

.The Y2K Crisis
and the Christian

.We're leading the way,
but does anyone know where we are going?

.World's Computers to Shut Down

.(Gary North, *Remnant Review*, *Special Report*, 1997)

.On January 1, 2000, the world's computers will either shut down or go haywire. So will everything dependent on them: banks, Social Security, Medicare, and (if you don't take action soon) your retirement plans. In 1999, depositors all over the world will figure this out and will pull their money out of the banks: the ultimate bank run!

.A BILLION LIVES LOST

If Things Go Fairly Well

.Gary North, *The Christian news*, October 12, 1998, p. 8.

. I have been unable to persuade the vast majority of my readers, after almost two years, that if the division of labor collapses, we will lose millions of lives. Joe Boivin, who was the Y2K director for Canada's Imperial Bank and Commerce until he quit, estimates that a billion people will die in 2000. He limits his discussion to the third world. I think we could lose half a billion in the urban West.

. Unthinkable? All right, show me how any large city will survive if the power goes off for 60 days, all railroad deliveries of grain and coal stop, all gasoline station pumps shut down, and there are no banks. Go on. I'm serious. Sit down and outline a scenario that will keep an urban population alive without mainframe computers.

. Available at: www.garynorth.com

.Let's Be Conservative

In Our Estimates *Pt. 1 of 2*

.Gary North, *Remnant Review* Promo, early 1998

.I have deliberately.. assumed. . .only the following: in every industrial nation, the public will figure out in 1999 that they are utterly dependent on the services of organizations, including governments, whose computers will begin to produce erroneous information in 1% of their operations by 2000. Not 10% or 20%, let alone a complete shut-down. Just 1%. This is not afar-fetched scenario....

.Kathleen Adams of the Social Security Administration... says that if the Social Security Administration has a 1% failure rate, it will mean that local SSA offices will get some where between 430,000 and 500,000 phone calls on the same day... this would overwhelm the system....

.This 1% scenario, if it comes to pass, will paralyze *every* mainframe computer-driven organization on earth.. ..Panic hits a large group almost without warning. I saw this back in 1974, when the Arab oil embargo produced lines in front of gas stations. One day there were no cars lined up. There was no panic. The next morning, the lines were long, and they were permanent. City by city, the panic spread like a plague. It will happen again, but on a scale unimaginable, beginning sporadically at least one year before 2000....

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.THE MILLENNIUM CLOCK KEEPS TICKING

. There is nothing we can do to delay it. *This disaster is programmed.* If you

think to yourself, “This just won’t happen,” ask yourself this question: “Exactly what is going to prevent it...?” Time is running out. *Don’t sit there, immobilized, like a deer caught in the headlights of an oncoming truck.*

. Gary North, “A 24-page report that proves, point by point, that this is no ‘Chicken Little’ fantasy but a terrifying reality,” sent out by direct mail to promote North’s Remnant Review early in 1998, from insert between pp. 16-17 and p. 25.

. Satan is the Prince
of the Power of Electricity

. Jack Van Impe, “2000 Time Bomb,” video

. Satan is the prince of the power of . . . electricity, the currents! And that’s why we wrestle against evil, wicked spirits in high places (Ephesians 6:12)

. I believe that the one who causes all this mass confusion is the Satanic being who has power over the atmosphere, over space . . . and, yes, I want to repeat it, electricity!

. Totalitarian Regime to be Welcomed by All?

. Y2K = 666? *How Will January 1, 2000 Affect You?*

. The Y2K problem could very well produce a totalitarian police state of universal proportions *that will be welcomed by everyone*. Totalitarian regimes are always unpopular unless they are perceived as solving some common problem that can only be resolved by such drastic measures. Might the Y2K problem be that common problem?

. N. W. Hutchings and Larry Spargimino

. Hearststone Publishing, 1998, p. 66

. Experts Becoming More Spooked

. (Donald S. McAlvany’s website of November 20, 1998, apparently posted some time in August 1998.)

. With less than 17 months to the turn of the century, the Y2K/Millennium Bug Crisis is looming larger and larger with every day that passes. The More the experts learn about it, the more spooked they become

. MIA [McAlvany Intelligence Advisor] believes that the problem is huge, that it could (indeed is likely to) precipitate a financial collapse, and is likely to create severe economic, financial, and social dislocations for a number of weeks or months. The biggest financial bubble in world history could well be burst by Y2K in combination with the Asian financial meltdown. And, a power-hungry Clinton Administration could use the crisis to try to usurp a tremendous amount of financial and political power—much as Franklin Roosevelt did in 1933.

. Panic Continues to Grow

. Latest “Get Rich Quick” Ideas

Flourish Among Christians

. As if the situation were not bad enough already, many individuals have deduced that Y2K can help them get rich? People are trying to sell emergency survival food and Y2K books covering everything from growing your own medicines (because all of the pharmacies will close) to how-to-books on growing your own Y2K garden. People are even selling real estate based on the Y2K panic. (*You can lease a half- acre lot for \$10,000 in “Heritage Farms 2000,” a self- sufficient Y2K village in South Dakota....*)

. I have been reading scare tactics warning of everything from our nuclear missiles taking off by themselves, to suggestions that Russia's nuclear power plans are going to melt down.

. Steve Hewitt, "Year 2000 Bug, Part 1,"
Christian Computing, September 1998.

.Will We Be Ready?

.Modern Society's Greatest Challenge Yet — Really?

. At the stroke of midnight, December 31, 1999, our world will be faced with the greatest challenge that modern society has ever had to experience . . . We must ask ourselves, "Will we be ready?"

. Jerry Falwell in a sermon at Thomas Road Baptist Church
reported in Falwell's *National Liberty Journal*

. November 1998, p. 7

.No Information Available

.No one is telling us what is going on.

. There is no such thing as a Y2K expert . . . because [of] the information blackout around this issue, crisis, problem.

. Drew Parkhill, "Disaster Preparedness," BMS-Y2K
November 14, 1998, audiotape #1444 Available from Westside
church

. 2051 NW Shevlin Park Road, Bend, OR 97701

.Bible Believing Christians
are Taking the Lead

.If we are blind (from lack of information)
how can we hope to lead anyone in the right direction?

. One of the main speakers at the [Christian Y2K] conference . . ., Jim Lord, who speaks all over the country . . . said during a special luncheon for leaders of Y2K preparation . . . that all over the country it's the Bible believing Christians who are responding to this God is raising up His people to address this issue and that is a great encouragement.

. Dan Dillard, Chairman, Y2K Preparedness Committee
Bend, Oregon, Ministerial Association

.Should Christians Panic?

. "Do not call conspiracy everything these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear and do not dread it."
Isaiah 8:12

. There is little doubt that some Christians are in full panic. Many others are on the verge. Christians are selling their homes, liquidating their assets and purchasing guns. Is the panic justified? NO. I think [Y2K] will cause us little more than a bump in the road. What should you do . . .? Probably nothing. . . . We should each be prepared for common, ordinary disasters that can befall us (earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes). I don't see the need to do anything else.

. Steve Hewitt, Founder and Editor-in- Chief of Christian
Computing

“Y2K, The Challenge Ahead, Part 3,”

<http://www.gospelcom.net/ccmag/articles/covr1198.html>

.TEST EVERYTHING!

.Hold on to the Good.

.Do not put out the Spirit’s fire

.Do not treat prophecies with contempt

.Test everything

.Hold on to the good

.Avoid every kind of evil 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

.You Must Teach What is in Accord With Sound Doctrine

.So that no one will blaspheme the Word of God

Titus 2:1-5

. Older men, be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled and sound in faith, love and endurance.

. Older women, be reverent in how you live, not slanderers or idlers by the wine cup — teach the young women.

. Young women, love your husbands and children, be self- controlled, pure, busy at home, kind, subject to your own husband.

.Sound Doctrine Pt 2

.To make the teaching about God our Savior Attractive

Titus 2:6-8

. Young men, be self-controlled, do what is good, let your teaching show soundness, integrity, seriousness and sound speech that cannot be condemned.

. Slaves, show that you can be fully trusted.

. All this, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

.Sound Doctrine Pt 3

.Titus 2:15

.These are the things you should teach.

.Encourage and rebuke with all authority.

.Do not let anyone rationalize their way around you.

.I’m Going to Start Naming Names

.Steve Brown on his new radio call in talk show

May, 1999

. When we’re all enjoying our dinner, cooked on our electric ranges, as we sit in our warm electrically heated houses on January 2, 2000, I’m going to start naming names of all those false prophets who have created such a panic among God’s people

.Like Joseph?

.Differences Between Joseph and Us

.God showed Pharaoh EXACTLY what would happen.

.NOBODY CLAIMS TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

.The people of God were not told what would happen.

.THE UNBELIEVERS ARE NOT NEARLY AS PANICKED AS THE

PEOPLE OF GOD.

.Joseph did not seek to appoint himself over anyone.

.CHRISTIANS ARE ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES.

.God blessed the heathens of Egypt with a super- abundance for seven years, allowing them to build up a large reserve of food for the coming famine.

.WE DON'T ENOUGH RESERVE FOR EVERYONE TO STORE UP FOOD IN ADDITION TO WHAT THEY NEED FROM DAY TO DAY.

.Like Joseph cont.

.Differences Between Joseph and Us

.The food was stored in Pharaoh's storehouses.

.THE FOOD IS IN OUR HOMES AND CHURCHES BEING HIDDEN IN FEAR THAT THE SOMEONE MIGHT FIND IT.

.The Egyptians gave the food to the government, and the government sold it back to them. (Genesis 47)

.WE WOULD NOT THINK OF DOING ANYTHING LIKE THIS, WOULD WE? *[How grateful would our neighbors be to us if they even half-suspected that the food was being given with the expectation that they become members of our church?]*

.Joseph administered the food under Pharaoh's authority.

.DO THOSE WHO ARE HOARDING FOOD AND SUPPLIES DESIRE TO SUBMIT THEIR HOARDS TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL?

.God warned and prepared Egypt to feed the world of their day.

.THE DISCIPLES OF ANTIOCH FREELY CHOSE TO ASSIST THE BRETHREN OF JUDAEA, SENDING IT BY THE ELDERS. (Acts 11:27-30)

.No Clear Word From God

.Which prognosticators are willing to claim to be a prophet?

. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we are not dealing with a clear prophetic word from God here. We are dealing with predictions of fallible men.

. Albert James Dager, Founder- Director, Media Spotlight

. "Y2K, Y2Worry,"

. Media Spotlight, volume 21, no. 3, p. 22.

.Worldwide Disruption to Precede the Catching Away of the Saints?

.Not according to 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

. Now brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

.WHY SHOULD I FEAR?

.At whose word shall I tremble?

.For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7.)

.You will not fear the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day. (Psalm 91:5.)

.Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of

Israel he will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. (Isaiah 8:12-14a.)

.YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU!

. But You Can Send It On Ahead!

.Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**. (Matthew 6:19-21.)

.Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to **put their hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19.)

.DO WE NEED BIGGER BARNES?

.Luke 12:13-21

. Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

. Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

. And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And **I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."**'"

. "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. **Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?**'"

. "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

.A SURE WORD OF PROPHECY Pt 1

.The following is extracted from John Piper's January 3, 1999 sermon at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN.

.Do you want a prophetic word about Y2K? First, the greatest need on January 1, 2000, will not be basements stocked with food and water and generators, but hearts stocked with the Word of God. You will be fruitful, you will flourish, you will be life giving! Not by seeking the very things the world seeks (Matthew 6:32), but by delighting in the Word of God and meditating on it day and night. What the world will need and does need from the church is the Word of God that fits us to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword?..... In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:35- 37)

.A SURE WORD OF PROPHECY Pt 2

.The following is extracted from John Piper's January 3, 1999 sermon

. The other prophetic word about Y2K is this: Nothing is going to happen

on January 1, 2000, nothing, that is as bad as what is already happening to persecuted and starved Christians in Sudan. Or to the staggering orphans in Malawi and other AIDS-devastated countries of Africa. Or to survivors in Honduras and Nicaragua. Or to lonely, dying old people in dozens of skilled nursing care centers around the Twin Cities who have outlived their families. There is something that smell of hypocrisy in the talk about stockpiling supplies in our homes to "minister" to others in the coming Y2K crisis when **there are more places to minister to this very day that are worse crises than anything that is going to happen a year from now.** Y2K will happen to someone every day in 1999 – many of them within your reach.

. Delight yourself in the Word of God, meditate on it day and night, and then take the fruit of your life and go and minister to the lost and the hungry and the thirsty that are already so many. Then you won't even notice when Y2K happens."

.The Y0K Problem

.Dear Cassius: Best Regards, Plutonium

.While browsing through some dust-covered archival material in the recesses of the Roman Section of the British Museum a researcher recently came across a tattered bit of parchment. After some effort he translated it and found it was a letter from a man called Plutonium with the title of "magister factorium", or keeper of the calendar, to one Cassius. It was dated, strangely enough, 2 BC, December 3, or 2,000 years ago today. The text of the message follows:

.Dear Cassius:

.Are you still working on the Y zero K problem? The change from BC to AD is giving us a lot of headaches and we haven't much time left. I don't know how people will cope with working the wrong way around. Having been working happily downwards forever, now we have to start thinking upwards. You would think that someone would have thought of it earlier and not left it to us to sort it all out at the last minute.

.I spoke to Caesar the other evening. He was livid that Julius hadn't done something about it when he was sorting out the calendar. He said he could see why Brutus had turned nasty. We called in the consulting astrologers, but they simply said that continuing downwards using minus BC won't work. As usual the consultants charged a fortune for doing nothing useful. As for myself, I just can't see the sand in an hour glass flowing upwards. We have heard that there are three wise men in the East who have been working on the problem, but unfortunately they won't arrive until it's all over. Some say the world will cease to exist at the moment of transition. We're continuing to work on the Y zero K problem and I'll send you a parchment if anything develops.

Best regards, Plutonium