

Until the 90's it was considered a challenging task to predict the outcome of the Last Judgement

The Southern Baptist Church of Alabama published a method how to achieve local, probabilistic predictions with reasonable computational effort:



Taddeo di Bartolo, Die Hölle (1396)

- Required data: # of residents adherent to a religious denomination n_i
 # of citizens of the considered region N
 Unsaved-Souls Percentage for each denomination USP_i

$$\text{probability of damnation} = \frac{\sum_i n_i \cdot USP_i}{N}$$

Based on 1990 data, 49% of Alabamians face damnation

Gary Garrison, *Birmingham News*, 1990