

INTRODUCTION

“...I don't plan to cooperate with evil at any point.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, January 14th, 1968

We are witnesses to the end of an age. I am sure most of you reading this do not believe that, so it is the intent of this book to convince you. I suspect that the forgotten mysteries buried deep within our religions, sciences, and history are about to rise up and challenge us all. I say challenge, because we will be the generation that must adapt to very painful changes. It is hoped that this book will help you understand how drastic those changes might be through the myths and religions that have shaped our modern world, for at the foundation of all of them is the enigma of prophecy.

This book, at its core, is the compilation of a series of research notes begun some thirty years ago to bridge the chasm between the author's gullibility and the author's skepticism in the esoteric. This author has long looked for the physics in metaphysics. After September 11th, 2001, the world did, indeed, change forever. Religion has come to the forefront of current events, and historically it is the prophets of each religion who have challenged the status quo within their own faiths.

Prophecy is always recognized after the fact. Cultural archetypes separated by time prevent most of us from correctly interpreting the symbolism prophets often use to describe a future for which they know no words. These archetypes are towers upon which every human stands to meet the universe. Long built from bricks made by families, schools, churches, and on the streets of the everyday world, nearly a century of mass advertising and mass consumerism have produced countless bricks now made of only clay. When the weight of the real world settles upon each person, as it often does, the weakest towers have a tendency to collapse; and when archetypes are destroyed, whether personally or culturally, a paradigm is born. Each of us is forced to find his or her feet; sometimes that means starting from the ground up.

Growing up in the sixties and seventies, I watched archetypes fall like dominoes. When I was a teenager fresh out of High School, the draft had just ended, the Vietnam War was winding down, and one day I found myself having to race home from a summer job to catch the television coverage of Richard M. Nixon resigning the Presidency of the United States. It was the first time I began to see and care about the world as an adult, for it was apparent that the real world and the world I had just learned about in school were very different.

My perspective of the world again changed only a few years later when the next archetype to collapse occurred in November of 1979. I was working the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk when most of the United States' Seventh Fleet was rushed to the Arabian Sea after the American embassy in Tehran was overrun and Iranian students had taken sixty-six hostages. When the rescue helicopters that would later burn and be abandoned in the Iranian desert came aboard, I understood how dangerous and real the

world could suddenly be. Upon our arrival off the coast of Iran, the Captain of our ship reminded everyone that general quarter's drills were to be taken as deadly serious. Having an Air Force of well over one hundred F-5s, the Iranians had also recently purchased over seventy of the new F-14s. These made-in America aircraft had the capability of sinking much of the American fleet. Only four years before, I had attended a Naval Jet Engine Mechanics school with members of the Iranian armed forces, and since I grew up near the Grumman aircraft plant that made those very same F-14s, it was my first very sad and sobering view of irony.

The last archetype to crumble from beneath me came when I attended a banquet of former American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts in May of 2004. These were my heroes. President John F. Kennedy had made a promise that America would land men on the Moon before I turned thirteen. I had tracked these men's lives like kids today follow rock stars, actors, and athletes. During the sixties, humanity gained its first view of the Earth from the perspective of these great explorers. There were Gemini astronauts, Apollo astronauts, Space Shuttle astronauts, Soyuz and Mir cosmonauts, men that had walked on the Moon; I might as well have been shaking hands and making small talk with the likes of Columbus, Magellan, or Captain James Cook.

After being seated at the dinner table with Dr. Edgar Mitchell, the sixth man to walk on the moon during the Apollo 14 mission, I soon realized that my own explorations were about to begin. Three months prior I had read a small article in the St. Petersburg Times about Dr. Mitchell's visit to St. Petersburg where he publicly expressed his belief in extraterrestrial life.¹ From Unidentified Flying Objects, to alien abductions, to men in black, the entire flying saucer phenomena has become so laughable that although most people in the world might accept the plausibility, there are still many that chide and snicker at those brave enough to accept and be vocal about the reality. No doubt this is why a tiny article that quoted one of the moon's first explorers found its way into the Local Section of the St. Petersburg Times and not on to the front page.

Having worked in a Space Propulsion laboratory for fourteen years, I have a deep-seated interest in the great possibilities awaiting humanity as we explore the Solar System and the universe. Workers employed in the space exploration industry are usually asked, "Do you really think it's worth it to spend all that money exploring outer space when we have so many problems here on Earth?"

Since I live in Florida, I have always been amazed by this very trite question and I answer with a rhetorical question. "Do you like that five day head start before a hurricane arrives?" From the ability to use satellite imagery to map the Earth, to the recently announced discoveries of water found on Mars and in the atmospheres of extra-solar planets, the great potentials that space exploration will present to humanity can only be measured in light years.

¹ Ann Moore, Waveney, "Astronaut: We've Had Visitors", St. Petersburg Times, Neighborhood Times, February 18th, 2004.

So, Dr. Mitchell and I talked about all the wonders and possibilities our quantum universe can provide to the people of the Earth. To some, the new physics is metaphysics. The quantum universe allows a ghostly world to exist beneath our senses. Waves and particles travel forward and backwards in time defying causality. The Einstein universe warps space into dimensions we cannot conceptualize. Black holes may capture knowledge and information, just as they capture light. The reality of all these mystifying concepts are cell phones that can connect people around the world, personal computers that can retrieve and store the entire knowledge of human history, and men that have walked on the Moon. What will follow in the years to come is anybody's guess or anybody's dream.

However, Dr. Mitchell soon surprised me with his somber and dark view of what lay ahead for the human race. Essentially, all of humanity is in danger of becoming enslaved. The extraterrestrial spacecraft that crashed near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 was a historical reality. In these last sixty-one years a very secret and highly compartmented group of private contractors, working with elements of the military and without any oversight, have been able to gain complete control of the most advanced technology on the planet. This small faction of corrupt individuals within the military-industrial complex has now developed and deployed powerful technologies, and their intent is global domination.

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Art Bell Show January 5th, 1998

I think our representative democracy is in danger. ...I think events are moving so fast, so very rapidly, that no one is really on top of it, and if we don't get people mobilized here to demand that we get to the bottom of these issues we're talking about today... we're not going to have an opportunity forever.

The decades old hype of the Roswell Crash, I believe, is intentional. It is so sufficiently deniable and now almost mythological that most people have been desensitized to any new revelations. But Dr. Mitchell's words were a powerful validation for me, and they affected everyone at the table. I had the impression that there was much more beneath the surface, but I simply asked him, "What can we do about it?"

Dr. Mitchell shrugged and just looked passed each of us. "I don't know," he said. "That's why I loose sleep at night."

In that moment I had a glimpse of how powerful and forbidding the world's secrets must be; I wondered what could threaten and overshadow the memory and the magnificent perspective of this world as it was seen from the surface of the moon. After nearly four years of research, I think I understand. These are ancient secrets, and they have been guarded for generations by a select group of individuals. There are no rules or boundaries when protecting them.

To all appearances, this generational cabal seems intent on usurping basic human rights – these are rights that long ago were fought for and then forged into some of humanity's most divinely inspired documents, such as the Magna Carta and the Constitution

of the United States. However, control has always been an obsessive quality for most of history's ruling elite. Kings have often claimed divine right, while the common man has had to struggle for his individual rights. And so there are plenty of examples throughout the centuries when hired swords and guns were no match for an angry mob with torches and pitchforks. But 20th Century fascism has taught today's world leaders how to build a protecting wall of bureaucracy with attendant functionaries to stand guard between the ruling class and the ruled. Fascist states embrace technology because it can make that wall a lot higher and it can keep the mob outside the gates.

In 1993 a former emergency room physician, Dr. Steven M. Greer, began *The Disclosure Project*. He has now amassed sworn testimony from numerous former military and government insiders that substantiate the reality of extraterrestrials and confirm the warning that Dr. Mitchell gave all of us at the table that evening in May of 2004. On November 13th, 2007, Dr. Greer and his organization publicly called for a government and civilian panel to begin an investigation based on the depositions of these whistle-blowers. This extraterrestrial technology, now fully understood and developed in the years since the Roswell Crash, would eliminate once and for all humankind's dependency on fossil fuels and nuclear power. Since Dr. Greer has been called upon to brief members of the United States government, the military, and the intelligence services, he is considered highly credible. Each reader must question why senior leaders of the government and the military are ignored and then made to cower when they begin to make inquiries about extraterrestrial visitations to our planet.

Dr. Greer believes that the fundamental reason for keeping the extraterrestrial presence a secret is that it will change the economic and geopolitical order of the world. I suggest to each reader that this has already happened, and it is about to get worse. There will be no public disclosure regarding extraterrestrials unless it becomes a tactical necessity, because the economic powers that rule the world are now consolidating. And there are other factors at work that the first five chapters of this book will attempt to explain.

Watch current events and watch the laws that are being passed throughout the Group of Eight nations to monitor the average citizen, to detain the average citizen, and to limit the average citizen's freedom to dissent about any of these laws or the people that make those laws. It is all about control, and this will be the only dependable measuring stick of what is real for each and every person in the industrialized and technologically dependent world.

In these past four years I have come to empathize with the futility I sensed in Dr. Mitchell's voice. Enslavement has already begun and many people seem to be embracing it because it makes them feel safe. Now, of course, it is not recognized as slavery. Full enslavement will come disguised as a worldwide economic depression where a vast pool of cheap labor will be forced to work for a pittance or be forced to fight in wars over the myth of dwindling natural resources. Akin to indentured servitude, nearly everyone will be bankrupt and electronically chained to his or her share of the failed world debt, save those individuals and institutions that control the instruments of that debt.

The idea that the technology developed from the crash of an extraterrestrial spacecraft would end up being used as a tool for control has burst every *Star Trek* notion that I have ever had about the world. I grew up at the peak of the flying saucer era and lived on a steady diet of books written by science fiction luminaries such as Isaac Asimov and Arthur C. Clarke. The fictional portrayals of the darker realities of life were abstractions embellished only by my imagination. Discovering that they are real can paralyze you with fear and apathy. When people that you respect validate your worst nightmares there is an emotional latency that keeps one incredulous and perhaps even foolishly hopeful.

I may have been intellectually prepared for such a grim view of the world when I was a teenager and the Vietnam War and Watergate were ushering me into adulthood, yet apparently I was still as naïve as that six-year-old boy who tried to understand why someone would assassinate the President that was going to lead America to the Moon. Whatever our comfortable and cozy beliefs, reality is simply stated by the facts of history, current events, and sadly, the murders of many good people. Civilization and empires have been built upon conspiracy theories, because racketeering is as old as the human race.

After dinner one guest at our table approached me to remark that his notions of the world were forever changed. This gentleman may now look at life like a television episode of the *X-Files*; but reality may, indeed, be much stranger than fiction. The most profound effect that night had on me was that it left me with a great sense of powerlessness. Here was a man that had walked on the moon, and now he had been marginalized.

Since so many respected men and women in these last six decades have come forward recounting their experiences with strange craft and strange beings, the acceptance of extraterrestrial visitation to the planet Earth necessitates one, very important question. If it is real, how long in history has it been going on?

Having a fair knowledge of comparative religion and mythology, I decided to dig deeper into the source writings of many cultural beliefs. I have come to the conclusion that there are forces at work in the world today that are much older than human civilization and perhaps even impossible for us mere mortals to understand. Simply put, humans have created and kept a very long and well-documented history concerning the political ambitions and intrigues of very wrathful, vengeance seeking gods. At one time or another humans have defied them and suffered the consequences, and as many varied prophecies and myths foretell, these self-styled deities still have some unfinished business with mankind.

"*As above, so below*" is the ancient metaphysical dictum. It might be that the great human struggle is but a mirror of larger forces at work in the universe. Yes, this subject is conspiracy theory run amok, and armies of comedians and talking heads have poked fun at it on television, but you won't be laughing when you and your family are starving to death. Does it sound far fetched? I assure you, it is as real as the nightly news.

It is as real as the Military Commissions Act of 2006. Signed into law on October 17th, this piece of legislation allows the President of the United States to declare anyone he wants a terrorist, have him or her arrested and tortured, and then held indefinitely. The rights of habeas corpus and due process have been done away with. The Supreme Court may have reaffirmed these rights in one particular case, but the power behind an Executive Order nullifies the checks and balances of the Constitution. Americans now have the same rights as an English serf living under the Middle Age tyranny of King John.

It is as real as the organization of American Veterans for Peace and other nonviolent protest groups being declared a threat by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It seems that former defenders of the United States Constitution and those people that invoke it when their basic rights are trampled are now deemed dangerous by a government that is empowered by that same Constitution.

It is as real as the same FBI who seemed intent on protecting the rights of suspected terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui following his arrest. FBI supervisors would not allow investigating agents to examine the contents of Moussaoui's laptop computer. Considered the twentieth hijacker recruited for the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks, perhaps information on that computer would have led FBI agents to the conspirators and the plot well before that fateful day.

It is as real as the bloated bodies floating in the floodwaters of New Orleans in the devastating wake of hurricane Katrina. It is as real as the poor souls abandoned on their rooftops for days by a supposedly inept government. It is as real as many of those same survivors who, nearly three years later, are still living in trailers behind the fences of camps under control of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Department of Homeland Security and FEMA seem more disposed to containing American citizens than aiding them.

Winston Churchill, Nov. 21, 1943

The power of the Executive to cast a man into prison without formulating any charge known to the law, and particularly to deny him the judgment of his peers, is in the highest degree odious and is the foundation of all totalitarian government whether Nazi or Communist.

Torture, indefinite detention, the denial of due process and the denial of freedom of speech would seem to go against the tenants of those Western nations that claim to want to export democracy to the rest of the world. It is even more sadly pathetic because these nations are also the seat of Christianity. But throughout history there are countless examples of individuals who have twisted the application of humanity's basic moral precepts to their own ends.

Since religious faith has now become so prominent and integral to world events, I am increasingly intrigued by its power to motivate certain groups of people with very different cultural backgrounds. Faith seems to be able to endow many humans with incredible strength, resolve, and purpose. But what is faith? How does it come about? Is it

found by attending years of religious services, or perhaps by studying the subtleties and mysteries held in libraries of religious scripture? The mechanism behind faith and its power to help humans either survive and adapt or torture and kill seems to be beyond the understanding of any philosopher, priest, or scientist. Faith seems to be a deeply personal decision.

This makes it easy to understand the warnings behind a 1961 Brookings Institute study concerning the impact an extraterrestrial civilization would have on human civilization after first contact.² The consensus was that humanity's faith would be shaken. The question that has to be asked though is, has religious history and the human concept of faith been influenced by extraterrestrial civilizations? The implication being that if there has been a long-term interaction with humanity and humans have been unable to recognize or define the nature of this interaction until the advent of the modern age, when science replaced religion, then how would an extraterrestrial civilization present itself to the people of the Earth today? That answer will provide motivation and intent, as well as change the dynamics of world history and current events.

Perhaps at some point in the future, someone will find common ground between religion, spirituality, and modern science. The great unknowns regarding the universe we live in may, in-fact, always remain open to exploration and hypothesis. But the one fact proven by science is biological diversity here on Earth and life's ability, in many forms, to find its own way and to adapt to hostile environments. That rule of nature, of course, should extend into outer space.

The universe is thought to be well over thirteen billion years old; the Solar System is thought to be just over four billion years old. It is a possibility that a space-faring civilization, eons ago, may have already incorporated this part of the Milky Way Galaxy as its own. Unequivocally, that concept can be found in humanity's earliest written texts and religious canons. History is much older and more complex than most people are willing to accept. But the critics of Erich von Däniken's *Chariots of the Gods?*, the book that popularized the idea of ancient extraterrestrial contact, have tried to make sure it stays that way. Now, however, thirty-eight years later, it seems that this well-worn theory may finally be supported by photographic evidence from planetary space probes sent to the outer planets that reveal ancient, eroding structures on both the Moon and Mars.

With the increasing frequency of UFO sightings, the incorporation of fly saucers and aliens into cultural archetypes, apocalyptic talk about nuclear war from the leaders of the United States, Russia, and Iran, it is my guess that myth and reality are about to meet head on. Armageddon just may be a self-fulfilling prophecy with gods, demons, and a whole gamut of supernatural events that will test people's sanity and spiritual beliefs.

In a sense, prophecy implies time travel. As you will read in the paragraphs below, human beings, and perhaps all living organisms, seem to have an innate ability to be

² Proposed Studies On The Implications Of Peaceful Space Activities For Human Affairs, Prepared For The Nation Aeronautics And Space Administration By The Brookings Institute, 87th Congress 1st Session, Report No. 242, 1961.

aware of future events. I believe this is a natural survival skill. Precognition may be more of an acceptable term for prophecy, as prophecy seems to be a word that carries a lot of religious and metaphysical baggage with it. But a study of comparative religion and mythology will show each reader that prophecy plays a significant role in the course of human events and in the acceptance of religious faith.

If you believe in prophecy, then according to the most varied and ancient accounts, the future will be a dark tale for most of us. Since childhood, the one prevailing religious mytheme that I have always found particularly disturbing is the idea of a global apocalypse. This prediction is found in most of the world's major religions. In some accounts, nearly two out of every three people on the Earth will perish during a time of increasing natural disasters and then ultimately, nuclear war. These same mythemes, however, also predict that a small remnant of humanity will survive; and learning from past mistakes, they will put an end to warfare and go on to flourish in a new golden age.

Isaiah 2:4 (King James)

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Nostradamus' Quatrain 9:66

*There will be peace, union and change,
Estates, offices low high and those high very low:
Preparing for this voyage the first fruit tormented,
Wars to cease, civil processes, debates.*

After the prophets found in the *Holy Bible*, Michel de Nostredame, the famous 16th century French seer known as Nostradamus, is undeniably the most renowned prophet to write about an apocalyptic future. The modern world has long been sold on his power to prognosticate with over four centuries of great publicity and careful marketing. Though his past record of vague predictions is open to interpretation, there is nothing ambiguous about an exploding nuclear bomb. Joining a chorus of history's most notable prophets, he too did claim to see that after worldwide cataclysms that included natural disasters and nuclear war, there would also follow a golden age of peace. Unfortunately, as he mentions in the prediction above, the generation that sets humanity on this voyage will endure great suffering.

It is my guess that by the time most of you are reading these pages, you will recognize that this ship has already set sail.

Apocalyptic prophecy is such an intrinsic part of many religions, that it provokes strong debate, especially when it can involve the beliefs of world leaders. Nearly three decades of research on prophecy is neatly packaged inside of these pages, but do not look for any answers. You will find facts of history and current events, all verifiable, intertwined with the mystical and the unexplainable. Hopefully, this will provoke you into ask-

ing more questions. In today's world this is an absolute necessity, since many governments now post a daily threat level.

Prophecy has always carried many implications, for it draws a line in the sand of our belief systems. It crosses all boundaries, from the religious and philosophic, to the scientific and historic. For most of the Western world, the *Holy Bible* and the writings of Nostradamus have become the wellspring of modern prophecy, and they have each been approached from countless starting points. There have been as many interpretations and schools of thought as there have been centuries of enlightened interpreters. Unfortunately, personalization and exploitation have always been the rules of the game.

Prophecy is as ephemeral as poetry. It is meant to be subjective and emotional, striking fear into your heart. What I will present throughout this book are today's news stories and the historical record graced by prophetic verses from a variety of sources. Some of these sources are well known and some are found in obscure myths from cultures around the planet. The theme is evident, and I allow the verses to present their own conclusions. The facts stand by themselves.

Eschatology descends to us from the Stone Age. You will find that most encyclopedias say that beliefs in the end of the world have evolved with our recognition of time and cycles in nature. Perhaps recurring mass extinction epochs have left a genetic imprint on humanity that has found its way into our religions, arts, sciences, and our self-awareness. The Biblical tale of Noah, the Greek tale of Deucalion, the Sumerian tale of Ziusudra, the Akkadian tale of Utnapishtim, the Hindu tale of Manu, and the numerous tales of the native peoples of the Americas all recount epic stories of a past worldwide flood that left very few survivors.³

The common premise in these global tales is the judgment of humanity and the redemption of a select few. For thousands of years their retelling has been used as the big stick, the enforcer of right and wrong. Yet the world and civilization have endured and most people have grown comfortable with the warnings of another global destruction to come. In an age where this capability exists for the first time, we are now more entertained than frightened by that possibility! The veracity and reverence of the prophetic sources quoted in this book, therefore, rests squarely in the lap of each reader.

Whether passed down from Babylonian high priests, *Old Testament* prophets, or Renaissance sages, every generation has rerecorded these works onto the media of their time, be it a cuneiform tablet, sheepskin, papyrus, or the magnetic field of a computer hard drive. Where fact and myth depart will always be the subject of controversy until empirical evidence proves otherwise. Nowhere is this clearer than in the 1870 discovery of the ancient city of Troy by German businessmen Heinrich Schliemann. Believing in the reality of Homer's epic, *The Iliad*, and the research of Charles McLaren, he turned myth into history when he financed the unearthing of Hissarlik mound in Turkey and there found the legendary city of Troy and all of its incarnations.

³ Wiget, Andrew O., "Native American Oral Narrative", The Heath Anthology of American Literature, Concise Edition, Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

A century earlier, long after the fledgling Christian church thought it had expunged the *Book of Enoch* from existence, the myth of a complete Ethiopian edition led the 18th century Scottish nobleman James Bruce to Abyssinia where he discovered three copies. Myths have a way of unfolding from one generation's fairy tale into another generation's history lesson.

To give prophecy any serious consideration, one must walk the misty path of the metaphysical with an open and objective mind. The religious perspective sometimes narrows the view; the occult perspective often clouds the view with superstition. All faiths have had their own messengers. The message is always dire, and it is usually said that God decides life and death over good and evil. God and good and evil have always been defined in very personal and individual ways, so this is difficult ground to walk on in any culture.

You will find that every researcher, author, and commentator on prophecy has a particular approach, be it spiritual, scholarly, or sensational; some simply have an agenda. Prophecy has always been used to sell faith. Since I will be referring to the Old and New Testaments, as well as other religious texts, the reader is entitled to know immediately if I am selling religion or faith. That is an emphatic no on the religion! But faith comes in two varieties. The first comes by way of nature and constitution – no matter what: most people get up in the morning and get on with their lives. And that attitude is sometimes augmented by the second: that leap of faith the intellect makes in acceptance of those things that cannot be substantiated by any of our senses or instruments. This can be faith in anything, God, prophets, demons, religions, cults, rapture, doomsday, or antichrists. We all choose from a wide spectrum of beliefs, and that will ultimately affect the way you feel about this book.

Tanach, Bamidbar - Numbers 24:14 (Jewish Publication Society 1917)

*And now, behold, I go unto my people; come, and I will announce
to thee what this people shall do to thy people in the end of days.*

First mentioned in the *Old Testament* book *Numbers*, the “*end of days*” conveys dread for millions of people. Generations of ordained bearers of the word, usually religious authorities of some sort, have always molded their particular brand of doom and gloom to threaten the ghost in the machine. It is there that we are at our most vulnerable. For no matter how convincingly we accept our beliefs, spirituality remains the last uncharted territory to human existence. It is something we all think about and question at one time or another; generally when we face our own mortality or that of people we care about.

For those in the world already suffering some deprivation as starvation, famine, or war, this spiritual yoke is often the last binding form of social control, and any good salesman can easily manipulate it! History is replete with suicidal and homicidal doomsday cults, each a sad testament that common sense human beings will surrender their lives to any smooth talking huckster or surrender that common sense to commit mass murder. It is this cruel abuse of spiritual trust that has twisted prophecy into its present state. And as

you will see, it appears that world leaders and their influential supporters may be preparing for and ready to exploit anyone with apocalyptic expectations.

Prophecy and revelation have been a public domain franchise for millennia; thus there is a long tradition of con artists and critics. The con artists prey on people's susceptibility through manipulation of their core beliefs. This is why all religions have their share of scoundrels, and why the worse scoundrels profess to be the most religious, the most patriotic, or the most upright.

The critics' chief complaint has always been that prophets are notoriously ambiguous. No doubt one of the first people to realize this was Croesus, the King of Lydia. In 550 BCE the Oracle at Delphi told him that, "*After crossing the Halys, (the Kizilirmak River in Turkey) Croesus will destroy a great empire.*" Believing in the infallibility of the prophecy, Croesus led his armies to Cappadocia to attack the Persian Empire. Cyrus the Great, ruler of that empire, immediately met the invasion. Croesus' army was routed and he was captured and enslaved (and then, some say, tortured and killed). His defeat allowed the Persian army to advance on to Sardis, the capital of Lydia. The great empire Croesus had built was destroyed and his fabled wealth was lost.

Clearly, prophecy is all a matter of interpretation. For that information the Oracle at Delphi demanded a large share of the great treasures Croesus had plundered from other kingdoms. Perhaps his fate was divine justice, but ever since, a good rule of thumb concerning religion and the occult has always been "*let the buyer beware.*"

End of Days prophecies have now become a multinational interest. Introduced to us through the mass media, they have played out in movies, on television, been mystified in religious books and best-selling novels. We can imagine evil little boys growing up to take over the world or asteroids slamming into the Earth. The variety of interpretations is a reflection of our diversity. We translate the symbolism of these ancient verses with our own point of view, all six and a half billion of us. It was with that personal belief that Croesus accepted the validity of his prophecy and brought doom upon himself and his people. So, how can we put that in the bank?

Every student and reader throughout recorded time has struggled to interpret the meaning behind the ancient doctrines that each civilization comes to venerate. Every one of those students and readers has at one time or another had to turn to experts to make sense of what they were reading, even the great Assyrian King Ashurbanipal II, who in the 5th century BCE founded one of the largest libraries in all of history.

Ashurbanipal II⁴

I have read sophisticated texts in obscure Sumerian and in Akkadian difficult to comprehend, and have studied inscriptions on stone from the time before the flood with elite companions.

⁴ Maximilian Streck, Assurbanipal und die letzten Könige bis zum Untergang Nineves, Vorderasiatische Bibliothek 7 (Leipzig, Germany: Hinrichs, 1916), p. 255.

Our canons and most sacred texts are the oldest recorded words of humankind, and like living organisms, they too have evolved with every translation. And so they must if each generation is to use and understand them. When they grow irrelevant, they become unfathomable artifacts that archeologists dig out of the sand. Understanding the evolution of some of these historical writings becomes crucial to understanding prophecy, and therefore crucial to understanding how this book will unfold.

If you compare passages from the *Book of Enoch* to passages from the *New Testament* book, *Revelation*, you will see the similarities, yet the *Book of Enoch* predates the writing of *Revelation* by approximately three centuries. The application of any kind of orthodoxy or linearity to these ancient works becomes difficult at best. Hence, we are at the mercy of experts.

The most important job of the expert is to validate the origin of the source material, because forgery is as old as civilization. After scientists and scholars have dated and translated a cuneiform cylinder, a column of hieroglyphics, or a scroll from the Dark Ages, it is left to every reader to interpret the symbolism. There just can be no exact definition for *Revelation's* “*Whore of Babylon*” and “*Red Dragon*”, or Nostradamus’ villains “*Hister*” and “*Mabus*.” Somewhere along the line a commentator assigns a definition to these enigmatic characters and then time or coincidence, or perhaps even fate, give their interpretation weight.

In essence, we study centuries of commentaries on commentaries, with each progression of writers supplying volumes of quotes and footnotes from previous writers. Some researchers have dug deep to unearth obscure facts that are buried treasure. This book has attempted to do the same; however, my research led me to dig from a much wider field, for prophecy is really an all-encompassing subject, so I beg the reader’s patience. Initially, you may wonder where this book is taking you, but I did indeed find that the devil is in the details.

Is the power to prophesize a divine gift as the *Holy Bible*, Nostradamus, and Edgar Cayce say, or is it an aspect of life that science has not yet recognized? Like clairvoyance and intuition, it seems to operate through a sensory system outside of the physical body and outside of space and time. And yet the brain appears to be able to process gathered facts from this non-physical realm into usable information relevant to a particular point in time in the physical world.

Foretelling future events is part of human culture. Most of us have experienced it in one form or another as a hunch or a dream that came true. It is only the dedicated skeptic that denies such intuition exists. But very few people in the last seven thousand years have been able to predict future events consistently and with great detail. Those that could have themselves become part of history and legend.

Stepping into the 21st century, quantum physics has opened up some strange possibilities to our universe. Anti-matter and black holes were first suggested by mathematics

but have now been proven by experiment and through observation, and yet they are still mysteries defying our perceptions of nature and reality.

Nobel Prize winning physicist Richard Feynman called the positron, which is a particle of antimatter, an electron traveling backwards in time.⁵ Electrons are the main information carriers in our electronic world. Can information travel backwards in time? Does this automatically imply a final state to our universe? Is free will an illusion; is determinism the rule? These questions are boundless and ancient.

That most studied particle, the electron, owes its existence to what physicists have called "*the collapse of the wave function*." How a wave turns itself into a particle remains to this date a subject of scientific debate. This collapse uses the equations of two waves, one the conjugate of the other. These have variously been labeled, advanced and retarded waves, in and out waves, time reversed and time forward waves; depending on the theory, there are other names for this pair of opposites.

Theoretical Physicist, Jack Sarffatti suggests that consciousness itself may be defined by negative feed back or "*quantum back-action*." It is a two-way relationship between a quantum wave and a particle. The feedback carries error-correcting information from a future, higher state. There is speculation that in living organisms, the microtubules within cells could possibly act as wave-guides that facilitate the collapse of the electron wave. The resultant biochemical changes then transmit the information to an organism's awareness.⁶

The realities of quantum physics have transformed the modern world with tangible devices that humans use every day. How real are the stranger aspects of quantum physics? Are human beings aware enough creatures to recognize that the things we call mystical and religious are really undiscovered facets of nature?

The United States government has spent millions of dollars researching an extrasensory ability known as Remote Viewing. This scientific investigation began as a series of black projects known as Project Stargate and Project Grill Flame. Black projects are government research projects so secret that very few people within the government even know they exist. The funding that Project Stargate received is still classified. Dr. Hal Puthoff, a former physicist at the Stanford Research Institute, worked with the Central Intelligence Agency experimenting with this technique developed in conjunction with psychic Ingo Swann.⁷ There seems to be a systematic, procedural method of gathering information outside the boundaries of space and time.

It is interesting that the Central Intelligence Agency choose a physicist to direct the study of this often maligned human ability. The CIA has always been curious about the powers and mechanisms of the mind. Project MKULTRA and the CIA experiments to program human robot assassins hardly raises an eyebrow anymore, but the subject of hu-

⁵ Feynman, Richard P., Nobel Lecture, December 11th, 1965.

⁶ Hameroff, Stuart, Quantum Coherence In Microtubules, 1994.

⁷ Puthoff, H.E., CIA-Initiated Remote Viewing At Stanford Research Institute, 1996

man automatons during the final days of Atlantis figured prominently in the psychic research of Edgar Cayce, the famous Sleeping Prophet. To my own surprise, it was necessary to address in a book about apocalyptic prophecy. From a religious frame of reference, the essence of the final struggle is the enslavement of every human soul.

Regardless of each reader's own beliefs about all matters labeled psychic or supernatural, it is certainly on record that government agencies around the world were and probably still are using human extrasensory powers and psychotronic weapons as instruments of state policy. Psychotronic weapons are generally electronic devices that use amplified and modulated longitudinal electromagnetic signals to affect the physiology or behavior of target victims.

In June of 2001, Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia and a former KGB officer, made it illegal to employ any psychotronic weapon or mind altering electromagnetic device within his country.⁸ The Soviet Union pioneered the development of these weapons, eventually deploying them during the Cold War against embassy personnel from the United States and Western Europe.⁹

In the United States, Remote Viewing made its way to the National Security Agency in the late 1970's. Small groups of military personal were trained to use only their minds to investigate selected targets. Besides describing the sights, sounds, smells, and touch of distant places, these soldiers could often sense the emotions and thoughts of any individual they were designated to interrogate. Unfortunately, the Remote Viewing program made its way into the news media after members of congress began using it as their own psychic hotline, and it was publicly canceled in 1995.

Some former members from this special NSA unit have now gone on to publish books or they can be found on the Internet as instructors, willing to teach anyone with the right amount of money the specialized techniques to enhance this natural human ability. These ex-military men tell an amazing story about the experiments conducted in government-sponsored laboratories, and it rivals the plot of any Hollywood science fiction movie.

As our technology moves toward the quantum realm, we may be able to measure many aspects of human consciousness. Shortly after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on September 11th, 2001, forged and altered verses attributed to Nostradamus sped across the Worldwide Web. As I will show in Part Two of this book, he did predict the attacks; however, most prophets' reputations are made in the post-analysis of some historical event. Yet, it was the Random Event Generators networked around the world by the Global Consciousness Project that provided a real-time prediction something terrible was about to happen.

⁸ "Russians Fall To Robbery Trance", Los Angeles Times, January 2005.

⁹ Bearden, Thomas E., Excalibur Briefing, Strawberry Hill Press, 1988.

Four hours before the attack, these electronic devices that randomly generate zeros and ones departed from a statistical mean set by a programmed algorithm.¹⁰ Fifty percent of the time they will either produce a zero or a one, which essentially produces a flat-line graph. But in 1979 Dr. Robert Jahn, head of the Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research Lab, discovered that at varying times prior to the occurrence of major world events that focus most of humanity's attention, the zeros and ones from these electronic devices depart from this statistical mean and the flat-line graph spikes, heralding what is often a catastrophic event.

Twenty-four hours before the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami on December 26th, 2004, the daily and continuous graph of sixty-five REGs in forty-one countries produced another mathematical anomaly. It was a sign of another world-shaking event to come. People all across the planet had a collective premonition of a disaster that would claim nearly three hundred thousand lives.

Extending the work of Jahn, Dr. Roger Nelson and the Global Consciousness Project continue to add to nearly thirty years of data that not only suggests human consciousness exhibits clairvoyance, but it can also affect physical systems prior to coherent group events.

New technologies measuring humanity's perception of the future are continually being developed. At the website of *Half Past Human*, linguistic experts have programmed web bots that parse Internet blogs looking for common themes. Through statistical analysis of nouns, verbs, and adjectives, the worldwide chatter transmitted through cyberspace seems to contain the whispers of future events talked about months and years in advance.

Most of you within range of these words have formulated your own beliefs about religion, metaphysics, and the other intangibles in life. It is only the loudmouth adherents to religious and scientific dogma that shame us into not giving those subjects labeled "psychic" more serious thought. They are, however, the minority, because opinion polls taken in the United States indicate that most people accept a larger and more mysterious reality.¹¹ Academic snobbery aside, the reality simply is that governments, militaries, and international corporations take these taboo subjects very seriously by spending large amounts of money investigating, developing, and exploiting them.

World leaders have consulted oracles from the beginning of civilization right up until the present day, but fortune telling is still sold as a carnival sideshow. It titillates, generates some momentary fears, and we never give it a second thought, that is until catastrophe is upon us. Many people around the world now understand how quickly that can happen after watching the news videos of the Indian Ocean tsunami crashing down upon unsuspecting victims.

¹⁰ "Can This Black Box See Into The Future", Daily Mail, London, (UK), February 11th, 2005.

¹¹ Moore, David W., "Three in Four Americans Believe in Paranormal", Gallup News Service, June 16th, 2005.

Kings and Queens throughout history might have paid well to know the future, but in the information age, it is a cheap commodity. Such foreknowledge neither saved Croesus, King Henri II of France, nor President John F. Kennedy. For those closest to power, perhaps the wake of time is too great to escape. For the rest of us, I believe there may be a chance, because as both the *New Testament* and Nostradamus point out:

Matthew 11:25 (King James)

...Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes

Nostradamus' Preface: Paragraph 7:

Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, that is from the powerful and from kings, and hast revealed them to the small and the weak

There is hope in those words that fate does not rule the universe, or at the very least, some people can get out of its way. It is strangely ironic that despite government, military, and corporate attempts at using Remote Viewing to tame destiny, many religious texts make it quite clear that the wielders of power will have the least chance of escaping fate.

Book of Enoch LII:3 (Richard Laurence Translation)

I beheld the angels of punishment, who were dwelling there, and preparing every instrument of Satan.

Book of Enoch LII:4 (Richard Laurence Translation)

Then I inquired of the angel of peace, who proceeded with me, for whom those instruments were preparing.

Book of Enoch LII:5 (Richard Laurence Translation)

He said, these they are preparing for the kings and powerful ones of the earth, that by this they may perish.

S'rîmad Bhâgavatam, CANTO 12, Chapter 2, Texts 19-20, (Swami Prabhupâda)

...He will kill by the millions those thieves who have dared dress as kings.

The ability to see through time was not meant to be a tool to bend the universe to one's whim. In *Genesis* 42:25 it is a humble Joseph who, sold into slavery by his brothers, correctly interprets Pharaoh's dream of a seven-year famine. It did not change the future, but it did prepare Egypt for hard times.

That is the primary intent of this book.

What is clear from many ancient writings is that this will not be the first time that civilization on this planet will be reduced to ruins.

Timaeus, Plato, 360 BC, [translation: Benjamin Jowett]

Thereupon one of the priests, who was of a very great age, said: O Solon, Solon, you Hellenes are never anything but children, and there is not an old man among you. Solon in return asked him what he meant. I mean to say, he replied, that in mind you are all young; there is no old opinion handed down among you by ancient tradition, nor any science which is hoary with age. And I will tell you why. There have been, and will be again, many destructions of mankind arising out of many causes; the greatest have been brought about by the agencies of fire and water, and other lesser ones by innumerable other causes.

With the Earth ringing for weeks and a wobble introduced to our planet's axis, the Sumatran earthquake and tsunami in late 2004 is a portent of things to come. Worldwide environmental changes will spark wars as the people of many nations are forced by desperation to fight for dwindling resources. This is the conclusion of a 2003 Report funded by the Pentagon.¹² But, why then, if humans have access to extraterrestrial technology, is this being allowed to happen?

Many generations have anticipated the End of Days, but the extremes present today are unique to history. Technology has extended the dominion of the human race from the microscopic to the cosmic, and that has put great powers in the hands of a fanatical few. Consider that the fanatical few can extend from the terrorist with a bomb belt, to apocalyptic cults unleashing nerve gas on a subway car, to the board of a multinational corporation that ruthlessly exploits people and the environment for maximum profit.

The promise of the new millennium is falling far short of the marketing hype and rhetoric that closed out the 20th century. Since those horrific acts of terrorism on September 11th, 2001, the good fortune of many nations has begun to wane. As you will read further on, this is a significant date. Throughout history it is known to herald the end of cycles. The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have been called highly symbolic – assaults on the United States' economic and military power. Few realize, however, that these symbols are far older than the simple observations of today's media pundits. Over four hundred years ago Nostradamus predicted that the fall of the Twin Towers would be a sign that the eve of desolation had arrived.

Nostradamus' Epistle: Paragraph 29

At the eve of another desolation, when she is atop her most high and sublime dignity, some potentates and warlords will confront her, and take away her two swords...

For centuries, readers of Nostradamus' *Epistle to King Henri* have tried to decipher the timeline he laid out through allegory to the King of France. After researching the evolution of many religious canons involved in prophecy, and after realizing religion's place in his predictions of a modern-day religious crusade involving nuclear weapons, I discov-

¹² Schwartz, Peter & Randall, Doug, "An Abrupt Climate Change Scenario and Implications for United States National Security", GBN Global Business Network, October 2003.

ered that the clues in his *Epistle* mark the evolution of Christianity. This includes the Miracle of Fatima, and most especially the reported Three Prophecies of Fatima. It is no coincidence that these prophecies were given to three Portuguese children by the apparition of the Virgin Mary in October of 1917. Two weeks after her last appearance before the children and seventy thousand witnesses, the Soviet Union was born.

The Second Prophecy of Fatima forewarned, "...that Russia will spread her errors around the world." The symbolic powers of Gog and Magog, written of in *Ezekiel* 38:2-3 and in *Revelation* 20:7 have often been linked with Russia, but in today's world this has become a little more complex. The reason behind this is the global nature of business and crime. Twenty years ago who would have thought that the United States government would hire the former heads of the Russian KGB and the East German secret police, STASI, as security advisors?¹³

As the last survivor of the three Fatima children, Maria Lúcia Rosa dos Santos, later known as Sister Lúcia, reportedly lived long enough to personally relay "Our Lady's" prophecies to Pope John Paul II. History will no doubt name him as one of the world leaders instrumental in the collapse of the Soviet Union.

From the Pope's political confrontations with the Soviet government and the assassination attempt on his life, to the scandals within the Vatican Bank, there have been a few unearthed secrets that provide hints to alliances that extend back millennia. Disregarding all moral laws, powerful groups, ecclesiastical, corporate, military, and political have conspired to jealously guard some ancient knowledge that I believe extends back to the origins of humankind. This makes delineating heroes and villains very difficult, because conflict and resolution have been the primary historical forces used for social engineering. Clearly, there appears to be a blueprint of the age to come, and the plans are openly available to the public, but they are conveyed symbolically. As you will read in Book Three, all you need do is walk through the Denver Airport and study some very strange murals to understand where the world is heading.



Source: <http://dianarn.files.wordpress.com/2007/07/>

Are the murals at the Denver International Airport depictions of our future?

¹³ Whitney, Mike, "KGB Chieftain Finds Home at US Homeland Security", Al-Jazeera, January 22nd, 2005.

These secret groups are the people that Nostradamus was referring to when he wrote that potentates and warlords would be responsible for terrorism and the destruction of the Twin Towers. The testimony of former FBI translator Sibel Edmonds, a government whistle-blower who has been silenced by United States' secrecy laws, corroborates Nostradamus' prediction. I will address this further in Part Two of this book. Thugs have ruled the world since the dawn of civilization. The historically recent veneer of morality and political correctness that world leaders now try to hide behind is soon going to be peeled away.

Look around you and you will see that representative government is a myth, for there are plenty of examples in the daily news stories that show that corruption is rife inside many Western governments and militaries. The world's most powerful corporations and crime syndicates use the revolving doors in these institutions to further their own business agendas – principals and humanity be damned. Their hunger for wealth and control are the real source of humanity's woes. This base corruption threatening civilization will eventually come to light according to a critical prophecy that Nostradamus makes in his *Epistle to Henri*.

Nostradamus' Epistle: Paragraph 31

*Then the impurities and abominations, will to great shame, be brought out
and manifested in the darkness of the obscured light...*

There are long threads woven into the tapestry of history, and most people find it difficult to believe that there is a design in the weave. Ancient allegiances and causes are the hard and ruthless reality of political intrigue. Conspiracy theories are as real as the bullets that killed the Kennedy brothers, Dr. Martin Luther King, and that nearly killed Pope John Paul II.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

*In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it's
planned that way.*

As this book unfolds, I will present facts that I hope every reader will research. Whether it is religion, philosophy, or politics, the consistent historical reality for you, the average person, concerns unspeakable acts of violence and assaults on the most basic of your individual freedoms. It is a history that has been walked by millions of destitute refugees escaping genocide, war, fascism, famine, or natural disaster. When you are hungry, polemics becomes inconsequential.

Religion is the epicenter of our civilization. Whether you believe in it or not, you will be caught in its whirlpool. During Nostradamus' lifetime, not only did he have to fear the violence of the Inquisition, but also the Protestant Reformation. Coming from a Jewish family that was forced to adopt Christianity, and seeing religion's resurgence in 21st century warfare and politics, it is only natural that religious history would form the structure of his *Epistle* and the framework of his many prophecies.

Nostradamus labeled sectarian rivalry as the primary cause of war. For it seems that religious fervor has always been highly malleable to political ambition. Like nature's own bifurcation processes, religions tend to divide like cells; there are Christian sects, Judaic sects, Islamic sects, Buddhist and Hindu sects, ad infinitum. The ancient writings of many of these different cultures predict that a savior or messiah will redeem the most righteous of each faith during some cataclysmic time in the future. As venerated as some of these prophetic works have become, most of the religions that have formed around them have become so exclusive, that many people are going to be gravely disappointed.



Source: Microsoft Encarta, 2002

On August 24th, 1572, six years after Nostradamus' death, his former patroness and the widow of King Henri II, Catherine de Medici, stands over the bodies of the French Protestants known as the Huguenots after the Massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day.

As I will show in the first part of this book, most ancient writings come from shared texts, yet the more dogmatic followers of some religious sects only accept belief in their "Savior." This gives everybody the mistaken impression that their team alone will find salvation and rapture. If you find yourself in that club, good luck! Even biblical prophecy has lost significance as information outlets package and market their products according to the latest trend. People are herded into sects of belief where they are guaranteed to be disillusioned rather than enlightened. Like the buffalo of old, I suspect they are going to be herded over the edge of a cliff by some very wily hunters.

It is not possible to be intimately familiar with the language and syntax of centuries old authors; I suggest that you cannot dissect these writings as if they were legal documents. That fact alone may seem to diminish this book, but perhaps the weight of coincidence will, to turn a phrase, offer plausible acceptability to my conclusions.

Only dedicated scholars can toil for years over the minutia of ancient texts. Since some of these texts are the basis of our most passionate beliefs, there will always be differences and debates. Where you place those differences in your faith is a matter of personal choice; but every reader should know that the eroding of information from its original intent was even a concern in 132 BCE.

**Apocrypha, Wisdom of Jeshua, the Son of Sirach, the Prologue, Paragraph 2
[Translated by Edgar J. Goodspeed]**

...Excuse us for any failures we may seem to have made in phraseology, in what we have labored to translate. For things once expressed in Hebrew do not have the same force in them when put into another language; and not only for this book, but for the Law itself, and the prophecies, and the rest of the books, differ not a little in the translation from the original.

So, it is best to be critical about the sources that feed your spirituality. Not only is information diluted and lost with every change of nuance from an original text, but also many generations down the line, the skill level and the point of view of the reader have changed. Here is a very interesting and relatively recent example. You will find in the King James Version of *Revelation* 9:11 a character known as Apollyon. Contemporary translations now make a reference to this person only as the Destroyer. This is a very simple description of a very complex myth.

Revelation 9:11 (King James)

And they had a King over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue his name is Apollyon.

It is germane to every reader to know what the myth is behind Apollyon or you could not possibly associate this to the events on September 11th, 2001. As I will discuss in Book Two in detail, the source of the myth of Apollyon is a Persian tale of an ogre from Yemen wielding a powerful magic sword known as Al-Samsama. Since Osama Bin Laden has now risen to the stature of the world's "*King of Terror*" as the alleged leader of Al Qaeda, his Yemeni heritage certainly makes this quite an interesting coincidence in the context of both the chapter and verse numbers. The myth of Apollyon rising out of a smoking crater is also not unlike the visual images the world is familiar with of the days following the fall of the Twin Towers. The intriguing twist is, that it was not until the Middle Ages that the *Holy Bible* had any particular numbering system identifying chapter and verse. It is thought that Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, introduced chapter numbers to the *Vulgate* in 1205 CE and the printer Robert Estienne divided the chapters into verses in the 16th century.

Such strange historical coincidences can give one either a belief in the subtlety of the universe or in the absoluteness of fate. It made me think about applying any linear pre-conceptions to the prophecies in the Bible and in other sacred writings. Psychic abilities have always been identified by statistics and probability; it is the essence of all quantum events and thus the physical universe. Taken in context, many things occur before *Revelation* 9:11. But can a checklist be applied to a patchwork of texts that have passed across

so many centuries and through so many hands? The question is rhetorical. The answer, of course, is found in each reader's own beliefs and his or her acceptance in such coincidences.

In 1898 Morgan Robertson wrote a novel entitled *Futility: the Wreck of the Titan*. In it, a fantastically huge ship named the Titan strikes an iceberg on its maiden voyage and sinks with a tremendous loss of life because there are not enough lifeboats. Commentators over the years have compared how eerily similar the details of Morgan's story are to the sinking of the Titanic fourteen years later. Perhaps writing and other creative processes augment this ability to see into the future. It may even be the reason why so many prophecies appear throughout mythological tales and in religious scripture.

Civilizations use to rise and fall on the words of prophets; today they are tabloid headlines and just reading them carries a social stigma. Regardless, civilizations will still rise and fall no matter how the words are trivialized. It is up to each reader to overcome the stigma and accept that there are deeper levels to reality than the childish criticism some call coincidence. When facing worldwide calamity there are very few options.