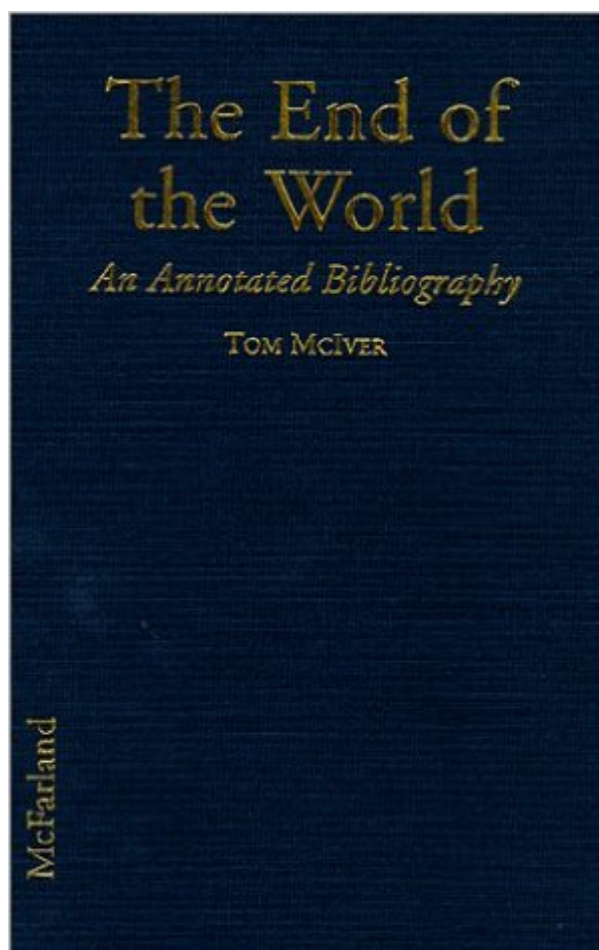


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The End Of The World: An Annotated Bibliography



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For many years I had the fantasy of winning a lottery (or otherwise coming into a great sum of cash) and using that money to pay a team of researchers to collect, analyze, and publish an annotated bibliography of hundreds, if not thousands, of end-of-the-world scenarios offered by religious "thinkers" over the centuries. But behold! Others have already completed this task, and have done so magnificently! This work never ceases to amaze, amuse, and humble me. Some three and a half thousand predictions are offered here, and all (so far) have come to ... nothing! One would think the religiously insane among us would give up on this crap after awhile ... certainly this should be required reading for religious nuts of all stripes. The predictions offered for the past few years have been especially entertaining: the supposed dates of the end of the world come and go, come and go, come and go ... and the predictions are stomped deep into the gunk of muddy religious thinking. The ancient Aesop tale THE BOY WHO CALLED WOLF comes to mind immediately upon studying this work. Want to make some crazy end-of-the-world prophecy? READ THIS FIRST! Thank you, Mr. McIver! SO GOOD!

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