Where Will We Be In 2030?
“Where there is no vision, the people will perish.”

Proverbs 29:18
Minority births in the U.S. are far outpacing deaths as the white population remains all but stagnant, the U.S. Census Bureau reported, driving the country closer to the point at which minorities outnumber whites.

Centers for Disease Control
Minority communities represent the most potent potential market in the American economy.
Currently, a third of the world’s 6 billion people are teenagers.
"There's a perception that things are going to change at such a rapid rate that at some point something very dramatic will change about the fundamental situation of people in the universe."

.....Jaron Lanier
“By 2029, computers will have human-level intelligence”

Ray Kurzweil, 
“Spiritual Machines”
Information Explosion

- 85% of all of the scientists who have ever lived are alive today
- In your lifetime science has learned more about how nature works than was learned in the five thousand years before you were born
- Fifty years ago we could identify two galaxies. Now we can identify fifty billion.

John Peterson
Arlington Institute
By 2030, researchers at Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute expect to develop a robot that will do any job humans can do.
About 80 percent of all the scientific discoveries ever made occurred in the last 100 years.

Discover Magazine, January 2000
....in the increasingly competitive global economy, it is crucial for Americans to be well-trained in math, science and critical languages such as (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Russian).
A record number of young people are about to enter their childbearing years.

90% are in developing countries.

Population Reference Bureau.
What impact might this have on organized religion?
According to George Barna, churches must understand and embrace *cultural diversity* if they are to survive.
As we prepare to enter a new century of ministry, we must address one inescapable conclusion: the church in America is losing influence and adherents faster than any other major institution in the nation.
Americans will experience one of two outcomes:

--either massive spiritual revival or total moral anarchy.

--what worked 10 years ago is already obsolete; cultural analysts estimate that our culture essentially reinvents itself every 3 to 5 years.
To remain relevant and influential, we must be current in our understanding of cultural changes and their implications. These changes fall within these key domains:

- DEMOGRAPHICS,
- ATTITUDES AND VALUES,
- LIFESTYLES AND BEHAVIORS,
- AND SPIRITUALITY.
There are several impacts on the horizon. The main question is:

ARE THOSE OF US WHO TEACH AND PREACH AND IMPART the word of God TO OTHERS TAKING NOTE?

or are we doing the same old thing expecting different results?
Children born in 2022 will have their DNA decoded and stored on a chip....and can expect to live to 2120 and beyond.....
By 2025, 14 million baby boomers will die of Alzheimer's disease.

U.S. Census Bureau
Arthritis will hit 20% of the nation by 2022

USA Today
By 2025 the number of people classified as nonreligious will grow to more than 1.7 billion—about 16% of the world’s population.

World Christian Encyclopedia
However, 53% of Americans consider religion to be very important in their lives. This compares with 16% in Britain, 14% in France and 13% in Germany.
The % of American adults who identify themselves as Christians dropped from **88%** in 1990 to **77%** in 2001. *This is an unprecedented drop of almost 1 percentage point per year*. The numbers are still dropping!
...and the percentage of Americans who identify as Protestants dropped below 50% about the year 2005.
What this shows is that confidence in religious institutions has hit an all-time low.
There appears to be a major increase in “spirituality” among North Americans, but this has not translated into greater church involvement.
Are Christians taking note of what is really happening? 
AFTER ALL, WE ARE ALL CALLED TO EVANGELIZE!
At the present rate of change, **ISLAM** will become the dominant religion in the world before 2050.
To grow the church, leaders must adjust the way they minister.
Church leaders must adjust the way they lead.
ARE YOU READY?