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If you read the news, follow the blogs, or just check your Facebook page, you will find discussions about the religious make up of our country and what millennials believe and do. While some of these may be accurate, others are based simply on personal experience. To understand the trends that are shaping Christianity and American culture today, we need to evaluate statistically significant survey data to see what is actually going on.

Now understand, we need to look at more than survey data, because the questions one answers in a survey are typically not extensive enough to expose the complexities of religious and cultural beliefs. But any valid theory on what is happening should be consistent with what we can learn from analyzing survey data. To that end, this blog is devoted to sharing information extracted from recent surveys on topics related to Christian doctrine and cultural beliefs. Hopefully, this “dry” statistical information will give you a better capability to assess where thought and actions are trending and what a proactive Christian response should be.

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