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4/27/2010—Did you read today's story in USA Today? In a survey conducted by a Christian research firm, 72% of 18-29 year olds say they are "really more spiritual than religious," "If the trends continue, 'the Millennial generation will see churches closing as quickly as GM dealerships,' says Thom Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources."The actual statistics are not as shocking as that sounds. Around 65% of this group still call themselves Christian. The national average is around 76%, so that is not a complete change. On the other hand, 65% of the group rarely or never pray with others. That means only 35% have any connection with organized church life. Will this group become more religious as they age? Undoubtedly. But the real question is, how religious will their children be? Not religious at all. In one generation, from "spiritual" to secular. Hopefully, hallowed secular.