## The Final Countdown – Rise of Wickedness Part 5

"One day, Kenny and Al were hiking in the backwoods of Las Vegas here, you know, trying to get into shape and all, it's a guy thing, but all of a sudden there was a terrific downpour of thunder and rain.

So they ran for about 10 minutes in the pouring rain, finally reaching their car just as the rain let up. So they jumped in the car, started it up and headed down the road.

But all of a sudden an old man's face appeared in the passenger window and tapped lightly on the window!

And so Al screams out, 'AHHHHHHH! Kenny! Look at my window!!! There's an old guy's face there!' (Was this a ghost? Was this a ghost?)

But the old man kept knocking, so Kenny said to Al, 'Well open the window a little and ask him what he wants!'

So Al rolled his window down part way and said, scared out of his wits, 'What do you want?'

And the old man softly replied, 'You have any food?'

Well, Al, terrified, looked over at Kenny and said, 'He wants food!'

So Kenny replies, 'Well, offer him a sandwich! HURRY!!'

So Al fumbles around in his backpack and hands the old man a sandwich, and rolled up the window in terror and yells, 'Step on it Kenny!!! Step on it!!!'

So now they're about 80 miles an hour, and they begin to calm down and laugh at themselves when Al says to Kenny, 'What did you think of that?' And Kenny says, 'I don't know. How could that be? I am going pretty fast.'

But all of a sudden, AGAIN there is a knock on the window and the old man

is looking in the window.

'Aaaaaaaaaaaa!' Screams Al. 'There he is again!'

'Well, see what he wants now!' Kenny yells back to Al.

So Al rolls down the window a little ways and shakily says, 'Yes?'

And the old man quietly asks, 'Do you have a napkin?'

So Al throws a napkin out the window at him, rolls up the window and again yells to Kenny, 'STEP ON IT!'

So now they're going a 100 miles an hour, trying to forget what they had just seen and heard. But suddenly, again, there's more knocking! 'HE'S BACK!'

So Al rolls down the window and screams in utter stark terror, 'WHAT DO YOU WANT?'

An the old man gently replies, 'You want some help getting out of the mud?'"

Hey! Give it up for Byron! He's always there when you need him!

But seriously folks, how many of you would say that Al & Kenny had no clue what was really going on there, you know what I'm saying? Forget it!

They were duped, weren't they? Uh huh! Big time! But seriously folks, believe it or not, did you know the Bible says one day the whole planet's going to duped even worse than that encounter and that's going to happen at the rapture of the Church! And the reason why it's going to be such a deceptive time is because for those who refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Personal Lord and Savior, they will be catapulted into the 7-year Tribulation

and it's not a joke! It's an outpouring of God's wrath on a wicked and rebellious planet. In fact Jesus said in **Matthew 24** it's going to be a "time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again. And that "unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed." But praise God, God's not only a God of wrath, He's a God of love as well. And **because He loves you and I**, He's given us many warning signs to show us when the Tribulation was near and Jesus Christ's  $2^{nd}$  Coming was rapidly approaching.

Therefore, in order to keep you and I from experiencing the ultimate bad day of being left behind, worse than a trip with Al and Kenny, we're going to continue in our series The Final Countdown. And so far we've already seen how the #10 sign on The Final Countdown was The Jewish People. The #9 sign was Modern Technology. The #8 sign was Worldwide Upheaval. The #7 sign was The Rise of Falsehood. And the last 4 times we saw how the #6 sign was The Rise of Wickedness. And what we saw there was that God lovingly foretold you and I that when we see an Increase of Absolute Unadulterated Wickedness in all levels of society, which is happening today right now all over the world, thanks in part to a Wicked Worldview called Humanism, a Wicked Teaching & Attack from Atheistic Evolution, a Wicked Worship called self-love self-esteem, and last time

with a Wicked Lifestyle called **Hedonism**. And as we saw, the Bible says once your society gets to the point where it's all about pleasure pleasing yourself as many ways as you can more than God, uh, guess what? It's an indicator from God **you are living in the last days! AND** it also explains why we've gone from a Great Mighty Christian Nation into what we have to deal with today!

But that's still not all. The 7<sup>th</sup> reason why we turned from a Great and Mighty Christian Nation into this Rise of Wickedness we see today is by the promotion of a Wicked Chemical. That's right, I'm talking about drug usage. Little do people know that all these just say no to drug campaigns, all these drug wars, and all these drug lords and all these drug problems that we see around the world, is actually a sign we're living in the Last Days. But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

**Revelation 9:12-21** "The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come. The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.

The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was

in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts."

Whoa! So much for the human potentiality movement where mankind is supposed to be full of great and wonderful people who do all kinds of wonderful good things, are you kidding me? What'd it say? Mankind is so wicked in the Last Days that even though they're clearly being judged by God it still doesn't wake them up, does it? No! They're so stinking evil at this point that they refuse to repent and get right with God! Nothing seems to get their attention! Not even the judgment of God! They just continue on in their absolute unadulterated wickedness like it's no big deal thumbing their noses against God! Can you believe that? Why?

Well notice the word there in the text, "magic arts." They did not repent of their "magic arts." It's actually the Greek word "pharmakeia" which means "drugs or druggings." It's where we get the English word for pharmacy from. And so this is one word clues us in on as to why the people in the Last Days are so stinking evil and refuse to repent and get right with God even though they're in the midst of being judged by God. Apparently they're minds are going to be elsewhere. There's going to be a **massive** 

**amount of drug usage** across the planet **clouding their minds** in the Last Days.

But hey, good thing we don't see any signs of that happening anytime soon, yeah right! Turn on your TV. What do we hear every single night? Drug this, drug that, drug problem here, drug raid there, drugs in schools, drugs in homes, drugs in streets, drugs in the government, drugs around the world, right? Drug usage has gone ballistic around the world spawning all kinds of **wicked behavior** and they're even creating new ones! They're called, "designer drugs."

One of the latest ones is called, "Krokodil." And it's called "krokodil" because of what it does to people. It turns their skin greenish and scaly in appearance and eventually causes their blood vessels to rupture and kills the surrounding skin tissue. And this creates huge chunks of dead flesh on their bodies, kind of like a zombie type of creature **and** quote, "Once you're an addict at this level, (using this stuff), any rational thinking doesn't apply." Which includes getting right with God in the midst of being judged by God.

And speaking of zombies and horror flicks, what's another new latest drug outbreak we keep hearing about? Bath salts, right? Of all things, bath salts! And what's it causing people to do? As we've seen on the news, it

causes other people to eat people's faces off! Can you believe that? You talk about wicked behavior!

And believe it or not, experts are saying it going to get worse. And the reason why is there's another drug out there that many people are trying to legalize that drug experts are saying is a **gateway drug** to using all kinds of different other drugs and that is Marijuana. And experts are saying, hey, if that thing gets legalized, we ain't seen nothing yet! Drug usage is going to go nuts! It's a gateway drug. It's going to spawn all kinds of wicked behavior, even worse than what we see today! But hey, good thing the Church isn't going to have any part of this. Yeah, right! Wait till you hear who thinks legalizing marijuana is a good thing.

"Martin Bashir: Legalization of marijuana has been sung about by Peter Tosh but who would of thought that television evangelist Pat Robertson would now support the idea.

Pat Robertson: I became sort of a hero of the hippie culture, I guess, when I said I think we ought to decriminalize the possession of marijuana. I just think it's shocking how many of these young people wind up in prison and they get turned into hard-core criminals because they have a possession of a very small amount of a controlled substance. I mean the whole thing is crazy."

Yeah I agree it's crazy! Who would've thought that a Christian leader would be promoting the legalization of marijuana! And folks again, the experts are saying, once this happens, if marijuana gets legalized, it's a gateway drug to using other drugs and so now you will have on your hands a

full-blown massive drug problem all over the world that you can't even dream of and wickedness is going to go ballistic! Why? Because what most people don't realize is that once you start using drugs, you don't just open physical doors, you open spiritual doors. You're not just taking a physical trip. You're taking a spiritual trip. Been there done that, wish I wouldn't have bought the T-shirt! You see, once you start using drugs it puts you into "altered state of consciousness," and drugs are just one of the ways you can do that. Other ways include hypnotism by psychotherapist, repetitive movement like with what the Hindu Yogis encourage, repetitive speech like the Hare Krishnas do with repeating their mantras over and over again. Certain body postures and stretches like with **Yoga**, which mean to "Yoke," it's a death movement to "voke" yourself with the Hindu gods, i.e. demons, and even various forms of **breathing exercises** and **meditation**. All of them, including drugs, get you into an altered state of consciousness, and once you do that, you open yourself to demonic spiritual forces to come in and take control of you, like this man shares.

"Dave Hunt: No one knows what hypnosis is. No one knows what goes on in the mind. It's an altered state of consciousness like yogis and witchdoctors have been practicing. It loosens the normal connection between your spirit and your brain and of course if the hypnotist can control you-make all kinds of suggestions, make you think things are happening that are not happening, make you think you have powers that you don't, experiences that you haven't, even implant memories. Other beings-if there are other minds out there-they could also do the same thing.

Sir John Eckels, Noebel Prize Winner for his research on the brain, describes the brain as quote, "A machine that a ghost could operate" unquote. What he means by that is your spirit operates your brain in a normal state of consciousness. In an altered state reached under yoga, TM (transcendental meditation), hypnosis-you have loosened the normal connection between your spirit and your brain and that allows another spirit-other entities, other minds to interpose themselves and begin to tick off the neurons in your brain to create a universe of illusion. I believe that it's demonic. I think that all the evidence indicates this."

Now let me get this straight. Drug usage in general causes people to do some pretty horrific things, like eating other people's faces off, and drugs are not only currently being used all over the world with talks of legalizing them, but using drugs also opens up spiritual doors to people being controlled by a demon? Hmmm. I wonder what that would do? Maybe create a level of wickedness that we can't even dream of, including people refusing to repent and get right with God even though they are being judged by God? Whew! Good thing we don't see any signs of that happening anytime soon! Yeah right! Folks it's happening right now before our very eyes and that's exactly what the Bible said would happen when you are living in the Last Days!

But that's still not all. The 8<sup>th</sup> reason why we turned from a Great and Mighty Christian Nation into this **Rise of Wickedness** we see today is by the promotion of a **Wicked Connection**. That's right, I'm talking about **demon worship**. Little do people know, as we just saw, that using drugs

clearly opens the doors to demonic influences controlling our behavior, making things really wicked! But it get's worse than that. The Bible clearly says that it's going to get so bad during the 7-year Tribulation that people will actually be **worshiping those demons**. Once again, let go back to the text.

**Revelation 9:20** "The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk."

People, as wild as it sounds, the Bible clearly says that in the Last Days, during the 7-year Tribulation, that people will be getting so stinking evil that they will even get to the point where the will be worshipping demons, **agents of evil!** Can you believe that? It says it right there in the text! But hey, good thing we don't see any signs of that happening anytime soon huh? Yeah right? Folks, demon worship, including the worship of the biggest demon or fallen angel of them all called **satan** is on the rise. And we've already seen that he's done a masterful job on us by getting us to act like him and live like him by getting us to live for nothing but ourselves and to love ourselves more than God, which is the #1 law of satanism. But people, it's gotten so bad, and so dark, that we now have full-blown satanists now entering all levels of society **openly** and it's on the rise!

And part of the reason is due to our disbelief, we don't even think satan exists, and so they sneak in under the radar with virtually no opposition, and it's partly because of satanism's ease of access to. No longer do you have to go to some dark alley in some creepy bookstore in the backwoods to find out about satanism, it's all over the place, including the Internet! And I quote, "A surge in satanism is now being fuelled by the internet and has led to a sharp rise in the demand for exorcisms," you know, get these demons out of me! And even some schools in California are saying, "Lucifer is a model and a guardian." "Most of what contributes to our work as teachers – preparation work, artistic work, even meditative work, is under the guardianship of Lucifer. We can become great teachers under his supervision." And there was even a prayer offered up by Jack Black to satan at an MTV video awards ceremony where he urged the audience to join hands and pray, "Dear dark lord satan," and asked him, satan, to give the musicians and nominees continued success in the music industry." And folks, we wonder satanism is on the rise? It's all over the place because of this exposure whether you want to believe it or not like these people share.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Anton Lavey: We believe in greed. We believe in selfishness. We believe in all the lustful thoughts that motivate man because this is man's natural feelings.

1st Woman: This lady in a black robe came forward with this little baby...

2nd woman: I had my incredibly sharp knife...

1st Man: I would strap the animal into the middle of the pentagram

2nd Man: There were things here that weren't quite as they should be.

1st Woman: ...and she just laid it on the altar

2nd Woman: ...and then I just cut it's head off like that, suddenly.

1st Woman: ...then the high priest just cut the baby's head off

3rd man: They taught me how to kill someone

2nd woman: Through the powers that was raised through this ritual was used for killing off Christians.

Reporter: Where is the dividing line for between something which is a bit of a giggle into full blown satanism?

Anton LaVey: "Hail satan!" His followers: "Hail satan!"

2nd woman: There's something about sacrifice, if you do it once, you want to do it all the time.

Anton LaVey: All religions are coming around to satanism. We're in the very throes of a new satanic age. The evidence is all around us. All you have to do is look at it."<sup>43</sup>

But that's just it, we don't want to look at it do we? We don't want to deal with the facts that satanism, i.e demon worship, is on the rise, just like the Bible said would happen in the Last Days! In fact, another fact we don't want to deal with is how satanism is not only clearly on the rise, but that satanists themselves are getting so bold that they are going into Churches to

take them down! They aren't hiding in the shadows anymore, they're getting

bold! They're on the offensive not defensive! Just ask these former satanists!

"Doreen (Former satanist/black witch): Christians are the satanists' worst enemy. They are out to torment you. They are out to blackmail you. They will even kill you. They even tried to kill me when I came out of black witchcraft.

Bill: If you're in a church where the Spirit of God is really moving and where the Word of God is really being preached and where prayer is really going up to heaven for the salvation of souls. Then they are going to regard you as their mortal enemies and they are going to be out there trying everything they can to destroy, to kill and to maim because that is, of course, the nature of satan and it is also the nature of his followers. They will try and infiltrate your church. They will try and set up whispering campaigns against the pastor and the elders. They may even try to seduce the pastor.

Glen (former satanist): For two years I was involved in the Baptist Church. I was constantly complaining about the pastors sermons being too long, being too dry, sowing discord between the people, gossiping about others.

Doreen: As each member is initiated into the coven, they are commissioned to do a job. One individuals job may be to desecrate a church.

Jack Roper (Occult Researcher) They'll destroy or desecrate churches where they'll spray paint "satan" right on the altar. Just to put fear into that Christian church.

Doreen: Some satanist who were handpicked, the most powerful ones, where sent into churches to disrupt the meeting and we stopped people from going forward-when they asked the people to go forward and accept Christ as their Savior.

Bill: I was, in fact, trained to learn all the Christian jargon, you know, to say, "Haleluejah!" and "Praise the Lord" and do all the right things and I had no more an idea of Jesus being my Savior than a man in the moon.

Glen: If you can tear down the prayer foundation of a church, then you've destroyed that church and that's what every witch or satanist plans to do

when they go into a church-is to tear down that prayer foundation and then the rest of the church goes down quickly after that."

Hmmmm. Now let me get this straight. You mean to tell me that the weapons satanists use to destroy Churches is get Christians to just simply start complaining, gossiping, and fighting with each other? Gee man, good thing we don't see any signs of that ever happening. Yeah right! And we wonder why Churches are falling apart! Not all our battles are against physical flesh and blood sometimes they're spiritual and we better wake up!

But folks, here's the point. It's clear that demon worship, including the worship of the ultimate fallen demon satan himself is on the rise all over the place! And if this trend continues, gee, I wonder what it's going to do! Maybe create a level of wickedness that we can't even dream of, where people refuse to repent and get right with God even though they are being judged by God? Whew! Man! Good thing we don't see any signs of that happening anytime soon! Yeah right! Folks it's happening right now before our very eyes and that's exactly what the Bible said would happen when you are living in the Last Days!

But that's still not all. The 9<sup>th</sup> reason why we turned from a Great and Mighty Christian Nation into this **Rise of Wickedness** we see today is by the promotion of a **Wicked Coven**. That's right, I'm talking about wicca.

And for those of you who may not now know, wicca is the modern term for

old-fashioned witchcraft. And believe it or not folks, the Bible says that witchcraft is **also** going to be on the rise as well in the Last Days. Let's go back to our text.

**Revelation 9:20-21** "The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts."

Now as we saw earlier, the word there "magic arts" is actually the Greek word "pharmakeia" which means "drugs or druggings." But it also carries with it the connotation of, "drug usage that's fostered by the dark arts." And that's precisely why some translators simply translate the word "pharmakeia" as just that, "magic arts, sorcery, or literally witchcraft." But hey, good thing we don't see any signs of people practicing witchcraft worldwide, right? Yeah right! **That too** is happening before our very eyes! And again, they're doing it through the promotion of **wicca**, which is the new term for old-fashioned witchcraft. And call it what you will but their teachings and practices are not only demonic, but they have **already infiltrated our thinking**.

For instance, witchcraft believes that the entire earth is a living, breathing organism and is the manifestation of the mother goddess. Kind of sounds like environmentalism, doesn't it? Witchcraft says that the mother or

female goddess is to be worshipped above all, not a male god. Kind of sounds like feminism, doesn't it? They also say that truth is what is true for you. There are no absolutes. Kind of sounds like relativism, doesn't it? Witchcraft says that in order to contact these gods and goddesses for personal power you need to practice astrology, divination, incantations, psychic power, and speaking with the dead. Hey that kind of sounds like New Age doesn't it, and the promotion of all these TV programs today, where people supposedly talk with the dead like "Psychic Hotline" or "Crossing Over" with John Edwards, or the latest one with that lady in New Jersey called, "Long Island Medium."

And thanks to movies and shows like "Charmed" and books and movies like "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" series, witchcraft has a whole new appeal, **even for kids**. But hey, that doesn't affect kids, right? Wrong! You the adult might be able to differentiate but the kids can't and they don't. They want to become full-blown witches after watching this stuff. But don't take my word for it, let's listen to theirs. They're more honest than we are.

"Caryl Matriciana: J.K. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter series admitted that she got many, many requests from children that wanted to attend Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and we know from books that are out there and interviews with children. They really wonder at night, while they're laying awake, if there is a Hogwarts that they can go to. If you go to the Warner-Brothers site, they ask you to enlist into Hogwarts. Well there are sites out there that are pulling in your children who are interested in learning more in various different schools of witchcraft and

wizardry.

"Occult sites 'lure' teenagers -BBC News

"This goes far beyond a case of reading a Harry Potter story. This represents an extremely worrying trend among young people" - Association of Teachers and Lecturers

"We Love Harry Potter! We'll Tell You Why -book by Sharon Moore

## QUOTES FROM CHILDREN:

"I want to go to wizard school and learn magic. I'd like to learn to use a wand to cast spells." -Dylan, age 10

"If I could go to wizard school, I might be able to do spells and potions and fly a broomstick." -Mara, age 12

"It would be great to be a wizard because you could control situations and things like teachers." -Jefferey, age 11

"I'd like to go to wizard school, learn magic and put spells on people. i'd make up an ugly spell, and then it's payback time!" -Catherine, age 9

"I feel like I'm inside Harry's world. If I went to wizard school, I'd study everything: Spells, counterspells, and defense against the Dark Arts." - Carolyn, age 10

"I liked it when the bad guys killed the Unicorn, and Voldemort drank it's blood" -Julie, age 13

"The books are very clever. I couldn't put them down. When I was scared I made myself believe it was supposed to be funny so I wasn't to scared" - Nurya, age 11"

Yeah, they are very clever. They're indoctrinating kids into witchcraft. And that is scary when you think about it. In fact, witchcraft is not only appealing to kids, environmentalists, and feminists, but now even to

psychologists, who are starting to use witchcraft's occult techniques to treat their patients. In fact, wicca has now been recognized as an "official" religion and now the United States Army has allowed approximately one hundred witches to have their own covens at Fort Hood in Texas.

And if that wasn't bad enough, one of the male deities that is worshipped by those in wicca is the "horned god" called Pan. In the ancient cult of Pan, the rites of passage included the use of drugs to entice the "spirits" to come. If someone was possessed by Pan, from which we get the word "panic" from, it often resulted in an obsession with sex and the need for immediate gratification. And little do people know that Pan is the universal symbol for satan and the antichrist! It's almost like we're being prepared for something. And because of this slick new campaign presented by witchcraft, wicca is now considered by some to be the **fastest growing religion in the U.S.** and the second most popular religion among teens. Gee, I wonder why?

And so if you put it all together, **right before our very eyes**, witchcraft and paganism is exploding all across the planet, just like the Bible said would happen in the Last Days, which means we're headed for one of the most darkest and evil deceptive times this planet has ever seen, like this report shows.

"Female pagan: The fear has gone out of the general public. The craft is more and more acceptable

Paganism has infiltrated the mainstream thought pattern of most Americans today. There is a pagan revival. There are more people practicing true paganism than there are practicing true Christianity.

Female Pagan: Many people were seeking something apart from Christianity. The thing that attracts young people is the power. It's immediate power. Whenever you drink blood, you gain incredible power.

You choose only to let the general public to see what you want them to see. Magic is about getting what you want. Magicians are people who are getting what they want. Slowly but surely, the beauty of the craft is becoming widespread.

"Bell" from Twilight: I'm not scared of you.

"Edward" from Twilight: You really shouldn't have said that.

Psychic vampirism and physical vampirism where very viable ways of achieving power in black magick.

"Why hide in this day and age. I've hidden in the shadows for centuries. Time to share myself with the world."

I'm very proud to be a witch.

We live in a kind of post-christian era. People are moving towards a kind of neo-paganism. The neo-pagan revival has preceded so rapidly. They have had the co-operation of the media in getting their message spread. (Harry Potter, Twilight, TrueBlood etc.)

A lot of what we do has been taken over by the church. "Christians" really have married into occult practices. They really no longer know the difference because they've become desensitized to the things of evil.

From Twilight: Edward: "Are you afraid?" Belle: "No!"

And if that wasn't creepy enough, just like satanists, witches too are getting so bold that they too are infiltrating Churches to take them down.

Check out this report.

"Several high-profile pastors have urged me to put into print what we now know, in order to alert the church to some of the dangers we are now facing.

We now know of a large number of churches that have been successfully infiltrated by witches. In fact, in one town, witches boast that they have infiltrated every church in the town and judging by the devastation caused in some of the churches in this town, their claim is probably correct.

Their plan is meeting with amazing success. One church that we have been told of, originally had a membership of well over 100. The membership is now down to 30 and the remaining members are almost totally demoralized.

This is now happening to an increasing number of churches and many promising young pastors are now leaving the ministry because of it.

These witches are working to a carefully laid out plan which has been operating for many years, right under our noses without our even suspecting it. Some profess to be fine Christians. They dress well, speak well, are usually well educated and in some cases are knowledgeable in spiritual matters.

Some witches appear content to just sit in congregations and mumble their incantations while others go out of their way to gain acceptance in a church and then carefully work their way into positions of influence.

They become members and begin to take an active part, singing in the choir or joining the diaconate etc. Then they work to a highly effective plan which is aimed at destroying the Pastor's reputation (seducing him or spreading rumors about him).

They also create factions within the church and pit one group against another and thus create division. They may lay charges against the pastor and put these charges in writing and send them to the diaconate. This ploy often

divides members of the diaconate against each other or sometimes turns the diaconate against the pastor.

The results stemming from these methods are obvious and manifold - confusion, suspicion, loss of confidence in the pastor, emotional problems, tension, disunity - the list is almost endless, and we are certain that this is only the tip of the iceberg.

Unfortunately the church in these last days has become so worldly and materialistic, that it is no longer any real threat to its enemies.

I constantly hear Christians talk about 'spiritual warfare' and 'putting on the armor of God' etc., but it would appear that with most, their knowledge of these things is theoretical rather than experimental. They are familiar with the 'jargon' but that is as far as it goes."

Folks, we better wake up! What more does God have to do? He loves us and He doesn't want us going into this horrible wretched wicked evil time called the 7-year Tribulation where the planet is going to be crawling with demons! And that's why He's given us all these signs of the **Rise of**Wickedness of Humanism, Atheism, Selfism, Hedonism, and today with

Occultism to show us that the Tribulation is near and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of

Jesus Christ is rapidly approaching. And that's why Jesus Himself said:

Luke 21:28 "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

People of God, like it or not, we are headed for **The Final Countdown**. And so the point is this. If you're here today and you're not a

Christian, then I beg you, please, heed the signs...heed the warnings...give

your life to Jesus today...because tomorrow may be too late...Amen? But if

you're here today and you are a Christian it's time to get busy! We've got to get busy working together, and stop fighting against each other and falling for these stupid traps by laid out by satanists and witches! We've got to get bust sharing the Gospel! Why? Because one day we're not only going to stand before God and give an account for these lives, but one day you might end up with a **letter from hell** and that's the last thing you ever want to get, as this video shows.

"What if? What if you had a friend who died without knowing Jesus as their personal Savior? What if he or she went to Hell? What if one day you received a letter in the mail from beyond? A LETTER FROM HELL. A letter from your friend in the flames of eternal torment.

"I've been thinking about YOU. You're a Christian. You told me so, yourself. I mean we talked about it three different times today. Kelly brought it up and you laughed it off. Coach Adams brought it up and you changed the subject. I mean it came up right before the wreck. Well the question I can't get out of my mind is this. Why haven't you ever told me about how to become a Christian? I mean you say you're my friend-but if you really wereyou would have told me about this Jesus. Told me how to escape this terrible place that I'm headed for.

I can feel my heart pounding in my chest. The angels that have been chosen to cast me into hell are coming down the hallway. I can hear their footsteps. I've heard about this Hell. They call it the Lake of Fire. I can't stand it. I am terrified.

Oh no the angels are at the door! Oh no! NO! They're coming in and they're pointing at me. They are grabbing me and carrying me out of the room. I can already smell the burning sulfur and brimstone. I can see the edge of the cliff where hell burns. This is it. I am without hope.

We're coming closer. Closer. CLOSER. My heart is bursting with FEAR. They are holding me over the flames. I'm damned FOREVER. This is it.

They are throwing me in! FIRE! PAIN! HELL!

Why? WHY?! Why didn't you ever tell me about...JESUS.

Signed,

Your friend

P.S. Wish you were here...wish you were here...wish you were here."

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

"Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."