

The Final Countdown – One World Religion Part 5

Alright, I don't know who this is, and I'm not going to mention any names, and you'll know why in just a second.

“Once there was this man and he had his ever-nagging wife and they went on vacation to Jerusalem. But while they were there, his nagging wife passed away.

And so the undertaker told the husband, ‘Well, you can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150.’

And so the man thought about it for a moment and then he told the undertaker that he'd just have her shipped home.

And so the undertaker asked, ‘Well, why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and it would only cost you \$150?’

And the man replied, ‘Well, you see, a long time ago Jesus was here, and He was buried here, and three days later He rose again from the grave. I just can't take that chance.’”

Yes, my wife is here today and I do need a ride home! But seriously folks, how many of you guys would say that some things in life, just aren't worth the risk, you know what I'm saying? But that's right, believe it or not, did you know that people all over the world are also making the same kind of risky decisions just like that? Uh huh! You see, Jesus Christ really did rise from the dead, and the Bible also says He's coming back to judge the living and the Dead! And that's all going to happen, after the rapture of the

Church! And folks, the reason why it's going to be such a **risky 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 when Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming was rapidly approaching.

Therefore, in order to keep you and I here at Sunrise from experiencing the ultimate bad day of being left behind, even worse than...well I just won't say it will I, 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**. The **#6** sign was **The Rise of Wickedness**. The **#5** sign was **The Rise of Apostasy**. And the **last four times** we saw how the **#4** sign was the Rise of **A One World Religion**. And what we saw there was that

God lovingly foretold you and I that when we see **all the world's religions** on the planet coming together as one, which is happening right now today all over the world, thanks in part to the Lie of the **Interfaithism** and the lie of **Ecumenicalism** and even last time with the Rise of a **Global Persecution**. And what we saw the Bible clearly says that there's really going to come a time when the whole world is actually going to hate you and even want to kill you just for being a follower of Jesus. And folks, can I tell you something? That time, is **now!** We already saw it's happening through the lies of **Propaganda** and the examples of **Persecution** that's already begun. And so the point is this. We better get united, we better stop beating each other up, and we better start getting motivated because it's only going to get worse! We need each other!

But that's still not all. The **3rd way** we know we're headed for this **Global Persecution** of Christians is that **The Plan is Already Here**. But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's. He tells us what that plan is going to lead to.

Revelation 6:9-11 "When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until You judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed."

Now folks again, maybe it's just me, but it sure appears the events during the 7-year tribulation are not going to be good ones for the followers of God, how about you? Uh huh! Being slain, killed, and your blood being avenged just for following God, that doesn't sound like a good time to me, how about you? And again, those people being slain and asking God to avenge their blood are the people who got saved after the rapture, and again, the lesson is you should've gotten saved before the hammer came down! But now you're going to pay with it for a price, and that price is your life. They're actually going to **hunt you down** and **exterminate you** just for being a follower of God.

And so here's the point for you and I here today, "Is there any signs of the whole world wanting to hunt down and exterminate people, just for believing in God's Word and refusing to give up their testimony for Jesus?" Uh yeah! As we saw last week, it's already here! In fact, the **plan** to do it is already in place!

And the **1st phase** of that plan is to make Christians out to be the **Big Troublemakers**. You see, put yourself in the Antichrist's shoes. If you're going to get rid of Christians, then you first have to have a good excuse for getting rid of them in the first place, right? You know, like Nero did with blaming Christians for the burning of Rome. And then once they became the

bad guys, the troublemakers, they went about killing them, right? And folks, I'm telling you, this is precisely what the One World Religion Movement is doing, **right now!** Right now, you and I the Christian are the new troublemakers on the planet! We're the people who have the audacity to put up a fight and refuse to go along with their plans of a One World Religion and we're messing it up for their hope to bring peace to the planet. And so what they've done is they've boxed us into a corner and forced us to giving up our **testimony**, just like the text said, about Jesus being the only way to heaven, and that God's Word is the Only Word!

And here's how they've done it. They continue to say to us, and the whole planet, the lie that Jesus was just one of many great teachers there's nothing special about Him, the Bible's not the only book of truth on the planet, and you just need to go along with a One World Religion. And we rightly respond and we give our **testimony**...NO!

The **1st Biblical testimony** about Jesus is that **Jesus Christ is God.**

John 20:26-28 "A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Now folks, I think it's pretty obvious, but Thomas not only said Jesus was **Lord** but He's Who? He **God**, right? And so here's the point. Is Buddha

God? Is Confucius God? How about Mohammed? I don't think so!!! Then how in the world can you say they're all the same as Jesus? The Biblical testimony, our testimony, is that He is God! That's different, totally different, and that's why we can't go along with a One World Religion.

But that's not all. The **2nd Biblical testimony** about Jesus is that **Jesus is the Creator**.

Colossians 1:15-16 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him."

That means Jesus! So once again, here's the point. Did Buddha create the world? No! How about Confucius? No! Or how about Mohammed? No! Then how in the world can you say they're all basically the same as Jesus when He's **radically different** than all the rest! He is totally unique, unlike those other guys, Moe Larry and Curly and that's why we can't go along with a One World Religion.

But that's not all. The **3rd Biblical testimony** is that **Jesus is the Forgiver**.

Acts 4:12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

It's in the Name of Jesus! So once again, here's the point. Did Buddha forgive us of our sins? No! Did Confucius go to the cross? No! Or how

about Mohammed? Did he die for us? Are you kidding me? Then how can you say they're all the same as Jesus when He's **the only way to heaven!** He's the Only One Who went to the **cross** for us! He's the only Name under heaven that men might be **saved!** How can you say it's logical and good to go along with a One World Religion when Jesus Christ is radically different than the rest? We can't! **Why?** Because Buddhism can't save you! Islam can't save you! Mormonism can't save you! Catholicism can't save you! Humanism can't save you! Spiritism can't save you! New Age can't save you! **But Jesus Christ can and He will if you just call upon His Name!** There is no other Name under heaven by which men might be saved! And that's why one guy said this...here's his testimony.

“Jesus Christ is the First and Last, He's the Beginning and the End! He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all! He is the Architect of the universe and The Manager of all times.

He always was, always is, and always will be...Unmoved, Unchanged, Undefeated, and never Undone!

The world can't understand him, The armies can't defeat Him, the schools can't explain Him, and the leaders can't ignore Him.

Herod couldn't kill Him, The Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and the people couldn't hold Him! Nero couldn't crush Him, Hitler couldn't silence Him, The New Age can't replace Him, and Donahue can't explain Him away!

He is Holy, Righteous, Mighty, Powerful, and Pure. His Ways are right, His Word is eternal, His Will is unchanging, and His Mind is on me.

He's my Redeemer, my Savior, my Guide, and my Peace! He's my Joy, my Comfort, my Lord, and He rules this life!

He will never leave me, forsake me, mislead me, forget me, and never cancel my appointment in His appointment book!

When I fall, He lifts me up! When I fail, He forgives! When I am weak, He is strong! When I am lost, He is the way!

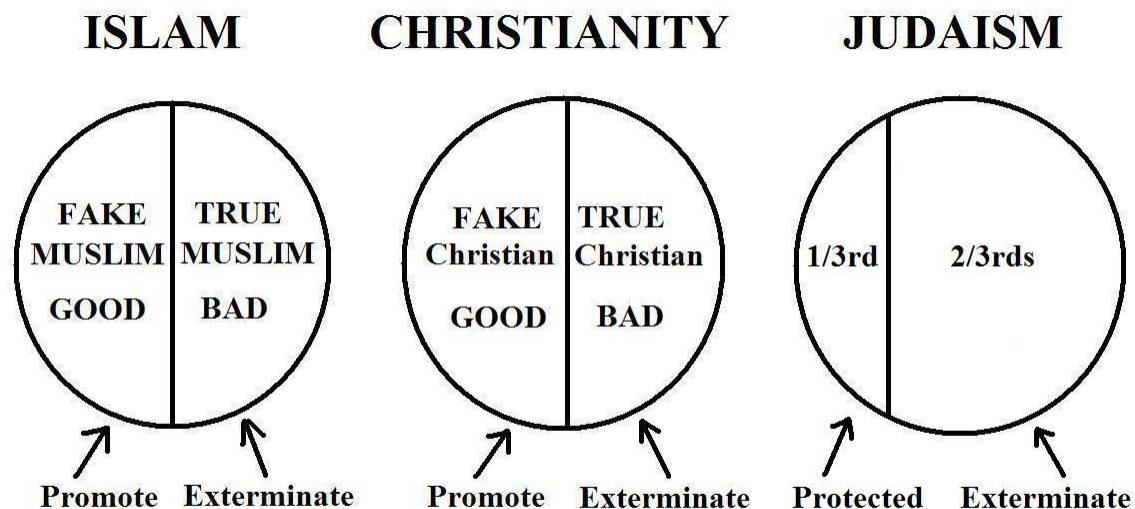
When I am afraid, He is my courage! When I face persecution, He shields me! And when I face Death, He carries me Home!

This is why I WILL NEVER go along with a One World Religion!"

That's our testimony. That's standing on God's Word. And now, here's that they say, "Ah ha! We got you...you troublemaker. We heard it with our own ears. You confessed it with your own mouth! You gave us your testimony. Therefore, you leave us no choice. You're standing in the way. You're ruining all our plans. It's time to get rid of you, you're the one to blame!" Do you see how it's happening just like the text said it would?

But that's not all. The **2nd phase** of the plan is to make Christians out to be the **Big Terrorists**. And this is what we previously saw. If you're going to get rid of the resisters who won't go along with our One World Religion, you not only have to paint them as **troublemakers**, but **terrorists**. And you specifically have to target any Monotheistic Religion out there because they believe by definition that there's only one way to heaven and only one God, mono meaning **one**, right? And the reason why is because

Monotheism doesn't fit with a Pantheistic goal, meaning **all**, of a One World Religion that says **all** is god and **all** paths lead to heaven. And so can anybody guess just what the three Monotheistic Religions on the planet are? That's right! Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. You have to get rid of all three of these guys to pull off a One World Religion. But now you've got a problem. By your own definition, all religions are supposed to be valid pathways to God, but here you have three that'll never go along with it. So what do you do? Simple. You supplant the true Monotheistic Religions with fake ones, and then you systematically start getting rid of the real ones, by making them out to be terrorists. Let me show you what I mean.



First, you specifically have to get rid of any monotheistic religion. Mono meaning one. Theos meaning God. Monotheistic religion because by definition a monotheistic religion means there is only one way. There is only one God. Right? Which is what you and I believe. Which is what the scripture teaches. And the reason why they have to get rid of that is because

the New Age-the One World Religion is what's called pantheism. Pan meaning all as in all paths lead to god, all truths are true, all ways lead to salvation. So now you have oil and water-it doesn't mix.

Now it just so happens that there's three religions on the planet, major religions that are monotheistic. Can anybody guess what those are? Us-Christianity, also Islam and Judaism. Now here's the point. You got a problem with the one world religion-you're pantheistic-all is supposed to get you there. But now you got three of the world's major religions that say-Nah. No way. So what are you gonna do?

Well listen. Pay attention, folks. Okay its a bait and switch thing. You take all the monotheistic religions and what you do is start to label the true ones, the true followers of that monotheistic religion, as the bad guys and then you work about supplanting them with the fake guys.

Let me show you exactly how they are doing that with some exciting graphics. I very seriously thought about drawing this, but I knew better after Wednesday nights if you guys were there. I am definitely artistically challenged and so let me try to clean it up for you. Let me explain how they're doing it right now. This is their plan, to make you and I not just troublemakers but the terrorists.

They've started and they've been starting since 9/11 with Islam, that's a monotheistic religion that believes that there is only one way through Allah-which I disagree with, but that's what they believe, and what they've done is split it right down the middle and this is part of their plan. Now they've taken the true Muslims-and those are the ones who unfortunately, follow the Qur'an and what it actually says and that is to kill the infidel-which is you and I the Christian, the Jewish people. It actually says you do what it takes-you're only guaranteed paradise is if you blow people up and stuff like that. It's really what it teaches. And they say-well those guys are the bad guys. Those are the "bad" Muslims. Those are the terms-right wing, fundamental, extremists.

Now at the same time they are labeling those guys, who are the "true" ones. Again, I'm not condoning it and I don't think its a good thing but that's what they believe. That's what their book teaches. Now they're saying those are the bad guys but now taking the fake ones. The media uses the term "moderate" Muslims. Have you ever heard that? How many of you guys

heard the term-”true Muslims; Islamists are a peace-loving religion” No it’s not.

But they take the fake ones-in Christianity we call it liberal Christianity-which is fake Christians, we’ll get to that in a second. So they’re taking the fake Muslims and saying “Oh, these are the ‘good guys.’”

Why? Because these guys will go along with the One World Religion and so now what they’re doing ever since 9/11 they’re saying we need to exterminate these “bad” Muslims, and what they are doing is promoting these “good” Muslims. Why would they go through all that trouble? Because you have to understand from a Bible prophecy point of view. You’re all heading towards a One World Religion

And so you have to have Islam, because your premise is all religions are right. So Islam in name only, will continue on during the 7 year tribulation-but what they’re doing is taking the true Muslims, exterminating them; they’re taking the fake ones and elevating them so they continue on. You see it? It’s a bait and switch.

Now here’s where you and I better pay attention folks. They’re doing the same thing to you and I right now. This is what we saw last week with the propaganda. What’s the terms they’re using on you and I. They’re splitting us right down the middle and they’re taking you and I, ie the evangelical Christian-what are they calling us? Right-wing, extremists, fundamentalist. The exact same terminology is being used on you and I and they’re saying <true Christians> are the bad guys, because we will not budge. We will not go along with this One World Religion. They’re taking these fake Christians-the liberal Christian-who’s Christian in name only, denies virtually every cardinal doctrine in scripture. These are the “good” guys because they will go along with the One World Religion.

They are doing the same thing to you and I, right now folks, they’re calling for the extermination-wait til you see the extermination of these “bad” Christians, the “extremist” Christian. “They’re not representing ‘true’ Christianity” And what they’ve been doing is promoting the fake ones. Well why would you go through all that? Because again you need to understand from a Bible Prophecy point of view. It’s the One World Religion and so that means all religions continue to go on. But here you got three that will never go along and so what do you do? It’s a bait and switch. You create a

half and get rid of the real ones and supplant them with the fake ones so that it continues on. Now what's interesting, according to bible prophecy guess who's left on the list? Judaism.

Now here's what's interesting. The Bible tells us about what's going to happen to the Jewish people. Is it any wonder after they get rid of Islam and Christianity-to go along with this One World Religion that the Jewish people- who are the major players in the 7 year tribulation-the Jewish people. It's not by chance, it's all in the plan and here's what they do. First of all the whole Jewish nation unfortunately they're not split up yet- they're going to strike a deal with the Antichrist and that's Daniel 9:27 that they're going to make a peace treaty with the Antichrist. Where's everybody wanting to make a peace treaty right now? Israel.

One guy is going to pull it off and he's going to do it specifically for 7 years-that guy is the Antichrist and that's the very event that starts the 7 year tribulation. And then you're going to see the 3 1/2 years into the tribulation, the Antichrist shows his true colors, and is going to go up into the Temple, the rebuilt Jewish Temple and declare himself to be God. That's when the blindness is removed, Paul talks about in the book of Romans that the Jewish people's blindness is removed and then they get their split. Here's the split, notice it's different. The bible says it's not half and half, but 2/3rds of the Jewish people on this side and 1/3rd on this side. The Bible says in the book of Zachariah that the Antichrist is going to hunt them down and exterminate 2/3rds of the Jewish People and then 1/3- Revelation Chapter 12- is going to be protected by the archangel Michael because God is not done with them and He always wins and He always has a remnant. That is I believe, the plan that has been foisted upon you and I.

Now here's the point for you and I here today. Do we see any signs of this bait and switch, the elimination of true monotheistic believers, specifically Judaism, Islam, and Christianity as being labeled as the bad guys, so they can replace them with the fake guys, who'll go along with a One World Religion? Uh yeah! In fact, CNN is starting to produce programs on it. Let's take a look.

God's Warriors: Report by Christiana Amonpour

The scripture is the blueprint to life and living.
They are sure of their mission.
Our role is to redeem the entire world.
And the stakes are high.

Do you really wish that you could have been martyred?

“Yes, martyrdom was my biggest wish”

What they have in common-Jews, Christians, and Muslims is the belief that modern society has lost its way.

They're raping virgin teenage America on the sidewalk and everybody's walking by and acting like everything's okay.

The problem we have now with civilizations is that we don't offer them anywhere to go. He doesn't know his place in life.

The people that don't keep the Torah. They don't understand the meaning of being Jews. They're wasting their life.

They say God is the answer.

I would like to see America, become the “Nation Under God” again.

The dead battle to save the world has caused anger, division and fear.

I believe Islam is a real threat.

Something's going wrong.

We've too closely fused politics and our faith.

Amonpour: I'm Christiana Amonpour in Jerusalem. A place sacred to Christians, Muslims and Jews. Each has zealous followers driven to change the world. They are God's Warriors and this is how they are shaping the 21st Century.

Over the last 30 years, religion has exploded as a powerful political force with armies of believers determined to fight for their faith. In the United States, the Christian Right, forged an agenda that would transform the political landscape.

Pat Robertson: “We set a 10 year program that put a born-again Christian in the White House”

Amonpour: In Israel, a small band of religious settlers began a quest that would change the face of the Holy Land

Former Pres. Jimmy Carter: There’s no doubt, in any rational analyst mind, that the settlements are deemed a major obstacle to peace.

Amonpour: And in Muslim countries, a spiritual awakening sparked the rise of political Islam and an extreme fringe who would become the world’s nightmare.

We’re going to fight for it, die for it and kill others for it. That’s the scary part. That’s why we ought to take it serious.”

Now, did you notice the propaganda? Did you see how we are lumped into the other “armies” of “dangerous” believers like Islam who are “fanatics” trying to “take over the world” hindering true peace from coming to the planet? Us...Evangelical Christians...are lumped in with the Islamic terrorists. All Monotheistic Religions are being attacked and supplanted with fake ones who will go along with a One World Religion. And lest you think they’re really not trying to make you and I into these evil bad guys, just like the Islamic terrorists, you better watch this documentary they released on us, called **Jesus Camp**. Let’s take a look.

Jesus Camp:

This is a sick old world. Kids, you gotta change things. Boys and girls can change the world? Absolutely!

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag...

There are two kinds of people in the world. People who love Jesus and people who don't.

Young child in camouflage face paint yelling: SPEAK THE WORD OF THE LORD!!

<Lakewood Park Bible Camp> Where should we putting our focus. I'll tell you where our enemies are putting it. They're putting it on the kids.

Woman: How long have you been a Christian?

Kid: At five, I got saved. Because I just wanted more of life.

You go into Palestine and they're taking their kids to camp like we're taking our kids to bible camps and they're putting hand grenades in their hands.

<kid clapping hands> I got Jesus how bout YOU!

<entire table of kids and adults clapping> I've got Jesus how about you. I've got Jesus how about you.

<Room full of kids and adults jumping up and down clapping>

Young girl: There's this excitement, yet there's a peace with it all too, and it's really cool.

Young boy: I really feel that we're a key generation to Jesus coming back and we are a generation that needs to rise up and run with that time.

"One of the best films of the year. So compelling in so many ways" --The Hot Button

Man to audience of kids: How many of you want to be those who would

give up their lives for Jesus <to cheering audience>

“An admirably even-handed film” --Washington City Paper

Young boy: We’re being trained to be God’s Army.

“Provocative. A lightening rod.” --Indiewire

Lou Engle, Dominionist, to children: You are the beginning of a movement. Raise up righteous judges.

<group of children chanting> “judges, judges, judges, judges”

Ted Haggard: There’s a new church like this every two days in America. Twenty five percent of the American population-that’s about 80 million people. If the evangelicals vote. They determine the election.

They’ve taken over the White House, Congress, the judiciary for a generation.

This is just the tip of the iceberg.

<kids crying, rock, acting charismatic yelling> This means war!

Adult leader: This means war! Are you apart of it or not?

<scenes from the film Jesus Camp>”

Don’t you see? We are so dangerous. We’re just as dangerous as those Islamic terrorists who brainwash their kids in camp and teach them to be an army who blows things up! Now is that some serious propaganda or what? Do you see how “dangerous” we are? We’re training our kids to be like those Islamic terrorists, and if we’re not careful, these Nasty Pig-headed Evangelical Christians, right here in America, all 80 million of them, might start blowing us up too! Do you see the justification to get rid of us, the real

ones, and promote the fake Liberal ones as “true good guys” instead of us, because they’ll go along with a One World Religion? Folks, it’s all happening right now, just like the text said would happen. I’d say we better get motivated! I’d say we better stop beating each other up and start getting along because we’re going to need each other, amen?

But that’s still not all. The **4th way** we know we’re headed for a **Global Persecution** is that **The Implementation is Already Here**. Believe it or not, the Bible even tells us how they are going to “implement” this annihilation of God’s People.

Revelation 20:1-4 “And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

In other words, they were rewarded, they got to share in the joys of the Millennial Kingdom where Jesus Christ will be literally ruling and reigning on planet earth, no wonder it’s awesome, hello, and satan will be bound, which is why true peace will finally be across the planet. That’s a whole lot better than what they came out of where the antichrist was hunting

them down and trying to kill them and exterminate them during the 7-year Tribulation, how about you? I'd say that's **much better circumstances**.

That's well worth taking a stand for Jesus and not giving up on your testimony, right? Now here's the point. Of all things, notice what was the method of execution or extermination during the 7-year Tribulation of God's people. What was the tool they used to "implement" this? Beheading, right? But hey, good thing we don't see any signs of that form of capital punishment ever...making...a come...back...any time soon...yeah right!

Folks, it's already here! Believe it or not, in our lifetime, it just so happens that beheading, of all forms of capital punishment, is not only making a come back **all over the world** right now, but it's specifically being used on guess Christians! Check this out folks. This is amazing, exactly like the text said!

In **North Korea** right now, there are over 1 million people locked up in Concentration Camps, many of them Christians, and experiments are being done on them. Witnesses have been quoted by the BBC saying, "We watched entire families being put into glass chambers and gassed." Then they are left to an agonizing death while scientists are taking notes.

Christians right now are being killed in **Eritrea, Turkey, Tunisia, Kenya, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Columbia, Iraq, Pakistan, and India** all for either following Jesus and/or refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. In India, right now, the going rate to kill a Pastor is \$250.00. Hindus are actually offering money, food, alcohol, to anyone who murders Christians and destroys their homes. But remember, the Bible says that Christians would not just be killed in the last days, they would be specifically beheaded, and that too is also on the rise.

Indonesia: Four Christian high school girls were attacked with machetes by Muslims and only one survived. Three of the girls were decapitated by the assailants, and only one named Noviana survived with a severe slash to her head and neck in an unsuccessful beheading attempt. The three Christian high school girls were beheaded as a Ramadan “trophy.” The girls’ severed heads were dumped in plastic bags in their village, along with a handwritten note threatening more such attacks. The note read, “Wanted: 100 more Christian heads, teenaged or adult, male or female; blood shall be answered with blood, soul with soul, head with head.”

Then in another incident a magazine editor escaped with his life and made it to a bridge where he had said had seen 15 more corpses lying in the streets of the city. “Some of them had been beheaded, others had their body parts removed. I saw one boy holding a severed head with blood dripping from it.”

Then there was another beheading of a Christian village leader. His severed head was found inside three plastic bags. The rest of his body was found elsewhere later. And a handwritten note was found with his head that warned the authorities that they, “Will find 1,000 more heads.”

Thailand: There were at least 15 cases where people have been beheaded in one year alone. In one of them Islamic extremists slaughtered an entire family and beheaded a 9 year old boy because they would not submit to them.

Tanzania: A Christian Pastor was recently beheaded by Muslims. Pastor Mathayo Kachili was described as a devoted Christian and was butchered by Muslim men, “with multiple axe blows for refusing to convert to Islam.”

Chechnya: Beheadings were done to captured soldiers and videos were circulated on the Internet. Then 4 Western Telecommunication workers (Three Britons and one New Zealander) were beheaded and their heads were found on the side of the road.

Saudi Arabia: Saudi Arabian authorities also recently beheaded four men and the court ruled that the bodies of the four workers were to be crucified for public view as an example for others.

Iraq: Beheadings have been on the rise since 2003 and the brunt of the beheadings have been upon foreign civilians and military personnel. One video obtained by the Associated Press shows a young boy about 12 years old beheading a man.

Nigeria: About 40 men, women and children were beheaded recently when their village was attacked and burned to the ground.

Malaysia: The heads of many Christians have been beheaded and dumped in plastic bags or displayed as trophies with warning notes that there will be many more such attacks.

Somalia: Recently three government soldiers were beheaded and four Christian aid workers who were helping with orphans were beheaded for refusing to renounce their faith in Christ. Then Muslims also beheaded two young boys because their Christian father refused to hand over information about a Church leader. "I watched my boys dragged away helplessly as my youngest boy was crying. I knew they were going to be slaughtered."

One person stated: "I fear that if the international community does not immediately and successfully pressure the government to protect its Christian minorities with more than lip just service, that serious violence and civil war will erupt. A war with only one possible outcome: *Increased persecution and the mass killings of Christians.*"

And apparently, by beheading. Gee, where have I heard that before?
Folks, once again, I don't know about you, but I'd say it's time we stop beating each other up as Christians and start getting along, how about you?
Turn to somebody and say, "I need you man!" The exact form of extermination, that Jesus said would come in the Last Days is already here! I think we better get motivated, amen?

Folks, what more does God have to do? This is not a game! This is real! He doesn't want us going into the 7-year Tribulation! And He certainly

doesn't want us to go into HELL! And so that's why, out of love, He's given us these signs of a **One World Religion** and a **Global Persecution** to show us that the Tribulation is near, Christ's 2nd Coming 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, 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 now...because tomorrow may be too late. Yes, you might have to suffer for being a Christian in this world, but it's nothing compared to **suffering forever in hell!** Take the way out through Jesus Christ today!

But again, if you're here today and you are a Christian, then again, would you please stop being apathetic, would you please stop being distracted, and for goodness sakes will you please stop hurting your fellow brother and sister in Christ while all this is taking place! We need each other! It's time to stop fighting and start uniting. We need each other **now!** Why? Because whether you realize it or not folks, one day, and maybe much sooner than you want to believe, you might have make your own life and death decision about Jesus Christ, even here in America, like our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ are already doing around the world. And so the

question is, “Are you really willing to die for Him and will you really take a stand for Him and tell other people about Him, even with a gun to your head, or are you just a fake phony Christian who will deny Him and go along with a One World Religion, just to save your own hide? Let’s close by taking a look at what this might look like in our near future. We’ll close in prayer after this.

The Hitchhiker

Woman<passenger>: Hi. Need a lift?

Hitchhiker: <shakes head yes>

Woman: <motions him to get in the car>

Driver: So what do you do?

Hitchhiker: What do I do. What do I do? Here I am hitchhiking i the middle of nowhere on a weekday afternoon, do you really think I have somewhere to be right now?

Driver: Hey, I didn’t want to stereotype you.

Hitchhiker: No you did. You just didn’t say it.

Driver: Look, the least I ask for is....<interrupted by wife>

Wife: Look, honey, don’t.

Husband: Don’t? Let me finish. The least I ask for is just a little respect, alright? After all, we were nice enough to pick you up. I mean if it weren’t for me you would still be stranded on the side of the road.

Hitchhiker: Yeah, right.

Husband: What?

Hitchhiker: I don't believe that for a second.

Husband: You don't know the first thing about me.

Hitchhiker: I think I'm pretty close. What did you say you do?

Husband: You didn't ask.

Hitchhiker: Well I'm asking now.

Husband: If you must know, I'm the pastor of one of the largest churches in the state.

Hitchhiker: Really. A pastor, huh?

Hitchhiker: STOP THE CAR!! STOP THE CAR!! PULL THE CAR OVER RIGHT NOW!!

<car swerving, wife screaming gets pulled over to side of road. Wife and husband get out with hitchhiker having them at gunpoint>

Hitchhiker: Your God is the reason I'm doing this because I don't believe in your God and I've never found a Christian who truly believes in their faith. Turn around and get on your knees right now!

<Pastor complies. Hitchhiker puts gun to the back of husbands neck>

Wife: <still by car> NOOOOOO!!

Hitchhiker <turns around and points gun in her direction> SHUT UP!!! YOU STAY THERE AND BE QUIET AND DO NOT MOVE!!

Hitchhiker <turning back to husband> Are you ready to find out what you're made of?

Pastor: Please no.

Hitchhiker: Now I'm going to ask you a very simple question with a very

simple answer. Think carefully before you respond. You claim to be a Christian. Well let's see how important Christ is to you. HE TOOK NAILS ON THE CROSS FOR YOU. HE DIED FOR YOU AND YOU WILLING TO DIE FOR HIM?!? Now I'm gonna ask you this question and you have 10 seconds to respond. Your answer will determine whether you live or die. Your entire life comes down to this moment. Are you ready to die for your faith? Say the words, "I'm ready." and I'll pull the trigger. If not, then I'll let you leave, knowing that what you've devoted your entire life to- apparently means nothing.

Pastor: <sobbing>

Hitchhiker: So...are you ready...to die...for your faith?
10..9..8..7..6..5..4..3..2..ONE!!

Pastor: I'M NOT READY <criing> I'm not ready. I'm not ready. Not ready.

Hitchhiker: Actions speak louder than words
<then puts gun to his own head, staring at the pastor. Pastor says and does nothing. >

Hitchhiker: <pulls trigger, tear falls from hitchhiker's eye, then proceeds to show pastor that the gun was unloaded. Pastor stands there dumbfounded and ashamed>

Hitchhiker: I rest my case. Go. Just Go. <hitchhiker starts walking towards road then turns back around to pastor> If you were willing to die for Him then you would be willing to tell someone like me about Him. But you're not the one. You're not the one. <walks away>³⁶

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.”
