



Or is it Doomed to Feed off Discontent?

In *American Evangelicalism*, Smith found that evangelical faith strong “because it is—or at least perceives itself to be—embattled with forces that seem to oppose or threaten it... Indeed, evangelicalism thrives on distinction, engagement, conflict and threat.”

Faith Beyond the End?

Classical Medieval Modern

Science Fiction Visions

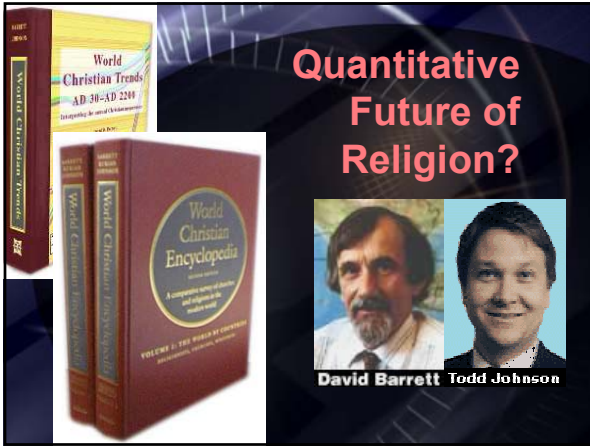
Religious Futurism



1. Divination
2. Revelation
3. Progressivism
4. Historicism
5. Social Science

Explore the Future of Religion

We meet annually at the World Future Society Jewish, Christian, Islamic, & Esoteric networks
See our FAQ at <http://www.wnrf.org>

Quantitative Future of Religion?






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World Religions Today

	Population	Percent	P.A.%
Christians	2,050,616,000	33.05%	1.27
Muslims	1,239,029,000	19.97%	2.11
Nonreligious	780,557,000	12.58%	0.8
Hindus	836,543,000	13.48%	1.54
Buddhists	367,538,000	5.92%	1.04
Atheists	150,804,000	2.43%	0.24
New-Religionists	104,280,000	1.68%	0.94
Ethnoreligionists	234,341,000	3.78%	1.3
Sikhs	24,124,000	0.39%	1.84
Jews	14,670,000	0.24%	0.81
World Pop.	6,203,789,000	100.00%	1.22

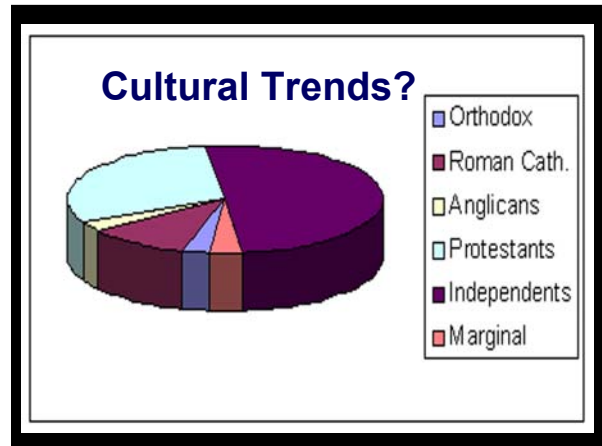
Scenarios for 2200



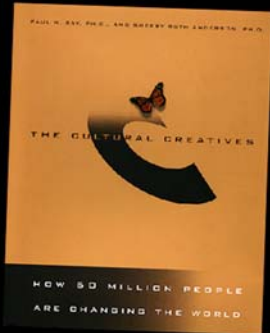
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	TODAY	MOST LIKELY in 2200		Muslim Revival	Secular Islam
Christians	33.05%	37.90%	4,397,929,000	37.00%	37.90%
Muslims	19.90%	22.60%	2,624,567,000	23.50%	21.40%
Nonreligious	12.58%	14.00%	1,626,497,000	14.00%	15.20%

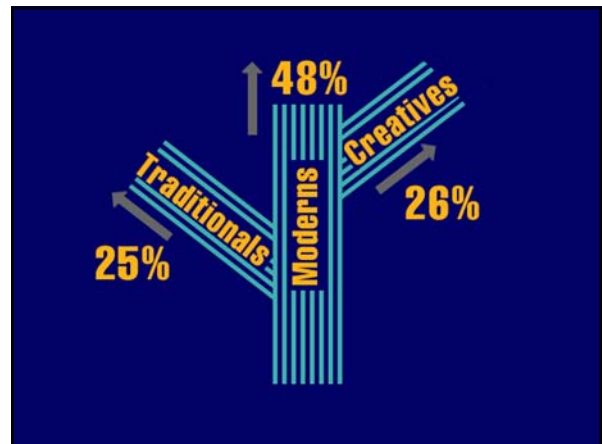
Religious Projections for the Next 200 Years
<http://www.wnrf.org/cms/next200.shtml>



Cultural Creatives

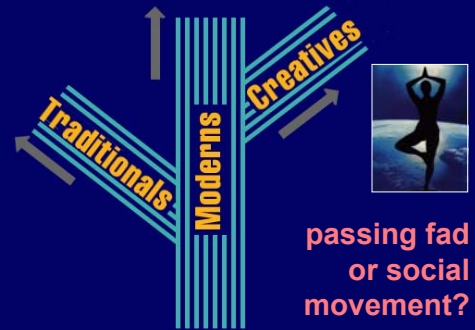


THE CULTURAL CREATIVES
 HOW 50 MILLION PEOPLE
 ARE CHANGING THE WORLD



Three Subcultures

TRADITIONAL	MODERN	CREATIVE
Billy Graham	Norman Peale	Oprah Winfrey
Mother Teresa	Desmond Tutu	The Dalai Lama
J.R. Tolkien	Isaac Asimov	Arthur C. Clarke
Norman Rockell	Pablo Picasso	Marc Chagall
George Bush Jr	George Bush	Tony Blair
Eric Voegelin	Bertrand Russell	Ken Wilber

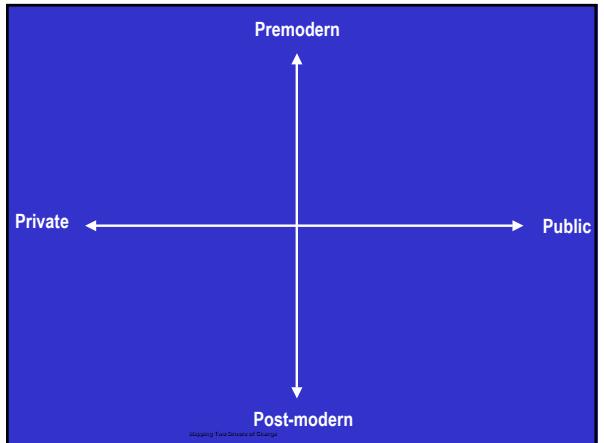


Out of the Blue...

How would faith respond, be changed?

- Asteroid Hits the Earth
- Time Travel is Invented
- Messiah Returns to Salt Lake City
- Life in other Dimensions Discovered
- "The Extraterrestrial Sermons" - thesis
www.richardb.us/project.html

Out of the Blue, John Petersen, 1998, see arlingtoninstitute.org

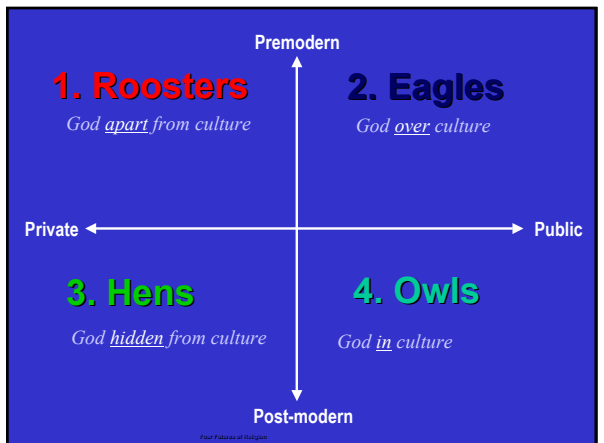


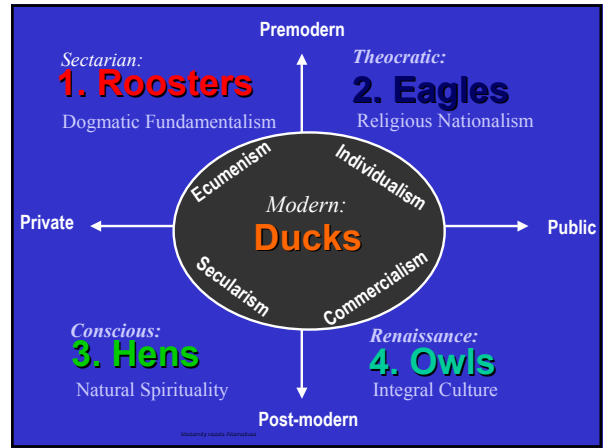
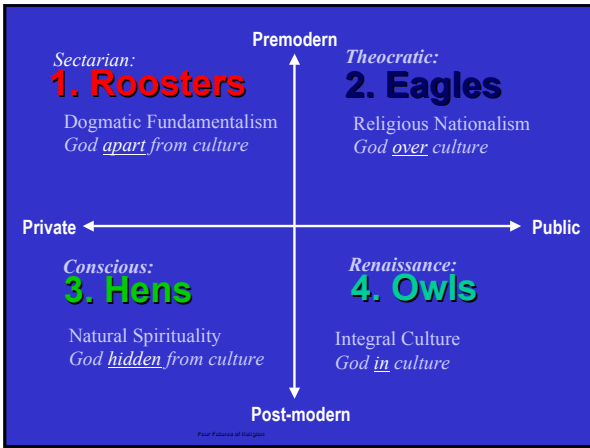
Modern
Worldview

Postmodern
Worldview

Rational	Intuitive
Permanent	Provisional
Absolute	Ambiguous
Propositional	Approximate
Western	Ethnic Cultures
Men	Women
Literal	Symbolic
Religion	Spirituality

Faith in a Changing World, by John Drane, Harper Collins, 1994





Strength & Weakness of each future

Groups of 3-5

Does Faith Have a Future?

Feedback

1. Through this session I have learned that...
2. My question I asked myself that I would like you to respond to is...

Does Faith Have a Future? Part II Foresight

Toward the Year 3000

- Leisure Age** 2015
- Life Sciences** 2100
- Megamaterials** 2200 - 2300
- New Atomic** 2100 - 2500
- New Space Age** 2500 - 3000

Prediction Business

Finance

Economics

Technology

Business

The Fortune Tellers
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Weather

Population

Futurists

Fortune-Telling

Millennialism

Catastrophic

Earth-->Heaven
 God loses in history
 Salvation beyond history
 Redemption of souls
 History winds down
 Quietism
 Countdown to last days
 Transcendent
 OTHER WORLDLY

Constructive

Heaven-->Earth
 God wins in history
 Salvation in/through history
 Redemption of society
 History winds up
 Activism
 Countup from first day
 Immanent
 THIS WORLDLY

Hindsight & Foresight

Foresight is...

the ability to create and maintain a coherent forward view and to use these insights in socially constructive ways.

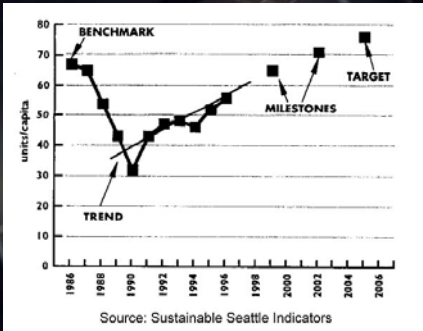
Slaughter, Future Concepts & Ideas, AFI

Community Indicators

A triple bottom line

ENVIRONM	CULTURAL	ECONOMIC
Oil & gas reserve life Energy use intensity Agricultural sustainab. Timber sustainability Forest fragmentation Parks & wilderness Fish & wildlife Wetlands & Peatlands Water quality Air quality Greenhouse gas emis. Carbon budget deficit Hazardous waste Landfill waste Ecological footprint	Poverty Income distribution Unemployment Underemployment Paid work time Household work Parenting & eldercare Free time Volunteerism Commuting time Life expectancy	Premature mortality Infant mortality Obesity Suicide Drug use (youth) Auto crashes Divorce Crime Problem gambling Voter participation Educational attainm.
		Economic growth Economic diversity Trade Disposable income Weekly wage rate Personal expenditures Transportation expend. Taxes Savings rate Household debt Public infrastructure Household infrastruct.

Indicators & the Future



Sustainable Seattle '98

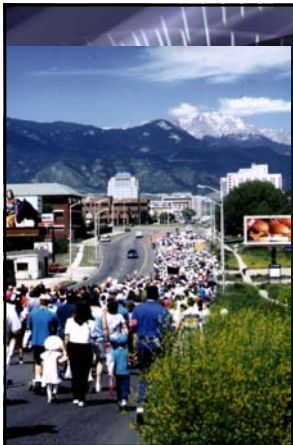
www.sustainablemeasures.com

Improving

- Air Quality
- Unemployment
- Volunteer Involvement
- Housing Affordability

Declining

- Health Care Expenses
- Work for Basic Needs
- Children in Poverty
- Energy Use



City of God

Our heavenly calling as believers to seek the City of God is realized as we build the Good City as earthly citizens. Ministry will embrace community health as well as congregational growth.



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