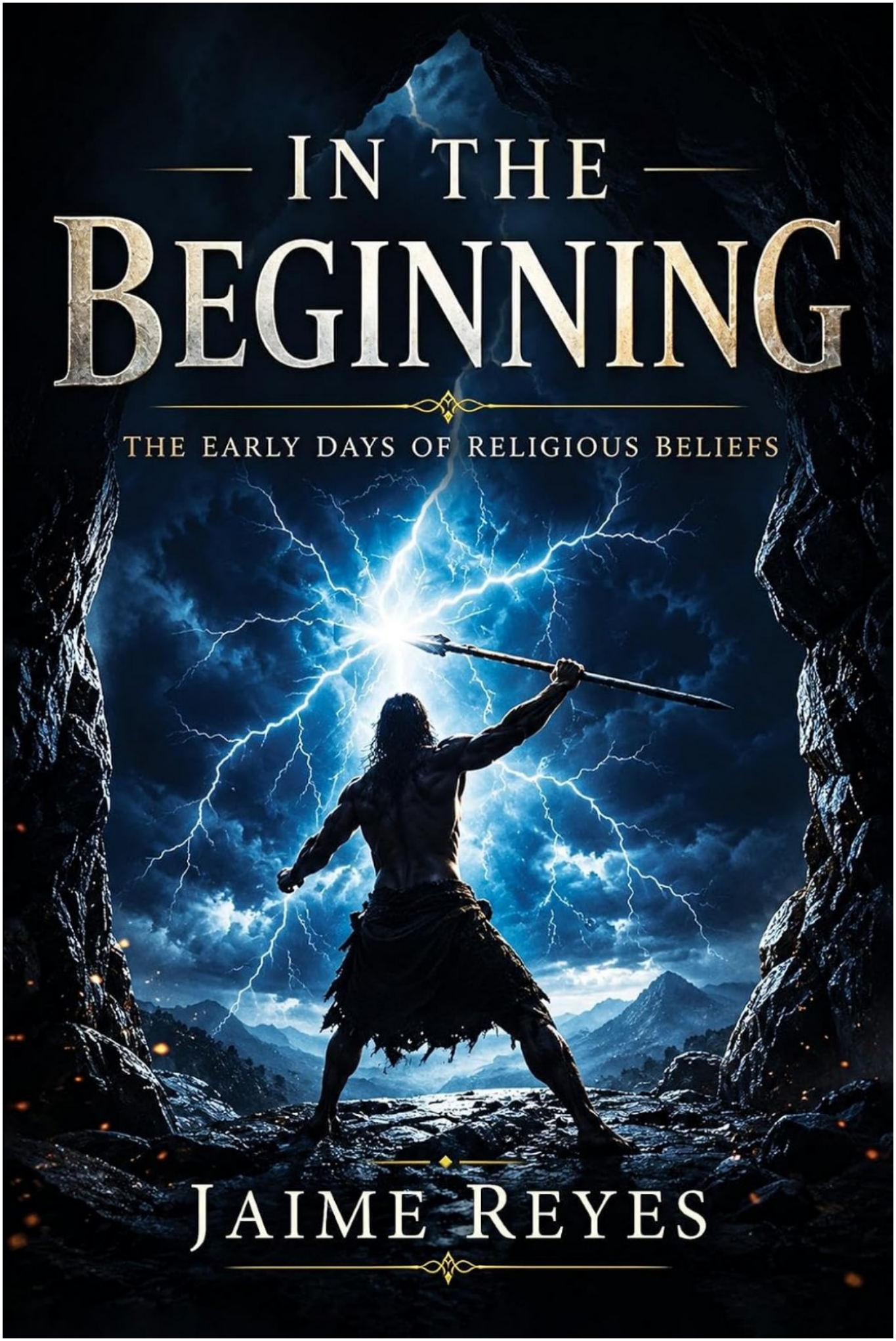
Exploring the Birth of Faith: Jaime Reyes Presents “In the Beginning: The Early Days of Religious Beliefs”

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Portland, Oregon Nov 4, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - What if the origins of religion began not in temples or sacred texts, but within a prehistoric tribe seeking answers to the mysteries of the natural world? Author **Jaime Reyes** explores this intriguing possibility in his historical fiction novel, *In the Beginning: The Early Days of Religious Beliefs*, taking readers on an imaginative journey 40,000 years into the past to examine the beginnings of religious belief, the emergence of spiritual leadership, and the influence of power on human society.

Set in the world of a Neanderthal family, *In the Beginning* introduces an elderly patriarch who, amid his tribe's struggles and uncertainties, develops a compelling explanation for natural events that his people cannot understand. Presenting himself as the intermediary between the tribe and the spirits believed to govern these mysterious occurrences, he establishes a position of spiritual authority and becomes the first priest within his community.

As his influence grows, the patriarch passes his knowledge and authority down to his family, establishing a tradition of hereditary priesthood. Their responsibilities extend beyond spiritual leadership, as they also acquire practical survival skills, including hunting and warfare. Through this compelling premise, Reyes explores how belief, leadership, and the pursuit of influence could become intertwined in the development of early human communities.

With an engaging narrative that blends historical imagination with thought-provoking questions, Reyes examines the relationship between faith and survival and the ways individuals may use belief systems to establish authority and shape the direction of society. The novel invites readers to consider how religious traditions might have originated, why they endured, and how belief has influenced human civilization across generations.

A Story Inspired by Decades of Curiosity

The inspiration behind *In the Beginning* began with a school project that encouraged Reyes to compare the mythologies of ancient civilizations, including Greek, Roman, and Norse traditions, with established religions such as Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism.

His participation in a statewide school newspaper contest sparked a lasting curiosity about the evolution of religious beliefs. He began questioning why some ancient belief systems gradually disappeared while others continued to influence generations. He was also intrigued by the possibility that individuals in early societies may have recognized the influence of organized belief and used it to establish power and authority.

These questions remained with him for decades, gradually developing into the concept behind the novel. However, a serious medical event ultimately became the turning point that inspired him to bring the story to life. Confronted with the uncertainty of mortality, Reyes realized that he could no longer postpone a project that had occupied his thoughts for so many years.

About the Author

Jaime Reyes was born in Puerto Rico and moved to the mainland United States at the age of eight. His

diverse professional background includes military service, entrepreneurship, and an extensive career in public service.

Following his service in Vietnam as a Military Intelligence agent and analyst, Reyes pursued several professional endeavors, including owning and selling his own business. He subsequently served five years in law enforcement with a Police Department before beginning a 25-year career as a Deputy Sheriff.

Driven by his commitment to lifelong learning, Reyes later pursued higher education and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in just two years, accomplishing this milestone at an age when many are already enjoying retirement. After graduating, he dedicated himself to writing full-time, turning his curiosity, experiences, and passion for knowledge into compelling literary works.

His other notable work, *The Lazarus Syndrome*, is a nonfiction exploration of documented medical cases involving patients declared dead who unexpectedly experienced spontaneous resuscitation minutes, hours, or even days later.

Drawing from his extensive life experiences and intellectual interests, Reyes brings a distinctive perspective to his writing. He is also a bilingual author whose books are available in both English and Spanish.

Bringing Thought-Provoking Stories to a Wider Audience

Reyes has actively promoted his literary works through various book fairs, podcast appearances, and radio interviews. He also recently appeared on **The Spotlight TV Network** with Logan Crawford, where he talked about *In the Beginning: The Early Days of Religious Beliefs*. During the interview, he shared insights into the inspiration behind the novel, its central themes, and the questions that motivated him to explore the possible beginnings of religious traditions.

Through this appearance, audiences gained a deeper understanding of the ideas behind the book and the author's interest in examining the relationship between ancient societies, belief systems, and human civilization.

Logan Crawford TV Interview: https://youtu.be/egAg1NtXvd0?si=_YIEaNGe4NTS-Oq4

With *In the Beginning: The Early Days of Religious Beliefs*, Jaime Reyes invites readers to look beyond familiar historical narratives and explore an imaginative interpretation of humanity's earliest spiritual traditions. By examining the possible connections between belief, survival, and authority, the novel encourages readers to reflect on one of humanity's enduring questions: How did religious beliefs begin, and what role did they play in shaping the world we know today?

Discover the fascinating world of prehistoric humanity and join Jaime Reyes in exploring the dawn of religious belief through *In the Beginning: The Early Days of Religious Beliefs*.

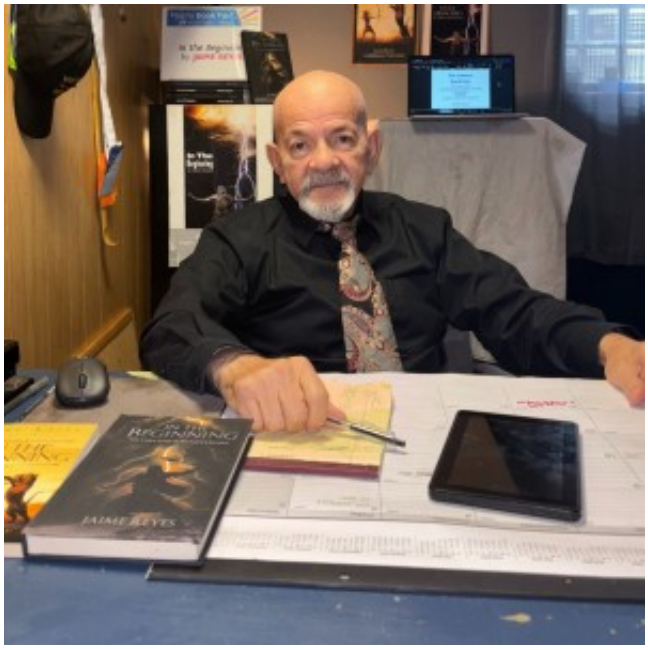
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