

**The Ten Most Popular**  
**End-of-the-World**  
**Prophecies.**

A unique 10 page report on how most major faiths expect this world to meet it's demise

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## **Buddhism End of World Beliefs**

Buddhists believe in a cycle of creation and destruction, and so though the earth will end, it will be reborn again in a Golden Age. Everything is impermanent. Below is a description of the end of the world according to the Buddha.

- The earth will suffer from a severe drought due to lack of rains. All vegetation and life forms will disappear and vanish from the planet.
- A second sun will appear in the horizon, resulting in the evaporation of many streams and ponds.
- A third sun will appear resulting in the evaporation of many great rivers like the Ganges.
- After a long lapse of time, a fourth sun will appear in the sky resulting in the evaporation of great lakes.
- After another long lapse of time, a fifth sun will appear and the oceans will dry up slowly, until they become finger deep.
- After another long lapse of time, a sixth sun will appear. The earth's crust and core will heat up to intense temperatures, resulting in many volcanic explosions, scorched earth, and smoke-filled skies.
- After another vast interval, a seventh sun will appear. The earth will become a fiery ball of flame and expand. Its flames will spread far and wide.

## **Christianity and the book of *Revelation***

The book of Revelation, the last in the Bible, has long caused controversy and debate as it deals with the second coming of Christ and final end of the world, though often cryptic and difficult to understand and interpret.

Jesus specifically states you may not know the day or the hour (Matthew 25), and many denominations do not emphasize the Apocalypse. Rarely is preached about in church services.

However, in Matthew 24, Jesus states specific things that will happen before the end.

These include War, Famine, Earthquake, Persecution, Lawlessness, and False Prophets. And a hardening of hearts.

Jesus also says that his great commission to spread the Gospel to the whole world will be complete by the time the end comes.

Revelation 13 says an Antichrist will usher in the last days. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 says: "Angels will gather believers from all four corners of the world and will join Christ above."

This is known as the Rapture. According to Revelation 20, this will be the start of Christ's thousand-year reign on Earth.

Matthew 24 says Jesus will come again in Glory, and all believers will join Christ in Heaven.

Different denominations often have different ideas of the end of the world, but the essential core Christian belief is that those who accept Jesus as their savior will join God in Heaven, either upon their death or the ending of the world.

## **Hinduism End of World Beliefs**

Hindus believe in four repeating cycles. We are currently in the last Kali Yuga, which is characterized by lack of virtue, but at the end of this period Kali will judge everyone. He will destroy the wicked and save the good, starting a new Golden Age. The other three eras are known as Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, and Dvapara Yuga.

Satya Yuga is the era of truth or Golden age where people are closest to the Gods and are governed by them, human lifespan is around 4,000 years. In Treta Yuga people start to move away from this ideal slightly, and even further in Dvapara Yuga, human lifespan is lowered to 1,000 years, before entering Kali Yuga.

With this gradual movement away from religion during the four Yuga's, human lifespan decreases and disease, hunger, war and the breakdown of society become more and more prevalent, until Satya Yuga comes around again.

Each Yuga lasts for many thousands of years. Satya Yuga lasts 1,728,000 human years (4,800 God years), the Treta Yuga lasts 1,296,000 human years (3,600 God years), the Dwapara Yuga lasts 864,000 human years (2,400 God years), and finally, the Kali Yuga lasts 432,000 years (1,800 God years).

The decline is gradual, with each Yuga blending into the next rather than a sudden change, except the change from Kali Yuga to Satya Yuga. Every thousand such cycles, the earth is also destroyed at the end of Kali Yuga, and then renewed again.

## **Is The End Nigh?**

Global warming and extreme weather events, the world economy in crisis, seemingly unending wars, and the threat of nuclear weapons, it really does seem as if we are living in the end days!

Yet I have great faith in the planet's natural ability to heal itself. The worst nuclear event in our history, Chernobyl, caused all animal and plant life in the exclusion zone to die. However, since the 1985 disaster, due to the area's abandonment by humans, wildlife has flourished.

In the past twenty or so years since the disaster, animals such as bear and lynx, virtually extinct in much of Europe and not present before the disaster, were able to move in and make themselves at home, even thriving in the most radioactive areas.

Many bird species nest successfully in the hastily erected and now crumbling protective sarcophagus. Even fungi grows on the reactor walls.

Life has survived major changes in the climate, from the vast desert of the ancient super continent Pangea to the coldest ice age, and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

No matter how out of control the current situation gets, life will survive in some form or another. It just remains to be seen whether we are clever enough and can act fast enough to stop the situation from escalating further. If not, then adaptable enough to survive to the new conditions we will find ourselves facing in the near future.

## **Islam End of World Beliefs**

Though the Qu'ran does not give specifics, there are many signs given to show the end times are approaching.

Muslims believe when the day of judgment comes near, people will fall away from Allah and society will break down, and Christianity will begin to rule. Many believe that Armageddon will begin in the Middle East, and thus the events of the past ten years have caused many to say it is near. Such minor signs include:

- When it will be regarded as a shame to act on Quranic injunctions.
- When untrustworthy people will be regarded as trustworthy and the trustworthy will be regarded as untrustworthy.
- When it will be hot in winter (and vice versa).
- When the length of days is stretched, i.e. a journey of a few days is covered in a matter of hours.
- When orators and lecturers lie openly.
- When people dispute over petty issues.
- When women with children become displeased because of bearing offspring, and barren women remain happy on because of having no responsibility of offspring.
- When oppression, jealousy, and greed become the order of the day.
- When people blatantly follow their passions and whims.
- When lies prevail over the truth.
- When violence, bloodshed, and anarchy become common.
- When immorality overtakes shamelessness and is perpetrated publicly.
- When children are a cause of grief and anger for their parents.

The Major signs will occur near the end of time, then a great leader Imam Mehdi will come, and Jesus will appear and urge his followers to become Muslims. The Dajjal will come and lead a great army against Muslims, but Muslims will triumph. In the end, a trumpet will be blown, and only Muslims will survive.

## **Judaism End of World Beliefs**

Jewish believe a time of peace and righteousness will come, rather than an ending to the world. This period will come after a period of intense turmoil and chaos in which lawless and a breakdown in society will occur.

The Tanakh says the world will only last 6,000 years. The year 2015 equals year 5685 according to the Torah, making the final year 2240, although this is much debated.

There are several things, which will occur at the end of the 6,000 years, including:

- The end of the world will see all Jews gathered back to Israel, and restored to their ancestral lands and tribes.
- The Messiah, a descendant of David, will come and become King of Israel. He will defeat Israel's enemies, they will come to worship the one God of Israel, and ask the King of Israel for advice.
- Building of the Third temple in Jerusalem and resumption of services there.
- The resurrection of the dead; death will be swallowed up forever. There will be no more hunger or disease.
- The Messiah will become King of Israel and will beat invading armies in a final great battle known as Armageddon, bringing in the start of a new age of peace and holiness. Weapons of war will be destroyed, and the Jewish people will experience unending joy and happiness.

## **Millennium Predictions**

Many predicted the start of the new Millennium, the year 2000, as the date of the Apocalypse. Fortunately, that was not to be.

Even the millennium bug turned out not to be a problem. Computers worked perfectly after midnight, despite claims of an impending worldwide crash.

So why all the hype? Was it simply the significance of a new millennium, which caused so many to make predictions on this date, rather than clairvoyance?

There were hundreds of predictions made, from the arrival of aliens to the coming of Christ, some of which came true. Here are a few:

May 5, 2008 was the date upon which all the planets lined up, supposedly to cause earthquakes, huge tides, great violent hurricanes and tornadoes, terrible storms, volcanic eruptions, and more.

Many also predicted the shifting of the poles would occur during 2000, also to cause catastrophic events such as high tides, widespread electrical failure, and more bad events.

And then there was 2012. December 21 was the date the world would end, according to the ancient Mayan Calendar. 2012 was also calculated to be the first possible date for the passing of the planet Wormwood and thus the end of the world, as mentioned in Revelation. And 2012 was also the year given by Nostradamus as the possible end; he only gave three possible years – 1994, 1998 and 2012. Looks like even Nostradamus struck out on this one...

Instead of worrying about the end of the world, we should all work together to make the best of the time we do have on this planet. In addition, let's ensure we pass it on to the next generation in the same condition as we received it.

In this way, we may hold off the Apocalypse for a long while yet. We are far more likely to suffer Apocalypse through events which are preventable and within our control, such as nuclear warfare, than by cosmic events which we have no control over, such as asteroids or the expansion of the sun.



## **Rapture Meter – Predicting the Apocalypse?**

The rapture index is an attempt to predict when the Rapture, the event that the Bible says will occur near the end of the world. At the Rapture, believers will be instantly taken up into heaven.

It monitors world events in 45 categories, and gives each a score in order to come up with an overall score for how much prophetic activity is occurring.

It acts as a measure of how stable the planet is at any one time, and it is interesting for both Christians and non-Christians.

Categories are diverse and include Satanism, volcanoes, earthquakes and extreme weather as well as famine and drought, crime rates, the global economy including interest rates and inflation, nuclear activity, drug abuse, civil rights, liberalism and democracy, and unemployment.

Overall scores are interpreted thus:

Rapture Index of 100 and below: Slow prophetic activity

Rapture Index of 100 to 130: Moderate prophetic activity

Rapture Index of 130 to 160: Heavy prophetic activity

Rapture Index above 160: Fasten your seat belts

Currently we are at 168. This claims we are rapidly heading for the end times. The globe is on an economic roller coaster, ISIS is whacking off people's heads, Ebola is spreading across the globe. Hurricanes are getting stronger. Racial unrest is spreading at a rate not seen since the late 1960s. Crime is common and record numbers of Americans are imprisoned. Drugs are everywhere, and cybercrime is blossoming. and culture has gone down the toilet. It almost appears as though humankind is devolving.

This score has gradually risen since 2005, though the highest point was on September 24, 2001 at 182. The lowest point was December 12, 1993 at just 57.

The rapture meter can be found at [www.raptureready.com](http://www.raptureready.com)

## **Should We Take End Of The World Predictions Seriously?**

Considering the vast number of previous predictions, which have all failed to materialize, surely we shouldn't be too worried?

Yet for some of us, fears seem hard to shake. Everyday we hear of new disasters, new threats, with the world seemingly more and more out of control. Especially in relation to extreme weather events, possible global warming and the ongoing financial volatility.

So what, if anything, can *I* do?

Do your bit. No one can save the world single-handedly but you can do your bit, here are a few suggestions.

- Cutting down your carbon footprint by using less electricity, gas, car fuel and water not only helps the environment, but your wallet also, by reducing bills. This doesn't mean changing your lifestyle, just simple measures such as ensuring you turn off lights and TVs when not in use.
- Working to pay off debts benefits you, as you aren't wasting money on interest payments. Being in control of your finances reduces stress and makes the banks more confident.
- Donate unwanted items or money to charity, benefiting those in need.
- Be a conscientious shopper by knowing where and how the items you buy are produced. Remember, every item you buy has a carbon footprint. Buy local.

## **Up Coming Apocalyptic Dates To Watch Out For**

In 1143, St. Malachy prophesied there would be only 112 more popes. The current Pope Benedict is the 111th. The final pope will be known as Peter of Rome. We will have to wait and see on this one.

2017 is the year given to the Sword of God Brotherhood by the Angel Gabriel.

November 13, 2026 is the date, according to a 1960 edition of *Science* magazine, when the Earth's human population will reach infinity.

2033 is believed by many to be the 2,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crucifixion of Christ, and a possible date for his return, signaling the end times.

2034 is the year currently being considered by the Jehovah's Witnesses for their impending Armageddon. This is based on their original prediction that the world would end in 1914 (some might argue that it almost did...), now revised to say the 1914 was actually the *beginning* of the time of the end. Likening themselves to a modern-day Noah, whom God gave 120 years to preach about the impending global flood, they give themselves the same 120 years to preach their word. This 120 years will be up in 2034.

4,500,000,000 AD is the approximate date at which the sun is due to explode, destroying the inner solar system including Earth, possibly the most accurate and scientific date for the destruction of the planet.

