

# WHERE TO OT?

**Global Occupational Transformation,  
in a Technologically, Climatically and  
Politically Changing Future . . .**



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# Introduction



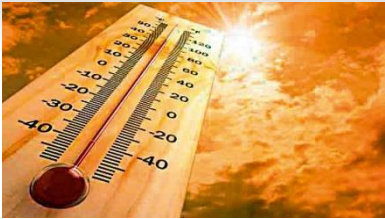


# Impact of the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial and technological revolution on OT profile

- Reshaping the traditional structure of employment
- Changes in the traditional time, structure, and site of work
- Will require upskilling of existing workers to new types of work yet unknown in the current occupational therapy terminology and classifications
- An upsurge in occupations that require fine motor and new cognitive skills and a reduction in gross motor occupations
- Challenges affecting interpersonal relationships and the spiritual and ethical integrity of humanity



# The impact of Global Warming and Global Conflict



2017 = warmest year on record



Arctic sea ice is declining and melting at its fastest rate in 1,500 years



Sea levels rising by 1M would be enough to flood 17000 sq km in Bangladesh, resulting in displacement of 15 million people



# Impact of Global Warming: An occupational perspective

- **Extreme weather changes** will result in rising sea levels, massive veld fires and extensive droughts which will cause:
  - Displacement of people = affects employment, residential security, agriculture, food and job security
  - Displacement of certain agricultural and other life sustaining industries
  - Occupational injustice
- **Global unrest** (e.g. North Africa, Syria and Rohingya)
  - Further displacement of people
  - Political instability and unrest as tensions between countries rise due to the influx of refugees



# Not all doom and gloom





# Where does Occupational Therapy fit into all this?

doing

being

belonging

becoming



# Where does OT fit in?







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with u



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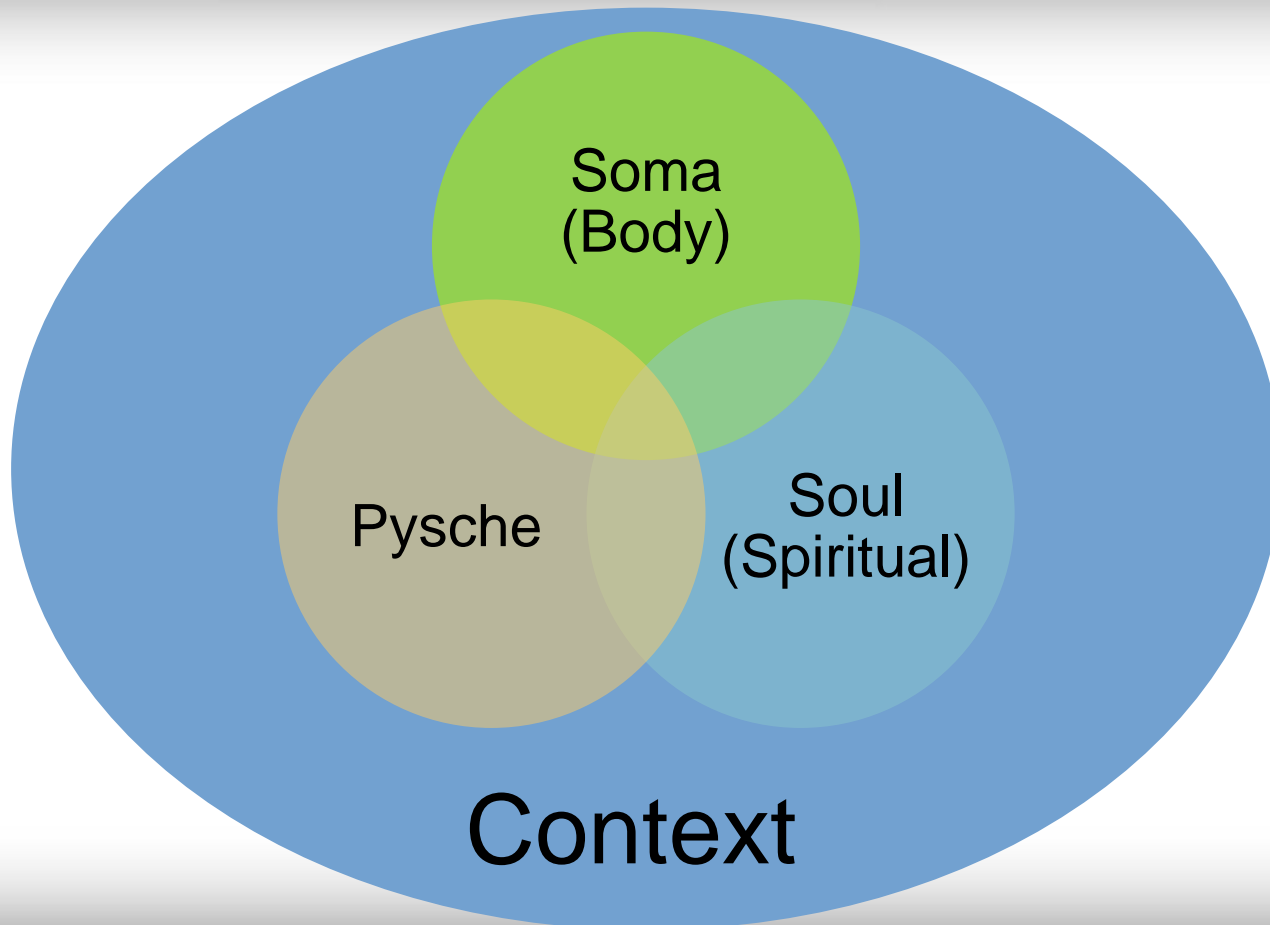
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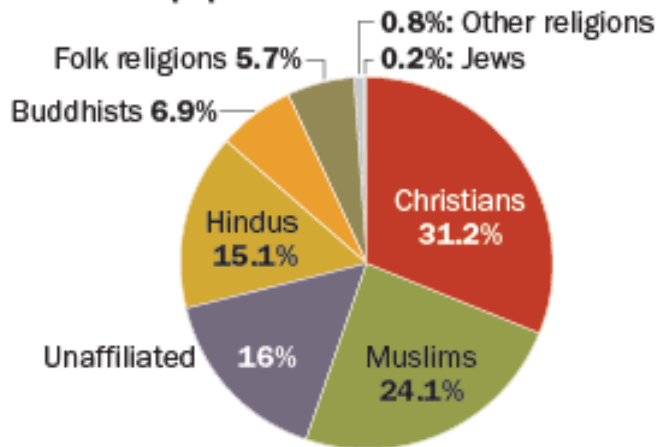
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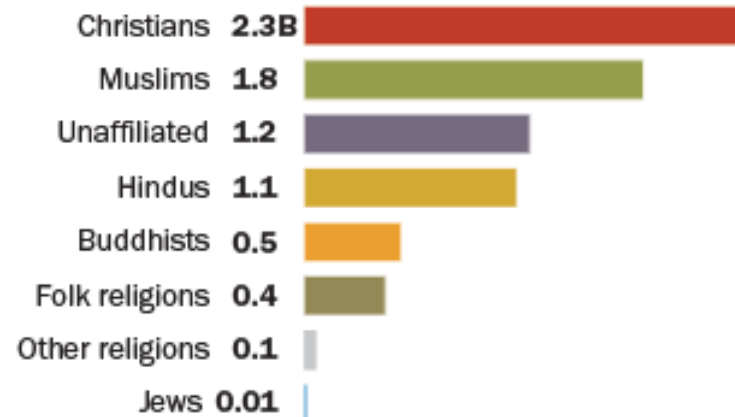


## Christians are the largest religious group in 2015

### % of world population



### Number of people in 2015, in billions



Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections. See Methodology for details.  
"The Changing Global Religious Landscape"

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