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*The
Mission
of
FBCWR:
To present the Lord Jesus
Christ: His work
on the
cross
and
His in-
dwelling
power
to meet
man's
needs.*

*In all wisdom and insight
He made known to us the
mystery of His will,
according to His kind
intention which He
purposed in Him with a
view to an administration
suitable to the fullness of
the times, that is, the
summing up of all things
in Christ.*

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Whose Millenium Is It Anyway? The Big Story of Y2K and all the Rest of the K's

-The following excerpts are from an article by historian, Paul Johnson, written for Reader's Digest, December 1999 and submitted by Sherry Farhatt.

It was in 1882 that the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche made his celebrated and dire pronouncement:

"God is dead." He was speaking for many intellectuals, who believed the progress of science would cause a decline in religious faith - with Christianity the principal loser.

As the year 1900 approached many leading secular thinkers including George Bernard Shaw and H.G. Wells, argued that the dawning 20th century would mark the close of history's religious phase. As late as 1957, Julian Huxley, the first director of UNESCO, wrote in anticipatory triumph, "Operationally, God is beginning to resemble not a ruler but the last fading smile of a cosmic Cheshire cat."

But here we are at the threshold of a new millenium, and Christianity is alive and well in the minds and hearts of countless believers. And all the evidence suggests that Christianity will still be flourishing another thousand years from now, for it continues to strike new roots and regain lost territories.

In West Africa, Christians whose

ancestors were pagans two centuries ago have built one of the largest churches in the world, roughly the size of St. Peter's in Rome. In Russia, the building that for 67 years housed the Museum of Religion and Atheism is now a church of the Orthodox Christian faith, crowded with worshippers.

In the United States, nearly half the population attend a place of worship - the vast majority of them Christian churches - with regularity. Christianity is even growing in China, despite 50 years of efforts by the Communist government to subvert it.

Today the world of six billion people counts its years and conducts its annual cycle of events in memory of this crucified failure.

SO HOW SHALL WE THEN LIVE?

One central theme in Jesus' teaching remains of particular relevance today - God, not man, is the final authority. God has rights. Human beings have duties; we deny God his rights at our peril.

As we begin another year in our lightning quick lives, let's give Christ the honor and glory He deserves. It's His millenium and His calendar, even our very lives are His. So let's offer it all back to Him and make our days count.

-Joe Fornear

I am the Alpha & the Omega,



the beginning & the end.
Revelation 21:6