## Norman Birnbaum What Is The Twenty-First Century? A Ninety-two year old survivor of the twentieth seeks an answer.

The Twentieth Century was expected at its beginning (by a broad spectrum of opinion in the western welfare states and a certain amount nations), to bring a great deal of moral and social progress. It brought a certain amount in the western nations in their welfare states and a modicum of democratization. Outside the west, if often at great cost, old forms of colonialism and imperialism crumbled. However, two devastating world wears, intermittent economic depressions, the failure of the Soviet Revolution, endemic poverty, new forms of imperialism, and the incessant danger of nuclear extirpation also marked the past century. In the present one, we face environmental destruction, problems of migration and survival, the undermining of democracy in the west, endemic wars, deepening the situation poverty, and a generalized regression to cultural and ethnic and religious hatreds, what agency or which agencies can reverse the situation?