

STARTING AT THE END: ISLAM & NEW AGE

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• **Worldview**

1. Truth claims that explain world & reality, like a map
2. “Map” covers an AREA: Assumption, Reality, Ethic, Answers

• **Assumption**

Either God exists (theism) or He does not (atheism)

• **Reality**

Realms of the supernatural & natural exist (supernaturalism), or nature is all that exists (naturalism)

• **Ethic**

Either God (moral absolutes) or man (moral relativism) determines standards of behavior in situations

• **Answers**

Basic questions of origin, purpose, and destiny need to be answered

• **Islam**

Assumption: Theism Reality: Supernaturalism Ethic: Moral Absolutes
Answers: Global Islamic State; Heaven & Hell

• **Islam: Global Islamic State; Heaven & Hell**

1. Jihad to bring submission to Allah (109 verses to justify)
 - *“The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His apostle and strive to make mischief in the land is only this, that they should be murdered or crucified or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides or they should be imprisoned; this shall be as a disgrace for them in this world, and in the hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement.”* (Sura 5:33)
 - *“Sayyid Qutb asserted that mankind will never find salvation in manmade laws...Salvation can only be achieved by replacing manmade laws and institutions with God’s rule alone. Mankind must adopt Islamic law in total, and give up...notions...which derive its authority from people rather than God.”*¹
 - *The Muslim Brotherhood is engaged in “a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their hands and the hands of believers so that it is eliminated and Allah’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”*²
2. Judgment Day—all go to hell
3. Muslims go to hell; can go to paradise if 5 Pillars kept & chosen by Allah
4. Only Jihad ensures salvation (automatic entrance)

• **New Age**

Assumption: Pantheism Reality: Non-naturalism Ethic: Moral Relativism
Answers: Global Civilization

• **New Age: Global Civilization**

1. Evolutionary godhood—next step spiritually not physically
 - *Treating all with respect as manifestations of God*
 - *Sharing wealth so poverty & greed disappear*³
2. Self-government—individuals governing self, without authority
 - *Concept of community will overcome dangers of anarchy*⁴
3. Spirit guides—humans who evolved to spirits
 - *Guiding man in continual evolutionary journey to godhood*
 - *Lower rank known as “Spirit Guide,” “Enlightened One,” & “Custodian of the Plan”*
 - *Upper rank known as “Ascended Masters of Wisdom,” which include Jesus, Buddha, & Mohammed*
 - *Contacted by meditation & other occult practices; speak through telepathy & visions*⁵
4. World Teacher will guide us to godhood & utopia

¹ Mark Hartwig, “Spread by the Sword?” Available online at http://www.answering-islam.org/Terrorism/by_the_sword.html

² As quoted in *The Journal*, June 2011, volume 11, issue 6, p. 6.

³ Matt Slick, “What is the New Age Movement?” Available online at <http://carm.org/new-age-what>

⁴ David Noebel, *Understanding The Times* (Manitou Springs, CO: Summit Press, 2006 p. 345.

⁵ Gary Kah, *The New World Religion* (Noblesville, IN: Hope International Publishing, 1998), p. 33.

STARTING AT THE END: MARXISM & SECULAR HUMANISM

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• Marxism

Assumption: Atheism

Reality: Naturalism

Ethic: Moral Relativism

Answers: Global Communism

• Marxism: Global Communism

1. Societal phases based on economics (feudalism, capitalism, socialism)
2. Ruling class (“haves”) oppresses working class (“have-nots”)
3. War between “haves” and “have-nots” will lead to socialism (a government-controlled economy)
4. Communism (classless society) will appear (everyone’s needs met; no government necessary)

• Secular Humanism

Assumption: Atheism

Reality: Naturalism

Ethic: Moral Relativism

Answers: Global Government

• Secular Humanism: Global Government

1. 1912 World Peace Foundation pamphlet
 - *International parliament or congress*
 - *World laws & judicial system*
 - *Global military force*⁶
2. 2009 Russian President Medvedev & “United Future World Currency” at G8 Summit⁷
3. 2011 Pope Benedict XVI calls for “true world political authority” to manage world⁸
4. 2012 World Federalist Movement (largest global government lobbying group)
 - *Integrate regions*
 - *Unite democracies*
 - *Create world constitution*
 - *Reform UN (most popular of 4; UN Parliamentary Association [UNPA]; “tipping point” awaited)*⁹

⁶ “In Their Own Words: *International Good-Will*” Available online at

<http://www.forcingchange.org/files/1874178/uploaded/Volume%206,%20Issue%201%20R.pdf>

⁷ Carl Teichrib, “Question of the Month,” *Forcing Change*, vol. 3, no. 7, 2009, p. 10.

⁸ “*Caritas In Veritate*.” Available online at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate_en.html

⁹ Olivia Chance, “We Must Unite Before We Destroy Each Other,” *Forcing Change*, vol. 6, no. 7, 2012.

STARTING AT THE END: MATTHEW 24

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- **Future of Temple in Jerusalem (Mt 24:1-2)**

1. Totally destroyed--by Titus Vespasian & Romans in 70 AD

- **2 questions (Mt 24:3; Mk 13:3)**

1. When will Temple be destroyed?
2. What are signs of Jesus' return & the end?

- **New Testament Age--from Jesus' time to ours (Mt 24:4-8)**

1. False Christs (5)
2. Wars (6-7a)
3. Famines (7b)
4. Earthquakes (7b)
5. These are only beginnings (8)

- **Age of Tribulation--time of worldwide persecution of Christians (Mt 24:9-14)**

1. Persecution (9)
2. Falling away from faith--apostasy (10)
3. False prophets (11)
4. Increased sinfulness (12)
5. Gospel preached all over (14)

- **Destruction of Temple in Jerusalem (Mt 24:15-20)**

1. Run when you see "the detestable (offensive) thing that lays waste (destroys)" in Temple (15; Da 11:31)
 - *Daniel prophesied about Antiochus Epiphanies (Greek/Seleucid ruler 175-164 BC); Josephus (1st century Jewish historian) records he plundered Temple; built altar to Zeus; sacrificed pigs; boiled flesh & poured broth in Temple (169-168 BC)*
 - *Jesus prophesies about Titus Vespasian (Roman ruler 79-81 AD); surrounded & attacked city; plundered & burned Temple; entered Holy of Holies (70 AD)*
2. Eusebius (3rd century church historian) records all Christians escaped Jerusalem, going to Pella as Roman armies approached (Lk 21:20)

- **Age of Vengeance--time of God's wrath on unbelievers for persecution (Mt 24:21-29)**

1. Unequaled, terrible events (21-22)
2. False Christs performing signs (23-26)
3. Signs in sun, moon, & stars (29; Lk 21:25-28)

- **Second Coming of Christ (Mt 24:30-31)**

- **Watch (Mt 24:32-51; Mk 13:37)**

1. Some will not due to (Lk 21:34)
 - *Partying & wasting time*
 - *Drunkenness*
 - *Worries of life*

STARTING AT THE END: JUDGMENT DAY & ETERNAL STATES

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- **Judgment--reason for separation of believers & unbelievers for eternity (Mt 25:31-46; 2 Co 5:10)**
 1. Believers saved by faith (Ep 2:8-9)
 - *Judged on works--no sin, only good works (1 Co 3:11-15; Co 2:13)*
 2. Unbelievers damned by lack of faith (Jn 3:18)
 - *Judged on works--all sins (Re 20:12-13)*
- **Eternal state--new heaven & earth after old ones destroyed by fire (Is 65:17; 2 Pe 3:10-13; Re 21:1)**
- **Damnation--separation of unbelievers' soul & body from God in hell (Dn 12:2)**
 1. Weeping & gnashing (Mt 8:12)
 2. Body & soul destroyed (Mt 10:28)
 3. Degrees (Mt 11:20-24; Lk 12:47-48)
 4. Worm & fire? (Mk 9:48)
 5. Separation (2 Th 1:6-10)
 6. Eternal torment (Re 14:11)
 7. Fiery lake of burning sulfur? (Re 20:14-15)
- **Exaltation--joining of believers' soul & body with God in heaven (Jb 19:25-27; Dn 12:2)**
 1. No marriage (Mt 22:30)
 2. Like wedding (Mt 25:10; Re 19:9)
 3. Like banquet (Lk 22:30)
 4. Place to belong (Jn 14:2)
 5. Perfect (Re 7:15-17; 21:1-4)
 6. All new (Re 21:5)
 7. No sin ever (Re 21:27)
- **4 worldviews based on man's goodness & future utopia**
 1. Islam: Global Islamic State; Heaven & Hell
 - *Right religion*
 2. New Age: Global Civilization
 - *Right evolution*
 3. Marxism: Global Communism
 - *Right economics*
 4. Secular Humanism: Global Government
 - *Right government*
- **1 worldview based on man's sin, God's grace & future reunion with Him**
 1. Christianity: Heaven & Hell
 2. Colossians 1:13-14
 - For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.