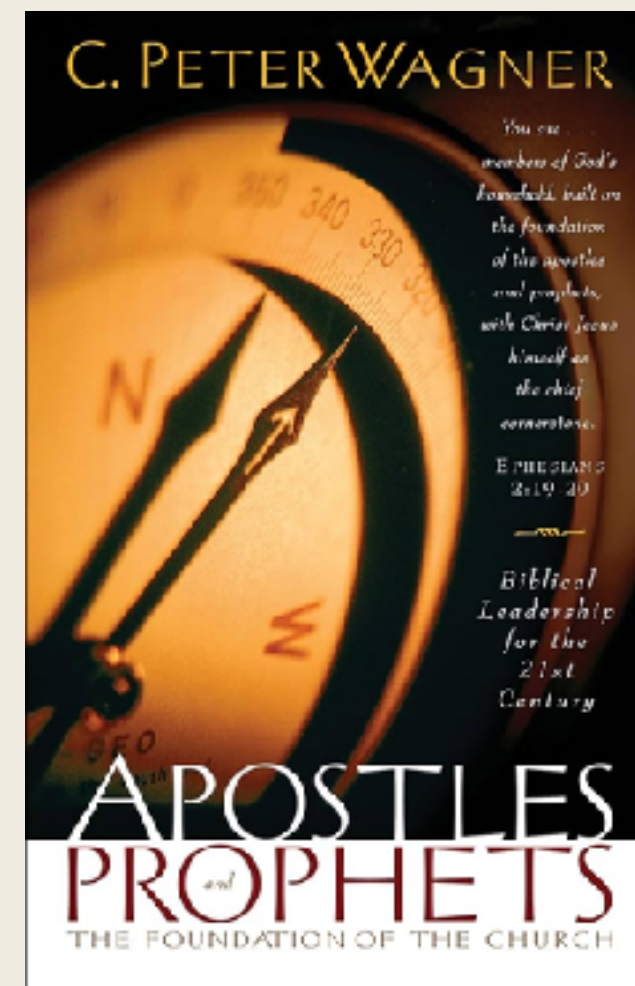


Independent Charismatic thought leaders



C. Peter Wagner
(1930 - 2016)

- ➔ Fuller Seminary professor of Church Growth
- ➔ pioneered new modes of “strategic spiritual warfare” in the 1990s to combat elaborate hierarchies of demons
- ➔ came to believe that he was a modern-day apostle and that charismatic apostles and prophets (“fivefold ministry”) would inaugurate a global revival to establish Christian dominion over societies



The New Apostolic Reformation



How NAR Theology Works



The **Seven Mountain Mandate** is a prophetically revealed system for achieving Christian supremacy over all arenas of a nation

But Satan & his demons currently hold the **Seven Mountains** and control huge swaths of society



So the apostles and prophets must wage spiritual war to defeat the hierarchy of demons and take dominion over the nation

Apostles and prophets are sent by Jesus to “disciple nations” (Matthew 28 — i.e., the “nation” becomes the object of Christian mission)

There are modern day apostles and prophets being commissioned and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring about a global End Times revival



Sarah Palin



2013 - NAR apostle Dutch Sheets discovers the Appeal to Heaven flag & believes it's a prophecy of a Christian revolution



Paula White-Cain

Televangelist

Megachurch pastor

Apostle

Prosperity gospel preacher



Lance Wallnau



June 2015 - Donald Trump declares candidacy

Fall 2015 - Trump begins meeting with Christian leaders, predominantly Independent Charismatic



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The Cyrus Prophecy

“This is what the Lord says to his *anointed*,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their armor,
to open doors before him
so that gates will not be shut...
I summon you by name
and bestow on you a title of honor,
though you do not acknowledge me.”
- Isaiah 45

↗ [Hebrew *mashiach* — messiah]



Lance Wallnau

I heard the Lord say “Donald Trump is Isaiah 45”... Cyrus wasn’t even one of God’s people—he was a Persian—but he was anointed to break down strongholds and fight for Israel. Sound familiar? Trump is a wrecking ball to political correctness, and I believe the hand of God is on him for this season.

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Paula White-Cain has stacked Trump's advisory circles with Independent Charismatic celebrities, including more than a handful of NAR leaders



Paula White-Cain
Chair of Trump's Evangelical Advisory Board



The New Apostolic Reformation and the Capitol Riot

Hundreds of charismatic prophets claimed to have divine revelation that Trump would win in 2020

More than 60 Independent Charismatic Christian leaders showed up in DC for January 6th, including Peter Wagner's inner circle



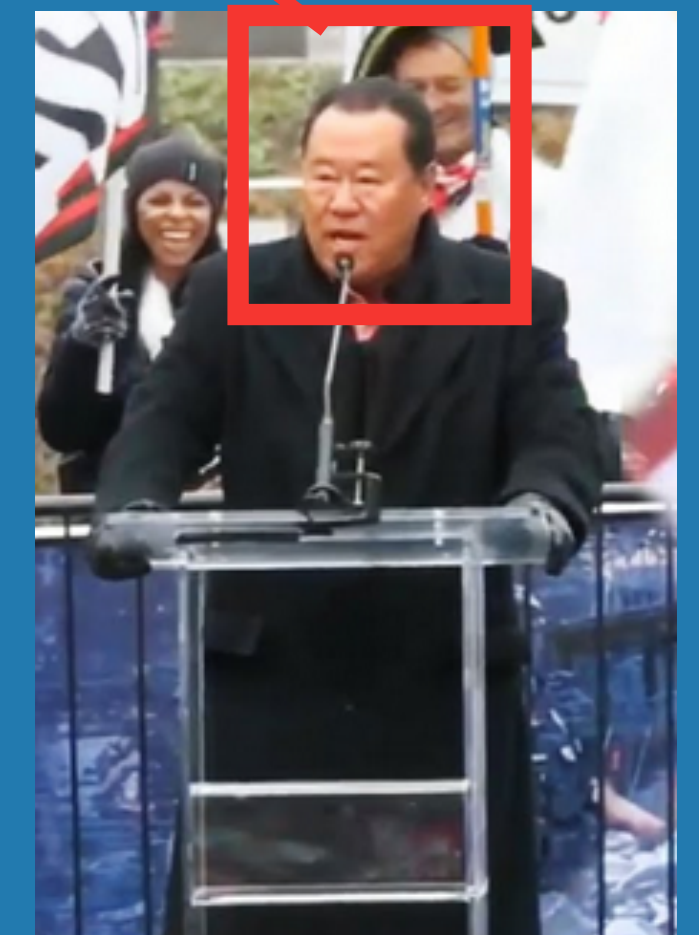
Cindy Jacobs
and Becca
Greenwood,
prophets



Lance Wallnau at the
Trump Rally on January 6



Dutch Sheets and the Appeal
to Heaven flag meme



Ché Ahn speaking at
January 5th DC rally

January 6th



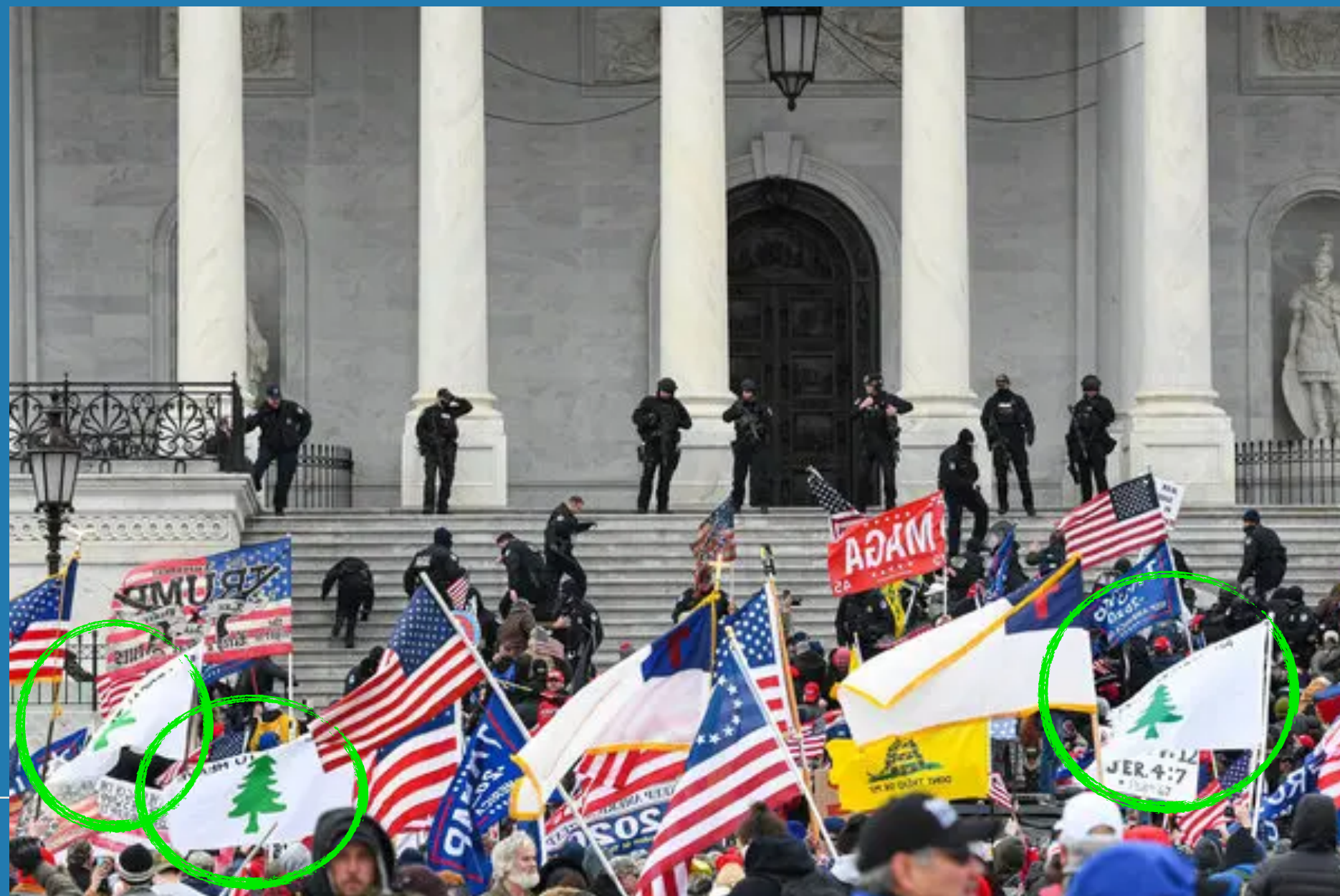
gathering at the Trump rally – Ellipse



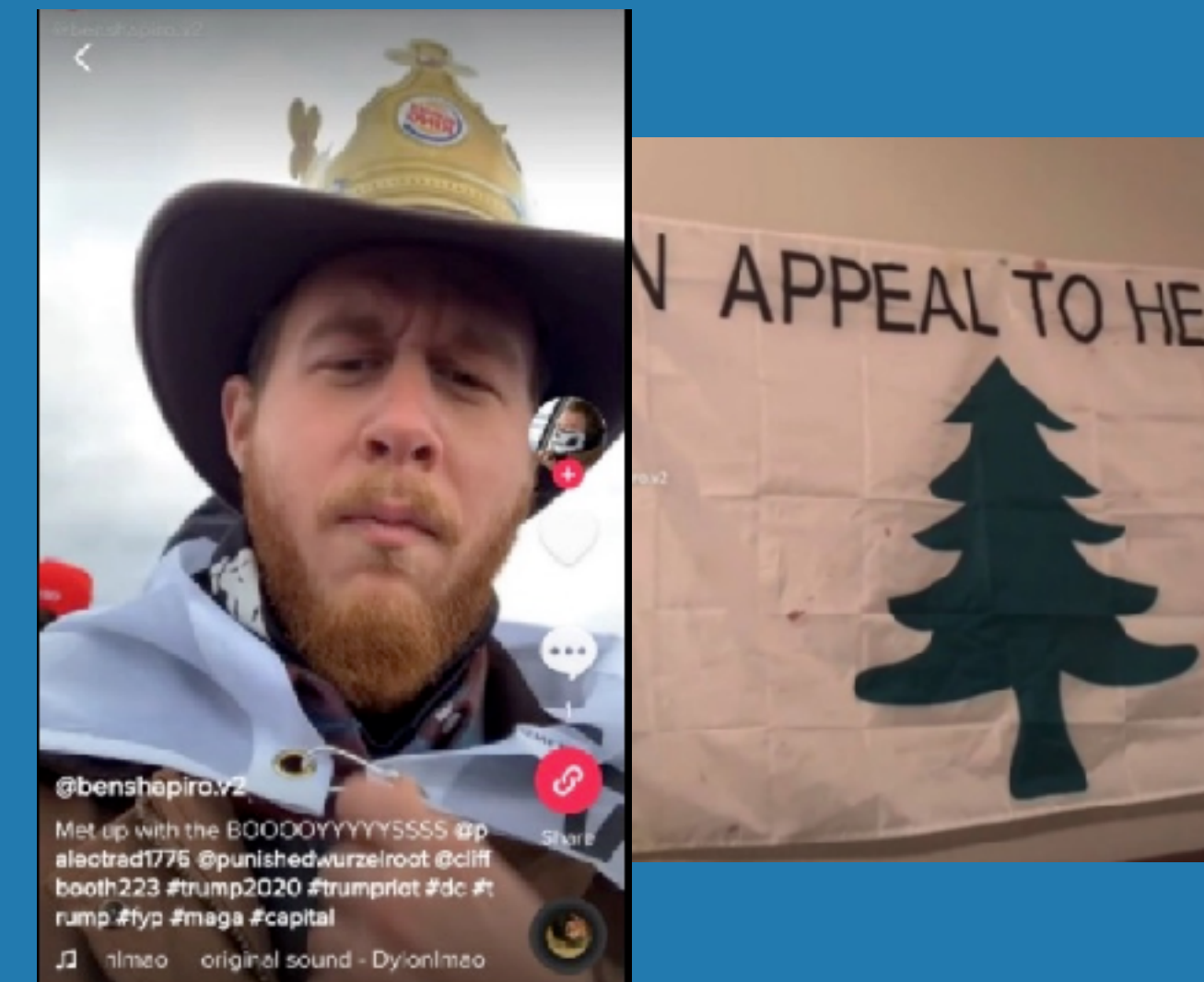
Washington Monument –
moving toward the Capitol



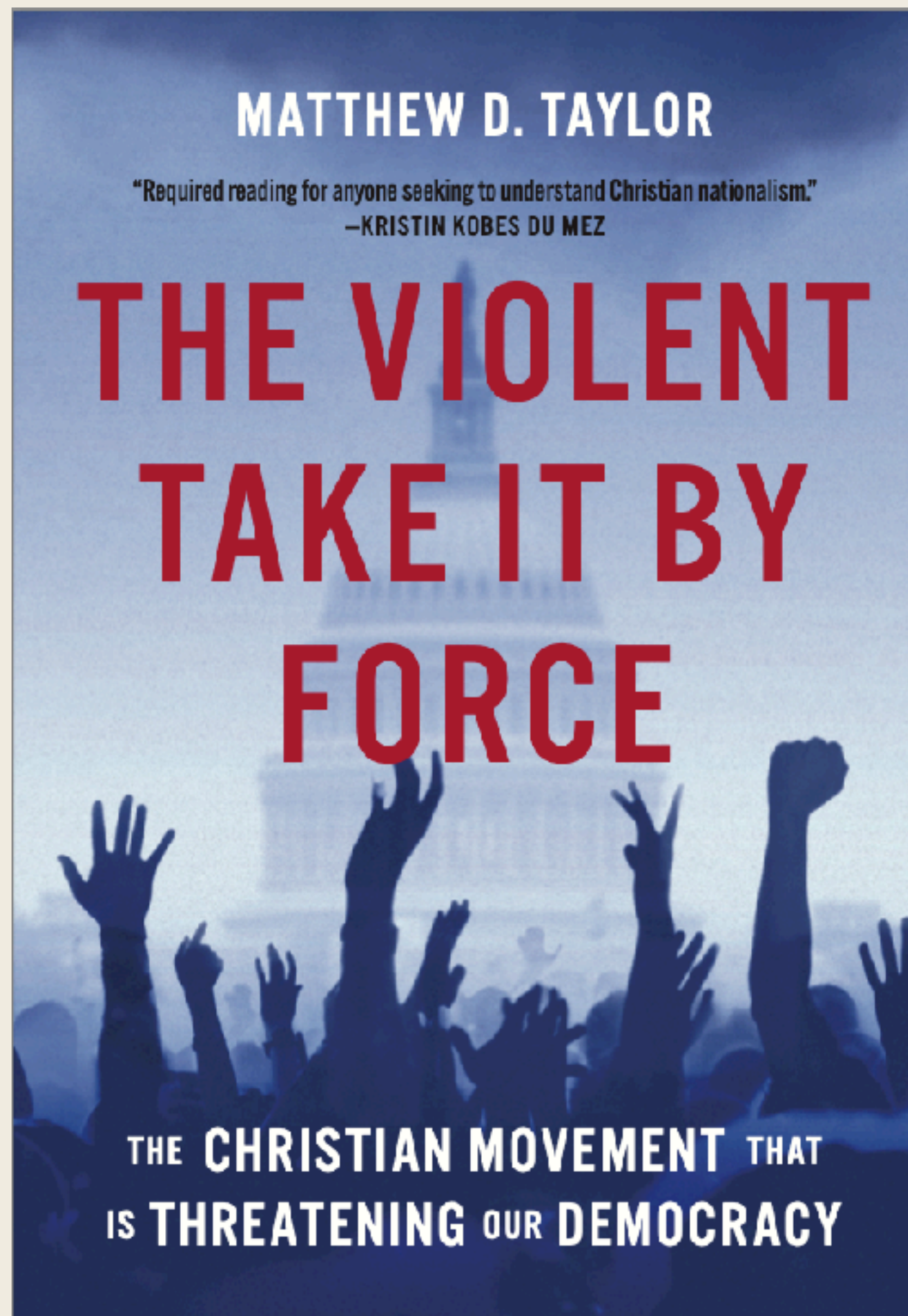
on the front lines of crowd
skirmishing with Capitol police



on the steps of
the Capitol



one rioter wore an ATH flag as a cape



- **Paula White-Cain** - apostle, televangelist, megachurch pastor and chair of Trump's evangelical advisory board



- **C. Peter Wagner** - renegade professor, apostle, convener of the New Apostolic Reformation networks



- **Cindy Jacobs** - right-hand prophet to Wagner, theorist of spiritual warfare, led a group of 30+ spiritual warriors on January 6th.



- **Ché Ahn** - apostle & inheritor of Peter Wagner, decreed: "We will rule and reign through Donald Trump" at a January 5th rally in DC



- **Lance Wallnau** - prophet/apostle, originator of the Seven Mountain Mandate, one of the first evangelical leaders to endorse Trump



- **Sean Feucht** - mentee of Ché Ahn, hyperpoliticized worship troubadour, and militant Christian anti-COVID-restriction activist



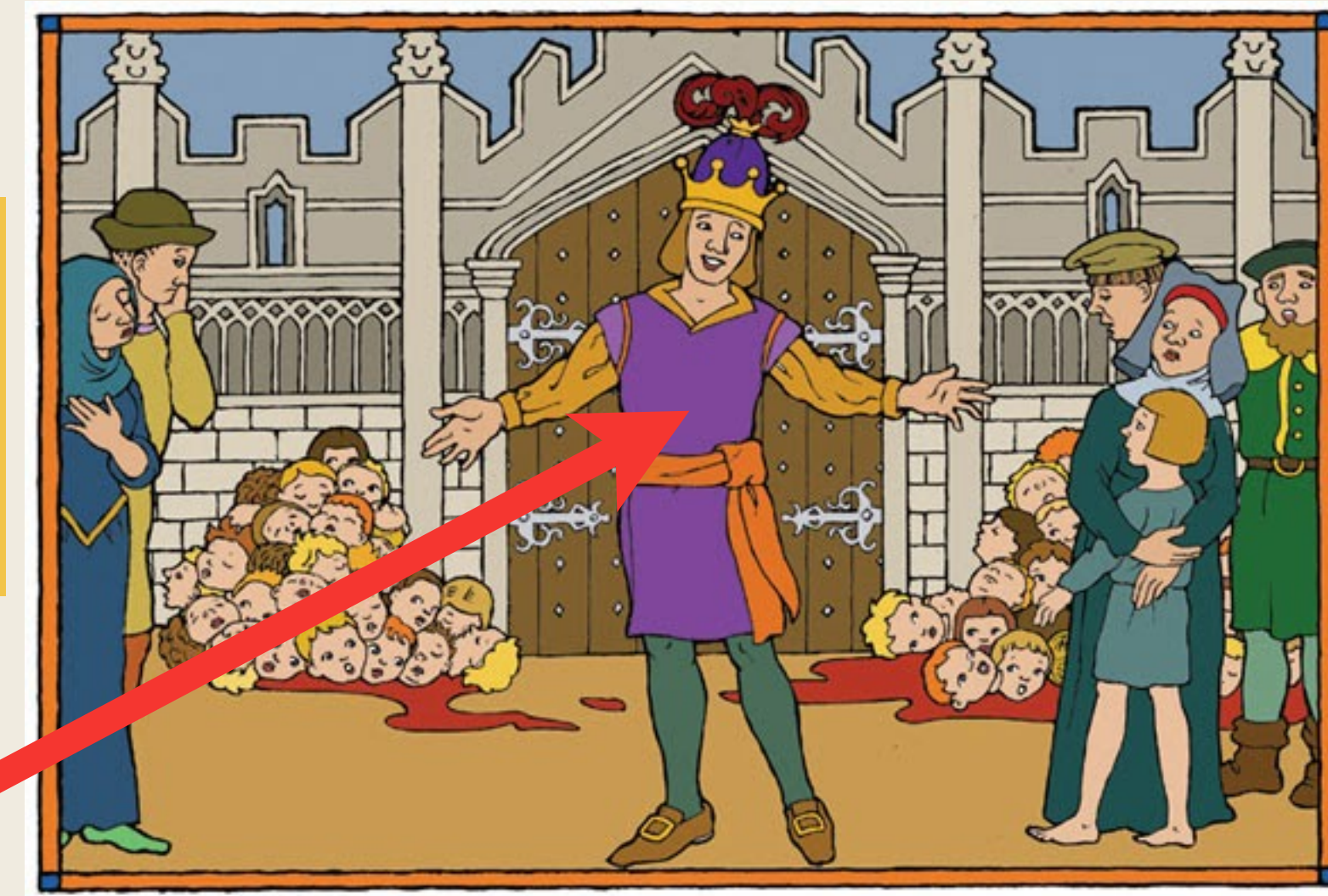
- **Dutch Sheets** - apostle, creator of the Appeal to Heaven flag meme, led a group of 15 apostles & prophets to a mysterious White House meeting 8 days before January 6th.

What is happening right now in the landscape of Christian supremacy?

(a.k.a., reading the headlines)



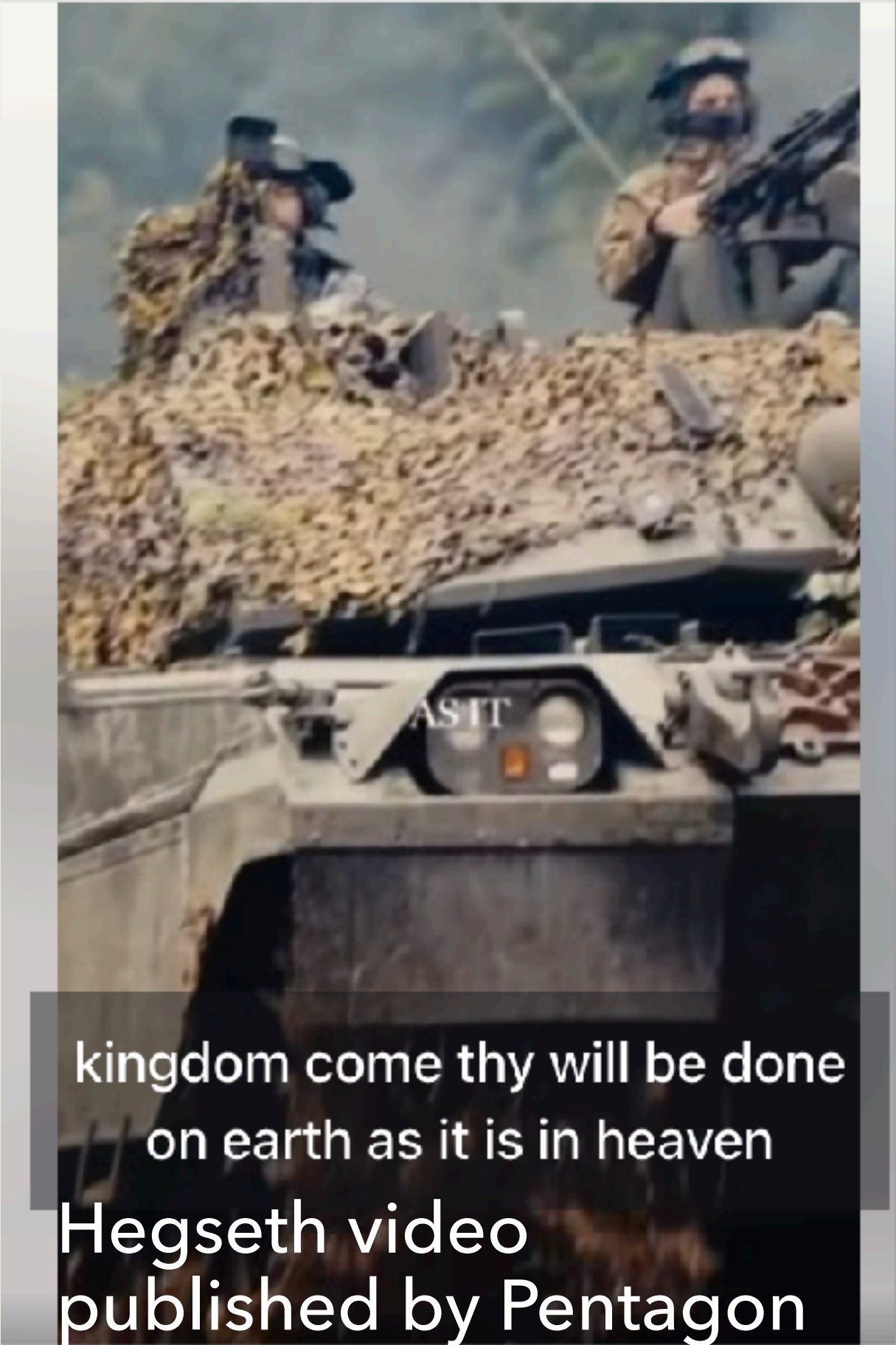
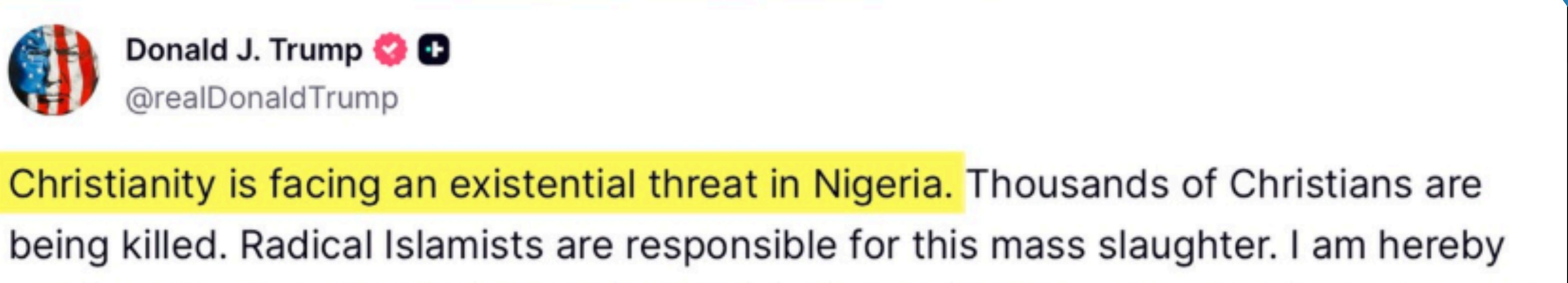
1. Ratcheting up of charismatic prophecy rhetoric in the 2nd Trump administration
2. Christian supremacy shaping Trump administration domestic and foreign policy
3. Surges in Christian radicalization, especially in the wake of the Charlie Kirk assassination
4. Adoption of Independent Charismatic spirituality by the militia movement
5. An emerging civil war between the philosemitic and the antisemitic far right



Messianic rabbi Jonathan Cahn: “Mr. President, I speak of the mystery of your life... God called you to walk according to the template of Jehu... Jehu came to the capital city with an agenda to ‘drain the swamp.’ Jehu was born to make his nation great again by turning it back to God.”

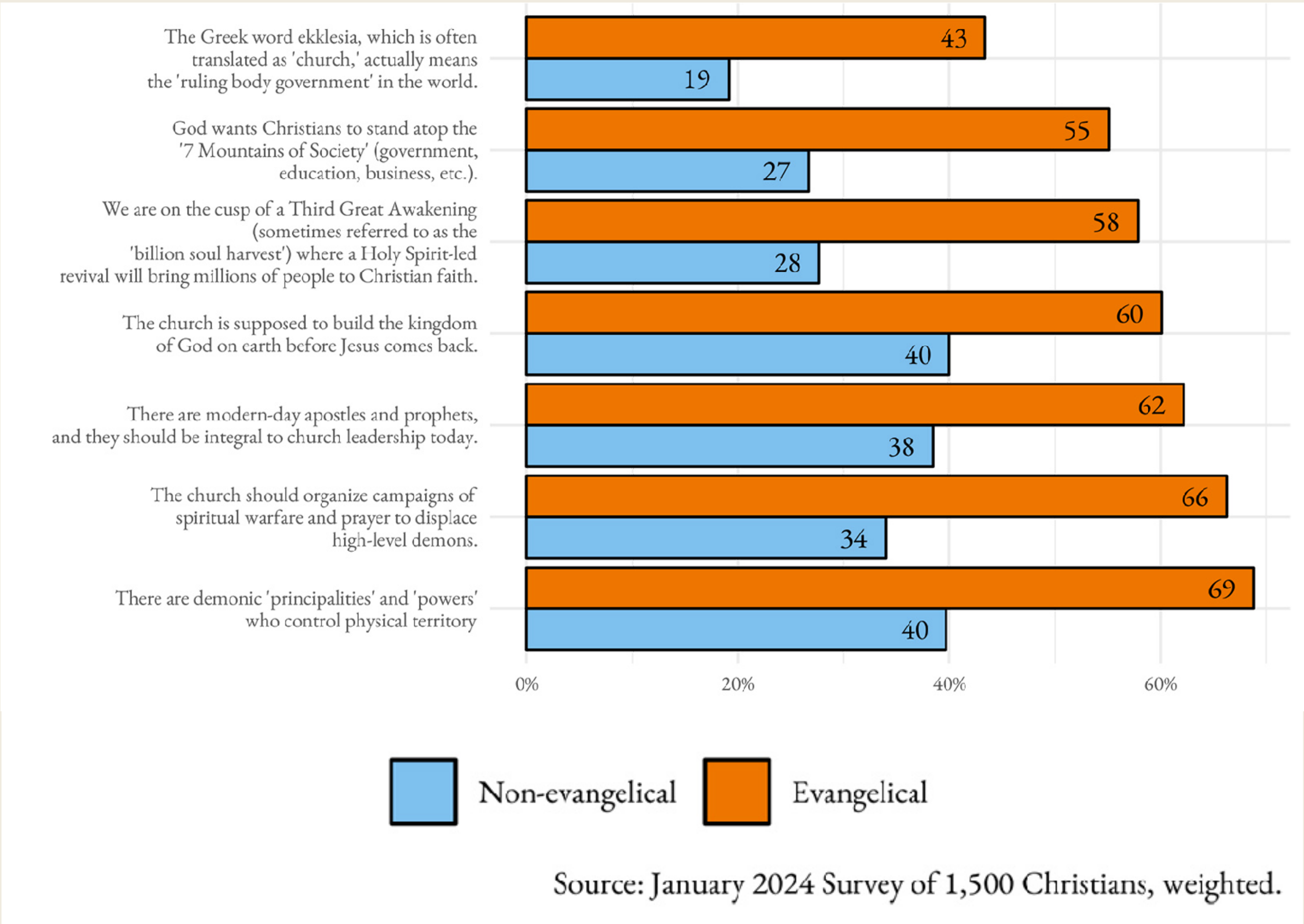


2. Christian supremacy shaping Trump administration domestic and foreign policy



Reading the Headlines

3. Surges in Christian radicalization, especially in the wake of the Charlie Kirk assassination



 THE DAILY SIGNAL

'First Time in 20 Years': Charlie Kirk's Death Starts a Faith Revolution

Katrina Trinko | September 19, 2025



 **Sean Feucht** 
@seanfeucht



Reports now say 100 MILLION people watched @charliekirk11 's memorial. 🤯 How many millions of souls have been reached for the first time for the glory of God because of Charlie!?

4. Adoption of Independent Charismatic spirituality by the militia movement

militia groups
protecting Feucht rally

Sean Feucht @seanfeucht · Aug 8
THANK YOU to our security team (half pictured) tonight in Portland 🇺🇸💪

These are all ex-military, ex-police, private security & most importantly
LOVERS OF JESUS & freedom.

If you mess with them or our 1st amendment right to worship God - you'll
meet Jesus one way or another.



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Feucht with
extremist
Matt Shea



VICE News

Inside the Christian Nationalist Church
Where Proud Boys Go to be Baptized

Southern California pastor Hansel Orzame leads an "unwoke church"
where he prepares his followers to wage "spiritual warfare."



Apostle
Derrick
Gates



Reading the Headlines

5. An emerging civil war between the philosemitic and the antisemitic far right



POLITICO
EXCLUSIVE

'I love Hitler': Leaked messages expose Young Republicans' racist chat

Everyone that votes no is going to the gas chamber.

Great. I love Hitler

Also ... we are officially under consideration for a Trump endorsement.

you're giving nationals to much credit and expecting the Jew to be

When do we bring that side out?

I'm ready to watch people burn

Two Sides of the Same Coin

Assumption: Jews are different from the rest of humanity...

antisemitism

philosemitism

...and that's bad and we hate them.

...and that's good and we love them.

THE WEEK

TALKING POINT

Nick Fuentes' Groyper antisemitism is splitting the right

Interview with Tucker Carlson draws conservative backlash

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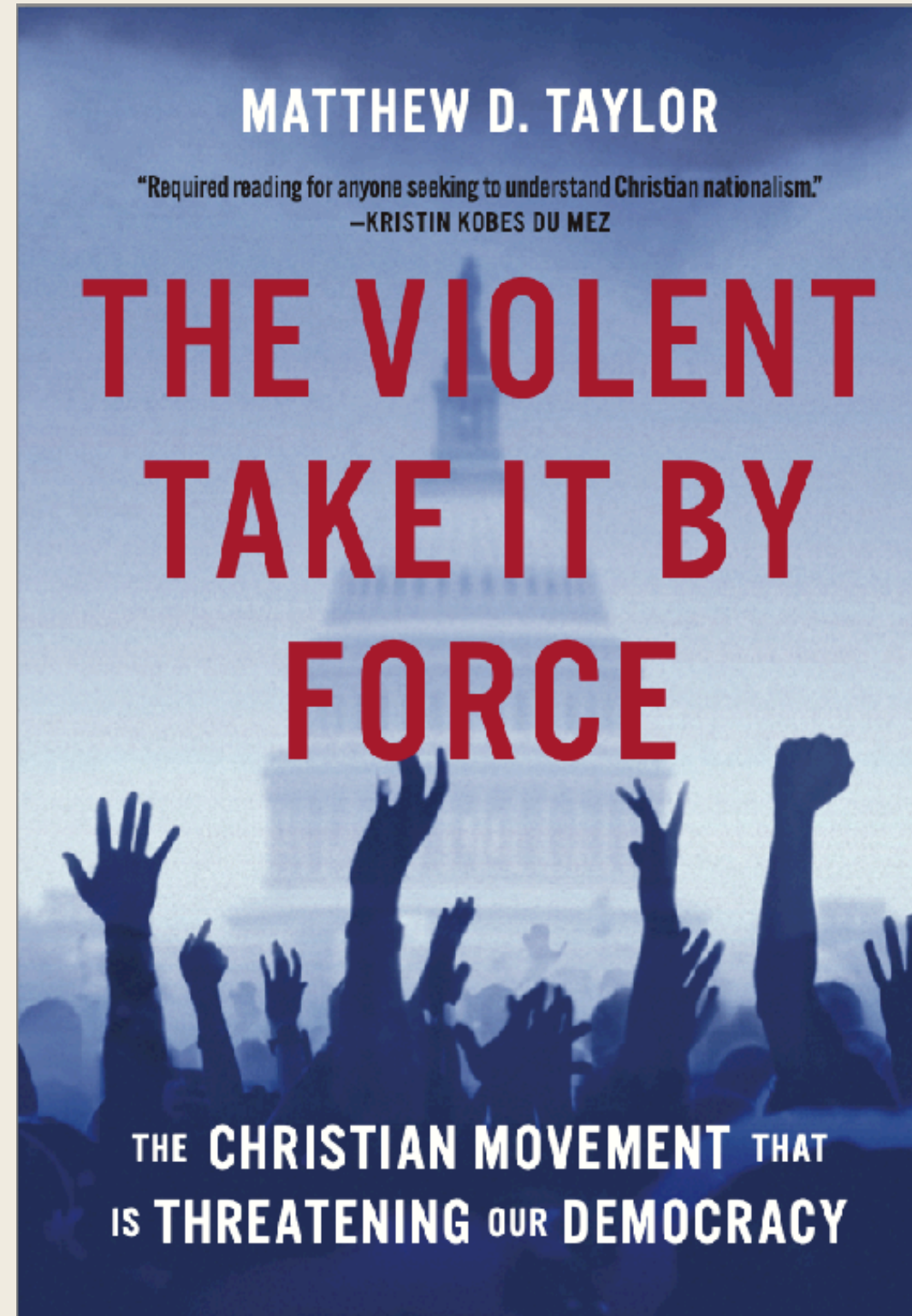
Ted Cruz to Jewish Republicans: Antisemitism is 'an existential crisis in our party'

The Texas senator reiterates comments he made at a megachurch last week, including the core message that he's recently seen more Jew-hatred on the right than ever before

By **JOSEPH STRAUSS**
1 November 2025, 5:13 am

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What Can We Do?



- As Christians

- *Christian supremacy is first theological, then political. Christian theologies of power and domination are at the molten core of our society's current crisis.*
- *Intra-Christian theological dialogue and debate might be the only way to defuse this threat before it leads to more violence. Who will you make an effort to engage with?*

- As Citizens

- *The second Trump administration poses the most serious threat to American democracy since at least the Civil War.*
 - *Now is the time to step up your citizen engagement. Vote, call your representatives, protest, run for office.*
 - *If you aren't in relationship with people who voted for Trump, then you aren't part of the solution.*
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