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# 2020 Nostradamus

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(eerie music)

- [Voiceover] Reality Films.

(ominous music)

- [Narrator] His name  
was Michel de Nostredame,  
and he was born in 1503 in  
Saint-Rmy-de-Provence, France.  
He's known better  
as Nostradamus,  
the apothecary and seer  
who published his  
collections of prophecies.  
From the rise of Adolph Hitler  
to the nuclear destruction  
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.  
From the terrorist attacks of  
2001 to the end of the world,  
Nostradamus has  
always been there.

But all of these prophecies  
were discovered after he died,  
after he had written them  
down, and after the events.

- [Voiceover] The day  
of doom is coming!

- [Narrator] Now  
then, his quatrains  
are predicting our  
own immediate future:  
The fall of technology,  
and the almost total destruction  
of mankind as we know it;  
the rise of a huge Islamic  
army led by the antichrist  
that will begin a  
third world war;  
the invasion of the West  
by the Chinese hordes.  
All of these and more  
are being discovered  
in the writings of a man  
from 16th century France.  
Now we are seeing  
the interpretations

of his predictions  
before the events.

**The question is:**

Are we about to witness  
the most cataclysmic era  
in mankind's history?

The world of Nostradamus  
was a world of secrecy.

(bleak music)

He spent years building around  
himself an aura of mystery.

He claimed that the  
danger of his own time  
required that his  
words were written down  
in enigmatic sentences that  
he called cloudy obscurity.

In 1558, a text stated  
about Nostradamus

**that he was:**

brainless and lunatic idiot  
"who is shouting  
nonsense and publishing  
"his prognostications and  
fantasies on the streets."

The astrologer Laurens  
Videl wrote in his

"Declaration of the  
Abuses, Ignorances

"and Seditious of  
Michel Nostradamus"

that, "If I wanted to  
recite all the ignorances,  
"errors and idiocies that  
you have been putting  
"in your works for the  
last four or five years,  
"it would need a  
pretty big book."

Ever since the publication  
of his first book in 1555,  
it has almost never

been out of print.

It is said he predicted  
worldwide events,  
births, catastrophes,  
and even world wars.

(gunfire)

Most academics say that any  
associations with real events  
and the prophecies of  
this 16th century man  
are purely coincidental,  
mistranslations,  
or are so thin as it takes  
nothing to make them snap.

(emotional music)

But is this the truth?

As we are now well  
into the 21st century,  
could there be prophecies  
that have new meaning?

Could there be a new  
science to explain  
just how Nostradamus  
predicted the future?

Indeed, there are  
predictions that he made  
and which are fast approaching.

Better now to know  
the truth before.

(severe music)

We will begin by taking  
a look at his life.

Michel de Nostredame was one  
of at least nine children  
of the notary Jaume de  
Nostredame and Reynire,  
the granddaughter of a  
physician in Saint-Remy.

His father's family  
had been Jewish  
but had converted to Catholicism  
and taken the surname  
Nostredame, meaning 'our lady'.  
There is very little known

about the childhood  
of Nostradamus.  
We know that at the age of 15  
he entered the  
University of Avignon,  
stayed there for one year,  
and then was forced to leave  
when the plague broke out  
and the university  
closed its doors.  
According to the  
accounts of Nostradamus,  
he then proceeded to travel  
the countryside for eight years  
as he researched  
herbal remedies.  
He then entered the  
University of Montpellier  
to study medicine.  
He was then expelled for  
practicing apothecary  
and slandering other doctors.  
The actual document  
still exists.  
And so, even though  
his publishers would  
call him doctor,  
the truth is that  
he never made it.  
He continued life  
as an apothecary,  
and became widely known for  
his invention, the rose pill,  
which apparently protected  
against the plague.  
By 1531, he was so well known  
that a leading man  
of the Renaissance  
invited him to Agen, where he  
married and had two children.  
(somber music)  
His new wife and children  
died in 1534 from the plague,  
his rose pill presumably

being of no use.  
He then traveled again  
across France and into Italy.  
In 1545, he then  
returned to France  
and became the assistant  
of a famous physician  
in his fight against the  
plague in Marseilles.  
He then moved on to his home  
town and region to do the same.  
In 1547, he finally settled  
down in Salon-de-Provence,  
married a rich widow  
named Ann Ponsarde,  
and had three sons  
and three daughters.  
After a visit to Italy,  
Nostradamus decided to  
move away from medicine,  
and steered himself  
towards the occult world.  
He wrote an almanac in 1550,  
and this is the  
first time his name  
becomes Nostradamus  
and not Nostredame.  
It was a success, and so  
he decided to continue.  
In total, he wrote  
over 6,000 prophecies.  
Soon he was coming to the  
attention of the nobility  
who began ordering  
their horoscopes  
and asking for psychic advice.  
He then proceeded to do  
something very strange:  
he would write a book  
containing 1,000 quatrains  
of undated prophecies.  
These are the prophecies he  
is now known for worldwide.  
And it is because

these are undated  
that they remain open  
to interpretation  
in every generation.  
(insidious music)  
He believed what he was doing  
was against the religious  
rules of the day,  
and so he obscured  
what he was doing.  
He mixed the languages,  
using Greek, Latin,  
Italian and Provencal,  
and used word games.  
In truth, he would have  
had to have practiced magic  
to upset the Inquisition;  
prophecy and astrology  
were permitted.  
His book, The Prophecies,  
had a mixed reception.  
Some believed he was  
a servant of Satan.  
Others believed  
him to be insane.  
But others thought  
him enlightened.  
Many of these were from elite  
families, such as the Medicis.  
Catherine de Medici  
summoned him to Paris  
after she read about his omen  
of threats to the  
royal families.  
(gentle music)  
She had him draw up  
horoscopes for her family.  
She made him councilor,  
and physician to her son,  
who would be Charles  
IX of France.  
Nostradamus suffered from  
gout, a type of arthritis,  
and in 1566 it was making

movement problematic.

In June of that year, he  
was drawing up his will.

By July the 1st, he  
told his secretary,  
"You will not find  
me alive at sunrise."

The following morning,  
he was found dead.

It seemed this was one  
prophecy he did get right.

But the man left behind  
a vast volume of work,  
and it is to these prophecies  
that we now must turn.

(contented music)

There are many problems  
with the works.

Firstly, the typesetting or  
printing in those early days  
was done by word of mouth, and  
so each no edition different.

We cannot assume  
that the spelling,  
of words for instance,  
contain codes.

Since his death, there  
have been over 200 editions  
of his prophecies, and they  
remain as popular today  
as they were in  
his own lifetime.

It has always been an easy task  
to take the vague,  
undated ramblings  
and associate them with any  
particular period in time.

He produced his  
works, he claimed, on  
astrological judgment,  
or the possibility of events  
such as births and coronations.

(insidious music)

There is evidence,



however, that he stole  
and adapted collections  
of ancient prophecies,  
making them relevant  
to his own time.  
It is fact that he stole  
from Livy, Plutarch,  
Suetonius and more, and  
much of it word for word.  
Today we would call  
this plagiarism,  
but in the 16th  
century it was common.  
There is, in fact, a method of  
prophecy called bibliomancy,  
and it is believed  
he practiced this.  
All you do is randomly  
select a book,  
and whichever page it falls  
open on gives you your prophecy.  
It's all very scientific.  
In fact, Nostradamus refused  
to call himself a prophet.  
He wrote, "Although, my son,  
"I have used the word prophet,  
"I would not attribute to myself  
"a title of such  
lofty sublimity."  
And again, "Not that I  
would attribute to myself  
"either the name or  
role of prophet."  
His book was entitled "The  
Prophecies by Nostradamus,"  
not "The Prophecies  
of Nostradamus."  
We do not know the specific  
methods Nostradamus used  
when writing his  
prophecies down.  
It is believed he did tell us  
that he used flame and water  
gazing to enter trance,

but nobody is completely sure.  
He did say that he emptied  
his soul, mind and heart  
of all care, worry and unease  
through mental calm  
and tranquility.

The majority of his prophecies  
speak of catastrophes;  
earthquakes, wars, floods,  
plagues, murders and more.  
All are undated.

Some deal in generalities  
and others in specifics  
and particular people.

There is a major theme, and one  
that has been taken up today  
by many believers: the  
impending nightmare  
of a Muslim invasion of Europe.

They would follow the  
antichrist himself.

This, as today, was simply  
a mirror of current events.

In the days of Nostradamus,  
the powerful Ottoman Empire  
was a constant threat,  
and many believed  
they would soon invade.

(anxious music)

It is this doom that could bring  
about the end of the world.

It was a popular theme, and  
even Christopher Columbus  
published a collection  
of such prophecies.

So what is it that Nostradamus  
supposedly predicted?

Why has it become so infamous  
to the greatest of prophets?

In fact, these are difficult  
questions to answer,

because so many people

have credited Nostradamus

with having predicted events

by looking back with hindsight  
and assuming that what he wrote  
actually meant that  
particular event.

The great fire of London  
is one of the big disasters  
he supposedly predicted.

The rise of Adolph  
Hitler is another.

In fact, even the  
attack on New York  
on September the 11th  
has been claimed.

(somber music)

The famous skeptic, James  
Randy, said that Nostradamus  
suffered from modern day  
manufactured reputation,  
his words being fitted to events  
that have already occurred  
or are so close that they  
are predictable anyway.

The truth of the  
matter is simple:

absolutely no prophecy  
written by Nostradamus  
has been interpreted and  
proven to have predicted  
a specific event before  
it became reality,  
even those with dates.

Even the false claim  
that Nostradamus  
said the world would end  
in 2012 is not only untrue  
but never came true and  
wasn't even said by him.  
Of course, it could be  
that none of his prophecies  
have yet to come true,  
and we're all waiting  
around for it to happen.

(mysterious music)

A simple search of the

hundreds of websites and books  
dealing with his prophecies  
reveals one thing:  
that the words were so vague  
that almost anything  
can be claimed.  
If they were specific and clear,  
then all the websites  
and books would agree.  
The truth is they don't;  
they differ wildly,  
and they do so because everybody  
has a different ax to grind.  
There are some major events  
that are agreed upon, though:  
the birth of Hitler,  
the rise of Napoleon,  
the French Revolution,  
the world wars,  
and even the nuclear destruction  
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.  
- [Voiceover] The day  
of doom is coming!  
Your blood will turn white!  
Your face will turn green!  
Your eyeballs will pop ...  
with pressure!  
Because our doomsday  
show is the living end!  
- [Narrator] The problem  
is when the academics  
started to get  
involved in the 1980s,  
they discovered that  
none of the actual  
documentary evidence backed  
up any of these claims.  
They had, in fact, been  
taken from commentaries  
on Nostradamus by other people  
and not the actual words  
of the man himself.  
(solemn music)  
Even the prediction of

the death of Henry II,  
an event widely claimed  
to have been predicted  
by Nostradamus was  
in fact not true;  
It didn't appear in  
print until 55 years  
after the king's death.  
The academics discovered  
that the English translations  
were so bad that  
they were worthless.  
(mysterious music)  
They did not take into  
account 16th century French,  
and twisted the words to  
fit contemporary events.  
None of the English translations  
were based on the  
original source material.  
It was, in fact,  
a complete mess.  
The question now is

**this:**

that has been claimed  
for Nostradamus so far  
has been hogwash,  
then could it be  
that everybody is looking  
in the wrong direction,  
that there are predictions  
about our relatively near future  
that he made that  
will come true?  
(optimistic music)  
Let's have a look at some  
of the current theories  
and interpretations.  
One of the really big things  
that grabs the attention  
of the world right  
now is Russia.  
It is stated that Nostradamus

wrote a lot about Russia,  
that Russia was even good,  
and that events in Russia  
will one day affect  
the entire globe.  
Russia, he said, will be  
weak in the new century  
compared with the West.  
Well, in the 20th century  
this turned out to be true.  
Russia will have a  
choice, to join the West  
or to stick to its ideology.  
By 2018, it is claimed,  
Nostradamus said  
that Russia will unite  
under "his" rule,  
whoever "he" is.  
There will be a third world  
war from 2018 to 2020,  
and Russia will capture Europe.  
(gunfire)  
China will capture the whole  
of Asia, apart from India.  
By 2025, Russia will  
be completely renewed  
and then the messiah will rise,  
bringing together the  
religions of the world.  
Well, that's what they say.  
It's not too far off,  
so we should know soon.  
Of course, the other  
great threatening element  
of our modern  
times is terrorism,  
and specifically  
Islamic terrorism.  
There is a lot of  
chatter on the internet  
about how Nostradamus had  
already predicted this.  
(bleak music)  
Here's how it goes:

in century two, quatrain  
30, Nostradamus wrote:  
"One who the infernal  
gods of Hannibal  
"will cause to be reborn,  
terror of mankind.  
"Never more horror  
no worse of days  
"in the past than will come  
to the Romans through Babel."

Well, Hannibal isn't  
around anymore,  
and wasn't when  
Nostradamus wrote this,  
so he must have meant somebody  
else, somebody like Hannibal.  
While Hannibal was  
obviously an enemy of Rome  
and spent most of his  
life fighting them,  
his gods will cause  
him to be reborn  
and he will be a  
terror of mankind.

(euphoric music)

With our modern eyes we can now  
see this slight differently.  
Hannibal attacked Rome,  
so it has to be somebody  
who doesn't like Christianity,  
the mother church  
of which is in Rome.  
Hannibal originally lived in  
what is now known as Tunisia,  
a Muslim state that rests neatly  
between Libya and Algeria.  
So this new Hannibal  
will be a Muslim.  
According to the chatter,  
this quatrain speaks  
of the birth of  
an Islamic nation  
that will terrorize the world.  
Well, we have one of

those, and we call it ISIS,  
which strangely is the name of  
one of the old gods of Egypt.

(bleak music)

ISIS is a self-proclaimed nation  
that is the terror of mankind.

This terror appears  
to come through Babel.

This was a city in the  
country we now call Iraq,  
a place where ISIS  
is currently strong.

So ISIS, the new Hannibal,  
will come through Iraq  
and terrorize the  
Christians of the world.

Now we can truly see how easy  
it is, in almost any age,  
to create something  
out of almost nothing.

(ethereal music)

Of course, world events  
are not so good right now:  
there is terrorism and unrest;  
jostling between

Russia and the West  
is constantly in the news.

But the truth is that at  
no point in human history  
has it been any different.

Yes, immigrants are  
piling into Europe  
from the wars in  
the Middle East.

And yes, among  
them are terrorists  
hellbent on destroying this  
thing we loosely call democracy,  
and bringing about  
one world for Allah.

But nowhere does  
Nostradamus predict  
any of this specifically,  
and what he did say



could easily have been  
used in any century.  
Before the first world war,  
the so-called Muslim hordes  
followed the Mahdi  
and were rising again.  
They murdered  
Gordon of Khartoum,  
who was there to stop them.  
After the end of that episode,  
many then followed  
Lawrence of Arabia  
in the First World War.  
Was he the antichrist too?  
(emotional music)  
So what else is supposedly  
predicted by Nostradamus,  
and what truth is there?  
This is one of his quatrains,  
as has been manipulated

**a great deal:**

"Volcanic fire from  
the center of the earth  
"will cause trembling  
around the new city  
"Two great rocks will  
make war for a long time.  
"Then Arethusa will  
redden a new river."

This is the quatrain  
used and abused  
to prove that  
Nostradamus predicted  
the terrorist attacks  
on September the 11th.

(ominous music)

The words themselves are  
often twisted and changed.  
In fact, some even pop  
the city New York in there  
for good measure.  
The text mentions no  
New York or terrorists.

What they say is that two  
great rocks were the two planes  
that crashed into the World  
Trade towers; a bit thin.  
Arethusa, who will  
redden the new river,  
is in fact a nymph  
from mythology  
who changed into a fountain.  
Any well-read person of the  
time would have known this.  
Whatever he meant  
when he wrote this  
is unknown, of course,  
but filling in the gaps  
and changing the text  
is not scientific.  
Of course, one of the  
most famous quatrains  
is the one about Hitler.  
Here's how it goes:  
"In the place very near,  
not far from Venice,  
"the two greatest ones  
of Asia and of Africa  
"from the Rhine and Hister  
they will be said to have come.  
"Cries, tears at Malta,  
and the Liburian side."  
Hister, apparently, is Hitler.  
And it is claimed this quatrain  
is about a meeting of  
Hitler and Mussolini.  
Now, that takes some  
serious twisting.  
(somber music)  
Hister is in fact a term  
used widely at the time  
for the river Danube;  
hence, the Rhine and  
Danube, or Hister.  
Again, whatever else this all  
means is mere speculation.  
Another man from history

that is said to appear  
in the prophecies of  
Nostradamus is Louis Pasteur.

Here's the verse:

"Lost, found, hidden  
for so long a time,  
"the pastor will be  
honored as a demigod;  
"before the moon  
finishes its full period  
"he will be dishonored  
by other winds."

Apparently this is about  
the coming of Louis Pasteur  
and his work with microbes.  
It says nothing of the kind.

In fact, a pastor is  
simply a religious leader.

And then there is  
the famous prediction  
that Henry II of  
France would die:

"The young lion will  
overcome the old one  
"on the field of battle  
in single combat:

"He will put out his  
eyes in a cage of gold:

"Two fleets one, then  
to die a cruel death."

(whispering)

Four years later, Henry  
was in fact killed  
from a lance in the eye at a  
match with Captain Montgomery.

It was not on the field of  
battle, but instead at a party.

Today, people say  
that this prophecy  
made Nostradamus famous.

This is a blatant  
historical lie.

The prophecy itself  
was not even known

until 50 years after his death,  
when it was first  
published posthumously.

(otherworldly music)

We have to understand  
people do lie, often.  
Another one of those prophecies  
that is held up by  
believers as proven  
is the concept that Nostradamus  
predicted World War II  
and the arrival of  
the atomic bomb.

(whispering)

Here's what he supposedly said:

"Near the gates and  
within the cities  
"there will be two scourges  
"the like of which  
was never seen;  
"famine within plague,  
people put out by steel,"  
"crying to the great  
immortal God for relief."

(whispering)

A lot of interpretations  
get this completely wrong.

Firstly, they state the  
French word "portis"  
is seaport; in fact, it  
means gate or doorway.

(twinkling electronic music)

So the location of a  
seaport is totally wrong.  
In fact, all this quatrain does  
is explain the  
terrors of the plague  
that we already know had  
spread across Europe.

This is not a nuclear attack.  
The sentence "people put out  
by steel" is mistranslated.  
It really meant some kind  
of Medieval weaponry.

It is almost beyond  
comprehension  
that such a quatrain could  
be twisted and turned  
to mean World War II  
and nuclear explosions.  
Nostradamus apparently  
also predicted  
the great fire of London.  
Here's what he said:  
"The blood of the just will  
commit a fault at London,  
"burnt through lightning  
of 23 to the six:  
"The ancient lady will  
fall from her high place,  
"several of the same  
sect will be killed."  
"The blood of the just  
will commit a fault;"  
well, the just are either the  
religious or royal leaders,  
and yet the fire was started  
by an ordinary person  
as far as his name,  
and it is speculated  
that it was in a bakery.  
It is claimed that 23 sixes  
somehow works out  
to the date 1666;  
and yet, any schoolkid will  
tell you 23 sixes is 138,  
which could mean  
almost anything,  
such as a psalm in the bible.  
(intense music)  
The ancient lady falling  
from her high place  
is simple enough: London  
was the ancient lady.  
It is some kind of  
prediction that royal  
or religious leaders of  
London will bring it down,

and some of their own  
kind brought down with it.  
Well, that had already  
happened several times.  
And in an age that  
just witnessed the  
monarch Henry VIII,  
there is no wonder as it  
would be a common idea.  
It is also said that  
Nostradamus predicted  
the 17th century  
ruler Oliver Cromwell,  
the man who would lead  
the armies of parliament  
in a civil war against the  
royal houses of England  
and bring about a  
period of a republic.  
This is the quatrain  
the believers quote.  
Remember that England had  
suffered many monarchs  
who were brutal,  
and would again.  
"More of a butcher  
than a king in England,  
"born of obscure rank will  
gain empire through force.  
"Coward without faith, without  
law he will bleed the land:  
"His time approaches  
so close that I sigh."  
(dramatic music)  
(gunfire)  
Firstly, Cromwell, for all  
his faults, was no coward.  
He was not without faith;  
in fact, he was  
extremely religious.  
He was not of obscure  
rank, because he was born  
from landed gentry; so  
basically, the description

of the man himself is  
miles off the mark.  
The next quatrain is claimed  
to have been a prophecy  
about the children of  
Henry II of France:  
"The seven children  
left in hostage,  
"the third will come  
to slaughter his child:  
"Because of his son two will  
be pierced by the point,  
"Genoa, Florence, he will  
come to confuse them."  
This one couldn't be more wrong.  
Henry had 13  
children, not seven,  
and only one of them  
died an unnatural death;  
so, completely wrong there then.  
(bleak music)

The problem with the  
prophecies of Nostradamus  
is that they are so  
vague and undated  
that they can be twisted  
to mean almost  
anything at any time.  
They are like scattering the  
pieces of a jigsaw puzzle  
that never made a picture  
in the first place.  
You cannot put the  
pieces together.  
It is not a complex  
puzzle; it never was.  
Do not look for insights into  
the future of mankind here,  
for all you will find  
are the occult ramblings  
from a bygone age that made  
little sense even then.  
(celestial music)  
There is no code, cipher,

algorithm or hidden secret.  
Most of the interpretations  
that are out there  
are biased by the  
individual creating them.  
This can be for numerous

**reasons:**

conspiracy theorist,  
doomsayers, end-of-the-worlders,  
and even alien hunters.

Nostradamus was financially  
supported by Catherine  
de Medici, and he wrote  
numerous verses for her.

Some of these predicted the  
downfall of Queen Elizabeth I  
of England, and even  
this didn't come true.

She was one of the  
longest-serving monarchs  
England ever had.

In his own time,  
Nostradamus became a legend  
because he spoke of  
disaster, death and disease,  
and almost gave a  
sense of fate to it.

(severe music)

For if it were known  
that these things  
were to come to pass,  
then that implied a plan,  
and a plan implies  
a divine wisdom.

There would be hope  
from these words.

The people across  
Europe were suffering  
from plague, fire and  
war; they needed hope.

We cannot technically say  
that he was a conman or hoaxer  
because astrology and



soothsaying was popular  
and highly regarded in its day,  
and he may well have believed  
in his own ramblings himself.  
The real error, and  
even deception, comes  
after his death,  
when his words were, and are,  
used for various agendas.  
The language Nostradamus used  
was mainly an ancient form  
of French, and with the  
ambiguity he created  
it makes it doubly difficult  
to find any real truth.  
He has been credited  
with predicting  
the great fire of London,  
the end of the world,  
the rise of Hitler, the  
Iranian revolution of 1979,  
various terrorist  
attacks, World War II,  
and even an invasion of aliens.  
All of which were  
only ever stated  
many years after his death,  
apart from the aliens.  
Not once has a  
prophecy of Nostradamus  
been accurately predicted  
before the event.  
Nobody has ever said  
"Nostradamus will say  
"this will happen tomorrow,"  
and be proven correct.  
(ominous music)  
Nostradamus has been  
used, and not always  
by psychologically  
challenged individuals  
posting blogs on the internet.  
During World War II, the  
Nazis spread the propaganda

that he had predicted  
the rise of Hitler.  
This is where that  
particular lie arose.  
The Allies retaliated  
by saying Nostradamus  
predicted the fall of Hitler.  
The world is full of lies.  
The real truth,  
behind all of this,  
is much more sinister.  
While stupid humans  
are running around  
wondering what the  
regurgitated ramblings  
of a 16th century  
occultist apothecary  
are really all about,  
their eyes are diverted  
from what is really  
happening in the world.  
As we sit and watch the  
bullshit we are fed,  
we don't question the reality.  
Nostradamus was a  
man of his time.  
The world of the occult  
gave answers to questions  
they were not  
equipped to answer,  
questions that science  
today has answers for.  
Medicine, religion,  
the occult and science  
were all one in those days.  
Today we have divided them,  
because science and medicine  
have deducted religion and  
the occult from the equation,  
using hard, very  
viable, evidence.  
Religion and the occult  
have never been able  
to provide hard

evidence for anything,  
as we can see with the so-called  
prophecies of Nostradamus.

And yet, we still  
want to believe.

And because we want to believe,  
the people in power and  
authority will allow us to  
and will use that  
energy against us.

Do not search the internet for  
the truth about Nostradamus,  
for what you will find are  
the unscientific ramblings  
of people with  
their own agendas.

(hectic music)

There are almost no unbiased  
references to his work.

It is like abstract painting;  
it can be so obscure,  
that the viewer can  
see almost anything  
he or she wishes to see.

We no longer have the excuse  
of living in an  
age of uncertainty,  
because we know that the  
future cannot be seen,  
just as we can no  
longer revisit the past.

If it were possible,  
then science would  
be able to prove it.

A ball drops because of gravity.  
We can predict that with  
mathematic equations,  
and then prove it in  
laboratory conditions.

Under no circumstances do any  
of the Nostradamus predictions  
meet modern  
scientific standards.

(bleak music)

Neither do the claims of  
religions, psychics, mediums  
and a whole host of  
other unverifiable ideas.  
They exist only in the mind  
until they can be proven  
in the real, physical world.  
The problem is that evolution  
has given us a brain  
that wishes to connect the dots,  
to see a face in the  
cloud where there is none.  
And when we read an enigmatic  
quatrain from Nostradamus  
we endeavor to make sense  
of it, to join the dots.  
And we all do this  
in our own era,  
with our own knowledge  
of the world,  
and make sense of the words  
from our own perspective.  
It is therefore time to stop  
believing in such things  
and to stop being the  
pawns of the power brokers,  
to judge when best to  
join dots and when not to.  
There is no face in this  
cloud; it is just a cloud.  
(dramatic music)