

# STATE OF THE WORLD

## PAPACY, CHURCHIANITY, AND RELIGIONS IN CRISIS

# 2008



Our present level of civilization is not working. It can be argued it is truly repulsive. Toynbee said that 24 civilizations in history have come and gone because they were not working. He said the only way for civilization to survive is to become one civilization throughout planet earth.

The true test of the value of a civilization is not in census, or in cities, or in crop production, but in the kind of person the civilization turns out.

### *Here are signs of an old world:*

1. Gay marriages – and the spread of AIDS. AIDS is an epidemic in different countries and is out of control.
2. Abortions – 3,231 abortions in one day in the U.S.
3. Teenage pregnancies – 2,740 teenagers become pregnant daily in U.S.
4. Drunken drivers - \$100 million in accidents yearly. 90 million beers consumed in one day.
5. Premarital sex – 70% of women were not virgins on their wedding night. One famous actress said marriage is obsolete.
6. Married men – 50% have had at least one extramarital affair during marriage.
7. Divorce rate – in U.S. 50% and increasing. 1.3 million couples living together unmarried.
8. Priests – 20% in good standing have sexual activities.
9. Priests – 50% are homosexuals and 50% heterosexuals.
10. Dioceses – Three have filed for bankruptcy, and that number is increasing. This is to protect their assets from pedophile suits.

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11. Catholic Church – Manhattan claims in his book that the Vatican is worth 100 billion dollars. (Jesus was born in a manger.)
12. Christian ministers – Uncovering of their sexual activities such as Baker and Swaggert.
13. Christianity in US – 85% are nominal; 8% are evangelical; 7% are born again Christians.
14. Prague is the pornographic capital of Europe – Prague was the most religious city in Europe. It was the seat of the Holy Roman Empire under Charlemagne. Now only 19 percent in the city believe God exists.

## ECONOMY IN THE WORLD

1. U.S. economy is running at \$10 trillion. The National Debt is topping \$8 trillion.
2. U.S. debt per capita went from \$4000 per person to \$30,000 in 15 years.
3. 50 of the world's largest banks, 35 in U.S. and Europe, 15 in Japan are in trouble. Some have already failed. We are heading for a profound financial crisis.

## POLITICS AND CIVILIZATION

1. Nuclear war, (agreed by experts) will happen – something unthinkable.
2. Nuclear warheads – Russia has 6000, U.S. has 2500, China has 400, Israel has 200.
3. Nuclear blast – 45 million people would be killed with one blast. Zechariah's 13:8 has 2/3 killed – not far fetched.
4. Peace – In 5500 years of recorded history, civilization had only 300 years of peace.
5. Terrorists – Terrorists are found throughout the world. Prime motive is religious and not political.
6. Microprocessors – 50 billion have made society automatic. They age and breakdown. Blackouts are in the future.
7. Cold War between Democrats and Republicans. The existing hatred between the two is apparent.
8. Greenhouse Effect – This is significant. El Nino, La Nina, tsunamis, global warming- the weather is changing immensely.
9. China – With 200 million soldiers may declare war on Taiwan. Taiwan wants independence. The U.S. is defending Taiwan.
10. China growing – 4 times faster than U.S. wage rates from \$0.25/hr. to \$2.25/hr. U.S. minimum is \$7.10/hr.
11. Sewage – Only 50% of the world's cities have treatment plants. The rest dump sewage into open waters.
12. World War III predicted – Ezekiel 21:14 predicts war between east and west. The east includes China.

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# IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DECLINING IN THE USA?

The fastest growing religious group in America today are those who claim no religious affiliation. What about the Catholic Church? Here are some statistics:

- Weekly attendance at mass dropped from 74 percent of enrolled Catholics in 1958 to just 25 percent in 2000.
- In 1965, there were 58,000 priests in the U.S. By 2002, there were 45,000, of whom 16 percent were from other countries.
- In 1965, 1,575 priests were ordained, compared to only 450 in 2002.
- Seminarians in the U.S. numbered 49,000 in 1965, compared to just 4,700 in 2002.
- Nuns in the U.S. dropped from 180,000 in 1965 to 75,000 in 2002 and their average age was 68.
- The number of Catholic high schools has dwindled from 1,556 in 1965 to 786 in 2002; the number of grade schools went from 10,503 to 6,623.
- In 1968, only 338 marriages were annulled. In 2002 there were 50,000 annulments.

## SIGNS THAT INDICATE "THE TIME IS AT HAND" FOR A NEW CIVILIZATION



### OLD WORLD GOING OUT

1. Modern civilization split into two worlds
2. Eviction of kings and one-man rule
3. Aggressive hunt and greed for money
4. Famine and pestilence
5. Profound knowledge increased
6. Extensive travel throughout planet earth
7. Emergence of false Christs
8. America in the time of the end
9. China and Asia involvement in west
10. Great unrest from shaking of civilization
11. Terrorism and worldwide crises
12. Regathered Jews from the world
13. Israel becomes a nation
14. The battle for Jerusalem
15. Darkening of celestial bodies
16. The great tribulation (Armageddon)



### NEW WORLD COMING IN

1. Diminishing population growth
2. Heightened awareness of the death of death
3. Unpredictable weather and earthquakes
4. The great sign coming from heaven
5. Uncertain role of United Nations
6. Exposures of evil in all walks of life
7. Intelligent design established
8. Statehood for new nations
9. Breathtaking technologies emerge
10. Globalization and a one world
11. The kingdom of God
12. Preparing for the Second Genesis
13. Finishing an unfinished universe
14. Confirming the rights of the righteous
15. Horizons and future perspectives