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Theologian Matthew Fox Challenges Peter Thiel to Debate on the Antichrist

Theologian calls for debate after Thiel opens door on antichrist discussions.

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Postmodern theologian, educator, and author Rev. Dr. Matthew Fox has issued a public invitation to Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel for a debate on the meaning of the Antichrist for this American moment.

Fox, author of more than forty books on spirituality and culture, has explored the issue of evil in three books, most recently in his 2024 book [Trump and the MAGA Movement as Antichrist](#). He has previously commented on Thiel's theories in [blog posts](#) and in a two-part conversation series with journalist Gil Duran, [Counterpoint: A Response to Peter Thiel's Antichrist](#).

His invitation follows the recent widespread news of leaked transcripts of Thiel's four-part seminar on the antichrist held in San Francisco, in which Thiel said he was open to discussing the topic with others. Fox responded with an [open letter](#) to Thiel on his *Daily Meditations* blog, posing a series of theological and moral questions addressing capitalism, democracy, justice, and the future of religion, and inviting Thiel to a serious debate.

"What does unchecked capitalism do to the human soul? ... Have you jettisoned the idea of the nobility of every person as an image of God? ... Why are billionaires so invested in immortality projects instead of helping our species survive?" Fox asks.

When asked why he wants to take Thiel up on his offer to discuss the antichrist, Fox replied: "Peter Thiel is a very influential voice in today's America and has candidly shared his thoughts on the antichrist. I am certain an exchange between us would be one of respect and offer an occasion to dive more deeply into this powerful archetype of the antichrist that has so caught his imagination and speaks to the apocalyptic spirit of our times."

While Thiel has described himself as "religious but not spiritual," Fox argues that religion stripped of spirituality loses its essence of gratitude, compassion, and consciousness directed to the common good. In a [previous Daily Meditations blog](#), he points out that he and Thiel share an appreciation for certain theological thinkers such as Cardinal Newman, Jacques Maritain, Henri de Lubac, and others.

Background:

Matthew Fox is a spiritual theologian and Episcopal priest whose work in creation spirituality bridges ecology, social justice, and mysticism. Known for re-visioning theology for the postmodern era, he founded the University of Creation Spirituality and has taught at Thiel's alma mater, Stanford University.

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