

CHURCH HISTORY

Lesson 14 – Recent Events (1960 A.D. to Present)

The later years of the 20th century to the present experienced much social upheaval from worldliness and international radical Islam.

A. Background/Major Events

1. What counterculture movement started in the 1960's according to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counterculture_of_the_1960s? What connection do you see between this, post-World War II economic prosperity, and Deut. 8:10-18
2. What U.S. Supreme Court decision was made in "Engle v. Vitale" (1962)?
3. What U.S. Supreme Court decision was made in "Roe v. Wade" (1973)?

B. Authority

1. Comment briefly on the following modern "Bibles"
 - a. 1961 New World Translation
 - b. 1969 Anton LaVey's Bible
 - c. 1994 The Inclusive New Testament
 - d. Late 1900's Slang versions (Hippie, Aussie, Cotton Patch, Ebonics)
 - e. 1995-2002 The Message

C. For each of the following religious groups, summarize their origin, any significant teaching in the doctrinal areas of Lesson 9 question B., and any other distinctive doctrines.

1. Rev. Sun Yong Moon & the Unification Church (1954)
2. Jim Jones & the People's Temple (1955 to 1978)
3. Metropolitan Community Church (1968)

D. Divisions/Conflicts

1. What is the "Charismatic Movement" (1960's)
2. What were "The Troubles" in Ireland (1968 to 1998)?
3. What is "Relativism" or "Situational Ethics"?
4. What is the "Feminist Movement" (1960's) and its influence on Christianity?
5. What is "Contemporary Worship" (1970's)?
6. What is the "LGBT Movement" (1980's) and its influence on Christianity?
7. Briefly summarize the recent religious conflicts in the Middle East and the growth of Islamic terrorism.

E. Special Topics

1. Briefly describe the religious impact of the explosion of personal electronics (e.g., video games since the 1970's, the Internet since the 1990s and smartphones since the 2000's).
2. What are the top ten religious groups in America today (per <http://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/> or equivalent)? For Protestants, use major denominational groups. For comparison, include Churches of Christ and Muslim. What observations can you conclude from these numbers?