

# The Popular but False Doctrine of the Rapture



I believe this picture may depict an accurate description of 1 Thessalonians 4. But will it happen before a great tribulation? That's the subject of this article.

This post is about comparing popular doctrines about what Christians and evangelicals call "the rapture" to what the Bible actually says. The rapture is also called, "The blessed hope." What do teachers of the rapture mean by that? They mean that Jesus is going to take to Heaven His followers just before the Antichrist starts to persecute them in the Great Tribulation at the end of time! But does the Bible actually teach that?

My Bible says,

Revelation 7:14 And he said to me, These are they which came **out of** great tribulation,

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution.**

The Bible is its own best commentator. It's a mistake to read things into Scripture based on our cognitive bias or based only on what some preacher says the Bible passage says. That's the mistake I made for 30 plus years. I trusted what my pastor taught me only to find later he himself admitted his interpretation of Endtime Scripture was only a theory which he got from C.I. Scofield!

## **What is the Rapture?**

The word "rapture" is not found in the Bible. It apparently was coined by John Nelson Darby in the 19th century. The Bible calls the second coming of Christ, "the day of the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.

2 Peter 3:10 But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Wikipedia says,

The rapture is an eschatological concept held by some Christians, particularly within branches of American evangelicalism, consisting of an end-time event when all Christian believers who are alive, along with resurrected believers, will rise “in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.”

The Bible does talk about Jesus coming for His own at the end of time.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. – 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.

But when does this happen? The most popular doctrine among American evangelical Christians is that it will happen just before a 7 year tribulation period. Where do they get this idea? From John Nelson Darby of the 19th century. He taught that Christ would return before a final great 7-year tribulation to save His elect from persecution by the Antichrist. C.I. Scofield picked up Darby’s teaching and put in in the footnotes of the Scofield Reference Bible.

My Bible tells me just the opposite!

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together **first the tares**, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:30

When does this happen? On “the day of the Lord”! The day of the second coming of Christ! The Bible says the rejectors of Christ will be taken away *first*! And after that resurrection will happen and the believers in Christ will be taken up to be with the Lord in the clouds!

On what Scriptures do John Nelson Darby and C.I. Scofield base their pretribulation rapture doctrine on? If *you* believe in a pretribulation rapture of the Church, that is also my question to you. You can write the Bible verses you believe teach a pretribulation rapture in the comments section. When you do that, please remember that the cardinal rule of Bible interpretation is always to interpret the verse in the context of the other verses before and after it.

Even if you believe the latter part of Matthew 24 is talking about end-time events, verses 29 to 31 make it clear Christians will go through a period of tribulation.

29 **Immediately after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And **then** shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and **then** shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

For more about the Olivet Discourse of Matthew chapter 24, please see [Futurist Interpretation of Matthew 24 Exposed as Folly by John Gill](#)

Just imagine visiting a country where believers in Christ are undergoing severe persecution and telling them, "Don't worry! Jesus will come soon and save you from the Great Tribulation!" You might hear the following, "What can be greater tribulation than seeing my friends, members of my family, and fellow believers in Christ killed right before my eyes?"

If you cannot use the Bible to explain your doctrines, you either don't know those doctrines well enough, or you picked them up from some preacher you like and never took the time to search the Scriptures for yourself to see if the doctrines are biblically sound.

Further reading on this subject:

<https://www.ucg.org/world-news-and-prophecy/the-rapture-a-popular-but-false-doctrine>

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**[Some White Nationalists' / neo-Nazis'](#)**

## belief: Jesus was White and Shem the Father of the white race



The followers of the Lord Jesus Christ should not have any racial, ethnic or nationalistic prejudice toward others!

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## The Danger of Belief in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture



If events go against what we believe the Bible says will happen, it's not because the Bible is wrong, it means our interpretation of Bible prophecy was wrong.

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## Pope Francis Demands Global Tyranny



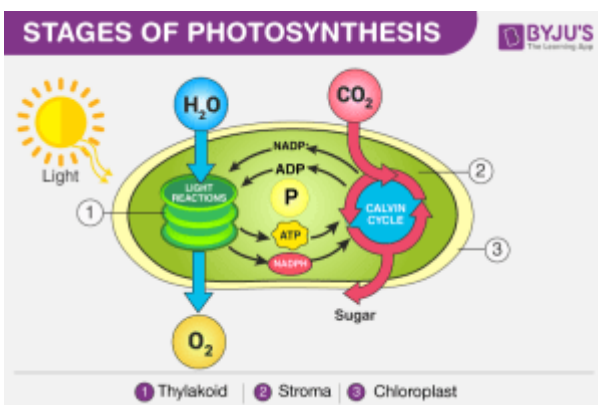
The ostentatiously “humble” Pope Francis has left Renaissance land pirates like warrior Pope Julius II looking like little boys playing soldiers.

## The Meaning of the United Nations Logo



God’s Throne is in the North. Satan wants to sit in that throne. The United Nations Logo is symbolic of Satan looking at the world from the North Star!

## Carbon Dioxide is Not a Pollutant!



In light of the current (30 November until 12 December 2023) United Nations Climate Change Conference in UAE, also known as COP 28, I feel led by the Lord to write something about the so-called climate change crisis. COP stands for Conference Of the Parties under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In case you don't know it, the UN is not our friend.

Christiana Figueres, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, stated in an interview that the Earth is already overburdened with people and that we should look at depopulating the planet.

She also said: (Quotes from [https://www.azquotes.com/author/32264-Christiana\\_Figueres](https://www.azquotes.com/author/32264-Christiana_Figueres))

We have to get to the point where each individual, each corporation, each community chooses low carbon, because it makes fundamental sense. It should become a no-brainer.

DEMAND, PURCHASE & USE LOW CARBON PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. MAKE LOW CARBON SEXY!

The transition to a low-carbon economy will be much more painful if we wait until there is a climate crisis before recognizing that more than half of the world's fossil fuel reserves will have to remain in the ground.

Based on the many things I have heard over the years, the real reason behind the agenda of limiting carbon dioxide into the air is to purposely hurt the economy by increasing the cost of energy. Low-cost energy creates a strong middle-class economy, and this is what the New World Order elite do not want. The middle class has, from the elite's perspective, too much time to think! Rational thinking leads to awareness of government corruption and abuse of civil rights which results in public protests, something no government wants.

Christiana Figueres confirmed this view by actually admitting that the goal of environmental activists is not to save the world from ecological calamity but **to destroy capitalism!**

"This is the first time in the history of mankind that we are setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, to change the economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years, since the Industrial Revolution."

The middle class in England grew as a result of the Industrial Revolution which began in the late 18th century.

As a group, the middle class saw enormous benefits from the industrial revolution. The growth of new businesses and factories created thousands of new jobs. The middle class itself grew in size as occupations like merchants, shopkeepers and accountants allowed the working class to lift themselves into a higher social strata. – Source:

<https://www.theclassroom.com/differences-between-wealthy-middle-classes-poor-industrial-revolution-17180.html>

The Industrial Revolution created great wealth in England through the manufacture and sale of goods. Factories need a lot of energy to operate and that energy came from the low cost petroleum of that time, what the elite call “fossil fuel.” Fuel made from crude petroleum wasn’t taxed then as it is today. It turns out that the [origin of petroleum may be abiogenic](#) and not from fossils of decayed organic matter! If so, it may be limitless and the price could go down drastically. But that’s not what the ruling elite want to happen.

Bill Gates in an interview stated his ambitious goal is for the world to decrease CO<sub>2</sub> to zero by year 2050. In the meantime he confesses to being an ‘imperfect messenger’ as he lives in large houses and travels by private jet. [He owns four of them](#) which he used for 392 flights last year, more than once per day!

The climate may be changing but it’s not the result of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. It’s either natural as a result of solar activity and/or it could be [malicious weather modification, something the US military learned how to do during the Vietnam War](#).

**Quote from [There Is No Climate Emergency, Say 500 Experts in Letter to the United Nations](#)**

On the same day last week that Greta Thunberg made an impassioned speech to the United Nations about her fears of a climate emergency, a group of 500 prominent scientists and professionals, led by the CLINTEL (Climate Intelligence) co-founder Guus Berkhout, sent this registered letter to the United Nations Secretary-General stating that there is no climate emergency and climate policies should be designed to benefit the lives of people.

The made points in the letter are [listed on CLINTEL’s website](#):

## **There is no climate emergency**

A global network of over 1800 scientists and professionals has prepared this urgent message. Climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific. Scientists should openly address uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real costs as well as the

imagined benefits of their policy measures.

### **Natural as well as anthropogenic (caused by humans) factors cause warming**

The geological archive reveals that Earth's climate has varied as long as the planet has existed, with natural cold and warm phases. The Little Ice Age ended as recently as 1850. Therefore, it is no surprise that we now are experiencing a period of warming.

### **Warming is far slower than predicted**

The world has warmed significantly less than predicted by IPCC ([The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#)) on the basis of modeled anthropogenic forcing. The gap between the real world and the modeled world tells us that we are far from understanding climate change.

### **Climate policy relies on inadequate models**

Climate models have many shortcomings and are not remotely plausible as global policy tools. They blow up the effect of greenhouse gases such as CO<sub>2</sub>. In addition, they ignore the fact that enriching the atmosphere with CO<sub>2</sub> is beneficial.

### **CO<sub>2</sub> is plant food, the basis of all life on Earth**

CO<sub>2</sub> is not a pollutant. It is essential to all life on Earth. Photosynthesis is a blessing. More CO<sub>2</sub> is beneficial for nature, greening the Earth: additional CO<sub>2</sub> in the air has promoted growth in global plant biomass. It is also good for agriculture, increasing the yields of crops worldwide.

### **Global warming has not increased natural disasters.**

There is no statistical evidence that global warming is intensifying hurricanes, floods, droughts and suchlike natural disasters, or making them more frequent. However, there is ample evidence that CO<sub>2</sub>-mitigation measures are as damaging as they are costly.

### **Climate policy must respect scientific and economic realities**

There is no climate emergency. Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> policy proposed for 2050. If better approaches emerge, and they certainly will, we have ample time to reflect and re-adapt. The aim of global policy should be 'prosperity for all' by providing reliable and affordable energy at all times. In a prosperous society men and women are well educated, birthrates are low and people care about their environment.

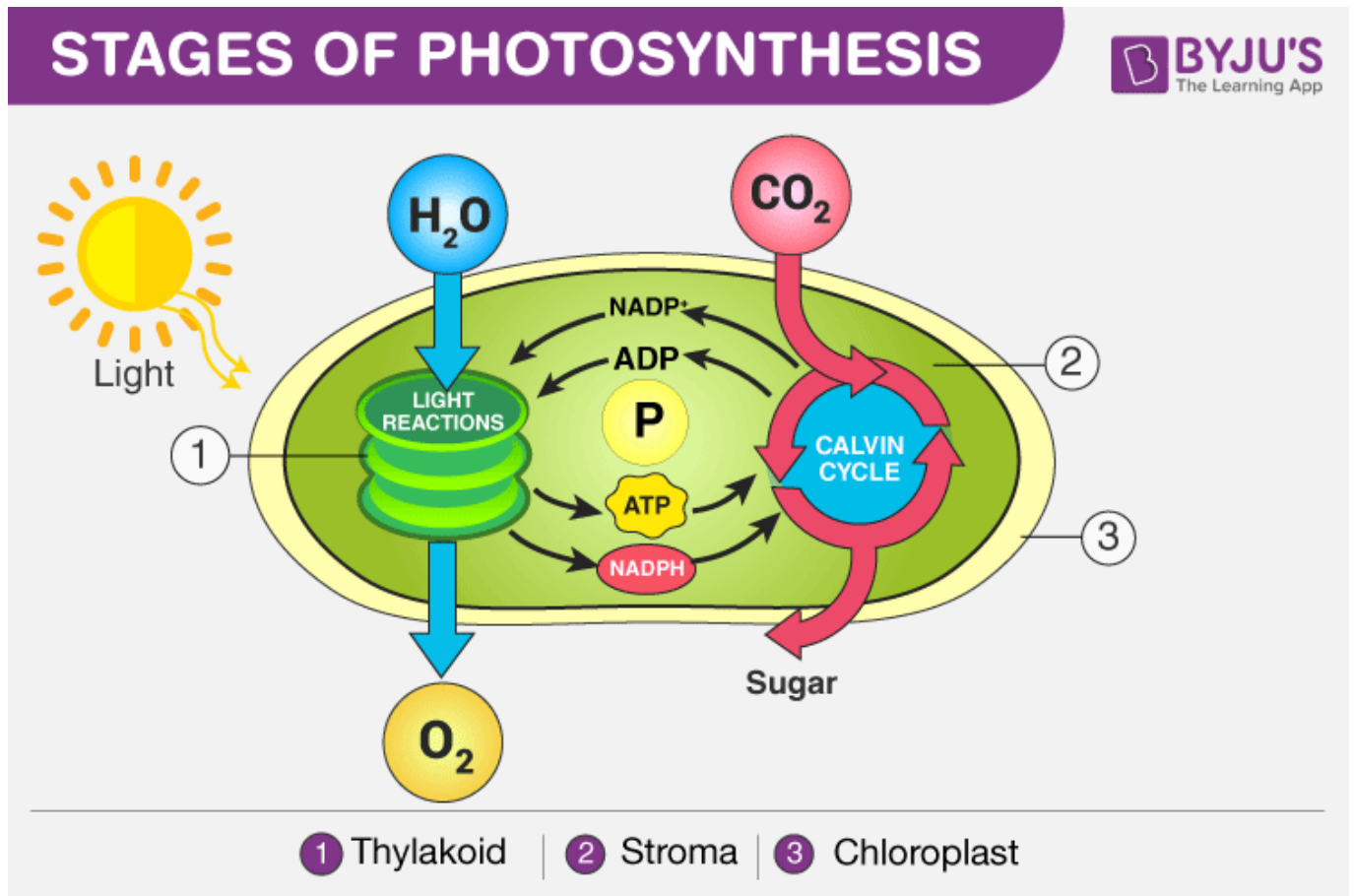
Those are statements from honest scientists!

I have a scientist friend, Dr. John Gideon Hartnett, who also exposes the UN Climate Change policies as a scam. The following facts are from his Bible Science Forum website: [Decarbonise the planet, are they mad?](#)



The lie that sits beneath the climate change movement is that there is excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Who says and by what definition? There is no climate catastrophe – some have even called the ideology a total fraud. But there is plenty of money to be made and so Big Oil backs these schemes to suck the life out of the planet.

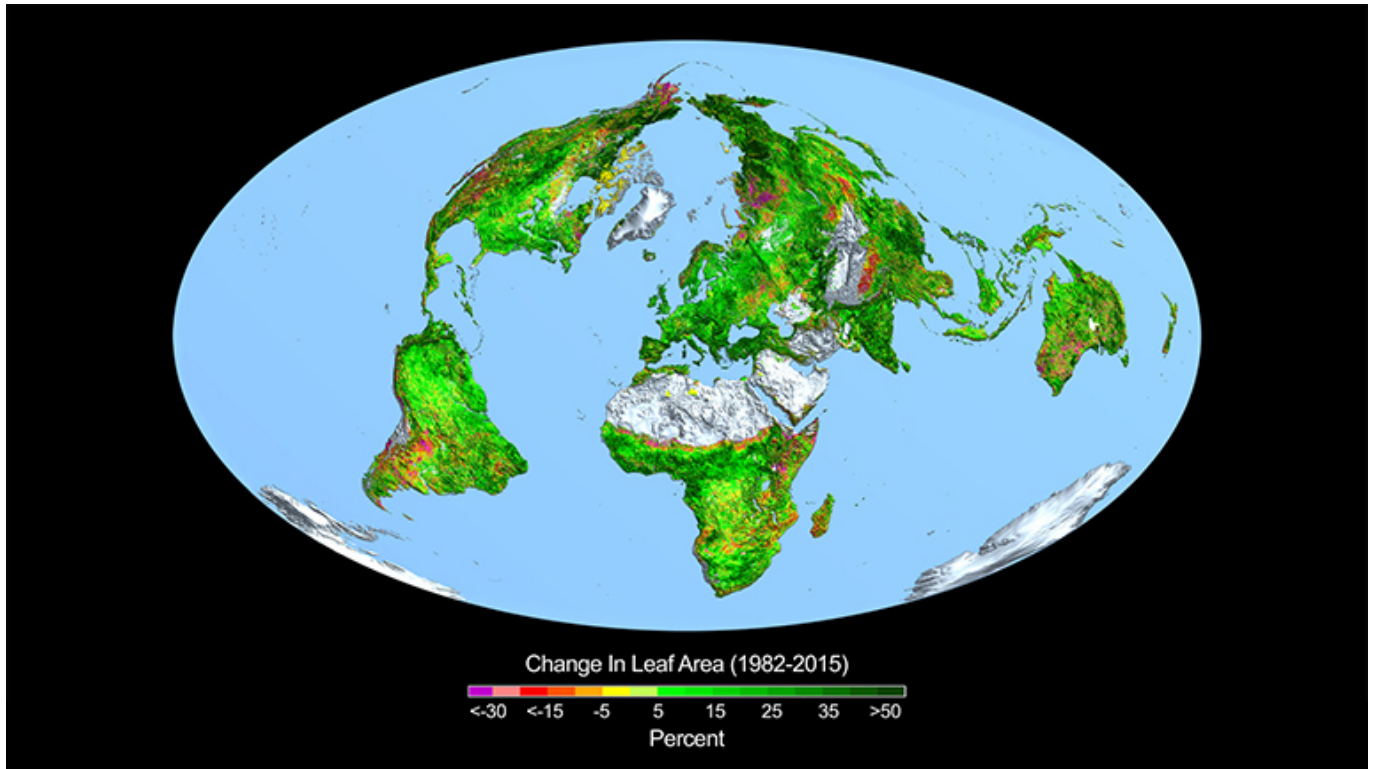
How deluded do you need to be? Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. It's **plant food**. It is essential to life, all life (directly or indirectly), yeah, except for maybe some deep sea worms, and anaerobic bacteria.



There are four essential ingredients for green plants to grow and produce oxygen and sugars. The sugars are the food for animals and humans. The sugars in grasses are what the herbivores (animals like cows and sheep) convert into protein, which we need as a species to survive. And carnivores eat the herbivores, thus all species are included.

Those four essential ingredients are **sunlight, carbon dioxide, water and minerals**, especially magnesium. Sunlight, carbon dioxide, and water – atmospheric molecules – are all demonized as greenhouse gases causing global warming. In addition, nitrogen, another atmospheric molecule, an essential plant fertilizer, is also considered pollution.

NASA says the earth is getting greener as a result of more  $CO_2$  emissions!



A quarter to **half of Earth's vegetated lands** has shown **significant greening over the last 35 years** largely due to rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide, according to a new study published in the journal Nature Climate Change on April 25.

An international team of 32 authors from 24 institutions in eight countries led the effort, which involved using satellite data from NASA's Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer instruments to help determine the leaf area index, or amount of leaf cover, over the planet's vegetated regions. The greening represents an increase in leaves on plants and trees equivalent in area to two times the continental United States.

Green leaves use energy from sunlight through photosynthesis to chemically combine carbon dioxide drawn in from the air with water and nutrients tapped from the ground to produce sugars, which are the main source of food, fiber and fuel for life on Earth. Studies have shown that **increased concentrations of carbon dioxide increase photosynthesis, spurring plant growth.**

What does that mean in relation to the United Nations climate change agenda? It means to me purposely decreasing the amount of carbon dioxide into the air will *decrease* plant growth! There's even talk about cutting down carbon dioxide in the air by [capturing it to permanently storing it underground!](#) Utter madness!

All Christians should pray against COP 28.

Whenever there is worldwide deception, we know Satan is behind it for the Bible says:

Revelation 20:7-8 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth,...

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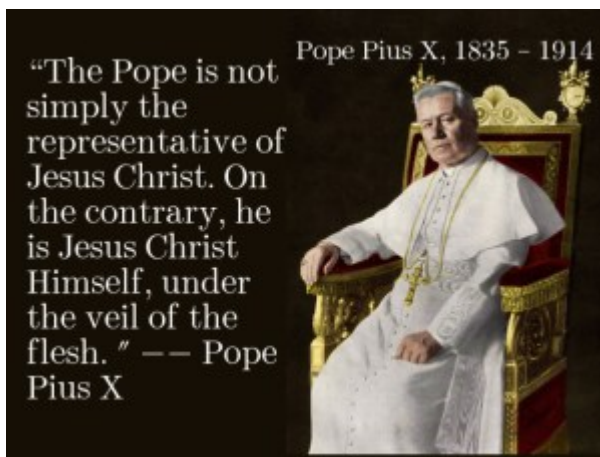
## True Christianity Vs Evangelical Zionism



Pharisaic Judaism's influence on evangelical Christian leaders which has had a detrimental effect on churches, especially in America

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## What a former Roman Catholic Priest has to say about the Papal System



No professing Roman Catholic, believing in the doctrines of papal supremacy and infallibility, can be loyal to any form of government but the papal only.

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## Famous Jews Against Zionism



“Zionism is a nationalist movement that emerged in the 19th century to enable the establishment of a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine.” Source – Wikipedia

Some Orthodox Jews are against Zionism:

The anti-Zionist world-view of the ultra-Orthodox groups Neturei Karta and Satmar Hasidism perceives Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel as an anti-messianic act, conceived and born from sin. These groups vigorously deny the very legitimacy of the collective political return to the Holy Land and to Jewish sovereignty. For them, this is the handiwork of humans, violating the Jewish people’s oath of political quietism.” Source – <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/ultra-orthodox-anti-zionist/>

Not only Orthodox Jews but also many secular Jews are *also* against Zionism! And it turns out there’s a movement called [International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network \(IJAN\)](#). The “[Who We Are](#)” page on its website says,

IJAN is an international network of Jews who are uncompromisingly committed to struggles for human survival and emancipation, of which the liberation of the Palestinian people and land is an indispensable part. We are committed to the right of return for Palestinian refugees and to ending Israeli colonization of historic Palestine, which is reinforced by US economic and military power. We support full Palestinian self-determination and the right to resist occupation. We look to the Palestinian grassroots and Palestinian-led organizations as our primary points of reference in this struggle.

Anti-zionism is not the same thing as antisemitism. Antisemitism is hostility and prejudice directed against Jewish people. I do not have any such hostility toward the Jewish people. When I was a teenager in Chicago, I had a Jewish friend, Rodney Martell. It's wrong to have prejudice against any people.

I'm against racism. I believe racism is connected to Darwinian evolution, the notion that certain ethnic groups are lower in the evolutionary scale than others, especially lower than white people. That's what Hitler believed. It justified his genocide against Jews, Gypsies, and even non-German white people he didn't like such as Slavic nations, Poles, Serbs and Russians. I've been a minority white guy most of my life having lived 40 years in Japan, 5 years in Guam, and am now living in the Philippines. I'm thankful to never have felt any racial discrimination toward me ever in spite of the fact of being part of an ethnic minority living outside mainland USA.

In the early 1990s, many young Israelis visited Japan. I used to love talking with them about their lives in Israel and their views on the Palestinian people. And of course I tried to share with them the Gospel. Saved born again true Christians do not hate Jews as a people! The Bible says,

1 Peter 2:17 Honour *all* men...

To be an anti-zionist is to be against a political movement, not a people. Here's a compilation of quotes from Jewish people who spoke out against Zionism, some of whom I didn't know to be Jews.

### **Sigmund Freud:**

"I concede with sorrow that the baseless fanaticism of our people is in part to be blamed for the awakening of Arab distrust. I can raise no sympathy at all for the misdirected piety which transforms a piece of a Herodian wall into a national relic, thereby offending the feelings of the natives."

### **Albert Einstein:**

"The (Israeli) state idea is not according to my heart. I cannot understand why it is needed. It is connected with many difficulties and a narrow-mindedness. I believe it is bad."

### **Erich Fromm, social psychologist:**

"The claim of the Jews to the Land of Israel cannot be a realistic political claim. If all nations would suddenly claim territories in which their forefathers lived two thousand years ago, this world would be a madhouse."

### **Isaac Asimov, novelist:**

"I find myself in the odd position of not being a Zionist ... I think it is wrong for anyone to feel that there is anything special about any one heritage of whatever kind. It is delightful to have the human heritage exist in a thousand varieties, for it makes for greater interest, but as soon as one variety is thought to be more important than another, the groundwork is

laid for destroying them all.”

### **Hannah Arendt, political scientist:**

“The trouble is that Zionism has often thought and said that the evil of antisemitism was necessary for the good of the Jewish people. In the words of a well-known Zionist in a letter to me discussing the original Zionist argumentation: ‘The antisemites want to get rid of the Jews, the Jewish State wants to receive them, a perfect match.’ “

**Note:** History and observation tells me the main source of antisemitism is the Roman Catholic Church. I heard lots of antisemitic rhetoric from Catholic nuns when I was a kid going to parochial school. By the way, Hannah Arendt was no relation to me. I was raised a Catholic.

Henry Ford was was deeply antisemitic, making him a hero of Hitler and the Nazis. I believe one reason for Ford’s antisemitism was because he read the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. But according to former Roman Catholic priest Leo H, Lehmann, [The Protocols of the Elders of Zion was written by Jesuits](#) to shift the blame on what they are doing to the Jews!

### **Richard Cohen, US columnist:**

“The greatest mistake Israel could make at the moment is to forget that Israel itself is a mistake ... the idea of creating a nation of European Jews in an area of Arab Muslims (and some Christians) has produced a century of warfare and terrorism of the sort we are seeing now. Israel fights Hezbollah in the north and Hamas in the south, but its most formidable enemy is history itself.”

### **Noam Chomsky:**

“In the Occupied Territories, what Israel is doing is much worse than apartheid. To call it apartheid is a gift to Israel, at least if by “apartheid” you mean South African-style apartheid. What’s happening in the Occupied Territories is much worse.”

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**[Know Your Enemy](#)**





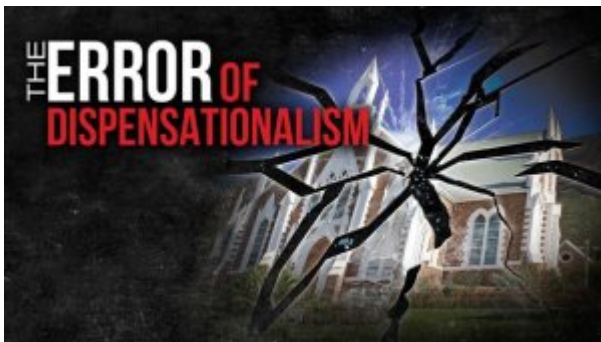
The World Run by Arturo Sosa Abascal through Pope Francis



The evil powers that be causes people to debate about the actors so that they don't focus on the director who is controlling the whole narrative!

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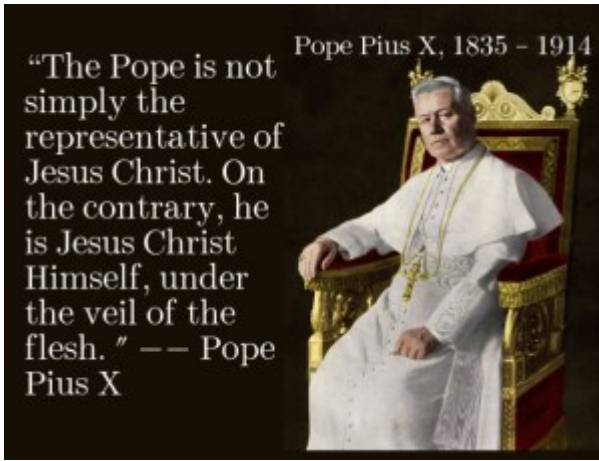
## [The Fatalism of Dispensationalism](#)



We don't have to accept the abuses of our constitutional liberties! We can pray that the Lord will defeat any government policy that is against our morals.

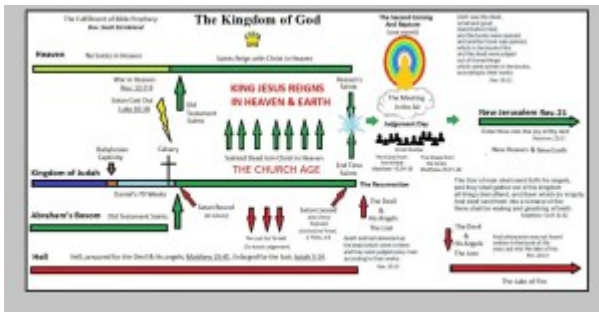
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## [Seven Events Evangelicals Incorrectly Believe Will be Fulfilled in the Endtime](#)



Most evangelicals today are teaching false Endtime doctrines based on a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27. Futurism originated with a Jesuit priest Francesco Rivera in the 16th century.

## The Kingdom Theology Interpretation of the Thousand Year Reign of Christ on Earth



An interpretation of the millennial reign of Christ of Revelation 20:6.

## Gog and Magog identified: Turkey, NOT Russia!





The erroneous belief that Russia is Magog can be traced back to a small group of 18th and 19th century theologians who wrote long before the primary evidence from the ancient Assyrian records was discovered, translated and made available to the public.

## Are The Church and Israel Two Different Peoples of God?

### Israel and the Church

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| 1. Saints (Num. 16:3; Deut. 33:3)  | 1. Saints (Eph. 1:1; Rom. 1:7)                             |
| 2. Elect (Deut. 7:6, 7; 14:2)  | 2. Elect (Col. 3:12; Titus 1:1)                            |
| 3. Beloved (Deut. 7:7; 4:37)   | 3. Beloved (Col.3:12; 1 Thess 1:4)                         |
| 4. Called (Isa. 41:9; 43:1)  | 4. Called (Rom. 1:6, 7; 1 Cor.1:2)                         |
| 5. Church (Ps. 89:5; Mic. 2:5 (LXX)<br>Act. 7:38; Heb. 2:12)                     | 5. Church (Eph. 1:1;<br>Acts 20:28)                        |
| 6. Flock (Ezek. 34; Ps. 77:20)   | 6. Flock (Luke 12:32; 1 Pet. 5:2)                          |
| 7. Holy Nation (Exod. 19:5, 6)   | 7. Holy Nation (1 Pet. 2:9)                                |
| 8. Kingdom of Priests (Exod.19:5, 6)   | 8. Kingdom of Priests (1 Pet. 2:9)                         |
| 9. Peculiar Treasure (Exod. 19:5, 6)   | 9. Peculiar Treasure (1 Pet. 2:9)                          |
| 10. God's People (Hos. 1:9, 10)  | 10. God's People (1 Pet. 2:10)                             |
| 11. Holy People (Deut. 7:6)  | 11. Holy People (1 Pet. 1:15,16)                           |
| 12. People of Inheritance (Deut. 4:20)   | 12. People of Inheritance (Eph. 1:18)                      |
| 13. God's Tabernacle in Israel<br>(Lev. 26:11)                                   | 13. God's Tabernacle in Church<br>(John 1:14)              |
| 14. God walks among them<br>(Lev. 26:12)   | 14. God walks among them<br>(2 Cor. 6:16-18)               |
| 15. Twelve Patriarchs  | 15. Twelve Apostles  |
| 16. Christ married to them (Isa. 54:5;<br>Jer. 3:14; Hos. 2:19; Jer. 6:2; 31:32) | 16. Christ married to them<br>(Eph. 5:22, 23; 2 Cor. 11:2) |

**See the difference?**

**NEITHER DO WE.**

Fundamental to dispensationalism is the idea that God has two different peoples and He pursues his purposes for them in alternating dispensations. This is false!

## Munther Isaac: Christian Zionism as Imperial Theology in Text Format and Video



Palestinian Christians must always confirm to the Christian Zionists theology or else we are deemed heretics or anti-semites. Christian Zionism is an oxymoron.