



# Taking the Bible into the Twilight Zone:

The Zeitgeist Movement and 2012 Alarm

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- 2Tim. 1:7 - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
- 2Tim. 3:1-9

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- In the 1800s, German philosophers invented a word used to describe the times in which one lives. The word is Zeitgeist - meaning “spirit of the age.” Pronounced zartgarst
- In the early 1970s a French philosopher named Jean-Pierre Lyotard began what was called post-modern thinking. Post-modern thinking in its rudimentary form involved the deconstruction of all the major tenets and narratives of contemporary times, particularly western civilization. This included a deconstruction of the Christian beliefs and accounts in whatever form they appear.

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- There is a class of people in any given period and culture that is drawn to this. I call them the disaffected. They are typically:
  - young to middle aged
  - middle to upper class socio-economically
  - frustrated with and fearful of the world around them
  - often do not have or have abandoned a moral compass
  - dislike structure and order in their lives
  - often have impulses and tastes considered outside the norm
  - take pride in what they consider to be special secret knowledge
  - blame others for everything wrong in their lives
  - have a limited grasp of the Bible, science, and history
- Think -- paranoid, spoiled, whining, 20 to 40 year old brats

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- There are many deconstructionist beliefs held by Zeitgeist devotees. The big three that stand out are:
  - Jesus Christ was a fictional character patterned after earlier gods of Egypt (Horus) and Persia (Mithra), and Christianity was borrowed from Zoroastrianism (called the “Jesus Myth Theory”)
  - That the US Government is conspiring against its citizens, and their largest conspiracy to date is the 9/11 attacks, funded and orchestrated by the Bush Administration
  - That the world is going to be destroyed in December 21, 2012 (11:11, 12-21-12) either by galactic tidal forces in astral alignment or by rogue asteroid Apophis striking the planet, as predicted by the Mayan Meso-American Long Count Calendar (13 Baktun)

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- Based on twisted history -- they change recorded history when it conflicts with their theories. They “know” the truth, and if recorded history disagrees, it’s part of the conspiracy against them

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- Based on bad science -- they pick what they like and disregard anything that challenges their beliefs
  - The Mayan Long Count Calendar never advocates the end of the world
  - The galactic alignment will have no easily discernable impact on the planet
  - Apophis is going to miss by a significant margin

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- Based on poor mental health -- pre-disposition to conspiracy theories is believed to be related to one of the obsessional disorders and is a symptom of few of the personality disorders.

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- Most importantly, it is based on horrible theology -- they dismiss the Bible as a book of recycled myths and purposefully reject it when their doctrines run counter to it

# Jesus Christ Is The Only Begotten Son Of The Only Living God

- Matt. 16:13-17 - "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am? 14 So they said, Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. 15 He said to them, But who do you say that I am? 16 Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

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- 1John 4:1-3 - "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."

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- 1John 5:10-13 - "He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."

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- Rom. 14:11-12 - "For it is written: As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God."

# God Ordained That Governments Exist To Protect Citizens

- Rom. 13:1-4 - “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”

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- 1Peter 2:13-15 - “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men”

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- 1Tim. 2:1-3 - “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior”

# God Alone Knows Of The End Of The World

- Acts 1:7 - “And He said to them, It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.”
- 1Thes. 5:1-3 - “But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, Peace and safety! then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”

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- Mark 13:32-37 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning-- 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

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- People love secrets, mystery, special knowledge; they want to see long term secret plans hidden in the familiar; they are not content that God has revealed it to them already.
  - John 3:16
  - 2Tim. 3:16-17

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- 1John 5:19-20 - “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”