

## ***1000 YEARS LEFT!***

Does the name Stephen Hawking mean anything to you? Dr. Hawking is a world-renowned theoretical physicist and a die-hard evolutionist. He has also made quite a name for himself with wild statements and predictions, the latest of which is that the Human species will either destroy itself or be destroyed within the next thousand years.

Specific threats to our existence include earth being struck by a huge asteroid, which would not only kill countless people instantly, but would also send huge quantities of dust into the air, blocking out sunlight for many months, drastically lowering temperatures, halting food production and triggering famine.

Or, instead of freezing, we may become extinct due to “climate change” (previously known as global warming).

Or we could be invaded by aliens from other locations in the universe. (He is totally serious in saying this.)

Or we could be infected by viruses or bacteria arriving on space dust (hundreds of tons of space dust hit the earth every day).

Or, the sun could start emitting so much radiation that we would all be fried.

Dr. Hawking recommends that we colonize other planets and, preferably, planets in other solar systems in order to prevent the extinction of the human species. But, the nearest star to our sun is over four light years away (23 trillion miles), so how we are supposed to get there in under 1000 years is problematic. But, assuming we found a habitable planet in another solar system, wouldn't living there have the same risks of being hit by an asteroid, or invaded by aliens, or getting sick from germs riding in on space dust? Maybe Dr. Hawking is just figuring to spread out the risk – if one star goes haywire and fries everybody, maybe the other one won't.

I have no plans to jump on the nearest space vehicle to go live on Mars (sorry if that disappoints anyone). The fact of the matter is that this world isn't our home anyway! We are, as Hebrews 11:13 says, strangers and pilgrims on the earth. We know not how long this earth and all the rest of the material creation will last. We do know that it is not eternal – Second Peter 3:10 tells us that “the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in wh/ the heavens will pass away w/ a great noise, & the elements will melt w/ fervent heat; both the earth & the works that are in it will be burned up.”

That being the case, there is nothing to be gained by fleeing to another planet, much less another solar system. God created the heavens and the earth, and He is in complete control. We would do well to pay heed to Peter's question: “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?” (2 Peter 3:11).