

## Prophecy Update

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/elon-musks-neuralink-has-implanted-its-first-chip-in-a-human-brain-whats-next/>

Elon Musk's Neuralink Has Implanted Its First Chip in a Human Brain. What's Next? The wealthiest person on Earth has taken the next step toward a commercial brain interface

Billionaire technologist Elon Musk announced this week that his company Neuralink has implanted its brain-computer interface into a human for the first time. The recipient was "recovering well," Musk wrote on his social media platform X (formerly Twitter) on Monday evening, adding that initial results showed "promising neuron spike detection"—a reference to brain cells' electrical activity.

Each wireless Neuralink device contains a chip and electrode arrays of more than 1,000 superthin, flexible conductors that a surgical robot threads into the cerebral cortex. There the electrodes are designed to register thoughts related to motion. In Musk's vision, an app will eventually translate these signals to move a cursor or produce text—in short, it will enable computer control by thinking. "Imagine if Stephen Hawking could communicate faster than a speed typist or auctioneer. That is the goal," Musk wrote of the first Neuralink product, which he said is named Telepathy.

[https://discernreport.com/here-come-the-cyborgs-mating-ai-with-human-brain-cells/?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://discernreport.com/here-come-the-cyborgs-mating-ai-with-human-brain-cells/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

### Here Come the Cyborgs: Mating AI With Human Brain Cells

If you read and believe headlines, it seems scientists are very close to being able to merge human brains with AI. In mid-December 2023, a Nature Electronics article triggered a flurry of excitement about progress on that transhuman front:

"'Biocomputer' combines lab-grown brain tissue with electronic hardware"

"A system that integrates brain cells into a hybrid machine can recognize voices"

"Brainware: Pioneering AI and Brain Organoid Fusion"

Scientists are trying to inject human brain tissue into artificial networks because AI isn't working quite as well as we have been led to think. AI uses a horrendous amount of energy to do its kind of parallel processing, while the human brain uses about a light bulb's worth of power to perform similar feats. So, AI designers are looking to cannibalize some parts from humans to make artificial networks work as efficiently as human brains. But let's put the fact of AI's shortcomings aside for the moment and examine this new cyborg innovation.

The breakthrough in biocomputing reported by Hongwei Cai et al. in *Nature Electronics* involves the creation of a brain organoid. That is a ball of artificially-cultured stem cells that have been coaxed into developing into neurons.

The cells are not taken from someone's brain—which relieves us of certain ethical concerns. But because this lump of neurons does not have any blood vessels, as normal brain tissue does, the organoid cannot survive for long. And so ultimately, the prospect of training organoids on datasets does not seem practical, economically speaking, at present.

But that is not going to stop this research. The drive to seamlessly integrate biology and technology is strong. But can it be done? And why do so many research scientists and funding agencies assume it's possible?

[https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2024/jan/25/nsa-secretly-buying-americans-data-without-warrant/?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2024/jan/25/nsa-secretly-buying-americans-data-without-warrant/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

NSA secretly buying Americans' data without a warrant

The National Security Agency has secretly been buying Americans' internet records and using them for spying purposes without obtaining a warrant, a senior senator revealed Thursday.

Sen. Ron Wyden, Oregon Democrat, said the practice had been a "legal gray area," with data brokers quietly obtaining and reselling the internet "metadata" without the users' consent. He said the NSA has been trying to keep the whole thing under wraps. In a letter to Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines, the senator said the government needs a "wake-up call," and he called for new rules limiting purchases only to data that Americans have consented to be sold.

<https://religionnews.com/2024/01/31/radio-preacher-alistair-begg-wont-back-down-from-advice-to-attend-lgbtq-wedding/>

Radio preacher Alistair Begg won't back down from advice to attend LGBTQ wedding  
Begg told a woman she should attend her grandchild's wedding to a trans person, leading to a Christian radio network dumping his program.

For the past few weeks, Alistair Begg, pastor of Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and host of the "Truth for Life" radio program, has been caught in what he calls "a storm in a teacup" over advice he gave about attending an LGBTQ wedding.

That advice, he said in a sermon this past weekend, was based on Jesus' command for Christians to love even those they disagree with or disapprove of.

"Jesus said you are supposed to love your enemies," said Begg, drawing on a series of Bible texts to claim that Christians should show compassion — and not condemnation — for those who have gone astray.

The sermon was a response to a controversy over comments Begg made during a promotional interview for a book last fall, which recently went viral on social media. During the interview, Begg recounted talking to a woman whose grandchild was getting married to someone who was transgender. Begg, who opposes same-sex weddings, suggested she go to the wedding and bring a gift. By doing so, she would show her love for her grandchild — even though she did not approve of the wedding.

"Your love for them may catch them off guard, but your absence will simply reinforce the fact that they said, 'These people are what I always thought: judgmental, critical, unprepared to countenance anything,'" the evangelical pastor said. He added that Christians would have to take risks in order to show love to those around them.

Begg's comments set off a firestorm among some of his fans and supporters — in particular those in conservative Calvinist and other evangelical communities. White evangelicals remain one of the least likely of all U.S. religious groups to support same-sex marriage, according to the Public Religion Research Institute.

Thirty-eight percent of white evangelicals say they support same-sex marriage, according to PRRI. By contrast, 87% of nones, 81% of Jews, 77% of Buddhists, 77% of white mainline Protestants and about three-quarters of Catholics approve of same-sex marriage.

Begg had been scheduled to speak in March at the Shepherds Conference, a major Reformed evangelical pastors' gathering led by California pastor and author John

MacArthur. After Begg's comments became public, he and MacArthur talked and decided the controversy would be "an unnecessary distraction," according to a spokesman for Grace to You, one of the conference sponsors.

"Pastor MacArthur's counsel on that issue would be completely different from the counsel Alistair Begg said he gave an inquiring grandmother," said Phil Johnson, executive director of Grace to You told Religion News Service in an email. "So both agreed that it was necessary for Pastor Begg to withdraw."

<https://youtu.be/REcTtg8NIA4?si=J3UCz7x3qY03BzwA>

Eric Metaxas recently gave a halfhearted reply to his attack on our view of eschatology. In his interview with Benjamin Thomas, who is a NAR Dominionist, said that this view point is of the devil and satanic. Let's be clear he never said that it was only some people that hold that view.



<https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/officer-tells-christian-busker-not-sing/>

Met launches investigation into volunteer officer who told Christian busker 'you can't sing outside of church'

A volunteer officer who told a Christian busker she is not allowed to sing outside of church grounds is being investigated.

Maya Hadzhipetkova, a special constable, stopped Harmonie London from performing on London's Oxford Street at the weekend - sparking fury as the footage was posted online.

Harmonie, a 20-year-old gospel singer who regularly performs in central London, as well as to a 300,000-strong YouTube following, filmed Hadzhipetkova try to shut her down, then stick her tongue out at the camera.

The officer intervened despite there being no laws against religious singing on the pavement - just local bylaws over busking licences and obstructing roads.

The Met said: "We're reviewing body worn video of this interaction - it's more than 40 minutes long. At the heart of this is a specific by-law related to busking.

"The officer knows she could have handled this differently and is speaking to her manager."

In the footage, Hadzhipetkova told Harmonie: "You're not allowed to sing church songs outside of church grounds, by the way."

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/01/christian-veteran-who-beheaded-satanic-altar-iowa-capital/>

Christian Veteran Who Beheaded Satanic Altar in Iowa Capital Charged with Hate Crime

Christian veteran Michael Cassidy, who beheaded a satanic altar in the Iowa capital over the holidays, has been charged with a hate crime.

The altar to Baphomet was installed by the Satanic Temple, with approval from the Iowa Legislature. It featured a goat's head on a red-caped mannequin holding a crimson pentagram wreath.

The display caused massive controversy, with some arguing that the approval of the shrine was crucial to religious freedom and others arguing that it was a deliberate move to torment Christians — especially as it was placed near a Nativity scene.

On December 14, Cassidy ripped the head off and threw it in a trashcan.

Cassidy was charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, the next day.

Speaking to The Sentinel shortly after the beheading, Cassidy said he had beheaded the statue in order to “awaken Christians to the anti-Christian acts promoted by our government.”

“The world may tell Christians to submissively accept the legitimization of Satan, but none of the founders would have considered government sanction of Satanic altars inside Capitol buildings as protected by the First Amendment,” Cassidy said. “Anti-Christian values have steadily been mainstreamed more and more in recent decades, and Christians have largely acted like the proverbial frog in the boiling pot of water.”

Polk County prosecutors have added a much more severe charge now, according to a charging document made public Tuesday obtained by the Des Moines Register.

“Evidence shows the defendant made statements to law enforcement and the public indicating he destroyed the property because of the victim’s religion,” Lynn Hicks, a spokesman for the Polk County Attorney’s Office, told the paper.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/01/30/six-pro-life-activists-found-guilty-face-11-years-in-prison-for-peaceful-protest/>

Six Pro-Life Activists Found Guilty, Face 11 Years in Prison for Peaceful Protest

Six pro-life activists were found guilty on Tuesday for “conspiracy against rights” and violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) in relation to a peaceful protest outside of a Tennessee abortion facility in 2021.

President Joe Biden’s pro-abortion administration announced in October 2022 that it had charged 11 activists involved in the March 5, 2021, “blockade” of the Carafem Health Center Clinic in Mount Juliet. Attorneys for the activists said they were conducting a “rescue” and had gathered on the second floor of the office building where the clinic is located to pray, sing hymns, and urge women not to go through with abortions. The peaceful protest was also live-streamed on Facebook, according to the Catholic News Agency (CNA).

Six of the activists have now been found guilty of a misdemeanor FACE Act charge, as well as a felony conspiracy against rights charge, which carries with it the possibility of up to 11 years in prison and fines up to \$250,000. They include: Chester Gallagher, 73,

of Lebanon, Tennessee; Heather Idoni, 58, of Michigan; Calvin Zastrow, 57, of Michigan; Coleman Boyd, 51, of Bolton, Mississippi; Dennis Green, 56, of Cumberland, Virginia; and Paul Vaughn, 55, of Centerville, Tennessee.

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/01/montana-child-protective-services-medically-kidnapped-teen-girl/>

Montana Child Protective Services Medically Kidnapped Teen Girl to Wyoming for Gender Affirming Care, Fully Revokes Parental Custody

In a controversial and heart-wrenching case, Montana's Child Protective Services has been accused of forcibly transporting a 14-year-old girl from her family in Montana to Wyoming for gender transition treatment, leading to a complete revocation of her parents' custody.

The family's media representative, Mattie Watkins, has disclosed a distressing account to The Gateway Pundit involving the Kolstad family of Montana.

Todd and Krista Kolstad have been embroiled in a legal and emotional struggle for their 14-year-old daughter after Montana CPS took drastic action that is tantamount to "kidnapping."

In April 2023, the Montana legislature passed State Bill 99, which banned the medical transitioning of minors. However, a series of events unfolded in August that significantly impacted the Kolstad family.

Their daughter was transported to Wyoming, a state with different laws regarding the medical transition of minors, by the Montana CPS for treatment of her sudden onset "gender dysphoria," despite the parents' express disapproval.

[https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent\\_news\\_id=6651](https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=6651)

Religious Persecution Against Christians In The West Rising At Alarming Rate

Religious persecution against Christians in the Western world is rising at an alarming rate, according to a new report from Family Research Council's Center for Religious Liberty.

In the 2024 edition of "Free to Believe? The Intensifying Intolerance Toward Christians in The West," the Center for Religious Liberty identified 168 incidents of anti-Christian hatred or discrimination from January 2020 to the end of 2023, including 33 incidents last year alone. Although 2020 (61) and 2021 (49) saw the most incidents of persecution against Christians, the majority were related to COVID-19 lockdown violations, but the report notes an increase in intolerance toward public and even private expression of biblical worldviews in the West.

The report states, "As the mainstream culture moves further and further away from a Christian worldview, Christian beliefs that contradict progressive secular values are increasingly denounced by the culture and wrongly portrayed as being hateful or bigoted."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-israel-wont-free-thousands-of-terrorists-or-withdraw-idf-for-hostage-deal/>

Netanyahu: Israel won't free 'thousands of terrorists' or withdraw IDF for hostage deal  
While his right flank blasts a framework that Israel reportedly agreed to in Paris, Netanyahu says IDF will not leave Gaza; Hamas says it is studying proposal

As reports emerged about a potential hostage framework deal with Hamas that includes an extended pause in the fighting and the freeing of a large number of Palestinian security prisoners, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday told students at a pre-military academy in the West Bank that Israel would not release "thousands of terrorists."

"We will not remove the IDF from the Gaza Strip and we will not release thousands of terrorists," he pledged, speaking at the Bnei David academy in Eli. "None of this will happen. What will happen? Absolute victory!"

Multiple media reports indicated Israel agreed during a meeting in Paris on Sunday with the US, Qatar, and Egypt to a framework that would see all Israeli hostages released, starting with women, children, the elderly and the sick. There would be "phased pauses" in Israel's war against Hamas while the process played out, the reports said.



As reports emerged about a potential hostage framework deal with Hamas that includes an extended pause in the fighting and the freeing of a large number of Palestinian security prisoners, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday told students at a pre-military academy in the West Bank that Israel would not release “thousands of terrorists.”

“We will not remove the IDF from the Gaza Strip and we will not release thousands of terrorists,” he pledged, speaking at the Bnei David academy in Eli. “None of this will happen. What will happen? Absolute victory!”

Multiple media reports indicated Israel agreed during a meeting in Paris on Sunday with the US, Qatar, and Egypt to a framework that would see all Israeli hostages released, starting with women, children, the elderly and the sick. There would be “phased pauses” in Israel’s war against Hamas while the process played out, the reports said.

<https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/oil-plunges-report-israel-hamas-have-agreed-major-ceasefire-deal>

#### Oil Plunges On Report Israel, Hamas Have Agreed To Major Ceasefire Deal

Qatar has announced Israel has agreed to the major ceasefire proposal which has been worked on intensely for over the past week. Qatar has also said Hamas has issued 'positive conformation', according to Al Jazeera.

Oil plunged on the news, and amid the first hopeful sign in months that Gaza could witness a breakthrough ceasefire...

<https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/us-mount-multi-day-strikes-against-iranian-targets-across-syria-iraq>

#### US To Launch Multi-Day Strikes Against 'Iranian Targets' Across Syria, Iraq

The Biden administration is planning to launch a days-long or even potentially weeks-long bombing campaign on Iranian assets across the Middle East, although there doesn't appear to be plans to hit Iran directly, according to US officials speaking to NBC and CBS.

The attacks which will reportedly focus on 'Iranian targets' inside Syrian and Iraq are meant as retaliation and a supposed deterrent in response to the weekend drone attack which killed three American soldiers at a Jordanian base near the Syrian border. The attacks might extend to the Iranian navy as well, in addition to targeting Iranian personnel or 'Iran-backed militias' in Syria and Iraq.

While the Pentagon has said that said the Jordan base attack had the "footprints" of Kataib Hezbollah (or the Shia 'resistance' group of Iraq), no culprit has been definitively named, and US officials have also admitted they have not evidence Iran was behind it. But they are now reportedly saying the drone used in the attack was manufactured in Iran.

[https://patrickwood.substack.com/p/will-texas-be-the-trigger-for-the?utm\\_source=post-email-title&publication\\_id=721283&post\\_id=141105187&utm\\_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=false&r=ohbzt&utm\\_medium=email](https://patrickwood.substack.com/p/will-texas-be-the-trigger-for-the?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=721283&post_id=141105187&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=false&r=ohbzt&utm_medium=email)

Will Texas Be The Trigger For The Great Reset? Patriots could be walking into a big trap.

Of course, Biden and his merry band of tyrants could back down and leave Texas alone, but too many lines have already been crossed. Here is the map of states that are standing with Texas to stop the invasion. If the U.S. is eventually balkanized, this might be what it looks like in the end.

The 25 states are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Several started sending National Guard troops in small numbers in early 2023; now, twelve states have upped the ante with new pledges.

In my opinion, Gov. Greg Abbott's declaration amounts to a Constitutional crisis when it starts with the words, "The federal government has broken the compact between the United States and the States."

It doesn't mean that there are breaches of the compact. It plainly states, "The federal government has broken the compact," period.

Here, Abbott is applying the “compact of states” theory whereby individual states (and their citizens included) entered into a compact with the federal government. This theory is flatly disputed by the Biden administration, which holds that the entire body politic entered into such a compact, and not the states themselves.

This argument has raged for at least 200 years, including through the Civil War, and here we are going through it again. The 50 states are split down the middle, with 25 agreeing with Abbott and 25 agreeing with Biden et al.

According to the Center for the Study of Federalism,

First, national powers are strictly limited in that all powers remain in the states unless the federal Constitution explicitly declares otherwise. Second, states have the authority to nullify federal laws on constitutional grounds. Third, states retain the right to secede from the union. Indeed, this interpretation of the origins of the United States grants states primacy to interpret the U.S. Constitution.