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Time to act, O Lord

Yesterday's Final Word about the need to [beware the economists](#) was a bit tongue-in-cheek, but it touched on the most serious issue of our time: The impending death of Judeo-Christian thought. The problems of the West might be most visible today in terms of the economic difficulties of Greece, Italy and the U.S., but it is our civilized way of thinking that is actually most in peril. If the problem were only economic, a solution could be found. Instead, we have become incapable of judging - and acting accordingly - not only when our bad civilizational attributes (such as corruption) have become our deadly enemy, but also when our positive attributes (such as compassion) have as well. This is so critical because the next phase in our civilization will not be civilized at all, even if the ungodly methods imposed in the future by our leaders are thrust upon us in the name of preserving our Judeo-Christian values.

