

How To Survive A Life of Chaos – Part I Chaos and Its Ramifications

I. Introduction

A. Definition of Chaos:

B. A Feeling that

C. Four Questions

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Words Found on Old Clock In Winchester Cathedral

*When as a child I laughed and wept, Time crept.
When as a youth I waxed more bold, Time strolled.
When I became a full-grown man, Time ran.
When older still I daily grew, Time flew.
Soon I shall find, in passing on, Time gone.
Oh Christ! wilt Thou have saved me then?
Amen.*

"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there."Charles Kettering, Inventor

D. The Problem—Our Chaotic Lifestyle

II. A Chaotic World, A Changing World

A. The Y2K Bug Did Not Get Us Because We Were Looking in the Wrong Place

Core Question

Psalm 90:12

B. Examples of Change and Chaos

From 1900-1950: Two world wars and two superpowers

Science and Technology

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Economics, Business and Politics

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C. Predictions of the Future

1. Most were not particularly accurate

2. Future implications

III. Interpreting Chaos—Where Does It Come From?

A. The Curse of Complexity—the Longing for Simplicity

Chaos:

Complexity:

The problem: _____
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 (The Living Bible)

B. External Chaos

1. Self-induced

2. Other-induced

C. Internal Chaos

D. Longing for Simplicity

IV. No Magic Formula

Without a spiritual dimension. . .

Humanity + Chaos = _____

A. Myths

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B. Pipe Dreams

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C. Fairy Tales

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Conclusion:

Ref. *Making Peace With Reality: Ordering Your Life In a Chaotic World* by Jerry White, NavPress, 2002.