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Year:	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	mid-2005	2025
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION</b>						
1. Total population	1,619,625,000	3,692,495,000	6,070,581,000	1.23	<b>6,453,628,000</b>	7,851,455,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)	232,695,000	1,362,294,000	2,878,859,000	1.87	<b>3,158,016,000</b>	4,572,884,000
3. Rural dwellers	1,386,930,000	2,330,201,000	3,191,722,000	0.64	<b>3,295,612,000</b>	3,278,571,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)	1,073,621,000	2,313,053,000	4,241,871,000	1.74	<b>4,624,300,000</b>	5,950,587,000
5. Literates	296,146,000	1,476,797,000	3,251,554,000	1.75	<b>3,546,029,000</b>	5,015,884,000
6. Nonliterates	777,475,000	836,256,000	990,317,000	1.72	<b>1,078,271,000</b>	934,703,000
<b>WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES</b>						
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)	300	2,400	4,050	2.13	<b>4,500</b>	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)	20	161	402	1.82	<b>440</b>	650
9. Urban poor	100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.09	<b>1,630 million</b>	3,000 million
10. Urban slumdwellers	20 million	260 million	700 million	3.47	<b>830 million</b>	1,600 million
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION</b>						
11. Total of all distinct organized religions	1,000	6,000	9,900	1.76	<b>10,800</b>	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)	558,131,000	1,234,339,000	2,000,836,000	1.31	<b>2,135,783,000</b>	2,640,665,000
13. Muslims	199,914,000	549,125,000	1,194,396,000	1.93	<b>1,313,984,000</b>	1,825,283,000
14. Hindus	203,003,000	462,379,000	808,104,000	1.49	<b>870,047,000</b>	1,065,868,000
15. Nonreligious	3,024,000	532,338,000	762,028,000	0.17	<b>768,598,000</b>	806,884,000
16. Chinese universists	380,006,000	231,866,000	390,850,000	0.71	<b>404,922,000</b>	431,956,000
17. Buddhists	127,077,000	232,667,000	362,374,000	0.89	<b>378,809,000</b>	457,048,000
18. Ethnoreligionists	117,558,000	163,477,000	239,108,000	1.40	<b>256,341,000</b>	270,210,000
19. Atheists	226,000	165,391,000	147,212,000	0.58	<b>151,548,000</b>	151,742,000
20. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists)	5,951,000	78,324,000	103,846,000	0.81	<b>108,132,000</b>	122,188,000
21. Sikhs	2,962,000	10,618,000	23,509,000	1.54	<b>25,374,000</b>	31,985,000
22. Jews	12,292,000	15,097,000	14,401,000	1.01	<b>15,146,000</b>	16,895,000
23. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)	1,061,494,000	2,458,156,000	4,069,745,000	1.19	<b>4,317,845,000</b>	5,210,790,000
<b>GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY</b>						
24. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)	34.5	33.4	33.0	0.08	<b>33.1</b>	33.6
25. Unaffiliated Christians	36,489,000	105,626,000	105,372,000	0.81	<b>109,711,000</b>	112,779,000
26. Affiliated Christians (church members)	521,642,000	1,128,713,000	1,895,464,000	1.34	<b>2,026,072,000</b>	2,527,886,000
27. Church attenders	469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	<b>1,431,573,000</b>	1,760,568,000
28. Evangelicals	71,726,000	98,358,000	224,790,000	2.21	<b>250,776,000</b>	348,648,000
29. Great Commission Christians	77,931,000	277,153,000	650,094,000	1.14	<b>688,034,000</b>	853,179,000
30. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics	981,000	72,223,000	526,916,000	2.24	<b>588,502,000</b>	798,320,000
31. Average Christian martyrs per year	34,400	377,000	160,000	1.10	<b>169,000</b>	210,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCS</b>						
32. Roman Catholics	266,546,000	665,475,000	1,055,651,000	1.17	<b>1,118,992,000</b>	1,336,338,000
33. Independents	7,931,000	96,926,000	379,085,000	2.39	<b>426,672,000</b>	612,670,000
34. Protestants	103,024,000	211,052,000	347,762,000	1.56	<b>375,814,000</b>	491,084,000
35. Orthodox	115,844,000	139,646,000	214,436,000	0.47	<b>219,501,000</b>	235,834,000
36. Anglicans	30,571,000	47,409,000	75,164,000	1.18	<b>79,719,000</b>	108,257,000
37. Marginal Christians	928,000	11,100,000	29,501,000	2.97	<b>34,150,000</b>	49,768,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS</b>						
38. Africa (5 regions)	8,756,000	117,227,000	346,415,000	2.36	<b>389,304,000</b>	595,821,000
39. Asia (4 regions)	20,759,000	96,460,000	302,649,000	2.64	<b>344,828,000</b>	498,119,000
40. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)	368,209,000	467,935,000	532,051,000	-0.04	<b>531,086,000</b>	513,706,000
41. Latin America (3 regions)	60,027,000	263,561,000	477,149,000	1.42	<b>511,908,000</b>	623,355,000
42. Northern America (1 region)	59,570,000	168,943,000	216,221,000	0.95	<b>226,685,000</b>	270,186,000
43. Oceania (4 regions)	4,322,000	14,587,000	20,976,000	1.19	<b>22,258,000</b>	26,691,000
<b>CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS</b>						
44. Denominations	1,900	18,800	33,800	1.83	<b>37,000</b>	55,000
45. Congregations (worship centers)	400,000	1,450,000	3,448,000	1.50	<b>3,714,000</b>	5,000,000
46. Service agencies	1,500	14,100	23,000	1.68	<b>25,000</b>	36,000
47. Foreign-mission sending agencies	600	2,200	4,000	1.64	<b>4,340</b>	6,000
<b>CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES</b>						
48. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)	40	150	285	1.20	<b>300</b>	380
49. International councils of churches	10	36	59	1.10	<b>62</b>	80
50. National councils of churches	19	283	598	1.50	<b>640</b>	870
51. Local councils of churches	70	2,600	9,000	2.20	<b>10,000</b>	15,500
<b>CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)</b>						
52. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)	1,050,000	2,350,000	5,104,000	0.97	<b>5,357,000</b>	6,500,000
53. Aliens (foreign missionaries)	62,000	240,000	420,000	1.07	<b>443,000</b>	550,000

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Year:	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	mid-2005	2025
<b>CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)</b>						
54. Personal income of church members, \$	270 billion	4,100 billion	15,680 billion	2.04	<b>17,350 billion</b>	26,000 billion
55. Giving to Christian causes, \$	8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	4.72	<b>340 billion</b>	870 billion
56. Churches' income, \$	7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	3.78	<b>130 billion</b>	300 billion
57. Parachurch and institutional income, \$	1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	5.33	<b>210 billion</b>	570 billion
58. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$)	17,500	128,000	330,000	2.80	<b>349,000</b>	650,000
59. Ecclesiastical crime, \$	300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	5.77	<b>21 billion</b>	65 billion
60. Income of global foreign missions, \$	200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	5.70	<b>20 billion</b>	60 billion
61. Computers in Christian use (numbers)	0	1,000	328 million	6.05	<b>440 million</b>	1,200 million
<b>CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)</b>						
62. Books about Christianity	300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.08	<b>5,746,000</b>	11,800,000
63. Christian periodicals	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.20	<b>43,000</b>	100,000
<b>SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year/p.a.)</b>						
64. Bibles, p.a.	5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	<b>68,397,000</b>	180,000,000
65. Scriptures including gospels, selections, p.a.	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	2.24	<b>5,140 million</b>	8,000 million
66. Bible density (copies in place)	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	1.97	<b>1,540 million</b>	2,280 million
<b>CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING</b>						
67. Total monthly listeners/viewers	0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30	<b>2,409,000,000</b>	3,800,000,000
68. over Christian stations	0	150,000,000	600,000,000	3.13	<b>700,000,000</b>	1,300,000,000
69. over secular stations	0	650,000,000	1,810,000,000	1.76	<b>1,975,000,000</b>	2,800,000,000
<b>CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION</b>						
70. Non-Christian megacities	5	65	226	1.14	<b>239</b>	300
71. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day	5,200	51,100	129,000	1.79	<b>141,000</b>	200,000
72. Urban Christians	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.59	<b>1,255,000,000</b>	1,720,000,000
<b>CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM</b>						
73. Evangelism-hours per year	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	3.86	<b>200 billion</b>	425 billion
74. Hearer-hours (offers) per year	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	6.23	<b>1,270 billion</b>	4,250 billion
75. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita per year	6	27	155	4.96	<b>197</b>	541
<b>WORLD EVANGELIZATION</b>						
76. Unevangelized population (=World A)	879,672,000	1,641,300,000	1,717,522,000	0.95	<b>1,800,228,000</b>	2,034,713,000
77. Unevangelized as % of world	54.3	44.4	28.3	-0.28	<b>27.9</b>	25.9
78. World evangelization plans since AD 30	250	510	1,500	2.77	<b>1,720</b>	3,000

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