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Christianity will be eclipsed by spirituality in 30 years, startling new research predicts. Our correspondent reports on the collapse of traditional religion and the rise of mysticism

IN THE beginning there was the Church. And people liked to dress up in their best clothes and go there on Sundays and they praised the Lord and it was good. But it came to pass that people grew tired of the Church and they stopped going, and began to be uplifted by new things such as yoga and t'ai chi instead. And, lo, a spiritual revolution was born.

It is unlikely that you, the average punter going to your aromatherapy or meditation group this evening, imagine that you are revolutionising the sacred landscape of Britain. But, little by little, you are.

Study after study appears to prove that people are increasingly losing faith in the Church and the Bible and turning instead to mysticism in guises ranging from astrology to reiki and holistic healing. The Government, significantly, said this week that older people should be offered t'ai chi classes on the NHS to promote their physical and mental wellbeing.

More and more people describe themselves as "spiritual", fewer as "religious" and, as they do so, they are turning away from the Christian Church, with its rules and "self last" philosophy, and looking inwards for the meaning of life.

Twice as many people believe in a "spirit force" within than they do an Almighty God without, while a recent survey hailed a revival of the Age of Aquarius after finding that two thirds of 18 to 24-year-olds had more belief in their horoscopes than in the Bible.

Re: UK Sunday Times: End is nigh for Christianity - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/11/5 10:38

Quote:
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"The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated". Mark Twain on discovering his obituary in the newspaper.

The noted French infidel, Voltaire, said around 1750 that in 100 years Christianity would be swept from existence. Alas, much to Voltaire's chagrin, that has not happened. In fact, less than fifty years after his death the Geneva Bible Society purchased his house for printing the Bible.

just a few thoughts on your report...

To beat statistics - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/11/5 10:54

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified.

Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly, and that it may be honoured.

Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified.

Pray for us, asking that the Lord's Message may be spread rapidly and its glory be displayed.

2 Thess 3:1

This to be prayed over and over again in every way possible in every situation.

It will defeat fear and beat statistics.

It will produce desired results, the Lord will return.

Lars