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ATTACKS ON EVANGELICAL SUPPORTERS OF ISRAEL MISGUIDED AND FALSE

By Bill Connor

In a recent article, Politico contributor, Joshua Zeitz, wrote "How the Rapture Explains the Rapture over Israel on the Right." Zeitz's thesis was that a recent drop in support among young Evangelicals for Israel comes because the young are shedding the alleged Christian Zionism of older Evangelicals. The Christian Zionism being the what he claimed drove Evangelical support. Zeitz quoted from anti-Israel podcaster Tucker Carlson who claimed: "Christian Zionism.. is a brain virus..... a dangerous heresy". Zeitz went on to allege "For decades, one of the most reliable pillars of pro-Israel sentiment in the United States

was..... conservative Christians. That support had a theological motor.... Put simply, Christians needed Jews to return to the homeland of Israel to usher in the second coming of Christ." <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2026/03/08/gop-mag-israel-evangelicals-theology-premillennialism-00818312> This view of Zeitz, and a growing chorus, including those like Tucker, is now being used to blame Evangelicals for putting Israel above national interest to Theology. Though this attack is repeated as "Gospel" it fails in reality.

First, the attacks from an anti-Israel faction of the political right started in earnest after the October 7, 2022 Hamas



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massacre. The alleged Jewish control of American politics was the first target. Attacks on AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) became ubiquitous, despite the AIPAC being exponentially outspun by Qatar and others. Podcasters of this "woke right" faction, like Candace Owens, railed against Israel and repeated the leftist lie of Israel committing genocide. Owens and others went beyond to laughable claims, like Jews being responsible for the slave trade. Despite all the anti-Israel "woke right" attacks on Trump for supporting Israel and attacking Iran, a March 2026 NY Post article headlined: "Republicans have shown that this (anti-Israel) group has had little impact Compared to prominent podcasters Tucker Carlson and Megyn Kelly, both of whom have criticized the president over the Iran war, the poll found 83% of likely Republican voters trust Trump's judgement, while just 6% place more confidence in the former Fox News hosts." The numbers are even worse for Tucker/Kelly in terms of trust in trump over foreign policy and world affairs <https://nypost.com/2026/03/19/us-news/republicans-overwhelmingly-back-trump-over-tucker-carlson-megyn-kelly-on-iran-war-poll-finds/>

As the direct attacks against Israel, American Jews, and AIPAC failed, the anti-Israel fringe blamed Evangelicals as supporters of Israel. In a recent New York Times interview, Tucker alleged what the group is saying: "There are a lot of Evangelical Christians who are convinced that God wants you to support [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu, which I find incomprehensible..... We have tens of millions of Evangelical Christians who unquestioningly support Israel because they believe it's their theological duty to do so... I find Israel actually geo-strategically irrelevant except to the extent that we imbue it with relevance at the behest largely of Evangelical Christians." <https://mycharisma.com/news/tucker-carlson-is-angry-at-evangelicals-maybe-he-should-take-it-up-with-god/> Of note, the main Evangelical critics, Candace Owens, Megyn Kelly, Nick Fuentes, and Joe Kent, are Roman Catholics. I don't believe they represent the views of most American Catholics, but explains why anyone on the right would attack Evangelicals.

The misguided attempt of this group to attack and stigmatize tens of millions of Evangelicals over Israel requires a lack of shame rarely seen even in politics. Even a superficial investigation would show there is no agreed-upon "Evangelical" Theological position over Israel. Certainly no doctrinal "Evangelical" statements about forcing Jesus to come back by support for Israel. From my personal experience as an Evangelical supporter of Israel, I have seen countless motivations but always include the importance of the alliance. Those Evangelicals of the reform tradition hold to Jesus Christ fulfilling the promises of the Old Testament. They are generally not pre-millennial dispensationalists, and yet many hold to the special place of the Jews in God's eschatological plans from Romans 11. Many Evangelicals believe the promises of Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you and

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All of Us Will Die



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"The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." - Mark Twain

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." - Bible (Philippians 1:21)

Thanatophobia, also known as "death anxiety," is an intense fear of death or the dying process. A person with thanatophobia may experience more sadness and discomfort than most of us feel at the loss of someone we cared for. They also worry more about their own death. One study shows that between 3% and 10% of people with thanatophobia are more nervous than others about the thought of dying. Thanatophobia affects our daily life. It may make it difficult to function at school, work, or in social situations. A person with thanatophobia may experience physical symptoms, such as a panic attack, when they think about dying. Or they might go out of their way to avoid talking about death or the dying process. One study suggests that elderly people are more likely to fear the dying process, while young adults are more likely to fear death itself. Another study found that the children of elderly parents actually had a higher level of death anxiety than their parents, peaking at around middle age. We all have our own thoughts about death. They depend on our own life experiences, which obviously increase with age. Consider these three quotes from people you probably recognize. Billy Graham, very obviously a Christian, said, "I do not fear death. I may fear a little bit about the process, but not death itself, because

I think the moment that my spirit leaves this body, I will be in the presence of the Lord."

Mark Twain's Christian convictions were not clear, although he does appear to have believed in God. He said, "I do not fear death. I had been dead for billions and billions of years before I was born, and had not suffered the slightest inconvenience from it." Sounds like Mark Twain, doesn't it. Ernest Hemingway, an avowed atheist, said, "Fear of death increases in exact proportion to increase in wealth."

Understanding death from a Christian perspective involves recognizing it as a consequence of sin, a transition to a new existence, and a defeated enemy through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible provides a comprehensive view of death, offering hope and assurance of eternal life for believers. As you would suspect, there is a wide variety of viewpoints on death and what comes after by those who are not Christians. The most common framework is the scientific understanding that we are all part of nature. However, many science-based narratives can evoke a sense of awe and wonder, a perception that we are part of a meaningful universe that gives order to our past and offers insight for the future. The obvious question is defining a meaningful universe. Only the Christian religion can do that.

There are many studies on how people deal with the death of loved ones, and our own at some time in the future. These studies show a wide variety of results; we are all different. The main concern of interest here is the impact of death on our family. Many of you may

have experienced trauma in your life and in your immediate relationships because of different religious beliefs. This obviously affects how the family deals with death.

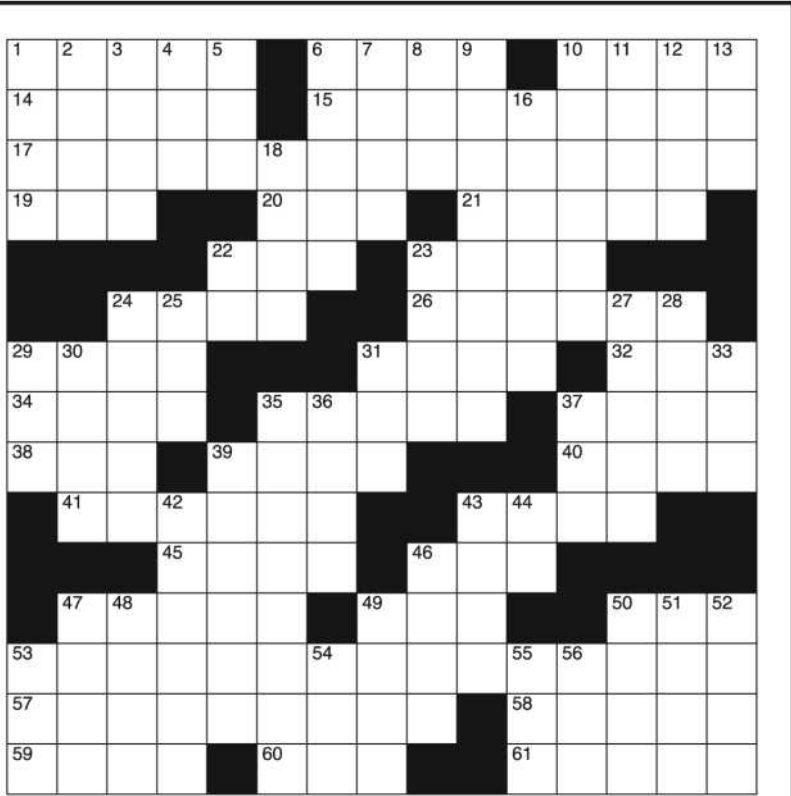
Here are some questions to consider.

How do you view your own impending death? It will happen later, and maybe sooner. Are you ready? What have you done to prepare, for yourself and for your loved ones?

How did you or will you deal with the death of ones you love? How do we minister to others around us who have recently experienced a death in their family? Sometimes it helps to simply listen and cry with others. Christians can cry, too.

May God give you peace and wisdom as you face the death of someone close to you, because it will happen.

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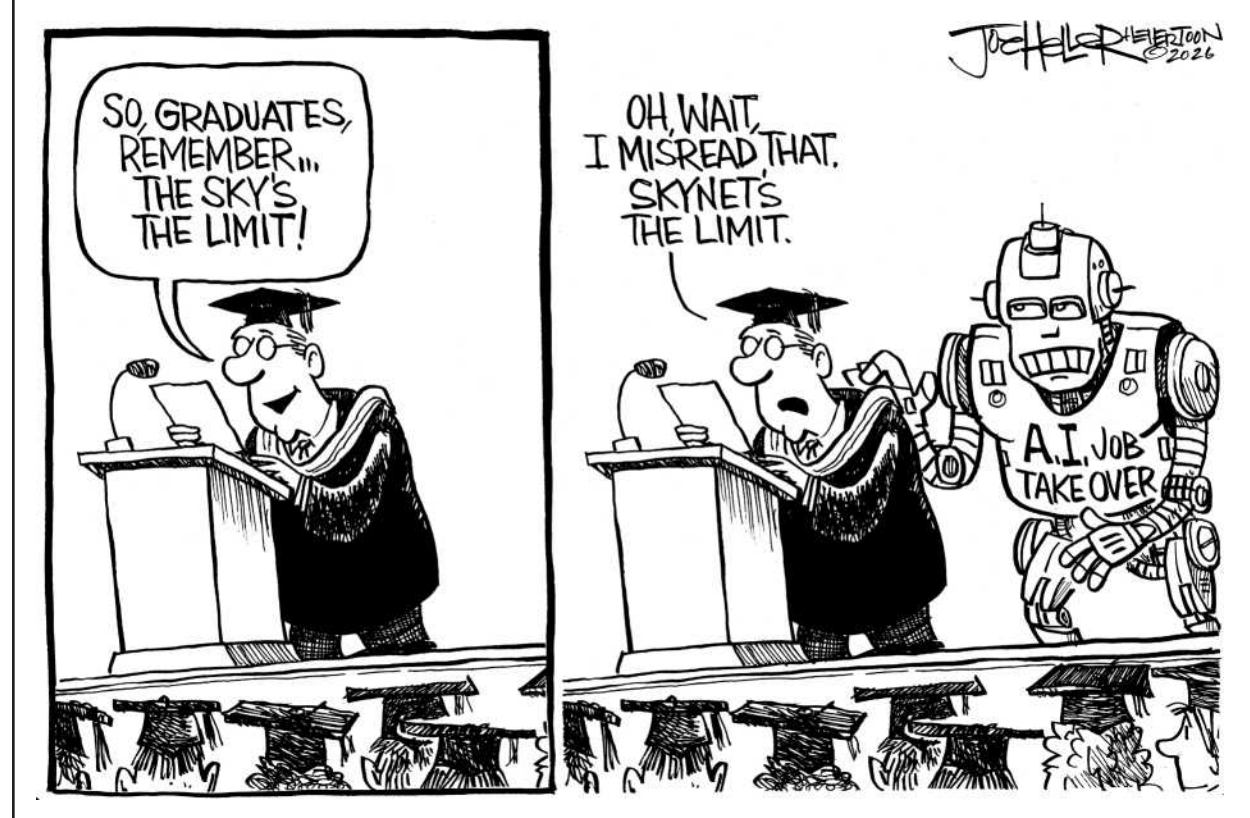


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Notable casino destination
- 6. Current units
- 10. Roman military unit
- 14. American lizard
- 15. Fates
- 17. The Yankees have lots of these
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Mimic
- 21. Remove from the record
- 22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
- 23. A way to fight
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Contract
- 29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 31. Tree species
- 32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
- 34. Perfect
- 35. "Partner" to groans
- 37. Jewish calendar month
- 38. Where wrestlers work
- 39. Egotistical
- 40. Potted plants
- 41. Containers
- 43. Large, flightless birds
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. American spies
- 47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Area units
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and ___

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal jaws
- 2. Small water buffalo
- 3. An appliance has one
- 4. Every
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. Very skilled
- 7. No more than what is specified
- 8. Tire measurement
- 9. Towers
- 10. Forward
- 11. Jacob ___, American journalist
- 12. Vale
- 13. Former CIA
- 16. Middle Eastern nation
- 18. Exhausts
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. The complete duration of something
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Singular
- 27. Cod genus
- 28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 29. Resistance unit
- 30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 31. Cast out
- 33. 60-minute periods
- 35. Most worn
- 36. European river
- 37. Atomic mass unit
- 39. Items of food
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Ireland
- 44. Partner to Pa
- 46. Sammy ___, songwriter
- 47. Dutch settler
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Sun or solar disk
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. A monthly expense
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian state
- 55. Air freight provider
- 56. Pointed end of a pen



curse those who curse you" and related scriptural promises stand.. I personally don't know any Evangelicals who believe they must rebuild the Third Temple and/or drive Jews back to Israel to usher in the Second Coming.

My personal reason for supporting Israel is from my seven months on peacekeeping duty between Israel and Egypt. I had the opportunity to see everything on the ground on both sides. From what I saw then (and have followed in the news since) is that Israel has been our staunch ally and the "good guy", just as they were throughout the Cold War (when the Arab neighbors aligned with the Soviets against the West). Over two million Arab Muslims live in Israel and, like Christians there, have all rights of citizenship including seats in the Knesset and the High Court. In Palestinian and Arab neighbor lands, there are virtually no Jews and open antisemitism. As a Christian I felt much more secure in practicing my faith than on the Arab/Muslim side. Israel is most like us in values and our alliance does serve our national interest. That's without my belief that God has a special place for the Jews in eschatology as per Romans 11.

It's past time for all Americans to push back against forces who seek the destruction of Israel by dividing and stigmatizing Jews and those who love Jesus. There are various motivations for support Israel, but in the end it comes down to doing the right thing

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

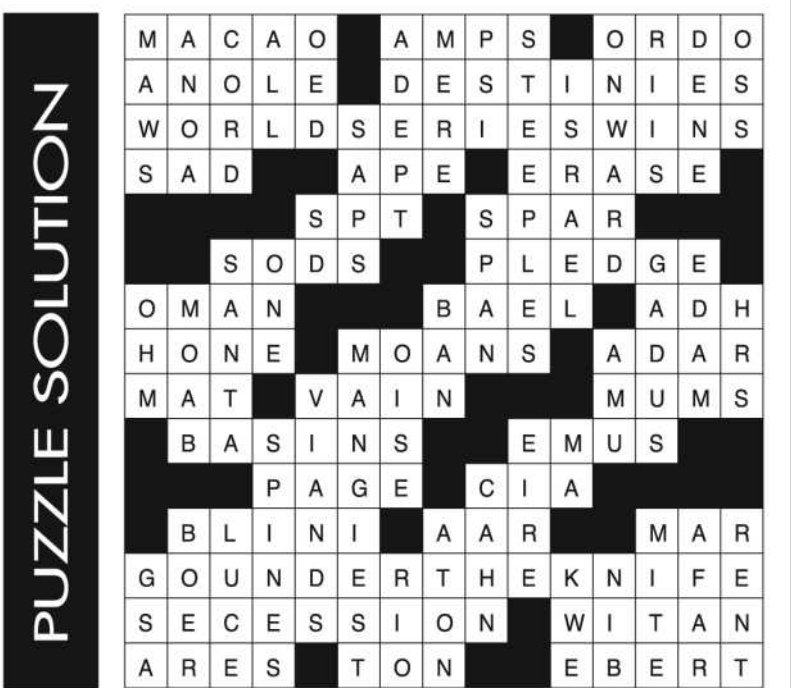
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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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6	7	1	4	3	8	2	9	5

ANSWER:



PUZZLE SOLUTION

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