



The Decline of Christianity in the UK

According to the Guardian UK March
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The Post-Christian era.

A survey was carried out in the Uk. It was first done in the year 2001.

In 2011, 59.3% ticked Christianity which happened to be a fall from 71.6% a decade earlier.

According to Abby Day, a professor of race, faith and culture at Goldsmiths, University of London. He said the year 2021 census is to show a further erosion in Christian identity. This is as a result of the fact that the postwar generations regard the church as irrelevant and immoral.

The prediction was that this year 2021 those ticking Christianity would drop below 50%

The Cause Of The Decline

2 Timothy 3:1-5

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

According to Professor Abby Day,

further decline was largely due to Baby boomers.

Who are the Baby boomers?

These are people born between 1946 and 1964- raising their children outside the institutions of religion.

Characteristics of Baby Boomers

The people that are categorized Baby boomers, raised a generation of millenials who don't go to church. And people who weren't brought up practising Christians generally don't become religious later in life.

The effect of Baby Boomers

We won't get many teenagers walking into the churches when they haven't been before.

Another interview was conducted of recent with about 50 Baby boomers who were brought up in Cristian families, Day said many had rejected church in favour of values considered to be more relevant, inclusive and humane.

The New order

The new order now is motivation by ethics, concerning gender and sexual equality, social justice, climate change and compassion.

They believe that the church failed to deliver on those moral issues and so lost moral authority.

Decline in Church Attendance

Church of England data shows that average Sunday attendance in 2019 was 600,000 adults, or fewer than 1% of the population. A third of those attending church were aged 70 or over.

The Extent of the Decay

A survey from YouGov on behalf of Humanist Uk, published in April, 2021. asked people this questions " Do you regard yourself as belonging to a religious group?' That notion of belonging pushes people to think, 'Do I really belong, am I a member of a church?'... as opposed to identification with a heritage,"

The survey then goes further to asked those who identified as Christian the reasons for their answer.

Almost six in 10 (59%) said it was because they had been christened, and 49% because they were brought up to think of themselves as Christian. More than a quarter (26%) said it was “because this is a Christian country”. Over half (51%) said they never attended a place of worship or did so less than once a year.

Only a third (34%) said they ticked Christian because they “believe in the teachings of Christianity”.

Recommendations

- We Should avoid been a Baby boomers
- The Church must do more to make the younger generations believe in the teachings of Christianity".

Thank you for your time.