

10 Reasons Why the End Times Could Come Tomorrow

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We don't know the day or the hour, but the signs are being fulfilled almost daily, and Jesus could return at any moment. This article examines ten reasons in support of that view.

Today, more books have been written about the end times than ever before. Daniel 12:4 describes this increase in end-times knowledge. And have you noticed how, in today's culture, movies about some kind of worldwide apocalypse—via zombies, earthquakes, asteroids, pandemics, or some climate catastrophe—seem to be everywhere? It's as if God has broadcasted a warning of what's to come onto some collective, subconscious antenna he's placed in each of us.

The Bible tells us that before the end, we should look for the signs of the times.

Matthew 24:3, 4a, 6-8 (HCSB): While He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached Him privately and said, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"

Then Jesus replied to them: ". . . You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, because these things must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these events are the beginning of birth pains."

What follows are ten signs of the times, ten birth pains of the end, ten reasons why the end times—and Jesus's return—could come at any moment:

1. The Rise of the Nation-State of Israel

The prophecies predicting this end-times event are scattered throughout the Bible.

Isaiah 43:5-6 (HCSB): Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north: Give them up! and to the south: Do not hold them back! Bring My sons from far away, and My daughters from the ends of the earth...

In 1948, Israel became a nation, and Jews returned from all over the world to their ancestral homeland. Today, more than 50% of all Jews, worldwide, are now living in that country. The nation of Israel, home to God's chosen people, will play a key role at the end of time.

(See also: Jeremiah 30:3; Ezekiel 34:11-13, 36:34, 37:1-14; Romans 11:25-27).

2. The Reunification of the Roman Empire.

When the Antichrist comes to power, he will rule over a reunited Roman Empire.

The Bible first refers to this in Daniel 2 where Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had a dream about a giant statue of a man composed of different materials. When none of his soothsayers or magicians could interpret it, God spoke through Daniel who explained that the head of gold was Nebuchadnezzar himself, leading Babylon, with four kingdoms to come after him.

History eventually revealed those kingdoms as Medo-Persia (silver), Greece (bronze), Rome (iron), and finally, the Kingdom of the Anti-Christ (iron & clay). In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the rock that will destroy the Anti-Christ's kingdom will be Christ.

Later, Daniel 7 presents these same five world empires as great beasts. In the end times, the Anti-Christ will reunite the old Roman Empire which will then subdue the entire world. He will rule over a ten-kingdom alliance, creating an unholy cartel of nations.

Daniel 7:23-25a (NLT): Then he said to me, "This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path. Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire. Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them. He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High.

Today, the European Union has brought together most of the old Roman Empire, uniting them in common cause, ready to be ruled by the Antichrist.

3. Apostasy in the Church

Apostasy is defined as "the abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief". Before the Antichrist comes, the Bible tells us there must first be apostasy in the Church.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (HCSB): Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For *that day** will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.

* *That day* refers to "the day of the Lord" or the end times

1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT): Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

There has always been apostasy in the church, but never to such a degree as now.

Today, one church after another has abandoned the Bible and embraced the beliefs of an immoral culture. This was especially apparent after the 2020 lockdowns ended and churches reopened

under government-mandated restrictions. Many pastors came out of the closet as social-justice warriors, abandoning the teachings of the Apostles for the woke agenda.

Some of the immoral ideologies infecting both Protestant and Catholic churches today include:

LGBTQ. The acceptance of LGBTQ lifestyles and the idea that persons of the same sex can “marry” each other is in clear opposition to the Word of God. Yet some churches have performed such “marriages”. (Deuteronomy 22:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 1:18-32)

New Age. Some churches have adopted New Age practices, many of which derive from Buddhism, Hindu pantheistic monism, ancient paganism, animism, and spiritism. These are prohibited by God. (Deuteronomy 5:8, 18:9-14; Colossians 2:8)

Universal salvation. Some churches preach universal salvation, the idea that all religions, not just Christ, can lead to Heaven. (John 14:6)

No Hell. In contradiction to the Bible, some pastors such as Rob Bell claim that Hell does not exist. (Revelation 14:11, 20:10-15, 21:8; Matthew 10:28, 25:41-46)

Church Leadership Moral Failures. Everywhere in both Protestant and Catholic churches, we see the moral decay of prominent church leaders—in their pursuit of power, money, and extravagant lifestyles, including private jets and mansions. Some have engaged in pedophilia and extra-marital affairs. (1 Timothy 3:1-5, 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:1-9)

Critical Race Theory. In opposition to Christ’s teachings, some churches and Christian organizations, such as CRU, have embraced Critical Race Theory and the belief that all white people are inherently racist and beyond redemption. CRT is a hateful, divisive, racist ideology. We are to preach Christ’s salvation, not CRT. (Galatians 3:28; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; James 2:1; 1 John 4:20; Exodus 20:16, 23:2-3)

Social Justice Warriors. Social justice has become a celebrated cause for many churches. Yet such an emphasis pulls churches away from leading the unsaved to Christ and focuses on salvation in this world, not the next. We need to help the poor and downtrodden, yes, but today’s woke social justice warriors have as their goal, not eternal salvation, but the restructuring of society. That is not Christianity.

Climate Change. A few churches have added climate change goals to their priorities. But it is God, not the earth, that we worship. Many Climate Change adherents are now possessed with such religious zeal for their cause, we must call their belief another religion.

The idea that man can warm the planet, leading to some future man-made climate catastrophe, is not only arrogant, it conflicts with biblical prophecy and assumes that man, not God, is in control of the planet’s destiny. It also conflicts with science. God has decreed how the world will end, and it will be far more disastrous than what the global warmists have envisioned.

(See the companion article: “How the Green Agenda Prepares the Way for the Antichrist”.)

Apostate Churches. Churches that have embraced any of the above ideologies have lost their way. They are apostate. Heed the words of the Apostle Paul:

Galatians 1:6b-8 (NLT): “You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ. Let God’s curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you.”

4. An Embrace of Globalism and a New World Order

At the Tribulation midpoint, the Bible describes how the fourth beast, the Antichrist, will rule the entire planet:

Daniel 7:23 (HCSB): “This is what he [an angel] said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, different from all the other kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth, trample it down, and crush it.’ ”

Revelation 13:3b, 7 (HCSB): The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. . . . And he was permitted to wage war against the saints and to conquer them. He was also given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation.

As never before, the stage is being set for one-world rule.

A Global Economy

We now live in a global economy. Parts and supplies to manufacture what we buy come from all over the world. The world is connected as never before. In one day, we can fly to the remotest parts of the planet. A global economy is a prerequisite for the Antichrist’s rule.

A Global Government

Most of the world’s major corporations and governments belong to The World Economic Forum, founded by German economist Klaus Schwab. Each year they meet in Davos, Switzerland. They consider themselves “the premier voice of public/private partnerships in the world.” Ever since the COVID-19 crisis, they have been completely open about their goal of uniting every country on earth under a “New World Order”. (Another name for that is “The Great Reset”.) On a number of occasions, President Biden has said a New World Order is coming. These folks are committed to remaking every government, corporation, and society on earth under a kind of woke fascism. (“Woke fascism” is a term coined by Dr. Michael Rectenwald, a former scholar at New York University and author of *The Google Archipelago*.)

Yuval Harari and His Frightening Vision of Man’s Future

One of the chief architects of this vision is Yuval Noah Harari, a certain Israeli professor. Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, and other corporate leaders have praised him. Though his theories are bizarre, he is the chief advisor to Klaus Schwab. He is Barack Obama's favorite author. He is a man we should pay attention to.

Harari says there is no such thing as free will, the soul, or God. Instead, he promotes "the trans-human". Humans are "hackable" beings he says, and a hackable human is one the elites can control—these are his very words. His vision for the future is that man will "evolve" through genetic engineering augmented by artificial intelligence, giving people god-like abilities. In his view, man will become a merger of biological, physiological, and digital qualities. He claims the technology now exists to implement his alarming vision of the future.

His goal is for the elites to control people and direct society.

The World Economic Forum's Plans For Your Future

The members of The World Economic Forum are climate fanatics, obsessed with climate change. Their goal? To save the planet by dictating the following for you, for me, and for every person on earth:

- The size of house you live in.
- The kind of car you can buy.
 - Electric only.
- What your carbon footprint will be.
- The kind of food you eat—meat will be banned.
 - Why meat? Because of the CO₂ in cow flatulence.
- They will force car-free Sundays.
 - One might ask: "Why Sunday?" Anyone going to church will be fined.
- Everyone will work from home.
- Cars will be banned from cities.
 - Public transportation only.
- They will control your body—their words exactly.
- You will own nothing, they say—their very words—yet they promise that, like a well-fed dog in a kennel, you will be happy.

Fascism is an extremely authoritarian, intolerant form of government that oppresses all dissenting opinion and behavior. The dictates of the above list could only be forced on people by a fascist form of government.

It's Happening Now

Though this may sound ridiculous, all the major corporations and governments of the world, through the World Economic Forum, support this frightening vision of the future. It's not in the future. They are working to implement it now.

They are already working with banks to restrict loans to companies (and eventually people) who do not follow the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) agenda. ESG is only part of the woke fascist agenda. Blackrock CEO Larry Fink is one of the main proponents of this, and his company is the largest investor in the world. Through ESG, they plan to restrict loans and investment in the fossil fuel, firearms, and tobacco industries. Next may be farms and the meat industry.

What is driving all of this?—a single-minded fixation on saving the planet by reducing CO2 and implementing their brand of woke fascism.

More Than Just Climate Change—All the Goals of Woke Fascism

The new globalism, obsessed with solving the climate change problem, is preparing the world for the Antichrist's rule as never before. The Antichrist could not ask for a better preparation to rule. Woke fascism contains far more than just a fixation on climate change. It encompasses virtually everything the Antichrist will need to control a populace heading straight to a fiery eternal future:

- Turn people inward, away from God and Jesus.
- Encourage every kind of immorality.
- Worship the planet, not God.
- Give allegiance to the State, not to God.
- Destroy the nuclear family.
- Encourage abortion, the murder of the unborn in the womb.
- Pit one group against another and declare that for some groups, there is no forgiveness.

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5. Technological Advances Ready Us For the Antichrist's Rule

The technology exists today to allow the Antichrist's rule as described in the Bible.

Cell Phones

With the ubiquity of cell phones, nearly every person on earth now owns a nearly indispensable device that can track our every movement and monitor our every communication. As we increasingly rely on them for financial transactions, we become dependent on them for obtaining the basic necessities of life. This surely readies the world for central control by the Antichrist.

Social Media Censorship

Our use of social media and internet search engines has given a handful of all-powerful, above-the-law, woke companies the ability to monitor, filter, track, and censor our every communication.

These have set the stage for the Anti-Christ's one-world government to control the buying and selling of goods and to rule the earth in the final days.

The Giant

In Revelation 13:14-15 we hear this about the False Prophet, called the second beast:

He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast . . . He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.

In 2021, The Giant Company, based out of Berlin, Germany (*search on "the giant statue" to see videos*) revealed plans to display a giant moving statue in 21 cities including Belfast, Berlin, Dubai, Dublin, Las Vegas, London, Phoenix, New York, and Singapore. Over 112 feet tall, the programmable statue can speak, move, and take on the appearance of a person who enters a box. It's billed as the world's tallest moving sculpture. This technology is ready-made for the beast to broadcast his demand for all people to worship himself.

The Mark of the Beast

As the above tells us, at the Tribulation midpoint, the Antichrist will dictate that everyone must receive the mark of the beast. Though the mark will be visible on the forehead or wrist, technology exists today to also allow a scannable chip beneath the surface of the skin.

The Digitization of Money and Accounts—the Cashless Society

Those refusing the mark will be unable to purchase food, clothing, or housing. In the absence of an underground economy, they will die. To achieve such power, the Antichrist will have complete control over the world's economy. When all transactions become digital and cash is banned, such control will be possible.

Today, we are rapidly becoming a cashless society, where one can only make purchases using a credit or debit card. Once everyone's accounts are in digital form in some central database, a central government can easily control and approve every personal transaction. They will then deny unapproved purchases and travel. This is already a reality in China.

6. Increasing Moral Decay and Lawlessness.

As the end approaches, Matthew 24:12 says that an increase in lawlessness will lead to cold, loveless hearts. All lawlessness is rooted in a rebellion and a rejection of God. Below is a summary of the evidence:

Chaos, Anarchy, and Lawlessness in Our Cities

In the summer and fall of 2020 and in the months following, we saw an explosion of lawlessness, chaos, and anarchy in every city in the US and around the world. Since then, we have seen an

increase in school shootings, murders, carjackings, “smash and grab” robberies, gang violence, and mob gang attacks on innocent civilians in broad daylight.

Morally Bankrupt Entertainment

Today’s television and movie fare increasingly subjects the viewer to lesbian and gay “love”, foul language, and non-stop violence. The messages of many shows, including from media conglomerates that were once family-centered, often advocate left-leaning, woke ideals in conflict with the Bible. Christianity, pastors, and priests are viewed—nearly without exception—in a negative light.

Lawless Governments

We now have a national government and multiple state and local governments that increasingly flout the laws of the land and themselves have become lawless. Left-leaning district attorneys, prosecutors, and state legislators now give criminals more rights than victims. Lawlessness is now epidemic at every level of society. The current, left-leaning government not only ignores the constitution, allowing an invasion of illegal immigrants on our southern border, it promotes a long list of immoral ideologies in direct conflict with the Bible.

The Moral Degradation of Society

Here are some of the latest examples of society's moral failures. Some of these mirror the path of apostate churches.

Abortion. At no time in human history has the world seen infanticide on such a scale as today. Each year in the United States, on average, 1,000,000 babies are murdered in the womb. This is enough to populate the state of Delaware. Some of the pro-choice people are so adamant and passionate about killing babies that they must be demonically inspired. (Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17)

LGBTQ and Same-Sex Marriage

LGBTQ lifestyles are an abomination in God’s sight. Same sex marriage is in direct opposition to God’s will that marriage be between one man and one woman. In 2021, allowing trans-gender males to join women’s sports teams became an official policy of the U.S. under the Biden administration. And the U.S. now has a trans-gender admiral.

Gender Confusion

The idea that one can “choose” one’s gender identity is clearly absurd and abhorrent to God. The Bible states that men behaving as women, and vice versa, is offensive to God. Governments, media, and the left now preach that men can become women and women can become men. It’s no longer enough to simply accept these aberrant lifestyles. Now we are asked to wholeheartedly affirm them.

The Attack On The Nuclear Family

The Bible clearly states that the family is central to God's plan for humanity. Yet the destruction of the nuclear family is a prime goal of wokeism, the LGBTQ movement, and the Marxist, anarchist, Black Lives Matter movement that also supports the murder of white policemen.

To destroy the family, one must also get rid of familial terms such as "mother", "father", "sister", and "brother", replacing them with gender-neutral terms such as "parent", "sibling, etc... In 2021, under the leadership of Nancy Pelosi, this terminology change became an official rule of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Critical Race Theory

CRT is a racist ideology derived from Marxism that labels all white people as unredeemable "white supremacists". It divides all people into oppressed (non-whites) and oppressors (white people). Its goal is to redistribute power to the oppressed. The injustice addressed by Critical Race Theory is "race" whereas the injustice addressed by Marxism is "class". Thus, CRT is an offshoot of Marxism. But any ideology that favors one race over another is, by definition, itself racist.

And any ideology that pits one group against one another, that tells people they are beyond redemption and can never be forgiven, and that has as its goal the destruction of society so it can be rebuilt into some kind of woke utopia is unbiblical.

This ideology is the basis for "Equity".

Equity

This idea redefines the dictionary word "equity" to mean "equality of outcomes" instead of "the quality of being fair and impartial". Today, it's applied to race relations.

This differs from the Apostle Paul's declaration that in Christ there is no male or female, rich or poor, Greek or Jew—that was an idea Christians brought into the world. Instead, today's "equity" means that non-whites and individuals of "oppressed" classes are to be advantaged over white people having the same or higher qualifications for the same positions in hiring, promotion, contracts, grants, etc.... Critical Race Theory automatically places all white people in the "oppressor" class based on their skin color at birth, which is, of course, racist. To see how this is really a Marxist philosophy, simply replace the word "race" with "class".

As of 2021, under the Biden administration, "equity" became the official policy for every U.S. government agency.

Group Rights

The U.S. Constitution states that all individuals have unalienable rights given them by their Creator. Since God created mankind in his image, everyone has some of God's attributes. The

Apostle Paul also tells us that all people, regardless of race, class, or gender are equal before Christ. But the “group rights” concept states that groups of people also have rights, and that those rights supersede the rights of individuals.

This is pure Marxism, a corollary to the concept of “equity”, and it conflicts with biblical teaching and the U.S. Constitution.

Note how the “group rights” concept creates a new injustice by favoring an individual belonging to an officially “oppressed” group over another individual whose ancestors may or may not have been complicit in some kind of historic “oppression” or past injustice.

Moral Decay Summary

All of these issues witness to a depraved, degenerate, and unrighteous moral climate, far-removed from biblical values. Minds and hearts that are not captured by Christ are instead being captured and controlled by ideas in direct conflict with the Bible. And everywhere, lawlessness is on the rise.

It’s as if Satan himself has orchestrated it. After the Rapture, when all the Christians are gone, when everyone who is left behind has already embraced the world’s anti-biblical, anti-Christian ideas and lawlessness—they will be ready for the Antichrist’s rule.

7. An Embrace of Atheist Ideologies

Woke Fascism Is the Goal

Though the left and the woke might deny it, a new kind of socialism—woke fascism—is the end goal. Just like socialism, the government—but in actuality a small group of privileged elites—will control and distribute all wealth, power, resources, and the means of production on an “equitable” basis. (See above for how the term “equity” has been redefined.)

(“Woke fascism” is a term coined by Dr. Michael Rectenwald, a former scholar at New York University and author of *The Google Archipelago*.)

The goals of woke fascism are the same goals as Satan’s and the Antichrist’s:

- Turn people away from God and Jesus.
- Encourage every kind of immorality.
- Worship the planet, not God.
- Give allegiance to the State, not to God.
- Destroy the nuclear family.
- Pit one group against another and declare that for some groups, there is no forgiveness.

The State Over the Individual

As a form of socialism, woke fascism denies the worth of the individual in favor of the State. Under this ideology, the rights, needs, and plans of the State always supersede an individual's free will and even his or her right to exist. As such, one's allegiance can never be to God, but must always be to the whims of the mob. It necessarily opposes all religions and the concept of God.

Based On Atheist Marxism

Socialism and woke fascism are atheist ideologies based on Marxism which is opposed to Christianity:

- Vladimir Lenin: "Atheism is an integral part of Marxism. Marxism is materialism. We must combat religion."
- Karl Marx: "We make war against all the prevailing ideas of religion, of the state, of country, of patriotism. The idea of God is the keynote of a perverted civilization. It must be destroyed."

When most of the governments on earth have adopted the tenets of woke fascism, the way will be clear for the rule of the Anti-Christ.

8. The Rapid Decline of America.

The Bible makes no mention of the United States in the end times. The U.S. has one of the highest percentages of Christians in the world today. After the Rapture, it will become a faint shadow of the country it once was. But today, even before the Rapture, the country is in a steep decline, already setting the stage for earth's final days.

Beyond the U.S., certain countries with the majority of the world's population—China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran, to name the worst—are ruled by authoritarian, socialist, or radical Islamic dictatorships.

We can discount the UN as a toothless organization whose "human rights" oversight is run by countries that are themselves the worst violators of human rights. The majority of countries represented in the UN are ruled by socialists and dictators.

The Last Bastion of Democracy and Freedom

That leaves the U.S. as the final bastion of democracy and defender of world peace. Like it or not, the U.S. is (or was) the world's policeman, employing its strength, resources, and treasure to keep the world free from totalitarianism and atheistic socialism. But recent actions have shown how, under the current left-leaning administration, all that is rapidly changing:

- The leading party in power has removed all mention of God from its party platform and the pledge of allegiance.

- The government has embraced and encouraged the immorality of LGBTQ, gay marriage, CRT, and abortion.
- Though it will deny it, the government has embraced wokeism. One of its first acts was to make “racial equity” a priority for every government department. “Equity” is simply another version of Marxism.
- It has alienated our allies and embraced our enemies.
- With the goal of changing the electorate, it has intentionally opened the southern border, leading to an invasion of migration.
- It has distanced itself from Israel. But Genesis 12:3, speaking of Israel, tells us that God will bless those who bless Israel and curse those who treat it with contempt.
- It has done everything possible to weaken the economic foundation of the country through increasing regulation, encouraging lockdowns, waging total war on fossil fuels, shutting down oil pipelines creating tens of thousands unemployed, and stopping drilling on vast swaths of western land under federal control. It has paid people to stay home and not work.
- It’s war on energy and excessive spending have created spiraling, out-of-control inflation.
- These acts have contributed to the worst supply-chain crisis in our lifetimes.
- The administration has also continued the Obama-era reductions in military spending.

The result: The United States is in a steep, downward spiral.

Revelation Does Not Mention America

In Revelation, there is no mention of America taking any part in end-times events. It’s possible a new administration could turn things around for a time. But the party currently in power seems committed to doing everything possible to destroy this country as we know it.

One wonders: Is this part of the divine will preparing the world for the end times? Is America’s rapid decline a harbinger of the end?

9. Government Overreach and the Rise of Fear-Based Societies¹

Woke fascism requires complete government control over the populace, and the COVID-19 crisis was the perfect excuse for governments to seize powers they were never allocated. Fear of COVID-19 became worse than the virus itself and led to worse consequences than if governments had done nothing. In 1932, Hitler used the crisis of the Depression and out-of-control inflation to promise Germans a return to peace, security, and prosperity.

The pattern is there to follow: crisis, followed by chaos and anarchy, followed by a promise of peace and security, followed by governments seizing power.

The Rapture will be the biggest crisis ever to fall upon the world, and the current climate of fear followed by government overreach is a preview of what will happen in the end times. People are

¹ Title taken from Jan Markel’s Understanding the Times Radio and her DVD titled *Convergence*.

being conditioned now to allow government to seize whatever powers it deems necessary to return the world to peace and security.

Constitutions Suspended & Freedoms Suppressed

Governments worldwide have stoked people's fears over the virus and then seized more and more authority. "Never let a crisis go to waste," said Rahm Emmanuel, the former Democratic mayor of Chicago and Obama's chief of staff. In liberal state after state, governors have thrown out their constitutions and seized emergency powers to impose lockdowns, order useless mask wearing, and mandate vaccines for all—even for those who had previously recovered from the disease or who knew they'd have a serious reaction to it. In the future, they could very likely follow the same pattern of government overreach and declare a "climate emergency".

In Other Countries, It's Even Worse

Beyond our borders, it's even worse. In the name of fighting COVID-19, over 200 countries suspended their citizens' freedoms and rights. In Australia, a country once thought of as free, they built permanent camps to "quarantine" COVID-positive patients. They ordered people to drink their beer *through their masks*. Before the pandemic, China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea—to name the worst—were already controlling their people through fear. China ordered entire regions and cities into lockdown in a futile attempt to stamp out even a single case of the virus.

Across the planet, governments and the media have instilled in everyone a deep-seated, irrational fear of a virus. People run into the street rather than pass a person on the sidewalk. They wear masks while driving alone, inside their cars. Even Christians, who should not fear death, are afraid to attend church, preferring to watch a video instead.

Safety Over Freedom

Filled with unreasoning fear, people chose safety over freedom. And leftist, liberal governments everywhere used that fear to override Constitutions and trample on peoples' freedoms.

What better way to condition the world for the coming of the Antichrist?

10. Increasing Hatred of Christians, Conservatives, and Jews

In the end times, Christians will be hated and persecuted. Jesus warns of this in Matthew 24:9 (HCSB):

"Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other."

But why is this so?

The Left Does Not Believe In Absolute Moral Values

I have a theory that the more politically left a person leans, the less likely that person will be a Christian or to hold Christian values. Time and again, my personal observations bear this out.

The reason? Christians, conservatives, and Jews believe in an unchanging, God-given morality. Such a belief, of course, is incompatible with the modern left's positions on abortion, LGBTQ lifestyles, CRT, the nuclear family, "equity", and the Green Agenda.

Bible-believing Christians also know that life on earth did not come about through evolution—another area where dissenters are blackballed and ostracized. (The belief that God, not evolution, created all species is backed up by a mountain of evidence and is beyond this article to address.)

Thus do Christians, conservatives, and Jews find themselves "canceled" whenever they speak against such blatant falsehoods as, "A man can become a woman," and "All white people are at heart racist," "Abortion is baby murder," and "God, not evolution, created life."

The Cancel Culture

Today, nearly every major media outlet has abandoned all pretense of impartiality. They've become cheerleaders for every leftist cause. They use their networks to cancel, suppress, and blackball anyone who dares disagree with the new woke dogma.

There is also this: The totalitarian spirit, once in power, cannot tolerate dissent, and wokeism/liberalism tends always toward totalitarianism. Such a spirit must crush into oblivion all opposition by whatever means available. The one thing that Wokeism, Critical Race Theory, "Equity", Group Rights, Evolution, and Climate Change adherents all require is this—they cannot tolerate any criticism, examination, discussion, or questioning of their beliefs. A kind of mindless, pervasive "group think" infects their devotees such that anyone dissenting or pointing out the absurdity, illogic, or disastrous consequences of their positions is immediately ridiculed, ostracized, blackballed, deplatformed, or "canceled". That their philosophies cannot stand up to any dissent or discussion whatsoever is, by itself, an argument for the dubious, suspect nature of their beliefs.

Christians, conservatives, and Jews who espouse an unchanging, God-given morality will always be on the wrong side of such people, subject to their hatred, persecution, and being "canceled".

As persecution rises, as Christians are increasingly

Conclusion

These, then, are some of the signs of times, signs telling us that the Rapture and the end times could come at any moment.

One of the hallmarks of the end times is the adoption of immoral ideas and ideologies that turn us away from God and promote the breakdown of all that is good, right, and honorable. Most of

these aberrant ideologies are encapsulated by the terms “wokeism”, “socialism”, “evolution”, or “climate change”. (See the companion article: “How the Green Agenda Prepares the Way for the Antichrist” for why climate change is in this list.) They are ideologies and philosophies in conflict with the Bible, with history, with logic, and with the science their adherents claim to follow. Their goal is to turn people inward, looking to themselves and their cherished ideologies, and not to God. It’s as if they were created by Satan himself.

They surely prepare the world for the coming end times and the rule of the Anti-Christ. We have catalogued them to make Christians aware of their insidious natures and how their basic tenets oppose God’s will and his plan for the world.

Christians must be able to discern what is good and what is evil, what is right and what is wrong. We are in a spiritual battle for the souls of mankind and recognizing the enemy and his tactics is crucial. The Apostle Paul sums it up in his letter to the Colossians (2:8, NLT):

“Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.”

But For The Christian There Is Hope

This article has outlined the reasons why the end times could come at any moment. For some this knowledge might lead to gloom and despair. But for the Christian, this should not be so. Those whose fate is sealed through belief in Christ will be spared. Those in the family of God will *not* live through the seven terrible years of the coming Tribulation. The shadow of things to come is falling on our world—yes. But it’s only a shadow, a preview.

I believe the purpose of the Tribulation is twofold: 1.) To bring millions to faith, and 2.) To deliver God’s final judgment on an unrepentant, sinful world.

During the Tribulation, the world will see the hand of God in all His awful power and wrath. For those with hard, unrepentant hearts, it will be a time of terrible trial, anguish, and terror.

But for anyone whose heart is open, the Tribulation brings one last chance to turn to Him. In the Tribulation, millions will be saved. They will have decided too late, yes, and they must live through seven years of trial and terror. But their eternal futures will be secure.

For Christians alive today, it’s a different matter. At the Rapture, Christians will be removed from the earth, saved from the suffering to come. God is merciful, and He will not bring His wrath upon those He claims as his own. God also does not lie. Nor do his Apostles. So take heart in these words from the Apostle Paul from 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (HCSB):

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel’s voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are still alive will be caught up together with them in the

clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so we will always be with the Lord.
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

As the world races toward its destruction, Christians can take hope and comfort in that.

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The reasons I have presented above are not all my own. I owe a debt to the following individuals, who also present why they believe the end times are nearly upon us. Everyone's lists of reasons repeat and overlap. This, too, lends credence to the idea that Jesus is coming soon.

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