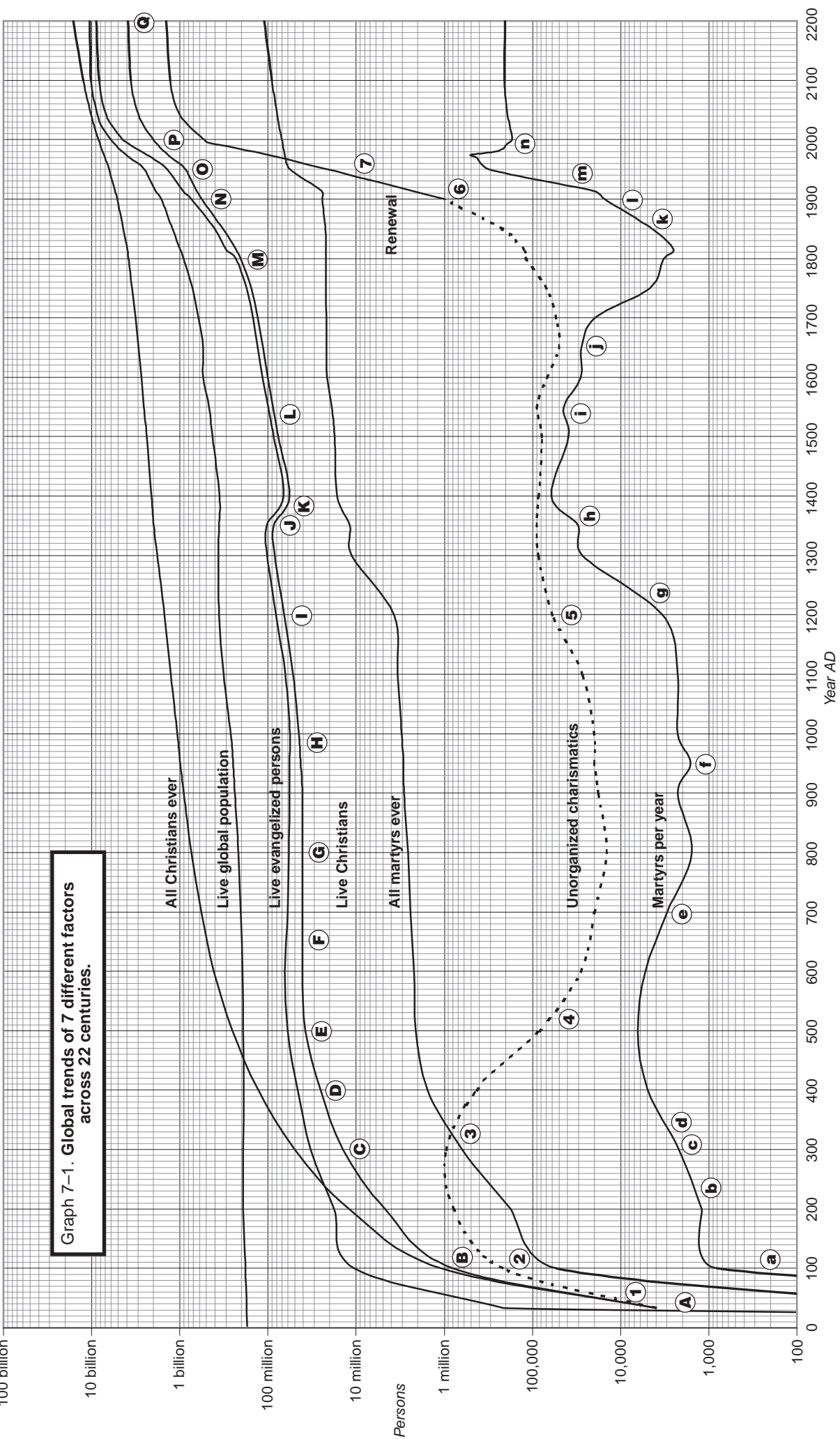


**Graph 7-1. Global trends of 7 different factors across 22 centuries.**



**CHRISTIANS**  
**A** = AD 30 Jesus begins ministry in Palestine  
**B** = 100 Church grows in North Africa, Western Asia, and Southern Europe  
**C** = 313 Edict of Milan ends persecution of Christians  
**D** = 400 Roman Empire over 50% Christian  
**E** = 500 Germanic tribes convert to Christianity; Celtic missions begin  
**F** = 650 Church of the East reaches China; Islam spreads to North Africa  
**G** = 800 Vikings invade Europe and are eventually converted to Christianity  
**H** = 988 Mass conversion of the Rus under Vladimir  
**I** = 1200 Friars spread message across Europe  
**J** = 1350 Black Death kills 75 million in Europe and Asia  
**K** = 1380 Tamerlane wipes out Church of the East

**MARTYRDOM**  
**a** = AD 64 First five Roman Imperial Persecutions intensify culminating with Diocletian's  
**b** = 235  
**c** = 305 Over 700,000 Coptic Christians killed  
**d** = 337 Persian persecutions of Nestorians begin; continue until 628  
**e** = 698 Chinese persecutions of Nestorians begin; continue until 845  
**f** = 950 Muslim persecution of Christians in the Middle East and North Africa intensifies  
**g** = 1214 Genghiz Khan begins massacre of Christians in Central Asia  
**h** = 1358 Tamerlane begins destroying Church of the East  
**i** = 1536 Millions of Amerindians baptized and later slaughtered  
**j** = 1649 Over 200,000 Japanese Christians martyred  
**k** = 1862 Chinese annihilate Taping quasi-Christians  
**l** = 1894 Armenian Christians in Turkey massacred

**M** = 1800 Protestant missions begin  
**N** = 1900 Tribal religionists convert to Christianity in large numbers  
**O** = 1950 Independent churches in Africa and Asia grow rapidly  
**P** = 2000 World is 33% Christian, 73% evangelized; worldwide growth begins to rapidly taper off as population explosion ends.  
**Q** = 2200 World is 36% Christian, 83% evangelized

**Renewal**  
**1** = AD 33 Holy Spirit poured out on Day of Pentecost  
**2** = 100 Early believers practice gifts of the Spirit  
**3** = 320 Interest in spiritual gifts declines as Christianity takes on official status in Roman Empire  
**4** = 520 Celtic missions movement mildly charismatic  
**5** = 1200 Many Franciscan and Dominican friars practice spiritual gifts  
**6** = 1900 Pentecostal movement begins in USA  
**7** = 1950 Independent churches around the world practice gifts of the Spirit

**m** = 1921 Soviet Communists begin largest massacre of Christians ever  
**n** = 1995 Christians of southern Sudan starved to death by Muslim government

**PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**  
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