

PROPHECY IS NOT PREDICTION, BY LORI TOYE & PROPHECY OR PREDICTION BY LENARD TOYE EXPLORES THE VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHIC PHENOMENON. THIS IS A FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING TO UNDERSTAND THE I AM AMERICA EARTH CHANGES PROPHECIES.



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Prophecy Is Not Prediction

by Lori Toye

I recently read about Hindu culture and when a teacher wants to place the emphasis on an important point, the information is repeated three times. I imagine this is done so the student will never forget that the message, hopefully, is forever imbedded in the student's memory. With this intention, I'll make this statement. "Prophecy is not prediction. Prophecy is not prediction. Prophecy is not prediction." Now that we have that out of the way, you're probably asking, "Why?" The fact of the matter is that our Western culture does not and maybe has never understood this.

When examining Western culture from a spiritual perspective, one easily leaps to the apparent conclusion with the vast array of cellular phones, luxury cars, gourmet frozen meals and ATMs on every street corner, that we are, indeed, a material society. You cannot deny that the "toys" and "stuff" that embody and measure the success and comfort of one living in this world can and does stop spiritual growth and evolution. But, it is not our obsession with materiality that is blocking the view. Instead, it is our mind. It is the way that we see things. The Masters call it "The Point Of Perception."

The metaphor is as ancient as the story of the three blind men hanging onto the elephant. Since each was in a different position, the three experiences of the elephant by the blind men were entirely different. So, when you are dealing with something as dramatic and looming as Earth Changes Prophecy, you can bet it will be hung onto in many different ways. My experiences with this have been very interesting.

When people first encounter an I AM America map, they either love it or hate it. Those who love it feel hopeful and happy that a new time is coming. Those who hate it simply don't believe it, and sometimes point out that the map is



geographically impossible. Quite honestly, I have learned over time that it is not a matter of loving or hating the map. Or, what is possible or impossible. The map is a powerful metaphor of spiritual teachings, which releases the purifying, redemptive and transformative results of prophecy, and that, while subtle, is extremely important.



So why is this important point concerning prophecy so often missed? Again the Masters state it is our current, "Point Of Perception." Western culture is extremely literal. Aside from the fact of our over-identification with what we can only touch, see, smell or hear, if we don't have scientific, empirical evidence-facts, forget it. It doesn't exist.



So why even deal with prophecy? If you can't take it and make it into a date, a time, a correlation, a fact, a possible prediction, what good is it? Oh, we're missing so much!



As I stated, prophecy is experiential. Throughout the years I've witnessed many people experiencing the tempering spiritual fires of prophecy. And also their fear and anxiety - coping with the idea of the loss of anything or anyone close to them. Native Americans encourage this process - the letting go of the unessential as purification. The visions and dreams of their prophets were the signals to do so and through this process their culture, their way of life and their connectedness to Mother Earth was restored.



Eastern Indian Rishis heard the voice of the unconscious and their position in their community was considered invaluable. Prince Siddhartha, who later became known as the Buddha, denied the voice that prodded him, "Go back to the pleasures



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you have left behind". He declared that the middle way was the only way that one could be redeemed from illusion and experience unity. The Hopis say that humanity must "Walk in balance," and this is the only thing that will prevent the world from experiencing calamity.



We westerners are fortunate to have one well-known body of spiritual teaching that could be classified as prophecy, the Book of Revelations. When I was a little girl growing up in rural Idaho we would listen to the radio every morning during breakfast. There was a program that came on before the news called, "The Voice of Prophecy." It was very evangelical and even my mother, who loves Christianity and is a devoted Lutheran would roll her eyes when the show's song, which sounded much like a Sousa March sung by a Mitch Miller barber shop trio began, "Ring out the trumpet, and long live the King! Jesus is coming again. . ." None of us ever believed it.



As a little girl in Sunday school, I liked the idea that someday heaven on earth would come. But why did we have to fight the battle of Armageddon to achieve this? Today, through the help and example of our Native American and Eastern brothers and sisters I can see that prophecy helps us to address the spiritual battle that is often waged only within ourselves, the birth of our conscience and the redemptive power of choice. Prophecy is truly the balance that blends human fate with free will. Again, the Master teachers call this a "Point Of Perception."



Prophecy is not prediction! One quick and easy way to tell the difference between the two is that prophecy always gives a way out or a solution, of what to do to avoid catastrophe. It's like the option clause in the business contract that allows you to reconsider a major purchase after 24 hours; the door that miraculously opens in the eleventh hour; the inner voice that tells you to turn left instead of right on your way home avoiding a traffic accident. Its end result is not fated, instead, if the urgings and promptings of prophecy are heeded, the results are transformation. So don't get hung up on dates, earthquakes, shifting plates and volcanic explosions- that's just the drama of the story to get you to change. This is so that you won't forget it and it is imbedded in your memory. Get the point?



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Maybe in the greater dreams of the New Times, Eastern and Western cultures will blend as one and the child of this unity will bring just enough comfort to ease suffering and pain, yet such material harmony will never divert our minds and hearts from the true spiritual way. And maybe, someday in the future, prophets will live and be respected in all communities as listeners to the voice that can keep us out of harm's way and direct us to the path of healing. An early Buddhist writing attributed to Buddha says, "As a bee collects nectar, and departs without injuring the flower, or its color or scent, so let a sage dwell in his village." I smile at the thought that this sage also repeats to his students no less than three times "Prophecy is not prediction. Prophecy is not prediction. Prophecy is not prediction."

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Prophecy Or Prediction?

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Prophecy is always a spiritual teaching given in enough time to make changes in a culture to avert cataclysm. Prediction is the child of prophecy. It attempts to harness the power of prophecy and give it a diluted focus. The Diluted focus usually equates to dates and degree of preparedness and how do we save ourselves from the ravages of nature. The only time we experience the ravages of nature is when we ignore the laws of nature.



Prediction does not make the world a better place. Many people ask when is this going to happen? Well it already is happening all over the planet in the form of pollution, global warming, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and much more. Prediction tries to place time limits on the collective consciousness and the life experience of the planet and the people.

The Work of I AM America, (Lori and myself) is not prediction - it is prophecy. You see Prophecy is saying, "Make changes now in yourself and your heart. A change of heart will change the world," is a usable idea we can all live with. A change in your heart is your responsibility, not someone else. You are the master of your life and destiny. Look at the idea of dates. If I give you a date of February 1999 - what will you do? You will fall into three categories: 1) You will be afraid and do nothing. The fear will grip you and you will make no personal changes because you will see it as hopeless. 2) You will wait and see if the date is correct. In this scenario you will also do nothing to improve the your life or the world you live in. You will have a "prove it to me" attitude. 3) You will ignore the whole thing and think, " What a crackpot!"



In all three scenarios no action is taken. So what is the use of the date? It never motivated you to change or improve the world, so the earth changes prophecy comes true. The true work of prophecy becomes fruitless.



Real success comes when we change ourselves and develop new non-polluting forms of energy and an active social perception based on cooperation. Then the danger of destroying ourselves is over and the maps do not come to pass. If I give you a date of 2190, likely you will still not take action. It is left to another generation to fix. The problems become worse and the earth changes become a reality. You see, dates are useless and are only for attention getting. Unfortunately prediction does not instigate global change or the betterment of Humanity.



Prophecy is given to motivate each and every one of our lives for the better. At the current rate of social disharmony and environmental devastation on the planet we could create the Earth Changes Maps as a reality and then there will be no turning back. If this becomes a reality you will probably have fewer than 5,000 people survive on the planet. Are you now motivated to change? Do you see the value of self-improvement in your attitude and actions toward yourself, Mother Earth and the Global Family?



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Do not point the finger at someone else, look in the mirror and start there. If you do not look at yourself and take stock you will not get the point of the prophecies of I AM America. You and the planet are one; you and I are one with everyone. We are all unknowingly creating earth changes on this planet. We are creating the earth changes through the way we treat each other and the environment. The I AM America maps are saying wake up and change. Yes wake up and smell the earth changes. The time is to act? We are all steeped in competition, greed, me first, etc. etc. etc. Cooperation is the starting point for change. When was the last time you cooperated with yourself? When was the last time you liked yourself? When was the last time you accepted yourself and decided to take action to change the things you knew needed attention? Consider that you are not being told you are wrong or bad. Consider that you are being informed that the choices our ancestors have made and the ones we are making now are disrupting the laws of nature. This will result in the global warming changing life, as we know it forever. Are you sure you want to proceed on this course? The idea that prophecy can exist in the present times is hard for most people to accept. We have all been exposed to some form of organized religion and we either embraced some form of spiritual expression or we rejected some form of the idea. Most who accept a higher power as a given in their lives find it difficult to accept there could be a present day prophets that are warning people of the world. Let us consider that we evolve technologically, socially and politically, we also evolve spiritually. Can anyone deny that the mysteries of creation now have a different light shed on them as we develop technologically? Could our personal spiritual experiences also change in the wave of our own evolution? Could the way we organize this spiritual experience into a religious practice change with the passing of time?



If we consider history, past civilizations have changed and so have the beliefs that shaped these cultures. The Sacred beliefs of today are the superstitions of tomorrow. We have already found this to be true with past civilizations. Why would we be any different? There are no exceptions for any society, government, business, religious system, or class of people. The probability of these changes occurring is certain with the path our global society is traveling. We have a choice of either coming together to harmoniously resolve our differences and clean up the environment, or the planet will change for us. The only constant is change.

It is most certain that cultures ignore their Prophets. Let us consider the state of Israel. This culture is the best known for having Prophets and prophecies. Where is this culture now? Well there is no lasting peace with their neighbors. The country is in fact on international welfare from the United States and many of their people are scattered over the world, while others of the world have anti Semitic feelings. We may ask ourselves did these people of the past embrace the prophecies? Look how it is today.

Consider the Native Americans and the Iroquois Nations. These people were given the prophecies to make peace with all the tribes. We know this did not happen. Tribal fighting and massive numbers of Europeans overcame these tribes. If there had been tribal peace would the Europeans been repelled? Would the world be very different than today? We can only speculate for now and have a look at the effects of prophecy on people of the past. Will we learn from example, or will the I AM America Maps become the reality of the future? The successful Prophet is the one whose prophecies do not come to pass. It has never been our desire to be right, only to inform you. We have the choice and the power to change the direction the world is going. It is our hope the world will change for the best.



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work is truly
complete when the
events that are
prophesied never
occur. If they do
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those who had the
“eyes to see” and
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made the choice to
heal and transform
their lives.
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So inevitably, a
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