

Providence Challenges, Part II

Not unlike "Providence Challenges, Part I" this values problem takes you more deeply into the whole consideration of God and His choices of action or inaction, intervention or distancing.

I am a Seventh-day Adventist so I created this based upon issues and priorities from the history of my denomination. Therefore, the left hand column represents episodes of history (either real or imagined, already experienced or potential.)

The center column represents issues of history that have already come to pass or may yet be seen. The right column could represent the potential life story of any individual.

The assignment is for a person to draw a line that says, "This is the point where I would have Jesus return and put an end to all of this." Obviously, wherever you choose to draw the line you will be stopping some nasty stuff from happening, but you also will stop the flow of time before some really positive things develop. Have at it...

1843

October 22,1844

1888-1892

	Adolph Hitler is born Jonas Salk is born Nuremburg Laws	You are born You are "saved" You are baptized Grandmother dies
Dissension in church	AIDS "patient zero" Dear friend killed Jumbo jet goes down 21,000 die in India	Dad's business prospers College graduation Sister's wedding Parents divorce
School tragedy Egyptian evangelism Korean evangelism	9/11 attacks Korea Unites Israel/Syria war	1 st child born Dad remarries Mom- breast cancer Parents reconcile Niece abused
Church scandal	Economic boom	1 st grandchild
Church revival	Cure for Cystic Fibrosis City riots	Spouse, liver cancer

CLOSEOUT THOUGHTS: Once again, this is a very effective exercise that causes a person to rethink their questioning of the providence of God.

I never consider this kind of thing without learning, pretty quickly, that it's a good thing that I am not God. How could anyone ever, ever know the time to stop the evil and also stop the birth of a child who would be the next Mother Theresa.