

FAQ 25

The *Era* The Word Of God Calls The *War Against The Saints* Is Coming

Q #25 How would present culture begin further persecuting followers of Christ?

What do the following movie releases have in common?

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| 2012 | Avatar | There are |
| The Book of Eli | Angels and Demons | others! |

What are our latest crises (Haiti ... Japan ... ?) demonstrating by way of the *global village*?

Cultural conditioners - be they take place through the big screen or in real life - are indeed addressing biblical themes which are addressed in end-time passages.

2012, in light of the Mayan calendar, has some Bible prophecy ministries carefully claiming (but do you notice they are able to deny date-setting charges due to ambiguity in their messages?) the end is soon—some including specific dates (12/21/12). Astronomical signs, in light of Jewish holidays, are also used to date set. But what does Scripture teach? “No one knows the day nor the hour of His return.” While this is true, it is equally true that we are to be ready, those who generally discern the hour. We are to be ready today whereby this *thief-in-the-night* Day of the Lord will not overtake us as a thief (I Thess. 5:1-11).

So how could present culture begin further persecuting followers of Christ?

Movies describe, in part, present culture but they also shape it. *The Book of Eli* has a promoter of the Book doing everything he can to see it safely to a group who puts the NKJV Bible back into circulation. While the motives of the *bad guy* of the movie have also been attributed to Christians (that is, there are those who promote the Bible simply because they wish to control the masses), it's the good guy of the movie - Eli - who is of special concern to us. In seeking to accomplish his goal, he decapitates and cuts off a hand and ... (I don't know, how many are killed by this *good* guy?) in order to see his mission complete - to restore the Bible to its proper place in society: available to the people. But in so fulfilling his mission he is seen by the viewing audience as one who is warlike, willing to kill the enemies who get in his way. As those who take this media *class* drink from this cup of instruction, they are encouraged to see Christians in similar light—aggressive killers who would stop at nothing to protect their Book. This, my friends, is another example of mixing truth with a lie. Yes, followers of Jesus Christ thank God for His Truthful revelation to us ... but we do not live out un-Christ-like actions in order to promote His Truths which are forever settled in heaven.

In conclusion, discern present culture and how its deception is further shaping the minds of the masses to view Christians in such a way as to label them as dangerous to society. As this unfolds—and Scripture says it will—people will no longer tolerate those who persist in proclaiming Truth personified (Jesus Christ) as the way, the Truth and the life. Discern the lies dear friends and go to and abide in the Truth, Who alone is able to set us free.