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IS THIS REALLY ‘THE END’ And should we be worried?

If the newspaper headlines over the last year are to be believed then it does very much appear as if The End is indeed upon us.

The question is whether this is really true or are we just being panicked and corralled by the fear that all this media click-bait is hyping up?

I have given this careful consideration since we were first told back in early 2020 that we would be seeing bodies piling up in the streets as a result of Covid-19. Well I think the bodies have been piling up. But not from Covid. From suicide, from drug overdoses, from domestic violence,

from starvation as a result of the surge in extreme poverty, and from the hundreds of other undiagnosed and untreated conditions that have been largely ignored. We have also seen the untimely death of hundreds of thousands of businesses and all the deep trauma that this has, and continues, to cause.

All of this is enough for anyone to reasonably ask, 'when will it end' and, more profoundly, is this the end of the world as we know it? Personally I do think this is the end of the world as we know it, but does this mean that the prophesized 'end of days' are actually now upon us? Is this the great final apocalypse and are we all about to get swept away in either the Rapture or Armageddon?

Over the last year I have spent a lot of time looking into various prophetic sources to try and find some answers.

Firstly I looked to the Bible and the book of Revelation. Revelation is an account of a vision John had while he was preaching on the Mediterranean island of Patmos. The description of his experience is certainly not literal and reads very much like a dream with a great deal of symbolism and representationalism. But even with this, if you are looking to understand the fate of humanity, it is shocking to the extreme. While it does have a happy ending and good does eventually triumph over evil, it appears that almost everyone will die horribly in the process! The upside is that if you keep the faith, remain loyal to God and reject the Mark of the Beast you will be rewarded in heaven.

I am not going to lie to you though, this is going to be tough. Especially if, as suspected, the Mark of the Beast is the new hyped access and payment chip that is being inserted into peoples hands and foreheads.

These chips, which are about the size of a grain of rice, are usually inserted into the flesh between the thumb and forefinger, and have been since about 2015, so the technology is definitely here already. Currently they are being used to give employees access to restricted places such as their offices, gyms, private clubs or into ticketed sports, cultural or educational events. Unfortunately these chips can easily be GPS enabled which would allow for 24/7 tracking by both



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employers or the government which would add a much darker aspect to official surveillance and social control.

Yet the more worrying aspect to them is that the vision is that they will act as credit cards which can be swiped simply by walking past scanners. Once digital currency and crypto-cash is the norm – and we can see that coming soon – people will convert en masse to the convenience of these inserted chips. With them, the theory is that people will always have access to their money without having to carry over-stuffed wallets or a pocketful of cards.

The underlying danger of this is that at any point the controlling authority can decide to cut off your access to your money for whatever reason they determine, and you will no longer have cash as a back-up. The reasons for transgression and financial banishment could include anything “they” determine. For example, perhaps hugging someone, criticising an official policy, attending a demonstration, posting something like this on social media... What better way to enforce absolute compliance and instant remote control.

Interestingly the Bible itself, written almost two thousand years ago, seems to allude to this very application. In the book of Revelation in Chapter 13 verses 16 and 17, looking into the future John warns, “The beast will force all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to

receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads. They will not be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.” Scary.

For those who are born-again Christians, their hope is that they will be saved through the Rapture and removed from the planet before the worst of these excesses are unleashed upon mankind. But just exactly when that will happen no-one knows.

According to some evangelical interpreters humanity is currently about halfway through the listed ‘trials’ of Revelation. The evidence seems to confirm this: Earthquakes have doubled in the last thirty years and quadrupled in the last one hundred. For all our plenty, people are starving all over the world, and pestilence is everywhere. Just in the last thirty years we have had the Aids epidemic, the outbreak of SARS, H1N1, Bird Flu, Swine Flu and of course now Coronavirus, plus the resurgence of the old plagues, Mumps, Measles, Scarlet Fever, and diseases like Tuberculosis and Cancer are also back with a vengeance. Unfortunately, for all this suffering, according to these evangelicals the worst is yet to come. So, if I were to go by Revelation, I would say that we really are nearing The End.

The world will survive though and will eventually, once again, become a paradise. So, could ‘the end’ really just be a painful transition point from one period or age to the next?

There was a lot of hype in 2012 that the end was nigh, as predicted by the Maya long-count calendar. This so-called “Doomsday” calendar, which started in 3114 B.C. and spanned 5,125 years, reached the end of its very last 400 year ‘Bak’tun’ cycle on December 21, 2012. As there was literally nothing after that it led many to anticipate the end of the world. Having survived that tense moment, experts on Maya history and archaeology clarified that we were simply going from one age to the next, and that the Mayan calendar was reset at the end of the 13th cycle and then simply started again from the beginning.

That was quite a symbolic event though. Coincidentally with our own western astrology we are actually also in the middle of a transition from one age to the next. At this very moment we are moving out of the Age of Pisces and are entering the Age of Aquarius. Also quite a symbolic event. So will this be the end of days instead?

No, not according to those who study astrology. In fact they, along with all their New Age disciples, believe the Age of Aquarius will in fact be quite the opposite. According to Erin Dragonsong of the Magick and Mystery Wicca School, amongst other things, in the Age of Aquarius we can expect to see, peace on Earth, an end to poverty and an end to slavery in all forms. True justice will reign and harmony and respect will be the common mindsets. It all sounds great. But we still seem an awfully long way away from any one of those dreamy aspirations. It is a bit like the prediction in Revelation of the thousand years of peace and paradise on earth after the defeat of Satan and his hoards at Armageddon. It's an awfully long way away.

Now the Wiccans also say that in the Age of Aquarius religions will lose their hierarchical, authoritarian structure and true spirituality will become the primary focus as the critical mass of individuals make their own connection with the Divine Source.

Interestingly enough in the second half of 2020, in the midst of all the Covid doom, gloom and mounting repression, a great deal of 'seers' have suddenly started talking about the shift in spiritual frequency of humanity and how this is leading to ever greater enlightenment. According to the leading figures in this growing movement, this frequency is increased through meditation, positive visualisation and prayer all of which help ordinary people become 'workers of light' in these dark and difficult times.



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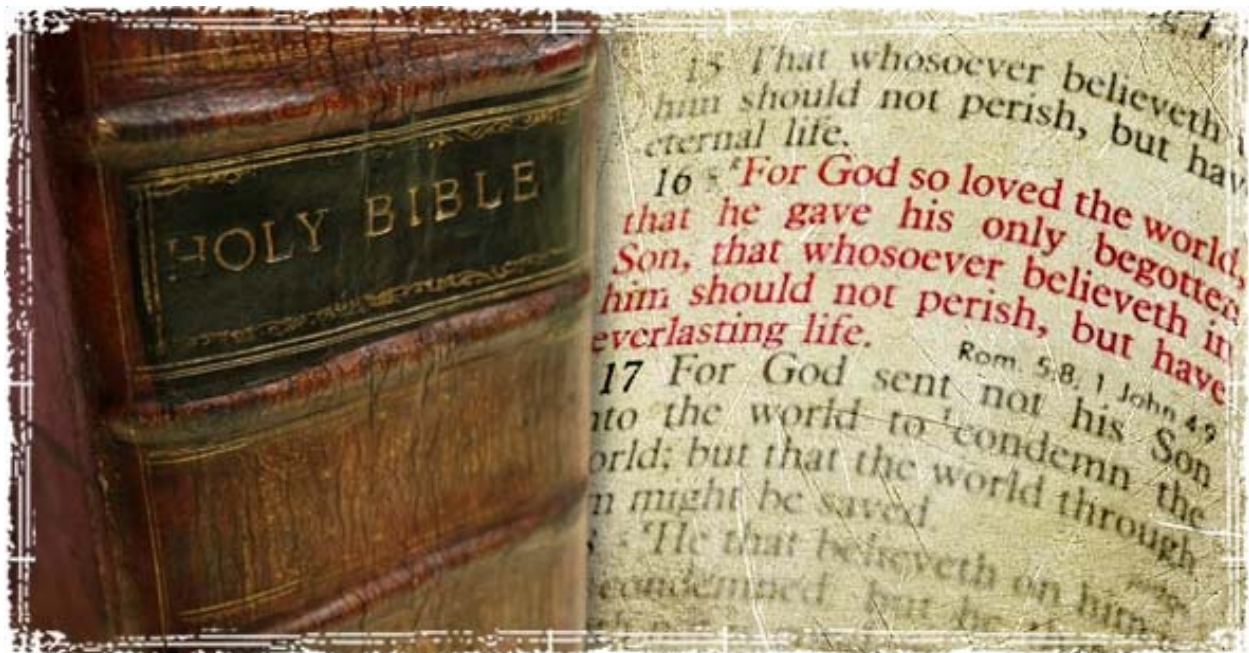
I wonder if it wasn't in fact the imposition of the Covid-19 lockdown itself that has triggered this very 'awakening.' Since March 2020 many people, especially in the hardest hit First World, have turned to yoga, mindfulness and meditation to manage their heightened levels of stress and to establish their own connection with the Divine Source. This is not surprising when you consider that the average stress level has reached the stage of low-level post traumatic stress disorder across the entire population of the Western World. In America according to the mental health provider Ginger, 70% of workers feel that the pandemic has been the most stressful time of their entire professional careers.

By turning to meditation and prayer the net effect on humanity as a whole is an increase in spiritual frequency and, as the mystics claim, the opening of our 'third eye,' which is the central point of our intuition, our imagination and our inner wisdom. Considering that this awakening has come about as a result of imposition and a desire to control and censor thought and belief, this is a wonderful 'unintended consequence.'

As a result, collectively the mystics, the spiritualists, and the seers are all anticipating an imminent change for the better, much along the lines of Dragonsong's predictions. Unfortunately, as with geological time, and the Bible's 'thousand years of paradise,' I fear that 'imminent' might not be quite as literal as it sounds. I think we still have a lot of trauma to get through before things start to improve.

But my hope is that this coming trauma might be much like the fear, pain and bloodshed of childbirth. It is terrifying at the time, just as the last twelve months have been, but it will result in regeneration and a wonderful new life, as described by the likes of Lori Ladd, Simon Parkes, Oracle Girl, Bulawayo-born Sacha Stone and of course Magenta Pixie and the Nine.

How long this current period of 'birth-pain' and contractions will last I am not sure, but, I do think we are talking in terms of geological time. If the next one hundred years are marred by dystopian excesses of the power-drunk cabal and their brutally imposed technocracies before they are finally overthrown and we emerge into 'the light,' then the Age of Aquarius could still be considered Edenesque. Sadly we just won't be around to appreciate it.



So is this really the end?

Let's turn back to the Bible. According to John Chapter 2, verse 17; "The world is passing away and so is its desire..." This sounds pretty final, but if you read on, it says, "...but he that does the will of God remains forever." Mmmm... So the earth, and the Righteous do survive. This does though beg the question, what exactly did John mean by 'the world' that he says will pass away? It is clearly not the earth itself. Instead I think it is the world of sinful, unrepentant humans who are not aligned with God's will. So instead of destroying the entire planet, as described in Psalm 37 verse 9, just as a surgeon removes a cancerous tumour to save a patient's life, God will "cut off" the wicked so that good people can truly enjoy life on earth. In that sense, "the end of the world" is actually a good thing and something we, the Righteous, can look forward to.

Such a positive view of "the end of the world" is implied by the Bible with expressions such as "the conclusion of the system of things" or "the end of the age." (see Matthew 24 verse 3). Since it appears that both humankind and the earth itself survive, does it not seem reasonable that a new age, a new system of things, would follow? On this point everyone, including Erin Dragon-song, Lori Ladd, Magenta Pixie and the Bible itself agree. The answer is yes, and to reiterate this, Luke Chapter 18 speaks of "the coming system of things."

Jesus called that future period “the renewal of all things” (see Matthew 19 verse 28). At that time, Jesus himself will restore humanity to the conditions that God originally intended. We will then enjoy; a paradise earth with security and prosperity for all (Isaiah 35 verse 1 and Micah 4 verse 4); work that is meaningful and satisfying (Isaiah 65 verses 21 to 23); the curing of all disease (Isaiah 33:24) and even the reversal of ageing (Job 33 verse 25) and the resurrection of the dead (John 5 verses 28 and 29).

It all actually sounds very much like the Age of Aquarius.

But, as I have said, I don't think getting there is going to be easy. I think we have a lot of pain and hardship ahead. I also think there is a real darkness upon us, that will force us all to take sides and to stand firmly for or against the encroaching evil. This is going to be a time of great testing and I just hope it will be over soon.

But, to end on a bit of good news, according to the scriptures, if we do have the strength, courage and conviction to stand for what is right and do “the will of God,” as he asks of us, we need not fear the end of the world. Instead we can look forward to it.

So, be strong, keep the faith and I hope to see you all on the other side.