

CHAPTER 3

The Things I Have Seen!

Imagine for a moment that you have just closed your eyes for 10 seconds, and upon opening them it is the year 2515. What would look different?

How do people travel? Are there any people? What kind of government exists? Are there countries or is the entire globe one big country? How do people communicate? Are there colonies on other planets?

We can only envision what we are familiar with. We think of driverless cars and space ships instead of what may actually turn out to be, which may be nothing like anything we can imagine!

This was the situation Nostradamus found himself in when in 1550 he began his psychic journey into the future. He tried his best to explain, but there was simply no meaning to his words, he had to resort to metaphors instead. Some concepts were easy, birds flew, and so seeing people flying in giant “birds” was not completely beyond his comprehension. Other “invisible” things like electricity and oil were much harder to describe.

This chapter exists to point out the things he saw in the future, things we are quite familiar with today, but could not even be imagined in 1550.

On air travel:

Century 1 Quatrain 63

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*Pestilences extinguished, the world becomes smaller, for a long time the lands will be inhabited peacefully. **People will travel safely through the sky (over) land and seas:** then wars will start up again.*

“The world becomes smaller” is a wonderfully concise way to describe easy travel around the globe, especially air travel. There is a similar line in the Book of Daniel, “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal up the book, until the time of the end, when many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased”. (Daniel 12:4). Many running “to and fro” certainly describes our age of air travel, and there is little doubt that knowledge has grown exponentially during the past 2,500 years since Daniel wrote those words.



Century 1 Quatrain 64

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*At night they will think they have seen the sun,
when they see the half pig man:
Noise, screams, battles seen fought in the skies. The
brute beasts will be heard to speak.*

This is a typical Nostradamus quatrain. Some think he wrote this way to confuse and befuddle the point, but the fact is that he had no words to describe what he saw. The first line is an expression of surprise and disbelief, (thinking to see the sun at night!), when they see the “half pig man”, who is apparently flying some loud screaming weapon in the sky. And the pig-man talks!



The Type B-6 winter flying helmet, with earphones, showing

method of attaching the Type A-9 oxygen mask. (SI Photo 81, 32)

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Yes, Nostradamus had to push the limits with his descriptions here, but it is recognizable as an oxygen mask. The earlier ones looked even more like a pig's snout. This one has the built-in earpieces for the radio as well, so the pilot could communicate. His vision here must certainly have been a World War I or World War II aerial dogfight, somewhere near France, possibly over London.

On Electricity:

Century 3 Quatrain 44

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*When the animal domesticated by man After
great pains and leaps will come to speak:
**The lightning to the virgin will be very harmful,
Taken from earth and suspended in the air.***

This one is even more obscure, but what do you call something that cannot be seen, yet will harm you and needs to be suspended in the sky? Here he calls it an "animal", after all, it must be a living thing to cause "harm" by "lightning". Electricity certainly was "domesticated" from its wild state as uncontrolled lightning, and without it communication would not exist in any form. Here he describes the birth of radio and utility wires, certainly a sight seen everywhere.



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Under the Sea:

Century 2 Quatrain 5

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*That which is enclosed in iron and letter in a fish,
Out will go one who will then make war,
He will have his fleet well rowed by sea,
Appearing near Latin land.*

This is another vision that must have strained his imagination, people and things travelling underwater in a “fish”. Only this “fish” is made of iron. The last line describes a surfacing submarine perfectly.



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Century 3 Quatrain 13

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*Through lightning in the arch gold and silver melted,
Of two captives one will eat the other:
The greatest one of the city stretched out,
When submerged the fleet will swim.*

This one appears to be describing something even more astounding, something he had no way to describe except by the appearance of what it was doing. We know it is an underwater craft from the last line, and it is travelling with others, not alone, as it is in a “fleet”. There is what he calls “lightning”, or as we have seen previously, electricity. There is an “arch”, in other words a dome shaped container, and inside “gold” and “silver” are melted. The second line refers back to the first, the “gold” and the “silver” as the “two captives”. Where are they captive? In the “arch”. This is actually a very good description of a nuclear powered submarine. The containment vessel is the “arch”, in which electricity is generated by electrons (lightning) pouring from the fuel rod (uranium, which is gold colored, known as “yellow cake”). The “silver” is the moderator rods, usually graphite, which is definitely silver colored. The uranium is “devoured” as it loses electrons as they are absorbed through the moderator!

A good description of a nuclear reactor in a submarine.



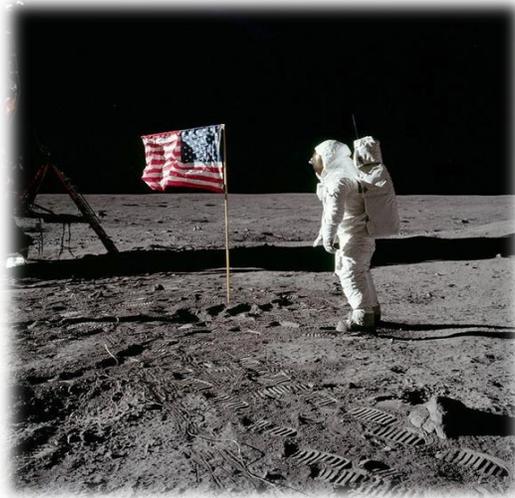
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On Landing on the Moon:

Century 9 Quatrain 65

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***He will come to go into the corner of Luna, Where
he will be captured and put in a strange land:
The unripe fruits will be the subject of great scandal,
Great blame, to one great praise.***



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“Luna”, or the Moon, certainly was a “strange land”. “Captured” refers to achieving Lunar orbit, and had the retro-rockets not fired, it would have been a permanent “capture”. This term (capture) is still used in space program terminology today. “Unripe fruit” and “great scandal” refer to the controversy surrounding the expense and need for the space mission when the “War on Poverty” was being pushed by the administration. Another “great scandal” in this time period was Watergate, which brought the resignation of President Nixon, this was probably the “great shame”. The one to receive “great praise” would have been Neil Armstrong, the first man to step on the surface of the Moon.

The Fire of London:

Century 2 Quatrain 51

*The blood of the just will commit a fault at **London,**
Burnt through lightning of twenty threes the six:
The ancient lady will fall from her high place,
Several of the same sect will be killed.*



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In 1666, a fire began in London which burned for several days. There are numerous interpretations of the second line, most agree it should read “three times twenty and six”. Although there were several “great fires” in London, none are recorded after the time of Nostradamus except this one and a much smaller fire in 1633.

The great fire of London burned over 13,000 houses and 80 churches, including St. Paul’s Cathedral, which is referred to as the “ancient lady” in line three. This fire is officially recorded as starting in a bakery on Pudding Lane ^[8], but here Nostradamus says it started from a lightning strike. This may be one of those predictions that is not quite entirely accurate, then again who knows?

Inflation and Stock Markets Crashing:

Century 8 Quatrain 28

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***The copies of gold and silver inflated,**
which after the theft were thrown into the lake,
at the discovery that all is exhausted and dissipated by the
debt.
All scrips and bonds will be wiped out.*



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“Copies of Gold and Silver” is what Nostradamus calls paper currency. The first European banknotes were issued in 1661.^[10] This is about 4 years after the publication of the first set of “Le’s Prophecies”, but since this is from “Century 8”, only a few issues would have been published, including the one presented to King Henry.

At the time this was written, there were no paper banknotes in circulation in Europe. What is most interesting is that he also sees something that would not become widely known until governments took control of the printing – inflation. In line two he calls this a “theft”, which is essentially what “controlled inflation” is, as it converts the value of money to something less. Line three sounds like the “big crash” we hear so much about, but the line seems to mean more than just a crash, it sounds like something larger and more permanent, a complete economic collapse. I do not believe this refers to the 1929 Crash, I think this one is in the near future.



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The discovery of oil and the consequences:

Century 1 Quatrain 53

*Alas, how we will see a great nation sorely troubled
and the holy law in utter ruin.
Christianity (governed) throughout by other laws, when
a new source of gold and silver is discovered.*

This one does not need much interpretation. The “great nation” is the United States, and beginning in 1974 it was indeed “sorely troubled” by the first oil embargo. This is hinted at in the final line, the “new source” of “gold and silver” (wealth) is oil. Line three sums of the consequences, “Christianity” represents the United States, which is still a “Christian” nation, although many may argue that now. It will become “governed” by “other laws”. If the reference of the law is tied to the “Christian” nation, then this refers to our Judeo-Christian based legal system of law. The “other laws” in this case would be those opposing this. Since oil largely originates in the Middle East, then the law must be Sharia Law.

Lastly, I will share a few directly related to this book.

Century 1 Quatrain 89

*The walls will be converted from brick to
marble, Seven and fifty pacific years:
Joy to mortals, the aqueduct renewed,
Health, abundance of fruits, joy and
mellifluous times.*

There is no specific country mentioned here, the intent of Nostradamus is simply to describe an interlude of peace, something relatively rare in his prophecies. The key however, is in line two. There will be 57 peaceful (“pacific”) years. The last line could easily describe the era in this country after August 1945 when World War II ended. It would also be a good summation of the state of the US economy for the next 56 years. This ended on September 11, 2001, 56 years and 1 month after the official end of the “Last Great War”. Close enough for me.

Why would September 11, 2001 mark the beginnings of another war? It was the first large scale attack by a foreign ideology on the mainland since December 7, 1941. It will probably be looked back upon as the genesis of a much larger, and much longer conflict to come.

Century 9 Quatrain 55

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*The horrible war which is being prepared in the West,
The following year will come the pestilence
So very horrible that young, old, nor beast,
Blood, fire Mercury, Mars, Jupiter in France.*

“West” here means west of France, mentioned in the last line. Is this America? It certainly could be. The actions over the past few decades have certainly set the stage for a “horrible war” to come. The “pestilence” here most likely refers to invading armies, as Nostradamus calls them “locusts”, a “flood”, and a “plague” in other quatrains. There is no date except a possible astrological conjunction in the last line. In mythology, Mercury is the messenger of the gods, Mars is the ruler of war, and Jupiter is the ruler of them all. If “Fire” stands for a constellation, then this would have all three planets in Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius, as they are all “fire signs”.

France, as we will see, will become the focal point in this coming war which we will explore in this book, along with the rise of the “World Caliphate”, the kingdom of the Twelfth Imam.

We will trace the rise of the Twelfth Imam, the Jihadi-Jesus, and the Islamic State through a long and brutal war spreading westward across Europe. Some may recognize the Prophecies of the Book of Revelation in these events as well, and indeed, they are one and the same.

We will see cities destroyed and safe zones created. We will see the ebb and flow of battle lines and read about the deeds of heroes and tyrants.

We will see a small glimpse of what Nostradamus saw, over four hundred years ago.

Let the journey begin.

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[10] Geisst, Charles R. (2005). *Encyclopedia of American business history*. New York. p. 39. [ISBN 978-08160-4350-7](#).

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