This article appeared on my Yahoo email alerts under the "antichrist" keyword. I thought it was interesting. It seems we aren't the only ones predicting that the end times are upon us. This columnist, Rush Button from the Times and Democrat, is picking up on all the talk of the "end of the world", and questions his readers could it be possible that we really are nearing the end of civilization as we know it? Most secular articles on the end times I have read so far ridicule the idea that this world is heading for Armageddon, and have even gone so far as to blame "fundamentalist Christians" for creating the problems in the Middle East. But Rush's article looks at the Mayan calendar which predicts the "end of the world" on December 21st 2012, astronomical events related to that date, the problems in the Middle East and picks up on what Christians are saying about it all...

Quote: *"Government leaders are fraught with concern about the terrorism menace pouring from Middle East. Many Bible scholars and believers in Biblical prophesy feel that Israelis are on the brink of an all-out war with their Islamic neighbours. These scholars and believers are preparing for the Antichrist, Armageddon and the second coming of the Messiah. They say the end of the world will happen in the next few years. Could all of this be coincidental with an even more destructive force from the heavens? But perhaps it won't be the "end of the world" but rather the "end of the world as we know it." According to the Bible, Jesus is to return in the midst of the most horrifying war and annihilation of the human race that the world has ever seen, put an end to it all by defeating the armies of evil and establish His "Millennial Kingdom." Will this happen on December 21, 2012? God only knows ... but considering that fact, it might not be a bad idea to say your prayers.*

I don't know if Rush is a Christian or was possibly brought up in a Christian home, but I can't fault his article. I hope it awakens people to their need of salvation. I'm not sure about the December 21st date though. As they say, the world ends every day for somebody. Why wait until December 21st to find out? The Bible says "now" is God's acceptable time for salvation (2nd Corinthians 6:2).

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