

# WORLD TO END

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Harold Egbert Camping (born July 19, 1921) is an American Christian radio broadcaster. He is president of Family Radio, a California-based radio station that spans more than 150 markets in the United States.



*Camping being interviewed in 2011 (b. 19 July 1921 (age 89))*

Camping's trademarks include his deep, sonorous voice coupled with a slow cadence.

He is notable for twice having used Bible-based numerology to predict dates for the Rapture, dates which passed without incident in each case.

The most recent was his 2011 end times prediction; he calculated that the Rapture would occur on May 21, 2011, and that God would subsequently completely destroy the Earth and the universe five months later on October 21.

He had previously predicted that the Rapture would occur in September 1994.

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## 2011 End Times Prediction

Camping gained notoriety owing to his prediction that the Rapture would take place on May 21, 2011, and that the end of the world would subsequently take place five months later on October 21, 2011. Followers of Camping claimed that around 200 million people (approximately 3% of the world's population) would be raptured.

Reuters reported on May 21 [2011] that the curtains were drawn in Camping's house in Alameda, California and that nobody was answering the door. [\*]

Camping emerged from his home on May 22 [2011], saying that he was "flabbergasted" that the Rapture did not occur, that he was "looking for answers," and would say more when he returned to work on May 23. [\*\*]

On May 23, The Discordian Society declared Harold Camping to be a Discordian Saint, and declared May 21 to be St. Camping's Day in honor of the chaos and humor caused by his failed prediction.



*Van with warning of the end of the world per Camping's prediction  
(location unknown)*

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