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The Virtue of Nationalism

feat. Yoram Hazony

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YORAM HAZONY

Yoram Hazony is the President of the Herzl Institute in Jerusalem and Director of the John Templeton Foundation's project in Jewish Philosophical Theology. His latest book *The Virtue of Nationalism* was recently selected as the Conservative Book of the Year for 2019 and was an Amazon #1 best-seller in both International Diplomacy and Nationalism. His work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *Time Magazine*, *The New Republic*, *National Review*, *Commentary*, *First Things*, and *American Affairs*, among others. His previous books include *The Philosophy of Hebrew Scripture*, *The Jewish State: The Struggle for Israel's Soul*, and *God and Politics in Esther*. In April 2016, he appeared with Morgan Freeman in the hit National Geographic miniseries "The Story of God."

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DANIEL HANNAN

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