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Status Report Christianity 2005

Here the Statusreport Christianity 2005 – through incorporating secular as well as church-based sources probably one of the most comprehensive data-bases in the world. It is being published every year by Prof. David B. Barrett (Professor for Missiometrics, World Evangelization Research Center, Richmond, editor of the *World Christian Encyclopedia*) and Todd M. Johnson (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, USA).

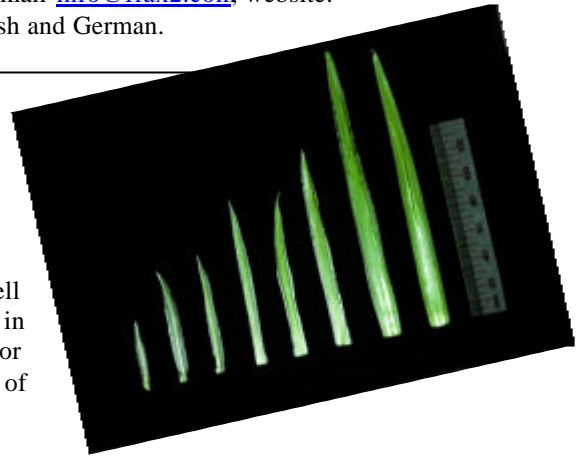
Here a summary of key observations:

- Every year the churches hold a megacensus costing \$ 1.1 billion, sending out 10 million questionnaires in 3,000 languages covering 180 religious subjects .
- The numbers of christian martyrs shows a steady growth. During the last 20 centuries in all of the 238 countries of the world 70 million Christians have been killed because of their faith. More than half of those died in the 20th century alone.
- 14 million of converted Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims have decided to remain within their religious blocks, in order to be as effective as possible as active followers of Jesus Christ.
- God yes, church no: the number of people, who call themselves Christians but are without contact with any church, has already grown globally to more than 100 million.

Churches firmly in the grip of Mammon

- About 250 of the 300 largest international Christian organizations regularly report incorrect or doctored numbers about their development and therefore deceive the public.
- Emboldened by lax procedures, trusted Church treasurers are embezzling each year \$ 21 billion of Church funds, but only 5% ever get found out.
- Every year, more money is embezzled by top church custodians than the entire cost of all foreign missions worldwide.
- Christians are spending more money for their yearly financial reports (\$ 810 millionen) than for all Christian staff in the nonchristian world.
- The average cost for Christian evangelism and missions are \$ 330.000 for each newly baptized person.
- Penalties issued against clerics who have been accused of sexual misconduct now tally more than \$ 1 billion. A whole number of churches, dioceses and denominations have thus been driven into bankruptcy.
- Every year 600.000 fulltime Christian workers reach pension age. 150.000 of them find out that their employer has made no provisions whatsoever for their pension.

Source: David B. Barrett & Todd M. Johnson. Webpage: www.globalchristianity.org



<i>Year</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Growth in % per year</i>	Mid-2005	<i>Prognosis 2025</i>
Global population	3,692,495,000	6,070,581,000	1,23	6,453,628,000	7,851,455,000
Urban dwellers	1,362,294,000	2,878,859,000	1,87	3,158,016,000	4,572,884,000
Population under15	1,379,442,000	1,828,710,000	1,74	1,829,328,000	1,900,868,000
Nonliterate	836,256,000	990,317,000	1,72	1,078,271,000	934,703,000
Metropolises (over 100.000 population)	2,400	4,050	2,13	4,500	6,500
Megacities (over 1 million population)	161	402	1,82	440	650
Urban slumdwellers	260 Mio.	700 Mio.	3,47	830	1,600 Mio.
Christians (all kinds)	1,234,339,000	2,000,836,000	1,31	2,135,783,000	2,640,665,000
Muslims	549,125,000	1,194,396,000	1,93	1,313,984,000	1,825,283,000
Nonreligious	532,338,000	762,028,000	0,17	768,598,000	806,884,000
Hindus	462,379,000	808,104,000	1,49	870,047,000	1,065,868,000
Buddhists	232,667,000	362,374,000	0,89	378,809,000	457,048,000
Atheists	165,391,000	147,212,000	0,58	151,548,000	151,742,000
New-Religionists	78,324,000	103,846,000	0,81	108,132,000	122,188,000
Ethno-Religionists	163,477,000	239,108,000	1,40	256,341,000	270,210,000
Sikhs	10,618,000	23,509,000	1,54	25,374,000	31,985,000
Jews	15,097,000	14,401,000	1,01	15,146,000	16,895,000
Non-Christians	2,458,156,000	4,069,745,000	1,19	4,317,845,000	5,210,790,000
Unaffiliated Christians	105,626,000	105,372,000	0,81	109,711,000	112,779,000
Great Commission Christians	277,153,000	650,094,000	1,14	688,034,000	853,179,000
Church attenders	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1,04	1,431,573,000	1,760,568,000
Evangelicals	93,358,000	224,790,000	2,21	250,776,000	348,648,000
Pentecostals, Charis- matics/Neocharismatics	72,223,000	526,916,000	2,24	588,502,000	798,320,000
Martyrs per year	377,000	160,000	1,10	169,000	210,000
<i>Membership by ecclesiastc. megablocs</i>					
Anglicans	47,409,000	75,164,000	1,18	79,719,000	108,257,000
Independents	96,926,000	379,085,000	2,39	426,672,000	612,670,000
Orthodox	139,646,000	214,436,000	0,47	219,501,000	235,834,000
Protestants	211,052,000	347,762,000	1,56	375,814,000	491,084,000
Roman Catholics	665,475,000	1,055,651,000	1,17	1,118,992,000	1,336,338,000
Christian workers	2,350,000	5,104,000	0,97	5,357,000	6,500,000
Foreign missionaries	240,000	420,000	1,07	443,000	550,000
Personal income of church members, \$	4,100 Mrd.	15,680 Mrd.	2,04	17,350 Mrd.	26,000 Mrd.
Computers in Christian use	1,000	328 Mio.	6,05	440 Mio.	1,2 Mrd.
Christian periodicals	23,000	35,000	4,2	43,000	100,000
Listeners/viewers of Chr. radio/TV per month	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2,30	2,409,000,000	3,800,000,000
World evangelization plans since AD 30	510	1,500	2,77	1,720	3,000