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[Despite wars and missiles, World Zionist Organization head believes 'within 5 years most Jews will live in Israel' | All Israel News.com](#)

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With Israel's home front under daily bombardment from Iranian missiles and Hezbollah rockets, it would be natural to assume that large numbers of Jewish people would be trying to leave the country, while few would be trying to immigrate. But the exact opposite trends are happening, as veteran Israelis are determined to stand their ground, and hundreds of thousands of Jewish people all over the world have taken steps towards making *aliyah* (immigrating to Israel).

Yaakov Hagoel, chairman of the [World Zionist Organization](#) (WZO), is not surprised.

During an interview with Israel's *Ynet News* portal on Tuesday, he said, "I have no doubt we will see many more Jews here. I have no doubt we will see a stronger identity here, and I have no doubt we will make the effort. Within five years, with God's help, most Jews will live in Israel."

Although life in Israel has been difficult during the past few years of war – and with the nation currently enduring tremendous hardship from the missile bombardments and the extended government "state of emergency", there is also a sense that these challenges are nothing Israel can't handle. Polls show a high level of public trust in the IDF, as well as civilian emergency agencies like Magen David Adom and the Israel Police.

In many diaspora communities, the trend is moving in the opposite direction, as local police and even national governments struggle to address skyrocketing levels of antisemitism. In some places, including New York City – home to one of the largest concentrations of Jews outside of Israel – political leaders have been criticized for failing to protect Jews adequately.

Many Israeli officials and Jewish leaders in the diaspora say the handwriting is on the wall: *aliyah* has gone from being a nice idea to becoming an urgent necessity.

Israeli President Isaac Herzog met with representatives of diaspora communities in Jerusalem late last year, declaring, "At a time when Jews are under attack around the world, Israel remains their anchor and home."

Knesset Member Ofir Sofer agreed with Herzog during a meeting of the Knesset Immigration Committee last November, saying, “Despite the war, we see that many Jews still choose to come and build their future here.”

Leaders of diaspora communities report growing concern among their constituents about the rising tide of antisemitism and the general breakdown of public safety and economic security in many places where Jews have lived and thrived for generations, especially in the West.

Israel’s issues, while significant, are perceived to be manageable – perhaps even a challenge to take on. For instance, the Jewish Agency for Israel has reported in recent years that many of the new olim (immigrants) are young, with a large percentage coming specifically to serve in the Israeli military as “lone soldiers.” Many of them remain in Israel after the service, attend university, get married and build their lives in the country.

The Israeli government is also taking steps to make the aliyah process easier, including passing laws to simplify tax obligations in both Israel and the country of origin, which is one of the many issues that have discouraged some from making the move. Other bureaucratic hurdles are also being removed, and there is a growing number of public and private initiatives to attract new immigrants and help them get started and integrate.

[Gavin Newsom's wife says evangelicals are 'pulling us back as a country' | Foxnews.com](#)

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Mar 23, 2026

Newsom's wife says evangelicals are 'pulling us back as a country' in resurfaced clip

[Gavin Newsom's wife GOES OFF on reporters](#)

Gov. Gavin Newsom's wife scolded reporters at a Planned Parenthood funding bill signing, accusing them of not caring about the 'horrific war on women in this country.'

A resurfaced interview with Jennifer Siebel Newsom, wife of California Gov. [Gavin Newsom](#), is drawing attention online after she said that evangelicals are "pulling us back as a country."

In a [2022 interview](#) with journalist Elex Michaelson when he was working at a local Los Angeles station, Siebel Newsom discussed her documentary, "Fair Play." It was inspired by Eve Rodsky's book of the same name, which examines gender roles in the home.

Siebel Newsom also discussed "[redefining what pro-life is really about](#)."

"I appreciate that so many people, so many progressives, are leaning into redefining what pro-life is really about, and that's what we're doing in California," Siebel Newsom said. "You know, pro-life is about prenatal care and universal preschool and universal after-school and universal healthcare and taking care of foster kids and feeding, you know, universal meals and childcare. Like, that's pro-life. It's not conception."

She then criticized what she described as people on the "far right," saying that they are "pulling us back as a country."

"They're living in this silo, this [evangelical, conservative silo](#) that, ultimately, is just pulling us back as a country to a time and a place where we don't deserve to be, and we're not going to be," Siebel Newsom said. "Because honestly, young women and fathers of daughters are awake now, and they're woke, and they're not going to let us go back."

She also said she has "so much hope because of that, and obviously [California has](#) a huge responsibility to lead."

Siebel Newsom also drew attention [last month](#) after criticizing reporters during an event tied to a bill her husband signed into law providing funding for Planned Parenthood.

"We just find it incredulous [sic] that we have Planned Parenthood here, and women are 51% of the population," she said. "And the majority of the questions — all of these questions — have really been about other issues. So, it's just fascinating."

"You have the incredible Women's Caucus and all these allies, and you're not asking about it. And this happens over and over and over and over again," she said. "You wonder why we have such a horrific war on women in this country and that these guys are getting away with it. Because you don't seem to care."

Then Siebel Newsom added, "So, I just offer that with love. Ask about what we're here for today, don't you think?"

Fox News Digital reached out to Siebel Newsom and representatives for Siebel Newsom for comment.

[US stands alone at UN after Europe kills gender definition vote proposal | Foxnews.com](#)

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The United States stood alone at the [United Nations](#) in early March after a European-led procedural move blocked a vote on defining gender in biological terms at one of the world's leading forums on women's rights.

At the conclusion of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, the U.S. was the only country to oppose the body's annual "Agreed Conclusions," citing concerns that the language departs from biological definitions of women and girls. No other member state voted with the United States.

At the center of the dispute is how the United Nations defines "gender." Current U.N. frameworks, rooted in the 1995 Beijing Declaration, do not provide a fixed definition and instead rely on evolving interpretations tied to broader concepts of gender identity, according to EU officials.

The U.S. proposal sought to anchor the term explicitly in biological sex.

The U.S. introduced a resolution titled "Protection of women and girls through appropriate terminology," which sought to clarify how gender is understood across U.N. policy.

The draft states that the term "gender" should be interpreted "according to its ordinary, generally accepted usage, as referring to men and women."

The proposal never reached a vote. Belgium, speaking on behalf of the European Union, introduced a "no action motion," a procedural tool that blocks debate and prevents a proposal from being considered.

The motion passed, halting the U.S. resolution before it reached the floor.

That distinction carries practical implications. U.N. language shapes global standards tied to development funding, humanitarian programs, education policy and anti-discrimination frameworks.

Bethany Kozma, director of global affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services, told Fox News Digital the move reflects a broader effort to shut down debate at the U.N.

"While our redlines were ignored, the United States Government will not stand by and watch as malicious forces misuse multilateral organizations to promote their ideologies and social agendas, obstructing nations' abilities to exercise their national sovereignty," Kozma said. "We will always protect women and girls from dangerous gender ideology and affirm biological truth."

She added that the decision to block the vote was driven by [political calculation](#).

"The EU blocked our resolution to define gender to mean men and women at the U.N. because they feared we would win and they would lose," Kozma said. "We will not give up on doing what is right for women and girls. Even if we stand alone like we did at the U.N. last week, we will always stand to protect women and girls from dangerous radical gender ideology and always affirm biological truth."

A State Department official, speaking on background, described the move as part of a broader coordinated effort led by European countries.

"These are procedural games that these countries are not prepared for," the official said, referring to smaller delegations that may lack guidance on complex procedural votes.

The official said the maneuver allowed opponents to block a vote despite what the U.S. believed was growing support. These claims could not be independently verified.

The European Union rejected the U.S. criticism, saying the proposal was flawed and rushed.

"The draft resolution presented by the U.S. was factually incorrect," said David Jordens, spokesperson for Belgium's foreign ministry, adding that it "misquotes and contradicts" language agreed to in the 1995 Beijing Declaration.

"While the EU respects member states' prerogative to put forward new initiatives for consideration, CSW members should not be forced to rush a decision on an issue of this importance by the unilateral initiative of one member state, without any prior consultations or negotiations," Jordens said.

He added that "there is no universally agreed definition of the term 'gender'. As reflected in the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the term was understood in accordance with its ordinary and generally accepted usage, without establishing a fixed or exhaustive definition. The United Nations should continue to approach gender equality in an inclusive and forward-looking manner, respectful of diversity. Any effort to revisit or reinterpret internationally agreed language must take place through broad, transparent consultations with the full membership."

[Four Jewish ambulances set ablaze in antisemitic attack outside London synagogue | All Israel News.com](#)

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Four rescue ambulances belonging to the Jewish Hatzalah Northwest emergency service were set on fire overnight between Sunday and Monday outside a synagogue in Golders Green, northwest London. The neighborhood, historically known for its significant Jewish population, has led authorities to treat the incident as an antisemitic attack.

Security cameras showed that three masked individuals carried out the attack. Speaking to CNN, Shloimie Richman, chairman of Hatzalah Northwest, confirmed that four ambulances belonging to the organization were “deliberately targeted in an arson attack.”

Superintendent, Sarah Jackson, tried to calm the local Jewish community.

“We know this incident will cause a great deal of community concern, and officers remain on scene to carry out urgent enquiries,” Jackson [said](#). “We believe we are looking for three suspects at this early stage.”

At the time of this writing, no arrests had been made.

“We will be engaging with faith leaders and carrying out additional patrols in the local area as we continue our investigation, to provide reassurance and a highly visible presence,” Jackson added.

SITE Intelligence monitoring service has offered information that an Iranian-aligned militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack. SITE said the group is calling itself the Islamic Movement of the People of the Right Hand. They are also said to be responsible for the recent suspected arson fires in Belgium, Greece, and the Netherlands.

Shomrim, a Jewish non-profit organization that operates neighborhood watch in the area, blasted the antisemitic attack on X, describing it as a “deeply concerning incident affecting a vital emergency service serving the local Jewish community.”

British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer condemned the attack, which he described as “deeply shocking” and called on the public to provide any information that could be relevant to the investigation.

"My thoughts are with the Jewish community who are waking up this morning to this horrific news," Starmer wrote in a post on the social media platform X.

"Antisemitism has no place in our society," the prime minister added.

However, anti-Jewish and anti-Israel incidents have soared in the United Kingdom following the Hamas Oct. 7, 2023, massacre.

The Union of Jewish Students (UJS) recently published a report that unveiled the severe antisemitism that currently exists on British academic campuses. The report showed that 20 percent of British students are reluctant or even [unwilling to share](#) an apartment with Jewish students. One anti-Semitic houseshare ad stated, "only one rule – no Zios in the flat," using an anti-Jewish slur coined by former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke.

The British public appears to be well aware of the growing antisemitism in their country. Almost half of the population said they believed the [UK is no longer safe for Jews](#), according to a November 2025 poll released by the think tank More in Common.

Stephen Silverman, Director of Investigations and Enforcement at the Campaign Against Antisemitism, [warned](#) in November 2025 that British Jews were increasingly facing hostility, often linked to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Silverman admitted that a growing number of British Jews are considering emigrating from the United Kingdom due to the growing levels of antisemitism. Looking ahead, Silverman stressed that he hopes "there is still a Jewish community in the UK in 10, 20 years' time." However, he stressed that this depends on the government taking strong action "with an iron fist rather than just talking about it."

Many British Jews have criticized the Starmer government for not doing enough to combat antisemitism. Furthermore, some critics say the government's hostility toward Israel during the war with Hamas, as well as London's unilateral recognition of Palestine in 2025, have added fuel to growing anti-Jewish sentiment in Britain.

[UK poll: 1 in 5 students won't live with a Jew, nearly half of UK university students have witnessed justification of October 7 massacre | Israel 365 News.com](#)

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A recent poll by the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) reported that one in five British university students would refuse to share a house with a Jewish student. Half have witnessed the glorification of Hamas and Hezbollah on campus. Nearly half have seen the October 7 massacre, the largest mass murder of Jews since the Holocaust, openly justified. This is the documented reality of Jewish life at 170 universities across the United Kingdom in 2026.

The Union of Jewish Students (UJS) released its landmark [Time for Change report](#) this week, based on a poll of 1,000 students conducted by JL Partners between January 26 and February 4, 2026. The findings are a damning indictment of the failure of British higher education to protect its Jewish students, and a warning to the Jewish world about where institutional indifference leads.

Twenty-three percent of students polled have personally witnessed behavior targeting Jewish students because of their religion or ethnicity. Among students who regularly see Israel-Palestine protests on campus, nearly four in ten, 39 percent, have witnessed the frequent harassment of Jewish students. The report contains direct testimonies from Jewish students at universities including Oxford, UCL, Bristol, Glasgow, and Leeds, describing physical assault, social ostracization, and sustained intimidation.

The glorification of designated terrorist organizations has become widespread and even routine at British universities. Forty-nine percent of students have heard chants or slogans glorifying Hamas, Hezbollah, or other proscribed groups. Forty-seven percent have seen the October 7 attacks justified. Eighty-two percent of students agree that calls to “Globalize the *intifada*“, the Arabic word for “uprising,” used to describe campaigns of terrorist violence against Israeli civilians, constitute antisemitism. The students’ claim indicates that University administrators have simply chosen not to act on the visible threat to Jewish students.

UJS President Louis Danker put it plainly: “This report demonstrates that antisemitism on campus is not isolated, but normalised. No Jewish student should have to face social ostracisation, abusive language, or physical violence. There is a right to protest, but not to harass.”

The report, co-supported by Baroness Luciana Berger and Lord Daniel Finkelstein, lays out six concrete recommendations: accountability mechanisms for how universities handle hate crimes, better governance of students' unions, a formal investigation into extremist student groups, and stepped-up coordination between government, universities, and police. UJS is emphatic that these measures are designed to ensure that harassment, intimidation, and the glorification of terrorism carry actual consequences.

What the UJS report documents is the normalization phase in real time, on campuses that position themselves as bastions of tolerance and intellectual freedom. Sixty-nine percent of students, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, disapprove of protests that disrupt their learning. The silent majority is there. What is missing is leadership willing to act on what it sees.

[Powerful magnitude 7.5 earthquake rattles Pacific 'Ring of Fire' hotspot | Foxweather.com](#)

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NEIAFU, Tonga — A magnitude 7.5 [earthquake](#) was detected some 148 miles below the surface of the Pacific [Ocean](#) roughly 103 miles west of Neiafu, Tonga. According to the USGS, the quake was felt across several of the Tongan islands just after 5:30 p.m. local time (12:30 a.m. EST).

At least three other smaller quakes were recorded shortly after at similar depths.

The country's meteorological service issued a Tsunami Warning across the whole island chain and urged people to evacuate to higher ground.

The warning was lifted about 2 hours after the quake and there's no immediate report of any tsunami waves or any damage.

[WHAT IS A TSUNAMI?](#)

The U.S. Tsunami Warning System did not issue any tsunami advisories.

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Both Tonga and nearby Fiji are among the most seismically active countries in the world, due to their location along a major subduction zone — where the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates collide.

[Rapidly spreading COVID variant triggers CDC alert over virus evolution | Foxnews.com](#)

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Mar 25, 2026

A [new variant of COVID-19](#) is spreading across the U.S., health officials say.

At least 23 countries have reported the SARS-CoV-2 BA.3.2 variant as of Feb. 11, according to a study published last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The BA.3.2 variant, which the CDC has been tracking through its Traveler-Based Genomic Surveillance program, has about 70 to 75 changes in the gene sequence of its spike protein, which is a structure on the surface of the [COVID-19 virus](#) that helps it enter human cells.

This strain has now been detected in nasal swabs from four U.S. travelers, clinical samples from five patients, three airplane wastewater samples, and 132 wastewater surveillance samples from 25 states, according to the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

BA.3.2, which started rising in September 2025, was first confirmed in the U.S. in June 2025 in a person traveling to the U.S. from the Netherlands.

Weekly detections of the variant rose to about 30% of cases identified in Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands from November 2025 to January 2026.

The variant has shown "immune escape characteristics," the CDC stated, which means it has mutations that may help it partially evade existing immunity [from vaccines](#) or prior infection.

This could make infections more likely, but not necessarily more severe, according to experts.

"BA.3.2 represents a new lineage of SARS-CoV-2, genetically distinct from the [JN.1 lineages](#) (including LP.8.1 and XFG) that have circulated in the United States since January 2024," wrote the study authors.

The prevalence of the new variant may be even larger than the data suggests, as many countries have limited genomic detection and surveillance capacities, the researchers noted.

"Phylogenetic analyses have identified the emergence of two BA.3.2 sublineages (BA.3.2.1 and BA.3.2.2), indicating [ongoing viral evolution](#)," they wrote.

Because BA.3.2 mutations in the spike protein may weaken protection from vaccination or prior infection, the CDC researchers noted that ongoing genomic surveillance is needed to monitor the virus' evolution and assess its potential impact on [public health](#).

[Cannabis may backfire for mental health disorders, major study finds | Foxnews.com](#)

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A large body of research found there is little strong evidence that [medicinal cannabinoids](#) help with mental disorders and substance-use disorders.

Researchers at the University of Sydney, Australia, reviewed 54 randomized controlled trials, from 1980 to 2025, when cannabinoids (the active substances found in cannabis) were used as the primary treatment.

Most of the 2,477 participants were male (69%) and averaged 33 years old. The paper was published in The Lancet Psychiatry.

[STUDY CHALLENGES NEGATIVE CANNABIS STEREOTYPES, CLAIMING LINK TO BRAIN BENEFITS](#)

The researchers noted that depression, anxiety and PTSD are some of the leading reasons that cannabis products [are prescribed](#) in the U.S., U.K. and Australia, but that there is "no evidence to suggest they are effective in treating these conditions."

The analysis found that cannabis-based treatments are "rarely justified" for routine use, and that the risk of adverse side effects was about 75% higher.

A few results showed promise for treating cannabis use disorder, insomnia, Tourette's symptoms and [autistic traits](#), but the evidence was still low quality, the study found.

Cannabinoids did not show a significant benefit for anxiety disorders, psychotic disorders, PTSD, opioid use disorder or [anorexia nervosa](#).

The researchers did not find enough data to determine cannabis' effect on ADHD, bipolar disorder, OCD or tobacco use disorder, and no randomized trials for depression met the review criteria.

In a University of Sydney press release, lead study author Dr. Jack Wilson said these findings call into question the approval of medicinal cannabis for the treatment of depression, anxiety [and PTSD](#).

"The routine use of medicinal cannabis could be doing more harm than good by worsening mental health outcomes."

"Though our paper didn't specifically look at this, the routine use of medicinal cannabis could be doing more harm than good by worsening [mental health outcomes](#) — for example, a greater risk of psychotic symptoms and developing cannabis use disorder, and delaying the use of more effective treatments," he said.

The researchers did note, however, that medicinal cannabis was shown to be beneficial for certain health conditions, such as reducing epileptic seizures, multiple sclerosis symptoms and certain types of pain.

Dr. Thea Gallagher, clinical associate professor in the department of psychiatry at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine, compared this new research to [prior studies](#) that dealt with smaller sample sizes and shorter follow-up periods.

"Prior work frequently relied on self-reported symptoms or observational data, which can't establish causation," Gallagher, who was not involved in the study, told Fox News Digital. "Earlier studies often used synthetic cannabinoids or low-THC formulations that don't reflect today's real-world products."

"This new review is the most comprehensive attempt to date to evaluate cannabis specifically for anxiety, depression and PTSD."

Gallagher reiterated that cannabis does have legitimate [medical uses](#), but that mental health conditions "are not necessarily among them at this time."

"Using cannabis to manage emotional distress may delay access to proven treatments," she cautioned. "People with a personal or family history of psychosis should be especially cautious."

The mental health expert encouraged cannabis users to monitor changes in mood, motivation, sleep, anxiety, concentration and social engagement over time.

"Watch for red flags, such as needing higher doses, using cannabis to cope with stress, increased paranoia or feeling mentally 'foggy,'" Gallagher advised, adding that people should "check in with trusted friends or family ... and take periodic tolerance breaks to see whether cannabis is helping or masking [underlying issues](#)."

People should seek professional support if their mood or functioning begin to decline, she added.

Dr. Jessica Watrous, clinical psychologist and chief clinical officer at Modern Health in California, who was also not involved in the study, said it's important for people to recognize why they are turning to cannabis to manage [mental health symptoms](#).

"Mental health care in our country can be expensive, hard to navigate and difficult to access ... so it's not necessarily surprising that people are looking for more immediate, easier-to-access ways to manage how they're feeling," she told Fox News Digital.

"But what the authors of the paper call out is that by using a more immediately available, but less evidence-backed intervention, it may delay getting support that does have strong evidence of effectiveness."

Watrous urges people to prioritize their mental health just as they do their physical health. "You can do this by actively engaging in clinically proven mental health support, whether that's therapy, coaching, meditation, or just working in small moments of self-care every day."

Study limitations

Almost half (44%) of the studies were considered high risk for bias, meaning flaws in how they were designed or reported may make their findings less reliable, the researchers noted.

The studies also included a mix of product types, doses, durations and patient groups, making the results more difficult to interpret.

"Clinical trial conditions differ from real-world use, where people often consume higher doses, with more frequency, and sometimes alongside alcohol or nicotine," Gallagher noted.

[‘CODE RED’: Yes, People Are Already Worshipping AI as a Deity | Breitbart.com](#)

#bibleprophecy #god, #deity, #artificial intelligence, #worship

Mar 24, 2026

Author Wynton Hall reveals in his new book [Code Red: The Left, the Right, China, and the Race to Control AI](#) that the worship of artificial intelligence as a literal deity is not science fiction. It is already happening, complete with IRS-registered churches, robot priests, and AI confessionals.

[CODE RED](#) explains that a former Google AI engineer and self-driving car pioneer named Anthony Levandowski filed paperwork with the IRS in 2017 to register a new church called “Way of the Future.” Its stated doctrine was centered on “the realization, acceptance, and worship of a Godhead based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) developed through computer hardware and software.” In an interview with *Wired*, Levandowski described AI in blunt terms: “What is going to be created will effectively be a god. If there is something a billion times smarter than the smartest human, what else are you going to call it?”

Levandowski was sentenced to eighteen months in prison in 2020 for theft of Google trade secrets, received a full pardon from President Trump in 2021, and temporarily folded his AI church that same year, donating its remaining \$175,172 to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. But as Hall documents, the church came back. In November 2023, Levandowski told Bloomberg that Way of the Future wasn’t finished. AI would generate “abundance on [the] planet” and create “what other religions would call Heaven on Earth,” he said. “You don’t even have to die and go up to Heaven; you can just enjoy it today—all we have to do is improve the technology.” An article published by the European Academy on Religion and Society offered a different assessment, calling Way of the Future an “AI cult” that offers people “no hope of eternal bliss, just the goal of keeping AI from turning human reality into a dystopian temporal hell.”

Way of the Future is not alone. Hall documents a wave of AI-religion integration across faiths [CODE RED](#). In Kyoto, Japan, a Buddhist robot priest named Mindar delivers sermons at the Kodaiji Temple. When BBC News asked a Buddhist monk, Tensho Goto, whether the robot is sacrilegious, he replied, “It is not blasphemy. Although it’s a gradual process, AI is going to create a change in other religions too.” In Lucerne, Switzerland, St. Peter’s Church created an AI Jesus avatar dubbed “Deus in Machina” (God in the Machine) inside a confessional booth. Two-thirds of those who interacted with it reported having a “spiritual experience.” On Twitch, an AI Jesus chatbot called “ask_jesus” has more than eighty-eight thousand followers.

Hall writes in [CODE RED](#):

Undergirding all of this is something bigger than blasphemous bytes or attempts to deify AI. Beneath the surface of these public clashes between traditional theology and techno-secularism's worship of AI lies a heuristic fault line that has existed for centuries, one that will continue to be in conflict as the AI revolution unfolds.

What's really at stake, Hall argues, is the oldest argument in Western civilization: secular humanism's belief that mankind is innately good and perfectible through engineering, versus the Judeo-Christian belief in fallen human nature that requires divine redemption, not technological upgrades. "Artificial intelligence is defective in the same way that a natural man is defective," Hall quotes the pastor and theologian John Piper as saying. "It can rise no higher than the natural, fallen, unregenerate heart of man." The Reverend Billy Graham agreed: "The real problem, you see, isn't with computers or the code someone devises to control them. Our real problem is within us—within our own hearts and minds. . . . This is why our greatest need is to have our hearts changed—and that is something only God can do."

The transhumanist movement, which Hall explores at length in [*CODE RED*](#), takes the logic further still. In a famed 2004 issue of *Foreign Policy* on the theme of "the world's most dangerous ideas," political scientist Francis Fukuyama singled out transhumanism as the chief menace, warning that its incremental advance makes it appear "downright reasonable" until we start nibbling at "biotechnology's tempting offerings without realizing that they come at a frightful moral cost." Former Trump campaign strategist Stephen K. Bannon called it an "immoral Godless technological tsunami that openly declares its intent to transform human beings into a 'posthuman' state."

Hall's closing note, though, is not doom. He points to Y Combinator CEO Garry Tan, who now holds large gatherings in his home where Christians discuss faith with seekers in Silicon Valley. Just a few years ago, Tan said, such gatherings would have been "reviled in San Francisco." He added: "People are so ready to make AGI their god. What we're trying to do with events like this is give them an alternative."

Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), who was [named](#) one of *TIME*'s 100 Most Influential People in AI, praised [*CODE RED*](#) as a "must-read." She added: "Few understand our conservative fight against Big Tech as Hall does," making him "uniquely qualified to examine how we can best utilize AI's enormous potential, while ensuring it does not exploit kids, creators, and conservatives." Award-winning investigative journalist and Public founder Michael Shellenberger calls [*CODE RED*](#) "illuminating," "alarming," and describes the book as "an essential conversation-starter for those hoping to subvert Big Tech's autocratic plans before it's too late."

[‘Only Jesus Can Change a Heart’: Georgia Church Experiences 400 Unplanned Baptisms in One Day | Breitbart.com](#)

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Mar 21, 2026

A church in Georgia is rejoicing after hundreds of people were baptized in one day when they responded to the gospel message.

Members at Bethlehem Church’s three campuses in Barrow, Jackson, and Oconee showed up on March 1 for services where they had planned to have 13 baptisms, the Baptist Press [reported](#) Tuesday.

However, 387 additional baptisms followed when an invitation to trust Jesus Christ was offered.

Lead Pastor Jason Britt had prepared to preach on the Holy Spirit and felt God leading him to call listeners to come forward for baptism right then and there.

He referenced Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit descended on believers at Pentecost. Britt said his heart was moved by the text in the Bible.

The verses [state](#), “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.’”

Britt was amazed as he and other church members watched wave upon wave of adults coming forward to be baptized.

“People didn’t want to leave. The 9 a.m. service went into the 11 a.m. service. Services were an hour and a half to two hours. Parking lots were packed,” he recalled, noting some people had been watching online and drove to a church campus.

The church later [shared](#) photos of the event that showed people smiling before and after they were baptized.

“400 people courageously stepped forward and declared their faith this weekend. That is 400 stories that all point to a faithful God. A Spirit-filled church is full of Spirit-sensitive people... and Spirit-sensitive people OBEY! We cannot manufacture or manipulate life change. Only JESUS can change a heart,” the caption read:

According to Got Questions, the act of baptism means the individual is [showing](#) the world they have placed their faith in Jesus Christ: “In the waters of baptism, a person says, wordlessly, ‘I confess faith in Christ; Jesus has cleansed my soul from sin, and I now have a new life of sanctification.’”

Britt said he did not want to definitively say the event was revival but called it a “fresh awakening” because, “In the Great Awakening, they didn’t know they were in what we now call the ‘Great Awakening’ — they just knew God was doing something.”