

## Trends & Issues

So, the state of the world continues on a downward trend. There is instability in several key areas around the world. The old saying, “Nature abhors a vacuum” still holds true. The most trustworthy document in the world, the Word of God (the Bible) reveals that mankind is largely motivated by selfishness – or, the way of “get.”

The sphere of influence that is Asia is in turmoil and that is accentuated by the recent events in Afghanistan. There are forces at work in that region that are challenging the progress that was made while the United States was permitted to have a presence there and influence the way in which that society lived. With the influence of the United States disappearing from that region, we see a horrifying return to an oppressive and demeaning form of government.

The greatest forecaster Who ever lived, Jesus Christ, came proclaiming the coming of a world government that will rule all nations and establish a uniform set of laws by which all nations will abide and receive God’s blessings. That government will bring peace and justice for all and end the ignorance and oppression that has afflicted mankind since its beginning. It will be a new world, with incredible opportunity and fulfillment for all! And it will come to be not because of man but in spite of man.

Interestingly, fewer professing Christians are maintaining that their Christian faith is the only way to salvation, as is stated in Acts 4:12. A recent poll revealed that more than 60% of “born again Christians” in America between the ages of 18 and 39 believe that Buddha, Muhammad and Jesus are all valid paths to salvation, and over 30% said they either believe that Jesus sinned just like other people when He lived on earth or aren’t sure about it, this according to a statement from Probe Ministries announcing the results of its Religious Views & Practices Survey.

With such waning dedication in maintaining spiritual and moral convictions, is it any wonder that criminal activity is skyrocketing out of control?

Now, here are six areas of concern one should pay attention in the coming days and weeks:

1. The economy – inflation and scarcity of goods.
2. Education – continuing disruption and confusion about how to deal with the challenges of public education in the face of the Covid pandemic.
3. The Criminal Justice system – spiraling difficulties with how to amend a system of criminal justice that is seen as unfair and outdated.
4. Climate change – violent episodes of widespread climate upheavals around the world.
5. Increasing terrorist activity aimed at overturning a global civilization dominated by Western democracies.
6. Religion – growing dissatisfaction with traditional religious practices and acceptance of “new” forms of religious/spiritual experiences.

There is more to come, so please stay tuned to this website for additional postings on continuing trends and issues!