

The background features a complex, abstract design. It consists of numerous thin, bright purple and blue lines radiating from the center towards the edges, creating a starburst or sunburst effect. Overlaid on this is a faint, dark grid pattern that appears to be a perspective view of a grid receding into the distance. The overall color palette is dominated by deep purples, magentas, and blues, with a dark, almost black, background.

*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.

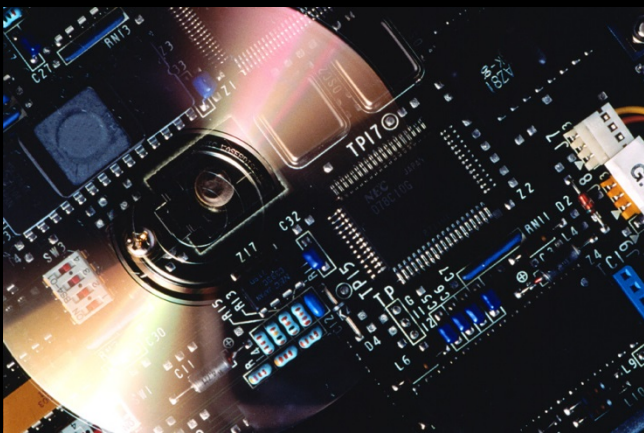


Milken Institute

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”

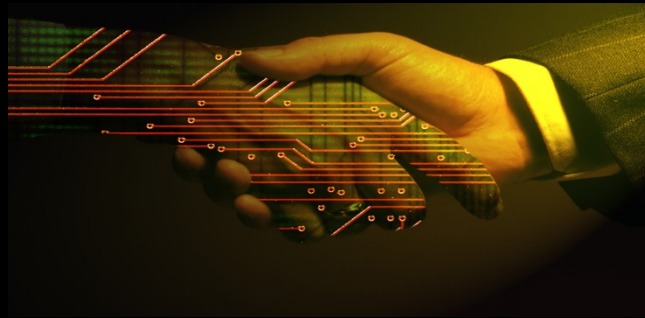
*Ray Kurzweil,
"Spiritual Machines"*

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.

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**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 non religious will grow to more than 1.7 billion-- about 16% of the world's population.

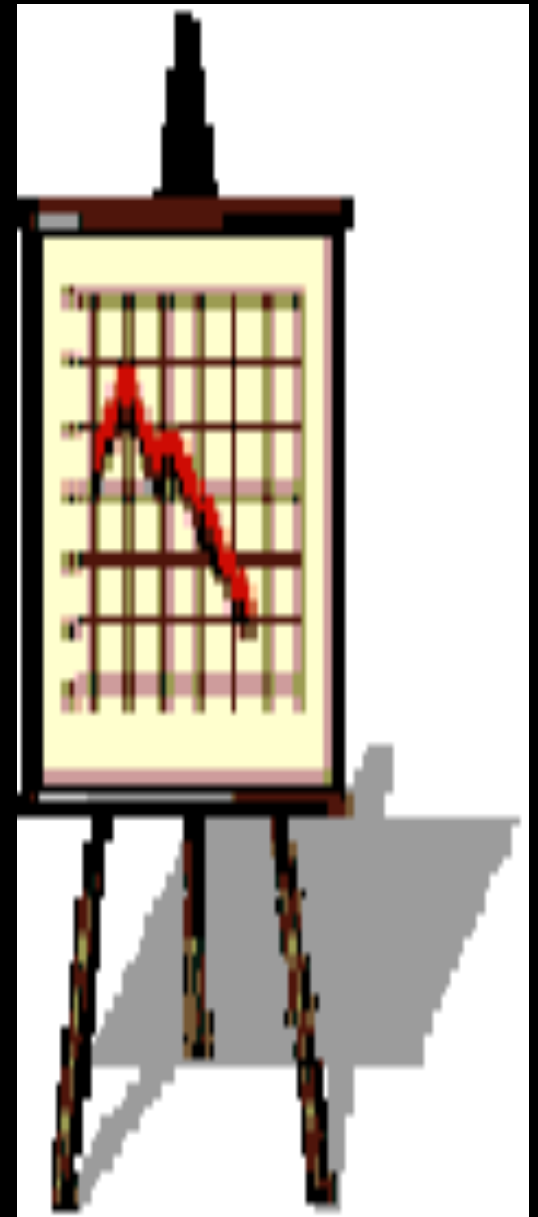
World Christian Encyclopedia





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?

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