

Love Does Not Buy Faith

How Prison Seminaries Mock Our Constitution, Scam Evangelicals, and Degrade Fairness

Defending Professional Chaplaincy Against Cover Ups,
Big Bucks, Sex, and Psychopaths Prostituting Faith to
Devalue Religion through Christian Dominionism

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This is the expanded section of chapter 7 “War Against Religion from Liberalism vs. Conservative Views,” section G. “Evangelicalism’s Failures” – the book needed shortened, so here is the full section.

The Harbinger (2012). While Evangelicalism has a host of respected world-renown scholars in its seminaries, many at SWBTS and NOBTS, there is a naiveté that accompanies the sheltered Evangelical who are often too trusting, and all too often easily scammed. A clear example is Jonathan Cahn’s *The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery that Holds the Secret of America’s Future*, that blew the market up, becoming a *New York Times* Best Seller for over 100 consecutive weeks, selling over 2,000,000, was an Amazon top 100 best-seller for six months, and over 79 weeks on *USA Today*’s best-seller.¹ Unbelievable—but it captured the attention of millions, generating positive and even astounding reviews from otherwise esteemed pastors and not a few popular Christian leaders and politicians. Some, especially the politicians, just joined the accolades *after* it became a star, not unlike those supporting the Warden Cain phenomenon and Grover Norwood.

So far, I have not found any SWBTS or NOBTS or even any Liberal scholars giving a seriously positive reviews of *The Harbinger*.

What a load of mud pies sold as cookies. There are many online critics, but the most glaring and obvious indications of *The Harbinger* scam is how it is grounded. Jonathan Cahn is a Messianic Jew, attempting to appeal to two sides of the world’s three great monotheistic faiths—hint, hint—and then he has the gall to call this a *fiction* book based on a *real* prophecy—hint, hint *again*. The terrorist attack on the World Trade Center Towers was God’s judgement on America for leaving God, a direct result of a prophecy anchored in Isaiah 9:10–11 that he milks like no one has ever milked before.

He stretches far to make connections between “defiance” in ancient Israel—a term not in the text but in modern commentaries—to America’s defiance against God. How’s that? Here’s the grip: America was *founded* by God, and since it took God out of the schools, etc., it is in “defiance” and so the Isaiah 9 prophecy applies to America, too, and—so goes his sales pitch—God judged America by sending the terrorists. Nuts, but people are buying it like crazy.

The most offensive point is how he construes the rebuilding after; the rebuilding *stronger* is another “defiance.”² Lunacy.

Another wild leap is who the Senate Majority Leader reads a resolution of Congress that includes a quote of Isaiah 9:10–11. Cahn then rearranges everyone’s intentions—*everyones’ s!* Though the senator meant to be *inspiring*, he was really repeating the prophecy on American and did not know

¹ Jonathan Cahn, *The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery that Holds the Secret of America’s Future* (Lake Mary, FL: FrontLine, 2012; 272 pp.), and documentary (?), www.ChristianCinema.com/digital/movie/the-harbinger-decoded.

² Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 72–76, the Fifth Harbinger, the Gazit Stone.

it. How does a senator turn into a prophet? Cahn declares it is by virtue of his office, as Caiaphas did in the Gospel of John. Because the senator was trying to *inspire*, Cahn makes another long jump and informs us that since God's word and prophecies are *inspired*, therefore, senator's *inspiring* words meant to encourage were *actually* another confirmation of the doom. You have to see this:

"But he was identifying America as a nation under judgement?"

"Yes, unwittingly." [Said the Prophet.]

"The majority leader of the United States was publicly pronouncing judgement on American." [Says Nouriel, book's incredulous protagonist].

"Blindly," he replied, "having no idea what he was pronouncing. As far as he knew, he was only delivering an inspiring speech."

"But unknowingly playing his part in a prophetic mystery."

"Yes ... and so the words of the ancient vow were now officially joined to America and 9/11...."³

Cahn, then, clears it all up in more long jumps with "two realms and double meaning," no one but he understood—or to whom was revealed—that he then puts into his *fiction* book on a prophecy that is *real*. Dizzy yet. It gets better. The senator on the day after 9/11 unknowingly gives a prophecy of doom, and on the third anniversary a vice presidential candidate does too; since both used Isaiah 9:10–11, *tada*, and then this dizzying lulu appears:

"And neither of the two," I added [Nouriel], "had any idea what they were saying, or what the other was saying, or how their words were actually being fulfilled in reality."

"No," said the prophet [whose name is never given], "which only further compounds the *weight* of their testimony."⁴

Yes, the *weight* is compounded by the fact that no one knew then what they were really saying and that what they intended was actually the opposite of what God intended. Now we know, courtesy of Cahn's fictional book that is also a real prophecy.

That his book sold millions is a greater revelation on the level of acuity of the readers. Here is another PhD project, or better, a funded research project where sociologists try to survey and ascertain who the readers are, their ages, education, political and religious affiliations, etc. I would bet, other than the politicians trying to get votes, the vast majority would be low-educated Evangelicals that lean far Right, even Barton-like Christian Nationalists.

Almost from the beginning to end, there is not a sane paragraph, much less a biblical one. A *fiction* story that he still claims to be real: what in the world is that? Why not just give the *real* prophecy? I can hear him say, "Cause the people would not accept it," in another persuasive selling point..

There are critics on this book, since it did make millions. Believe it, there are some who have defended it.⁵ Some have made mild challenges, seeing the aberrances and hermeneutical wild leaps, but because it affirms the popular Evangelical right-wing notion that America is sinful, therefore, *The Harbinger* can be a wake-up call nationally and internationally.⁶ But the biggest and most blatant error and false prophetic theme of the whole enterprise is that it is based upon God founding America as a Christian nation (and America's defiance) and how the Old Testament prophecies to Israel are applied to America. America not being in the Bible doesn't faze him.

Everyone knows America is not Israel. So why did so many love this book? Because Cahn has tapped into the myth of Christian America and milked that for big bucks, catering to ignorance of

³ Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 117.

⁴ Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 123, italics mine.

⁵ Jose Bernal, *The Truth about The Harbinger: Addressing the Controversy and Discovering the Facts About This Prophetic Message* (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2013; 256 pp.).

⁶ Raymond Potgieter, "The Harbinger, Truth or Fiction?" (Africa, 2013), www.scielo.org.za/pdf/ids/v47n1/64.pdf, accessed 5-10-21: "But to venture outside of its pages by extrapolating its truths and to equate them as being a prophetic commentary on events in America, proves to be a risky matter despite his claim that 'the story is real' (p. 7). Proven hermeneutics must guide interpretation and not the framework of a story, for that is what this book is, a story."

American history and the delusions of David Barton-type nationalists, then he hijacked Christian moral sensitivity to make terrorists somehow the instrument of God. His rocky mud pie is making *rebuilding* a defiance. It's clear who is scamming who here.

Wait! Because of the *fictional* narrative of his allegedly true prophecy's success, there is more revelation—*The Harbinger II: The Return*.⁷

What about the church? Oh, not have much of a role! We find “church” mentioned about eight times, sneaking up and referring to St. Paul's at the end of Wall Street, where after Washington's inauguration on April 30, 1789, he walked with several to St. Paul's church to pray.⁸ That is where Cahn quotes WallBuilder David Barton's quote from a *newspaper* story in the *New York Daily Advisor* dated April 23, 1789, that was actually reporting what the *plan* was after the inauguration. That is, Cahn uses that to say that “they would gather for prayer to commit the future in God's hands” and then that “the official act of the newly formed government took place inside a church.”⁹ Then a later, “It was here [St. Paul's] that the nation's first president, Senate, and House of Representatives bowed together in prayer to consecrate the new nation.”¹⁰ And because the field between Ground Zero and the church was owned by the church in 1789, therefore—you'll love this:

As one ground on the day America was consecrated there. Thus, it's not only that America's ground of consecration is *at* Ground Zero; America's ground of consecration *is* Ground Zero.¹¹

Apparently Cahn did not know that Washington rarely Then after that revelation, as Cahn progresses, he backtracks to the inaugural address and makes a big deal out of Washington's reference to providence.

The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself hath ordained.¹²

All Christians love that. Yet Cahn milks that into a prophecy, too, meaning that God will withdraw his blessings if America fails to regard the “eternal rules.” Cahn so obviously caters to Christian Nationalists—with Barton tucked in like an authority—Cahn continues twists Washington rather sloppily. Come on—Barton? Washington was an Episcopalian, but hardly went to church. Just as Cahn quotes, Washington regularly referred to God in the third person. In fact, Julius Friedrich Sachse lists more of Washington's Masonic activities Barton does Washington's church activities. What Cahn deceives and covers up in his prophetic fiction is that the same people he claims dedicated this country to God forgot to put God in the Constitution. So, if we follow Cahn's agenda, the very one's who *constituted* the USA were in defiance on day one. Cahn should read less Barton and more history, for he would find there is no shortage of material on every part of Washington's adult life.¹³

Goodness, there is much more to be said of his “second shaking” and how the 9:10 prophecy becomes an “oath” and how so many do not know what they are saying. Then Cahn twists the O.T. law on debt forgiveness. I have not looked up to see if the Jewish day was the actual time of the Stock crashes and even seven years apart, and if so, that is uncanny. But how Cahn turns a huge bail

⁷ I'm not even going to look that up.

⁸ Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 149, 192, 202, 206, 2007, and 208.

⁹ Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 202.

¹⁰ Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 206.

¹¹ Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 208.

¹² Cahn, *The Harbinger* (2012; 272 pp.), 213.

¹³ Compare Joseph J. Ellis, *His Excellency: George Washington* (NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 2004; 320 pp.); James Thomas Flexner, *Washington—the Indispensable Man* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1974; 423 pp.), *George Washington—the Forge of Experience, 1732-1775*, Vol. 1 (Boston: Little, Brown, 1965. 390 pp.), *George Washington in the American Revolution, 1775-1783*, Vol. 2 (1968. 599 pp.), *George Washington and the New Nation, 1783-1793*, Vol. 3 (1970. 466 pp.), *George Washington—Anguish and Farewell, 1793-1799*, Vol. 4 (1972. 554 pp.); and George Washington (1732-1799), *Papers of George Washington, 1592-1943 (bulk 1748-1799)* (77,000 items; 506 containers plus 13 oversize; 125 microfilm reels; 215.2 linear feet. Library of Congress); *The Papers of George Washington. Colonial Series* (1983-1995; 10 vls.), *The Papers of George Washington. Revolutionary War Series* (1985-2002; 12 vls.), *The Papers of George Washington. Confederation Series* (1992-1997; 6 vls.), *The Papers of George Washington. Presidential Series* (1987-2002; 11 vls.), *The Papers of George Washington. Retirement Series* (1998-1999; 4 vls.).

out into a Jewish debt forgiveness from the *judgment* of 9-11-1 just adds more dog turns to this messy story. There is no Jewish *forgiveness* of debt in a government *bailout*, except in his imaginative con game.

So, we have a prophet that by-passes the *church* that Christians love. God is not working *through* the church! How can Evangelicals that gobbled up his books—and Christian Nationalists who he appeals to most—not see that Cahn abuses the church, the building of St. Paul’s, and ignores the Body of Christ on earth, *the* church universal, Protestant and Catholic? Cahn’s a Messianic Jew, appealing to Evangelicals while discounting *their* church.

If they buy that, they will buy the Seminary Scam, and they are. Look at the Scam spread via *Evangelicals* alone, and sadly mostly by Baptists, and mostly from TDCJ cover ups and the failures of the TBCJ to do any meaningful research.

If any of Cahn’s method were authentic, we could construe any passage as wildly and make up any prophecy we want about any time in American history. His linking the Isaiah 9 KJV sycamore tree (NIV fig tree) to the Ground-Zero sycamore tree some 2,700-plus years later is creative nonsense that boggles the mind. Where in the Bible or even in the commentaries that Cahn quotes is there any kind of link—any kind whatsoever—between the Old Testament referring to America? The real *harbinger* is that he crafts this to literally capitalize on a terrible terrorist attack in a lying scam of a false prophet, and we refer you to the chapter 2 on psychopaths.

Who is scamming who? At least we know who Cahn is after.