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The End of the World as We May Not Know It HISTORY FOR MODERN FOOLS ON THE NEW PARASITIC WORLDVIEW

History textbooks are filled with images of the Ruins of past civilizations. In fact, modern global television programs beam current Ruins into our living rooms on a daily basis: the bomb riddled Middle East; the tsunami debris fields of Northern Japan; the poverty in the Third World. Whether modern man fends for himself or for others may not be the point.

The ancient Mayan civilization was one of the most advanced builders, mathematicians, star gazers and scribes in the World. But sometime before the European conquerers arrived in Central America, the great Mayan cities had been abandoned and the jungle was in the midst of its centuries long encroachment on their great pyramids and mysteries.

It is mere speculation of what took down the ancient Maya. It could have been political (kings and their high blood priests both coveted power), social (the explosion of wealth, engineering and food created crowed cities) or natural disaster (famine, drought, disease, pollution).

But the Mayan culture left modern man with puzzling interlocking calendar system which accurately predicts solar events, including the rare alignment of the center of the Universe with our Sun and Earth. The Mayans believed that this cosmic event in December, 2012 would signal a significant Change on this planet.

Change is a relative term. It could mean dramatic catastrophic change. It could mean political or economic change. It could mean a massive cultural revolution. Or it could mean that the natural planetary cycle is about to reboot itself whether the species on the surface know about it or not.

After 500 BC an advanced Mavan civilization emerged in the highlands of Guatemala and El Salvador. A large population from present-day Guatemala City, southeastward to Nicaragua. Classic Maya civilization continued to expand to northern Guatemala, as well as in Belize and Honduras. Large new cities arose at Uaxactún, Tikal, Quiriguá, Copán, and elsewhere, characterized by great stone temples, pyramids, and markets. Although the highlands remained heavily populated, these lowland cities became the centers for a higher civilization. Copán, the Maya scientific centre in northwestern Honduras spread its influence far away to the present-day Valley of Mexico

Overcrowding, famine, resource change, or major geologic catastro-

phes may have contributed to migration, but contact between the highland and lowland peoples continued as merchants carried cultural, economic, and social traits from one place to another. But the Mayan culture of war, massive engineering projects, complex astrology and language, and trade flourished for another 900 years.

History is full of cycles of Doom. Also, history is full of fools who do not recognize the follies of the past.

All advanced cultures have myths or beliefs that deal with the origin of the world, their existence, and the end of the world, describing what people can never "see for themselves." In traditional, preindustrial societies myths form perhaps the most important available model of instruction, since no separate philosophical system of inquiry existed.

The Maya, like other Middle American Indians, believed that several worlds had been successively created and destroyed before the present universe had come into being.

It appeared to Mayan rulers that four worlds preceded the present one. People were made successively of earth (who, being mindless, were destroyed), then of wood (who, lacking souls and intelligence and being ungrateful to the gods, were punished by being drowned in a flood or devoured by demons), and finally of a corn gruel (the ancestors of the Maya).

The present world, the Maya believed, is doomed to end in cataclysms as the other worlds have done previously. According to the priestly concept of time, cycles repeat themselves. Therefore, prediction was made possible by probing first into the past and then into the future: hence the calculations, bearing on many millennia, carved on temples and inscriptions. The priests probably believed that the present world would come to a sudden end, but that a new world would be created so that the eternal succession of cycles should remain unbroken.

The most advanced society in the Americas was based on a powerful royal king descended from the gods, an elite and scholarly group of priests who performed the rites, appeased the gods and worshiped time itself, and the peasants who domestication of corn allowed large city states to be built and prosper in harsh climate zones.

Today, American history is dominated by the European immigration, colonization and industrialization of North America. But Maya priests made discoveries in astronomy and mathematics comparable to similar advancements in ancient Egypt. The Mayans were the first to develop positional mathematics and the zero, concepts which some scholars believe were critical in the advancement of mankind's knowledge. Mayans also developed an advanced system of writing, and their hieroglyphs on stone monuments erected throughout the Mayan lands, recorded their history.

Math and writing allowed great achievements. Mayans developed an accurate calendar and complex systems of agricultural and water management.

Brilliant Mayan artistic and scientific achievements in ceramics, sculpture, weaving, and painting, some of which were more advanced than European accomplishments of the same era.

The Maya did not adapt their scientific knowledge to change how society operated: for example, Maya were unable to develop energy-saving machines, even though they knew about the wheel, which was found on children's toys, but not adapted to any practical application. Animals were not domesticated, and all work was done by human hand labor directed by the ruling class.

It may have come from the preaching of sacrifice. Maya religion was centered around human sacrifice to appease the gods. The normal sacrifices were likely captured prisoners, but recent evidence shows that some children of the cities were used as well. In addition, the kings used to blood let themselves, and burn it in order to communicate directly to the heavens.

Such barbaristic rituals lessen the accomplishments of the Maya in the opinion of modern mankind. It makes no sense why human sacrifice and brutality would be worshipped; but the same could said for any time traveler to the death matches in ancient Rome to today's violent mixed marshal arts blood baths.

But that was the Mayan way: simple subsistence populous in pagan-like spiritual system in a complex mathematical and scientific controlled by an elite order.

When our modern calendar turns over to special dates, like the 21st Century, the people of the work reflect on the significance of the event.

In the decade leading up to the Year 2000, there was dread amongst the policy wonks. Encyclopeia Britannica notes that by 1994, they suggested instead that the world might soon be rent by a "clash of civilizations" pitting the democracies against militant Islam and an imperial China, or by the spread of "chaos" as millions of refugees from failed societies in the southern half of the globe invaded the wealthy lands of the north, or by ecological and demographic disasters touched off by the spread of industry and disease in the Third World, or by the spread of nuclear and missile technology from pariah states and organized criminals in the former Soviet Union into the hands of terrorists.

"Perhaps such doomsday scenarios would prove to be exaggerated, or perhaps they would convince the leaders of the world's Great Powers how vital it was to act in concert. At the very least, the leaders of the 21st century might derive hope from the fact that humanity had survived the 20th century and take wisdom from its turbulent history," the publication noted.

There has been a rise in "globalists" looking to create a new world order by centralizing power in a new superpower elitist state. These globalists include international bankers, world political leaders, United Nations officials and control freak industrialists.

The world has become an interconnected ticking time bomb. The internet and satelitte communications has made world events instanteous conflicts. The Bush and Clinton administrations acknowledged the difficulty to design a global structure of peace based on institutions and values shared by all the Super Powers and capable of imposition upon the lesser ones. Foreign policy analysts had believed the triumph of capitalism and human rights would end of cycle of regional violence to create a calmer, peaceful, new world order.

But at what cost? Sovernity. Independence. Wealth. Current standard of living. Loss of resources. Imposition of a new value system over one's individual morals and ethics?

Perhaps the Maya civilization ended because the peasants grew tired of the tyranny of the war state and heavy labor to appease a small, arrogant, ruling class.

Central to the Mayan concept of Time is that it was not linear but a cycle that repeats itself. This observation is incorporated in the modern phrase "people who do not study history are doomed to repeat it." Each successive generation to validate their existence thinks they are better than their anscessors. Their accomplishments have more meaning than the tribulations of the past. They don't learn from the past (and its mistakes or cycles) because the current generation thinks that is irrelevant to the present.

We live in a time of extreme distrust of government. High unemployment, high taxes, almost daily stories of public corruption, an unaccountable institutional entitlement system combine to punish the foundation of society: the middle class family. At a certain point the ulcers and stress of a small businessman trying to make enough sales to eek out enough cash in the register by the end of each week to pay his mortgage, feed his family and pay all his taxes will cause a final throwing in the towel. In Chicago, if you look at your sales receipt for fast food the tax rate is 11.25 percent. If you read the taxes and franchise charges on your telephone bill you will see that you are paying 21 percent in taxes. If you are self employed, you must kick in more than 13 percent in employment taxes from each paycheck, plus withholding.

SPRING 2012

Local government is so in debt from self interest fat pension deals and wasteful spending sprees that they are now getting into "double taxation" of goods. For example, Chicago is thinking about imposing a soda tax in addition to the normal sales tax. So a consumer is getting penalized for picking up a six pack of Cola for the mismanagement of their public officials.

There is no recourse. The game of politics is so sleazy, so insular that it is rigged to continue the status quo, despite the party labels. We are at the Machevillian tipping point where absolute power corrupts absolutely. The ideal of democracy has rusted like its core industries into a tyranny of brain dead incumbents who have expanded their parasitic blood sucking to new levels of absurdity. No one has the strength to tell the emperors that they have all the clothes and the people they represent lie naked in the crumbling street gutters.

Forty-five million Americans are on food stamps, eleven million are on disability, mor ethan 60 million get some form of a government check (social security, welfare, unemployment): is there anyone left in the private sector to pay for this? And so teeters the House of Cards as the leaders who promise change but do nothing but laugh on their way to their banks.

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Abandonment of the Ruins JAPAN'S RECOVERY IS FAILING DUE TO CULTURAL DOGMA

After a year, Eastern Japan still looks like war zone. Less than a quarter of the tsunami debris fields have been cleared; there is another 25 years of garbage to collected and managed by the country. NHK continues to showfeature stories of small towns wiped out by the waves unable to get final approval or government assistance to rebuild.

To cope with the massive problem, Japan's centralized government created new bureaucracies to first study the problem, listen to options or alternatives, then weigh the information, meet with other agencies, create new agencies to review and write reports, then come to the conclusion that they are not ready to fund any projects.

Local mayors have become frustrated by the lack of progress. Their remaining citizens have been moved into shelters in other towns. Many have decided to leave the area to find work. Those still living in temporary trailers cannot get back on their feet because of their pre-disaster debt and the lack of bank capital to re-open their businesses.

The scale of the disaster is not apparent to the average outsider. It is like Hurricane Katrina hitting several dozen New Orleans cities with prejudice. And like the U.S. government's weak response and lack of clarity to manage the refuges, survivors in Japan cannot do anything without central government assistance. They



have no resources left to rebuild their lives. They are totally dependent upon government action. The paternalistic culture is the greatest stumbling block to recovery. Many towns are ready to rebuild: they have locals willing to work, the land cleared but are stymied by the lack of permission and/or funding to go ahead. As each month passes by, the remains of the devestated areas turn into permanent ghost towns.

It seems the government does not want any cities to rebuild in their flooded areas. The move to higher ground is a practical and pragmatic problem since land ownership and infrastructure issues add to the planning and costs. But even when a local community comes together and finds new building acreage, they are told to wait.

This is the same government who over-reacted and shut down the entire nuclear power grid leaving the country in an energy shortage. The review of these plants has been so slow that some believe the nuclear industry could collapse in a year. Those pensioners already on public assistance have yet to come to grips with their plight. They do not want to move because it would be an insult to their ancestors buried in the terraced memorials. Their culture and upbringing requires respect for the dead in order to help the living. The abandonment of their generational home would be considered an insult to their ancesors and their way of life.

This is the Second Spring. Spring is supposed to mean hope and renewal. But last year's spring only brought death and destruction for which the nation has yet to get a workable solution. As world aid that has supported a subsistence shelter community dewindles, quake refuges know they can no longer live in such paltry conditions. They must come to grips with abandoning their beliefs and principles and their home to leave the prefecture to go live with distant families or friends.

Just as the Maya left their capitol cities as abandoned ruins at their height of civilization, so has Japan.

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It is not about SuperPACs, nationalized health care, the economy, poverty, Middle East tensions, terrorism or massive government deficits.

It is all about boredom, apathy and electoral depression.

Americans will go to the polls in November to choose between two monotone boring carp.

Another election cycle of no choice being the only selection has numbed the minds of the voters, now assured that nothing will change.

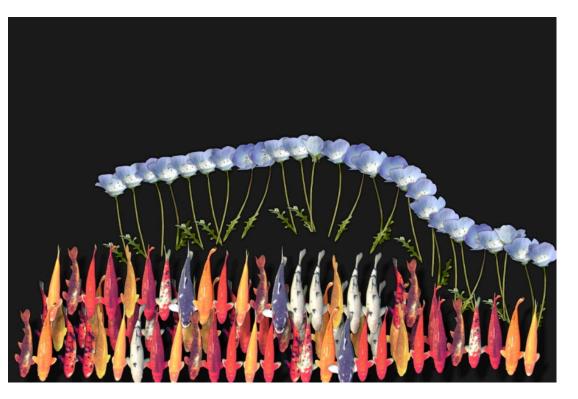
The Incumbent Court Jester **OBAMA**

President Obama rose through the political ranks on the insider graces of those who wished to market his style over their liberal substance to gain power. Obama is a classic straw man in office; he defers constantly to Congressional leaders "to figure things out." When the polls turn, he goes on to lecture people to compromise to his position, then goes back to playing golf with his buddies, thinking that a speech automatically solves everything.

The inbred royals in Europe had the same problem. Lack of honest intellectual thought in the face of harsh reality of their countrymen. Rulers play the part of all knowing seers of future prosperity. Their visions promise wealth on everyone at a cost to no one. But the only class that prospes is the ruling class.

Democrats like Obama are running this year not on their past records; in fact, the Senate has failed to pass a budget in three years. The utter distain for not doing their constitutional jobs is not even raising complaints in the media. How can a country be run when elected managers refuse to go out on a limb and manage?

It is an arrogant attitude of "letting the people eat their own cake," a monarchistic approach to telling the people "beneath" them to make good with what they have for tomorrow may bring hope without change. In the worst economy and non-recovery since the Great Depression, Obama's leadership has been like the void in space: empty promises and no action. And it is great that the anger of the populists has been misdirected toward the Wall St. rich, ironically, Obama's core campaign base who have much to gain in another term of federal crony capitalism.



The Milktoast of Massachusetts **ROMNEY**

An ocean jellyfish has no spine. When you take it out of its depths, it falls a part into a mucous mass of rot. Candidate Romney is a political jelly. His stump speeches lack any depth of vision, and his off the cuff remarks are terrible slimy sneezes.

He is trying to claim his business experience will change how the federal government runs. He is a Euro-conservative: I am a better manager of big government than the Democrats. That is the last thing American conservatives want to hear from a Republican. Goveernments can never run like a business because they are established for the sole purpose of being a money losing, complex special interest funding, nonaccountable cesspoo for the national treasury. Just as Obama's health care plan is a charade, so is Romney's business platform to change.

Middle Americans view Romney as drunk insurance salesman in a stalled elevator between floors; those trapped in his bland babbling presence would kill themselves. Which is fine, for Romney is a hedge fund vulture at heart. He likes to pick at the exposed bones rather than hunt for new solutions to the nation's deep rooted problems.

In the political fish bowl, Romney is a bottom feeder. while Obama sees himself as an exotic tropical fish. Both men need to be force fed their political lines in order to survive. Romney has enough money to wage a fight, but his own personality may hold him back more than the follies and mistakes of the President's record. For independents to rally rally toward Romney, they will have to believe that they are rushing toward the edge of cliff with Obama driving the bus; lemmings for Romney is the slogan.

The Games We Play WINNERS ARE LOS-ERS AND LOSERS ARE WINNERS

The Maya culture had a very early game that combined soccer and basketball. On a walled field, there was a metal ring suspended in the air. Teams would try to get the ball through the ring to score points. It was a ritualistic sport which symbolized the power of the sun god and the underworld.

And at times, it was the winners of this Game that the rulers sacrificed to appease their gods.

Modern Athletes

Modern athletes are well paid pampered stars playing children's games. But in America, approximately 85 percent of professional athletes are bankrupt within five years after their careers end.

They ride big paycheck to the end; running into big debt loads that can't be serviced when there is no pro income. They have the bling of the culture, the fast cars, the party girls, the posse and the handlers . . . all things that cost money to maintain.

We only hear about the troubles of retired athletes when we read of their demise in the papers: bitter divorces, arrests, crippling injuries or suicides.

The Emphasis on Sports

Why does modern society place great emphasis and resources on sports? Would one not think that an advanced technological society would invest more money into science to cure diseasse or increase crop production to wipe out starvation?

When a culture is advanced enought to allow its people free time from their work, sports is a natural way to kill time.

Sports allows a person to invest in a team or activity, to follow or root for a team or player, and to have something to talk about after the games are played. It gives a person an opportunity to escape the daily grind. Athletes are highly paid because the people want to pay for the freedom of escapism that pro sports provide them. Sports are both a stimulant and a depressant for the fan. The roller coaster ride during a game or a season makes one feel more alive. Which is kinda sad, really.

Hidden Games

But a more serious game that people don't realize they are a part of is the distribution of resources, the common definition of politics. In politics, the only commodity is votes. Votes elect power, and the powerful control resources. In most circles, to maintain power politicians reward losers with expensive entitlements, windfall contracts, insider deals or sweet public pensions for doing no work.

This gamesmanship has institutionaize the federal deficit to \$16 trillion, a sum that America will never be able to repay. So at some point in the future, our leaders will game the debt holders and default on their promises. The cascade effect will mean defaulting on other promises like social security or health care.

And in such a harsh game of life, there will be winners and losers in the fall out. It does not take a genius to tell you who will come out on top when the game of musical chairs comes to an end.

Some doomsayers believe the world will end in a violent clash or natural disaster. However, an artifical fiscal and economic disaster can ruin the world, too. It could be a slow whimper to total bankruptcy that wipes us all out in the end.

It probably won't be a *Hunger Games*, or the early Japanese film, *Battle Royale*. But the American appetite for more violent sports is on the increase (which parallels the need for ancient Rome's brutality at that civilization's demise.)

The real end game will be whether society will except the status quo with a lower standard of living and less control over their daily lives and actions. That will play out not in the shadows but in the Main Streets of America.



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