

Living in the End Times By Slavoj Žižek **Living in the end times sermon** I find it the most difficult when he references something I have not seen.

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Žižek analyzes the end of the world at the hands of the “four riders of the apocalypse. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Slavoj Žižek has identified the four horsemen of this coming apocalypse: the worldwide ecological crisis; imbalances within the economic system; the biogenetic revolution; and exploding social divisions and ruptures. **Living in the end times sermon** But he asks if the end of capitalism seems to many like the end of the world how is it possible for Western society to face up to the end times? In a major new analysis of our global situation Slavok Žižek argues that our collective responses to economic Armageddon correspond to the stages of grief: ideological denial explosions of anger and attempts at bargaining followed by depression and withdrawal. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Concluding with a compelling argument for the return of a Marxian critique of political economy Žižek also divines the wellsprings of a potentially communist culture—from literary utopias like Kafka’s community of mice to the collective of freak outcasts in the TV series Heroes. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** He writes on many topics including the Iraq War fundamentalism capitalism tolerance political correctness globalization subjectivity human rights Lenin myth cyberspace postmodernism multiculturalism post marxism David Lynch and Alfred Hitchcock. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** 432 The basic premise is that Žižek's book deals with the four horsemen of the coming apocalypse - the worldwide ecological crisis imbalances within the economic system the biogenetic revolution and exploding social divisions and ruptures. **Living in the end times sermon** I suppose if I'm digging for an actual thesis (which I'm sure is in there somewhere) the death of capitalism is what is leading to the end of the world as we know it. **Living in the end times sermon** I read the paperback edition so there is an Afterword which actually clarifies a lot of issues and fills in a lot of holes he had left with the original text - but the one guy in our group who read the hardcover version missed out. **Living in the end times sermon** I have other issues too like how it appears (based on only this one reading of Žižek so far) that he's really interested in serving his own career which is ironic considering all that he has to say about capitalism. **Living in the end times sermon** The five stages of grieving could easily have been added throughout to give a little extra spice; as it was there was too much spice and not enough cohesion and texture in the meat. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** In order to keep myself from being kicked out of the car I had to do some things I'm not proud of: find a copy of 'Kung-Fu Panda'; read a story by Kafka; talk to the taxman about his poetry. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Fakat Ahir Zamanlarda Yaşarken her ne kadar çok hızlı bitirmiş olsam da yazarın bahsetmiş olduğu konseptlerin artık bayat ve aşırı bir populist bir yaklaşım içinde yazdığını düşünüyorum. **Living in the end times sermon**)) This has been an ambition for years because much of what he writes is incredibly dense and difficult to read unless you have a friendly familiarity with Hegel Heidegger Kant et al. **Living in the end times sermon** That is why it took me months to read this book - I periodically got bogged down in sentences like this: If then ‘it is only as a result of itself that it is spirit’ this means that the standard discourse of Hegelian Spirit

which alienates itself and then recognises itself in its otherness and thus reappropriates its content is deeply misleading: the self to which Spirit returns is produced in the very movement of this return or in other words that to which the process of returning is returning is produced by the very process of returning. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Here are a few memorable bits: We should add here that in our everyday lives ideology is at work especially in the apparently innocent reference to pure utility - one should never forget that in the symbolic universe 'utility' functions as a reflexive notion that is it always involves the assertion of utility as meaning. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Freudian 'sexuality' designates not merely a constrained content (sexual practices) but the very formal structure of the relationship between Outside and Inside between the external incident/accident and its Aufhebung/integration into the internal libidinal process it triggers. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Civility stands for custom (or rather what remains of custom) after the fall of the big Other: it assumes key role when subjects encounter a lack of substantial ethics in other words when they find themselves in predicaments which cannot be resolved by way of relying on the existing ethical substance. **Living in the end times sermon** I also appreciated Žižek on climate change in the chapter titled 'Apocalypse at the Gates' in which he notes that ecological disaster has become normalised as something known but not believed. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** The problem is rather that we are forced to choose without having at our disposal the kind of knowledge that would enable us to make a proper choice - more precisely what renders us unable to act is not the fact that we 'don't yet know enough' (about whether say human industry is responsible for global warming and so on) but on the contrary the fact that we know too much while not knowing what to do with this mass of inconsistent knowledge read or watched as he does not always expound enough on the details of the reference in some cases. **Living in the end times sermon** Isn't this how the mind works? We build on what we have grasped thus far? I find this a very mind to mind approach that allows the reader to see where he is expanding and walk with him through his thoughts. **Living in the end times sermon** Though I can understand how if you have read more of zizek this may be frustrating I think this is a natural process for any thinker and am just happy we have someone with such a keen mind to delve into Hegel and Lacan's ideas and not be afraid to come up with his own as well. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** 432 deciding that this was the first book of philosophy I should read because my Instagram moot liked Žižek and I was going through a humiliating Eurovision-fuelled Slovenia phase was a decision I realised was really stupid at about page 20. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Žižek is actually a very funny guy and you can tell he's a genius but I feel I definitely would have got this better had I studied the entire works of Marx, Hegel and Lacan for several years. **Living in the end times sermon** ??? 432 Zizek's View of the World 12 April 2017 When I read this book a few years back I wrote so much that I couldn't actually put it all onto a single Goodreads post so I ended up putting half of it onto the post and the second half of it into a comment. **Living in the end times sermon** Well that didn't seem to work all that well but then I discovered Blogger and the art of Blogging so I have since moved my original review from this site and moved it onto my blog which for those who are interested in actually reading what I have written there you obviously have the link. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** In fact it was so thick that I took a break halfway through to read a couple of other books (namely because I wanted to give them to friends and family for Christmas but not before I read them) before going back and finishing it off. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Well needless to say that after this rather in-depth introduction to his philosophy I was impressed though maybe it had something to do with him analysing films such as The Dark Knight I Am Legend and of course his favourite Kung Fu Panda. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Actually as I come to think about it this does happen to be Žižek that we are talking about so his writings tend to end up going all over the place and what will happen is that he will descend into some deep discussion of Lacan and the concept of the Other and you will be struggling to try to understand what is going on only to resurface at another point to discover that some of the things that he is saying are actually really challenging and make a lot of sense. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** The thing is that while we might jump up and suggest that for something to

see the failures of communism first hand is foolish to hold onto the past we must remember what the problems that arose was – it was not so much the economic system but rather the totalitarian system – the people behind the Iron Curtain weren't upset and rebelling about the planned economy they were upset at the fact that they didn't have freedom of speech and that despite all of the problems they still lived in poverty while the party leaders lived in luxury. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** You see the problem with Christianity happens to be Christians but that isn't surprising because well we happen to be human – the only difference between us and everybody else is that we understand that there is nothing that we can do to earn God's favour so we simply trust God that he has redeemed us. **Living in the end times sermon** Anyway since I have already written quite a bit on this book I think I'll just leave it off here and if you wish to go deeper into some of the concepts that are explored you can always jump over to my blog:

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Not knowing how to subordinate it to a Master-Signifier. **Living in the end times sermon** 432 I haven't read enough of Žižek yet to be as tired of him as some of the other commentators to this thread: **Living in the end times sermon** (Kung Fu Panda features in this one) and find some deeper connection to culture and what this says about our sociological interactions: **Living in the end times sermon** He is very aware and in tune with culture which makes him interesting as a philosopher: **Living in the end times Žižek pdf** Not only can most people not make these connections but the connections he makes are sometimes startling in their simplicity: **Living in the end times Žižek pdf** "There should no longer be any doubt: global capitalism is fast approaching its terminal crisis, **Living in the end times sermon** After passing through this zero-point we can begin to perceive the crisis as a chance for a new beginning, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Or as Mao Zedong put it "There is great disorder under heaven the situation is excellent, **Living in the end times sermon** " Slavoj Žižek shows the cultural and political forms of these stages of ideological avoidance and political protest from New Age obscurantism to violent religious fundamentalism. **Living in the end times sermon** Living in the End Times Slavoj Žižek is a Slovene sociologist philosopher and cultural critic, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** He was born in Ljubljana Slovenia (then part of SFR Yugoslavia), **Living in the end times sermon** He received a Doctor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Ljubljana and studied psychoanalysis at the University of Paris VIII with Jacques Alain Miller and François Regnault. **Living in the end times Žižek pdf** In 1990 he was a candidate with the party Liberal Democracy of Slovenia for Presidency of the Republic of Slovenia (an auxiliary institution abolished in 1992), **Living in the end times sermon** Since 2005 Žižek has been a member of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts: **Living in the end times sermon** Žižek is well known for his use of the works of 20th century French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan in a new reading of popular culture: **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** He writes on many topics including the Iraq War f Slavoj Žižek is a Slovene sociologist philosopher and cultural critic: **Living in the end times sermon** He was born in Ljubljana Slovenia (then part of SFR Yugoslavia). **Living in the end times sermon** He received a Doctor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Ljubljana and studied psychoanalysis at the University of Paris VIII with Jacques Alain Miller and François Regnault, **Living in the end times sermon** In 1990 he was a candidate with the party Liberal Democracy of Slovenia for Presidency of the Republic of Slovenia (an auxiliary institution abolished in 1992), **Living in the end times sermon** Since 2005 Žižek has been a member of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Žižek is well known for his use of the works of 20th century French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan in a new reading of popular culture, **Living in the end times sermon** In an interview with the Spanish newspaper El País he jokingly described himself as an orthodox Lacanian Stalinist. **Living in the end times Žižek pdf** In an interview with Amy Goodman on Democracy Now! he described himself as a Marxist and a Communist. **Ptv.org books**

are we living in the end times {site_link} The God we get here is rather like the one in the Bolshevik joke about a talented Communist propagandist who after his death finds himself sent to Hell, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** He quickly sets about convincing the guards to let him go to Heaven. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** When the Devil notices his absence he pays a visit to God to demand that the propagandist be returned to Hell: **Living in the end times sermon** However as soon as the Devil begins his address starting with My Lord : **Living in the end times sermon** God interrupts him saying: First I am not your Lord but a comrade, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Second are you crazy for talking to fictions—I don't even exist! And third be quick otherwise I'll miss my Party meeting! 432 Dear Slavoj I like you. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** In fact ever since I saw a photo of you under a giant vagina my boyfriend has theorized that I have an unhealthy obsession with you: **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Note: You can't do this in three weeks so please don't write another book in three weeks: **Living in the end times sermon** You write too much for it to be good unique or offer something new, **Living in the end times sermon** No more repurposing previous material and spinning it into a new book ok? (Semi)Serious Review:I feel like my buddy Slavoj is losing his edge with each new book. **Living in the end times sermon** I discovered him with stars in my eyes as an undergraduate philosophy major and he quickly became my favorite philosopher and an intellectual crush: **Living in the end times sermon** But the long diatribes on subjects that are linked in his own mind are getting tedious and I'm a little tired of hearing everything tied back to Hegel or Lacan. **Living in the end times sermon** I thought if anything the structure of the book would be primarily about the four horsemen: **Living in the end times sermon** Instead what Žižek did was structure his book based on the Kübler-Ross model. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** In other words the five stages of grieving: denial anger bargaining depression and acceptance, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** According to Žižek what is meant to be grieved the loss in question is capitalism: **Living in the end times sermon** But this Žižek guy is pretty much out of his mind and everyone seems to be in agreement on that fact, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** I disagree that every point he made in the different chapters based on the stages of grieving really had that much to do with the individual stages of grieving, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Someone in our book club group had written down several examples to show how they do fit but even he admits he didn't catch that on his first reading. **Living in the end times sermon**) My argument is (and usually always will be) that these sorts of issues should be relatively easily identifiable on the first reading: **Living in the end times sermon** I wrote down several notes of interest and there are plenty of specific topics I wish Žižek would have expanded upon or clarified. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Instead he sort of threw them out there with no real sense of resolution or interest in resolving his statements, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Žižek referenced a lot of seemingly interesting other articles and literature all of which appears to me to be more fascinating than what Žižek himself got out of it, **Living in the end times sermon** Apparently Marxism is an entirely arbitrary word and has an even more arbitrary definition which immediately negates what being a Marxist is. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** There's really no gray area in Marxism so for Žižek to find some gray area is a bit suspect: **Living in the end times sermon** Sure take some ideas from Marxism take some ideas from Lacan and Hegel put it all together and then come up with a new name for your beliefs: **Living in the end times sermon** Maybe it's just an issue of semantics but this is exactly where semantics are important, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** The only solution Žižek posited in this book is that Communism is the only way to save us but at the same time agreed he wasn't entirely sure how to make that happen, **Living in the end times sermon** Seems he just wanted to throw the idea out there and hope some kids take the idea run with it and figure out how to make it happen: **Living in the end times sermon** When I look at it from that perspective I realize how sudden that would seem, **Living in the end times sermon** He claims what he is discussing is all of global importance but this is a very Western-centric book: **Living in the end times sermon** One could argue that Western society is the dominant society but that's not what Žižek suggests in the beginning and

that's certainly not what is suggested by the book cover. **Living in the end times sermon** Perhaps if Žižek had published each chapter individually things would have been different, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** If he had thrown out small tracts like his beloved Communist Manifesto I'd probably feel differently, **Living in the end times sermon** I think how this book itself could have been improved is if he structured it as the four horsemen of the coming apocalypse based on his initial theory, **Living in the end times sermon** Žižek is way media-oriented - his interest lies in the media (film news stories radio etc: **Living in the end times zizek pdf** But I don't think he recognized nearly enough the fact that the media is a corrupt organization just as is everything else. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Again this is all based on one reading of one of his books: **Living in the end times sermon** He's interested in speaking to the elite and I'm certainly not the elite, **Living in the end times sermon** There are plenty of other people out there who are interested in giving their money to promote him and that's where he's going to pander his wares. **Living in the end times sermon** 432 I ate the whole thing without a background in philosophy. **Living in the end times sermon** I probably should not be writing a review at all but I have to comment on the ride: **Living in the end times sermon** I could have used more bathroom breaks but the driver was very fussy about gas stations. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** He didn't want any of those places where you have to beg the man for that tiny washroom key tied to a 2 x 4, **Living in the end times sermon** The end times are distrustful times so the log of shame knows no bounds. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Okuması zor olan kavramlarına belli bir akademik geçmiş birikim doğrultusunda size bilindik temaları çokboyutlu gösterebiliyor. **Living in the end times sermon** Fakat gene de kültürel politik ekonomik ve psiko-sosyolojik olarak yorumlar ilginçti. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** 432 I am very proud of myself for finishing a book by Slavoj Žižek as this has been an ambition for some while: **Living in the end times sermon** (I've also learned from a friend that his name should be pronounced approximately Slav-osh His-ek, **Living in the end times sermon** It isn't merely that he references all these authors work he uses their language and in particular Lacan's: **Living in the end times sermon** To be fair though on a number of occasions I tried to read this book at 5am when suffering from insomnia, **Living in the end times sermon** That is evidently not the way to get the best from it: **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** Nonetheless I persisted because these philosophical quagmires are interspersed with fascinating and entirely comprehensible analysis of capitalism and its structural weaknesses. **Living in the end times sermon** Moreover Žižek throws in entertaining commentary on the ideological themes of films such as 'Kung Fu Panda' and 'Eagle Eye': **Living in the end times sermon** In short this is a digressive and erratic book covering an immense amount of ground, **Living in the end times sermon** It approaches its theme of capitalism in crisis from many oblique directions some of which work better for me than others: **Living in the end times zizek pdf** The arduous discussion of Hegelian Spirit quoted above is followed by an incisive summary of the Citizen's Income concept. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Despite my complaints that I don't know enough philosophy to understand swathes of 'Living in the End Times' overall the effort proved worth it, **Living in the end times sermon** This is an important critique of economics as a discipline which reduces decisions to utility functions that are allegedly neutral. **Living in the end times sermon** I was interested in this as it implies that I've been taking Freud's approach to sexuality far too literally: **Living in the end times zizek pdf**] The more the 'deep' substantial ethical background is missing the more a 'superficial' civility is needed, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** This passage and subsequent pages brought to mind On Offence: The Politics of Indignation by Richard King. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Žižek is talking of capitalism's moral vacuum which seems to provide an explanation for the reflexive offence-taking that On Offence: The Politics of Indignation deals with: **Living in the end times sermon** King's book comments that politics is experienced 'as a clash of identities as an expression of (or assault on) our individuality': **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Without shared ethics or habitual civility such politics will inevitably be acrimonious and according to Žižek useless at shifting power relations: **Living in the end times zizek pdf** A contrast is drawn between the failure of the 2009

Copenhagen climate change talks and the immediate radical response to the financial crisis of 2008, **Living in the end times sermon** As he puts it 'We may worry as much as we like about global realities but it is Capital which is the Real of our lives'. **Living in the end times zizek pdf** Despite the often baffling jumps from theme to theme and poetry to cinema to philosophy throughout I managed to find my bearings by picking out what interested me most. **Living in the end times sermon** If there was an overriding ideology buried in here it escaped me, **Living in the end times sermon** A great deal of the book went completely over my head but what I understood I enjoyed, **Living in the end times sermon** As a final example this passage embroidered on points I've come across before about the condition of constant ambivalence in late capitalism, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** In other cases I can understand that he does use similar anecdotes that I have seen before FROM HIM. **Living in the end times sermon** I think this distinction needs to be made because many authors use anecdotes we have all heard from other people and expect us to buy into this as new material. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** At least he is referencing his own insights and building upon his own mind: **Living in the end times zizek pdf** 432 I read it very fast and while I was reading it I kept thinking This is just what I have always thought: **Living in the end times sermon** nevertheless i managed to read and even sort of understand at least 65%, **Living in the end times sermon** nevertheless his meditations are reasonably clear and i liked how he integrates all sorts of pop culture and other references to history and architecture and politics in. **Living in the end times sermon** what i did understand was very thought-provoking and i can empathise with his frustrations with neoliberalism, **Living in the end times sermon** Anyway while this wasn't the book in which I discovered Zizek it was the first of his books that I read and I must admit that is was a brick. **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** The idea of the book is basically exploring the collapse of society and in doing so he explores it through the grief cycle, **Living in the end times sermon** There are chapters that relate to each stage of the cycle but he breaks it up with other chapters that explore similar themes but also go off on a tangent. **Living in the end times sermon** The interesting thing about Zizek is he is an self professed communist which is strange because he grew up in Solvenia which was on the otherside of the Iron Curtain: **Living in the end times zizek pdf** The other interesting thing is despite being an Athiest he seems to have a good view of Christianity or at least a view of what it should be in an ideal world, **Ptv.org books are we living in the end times** The thing is that despite all of the good things about Christianity bad people get involved and pretty much twist the whole concept around, **Living in the end times sermon** In a sense they forget many of the basic tennants and simply go around condemning everybody for their sins.Maybe one day I'll even finish In Defense of Lost Causes. Personally I find his style fresh. His eyes are keen. He can watch the most ridiculous movies. I find him facinating. . You're starting to wear on me though. Take a break from writing. Stop fantasizing about Lacan. Develop a slightly more linear thought process. You are hereby limited to one book every three years. That's exactly what it says on the back of the book. Sounds pretty interesting. Okay. Interesting concept. Mmmkay. I'm almost still on board. (Yes this crazy guy read this book twice. If it's not something's missing. And that's what I feel happened here.There are some individual words of serious wisdom here.Also? He's a shitty Marxist. Just sayin. Sort of like a schizophrenic handbook of sorts. Otherwise the book just ends with no real conclusion. His edition just ended after the chapter on Acceptance. Incomplete even. He focuses on Western society which certainly isn't global.I cannot get over just how misleading the book cover is.The Kübler-Ross model structure is misleading as well. Those could have been his chapters.) which is important especially in this day and age. There are plenty of others and I'll check them out. There's really no rush. Whether or not I read his books is entirely inconsequential. I probably shouldn't have done that. This meant I had to hold my pee a lot.He likes to pass trucks a little too close. Smokes like a euro. I think he's some kind of communist.That's what I get for hitch-hiking alone. 432 Zizek sevdiğim bir felsefeci. [EDIT: Correction to this in a comment below.I mean come on. I found it largely thought-provoking and satisfying. It was quite unlike any other book I've read. [. We can afford to save the banks but not the climate. Then afterwards I couldn't remember anything about it. At least.... I think it was

neoliberalism.... 432.