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Most people grow up totally ignorant of their own inherent potential to guide their own futures.

When you learn that your future is totally in your own hands you will have a much more enjoyable life and be able to contribute more to our civilization.
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Chapter 1: Introduction

The ability to tell the future has always fascinated man since prehistoric times.

Prophets have spawned numerous religions and methods of divination to tell the future. Prophets are not only able to predict some major events seems but may be able to control them.

Prophets from the Bible were considered major persons of importance in those times and their predictions were major influences on the decisions of leaders.

In my own life I’ve had numerous experiences with premonitions involving the future. They have varied from strong visions, to dreams, to vague feelings, to strong fear.

Even though I’ve studied many other types of paranormal experiences and had many, these experiences about future events seem to be my strongest natural precognitive ability.

These events also formed major influences on my life, and their study and analysis has therefore been a big passion of mine.

In this book my goal is to cover explain the history of Prophecy and Divination, describe the types of experiences people have, and to analyze these phenomena.

We need to define what time is and what exactly it means to predict the future?

How exact does a prediction need to be to be considered valid?

What is the mechanism as to how predictions of the future works?

Finally, is this ability something that is only given to a gifted few, or is it an inherent ability we all possess and can learn to use.

Finally, I provide methods to allow each of you to develop your own prophetic abilities, and advice on how to use them properly.

I hope you enjoy this exploration and can achieve some useful insights in your life—and your future—and learn to shape it too.
Chapter 2: Advice for Sensitive Persons

Some persons reading this book may have been experiencing paranormal events or prophecies all their life.

You may have had people call you crazy or had nervous breakdowns due to these experiences. You may feel you are having hallucinations and can’t live with sane people.

Most people were raised in an environment of ignorance to poo-poo or ignore these types of experiences and intuitions so you will not get support from the average person.

Nobody in Western civilization gets an education in these experiences as a normal part of their lives

My advice is to accept your abilities as gifts. Yes, you have a wonderful gift and not a disability.

Ask for guidance from God, the spirits, or whomever you feel comfortable with. Feel confident that your will receive guidance.

Remember, As long as you are able to function well in today’s world—you are mentally healthy. If you see things or experience things other people don’t, then don’t be afraid of it- just accept it and learn more about your abilities.

Also, don’t forget that there are many more resources available today for sensitives such as yourself. Look on the Internet, in books stores, and to groups which teach control of paranormal abilities such as meditation groups.
Chapter 3: Definitions of Time and Prophecy

To have a context for discussing prophecy and foreseeing the future, first we need to talk about what time is, and what is prophecy.

a. Defining Time

The earliest recorded Western philosophy of time was expounded by the ancient Egyptian thinker Ptahhotep (c. 2650–2600 BC), who said: "Do not lessen the time of following desire, for the wasting of time is an abomination to the spirit."

The Vedas, the earliest texts on Indian philosophy and Hindu philosophy dating back to the late 2nd millennium BC, describe ancient Hindu cosmology, in which the universe goes through repeated cycles of creation, destruction and rebirth, with each cycle lasting 4,320,000 years. Ancient Greek philosophers, including Parmenides and Heraclitus, wrote essays on the nature of time.

In Book 11 of St. Augustine's Confessions, he ruminates on the nature of time, asking, "What then is time? If no one asks me, I know: if I wish to explain it to one that asketh, I know not." He settles on time being defined more by what it is not than what it is.

In contrast to ancient Greek philosophers who believed that the universe had an infinite past with no beginning, medieval philosophers and theologians developed the concept of the universe having a finite past with a beginning. This view was inspired by the creation myth shared by the three Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Christian philosopher, John Philoponus, presented the first such argument against the ancient Greek notion of an infinite past.

Eastern religions however take an entirely different approach. They believe that time is an illusion and that our minds are trapped in illusion. That once we free ourselves of the illusion by living in our core being or spirit then we are released from the illusion of time.
b. Prophecy

Prophecy, generally, describes the disclosing of information that is not known to the prophet by any ordinary means. In religion, this is thought to be a divinely inspired revelation or interpretation. Although the concept is found throughout the religions of the world, the term has found popular acceptance through the work and influence of the Hebrew prophets. For claims of prophecy or contents of prophecies see belief systems and religion topics at the end of the article.

Rabbinic scholar Maimonides, suggested that “prophecy is, in truth and reality, an emanation sent forth by the Divine Being through the medium of the Active Intellect, in the first instance to man’s rational faculty, and then to his imaginative faculty.” This closely relates to the definition by Al-Fârâbî who developed the theory of prophecy in Islam.

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines prophecy as “understood in its strict sense, it means the foreknowledge of future events, though it may sometimes apply to past events of which there is no memory, and to present hidden things which cannot be known by the natural light of reason.” From a skeptical point of view, there is a Latin maxim: prophecy written after the fact (vaticinium ex eventu)
Chapter 4: The History of Prophecy

a. Judaism

Judaism has some of the oldest and most famous prophets. In many ways you could say that the major Jewish prophets formed the basis of the Jewish religion.

A couple of the major examples follow:

- Moses:

![Figure 3-Moses at the Burning Bush](image)

Moses was the person who led the Israelites from bondage from Egypt. At Mount Horeb, he saw a burning bush that would not be consumed. When he turned aside to look more closely at the marvel, God spoke to him from the bush, revealing His name to Moses. God commanded Moses to go to Egypt and deliver his fellow Hebrews from bondage. God had Moses practice transforming his rod into a serpent and inflicting and healing leprosy, and told him that he could also pour river water on dry land to change the water to blood. Quran's account has emphasized Moses' mission to invite the Pharaoh to accept God's divine message as well as give salvation to the Israelites.
• Abraham:

Judaism, Christianity and Islam are sometimes referred to as the "Abrahamic religions", because of the progenitor role Abraham plays in their holy books. In the Jewish tradition, he is called Avraham Avinu or "Abraham, our Father". God promised Abraham that through his offspring, all the nations of the world will come to be blessed (Genesis 12:3), interpreted in Christian tradition as a reference particularly to Christ. Jews, Christians, and Muslims consider him father of the people of Israel through his son Isaac (cf. Exodus 6:3, Exodus 32:13). For Muslims, he is a prophet of Islam and the ancestor of Muhammad through his other son Ishmael - born to him by his wife's servant, Hagar. Abraham is also a progenitor of the Semitic tribes of the Negev who trace their descent from their common ancestor Sheba (Genesis 10:28).

Fulfillment of this prophecy was in the following verses from the Bible:

Jos 21:43 Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.

Jos 21:44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.

Jos 21:45 Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.
Neh 9:21 Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

Neh 9:22 "And you gave them kingdoms and peoples and allotted to them every corner. So they took possession of the land of Sihon king of Heshbon and the land of Og king of Bashan.

Neh 9:23 You multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, and you brought them into the land that you had told their fathers to enter and possess.

1Ki 4:20 Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy.
b. Christianity

- A Biblical Prophet’s Life

The life of a biblical prophet can be broken up into several stages:

**THE CALL.** The divine call and commission mark the beginning of the prophet's career. In all recorded cases, the details are striking and distinctive; no two prophetic situations are exactly the same, although all share important elements. We have sufficient data for people like Moses, Samuel, Elisha (but not Elijah), and the great literary prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel to fill out a composite picture. But we lack information about the call of such prophets as Nathan and Ahijah. Typically, the call is initiated by God and is often accompanied by one or more visions, along with some unusual or miraculous occurrence (e.g., the burning bush). It is the combination of circumstances that persuades the prophet (or prophetess) that he (or she) is not hallucinating but is having contact with the living God.

**THE COMMISSION.** The call is always accompanied by a commission. The purpose is to enlist or draft the prophet to carry out a mission or duty—to do something in response to the call. Some prophets are reluctant to take on such responsibility, and therefore make excuses or otherwise try to evade their calling (e.g., Moses, Jeremiah, and, above all, Jonah). Other prophets are eager to carry out their task and hasten to do so (e.g., Isaiah, Ezekiel, perhaps Hosea). The basic rules for the prophet—the marching orders, as it were—are given succinctly and eloquently in the book of Jeremiah: "Wherever I send you you shall go, and what I tell you, you shall say" (Jer. 1:7 [author translation]). In brief, the prophet is the ambassador or messenger of God, and his (or her) sole duty is to deliver the message as given.

**THE MESSAGE.** In most cases, the message is for others and especially for the nation, its leaders, and the people generally. Often it contains warnings and threats, sometimes promises and encouragement. Inevitably there is a predictive element, as messages are mostly oriented to the future but rooted in the past. For the most part, predictions are morally conditioned, based upon the covenant between God and Israel, offering the choice between life and death, with success as the result of obedience and failure as the consequence of disobedience and defiance. Occasionally the oracles are pronounced absolutely, guaranteeing the future, whether of destruction or restoration. Occasionally they are timebound—that is, within a specified period the events described will occur, but often no time frame is specified. Even when moral or temporal conditions are not articulated, they may be implied by the speaker or inferred by the hearers. A notable case is the flat prediction by Micah (Micah 3:12) that Jerusalem will be destroyed. A century later, Jeremiah quotes the passage not to show that the prophecy was
unfulfilled (Jerusalem had not been destroyed and was still standing), or much less to indict Micah as a false prophet, but rather to argue that as a result of the prophecy, the king (Hezekiah) and the people repented, and hence Yahweh (Jehovah) forgave them and spared the city (Jer. 26:16-19). It was the prophet's message that produced the result, and therefore both he and his message were vindicated as coming from God.

THE PROPHET AS WONDER-WORKER. Miracles are clearly and strongly associated with prophets such as Moses, Samuel, and especially Elijah and Elisha—as well as Isaiah among the so-called writing prophets—but there are many prophets with little or no such connection (e.g., Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, etc.). Miracles seem to be attached to unusual charismatic individuals who were also prophets but not necessarily to the role or office of prophet. In the case of Moses, they were designed to strengthen and confirm his claims to have received an authentic and authoritative message from God, and they served to augment the function and purpose of visions and similar experiences of other prophets.
Jesus

Of course the greatest prophet in Christianity was Jesus who also founded the religion. He had many predictions. Some of the best know are shown below:

In **Luke 19:41-44**, Jesus predicted:
*The enemies of Jerusalem would build an embankment around it (19:43).
*Jerusalem would be closed in on every side (19:43).
*Jerusalem would be leveled to the ground with no stone upon stone (19:44).

In **Luke 21:5-24**, Jesus predicted:
*The buildings of the temple would be thrown down (21:5-6).
*Hearing of wars along with nation actually rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (21:9-10).
*There would be earthquakes, famines, and pestilences. (21:11)
*Apostles and disciples would be around at the beginning of the signs of these things, and they would even be persecuted in the persecution to come before these signs came (21:12).
*Some of these disciples would die before these signs came to pass (21:16).
*Some of the disciples would see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then desolation is near (21:20).
*Many would die by sword or be taken captive unto all the nations (21:24).
*Jerusalem would be trampled under foot by Gentiles (21:24).

Jesus' prediction regarding Peter's denial- **Matthew 26:34** says, "...Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice." **Mark 14:30** says, "...Verily I say unto thee, that this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice."
There were many biblical prophets who are recorded in the Bible.

Here are some of the better known ones:

- Noah

![Figure 6-A Picture of Noah on the Ark](image)

The man Noah was the grandson of Methuselah (Gen. 5:25-29), who was for two hundred and fifty years contemporary with Adam, and the son of Lamech, who was about fifty years old at the time of Adam's death. This patriarch is rightly regarded as the connecting link between the old and the new world. He is the second great progenitor of the human family.

The words of his father Lamech at his birth (Gen. 5:29) have been regarded as in a sense prophetical, designating Noah as a type of Him who is the true "rest and comfort" of men under the burden of life (Matt. 11:28).

He lived five hundred years, and then there were born unto him three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Gen. 5:32). He was a "just man and perfect in his generation," and "walked with God" (compare Ezek. 14:14,20). But now the descendants of Cain and of Seth began to intermarry, and then there sprang up a race distinguished for their ungodliness. Men became more and more corrupt, and God determined to sweep the earth of its wicked population (Gen. 6:7). **But with Noah God entered into a covenant, with a promise of deliverance from the threatened deluge** (18). He was accordingly commanded to build an ark (6:14-16) for the saving of himself and his house. An interval of one hundred and twenty years elapsed while the ark was being built (6:3), during which Noah bore constant testimony against the unbelief and wickedness of that generation (1 Pet. 3:18-20; 2 Pet. 2:5).
Ezekiel

Meaning: God will strengthen (1.) 1 Chr. 24:16, "Jehezekel."

(2.) One of the great prophets, the son of Buzi the priest (Ezek. 1:3). He was one of the Jewish exiles who settled at Tel-Abib, on the banks of the Chebar, "in the land of the Chaldeans." He was probably carried away captive with Jehoiachin (1:2; 2 Kings 24:14-16) about B.C. 597. His prophetic call came to him "in the fifth year of Jehoiachin's captivity" (B.C. 594). He had a house in the place of his exile, where he lost his wife, in the ninth year of his exile, by some sudden and unforeseen stroke (Ezek. 8:1; 24:18). He held a prominent place among the exiles, and was frequently consulted by the elders (8:1; 11:25; 14:1; 20:1). His ministry extended over twenty-three years (29:17), B.C. 595-573, during part of which he was contemporary with Daniel (14:14; 28:3) and Jeremiah, and probably also with Obadiah. The time and manner of his death are unknown. His reputed tomb is pointed out in the neighborhood of Bagdad, at a place called Keffil.

Some of his prophecies are summarized as follows:

**Ezekiel 25:14** The Jews would avenge the Edomites

**Ezekiel 26:3** Tyre would be attacked by many nations

**Ezekiel 26:12** Tyre's stones, timber and soil would be cast into the sea

**Ezekiel 26:14** Tyre would never be rebuilt

**Ezekiel 26:21** Tyre would never again be found

**Ezekiel 29:15** Egypt would never again rule over nations

**Ezekiel 34:13** The people of Israel would return to "their own land"
• Samuel

The meaning of his name is: heard of God

The peculiar circumstances connected with his birth are recorded in 1 Sam. 1:20. Hannah, one of the two wives of Elkanah, who came up to Shiloh to worship before the Lord, earnestly prayed to God that she might become the mother of a son. Her prayer was graciously granted; and after the child was weaned she brought him to Shiloh and consecrated him to the Lord as a perpetual Nazarite (1:23-2:11). Here his bodily wants and training were attended to by the women who served in the tabernacle, while Eli cared for his religious culture. Thus, probably, twelve years of his life passed away. "The child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men" (2:26; compare Luke 2:52). It was a time of great and growing degeneracy in Israel (Judg. 21:19-21; 1 Sam. 2:12-17, 22). The Philistines, who of late had greatly increased in number and in power, were practically masters of the country, and kept the people in subjection (1 Sam. 10:5; 13:3).

At this time new communications from God began to be made to the pious child. A mysterious voice came to him in the night season, calling him by name, and, instructed by Eli, he answered, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." The message that came from the Lord was one of woe and ruin to Eli and his profligate sons. Samuel told it all to Eli, whose only answer to the terrible denunciations (1 Sam. 3:11-18) was, "It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good", the passive submission of a weak character, not, in his case, the expression of the highest trust and faith. The Lord revealed himself now in divers manners to Samuel, and his fame and his influence increased throughout the land as of one divinely called to the prophetical office. A new period in the history of the kingdom of God now commenced.
The Book of Revelation (2) is the last book of the Bible and the most controversial set of predictions ever written.

It was written by John the Apostle when living on the Greek island of Patmos.

In the Book of Revelation, the apocalyptic hopes of the early Christian community find their clearest and most complete expression. Apocalypticism was not a new phenomenon among Christians; it was a well-established belief among Jews, who held that the coming of the kingdom of God would not be brought about by a gradual transformation but by a sudden intervention, when God would end the present age and establish his kingdom in the world made new.

This conception of coming events is associated with the belief that prior to this future time, the struggle between the forces of good and evil will become more intense. As the evil powers grow stronger, they will inflict persecution and in some instances even death upon those who follow a course of righteousness. The struggle will eventually reach a climax, at which time God will intervene, destroy the forces of evil, and set up a new order in which the righteous will live for all time to come.

The appearance of the Messiah will coincide with the coming of these events. When the members of the Christian community affirmed their belief that the crucified Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, they necessarily revised their understanding concerning the work Jesus was to do and especially the way in which his work would be completed.

Because they were convinced that the work of the Messiah must end in triumph and glory, they believed that this end could be accomplished only by a return of Jesus back to this earth from the heaven to which he had ascended. This second coming, occurring at the time when all the events connected with the apocalyptic program will take place, will inaugurate the coming of the new age, as well as the final destruction of all the forces of evil.
c. Islam

The best known Islamic Prophet was Mohamed (3) who founded that religion.

Born in 570 CE in the Arabian city of Mecca, he was orphaned at a young age and was brought up under the care of his uncle. He later worked mostly as a merchant, as well as a shepherd, and was first married by age 25.

Discontented with life in Mecca, he retreated to a cave in the surrounding mountains for meditation and reflection. According to Islamic beliefs it was here, at age 40, in the month of Ramadan, where he received his first revelation from God. Three years after this event Muhammad started preaching these revelations publicly, proclaiming that "God is One", that complete "surrender" to Him (lit. İslâm) is the only way (dîn) acceptable to God, and that he himself was a prophet and messenger of God, in the same vein as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus and other prophets in Islam.

The Prophet (4) mentioned that there would be signs forewarning the approach of the last day. Among those that have clearly come to pass are:

a. The barefooted bedouins competing in building tall buildings. Today we find in the Arabian Peninsula, the Arabs who used to be impoverished herders of camels and sheep, are competing in building the tallest tower blocks.

b. The Mosques would be like palaces. This is clearly the case, even though the Prophet ordered simplicity in the houses of Allah, the mosques have become more and more fantastic, with golden domes, marbled floors, lavish carpets and chandeliers.

c. Disappearance of trustworthiness, so much so that one would only be able to say: "I know a trustworthy person in such-and-such town."
d. Bahai

The founder of the Bahai (5) religion was Baha'u'llah Bahá'u'lláh (ba-haa-ol-laa, "Glory of God") (November 12, 1817 – May 29, 1892), born Mirzá Ḥusayn-ʻAlí Nuri, was the founder of the Bahá’í Faith.

Some of his major prophecies include the following:

Beginning at once, He said, humanity would 'behold things of which ye have never heard before' including 'the knowledge of the most marvelous sciences'-hitherto unimaginable discoveries that would shrink the globe to a veritable village.

These advances (though exposing humankind to catastrophic danger) would provide a material framework for the infinitely more glorious spiritual revolution to follow, a revolution destined to usher in the millennial paradise in scriptures of old.

210:3 >abstract:

Western scientists of Baha'u'llah's day believed that transmutation- the changing of one chemical element into another- was theoretically impossible.

Baha'u'llah explained that they were mistaken. He wrote that copper (for example) could become gold or vice versa:

'Every mineral can be make to acquire the density, form and substance of each and every other mineral.' Only decades later did physicists realize that elemental atoms are not, as they once thought the smallest irreducible building blocks of matter.

Atoms are composed of still smaller particles that can be separated and recombined, the result being that any element can indeed change into any other.
Unfortunately, transmutation (as Baha'u'llah also foresaw) is far from an unmixed blessing.

It has opened the door to global holocaust by virtue of its link with nuclear explosive technology.

214:2 >abstract:

* The Baha'i teachings state that 'in the beginning matter was one', giving rise to elements which became differentiated only 'after a very long time' into their present complex forms.

This teaching seemed, at the time, irreconcilable with known facts; but its truth became apparent by the middle of the twentieth century.

Physicists now realize that all matter begins as hydrogen gas which, collecting slowly in suns and stars, cooks under enormous pressure for thousands of millions of years.

The resulting nuclear reactions combine the original atoms of hydrogen into heavier and ever-more-complex elements.

These elements eventually render the star unstable, triggering (if it is sufficiently massive) a 'supernova' explosion, which welds vast quantities of starstuff into still heavier elements and flings them into space as gas.

The constant repetition of this process throughout the universe provides the raw material for suns and planets such as our own.
e. Amerindian

For the Indians (6) of North America, the last quarter of the 1800s was the winter of their culture. All that they had known had fallen away, like leaves on a tree. In 1863, among the sacred hills of South Dakota, was born a wachasha wakon, a holy man of the Oglala Sioux. His name was Black Elk. As a young man his father told him a story that had been passed down from the grandfathers.

In the time of the ancestors lived a Lakota holy man, Drinks Water, who dreamed of what was to be. In a dream Drinks Water saw all the four-leggeds go back into the earth and in their place a race of two-legged strangers wove a web around the Lakota. Then, in his dream, Drinks Water saw his people living in square gray homes, on a barren land; and beside those homes, the people starved. Soon after his vision, it is said, Drinks Water returned to Mother Earth. He died from sorrow.

Drinks Water’s vision occurred long before the coming of the whites with their fences and houses and their slaughter of the great buffalo herds. At the time his dream must have been incomprehensible to his people. What Drinks Water saw was a change of worlds and it was more than he could endure.

When interpreting dreams or prophecies it should be remembered that a literal approach is often misleading. This is particularly the case with the prophecies presented here. Rather than the end of the world, what is implied is a transformation of consciousness from one view of the world to another, and the emergence of the new world.

For over a century, the American Indian shamans have prophesied the end of an earth cycle, the disappearance of the white man, and the return of all living things which had vanished under the pressures of the present world. The time, we are told, is near. As we observe governments, industries, and ourselves, we can see a system of waste and pollution so widespread as to cast a shadow across the generations to come. It doesn’t take a clairvoyant to predict disaster.
Fortunately, we are aware of the need for change. The question is, whether the necessary changes in our institutions and ourselves will occur faster than the production of pollution generated by our old patterns of behavior.

- Hopi Prophecies:

The passing of the white man's world, as prophesied by the Paiute and the Sioux, and the emergence of a new world is a future envisioned by the Hopi as well. This was recorded in *Book of the Hopi*: "World War III will be started by those peoples who first received the light (the divine wisdom or intelligence) in the other old countries (India, China, Egypt, Palestine, Africa).

"The United States will be destroyed, land and people, by atomic bombs and radioactivity. Only the Hopi and their homeland will be preserved as an oasis to which refugees will flee. Bomb shelters are a fallacy. It is only materialistic people who seek to make shelters. Those who are at peace in their hearts already are in the great shelter of life. There is no shelter for evil. Those who take no part in the making of world division by ideology are ready to resume life in another world, be they of the Black, White, Red, or Yellow race. They are all one, brothers.

"The war will be a spiritual conflict with material matters. Material matters will be destroyed by spiritual beings who will remain to create one world and one nation under one power, that of the Creator.

"That time is not far off."
f. Mayan/Aztec:

The Mayan calendar ends abruptly in 2012, thus this year is predicted to be the end of the world according to several prophecies.

There are actually three Mayan calendar systems, the 365-day Solar year, the 260-day Ritual year, and the 5,128 years of the World Time calendar. The Haab or Solar year was broken down into an 18 month plus five days cycle. 18 months of 20 days and the 5 soulless days which were thought to be of ill omen, kind of like 5 days of Friday the 13th. The Tzolkin (zol-KEEN) or Sacred Round was the 260-day ritual calendar was broken down by days, not months. This religious calendar was the basis on how the people, singly and collectively, went on with their day-to-day lives according to destiny.

Their long count calendar, based roughly on a 5,000 year cycle, is a massive and highly accurate list of astronomical events and seasonal occurrences such as solstices and equinoxes.

The calendar simply ends on Dec. 21, 2012 (the winter solstice), and the Mayans did not offer a calendar addendum to specify anything much happening after that.

Like the Aztecs after them, the Mayan's made reference to the world being created and destroyed several times. They believed they were living in the 5th age of the sun, and that 4 previous ages had existed. The Mayans believed that there had been great death and destruction at the end of each of the previous worlds. The Aztec description of the end of the 4 suns is as follows:

1st sun - destroyed by water

2nd sun - destroyed by wind

3rd sun - destroyed by fire

4th sun - destroyed by rain of fire and blood.
(there is some controversy concerning the correct ordering).

The Mayans date the end of the previous world (4th sun) as 13 August 3114 BC (Long count calendar). The date for the end of the current world has been decoded as just before sunset, Central American time, 21 December 2012.

The 2012 date coincides with other prophecies such as Nostradamus, based on the numbering of the popes. It might not be the End but a paradigm shift such as a collapse of linear time, a poles magnetic field shift, the arrival of aliens and/or hyperdimensional buddies, the discovery of immortality, the return of Atlantis, etc.,
Nostradamus

Michel de Nostredame (7) (14 December 1503 or 21 December 1503 – 2 July 1566), usually Latinized to Nostradamus, was a French apothecary and reputed seer who published collections of prophecies that have since become famous worldwide. He is best known for his book *Les Propheties* (The Prophecies), the first edition of which appeared in 1555. Since the publication of this book, which has rarely been out of print since his death, Nostradamus has attracted an enthusiastic following who, along with the popular press, credits him with predicting many major world events.

He then began his project of writing a book of one thousand mainly French quatrains, which constitute the largely undated prophecies for which he is most famous today. Feeling vulnerable to religious fanatics, however, he devised a method of obscuring his meaning by using "Virgilianized" syntax, word games and a mixture of other languages such as Greek, Italian, Latin, and Provençal. For technical reasons connected with their publication in three instalments (the publisher of the third and last installment seems to have been unwilling to start it in the middle of a "Century," or book of 100 verses), the last fifty-eight quatrains of the seventh "Century" have not survived into any extant edition.

Nostradamus claimed to base his published predictions on judicial astrology — the astrological assessment of the ‘quality’ of expected future developments — but was heavily criticized by professional astrologers of the day such as Laurens Videl for incompetence and for assuming that "comparative horoscopy" (the comparison of future planetary configurations with those accompanying known past events) could predict what would happen in the future.
A couple of famous predictions of Nostradamus’s include the following:

- **Death of Henry II**

  The Death of Henry II from a jousting accident is one of Nostradamus first and most famous fulfilled prophecies.

  Here is the quatrain:

  The young lion will overcome the older one,
  On the field of combat in a single battle;
  He will pierce his eyes through a golden cage,
  Two wounds made one, then he dies a cruel death.

  (Century 1, Quatrain 35)

  In June 1559, Henry II ignored all warnings that Nostradamus gave him and participated in a jousting tournament against the Comte de Montgomery. Both men used shields embossed with lions. Montgomery was six years younger than Henry.

  During the final bout of fighting in the tournament, Montgomery failed to lower his lance in time. It shattered, sending a large splinter through the king’s gilded visor (golden cage). The result was two moral wounds (two wounds made one and then he will die a cruel death.) One splinter spliced eye; the other impaled his temple just behind the eye. Both splinters from the lance penetrated his brain. Henry lived for ten days in agony, thus fulfilling the Nostradamus prophecy that he would die a cruel death.

- **The Rise of Hitler:**

  Here is the quatrain:

  Beasts ferocious with hunger will cross the rivers,
  The greater part of the battlefield will be against Hister.
  Into a cage of iron will the great one be drawn,
  When the child of Germany observes nothing.

  (Century 2, Quatrain 24)

  Beasts ferocious with hunger will swim across the rivers is generally interpreted as Adolf Hitler and the German Army invading France. The greater part of the army will be against Hister is interpreted to mean the alliance that eventually defeated him. The cage of iron may refer to his bunker or to tanks, which Nostradamus would have no words for or ways of describing back in the sixteenth century.
Edgar Cayce

(March 18, 1877 – January 3, 1945) (pronounced /ˈkeɪsiː/) was an American psychic. He is claimed to have demonstrated an ability to channel answers to questions on subjects such as health or Atlantis, while in a self-induced trance. Though Cayce considered himself a devout Christian and lived before the emergence of the New Age Movement, some believe he was the founder of the movement and had influence on its teachings.

Cayce became a celebrity toward the end of his life, and the publicity given to his prophecies has overshadowed what to him were usually considered the more important parts of his work, such as healing (the vast majority of his readings were given for people who were sick) and theology (Cayce was a lifelong, devout member of the Disciples of Christ). Skeptics challenge the claim that Cayce demonstrated psychic abilities, and conventional Christians also question his unorthodox answers on religious matters (such as reincarnation and Akashic records). He may have been the source for the idea that California would fall into the Pacific Ocean (though he never said exactly this).

Today there are tens of thousands of Cayce students. Most are located in the United States and Canada, but Edgar Cayce Centers are now found in 25 other countries. The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE), headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is the major organization promoting interest in Cayce.

Cayce received many visions of the future and many of them have already come to pass. From these visions he made a number of remarkably accurate predictions. The following is a list of a few of them:

Foresaw the Stock Market Crash and Great Depression
In 1924, Cayce predicted the crash of the market after a long bull run during the late 1920’s. During the mid-1920’s he chronicled the rise and fall of the stock market, teaching his clients how to play the bull market and how to prepare for the crash of 1929. He even outlined what growth industries would give them the
best long term portfolio after the market reached bottom. Cayce should have been quite well-to-do with endowment from a share of their speculations, but his clients did not pay attention to the readings and failed to pay heed to his warning. Six months later, they lost all they had when the great October 1929 Stock Market Crash occurred. This was also the trigger for the Great Depression which Cayce also foresaw. In 1931, Cayce foresaw that the Great Depression would lift in the spring of 1933 which it did.

Foresaw the rise and fall of Adolf Hitler
In January 1934, Cayce predicted that Hitler would rise in power to reign over Germany. In August 1935, Cayce predicted that Hitler would remain in power until it will "come as an overthrow or an outside war."

Foresaw a world war that would begin in 1936
Cayce gave one of his greatest world prophecies in February 1932. He sweepingly outlined the course of most of the decade of the 1930's, which centered around:

"A great catastrophe that's coming to the world in '36, in the form of the breaking up of many powers that now exist as factors in the world affairs."

Foresaw America's 1941 entry into the war
America’s entry into the war was revealed through a reading in July 1939 for a retired naval commander, which also contained a message of hope:

**Question:** "Am I likely to be recalled to active service within two or three years?"

**Answer:** "The only likelihood will be in ‘41. This, too, if the people pray, and live as they pray, will pass."

Cayce ominously called the American Destiny, hinting about U.S. involvement in the great fire: America must remain:

"As it were - the balance of power in not only the money forces of the world but those influences that will later be for the manning of those powers where greater destructive forces will arise in those portions of the world..."

He laid out the worldwide scope of the conflict:

"Disturbance in Asia, that will be effective or active through the changes in Germany, Italy and especially through the Balkan forces or Balkan States, will produce a disturbance that may reach proportions that will become rather terrifying to all of Europe and Asia."
Chapter 5: Prophecy in Literature and Media

a. Jules Verne

Science Fiction’s subject is often building a story around changes which may occur in the future.

There have been some amazing predictions in Science Fiction of the last couple of centuries.

Probably the best Prophet from Science Fiction was one of the first—Jules Verne.

His book “From the Earth to the Moon” written in 1885 predicted several items about travel to the moon which turned out to become fact in 1969:

- A rocket would be launched from Florida to the moon
- It would carry three men
- Verne’s cannon was named the Columbiad; the Apollo 11 command module was named Columbia.
- The physical dimensions of Vernes Capsule were very similar to the Apollo Capsule

In his book “Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea” he describes the submarine named “Nautilis” which is powered by the energy of the sun—long before the secrets of Nuclear propulsion were discovered.

Other writers since then—too numerous to mention have proposed all sorts of technological, political, and social changes.

I don’t know if we can call these all successful predictions since some hit and many missed.
b. H. G. Wells

H. G. Wells (1866-1946) was one of the seminal minds of early SF. Beginning with The Time Machine (1895), his classic novel of travel through the ages, Wells churned out dozens of stories and novels, establishing many of the basic ideas that SF writers of today use as background props. The War of the Worlds, for example, presents the first credible invasion by aliens from outer space; The Food of the Gods, in which humans and beasts alike assume gigantic proportions, has been reincarnated in countless cheap monster flicks of recent years; Things to Come, his first attempt at a screenplay, depicted the impending ravages of W.W. II in horrifying detail.

In his Book: THINGS TO COME Published in 1933 he predicted the following successfully:

- W. W. II begins in 1940, involving all the major countries of the world.
- Air raids by enemy craft on England.
- Dogfights between British and enemy aircraft.
- Gas warfare.
- Air conditioning by 2054.
- Commercial television by 2054.
- Videotape recording by 2054.
- Televised broadcasts sent simultaneously to all parts of the world by 2054.

Future Predictions:

- Reconstruction of the world continues through the utopia of 2054, when enlightened humans have done away with the instruments of death and destruction.
- Electric guns project unmanned satellites around the Moon (2054).
- A special kind of wall television screen produces animated images on large surfaces.
- Citizens of the future are required by the government to wear personal communication devices on their sleeves (2054).
• Disease has been completely eradicated (2054).

In his book Book: WHEN THE SLEEPER AWAKES Published in 1899. Set in 2100 A.D. he successfully predicted the following:

• Liquid all-purpose foods.
• Automatic doors.
• Portable television sets.
• Air conditioning.
• Video recordings.
• Light globes that change night into day.
• Propeller airplanes.
• Mechanized agriculture.
• Wheeled trucks.
• War between armed aircraft.
• Aerial bombings.

Future Predictions:

• Automatic clothes-making machines (they measure and produce on the spot).
• Moving conveyor roadways.
• Special pleasure cities to placate the masses.
• Printed books have been replaced by video cassettes which tell stories.
• All of Earth's population is concentrated in the great supercities (London, for example, has over 33 million inhabitants).
Chapter 6: Divination or Fortune Telling

Fortune Telling or Divination refer to methods of telling the future using aids.

Many hundreds of divination aids have been developed over the centuries.

What they all have in common is that they help a person loosen up their mind to focus on their spirit and the time stream—and not on themselves.

Some of the more common techniques are described briefly in this Chapter.

a. I Ching

The I Ching has been used in divination for thousands of years.

The *I Ching* (Wade-Giles), or “Yì Jīng” (Pinyin); also called “Classic of Changes” or “Book of Changes” is one of the oldest of the Chinese classic texts. The book is a symbol system used to identify order in chance events. The text describes an ancient system of cosmology and philosophy that is intrinsic to ancient Chinese cultural beliefs. The cosmology centers on the ideas of the dynamic balance of opposites, the evolution of events as a process, and acceptance of the inevitability of change (see Philosophy, below). In Western cultures and modern East Asia, the *I Ching* is sometimes regarded as a system of divination. The classic consists of a series of symbols, rules for manipulating these symbols, poems, and commentary.

The text of the *I Ching* is a set of oracular statements represented by a set of 64 abstract line arrangements called *hexagrams* (卦 guà). Each hexagram is a figure composed of six stacked horizontal lines (爻 yáo), where each line is either Yang (an unbroken, or solid line), or Yin (broken, an open line with a gap in the center). With six such lines stacked from bottom to top there are $2^6$ or 64 possible combinations, and thus 64 hexagrams represented.
Each hexagram represents a description of a state or process. When a hexagram is cast using one of the traditional processes of divination with *I Ching*, each of the yin or yang lines will be indicated as either *moving* (that is, changing), or *fixed* (that is, unchanging). Moving (also sometimes called “old”, or “unstable”) lines will change to their opposites, that is “young” lines of the other type -- old yang becoming young yin, and old yin becoming young yang.

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I will not go further into the whole process here since there are many books on learning the *I Ching*. 
b. Card Reading and Tarot Cards

Playing cards first entered Europe in the late 14th century with the Mamelukes of Persia, with suits very similar to the basic 'Latin' suits of Swords, Staves, Cups and Coins (also known as disks, and pentacles), which are still used in traditional Italian, Spanish and Portuguese decks. Although there are quite a number of alternative theories on the origin of Tarot, current evidence seems to indicate that the first decks were created between 1410 and 1430 in either Milan, Ferrara, or Bologna, in northern Italy, when additional trump cards with allegorical illustrations were added to the more common four suit decks that already existed. These new decks were originally called carte da trionfi, triumph cards, and the additional cards known simply as trionfi, which evolved into the word "trumps" in common English. The first literary evidence of the existence of carte da trionfi is a written statement in the court records in Ferrara, in 1442. The oldest surviving Tarot cards are from fifteen fragmented decks painted in the mid 15th century for the Visconti-Sforza family, the rulers of Milan.

No documented examples exist prior to the 18th century of the tarot being used for divination. However, divination using similar cards is in evidence as early as 1540; a book entitled The Oracles of Francesco Marcolino da Forli shows a simple method of divination using the coin suit of a regular playing card deck. Manuscripts from 1735 (The Square of Sevens) and 1750 (Pratesi Cartomancer) document rudimentary divinatory meanings for the cards of the tarot, as well as a system for laying out the cards. In 1765, Giacomo Casanova wrote in his diary that his Russian mistress frequently used a deck of playing cards for divination.

Tarot cards eventually came to be associated with mysticism and magic. Tarot was not widely adopted by mystics, occultists and secret societies until the 18th and 19th centuries. The tradition began in 1781, when Antoine Court de Gébélin, a Swiss clergyman and Freemason, published Le Monde Primitif, a speculative study which included religious symbolism and its survivals in the modern world. De Gébélin first asserted that symbolism of the Tarot de Marseille represented the mysteries of Isis and Thoth. Gébélin further claimed that the name "tarot"
came from the Egyptian words *tar*, meaning "royal", and *ro*, meaning "road", and that the Tarot therefore represented a "royal road" to wisdom. De Gébelin also asserted that the Gypsies, who were among the first to use cards for divination, were descendants of the Ancient Egyptians (hence their common name; though by this time it was more popularly used as a stereotype for any nomadic tribe) and had introduced the cards to Europe. De Gébelin wrote this treatise before Jean-François Champollion had deciphered Egyptian hieroglyphs, or indeed before the Rosetta Stone had been discovered, and later Egyptologists found nothing in the Egyptian language to support de Gébelin's fanciful etymologies.
c. Crystal Balls

The history of the crystal ball can be traced as far back as to the Medieval Period in central Europe (between 500 – 1500 AD) and in Scandinavia (1050 – 1500 AD). There have always been fortunetellers throughout history as well. Religious sciences tell us, for example, about Apollo’s (the Greek God of prophesy) oracle priestess, Pythia who had powers (1500 B.C.). Used by Seers, Fortunetellers, Psychics, and Sorcerers, the Crystal Ball seems to be one of the most well-known and popular forms of scrying, as well as a divination tool.

Scrying is the name given to the ancient technique of gazing into an object such as a crystal ball or a bowl of water. It is usually physically, ritually or spiritually, cleansed before each use for purification purposes. When a crystal is used, scrying is known as crystalomancy. Using crystals in the divination of one’s past, present, and future traditionally played a key role in the decision-making process of many powerful leaders throughout history. One of the most notable was King Arthur, who sought out the advice and prophecies of Merlin the Magician. In more recent history, Nancy Reagan, the first lady of then President Ronald Reagan, avidly used psychics to help plan her husband’s domestic & foreign affairs.

One of the earliest uses of crystals in scrying comes from the Druids, who used Beryllium Aluminum Silicate (Beryl), a natural gemstone whose characteristics range from transparent to translucent. Scottish Highlanders termed these objects “stones of power”. Early crystal balls were made from Beryl, later replaced by spheres made of rock crystal. The reason crystals in particular became important tools for scrying and other metaphysical aspects is because of their inherent characteristics of transparency and regularity of their patterns, called symmetry. Additionally, the energetic fields of crystals influence what the scryer “sees” on a very subtle and often esoteric level.

Here is an interesting technique I found on a Crystal Ball website (10):
If you are going to scrying, looking into a crystal ball, you need to find a quiet and peaceful corner where you can be mentally balanced and calm. The choice of crystal ball used is up to you, they vary from quality balls made from clear crystal, to cheaper glass versions; the best thing to do is go for the most expensive you can afford, the clearer the ball the better.

You may as well get the best you can because it is an object you'll keep for a very long time. You can sometimes achieve fairly good results with an ordinary hand mirror, or you can try filling a glass bottle with water and adding some Indian ink. A magick mirror, or scrying glass, can be made by painting the raised side of a concaved piece of glass, like that found in an old clock, matt black and peering into the indented side like a dark bowl, using bowl-type objects in this way is a very old method for scrying. When it comes down to it, it's all about the right ambience and what puts you in the right frame of mind for scrying which, in most cases, would be a good crystal ball.

**Scrying with your Crystal Ball:**

Place your ball in front of you with some dark cloth behind and underneath it to minimize reflections and create a plain background. Dim the lights, but not too much because you still need to be able to see; just enough to create the right ambience and reduce any reflected light on your crystal ball, while being able to clearly see the ball at the same time.

Fix your gaze upon the surface of your crystal ball for a few minutes, meditate upon it until you feel at ease, try to see through the crystal ball to a point about ten or twelve inches beyond. Try and keep your eyes open without blinking, but don't worry about it if you do blink, just keep staring deep into your crystal ball.

If you are not used to concentrating or meditating in this way, you may find that your thoughts begin to wander; if you notice this happening bring your mind back to the task at hand, firmly but gently. What you are trying to achieve is a blank screen / mind on which to display symbols and visions. There is nothing exactly magical about a crystal ball; it is merely an ideal vessel for focusing your own innate psychic powers to produce a seeing faculty in your mind.

If you are one of the lucky ones you will get results quickly, for most perseverance is the key; you will need to find which time of day suits you the best, perhaps music will help, or perhaps it will just distract you? The same goes for having other people present, they may help you concentrate, or they may irritate you and cause problems. Psychic vision is a talent whereby you open yourself to the awareness of extra perceived qualities around the crystal ball. Many notice a mist or smoke-like cloud developing over the crystal ball after a few minutes of intense gazing; others see sparkles of white or multi hued light.
This is the primary stage of scrying and can last for quite some time; many beginners will give up after seeing nothing more than the smoke-like haze for prolonged periods, those that carry on with their attempts, persevering till they get results, become successful crystal ball gazers.
d. Numerology

Numerology (11) is the study of numbers, and the occult manner in which they reflect certain aptitudes and character tendencies, as an integral part of the cosmic plan. Each letter has a numeric value that provides a related cosmic vibration. The sum of the numbers in your birth date and the sum of value derived from the letters in the name provide an interrelation of vibrations. These numbers show a great deal about character, purpose in life, what motivates, and where talents may lie. Experts in numerology use the numbers to determine the best time for major moves and activities in life. Numerology is used to decide when to invest, when to marry, when to travel, when to change jobs, or relocate. I’m not claiming that this website is going to make an expert of you so that all these questions can be answered, but we can at least get you on the way.

One of the first questions is why does it work? The second question is how does it work. Well, if we could answer these questions it wouldn’t be an occult study, would it? Is it a God force? Do numbers have vibrations or something like that? Who knows? Just be objective and give it a try.

Pythagoras, the Greek mathematician who live from 569-470 B.C., is said by many to be the originator of much of what we call numerology today. The actual origins of numerology predate Pythagoras, the most popular being the very old Hebrew Kabbala. In the twentieth century, the old discipline seems to magically reappear in the form of a series of books published from 1911-1917 by L. Dow Balliett and it was helped along in the 30s by Florence Campbell, and within the next few decades a wealth of literature was available to the public. Indeed, if you look at the past 90 years, it would seem that the discipline has moved very rapidly. But perhaps all of this was known at a much earlier time, and it was just hiding from us for a while.
e. Astrology

Astrology (12) is believed to have originated in China about the 3rd millennium BC. Astrology was always traditionally regarded very highly in China, and indeed Confucius is said to have treated astrology with respect saying: "Heaven sends down its good or evil symbols and wise men act accordingly". The 60 year cycle combining the five elements with the twelve animal signs of the zodiac has been documented in China since at least the time of the Shang (Shing or Yin) dynasty (ca 1766BC - CA 1050BC). Oracles bones have been found dating from that period with the date according to the 60 year cycle inscribed on them, along with the name of the diviner and the topic being divined about. One of the most famous astrologers in China was Tsou Yen who lived in around 300 BC, and who wrote: "When some new dynasty is going to arise, heaven exhibits auspicious signs for the people". Astrology in China also became combined with the Chinese form of geomancy known as Feng shui.

There are three main branches of astrology today, namely Western astrology, Indian or Jyotish astrology, and Chinese or East Asian astrology. The study of Western astrology and the belief in it, as part of astronomy, is first found in a developed form among the ancient Babylonians; and directly or indirectly through the Babylonians, it spread to other nations. It came to Greece about the middle of the 4th century B.C., reached Rome before the advent of the Christian era, and India with the Hellenistic Indo-Greek kingdoms.

With the introduction of Greek culture into Egypt, both astronomy and astrology were actively cultivated in the region of the Nile during the Hellenistic and Roman periods. Astrology was further developed by the Arabs from the 7th to the 13th century, and in the Europe of the 14th and 15th centuries astrologers were dominating influences at court. The Mayans of Central America and the Aztecs also developed their own form of astrology. Other cultures and civilizations around the world also developed their own astrological systems independently.
The terms astrology and astronomy have long been closely related. An Astrologer is an interpreter of celestial phenomena, while an Astronomer is a predictor of celestial phenomena. Astrology itself can be divided into two camps, comprised of "natural astrologers" (i.e. astronomers) who study the motions of the heavenly bodies, timing of eclipses, etc. "Judicial astrologers" study the supposed correlations between the positions of various celestial objects and the affairs of human beings.

Astrology in the Middle East and Europe

The history of astrology in Europe and the Middle East are inextricably linked, with each region contributing to astrological theories and continually influencing each other over time. Bouché-Leclercq, Cumont and Boll hold that the middle of the 4th century B.C. is when Babylonian astrology began to firmly enter western culture.

This spread of astrology was concomitant with the rise of a genuine scientific phase of astronomy in Babylonia itself. This may have weakened to some extent the hold that astrology had on the priests and the people. Another factor leading to the decline of the old faith in the Euphrates Valley may have been the advent of the Persians, who brought with them a religion which differed markedly from the Babylonian-Assyrian polytheism (see Zoroastrianism).

The spread of astrology beyond Babylonia is thus concomitant with the rise of a truly scientific astronomy in Babylonia itself, which in turn is due to the intellectual impulse afforded by the contact with new forms of culture from both the East and the West. In the hands of the Greeks and of the Egyptians both astrology and astronomy were carried far beyond the limits attained by the Babylonians.
f. Miscellaneous types of Divination

There are too many types of divination to cover all of them in this book in any level of detail.

These techniques all work on the principle of being an aid to help one to dissociate them self from the mind’s immersion in the illusion of time, and trying to contact the person’s immortal spirit to see the past, present, and future from outside of time.

Here is a comprehensive list of the types of divinations developed over the centuries:

Aeromancy is divination by atmospheric phenomena.
Alectromancy is divination by a rooster pecking grain.
Amniomancy is divination by using the caul.
Anthroposcopy is divination by observing facial features.
Arithmancy is divination by numbers (also Numerology).
Astrology is divination by planets and stars.
Augury is divination from the behavior of birds.
Austromancy is divination by the winds.
Axinomancy is divination by a balanced axe or by a stone on a red hot axe head.

Belomancy is divination by arrows.
Bibliomancy is divination by random passages in books. See Stichomancy.
Biorhythm
Bletonism is divination by currents of water.
Botanomancy is divination by herbs.

Capnomancy is divination by smoke.
Cartomancy is divination by using playing cards.
Catoptromancy is divination by using a mirror.
Ceromancy is divination by molten wax dropped into water.
Cheiromancy is divination by the hands.
Clacking is divination by ‘clacking’ two stones together.
Clairaudience is divination by hearing things inaudible normally.
Clairvoyance is divination by "second sight".
Cledonomancy is divination by chance remarks or events.
Coscinomancy is divination by sieve and shears.
Crystallomancy is divination by a crystal.

Dactyliomancy is divination by using a finger ring. (Or Pendulum)
Dowsing is divination by using a forked stick or wires. AKA water-witching.

Geloscopy is divination by a person's way of laughing.
Genethlialogy is divination by the stars placement at one's birth.
Geomancy is divination by examining dots on paper, dirt particles or marks on the earth.
Gyromancy is divination by whirling around until dizzy and falling.

Halomancy is divination by salt.
Haruspicy is divination by examining the entrails of animals.
Hepatoscopy is divination by examining the liver of an animal.
Hieromancy is divination by observing sacrificed things.
Horoscopy is divination by means of a horoscope.
Hydromancy is divination by water.

Ichthyomancy is divination by fish.

Lampadomancy is divination by observing the flame of a candle.
Leconomancy is divination by observing the shape that oil poured on water makes.
Lithomancy is divination by stones.

Margaritomancy is divination by pearls.
Moleosophy is divination by moles on the body.
Myomancy is divination by observing the movements of mice.

Necromancy is divination by communication with the dead.
Numerology is divination by numbers and names.

Oenomancy is divination by the appearance of wine poured in libation.
Ogham Sticks
Oneiromancy is divination by dreams.
Onomancy is divination by the letters of a name.
Onychomancy is divination by the fingernails.
Ophiomancy is divination by observing the behavior of snakes.
Ornithomancy is divination by the flight of birds.
Palmistry is divination by reading the lines and aspects of the hand.
Pegomancy is divination by fountains.
Pessomancy is divination by pebbles.
Phrenology is divination by the bumps on the head.
Physiognomy is divination by the face.
Psychometry is divination by handling an object.
Pyromancy is divination by looking into a fire.

Rhabdomancy is divination by a wand or divining rod.

Runes

Scapulomancy is divination by the shoulder blades of animals.
Scatoscopy is divination by the examination of excrement.
Sciromancy is divination by shadows or ghosts.
Scrying is divination by looking into a crystal ball.
Sideromancy is divination by observing the movement of straws placed on a red hot iron.
Sortilege is divination by drawing lots.
Spodomancy is divination by looking at ashes.
Stichomancy is divination by random passages in books, see Bibliomancy.

Tephromancy is divination by looking at ashes from sacrifices.
Theomancy is divination by oracles.
Uromancy is divination by urine.
Xylomancy is divination by dry sticks.
Zoomancy is divination by observing the behavior of animals.
Chapter 7: Modern Approaches and Technological innovations

Modern thinkers have also adapted newly thought out approaches and technology to try to refine and mine information which may help predict the future.

a. Remote Viewing

Remote Viewing (RV) (13) refers to the attempt to gather information about a distant or unseen target using paranormal means or extra-sensory perception. Typically a remote viewer is expected to give information about an object that is hidden from physical view and separated at some distance. The term was introduced by parapsychologists Russell Targ and Harold Puthoff in 1974.

Remote viewing was popularized in the 1990s, following the declassification of documents related to the Stargate Project, a 20 million dollar research program sponsored by the U.S. Federal Government to determine any potential military application of psychic phenomena. The program was terminated in 1995, citing a lack of documented evidence that the program had any value to the intelligence community.

Remote viewing techniques involve relaxation and going into a meditative like state. There are also techniques to improve clairvoyant accuracy.

Some well known remote viewers have also used this technique to forecast the future.

The book Mind Trek (14) by Joseph McMoneagle gives a lot of the history and techniques used in Remote Viewing.

Remote viewers would sit in a quiet and darkened room and relax. Then they would use a variety of visualization techniques to use clairvoyance on a target and write down what their impressions.

Through refining techniques and impressions over time they claim a very accurate hit rate on target sites.
b. The Global Consciousness Project

The Global Consciousness Project (15) (GCP) is an international effort involving researchers from several institutions and countries, designed to explore whether the construct of interconnected consciousness can be scientifically validated through objective measurement. The project builds on excellent experiments conducted over the past 35 years at a number of laboratories, demonstrating that human consciousness interacts with random event generators (REGs), apparently "causing" them to produce non-random patterns. A description of the technical implementation is given under procedures.

The experimental results clearly show that a broader examination of this phenomenon is warranted. In recent work, prior to the Global Consciousness Project, an array of REG devices in Europe and the US showed non-random activity during widely shared experiences of deeply engaging events. For example, the funeral ceremonies for Princess Diana, and the international Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, created shared emotions and a coherence of consciousness that appeared to be correlated with structure in the otherwise random data. In the fully developed project, a world-spanning array of labile REG detectors is connected to computers running software to collect data and send it to a central server via the Internet. This network is designed to document and display any subtle, but direct effects of our collective consciousness reacting to global events. The research hypothesis predicts the appearance of coherence and structure in the globally distributed data collected during major events that engage the world population.

The data collected seems to show correlations before some major events occur.

One example would be the 911 terror attacks. The GCP eggs showed a major correlation hours before this event happened.

In Figure 23 below, you can see that shortly before the terrorist attack, the wandering line takes on a strong trend representing a persistent departure from what is expected of random data. A small probability envelope inserted at that point provides a scale to indicate the extraordinary increase in non-random deviation. The slope of the graph beginning just before the first WTC tower was hit and continuing for over two days, to noon on the 13th, is extreme. An informal estimate for the probability can be made from its slope, and lies between 0.003 and 0.0003 (suggesting an odds ratio on the order of 1000 to 1).
If we extrapolate the anomalous trend, it begins at about 04:00 (08:00 GMT), several hours before the first World Trade Center tower was hit, and the total length of this persistent trend is about 56 hours.

The mean number of days between segments with a slope like this, continuing for so long, is on the order of 2300 days, which is consistent with the 1000 to 1 odds ratio suggested by the slope.
c. Web Bot Predictions

On the Half Past Human (16) website is another method of predicting the future based on large collections of text from the Internet.

I quote pertinent sections below from the website:


The process begins with internet software agents which read in vast quantities of text from the public, and commonly accessible areas of the internet. They hunt for any of the words which are used as 'descriptors' within the process to define a context. These 'descriptors' are representative words or phrases which are used to define the basic 'idea' or 'concepts' of interest at that point.

Note they do NOT use 'conscious expressions' located on the internet, nor simple word counting techniques. They do not read emails. They only access publically posted texts on the internet seeking so much what is there, as what has recently changed there. So as a rule they concentrate the software agents on the forums and other community based sites.

What they do employ is a series of programming steps which reduce the text read down to 4/four digit hexadecimal integers which are themselves held in sets of 'inter linked linguistic discoveries'. These sets of hexadecimal integers are then aggregated along with information in a general sense as to where the text was located. The text returned is aggregated through further processing, producing a very large SQL based data base which is accessed by our prolog processing software. Once the data starts rolling in, the processing starts by associating the 'descriptor' with a whole group of 'values'. Together these form an 'aspect/attribute' coupling. In turn, the aspects/attributes are gathered into sets, and then humans examine these for various timing and manifestation clues.

The process of data gathering can take up to 3/three weeks to begin filling the data bases for processing. In total, in any given series, the data gathering will continue for an additional 3/three to 4/four weeks.

Once the interpretation is begun, a series of reports are prepared to present the findings in an entertaining and informative manner.

Some results claimed for these web bots follows:

And that track record does indeed include some pretty uncanny results. Their first public report came in July of 2001. Cliff approached George Ure
of the site Urban Survival because he believed his analysis had crossed a tipping point for a world-changing event within the next 90 days. George primarily covers the world from a financial perspective, and Cliff was seeing a coming event focused around currency markets, the military, and an accident. Concerned about the possible impact, but also concerned for his own privacy, Cliff funneled his rough predictions to the world through George.

Being new to the process, HPH's focus on a mid-July timeframe for the event initially seemed to be a failure; until about six weeks later when the twin towers toppled to the ground in New York. "I instantly went into a state of denial," says Cliff. "I'll never forget the words when George called and said 'Is this it? Is this the hit you've been waiting for?'"

Following that fated prediction, their timing and descriptive clues began to improve. They saw "an attack on house or assembly" before the anthrax attacks later in 2001; predicted an "attack on a commemorative event" prior to the American 587 crash on Veterans Day; and correctly identified aspects of the D.C. sniper case in 2002.
d. Dr. Bruce Bueno de Mesquita

Dr. Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (17) is a Professor at Stanford University who uses Game Theory and computer models to make predictions. Some people claim a 95% accuracy figure for this work.

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, claims that mathematics can tell you the future. In fact, the professor says that a computer model he built and has perfected over the last 25 years can predict the outcome of virtually any international conflict, provided the basic input is accurate. What’s more, his predictions are alarmingly specific. His fans include at least one current presidential hopeful, a gaggle of Fortune 500 companies, the CIA, and the Department of Defense. Naturally, there is also no shortage of people less fond of his work. “Some people think Bruce is the most brilliant foreign policy analyst there is,” says one colleague. “Others think he’s a quack.”

Bueno de Mesquita has made a slew of uncannily accurate predictions—more than 2,000, on subjects ranging from the terrorist threat to America to the peace process in Northern Ireland—that would seem to prove him right.

Bueno de Mesquita has big ideas, and he’s more than happy to put his career on the line for them. Back in March 2004, when al-Qaeda bombed a Madrid train station, influencing the course of Spain’s general election three days later, a lot of U.S. security folks were nervous. Worried that al-Qaeda might try something similar here in the run-up to the November, 2004, presidential elections, the Pentagon hired Bueno de Mesquita to run some data through his forecasting model to tell them what to expect. The results were unequivocal. “I said there would be no homeland attack. I also indicated that bin Laden’s second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahiri, would resurface around Thanksgiving, 2004,” he says. Just after the elections in November that year, Zawahiri released a new videotape. Bueno de Mesquita was right on both counts. “One of the things government needs most is advice that’s not wishy-washy. I try to be as precise as I can.”

He is wildly controversial, though. As one of the foremost scholars of game theory—or “rational choice,” as its political-science practitioners prefer to call it—
Bueno de Mesquita is at the center of a raging hullabaloo that has taken over some of the most prestigious halls of learning in this country. Exclusive, highly complex mathematically, and messianic in its certainty of universal truths, rational-choice theory is not only changing the way political science is taught, but the way it’s defined.

To verify the accuracy of his model, the CIA set up a kind of forecasting face-off that pit predictions from his model against those of Langley’s more traditional in-house intelligence analysts and area specialists. “We tested Bueno de Mesquita’s model on scores of issues that were conducted in real time—that is, the forecasts were made before the events actually happened,” says Stanley Feder, a former high-level CIA analyst. “We found the model to be accurate 90 percent of the time,” he wrote. Another study evaluating Bueno de Mesquita’s real-time forecasts of 21 policy decisions in the European community concluded that “the probability that the predicted outcome was what indeed occurred was an astounding 97 percent.” What’s more, Bueno de Mesquita’s forecasts were much more detailed than those of the more traditional analysts. “The real issue is the specificity of the accuracy,” says Feder. “We found that DI (Directorate of National Intelligence) analyses, even when they were right, were vague compared to the model’s forecasts. To use an archery metaphor, if you hit the target, that’s great. But if you hit the bull’s eye—that’s amazing.”

**How does Bueno de Mesquita do this?** With mathematics. “You start with a set of assumptions, as you do with anything, but you do it in a formal, mathematical way,” he says. “You break them down as equations and work from there to see what follows logically from those assumptions.” The assumptions he’s talking about concern each actor’s motives. You configure those motives into equations that are, essentially, statements of logic based on a predictive theory of how people with those motives will behave. From there, you start building your mathematical model. You determine whether the predictive theory holds true by plugging in data, which are numbers derived from scales of preferences that you ascribe to each actor based on the various choices they face.
Chapter 8: Some Personal Stories of Seeing the Future

In this chapter I’m sharing some of my personal experiences.

These experiences provide a basis for my subjective analysis of how prophecy works.

These examples are also intended to show the reader that I do know what I’m talking about when it comes to having “sensed” the future.

a. Visions

During the summer of 1975 I had a summer CO-OP job at General Electric’s Gas Turbine engineering group in Schenectady, NY

At this time I used to meditate at my desk during the lunch hour.

One day in early August I was meditating and thinking about a trip I was planning to Cape Cod. My mind was wandering as I was thinking about what I would do there. My thoughts went to what I would do at the beach.

All of a sudden, I had a blinding flash of a scene where I was in the surf at the beach, and a surfboard was coming towards me. Then a shock occurred and I was thrown out of my meditation and was wide-awake.

I thought that this was pretty weird, and mentioned this to a friend or two.

Two weeks later I was walking on the beach on Cape Cod. I saw a couple of guys with surfboards and asked where I could rent one to give it a try.

They said they had an extra one and I could try it with them.

(I had totally forgotten my vision at this point)

I tried to get up on that board all day, and had some modest success, but I was also getting exhausted in the process.

I decided to try it again and fell off when a big wave hit me. Next thing I knew I was coming up to the surface and I saw the exact same scene from my meditation.

The board hit me hard in the chin and almost knocked me out. I staggered to the shore and the two guys I was with helped me to the hospital where they put 10 stitches and 2 sutures into my chin.
The question arises—Would I have been able to avoid the accident if I had remembered my vision and not gone surfing?

Later experiences have convinced me that the future is a set of probabilities, and we have free will to decide our actions.

I also had an experience on that trip of being able to partially heal my wounds very quickly through a deep meditation and application of psychic healing techniques. However, I do still have a small scar on my chin from this accident.

b. Warnings of Danger

- Detroit

In 1980 I was moving from Dekalb, Illinois to Rochester, NY between assignments at General Electric, Inc.

While staying with my cousin outside Detroit, I made arrangements one evening to meet an old RPI friend Steve. We decided to go into downtown Detroit to the newly completed Renaissance Center to eat dinner and look around.

The Renaissance Center was built near the water and surrounded by slums.

After dinner we were walking out through the lower level in an area that was all boarded up with nobody else there.

Suddenly, I had this strong urge to turn around and go to find a restroom. I stopped walking forward because the urge was so strong.

I tried to walk forward again and again a very strong urge came to turn around and go back into the main center where other people were.

I remarked to Steve that I couldn't go forward—that something wouldn't let me.

Just then two black guys in trench coats appeared about 30 feet away from behind one of the foundation pillars we were about to walk past.

They started walking towards us with smiles pasted on their faces.
My friend Steve took off running back into the main area and after a moment or two I figured I didn't know what these guys were carrying under their coats, so I ran too.

In less than 30 seconds we were back in a populated area with Police present, and the two guys chasing us gave us smiles like "next time we'll get you" and took off going the other way.

I had previously always tried to pray to God for protection, and tried to give a subconscious message to my senses to warn me of danger.

I'm convinced that whatever sense or "angel" warned me that evening, I would have been killed or severely wounded if I had continued walking out of the complex with no warning.

• At the Border in El Paso

In December of 1987 my Dad drove out to Houston to accompany me on my move to Los Angeles where we were going to start a business together.

The first night on the road we stayed overnight in El Paso, Texas near the border.

Sunday morning I suggested we stretch our legs by taking a walk down to the Border which appeared to be less than a mile.

As we were walking through a rundown area near the border I had a strong sense that we were in danger. This sense continued for several minutes that somebody wanted to hurt us.

I told my Dad we needed to turn around and he agreed.

We got back to the hotel safely, and even though we didn't see any danger, I'm convinced my extra senses picked up something.

• Planning a Trip to Spain

During early August of 1998, my wife and I decided to send her and our kids to visit her mother in Barcelona, Spain.
I was going to buy a ticket separately, and meet them there during early September.

When I started to call the travel agent to book my ticket I had a terrible feeling of fear about taking the flight.

I tried two other times to book the ticket during the week for a September 2nd departure, and each time I got the same strong feelings of fear and death.

I have always prayed and tried to guard myself mentally to avoid disasters, so finally I took the warning seriously and decided not to go at all.

This was very difficult to do since I really wanted to see my wife and kids, and this meant I would be home alone for a month.

Work wasn’t an excuse either, since I wasn’t doing any really heavy contract work at the time and could easily have taken the time off.

I called my wife and told her my decision, and she was surprised, but agreed for me to follow my instincts.

On September 2nd the Swissair disaster occurred on a plane leaving Kennedy airport in New York, which crashed in Newfoundland Canada with all lives lost.

I would not have originally been booked on that flight, but could have easily ended up on it since I was due to fly through Kennedy airport, and any delay might have caused me to switch planes.

I will never know for sure, but this was a very strong warning.

I should also mention that for several years before this event I had strong feelings that my I would be killed in the near future. After this happened those feelings ended.

c. A few Seconds Ahead

Sometimes just having sensitivity about what will happen a few seconds into the future will have a positive effect.

Avoiding a car accident at an intersection is one result.
I believe animals have spiritual abilities too.

Here is an example concerning our last dog Apollo. Some years ago he was watching my wife as she planned to start disconnecting a motor inside our dishwasher.

Apollo started barking madly at us (which he never did) and we suddenly realized that we hadn’t turned off the power to the dishwasher.

He seemed to be sensing a future event which made him really worried.

d. Dreams of Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004

Back around the year 2000 through 2004 I was having a series of dreams which were similar but all slightly different.

I seemed to be in a tropical coastal area and at some type of resort. There were lots of people on the beach and there were different types of resorts in each dream.

I had a lot of fear and then it happened. There would be some type of huge wave which crashed over us, or the tide would go out and a huge wave would come in and I would be covered by the wave.

When that happened I never escaped but seemed to be one of the victims.

I recall this type of dream happening at least five to ten times over that multi year period.

Of course the disaster finally happened—the late December 2004 Tsunami of the Indian Ocean which killed at least one quarter million persons.

Scientists researching this event now think this may have been the worst Tsunami disaster in over 600 years in the Indian Ocean.

I have since had a few dreams about Tsunamis hitting Southern California where I live, but none recently…
e. Telepathy

In about 1995 my wife and I were at home and her teenage daughter Alex was visiting a Church across town with friends.

Suddenly the plate my wife was holding in the kitchen shattered in her hands.

She immediately felt that something had happened to Alex.

We had a call within a half hour and found out Alex had fallen at least 20 feet through a skylight. Fortunately, she only had minor injuries.

This type of sensitivity may have been simultaneous to the event, but it is also a good illustration of how persons with close emotional ties can sense dangerous events when or slightly before they are happening.

I also had an instance of waiting for a light to change at a busy intersection a few years ago.

When the light changed, for some reason I delayed going through even though I’m usually first through the intersection.

A few seconds later a car from the cross street raced through the intersection and would certainly have hit my car if I hadn’t delayed my crossing.

This event shows that we can often have a time sense even just a few seconds into the future and it can be enough to save us from danger.
Chapter 9: Classifying Predictions

Mamonides the great Jewish scholar developed his categories as an effort to classify predictions by their type.

Maimonides in his work, The Guide for the Perplexed, outlines twelve modes of prophecy from lesser to greater degree of clarity:

Levels three through eight belong to dream prophecy, while levels nine to eleven belong to vision prophecy.

Of the twelfth mode Maimonides, focuses his attention on its "implicit superiority to the penultimate stage in the above series", and therefore above all other prophetic and semi-prophetic modes.

The levels are as follows:

1. Inspired actions
2. Inspired words
3. Allegorical dream revelations
4. Auditory dream revelations
5. Audiovisual dream revelations/human speaker
6. Audiovisual dream revelations/angelic speaker
7. Audiovisual dream revelations/Divine speaker
8. Allegorical waking vision
9. Auditory waking revelation
10. Audiovisual waking revelation/human speaker
11. Audiovisual waking revelation/angelic speaker
12. Audiovisual waking revelation/Divine speaker (that refers implicitly to Moses)

I don’t know how useful this type of categorization of premonitions is.

One either makes predictions which are enabled by the spirit and therefore may have some real value from seeing outside the “normal” time stream, or one does not.

The key is to be able to tell which is which.
Chapter 10: What Prophets have in common

True prophets have some traits in common which can be identified as enabling their abilities to provide some accuracy in predicting future events.

a. Connection to God and Spirit

The most important of these traits is a person’s spirituality. This means how close they are to the core of their being or spirit.

It should not be a surprise that many of the great religious leaders were also known as prophets. Those persons had spiritual authority with their people and the ability to prophesize just added more moral authority to their efforts.

As I’m emphasizing throughout this book, the ability to know your higher self which exists outside of time and space is a necessary requirement to having a real prophetic or pre-cognitive ability.

b. Be willing to trust Intuition

It’s not enough to just have visions or impressions of the future. A person needs to have some faith in what they are seeing and not dismiss it out of hand as an just “day dreaming” or as some type of hallucination.

You need to have confidence in your abilities. Confidence is usually gained over time as the individual sees that their predictions have some relation to what actually occurs.
c. A person grounded in Reality

A prophet has to be able to distinguish between what is really happening and what they think will happen.

They can’t be successful in the long term if they are only having delusions which have no basis in fact or potential futures.

A real prophet will also have wisdom and use their abilities wisely to help build towards a goal, not just to impress people.
Chapter 11: Some Theories on how Prophecy works

a. The Nature of Reality

As I discussed in my book on immortality, I have some specific ideas on the nature of Reality and the core of our consciousness or spirit:

Physicists and Astronomers all agree that the Universe we know was created in a huge explosion called the “Big Bang”. This was when the Universe was created from nothing and inflated. As it inflated time and space as we know them came into existence.

When you study Einstein’s Relativistic Physics you begin to understand that time and space are inextricably linked. You can’t have one without the other.

Given our understanding of Physics, we know that time and space didn’t exist before the Big Bang. The state of things before creation then was “No Time & No Space”.

Another subject of great interest to Astrophysicists is what are called “Black Holes”. Black Holes are a result of Einstein’s equations and Astronomers have verified their existence in the last few decades.

Black Holes are stars which due to their own mass have collapsed down to an infinitely small point and where time stops. Scientists do not understand where all that mass goes.

Hmm…. A Black Hole seems to be another example of part of reality that exists without time and space.

In Quantum Physics, time is also viewed differently that we perceive it on a daily basis. Here is a quote from a Physics website explaining this view: (17)
The upshot is that, on the microscopic level, there just plain is no direction to time -- and this is even more spectacularly true in quantum physics than in classical physics. In the microscopic domain, everything just exists in a kind of nebulous, atemporal continuum. Then, every once in a while, something becomes observable, and enters the one-dimensional time continuum. The arrow of time does not exist in the universe as a whole. It only exists in individual subjective views of the universe!

I think it is fair to say that the place of stillness where time and space don’t exist is a part of our reality.

Therefore, it shouldn’t be considered too strange that our immortal Spirit is part of and one with that Stillness.

Given the above evidence of Science and my thinking I conclude that time is really an illusion of our physical being.

If we can pierce the illusion, we can expand our “time sense”.

b. The Probability of the Future

One thing I have learned from my experiences is that the future is a probability, not a fixed event which is fated to happen.

However, as I learned from the Airplane ticket experience, it can be very difficult to change some futures.

I really had to put a lot of mental energy into fighting the desire to buy the plane ticket after being warned—because I really wanted to be with my family in Spain. That’s why I tried to buy the tickets three times.

I remember having to consciously fight my “need” to go and having to use very strong will power to overcome it since I knew that I had to follow my intuition since it was a very strong one.

I was even able to look forward and get a “feeling” that there would be a major crash on Sept 2nd.
Whereas with the Surfboard vision, I forgot all about it at the beach and it happened exactly as I saw it. I had intended to remember this vision since it was so strong, but when I got there my memory just disappeared.

There seems to be a certain momentum to the time stream and it takes a lot of effort to change it.

The analogy of a river of time is a good one. We normally flow with the current, but by force of will, we can change where we are in the stream, go upstream, and even go downstream.
c. The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali

Now for one of my favorite metaphysical books which was written in Sanskrit two thousand years ago “The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali”. It was written as a scientific exposition on the path to enlightenment, and the abilities and spiritual states obtained as part of the process.

Book 3 Chapters 14 and 16 can be translated as follows:

14. Every object has its characteristics which are already quiescent, those which are active, and those which are not yet definable.

The explanation is as follows:

**Every object has characteristics belonging to its past, its present and its future.** In a fir tree, for example, there are the stumps or scars of dead branches, which once represented its foremost growth; there are the branches with their needles spread out to the air; there are the buds at the end of each branch and twig, which carry the still closely packed needles which are the promise of the future. In like manner, the chrysalis has, as its past, the caterpillar; as its future, the butterfly. The man has, in his past, the animal; in his future, the angel. Both are visible even now in his face. So with all things, for all things change and grow.

16. **Through perfectly concentrated Meditation on the three stages of development comes a knowledge of past and future.**

With an exposition on it’s meaning to be:

We have taken our illustrations from natural science, because, since every true discovery in natural science is a divination of a law in nature, attained through a flash of genius, such discoveries really
represent acts of spiritual perception, acts of perception by the spiritual man, even though they are generally not so recognized. So we may once more use the same illustration. Perfectly concentrated Meditation, perfect insight into the chrysalis, reveals the caterpillar that it has been, the butterfly that it is destined to be. He who knows the seed, knows the seed-pod or ear it has come from, and the plant that is to come from it. So in like manner he who really knows today, and the heart of to-day, knows its parent yesterday and its child tomorrow. **Past, present and future are all in the Eternal. He who dwells in the Eternal knows all three.**

When reviewing the Yoga Sutras we see that the ancient view of consciousness was that because it is rooted in the eternal.

Therefore, those who have developed themselves so that they perceive things from the point of view of the Spirit can sense the time states in all objects.
d. More on the Illusion of Time

Below are excerpts from a dialog (18) between Andrew Cohen Swami Krishnanananda. These two persons are widely recognized as being realized beings living in today’s world, so their metaphysical perspective on time is a very useful viewpoint.

Swami Krishnanananda (to Andrew Cohen): There are many people sitting here and they want to listen to you.

Andrew: So the message for today is: dare to give up the illusion of time. Give up the belief that there is any distance or gap between oneself and one’s true Self, and between oneself and the rest of life, the rest of existence. This takes a lot of courage. It takes a willingness to die absolutely and unconditionally right now. So my message for today, and for every day, for every moment, is not to wait one second longer. That’s my message.

K: So short! Please expand it with a little bit more detail.

A: Expand it? Okay. Well, many many seekers believe with fervor and with great conviction that it will take them a very long time and much hard work to bridge the gap between where they are now and where they want to be. But it is this belief and conviction that there is this gap in the first place that creates the illusion of separation. Now if we have the courage to give up the illusion of separation, then we will find that we have no place to stand. And as we look and look we will not be able to locate ourselves. Everywhere we look we’ll see nothing. We’ll see nothing, and we’ll see everything at the same time. So to come to this point, it takes great courage. Because if we want to know that much and see that much and be that much, we have to be willing to let go of every thought, notion or idea that we have about who we are, or about what’s true. In order to do this we have to be willing to die unconditionally to the Absolute, and we have to be willing to give everything—and everything and everything and everything—to that and that alone; even our sadhana [spiritual practice], even that which we hold most precious and most dear to us. So that we’re left empty and naked, and we have nothing and nothing and nothing at all.

K: You said one sentence that was very beautiful: we should remove the idea of the distance between what we are and what we ought to be.

A: Yes, time.

K: Does it exist? You are believing in a thing that does not exist. What makes you feel that time exists when you cannot see it anywhere? At least space you can see, there is a vast expanse. But have you seen time? Yet time conditions the whole world. “Your destiny is in the hands of time,” as they say.
How could you accept such a thing called time which cannot be seen with the eyes. How is it that it cannot be seen? The reason for this also must be known. An existent thing must be seen. People say, “There is no proof that God exists, because he can’t be seen with any available means of experiment or perception.” But have you seen time? And yet you believe in time.

Imagine that you were going to be executed tomorrow. What will you be thinking in your mind today? Your soul will tremble and nobody knows what it will do. Tomorrow you will know.

When you are drowning and there is no hope of survival, the true self comes up and sees what can be done. When you have lost everything and nobody wants to look at your face, you will develop a great strength.

K: Will anybody believe? There is a whole world of illusion, maya, as they call it. Is it true that tomorrow we shall realize the truth?

A: This is the greatest challenge I think for the true seeker: to give up time, to give up the future.

K: There is no such thing as the future. When time is gone, the future also goes. There is eternity. In eternity there is no yesterday and tomorrow, it is just here. And if you believe that God exists and God is eternity, it is impossible to conceive what the state of affairs is. The supreme Absolute is dancing in our hearts and we are closing our eyes to that dance.

The sentences I’ve highlighted in bold are key to the enlightened understanding that time is an illusion. If we can look at this illusion from our spirits then the whole of past, present, and future becomes visible since the spirit lives outside of time and space.
Chapter 12: Exercises to Awaken your Prophetic Abilities

I’ll start this chapter on awakening with some of my own techniques to see the future.

a. Learning to Meditate or Pray Deeply

First, it is key to be able to get in touch with your spirit, and the best way to do that is through learning meditation or deep prayer techniques.

Meditation is the key to developing most spiritual abilities since it allows one to calm down the mind and start to perceive your higher self or spirit. It is this spirit

In Appendix A at the end of this book I’ve listed some of my instructions on learning to meditate.

There are also a couple of books in the Bibliography on techniques to meditate.

Meditation is best learned through an instructor. These days there are many instructors to choose from in the major cities.

b. Visualizing the Future

Once you are in a very relaxed state your consciousness will not be distracted.

The next thing to do is to start visualizing yourself in a future scene as accurately as possible.
When I had the vision described earlier in this book about the surfboard accident I was meditating deeply. While meditating I was going through my mind about places I intended to visit on the vacation trip I was planning later in the summer. While thinking about the beach on Cape Cod and what I might do there like surfing was when I had the vision.

I must have tuned into a major probable event in my life because then I was just there and saw the scene exactly as it later happened—from the viewpoint of being in my own body and the accident happening to me.

c. Checking the Future for Problems

One of the habits I’ve acquired in my life is to look ahead before I take a trip somewhere. I do it so often it has become a habit.

When I had the warnings of danger about buying plane tickets to Spain, I was thinking about the upcoming trip, the flight over there, and what I would do there. The Danger warning I received came as kind of a “dark cloud of death” that gave me a lot of fear whenever I started thinking about buying the plane tickets. I have never had a reaction like that before or since when planning to buy travel tickets.

Another story illustrates what happens when you don’t follow your intuition or haven’t defined it in detail.

We were planning a family trip to Disneyworld for the Spring of 2008. Prior to the trip I did my usual review of what we would be doing. For some reason I had the impression of a black border around Epcot—not a deep dark fatal feeling. Just the feeling that something would go wrong that would be a personal problem.

I should have delved deeper into the things we might do there. Maybe I would have gotten a more specific warning—and saved myself a very uncomfortable day.

When we were there I agreed to take the “Orange Ticket” ride on the Space Ride and became very motion sick. Then I threw up on the ride and had to go to the infirmary for several hours.

This was a situation that could have been avoided if I’d had just a little more forethought and review of the planned activities there.
d. Harold Sherman’s Insights

Harold Sherman was born July 13, 1898 in Traverse City, Michigan and died in 1987.

He was a powerful psychic and wrote many books on the paranormal.

His ideas on foreseeing the future are very similar to the ones I’ve developed over the years.

In the Chapter in his book called “How to Foresee and Control your Future” (19) on seeing the future of others he states the following:

“The technique for sensing what is going to happen to others is to relax, physically and mentally, and to place yourself in feeling attunement with them.

(By this he means to think of them and what the person is about and imagine you are in their head and thinking their thoughts)

Let yourself wonder, sincerely and sympathetically, what you can do to help them. This is the sole reason why you want to concern yourself with their future. Don’t try to impose yourself upon their private lives or to determine knowledge of their innermost thoughts, aspirations, intentions, god or bad for your own personal gain.

If you seek to use your higher powers of mind in this way, to try to influence others for your own selfish purposes, you may get the wrong impressions and arouse mental as well as physical resistance.

Give the right, receptive attitude of mind motivated by love, you will be amazed at how easily and quietly you suddenly know what future
prospects of others are, and what your own future can be or may be, with relation to them.”

With regard to controlling your own future some excerpts are as follows:

“Yes-It is important to keep the mental image of what you want to do or be or have in consciousness. See it in your mind’s eye as though it has already happened. Let the creative power take you from where you are, step by step, to where you want to be. As you fill in part of the picture by actual developments or achievements, concentrate on the parts you have not yet brought into being….Just KNOW that as you continue to put forth earnest sincere efforts towards your goal, that this Higher Power within will be working right along with you”.

It also helps to act out what you are picturing. Harold tells this story:

An article in the editorial section of the Little Rock Gazette for May 26, 1968 regarding the Prime Minister of England Harold Wilson

“When Wilson was a boy of ten—42 years ago—he told his parents his ambition was to be Prime Minister. He posed in cloth cap and short trousers in front of 10 Downing Street, London, the minister’s residence. His election fulfilled the dream.”
e. Learning to Predict Major and World Happenings

There is a vibrational frequency that we can all attune to when looking for what future events may hold.

One technique to focus your perception of future events follows:

- Get into a relaxed meditate state to calm down your thoughts and emotions
- While holding your mind in stillness ask yourself a question like “What is going to happen to me with relation to some situation in which I’m interested or involved.
- Write down your impressions
- Reach down into your mind and tell your subconscious to seek a more specific answer to this query.

An example might be to ask yourself “Is there going to be another large hurricane in New Orleans?” Then wait for impressions in that relaxed state and write them down.

You may need to repeat this activity several times to make sure you aren’t just living your fears or desires.

The objective of this exercise is to connect with your spirit’s insight—for your perception to not be muddied by our daily fears, concerns or desires.
Chapter 13: Using Prophecy in your life

a. Avoiding Accidents

One of the most common ways to use your precognitive abilities are to keep yourself out of danger.

As the numerous examples in this book demonstrate, my life has been saved numerous times by my future time sense.

Making future review of upcoming events a habit in your daily life will pay off big dividends at some point

I always try to imagine myself taking the trip I’m planning, or visualizing how a certain event or activity will go. Not always, but often I get ideas about those events to better plan ahead. Sometimes I also get a warning to not attend or do the activity.

Appendix B contains a list of situations/accidents/potential accidents I survived. They are ranked by

A—Accidents/Potentials which would surely have killed me.
B—Accidents which could likely have killed
C—Accidents which might have killed me

The ability to avoid accidents is a learned one.

Part of the Spiritual development process can be to expand your “time sense” to detect danger before it happens. This can be from a few seconds before a car
goes through and intersection to weeks, months, or years involving major life events.

In my own life I’ve experienced numerous times where I was saved by some “Spiritual Force” from a major accident or death.

Some of my accident avoidance experience clearly had a paranormal or spiritual component.

The one that comes to mind the most is #10 in the table in Appendix B.—my “almost mugged” experience. I would have definitely walked right into the muggers if my body hadn’t sent me this urgent signal that I had to urinate. I just couldn’t go forward. When I tried twice I was stopped each time. Then the muggers came out from behind pillars and started walking towards us. This was when my friend and I took off running and got away.

Learning to use your spiritual senses to avoid trouble and accidents will become more important the older you get.

If you ever have an intuition of “danger” or “something is not right” I suggest you follow it.

Some persons experience pre-cognitive dreams where they dream of a terrible event happening to them or others. Later the event does happen. I remember a few years ago I had five or more dreams over months about different tropical beach resorts. Then the water all receded and later came in as a huge wave. This was all prior to the Indian Ocean Tsunami. The dreams stopped after the event.

Since the future is only a potential, you can make, and persons have made decisions to allow them to avoid the accident they saw and therefore change their own future.
b. Controlling your Future

One of the things you can do with an increased time sense is to actually control your future.

Since the future is a probability, you can affect it in most cases.

I say most cases because there are some world shaking events like major disasters or wars where the “energy” involved in those events is much greater than any one individual is likely to be able to modify.

Here is another example from my life:

I decided a few years ago to build a fallout shelter into the hillside in my backyard.

I kept visualizing it every day as a completed structure. Imagining the design, the walls, how it would be stocked, etc.

As I kept visualizing it my mind poured “energy” into it.

After a couple of weeks of this effort one day it just seemed to me that the “Thought Form” I had created was complete. That the structure would be there and there was no need for further work on it mentally.

The resources and materials did come together and the shelter was finished very quickly.

Now you can be skeptical about this experience, but many writers on the paranormal will testify to the effect of thought forms on events that will happen.

One of the best books I’ve read on this subject is Thought-forms by Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater. (20)
According to them, “Thought Forms” are created by all minds. Some thoughts re-inforce each other, while some are specific to different persons.

The idea here is that the thoughts you have created with your mind have an effect on the future. Your thoughts become the “blueprint” for what will happen—good or bad.

This is not a book on Thought forms but I strongly believe in our thought’s abilities to affect the future.

From a metaphysical perspective, the world we see is an illusion. Much of it is generated out of the collective unconscious of our minds.

Our minds provide the energy and the pattern for the future.

Therefore, our individual thoughts have a major impact on the future.

Doing conscious visualization of the result we would like in some future event will have an effect on that event occurring.

Again, if the event is a major one our individual impact may be minor.

One of Jesus’s quotes from the Bible is relevant here:

Luke 17:5-6 "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied. 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.'"

To have this effect one needs to visualize the outcome already exists—not how to get there.

In other words if you plan to win a baseball game then imagine you have already won it and visualize the scene as clearly as possible. The more times you do it before the event the better.

This whole approach goes along with the concepts that the future is malleable and can change. Also, that in many real ways, the future is an illusion which the mind controls.
Chapter 14: Using Prophecy with Wisdom

What does wisdom have to do with Prophecy you may ask?

First of all, I believe that if one is gifted enough to have or be able to develop the ability to foretell the future, then you have a moral and ethical duty to use this ability for good and productive uses to help our fellow man.

Also, since the future is not fixed, our actions can affect the future for good or ill.

A person who has relatively accurate predictions will gain a lot of credibility with others. This influence can be used constructively, or for selfish gain.

The ability to tell the future is after all based on a connection to one’s spirit.

Being able to help others with their spiritual development should always be a goal for a person who influences others through their predictions.

The ability to do Prophecy is a side effect ability of spiritual development—not an end in itself.

This is something to keep in the forefront of you mind as you become more involved in prophecies, predictions, or divination.

May you be blessed in your future spiritual evolution and use these abilities in a productive and helpful way on your journey.

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Appendix A- A Basic Meditation Technique

Meditation is best learned from a teacher since that process provides regular feedback to help you improve your technique.

However, for those of you who don’t have immediate access to a Teacher, here are some basic steps to starting your own meditation program:

- Set a regular time daily of 30 mins to do your meditation. Some persons like to do it early after they get up, or at a free time later in the day. Should not be just before bedtime because you may fall asleep and not get full benefit from the meditation session.
- Make yourself comfortable. It can be sitting or lying down. You don’t have to do a cross legged sitting position unless you want to.
- Start by closing your eyes and working to relax your body.
- This can be done by going to each portion of your body and telling it to tighten then relax. An example would be: tighten your hand..tight..tight.. then relax. Do this with each portion of your body.
- After your body is fully relaxed then you need to relax your mind.
- You can do this by visualizations such as—my thoughts are slowing down, my thoughts are being released as little balloons. I’m sinking and relaxing like sinking down in peaceful warm water.
- When you get to a very relaxed level you should imagine your Spirit is in no space and no time—to start working towards a level of Stillness. Another way of visualizing this is that you are existing only in the present—no past and no future.
- After practicing this for a couple of weeks you should be able to start relaxing immediately to a fairly deep state.

Again, there are many books on how to meditate and many instructors. This practice takes years to really get to a deep state, but starting now will begin to make a difference in your body’s health.

See the Bibliography for books which might also help with those learning Meditation. (21)

Also, the Holosync CDs can be an aid to learning to meditate quickly without even a well developed technique. (22)
## Appendix B-Potentially Fatal Situations I Survived

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<td>2</td>
<td>Stranger offered me to get in car in front of my house in Painted Post--I refused</td>
<td>1/1/58</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Piece of coal thrown at me hit me in temple--bloody but no permanent injury</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Escaped Car at last minute before it went over side of road and down embankment</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Fell down tree 20-25 feet scraping tree--only had some scratches from nails</td>
<td>7/1/63</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Putting Off pressure can in fire at Boy Scout Camp which exploded-shrapnel everywhere</td>
<td>7/1/69</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Psychic attack by entity on car driving up hill to RPI Sat night--almost lost control and possible psychic damage</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Vision of surfboard accident which I survived--hit me in chin--10 stitches and several sutures</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Sailing in Galveston Bay—sails luffing in breeze in front of freighter moving down channel--turned boat out of way just in time</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Walking to Border in El Paso with Dad on Sunday morning--paranormal warning of muggers who would attack us if we proceeded so turned around</td>
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<td>Major fall down from top of Mammoth in Wipeout Chute--concussion and bruises--others killed in same chute</td>
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<td>Scud running in C172 from No. Ca. through Bakersfield--low clouds could have caused me to run into terrain</td>
<td>9/1/92</td>
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<td>Asked for change by suspicious man after dark with possible gun in hand in front of ATM in Old Torrance</td>
<td>8/1/96</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Premonitions of death several times caused me to not buy tickets and not take connecting flight to Spain which crashed- Swissair crash in Newfoundland</td>
<td>8/1/98</td>
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<td>Car in wreck on way to work in Anaheim</td>
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<td>7/1/03</td>
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<td>Skiing into deep snow got wet legs and became hypothermic at Mount Baldy</td>
<td>1/1/05</td>
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<td>Waited at green on PV DR North-for some reason--car sped through intersection</td>
<td>5/1/06</td>
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