## Where will you be in 3011?

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- The Bible

Ray Kurzweil is a famous and brilliant scientist. He predicts that, by 2028, clever research will lead scientists to reverse engineer the brain, enabling computers to reproduce much of what our brains do everyday.

Kurzweil has lots more predictions. In the last five or so years gadgets in our pockets (smart phones) have allowed us to easily access knowledge from all over the world and back through history via the internet. Kurzweil predicts that by the 2030's ordinary people will have all this implanted in their brains. Instead of looking at a gadget we'll find answers by just thinking a question.

Eventually, Kurzweil predicts that we'll have holographic versions of our ancestors to look at and speak to and that we'll even find ways to turn off the aging process. Kurzweil is a technological optimist. He's hoping that technology will save the human race.

So where will Ray Kurzweil be in 3011? In a thousand years from now? The Bible says there is a limit on how long we live. By 3011 all people who are presently alive will have come face to face with God. You see, the earth may continue for thousands or even millions of years. But you and I won't be here. God's limit is called death. And it happens to us all.

Death is a punishment for disobedience. We humans may be clever with gadgets, but we certainly don't know how to relate to the God who made us. We ignore Him and treat him like a tiresome inconvenience. Even though he sustains the created universe and provides the very air we breathe.

And God's not that impressed with our cleverness. No matter how clever we are, we can't avoid the consequences of ignoring Him. The Bible promises repeatedly that all people will come face to face with God in order to give an account for what they've done in this life. And the most important question we will have to answer will be 'How have you responded to my son Jesus?'

This is what Jesus says about this question:

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's anger remains on him." (John 3:36)

So, take time to get to know Jesus. Thank him for coming to save us from death. Make a decision to trust in Jesus for the rest of eternity.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please help me to hope in you, not in things that do not last. Please help me to worship Jesus and not the things of this passing world. Amen

**Bible verse:** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." (2 Corinthians 5:10)