

“The Dark Night Rises”—TWO

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□ “Normalcy bias”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3.
- Clearly Paul here is describing a “normalcy bias” as the mindset of the _____ generation on earth!
- Wikipedia: “The normalcy bias refers to a mental state people enter when facing a _____. It causes people to underestimate both the possibility of a _____ occurring and its possible effects. This often results in situations where people fail to adequately _____ for a disaster. . . . The assumption that is made in the case of the normalcy bias is that since a disaster _____ has occurred then it _____ will occur. . . . People with a normalcy bias have difficulties reacting to something they have not experienced before . . . tend[ing] to interpret warnings in the most optimistic way possible, seizing on any ambiguities to infer a less _____ situation.”
 - Hurricane Katrina
 - The Holocaust

□ “Sudden destruction”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:3
- Luke 17:26-27—In the days of Noah society was enjoying “peace and safety” right up until “_____” swept them away.
- Luke 17:28-32—In the days of _____ society was enjoying “peace and safety” right up until “sudden destruction” swept them away.
- Luke 21:34-36
- Ecclesiastes 9:12—“No one knows when their hour will come . . . so people are trapped by evil times that fall _____ upon them.”
- Zephaniah 1:18—“ . . . for [the LORD] will make a _____ end of all who live on the earth.”
- Ellen White:
 - “The end will come more _____ than [we] expect.” (*Great Controversy* 631)
 - “Great changes are soon to take place in the world, and the final movements will be _____ ones.” (*Testimonies to the Church* 9:11)
 - “Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in _____ succession.” (*Testimonies to Ministers* 116)

□ “Connecting the dots”

- Jeremiah 33:3—“Call to Me, and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things you _____.”
- John 16:13—“When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. . . and He will tell you what is _____.”
- *Review and Herald* August 5, 1902—“Those who place themselves under God’s control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady _____ of events ordained by Him to take place.”
- Connecting the dots of the national/global economy:
 - Our national/global civil and social infrastructure depends on the solvency of the _____.
 - If the economy collapses, then _____ are likely to do the same.
 - If law and order collapses, then strident _____ will have to be enacted in an attempt to restore it.
 - Such drastic measures undertaken in a time of crisis open the door to the curtailing of _____.
 - If civil liberties are curtailed for the sake of national security, then legislation to enforce a public, even religious, _____ becomes feasible.
 - If some form of prescribed moral conformity is made a legal mandate, then the “great controversy” scenario of _____ is suddenly possible.

“God of heaven, wake us up!”

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final, disaster, disaster, prepare, never, never, serious, sudden destruction, Lot, suddenly, sudden, quickly, rapid, quick, do not know, yet to come, trend, economy, law and order, measures, civil liberties, act of conformity, Revelation 13

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MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will claim the three divine promises for insight to connect the dots and discern the trends of this endtime generation.
- I will join you in praying the prayer: "God of heaven, wake me up!"
- I would like information about becoming a missionary for Christ in this dark world.

I'M INTERESTED IN:

- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Information on baptism
- Information on church membership
- Serving on the prayer ministry team
- Receiving Bible studies

Comments, Prayer Requests: _____

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