

## WORLD POPULATION

If the population continues to grow as it has during the last half of the

AREA	% GROWTH NATURAL	PERCENT UNDER 15	PERCENT UNDER 65	POPULATION MILLIONS
WORLD*	1.5	32	7	5,928
CHINA	1.1	26	6	1,249
INDIA	1.9	35	4	988
USA	0.6	22	13	270
INDONESIA	1.6	35	4	208
BRAZIL	1.7	32	6	163
RUSSIA	-0.5	22	12	147
PAKISTAN	2.9	41	4	142
JAPAN	0.2	16	15	126
BANGLADESH	2.0	42	3	125
NIGERIA	3.1	46	3	110

20th Century, in this year the world's population will pass six billion. At the present there are about five billion nine hundred twenty-eight million on this planet. The natural increase (the number of births minus the number of deaths) is .015 percent, thus the six billion mark should be passed long before the beginning of 1999.

These enormous population figures should cause every Christian to reflect deeply on our Lord's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15-16). Each congregation should take it upon themselves to obey 2 Timothy 2:2, that is, to train "faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." Such classes can be conducted in your own meeting house for 2 to 4 hours per week. For class materials contact *Bulletin Briefs* (423-949-3286) or World Video Bible School for video class materials (512-398-5211).  
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## CONVENTION FOR LOTTERY EXPECTED



The *Chattanooga Free Press* in bold headlines on January 11, 1998 spoke of the call by certain politicians for a convention to amend the Tennessee Constitution. They desire such in order to allow a government scheme to promote gambling - a state lottery. Our Tennessee forefathers had the good judgement to ban such. They knew of the evils of gambling.

Government sponsored gambling is an unmitigated evil. For it puts the state in the business of encouraging *get rich quick schemes*. States where they have lotteries such as Ohio, California, New York and Georgia continually through T.V. and billboard ads push their citizens to play the lottery. Individuals are made to feel they are missing the chance of a life time if they do not buy the weekly lottery. Yet, it is a well known fact there is **less than one chance in 6 million** to win a state jackpot. God's word says "you shall not covet" (Romans 13:9). A state with a lottery pushes it's citizens to covetousness and greed.

Lotteries are a form of regressive taxation. They tie up the extra income of families, which usually goes to restaurants and places of entertainment, which pay wages and legitimate taxes. It is no more right for a husband and father to play the lottery than it is for him to play the horses.

Infidels want to keep God out of government and to put gamblers in. Every Christian across the State should write or phone their state representative immediately and tell him or her your stand against state sponsored gambling. You will find their names and addresses in the front of your phone book. **THIS IS URGENT!**

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## NO MARRIAGE TODAY

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Many are familiar with a bizarre teaching that has come to be known as the "A.D. 70 doctrine." Popularized by Max King and a small cluster of his zealots, this theory alleges that *all* Bible prophecy was fulfilled by A.D. 70, the year in which Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans. This means that such events as the second coming of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the judgment day, and the end of the world — all occurred in A.D. 70! These folks seriously teach this.

But Jesus unequivocally taught that following the resurrection there will be *no marriage* (Mt. 22:30; Lk. 20:35). If, then, the resurrection occurred in A.D. 70, there has been no institution of "marriage" since that time. Accordingly, the entire world population—generation after generation since the first century—has been produced by billions of acts of immorality. And human beings, if they mate, can do naught but commit fornication, since marriage became obsolete in A.D. 70. Has a more foolish notion competed for our attention in this century? P.O. Box 55265 - Stockton, CA 95205

Wayne Jackson of Stockton, CA has, for more than thirty-three years, written and published the *Christian Courier*. Brother Jackson's paper and his books are invaluable tools in these times of digression, doubt and deception. Parents across our beloved brotherhood who are perplexed about ungodliness in our national leadership and digression among the churches would do well to subscribe to the *Christian Courier* for themselves, their teenage and adult children. This Biblical, balanced and scholarly publication only costs five dollars for a year's subscription. Send a check and a list of those you wish to receive the paper to Wayne Jackson, The Christian Courier, P.O. Box 55265, Stockton, CA 95205. Here are the titles of ten of his books that might also interest you:

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There are some historical dates in American history that are glorious to remember, but one is a day of great infamy. One of the most wonderful dates for Americans to remember is July 4, 1776. For it was on that date that the delegates from thirteen British Colonies on this continent adopted the Declaration of Independence. Eventually in the face of possible hanging for treason 56 members of the Continental Congress pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to uphold this great declaration of liberty. This document which was penned by Thomas Jefferson when he was only thirty-three years old contains some of the most stirring words of freedom ever penned by man. They are:

“We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

Unfortunately it is a sad fact of history that for four score and six years the term “liberty” was not applied to one whole portion of America’s people. But that inequity in law began to be changed on another now famous date in history - January 1, 1863. For it was on that day that President Abraham Lincoln made the Emancipation Proclamation. Thanks to this Proclamation and subsequent laws to back it up Americans of all races have equal rights under our Constitution.

However, this is not true for the children of America who are in the womb. The wombs of American women have been declared a *free fire zone*. The highest court in the land in a five to four decision ruled on January 22, 1973 that a doctor with the mother’s permission could slaughter any American child as long as it was not yet born. Those callous judges who ruled for this evil bear the sin of blood-guiltiness. For God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Pro. 6:16-17).

Since that infamous date more than 37 million of the most helpless and innocent babies (See Luke 1:44) have been slaughtered in the place where they ought to be the most safe. Should America’s blessed posterity be so denied *liberty* and even *life*? God forbid!

You should phone 1-800-767-7256 and ask for a free color catalog which is filled with inexpensive materials to aid the fight for *life* in this land of the free and the home of the brave.

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