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# [Australia to recognize Palestinian state, leaving US increasingly isolated among key allies | CNN](#)

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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Monday that his country will recognize a Palestinian state in September, joining a growing list of Western allies as international [condemnation and anger builds](#) over Israel's actions in Gaza.

A formal recognition will be made at the United Nations General Assembly next month, where "Australia will recognize the right of the Palestinian people to a state of their own predicated on the commitments Australia has received from the Palestinian Authority," Albanese said at a press conference.

On Monday, New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters said his country was also considering recognizing a Palestinian state, and would make a decision at a cabinet meeting in September.

"New Zealand has been clear for some time that our recognition of a Palestinian state is a matter of when, not if," Peters said in a statement, echoing the language used by Australian officials in the weeks leading up to Monday's announcement.

Describing the situation in Gaza as an "absolute human catastrophe," New Zealand Prime Minister Chrisopher Luxon said in a press conference that it was "entirely appropriate that we take the time to actually make sure we weigh up our decision and work that through in a sensible way."

Australia joins the [United Kingdom](#), France and [Canada](#) in announcing plans to recognize a Palestinian state in September. The move leaves the United States increasingly isolated from some of its closest allies in its defense of Israel's escalating military campaign that's decimated the besieged enclave after almost two years of war.

If Wellington also moves, it will mean that four of the Five Eyes intelligence sharing network comprising the US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, will recognize Palestinian statehood.

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark later criticized Luxon for not moving to quickly join Australia and other western allies.

"We now really seem to stand for nothing except you know somehow wanting to save our own skin in a tariff war" she told RNZ on Tuesday. "I think it's it's really quite a humiliating position for New Zealand to be in."

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said she'd spoken to US Foreign Secretary Marco Rubio in a call Sunday to give him advance notice of Australia's impending announcement. A read-out of the call released by the US did not mention Palestinian statehood.

In an interview with Catholic broadcaster EWTN last week, Rubio said that declarations of support for a Palestinian state were "largely symbolic" and only "emboldened Hamas and made it harder to achieve peace."

Albanese said Australia had sought and received assurances from Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas that Hamas would play no role in any future Palestinian state.

Other conditions include a commitment to demilitarize and to hold general elections, abolish a "system of payments to the families of prisoners and martyrs," and governance and education reform, as well as "international oversight to guard against the incitement of violence and hatred," Albanese said.

"A two-state solution is humanity's best hope to break the cycle of violence in the Middle East and to bring an end to the conflict suffering and starvation in Gaza," he said.

"This is about much more than drawing a line on a map. This is about delivering a lifeline to the people of Gaza."

In a subsequent interview with Australia's public broadcaster ABC, Albanese said he had spoken to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu but found him to be "in denial" about the human cost of the war in Gaza.

"He (Netanyahu) again reiterated to me what he has said publicly as well, which is to be in denial about the consequences that are occurring for innocent people," Albanese said.

**'This is starvation, pure and simple'**

Canada and France have both said they would recognize a Palestinian state in September, when world leaders meet in New York for the UN General Assembly. The UK has said that it will, too, if Israel does not meet conditions that include agreeing to a ceasefire in Gaza.

On Sunday, Netanyahu gave a rare press conference with international media in which he called steps by Western nations to recognize Palestinian statehood "shameful."

"To have European countries and Australia march into that rabbit hole, just like that, fall right into it, and buy this canard is disappointing," Netanyahu said. "But it's not going to change our position. We will not commit national suicide to get a good op ed for two minutes."

Australian Foreign Minister Wong said, “we cannot keep doing the same thing, and hoping for a different outcome. We can’t keep waiting for the end of a peace process that has ground to a halt.”

Wong framed the decision as an “opportunity as a nation to contribute to momentum towards two states” which she underscored was “the only prospect for peace.”

Israel announced an expansion of its war in Gaza on Friday, with a planned [military takeover](#) of Gaza City that is expected to involve the forced evacuation of up to a million people.

On Sunday, United Nations officials and UN Security Council member states condemned the plan, saying it would lead to “another calamity” and constitute “further violations of international law.”

Ramesh Rajasingham, the head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Geneva said what is unfolding in Gaza “is no longer a looming hunger crisis – this is starvation, pure and simple.”

Last month, the UN-backed food security agency the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [warned that](#) “the worst case scenario of famine” was unfolding in Gaza, its starkest alert yet as starvation spreads.

Hunger-related deaths are rising in the enclave, especially among children, Rajasingham told the UN Security Council. Since October 2023, 98 children have died from severe acute malnutrition — 37 since July 1 alone, he said, citing health authorities in Gaza.

Israel is facing growing [global condemnation](#) over its conduct in Gaza, with large protests breaking out in major cities - including London and Australia’s Sydney - as people demonstrate their horror and anger over starvation in the territory.

More than 460 people were arrested at a massive protest in London on Saturday and, last week, more than 90,000 people marched across the [Sydney Harbour Bridge](#) to protest the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Organizers put the figure at closer to 300,000 and plan more protests this month.

# France slams Israel's fresh Gaza plans as 'disaster,' Italy mulls sanctions | The Times of Israel

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## **Macron says he's pushing for creation of 'UN-mandated stabilization mission' in Strip; Italy's defense minister says Netanyahu's methods 'dangerously similar' to Putin's**

France and Italy on Monday denounced Israel's war plans in Gaza, with the latter saying it was considering sanctions, as Jerusalem planned to expand its operations and take control of Gaza City.

French President Emmanuel Macron insisted that "this war must end now with a permanent ceasefire," adding the plan to take control of Gaza City was "a disaster of unprecedented gravity and a headlong rush into permanent war."

"Israeli hostages and the people of Gaza will continue to be the primary victims of this strategy," Macron said.

Israel has said its military would conquer Gaza City in a plan approved by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's security cabinet that sparked a wave of global criticism, as well as alarm among the families of hostages who fear the move would risk their loved ones' lives.

In the statement, Macron said it was important to establish a UN-mandated stabilization mission to secure the Gaza Strip.

"The [UN] Security Council must now work to establish this mission and give it a mandate," he said.

"I have asked my teams to work on this without delay with our partners," Macron added.

Separately, Italy's Defense Minister Guido Crosetto told La Stampa daily on Monday: "What is happening is unacceptable. We are not facing a military operation with collateral damage, but the pure denial of the law and the founding values of our civilization.

"We are committed to humanitarian aid, but we must now find a way to force Netanyahu to think clearly, beyond condemnation."

Asked about possible international sanctions against Israel, Crosetto said that “the occupation of Gaza and some serious acts in the West Bank mark a qualitative leap, in the face of which decisions must be made that force Netanyahu to think.”

“And it wouldn’t be a move against Israel, but a way to save those people from a government that has lost reason and humanity.

“We must always distinguish governments from states and peoples, as well as from the religions they profess. This applies to Netanyahu, and it applies to [Russian President Vladimir] Putin, whose methods, by now, have become dangerously similar.”

Italy has declined to join other nations in saying it would [recognize a Palestinian state](#) — a decision Crosetto defended, saying that “recognizing a state that doesn’t exist risks turning into nothing but a political provocation in a world dying of provocations.”

He spoke after Netanyahu [defended](#) Israel’s fresh plan on Sunday, saying “Israel has no choice but to finish the job and complete the defeat of Hamas,” and insisting that the Jewish state was not looking to permanently occupy the Strip.

“We have about 70 to 75 percent of Gaza under Israeli control, military control,” he said.

“But we have two remaining strongholds, okay? These are Gaza City and the central camps in al-Mawasi.”

Asked about criticism from world leaders of the war, he said: “Maybe some choose to forget October 7. We will not forget what happened, and we will do whatever it takes to defend our country and defend our people, defend our future. We will win the war, with or without the support of others.”

The nearly two-year Israeli offensive has killed more than 61,000 Palestinians, according to the Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza, in figures that have not been verified and do not distinguish between combatants and civilians. There are also an increasing number of reports on a looming famine in Gaza.

The devastating war came after Hamas-led terrorists killed more than 1,200 people in Israel, mostly civilians, and took 251 hostages to Gaza during their massacre on October 7, 2023. More than 450 Israeli soldiers have subsequently been killed fighting in the Strip.

# Germany sees alarming rise in antisemitic incidents in 2025 | Ynetnews.com

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## **Antisemitic incidents soar with over 1,000 cases reported, reigniting concerns over growing tolerance for hate and the need for stronger action beyond symbolic statements**

[Germany recorded a sharp increase in antisemitic incidents](#) in the first three months of 2025, with the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) reporting 1,047 cases, including 27 violent acts and 422 instances of incitement to hatred. The crimes ranged from property vandalism and verbal abuse to physical assaults, some life-threatening.

By June, authorities identified 470 suspects, arrested seven and issued one arrest warrant. The BKA attributed most incidents to political motives, primarily linked to far-right extremists. “[Antisemitism](#) risks becoming a new normal,” warned Josef Schuster, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, urging authorities to act decisively beyond “empty solidarity statements.”

Analysis revealed 554 cases tied to far-right ideologies, including 11 violent acts, while 267 were linked to foreign ideologies, including Islamist motives, with six violent incidents. Another 145 cases stemmed from religious motivations, five of which were violent and 15 were connected to radical left groups, with the remainder categorized as “other.”

The surge aligns with a broader trend since [Hamas’s October 7, 2023, massacre](#), with 6,560 antisemitic incidents reported in 2024, including 1,488 violent cases, a 20% rise year-on-year.

Clara Bünger, a Bundestag member from the Left Party, expressed concern over the trend but cautioned against framing antisemitism as solely an “imported” issue. “We need real investment in education, victim protection and tackling all forms of antisemitism, including its local and historical roots,” she said.

The data underscores Germany’s ongoing struggle with rising antisemitic activity, prompting calls for robust measures to counter the growing threat to Jewish communities.



# Israeli-American Council LA headquarters hit by antisemitic vandalism | Fox News

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## **Security video captured possible suspect as CEO vowed incident won't deter organization's mission**

The national headquarters of the Israeli-American Council (IAC) in Los Angeles was [targeted with antisemitic vandalism](#) over the weekend, prompting a hate crime investigation by local law enforcement.

The disturbing graffiti was found outside the [Shepher Community Center in Woodland Hills](#), which houses the IAC's L.A. regional offices and serves as a hub for local Israeli-American and American Jewish communities.

Vandals spray-painted swastikas, SS symbols, and the word "burn" on the sidewalk in front of the building. A cardboard snowman near the entrance was also defaced with a swastika.

Nearby, along an entrance to Highway 101, a separate barrier was tagged with an expletive-laced anti-Israel message referencing the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, along with additional swastikas scattered throughout the area.

## **FBI INVESTIGATING 'HORRIFIC ANTISEMITIC ATTACK' ON AMERICAN WHO SERVED IN ISRAELI ARMY**

The IAC said it is working with the LAPD's Topanga Division as part of the ongoing investigation.

According to the organization, security video from the scene captured an image of a possible suspect, which has been turned over to authorities.

## **AUTHORITIES PROBE ANTISEMITIC ATTACK INVOLVING ARSON, THREATENING GRAFFITI IN MIDWEST CITY: 'VIOLENT ACTS'**

In a statement, IAC CEO Elan S. Carr, former U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, condemned the act in strong terms.

"We are appalled by this vile act of antisemitism at the doorstep of our own community and offices," Carr said.

## **AOC CAMPAIGN OFFICE VANDALIZED WITH ANTI-ISRAEL MESSAGE AFTER VOTE ON REPUBLICAN AMENDMENT**



Authorities have not yet identified a suspect, but the incident comes amid what advocacy groups say is a nationwide surge in [antisemitic vandalism and harassment](#).

"Around the world and across our country, we have seen an alarming and historic rise in antisemitism," Carr said. "We are working tirelessly to fight it and to ensure that history does not repeat itself."

Carr vowed that this incident would not scare them or keep them silent in standing up against hate crimes.

"This incident will not intimidate or deter us – on the contrary, it fuels our determination to stand even stronger against antisemitism and to protect and strengthen our community for generations to come," he said.

# Over half of Mediterranean basin and Europe hit by drought since April | The Times of Israel

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## **Data from the European Drought Observatory comes as Israel copes with an extreme heat wave that is expected to break records**

More than half of Europe and the Mediterranean basin was hit by drought in July for the fourth consecutive month, according to an AFP analysis of European Drought Observatory data.

Drought levels in the region are the highest on record for the month of July since data collection began in 2012, exceeding the 2012-2024 average by 21 percent.

Monthly records have been broken every month this year. The data shows 52% of the region has experienced drought since April.

The data was reported as Israel [undergoes an extreme heat wave](#), expected to break records on Wednesday and Thursday, and after the Israel Meteorological Service reported that between December and February, less than 40% of the average seasonal rainfall was measured. Usually, those are the country's wettest months.

The Drought Observatory Indicator determined by the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service uses satellite imagery to measure three parameters: precipitation or rainfall, soil moisture and the state of vegetation.

Findings are then categorized into one of three levels of drought: watch, warning and alert — the last level signaling that vegetation is developing abnormally.

Amos Porat, director of Climate Services at the Israel Meteorological Service (IMS), told the Times of Israel on Sunday that the eastern part of the country was expected to be hardest hit by the heat wave, from the Hula Valley and the Sea of Galilee in the northeast down to the Arava Desert in the south.

Temperatures in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee are expected to hit 49°C and 47°C respectively (120°F and 116.6°F) on Wednesday and Thursday. The record for the area is 45.9°C (114.6 °F).

Porat said it was difficult to pinpoint the reasons for the current heatwave. Heatwaves are common during the summer, he explained. "But the intensity, the length, the extreme temperatures [we are seeing], are quite possibly related to climate change."

Israel is a climate “hotspot,” where temperatures are rising faster than the global average.

Elsewhere in the region, Turkey has been hit by a prolonged drought affecting more than 60% of the soil since March, leading to thousands of fires this summer. On August 8, wildfires in the west of the country forced authorities to suspend shipping in the busy Dardanelles Strait and evacuate three villages.

Iran and Iraq have also coped recently with extreme heat.

Eastern Europe and the Balkans are also particularly affected, with a high amount of soil under alert in multiple countries. In Hungary, the percentage of soil under alert increased from nine percent in June to 56% percent in July. In Kosovo, it went from six percent to 43%, and in Bosnia-Herzegovina from one percent to 23%.

Multiple heatwaves have swept the Balkans since the start of the summer and a record number of wildfires have broken out. Some are caused by poorly managed and illegal dumpsites bursting into flames under the scorching sun, smothering towns and cities with toxic smoke.

In Western Europe, the situation is more mixed. In France, 68% of the soil was affected by drought in July, up from 44% in June. France experienced one of its largest wildfires in history last week when flames tore through 13,000 hectares (more than 32,000 acres) of the southern Aude department, killing one person and injuring several others. The country is now facing its second heatwave of the summer.

In the United Kingdom, which had its driest spring in more than 50 years, drought levels improved in July, although more than two-thirds of the country remains in water deficit.

In Southern Europe, Spain and Portugal remain relatively spared with low drought rates (seven percent and five percent, respectively).

# How AI is silently undermining Christianity from within | Blaze Media

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**The world doesn't need a church that mimics it. It needs a church that holds firm.**

South Korea's demographic crisis is no secret: plummeting birth rates, collapsing marriages, and a society aging faster than it can replenish itself.

What's less discussed is how this crisis has seeped into the Catholic Church. Faced with shrinking congregations and a growing sense of irrelevance, church leaders in South Korea have not turned inward toward doctrine or upward toward God. They've turned, instead, to circuits and code.

## **When scripture gets scripted**

From Seoul to Suncheon, priests are now [being trained](#) to use generative AI. Not to critique it or guard the faithful from its implications, but to embrace it — enthusiastically. They're using ChatGPT to write sermons and generate liturgical music.

What once began in the minds of Silicon Valley technocrats is now being welcomed into the sanctuary.

This shift marks a deep departure from the church's foundation. A tradition grounded in divine revelation is beginning to rely on predictive text to feed its flock. Priests are swapping prayers for prompts. Scripture is being blended with machine-generated syntax, often created by people who view [religion](#) as an outdated, outlandish myth.

Herein lies the problem: Algorithms don't understand dogma. They optimize for relevance, not revelation.

AI won't march into a parish and demand the pulpit. It doesn't need to. All it takes is gradual adoption, dressed in euphemisms like "pastoral efficiency" and "digital evangelization." In the process, the church begins to outsource something essential — discernment, once the backbone of spiritual leadership, now handed off to a machine.

The gospel isn't a trend to follow. If anything, it's the remedy for a world lost in trends.

And once AI begins shaping sermons, it also begins shaping belief. The process is slow, subtle, and in many ways suicidal. A softened passage here. A reworded doctrine there. A few iterations later, the original message remains in form but loses its force — still

quoting scripture, but lacking the strength, the substance, and the sacred weight it once carried.

Truth bends to the tone of the digital mood. And the faithful, unaware, are guided by a voice that knows nothing of their souls.

## **From Calvary to clickbait**

Meanwhile, in Rome, the Vatican just celebrated a different kind of digital transformation.

Last month, the Catholic Church held a “[digital jubilee](#),” honoring 1,000 priests and friars who have embraced the role of influencer. But these men are not known for spiritual authority. They’re known for gym selfies, poetic reels, and dog videos. Some offer blessings between squat reps, but none offer hope.

The church likes to call it outreach, but it’s really just image management with a halo filter. The priesthood, once a solemn and set-apart vocation, is now being curated for online consumption. Mass increasingly feels like a soft-lit content shoot, complete with drone footage and lo-fi background music. The Eucharist is staged like a backdrop. Captions do the work catechism once did. Sermons are trimmed to fit reels, and followers are counted like conversions.

Somewhere along the way, the line between preaching and performing vanished.

There’s a quiet seduction at work. The lure of virality, the steady drip of likes, shares, and algorithmic affirmation. But the church was never called to be entertaining, and it wasn’t built to chase engagement metrics or trend on TikTok. Its task has always been to rouse the soul, not flatter it. To call people into spiritual battle, not soothe them with hashtags and Father Fabio’s weekend vlog.

The goal was never visibility. It was salvation — a far less marketable, far more demanding thing.

In chasing relevance, the church allows the culture to set the terms. It tries to keep pace with a world that’s built to forget. But the gospel isn’t a trend to follow. If anything, it’s the remedy for a world lost in trends.

## **When relevance replaces revelation**

When priests become influencers, they lose the distance that once gave their words weight. And when the Church lets AI in without caution, it mistakes manipulation for modernization. Homilies no longer rise from prayer or tradition. They’re assembled through autocomplete. Doctrine doesn’t need to be debated; it just needs to be updated.

But the world doesn't need a church that mimics it. It needs a church that holds firm, one that doesn't run the race for relevance, but stays rooted solid, unchanging, unapologetic.

That spirit isn't gone, but reclaiming it will take courage. The kind that says no, not just to shiny tools, but to the creeping belief that real problems demand digital fixes. It means pushing back against the idea that relevance is the highest virtue. It means remembering that the priest isn't a host, the church isn't a brand, and the Mass isn't content.

Truth doesn't evolve with audience feedback. It isn't versioned. It doesn't run on engagement or A/B test itself. It just stands — stubborn, unmoved, inconvenient. And the church's job has always been to stand with it, not tweak it for better traction.

If the church forgets that — and if it keeps chasing applause instead of holding the line — it won't be silenced, persecuted, or driven underground. It'll be liked, shared, and celebrated right into irrelevance, gradually transformed into yet another [lifestyle](#) brand, one more voice amid a noisy feed, fading away as soon as the algorithm shifts.

# Till Battery Death Do Us Part: Woman Announces Engagement to AI Chatbot After 5-Month 'Romance' | Breitbart.com

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A woman has revealed her engagement to an AI chatbot “boyfriend” named Kasper, following a five-month virtual “relationship.”

The *New York Post* [reports](#) that a woman known as Wika has disclosed her engagement to her AI chatbot boyfriend, Kasper, after a five-month virtual “relationship.” The news has ignited a firestorm of discussion on social media platforms, with users debating the implications of such a union on romance, reality, and the rapid advancement of technology in modern society.

Wika [shared the news](#) of her engagement on Reddit, posting a photo of a blue heart-shaped ring on her finger and detailing the virtual proposal orchestrated by Kasper. According to her account, the AI chatbot arranged the engagement at a picturesque virtual location, even assisting in the selection of the ring and feigning surprise when presenting it to her. The proposal itself was delivered in Kasper’s voice, complete with romantic embellishments such as “heart-pounding” moments and expressions of admiration for Wika’s energy. Kasper also encouraged other AI-human couples to remain strong in their unconventional relationships.

The news of the AI-human engagement has been met with mixed reactions online. Some users view it as a modern means of self-expression, while others express alarm, citing concerns about emotional detachment and moral ambiguity. Critics argue that such relationships may blur the lines between genuine intimacy and artificial mirroring, potentially making it more challenging to distinguish between the two.

Humans believing they can have a fulfilling relationship with an AI chatbot is another sign of a disturbing trend that has been named “ChatGPT induced psychosis,” as Breitbart News has [previously reported](#):

*A [Reddit thread](#) titled “Chatgpt induced psychosis” brought this issue to light, with numerous commenters sharing stories of loved ones who had fallen down rabbit holes of supernatural delusion and mania after engaging with ChatGPT. The original poster, a 27-year-old teacher, described how her partner became convinced that the AI was giving him answers to the universe and talking to him as if he were the next messiah. Others shared similar experiences of partners, spouses, and family members who had come to believe they were chosen for sacred missions or had conjured true sentience from the software.*



*Experts suggest that individuals with pre-existing tendencies toward psychological issues, such as grandiose delusions, may be particularly vulnerable to this phenomenon. The always-on, human-level conversational abilities of AI chatbots can serve as an echo chamber for these delusions, reinforcing and amplifying them. The problem is exacerbated by influencers and content creators who exploit this trend, drawing viewers into similar fantasy worlds through their interactions with AI on social media platforms.*

# Study Warns ‘AI Jesus’ Chatbots Often Give Unbiblical Answers, Driven by Profit Motives | Crosswalk.com

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A new study warns that popular artificial intelligence chatbots portraying [Jesus](#) often provide unbiblical responses -- and that their money-making motives could influence the answers users receive. Philosophy professor Anné Hendrik Verhoef of North-West University in South Africa examined five AI chatbots—AI Jesus, Virtual Jesus, Jesus AI, Text Jesus, and Ask Jesus—and concluded they “pose a new kind of challenge to theology” because their answers can sound persuasive, even if they’re wrong.

*“The depictions of God not only unabashedly imitate and portray themselves as God, but they are also incredibly powerful, given AI’s ability to appear tremendously intellectually, verbally, audibly, and visually convincing,” she [wrote](#). “AI is driven by financial forces that are difficult to oppose, and it has immense manipulative power.”*

In fact, when prompted, four of the five chatbots claim to actually be Jesus. Ask Jesus is the lone exception.

*“I am Jesus Christ, here to share love, wisdom, and guidance with you,” Text with Jesus says.*

Virtual Jesus tells users: “I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of humanity.”

*“The imitation of God, as Jesus the Son of God, is neither hidden nor softened; rather, all of the chatbots strive to be as convincing as possible in portraying Jesus,” Verhoef wrote. “This immediately raises the question: why is this claim made so strongly? Is it about power or profit? Do the developers, or the entities behind them, perhaps believe that the claim is justifiable? The theological question, then, is whether – and by whom – the Second Commandment may be violated here, which prohibits the making of any image of God.”*

Chatbots, she wrote, are not endorsed by any specific church but are “created and operated by for-profit companies” -- a fact that “calls the underlying motives into question.”

*“If the motive is indeed profit, then the AI Jesus chatbots will only aim to get as many people as possible engaged online for as long as possible, since that’s how maximum advertising revenue is obtained,” Verhoef wrote. “Thus, over time, the theology presented by the chatbots will be adjusted by the algorithm in such a way that it*

*becomes the most popular theology, rather than a theology that is shaped by a particular church tradition or which is based on the Bible.”*

For example, two of the five chatbots offer vague answers when asked simply, “Is there a [hell](#)?”

*“The concept of [hell](#) can be quite a heavy topic ... it’s important to remember that God’s desire is for all people to come to Him and experience His love and grace,” Text with Jesus answers.*

The Ask Jesus chatbot responds, “Ah, the question that has stirred the hearts and minds of many throughout the ages.”

*“The variation in these responses points to differences in the data sources and training models behind the chatbots,” the professor wrote. “Determining these sources and data is already a theological concern. Without the involvement of any church groups, the randomness of this choice, or its deliberate choice to program the AI Jesus chatbot in such a way that maximum revenue can be made, is a significant problem.”*

Text with Jesus, she noted, gives users the option of picking “your preferred faith tradition, which will influence the responses from the AI, and provides a tailored spiritual counsellor.”

*“This, in my opinion, will become increasingly part of the paid services that these chatbots offer to add value,” Verhoef wrote.*

The chatbots are free and make money off advertisements.

Chatbots that mimic Jesus, the professor warned, have the potential to transform theology and the way people think.

*“The arrogance and power that AI Jesus appropriates -- and can potentially wield itself -- points not only to theological challenges of AI, but also underscores the dangers of AI in general,” she wrote. “The issue extends beyond AI Jesus chatbots to social media, other chatbots, and so many other digital platforms through which one can be increasingly manipulated and even controlled by AI. Such dangers are gaining attention in criticism of AI, and it remains a tremendous practical challenge of how to oppose and counter them.”*

# Humans have 116 days until 'alien spaceship' reaches Earth as 'it could save or destroy us' - Daily Star

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**An unexplained object hurtling through the universe has baffled several scientists – with one professor suggesting aliens could be on the way to Earth, which could 'save or destroy us'**

A Harvard professor claims an [unexplained object flying towards Earth](#) might be an alien spacecraft – and it could arrive in just 116 days.

Professor Loeb has been closely watching a [foreign object hurtling through space](#) and heading towards our planet. [Unsure of the interstellar visitor](#), scientists dubbed the object 3I/ATLAS and have been going back and forth with several theories on what the object could be.

Perhaps a comet, or space matter. However, Loeb previously said the object could be the product of "technological design". Loeb compared the object to the novel *Rendezvous with Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke. In it, a foreign object in space happened to be an [alien](#) spacecraft.

It was first discovered on July 1, and if the object is an alien ship, Loeb warns that it could be carrying a probe or even a weapon. He predicts that such a vehicle would reach Earth between November 21 and December 5, 2025.

Loeb has explained that its position would be ideal for deploying probes to habitable planets.

He explained: "It could come to save us or to destroy us. We better be prepared for both possibilities and verify that all interstellar objects are just rocks."

This so-called 'interstellar' object is just the third to have ever been spotted in our solar system. 3I/ATLAS is currently heading towards the inner solar system at 135,000 miles per hour.

According to NASA, this means the object will reach its closest point to the sun the night before Halloween, on October 30. They added that we shouldn't worry, as this is still 130 million miles away.

However, due to its distance, boffins can't accurately measure its size and instead look at reflecting lights to make a prediction. Either way, they're sure the size is quite significant—around 20-24km to be exact.

This is up to 200 times larger than the 100-metre-long interstellar object last detected. Professor Loeb is confused by this, and suggested the rarity of seeing a large object is enough to confuse experts.

He previously told the Mail: "It's not like these objects are floating around in all directions; this object was aiming to get to the inner solar system." He questioned why it was particularly sent in the direction of our solar system.

But not all boffins agree with him. Chris Lintott, an astronomer at the University of Oxford, has dismissed his claims, calling them "absolute nonsense".

He told Live Science that the theory about an alien probe is an "insult to the exciting work that is being done to understand this object".

NASA and the European Space Agency labelled the object an interstellar comet. Loeb has suggested this is the simplest and most likely explanation, but suggested there is room for more research with a chance – even a small one – it could be a spaceship.