

2010, the first decade of the millennium is at its end!

The planet is still living in fear of terrorist acts or worse yet, a nuclear terrorist attack from an unknown entity who claims no land to fight for.

These terrorist tribes, of which there are many, are in favor of very little but opposed to any organized society that is free to build, educate, invent and expand mankind's' continued evolution as a species.

The world really knows little about the anger persons who make up these tribes that are from every continent and every walk of life. Yet, they are our sons, daughters, fathers and mothers; the kid down the street, the soldier in the barracks. We know not who and where they are; yet we have successfully thwarted their quest of extinction of all which we represent. They are avowed to destroy everything which is around them; including them. The glue that holds these tribes together has little stick, but yet it carries and walks with the sound of an army and the force of might. But, they are; just one; maybe two; perhaps a few; who rule our every aspect of societal decorum and everyday freedoms to come and go, live or die.

They, themselves, actually share little in common with each other besides anger and a devout willingness to destroy anything and everything, including themselves, for a revolution with no real purpose beyond the fear and hate manifested in their hearts and made real in their brains.

90% of the last decade has been sacrificed to dealing with this element of our society and its impact on the economies of the world, travel, and currencies...all things which walk the face of our planet blue.

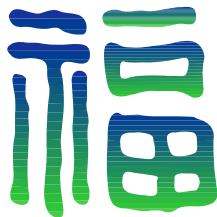
45% of our planet is aging quickly in both infrastructure and human assets. Yet, in the other 55% vibrant new infrastructures abound; highly educated and young populations with allegiances to the future thrive and are not carrying or caring for the fears of the past.

Our world's societies are making some form of normalcy amongst this chaos and reshaping everything from trade corridors to currencies to world mores. A new ethics is on the rise, one purer than any legacy known to date. Not based on morals but on choices.

The decade just ahead, our *pathway to the future*, is being shaped with every breath we take in our personal countdowns toward our own evolutionary extinction.

But a Phoenix is on the horizon that has no boundaries, ecumenical in global reach that is beyond anything mankind has experienced back to the darkness of the caves.

First, we need recap our year, 2010, the close of decade one of the 21st millennium AD.



2010 Predicted vs. Actual....

...time will see itself unified within the next 12 months. Twenty-ten...not two thousand ten, will present to us, the people of earth, challenges the likes we have never seen. This does not mean we will see one common world government or that global difference will cease to exist. It means a common threat will be met with a united process.

Correct – The world is closer to a common 'green' environment plan than before. Like it or not, the planet and environment are something we communally share on a global basis.

World climate changes, human assisted or not, are facing us now and will manifest themselves in 2010 in such a manner that there will be no denial that something is happening and that 'Kansas weather isn't Kansas weather no more Dorothy.'

Correct – The weather has become the main topic of discussion, right behind the economy around the world. Rapid changes Taking place in the jet stream and the overall weather brings out our basic human survival instincts.

The vastly fluctuating temperatures and strange weather fronts of early 2010 that were first thought to be a prolonged El Nino in the Western U.S., by late spring will begin to indicate a pattern causing concern. This will be the first inkling that will set off the soothsayers of doom and gloom who will focus on the 12/21/2012 predictions!

Correct – This was an easy one, cult groups always jump on doom and gloom predictions.

Early concerns will be first evident in the commodities market and later with rapidly rising grocery costs. We will be paying more in 2010 for food as a result of tight farm credit that was available in 2009 which reduced crop and animal production making for shrinking inventories.

Developing: Food prices are increasing but not as fast as predicted. The effect of bio fuels on food cost is real as was tight credit. This prediction will show itself totally accurate in 2011.

The governments of the world will need to work together to move food stuffs, fertilizer and animal feed quickly around the world to where it is needed most. Hoarding or failure to cooperate could place the world in danger of regional wars for food and water.

Finger pointing and blame will abound until real leaders emerge to calm cries of conspiracies, religious misdeeds or even terrorists taking advantage of the situation.

Miss: I think I am 24 months too early on this one...my bad!

Several developed governments are just one major catastrophe away from economic meltdown. Another event the size of the New Orleans disaster could bring the U.S. economy alone to its knees. This would cripple the rest of the world as well and make it impossible for the U.S. to help other countries in handling their own disastrous situations.

Correct – Absolutely correct, but largely under reported.

The toll that the predicted climate adjustments will have on the aging infrastructures in the U.S.'s Eastern most cities is beyond

definition. Sewer systems, water aqueducts and road systems are already in disrepair. The failure of such systems, including outages along the power grid could cause the need for evacuation of thousands in heavily populated metropolitan areas. The question is to where and how could FEMA handle the throngs of countless humans for an extended period on time? Moreover, how would the currently fragile regional or national economies be impacted and for how long?

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Senators McConnell and Reed will have to find a way to work together. This will need to be brokered by some if not all of these Senators: McCain, Lieberman, Specter, Kerry, Dodd, Bayh, Boxer, Cornyn, Lautenberg, Lugar and Mikulski. McConnell and / or Reed will be relieved of their leadership role in the process.

Many senators up for reelection will part with their party leadership and be joined by the true senatorial statespersons to break the deadlock that has held the electorate for ransom for years. The best of the best will rise to the occasion.

Your call: It happened, but it was after the election by a lame duck senate.

The U.S. House will continue to see the country in small pieces and will center only on their own little piece of geography until they are truly impacted. Re-election rhetoric will include flag waving and finger pointing which will leave the voters wanting for a new direction. Dark horse candidates will emerge who would be unelectable in normal times. This can be looked at in two ways...time for a change...or the electorate panicking and electing the candidate with the best story. The writer feels compelled to remind the readers of similar scenarios of a public wanting change in at least 3 occasions in the last century. Such change resulted in totalitarian dictatorships which stayed in office while persecuting the very citizens who brought them to power.

Correct: Did you get invited to a Tea Party?

In case, you haven't heard...the economy still sucks worldwide! Despite the sermons from those hoping for positive economic signs, the world economy has not yet bottomed.

Correct: Told ya so!

As an example, the Cash for Clunkers program which gave the auto industry false hope. When the incentives went away, so did the customers. All C4C did was to clear out the inventories and build cash for the dealers and auto companies for the short run and provided a heap of scrap metal which will cause a shortage of low priced used cars which will ultimately make the remainder of used cars unaffordable for those that need inexpensive transportation to and from work!

Correct: Happened!!

We continue to place a Band-Aid on a hemorrhaging economy which is already weak and anemic and then expect instant healing.

Time has ticked away while name calling in the government sector; hoarding of capital by the very banks that were supposed to lend capital hoarded it so they could pay Uncle Sam off fast and get him out of their comp plans!

The banks continue cost cutting to keep stock prices and bonuses high. All of this is being done 'for the good of the people.' The new credit and banking regulations slated for early 2010 will be too little, too late, with too many loop holes that favor the banks. The new regulations on banks will do about as much

good as the telemarketing legislation passed several years ago...when was your last dinner time telemarketing call?

Correct: What can I say, this was a sure thing!



The banks slowed down foreclosures and write down in the last quarter of 2009. Expect an avalanche to hit during 1Q10 that will trump any indications of financial growth and force the Fed to not raise interest rates until after 2Q10. The banks will continue their free ride with an even bigger weapon in their arsenals....2010 elections PAC \$\$\$.

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The comprehensive unemployment rate which is referred to as the 'U6' and includes part time workers that want full time jobs and discouraged workers that have stopped looking but will take a job if offered will continue to rise. The U6 is now above 17%. Some see this same rate in the IT sector as above 25% and is expected to go higher with the pruning from the major IT buyouts in 2009 and more are expected in 2010.

Your Call: The job market in IT actually improved. The overall job market was pretty much flat lined when you factor in the 'U6s' and aged workers who had to retire each for lack of employment prospects.

Yes, some of the jobs outsourced overseas will come home in 2010. But, this will not be enough to save the U.S IT industry which is vital to both our national security and technological prowess. Our pool of IT talent will continue to shrink. The skill base of this sector becomes obsolete quickly without continual corporate sponsored retraining. Some IT professional are enrolling in university programs to keep their skills fresh, but many cannot. Some Asian IT professionals are returning home to more lucrative jobs in their own countries of origin. In some cases, the US hiring managers are foreign nationals located here in the US and are being paid US wages. Do they have a bias toward their own countrymen and countrywomen?

Correct: In fact, there is pending legislation in the US Senate to penalize firms who off shore IT jobs and this was also a source of major rhetoric in India during the President's visit in 2010.



The U6 will continue to rise without government tax breaks to business to retool and update products, infrastructure and supporting IT tools. The tax breaks will need to extend to small businesses which employ 80% of the US workers and make up over 60% of the new jobs created. Both political parties will need to relook at the current stimulus plan and readjust quickly to save Americas small businesses. This is no longer a partisan debate, but is now a U.S. crisis.

Correct: The legislative and Executive branch of the US Government addressed this in December of 2010!

We should expect a loud wakeup call to all levels of government starting in the late spring when the ARM (Adjustable Rate Mortgages) come due for refinancing or adjustment and the holders of such loans get a huge increase in their monthly outlay for shelter. This will happen again just prior to the election in November. This coupled with inflationary costs expected for fuel, food and utilities will be what will finally anger the American voters in mass to call for 'voting all of the scoundrel incumbents out.' As a result, foreclosures that have been hidden or delayed by lenders until early 2010 to make the 2009 books look better and those caused by the aforementioned will hit numbers beyond what could have been imagined.

Correct: This was such an issue that the banks were told to stop foreclosures until mysteriously after the election....hmmmm...but started up again in December!

Incumbents at all levels of government will become concerned with the rising public reaction and their ability to be reelected. Some will be concerned with the potential of vigilantism toward elected officials.

Correct: ...and it is now in the history books!!!

A new concern of terrorism by internal fringe groups who are intent on bringing down the governments within their own countries becomes very real before the end of the year. Extremist on the right and left will use the deteriorating economic situation to gather new stalwarts for their causes. Their ranks will not be filled by the traditional 'haves' protecting what is theirs or the 'never have hads' who want their share of the pie, but by the 'once hads' who have become discouraged with the system not working fast enough to save them.

Correct: It is unfortunate, but I was very correct in the US and abroad. Think about the man that crashed into the IRS building in Austin.

Military spending will once again be linked to space prowess. For this reason, one or more shuttles will not be retired. The race for space will once again be used to stimulate the economy as potential colonization of the moon and Mars comes into debate.

This might be also looked at as a message of hope that mankind is once again competitively into the business of exploring and pioneering.

Missed: I think secretly I am right, but this is not being disclosed to the public. The Chinese and others have eyes on the moon and beyond. The US will not sit idle. I will count this as a miss, but I think we will find out later that I am right.

U.S. troops abroad are tired and need a rest, but to bring them home to no jobs would only exacerbate the current unemployment issues.

The cost associated with 'rehabbing' U.S. troops stationed abroad is of grave concern both from the impact on the budget and the potential of increased rhetoric from the American voters.

Your Call: There is no way for me to prove this prediction, but if you look at the impact of unemployed troops standing in lines for food stamps etc., it would be a PR nightmare for both sides of the isles of congress.

The U.S. and many of our allies conventional military armaments are war torn or bordering on obsolete. Newer weapons require money now, but that cannot happen while funding wars on several fronts. War tax increases would be both unpopular and might further damage the economies of allied governments further. Then too, the newer technologies might not be available internally due to the dwindling domestic IT and technology talent that have the capability of architecting, designing and building new weapons. It should be pointed out that the Russians and Chinese have had almost 20 years to update their arsenals.

Does the enemy have us right where they want us...bankrupt and not able to spend monies going forward? This would not be the first time this has happened. Lest we forget what happened to the late USSR during a similar situation. Hawks and Doves have to come together and choreograph a scenario palatable to the public and capable of protecting the Western world in the first half of 2010 that can be implemented starting in 2011.

Developing: The noise has started, but will require the 'new right' in congress to make it or break it...they could do either.

Terrorism is not going away or on vacation in 2010. The terrorists are spending pennies compared with the billions being spent by the governments of the world to keep the terrorist from further disrupting their economies. Until the terrorist are no longer effective in their quest to disrupt, they will continue to recruit angry young men and women willing to become martyrs. A wake-up call to the conventional world governments will likely happen as a result of a major terrorist event in 2010. The final line will be crossed where the world leaders in mass call for the end of this militant element of society and the governments who protect them.

The threat to the economies of the world is very real and just one strategic hit by terrorists and the world economy would never be the same and the world leaders know it. The world is indeed a global village of buyers and sellers whose economies are intertwined.

Correct: This did take place and is taking place and the coming together of both non-Muslim oriented and Muslim oriented governments is happening. Wiki Leaks has confirmed just this!

The European workforce is shrinking, particularly with skilled labor and the tolerance of foreign workers and their associated customs is breeding bigotry and a call for new laws now.

Correct: The French and the Germans are the loudest. The recent outburst of a German Ambassador toward Turkey's Muslim orientation is a prime example.

At the same time, the U.S. is readying for the onset of retired Baby Boomers sans pensions or the 401Ks once thought to carry them well into retirement.

Correct: The media has done many stories of the plight of Baby Boomers in financial crisis in 2010. This was a sure thing prediction.

Gen Xers are not large enough in size to support the



burgeoning American retirement pool that requires both shelter and medical care. The 'Millennials' are far removed from the ambitions of both their parents and grandparents and live for a much simpler lifestyle and make far less than the preceding generations to support the demands the tax monster deems necessary to keep the current American way of life intact.

2010 will see the begging of the questioning of our way of life and our right to entitlements. New ethical questions will blossom regarding the government's responsibility to keep the gravely ill, the terminally ill and senior citizens alive at any cost.

America's current health care legislation will have little if any impact on this debate which will center on Medicare and Medicaid. The controversy will boil over to the 2012 election.

Correct: During the last 20 days or so this has really started to brew.



Immigration will be another boiling point in many states in 2010. Entitlements to alien workers either legal or illegal will come into question and citizens will demand reform. The U.S. government may incite the Mexican government to build American style cities with full services on their side of the border. Monterey, Mexico will be used as an example.

Developing: The Mexican crime situation derailed this from entirely happening in 2010...it will likely not happen until 2012.

There will be loud cries to deport Mexican illegal's...but this likely will not happen due to the potential backlash by Hispanic voters and the loss of the skilled labor pool.

Correct: AZ led the way and the backlash was loudly heard from all corners for boycotting AZ

The youthful populations of China, India and Brazil are becoming the major consumers of the world as was predicted by this writer in 1990. These economies will weather 2010 relatively well as they act as self-catalysts for economic expansion as newly educated young people relocate to urban centers.

Correct: Right on the money!!!

Some world cities will grow to the point of becoming 'City States' in their regions of the world because of their unique impact on the regional and international economies. The first vestiges of the impact of Asian and South American 'City States' has already presented itself in the Olympics. The 2010 Winter Olympics will show the expanded capabilities of last century's 3rd world countries that are now burgeoning economic powerhouses.

Correct: Rio and many other cities of its size hold so much in the way of GDP and GNP alike when compared to entire countries economies.

South Africa will show itself as an expanding world economic player in 2010.

Correct: Absolutely!

Your PC will begin to become obsolete by year end 2010 with newer technologies coupled with smart phones.

Correct: IPAD and Playbook along with Cloud computing are making this a reality!

Microsoft will be challenged as operating systems fade away with universal code.

Correct: Google's Android OS, new languages and both the Russians and Chinese push their own versions of open code.

AM / FM radio will be challenged by docking stations with smart phone in automobiles which will unleash internet broadcasting on the go! This could happen by year end 2010 or shortly thereafter.

Correct: Look at the listening ports in new cars...it is upon us!

Merger mania will occur in the technology sector as older technology is harvested and new and emerging technology is purchased by larger companies.

Correct: It h-a-p-p-e-n-e-d!

Travel and entertainment - Mega mergers and alliances are expected in this sector. Cruises and regional resorts will do OK in 2010. Gambling centers will need to find something to replace corporate meetings as this segment will remain shallow.

Correct: Comcast / GE, NWA / Delta, Cont / UA and on and on. Cruises did well, Nevada has huge unemployment!

Interactive, game oriented TV will emerge on cable.

Correct: Look around...it is here!

Visual chatting via smart devices will begin to emerge.

Correct: My son and daughter-in-law just bought new phones to do this! They visual chat with the kids.

Younger business travelers will embrace virtual meeting technologies for conducting business instead of leaving their home.

Miss: Too early, likely 2013!

What's Hot for 2010?

ALL OF THESE WERE CORRECT!

- Toll Roads
- Rail and bus travel
- Lingerie worn outside
- Smaller purses
- Brunettes
- Subdued colors
- Smart Phones
- Homemade anything
- Family games
- Camping
- More gardening and canning
- Utilitarian everything
- Independent voters
- Art
- Social Networking
- Mobile software and apps
- Green everything!!
- Beers and wines
- Gourmet cooking at home..
- Smaller dinner parties
- E-readers
- Geriatric friendly everything
- Healthy fast food
- Fresh Vegetable and Fruit Snacks
- Inexpensive 'statement' fashions
- Ethnic voters
- Guns
- Lakes and parks
- Clinics
- Gold
- Chiropractors
- Vitamins C & D
- Denim everything
- The Winter Olympics
- Wind Turbines
- The need for clean water
- Low interest rates
- Foreclosed properties
- Working for the government
- Thrift and resale stores
- Multigenerational living quarters
- Fire wood
- Scrap metal
- Make-up

What's NOT Hot for 2010

- Political bickering

- Large cars
- Blondes
- Foreign workers in the U.S.
- Big government
- Extremely Partisan Republicans and Democrats
- Watches and clocks
- Media and game rooms
- Nontraditional furniture
- Bottled water
- Sodas
- Public swimming pools
- Land line telephones
- PCs
- Large stereo systems
- Loud people
- Assertive drivers
- Wasting power
- Wasting paper
- Newspapers and magazines
- Telemarketers
- Overly zealous religious people
- Private schools
- Very expensive eateries - MISSED
- Dentists or Ophthalmologists
- Cigarette boats
- Smoking
- Spamming
- Politically based emails
- Livestock and hobby farms
- Jewelry
- Tattoos – YOUR CALL
- Colognes and perfumes – MISSED!!!
- Frumpy fashion

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Patrick discontinued his predictions in 2003 after a 12 year run with an accuracy rate of 79.8%. Patrick, once among the leading futurists, stopped publishing his predictions, like many other futurists, because the data was reflecting a future that was very bleak.

At the time, the interest in futurists was dwindling due to the waning fascination of what was ahead post Millennium and because frankly; people were focused on the 'right now'.

2011...the gateway beckons!!!

THE OPINIONS VOICED ARE THE PREDICTIONS OF JIM PATRICK SOLELY AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY WHAT JIM WOULD LIKE TO SEE OCCUR. THESE ARE MERELY MILE MARKERS TO CONSIDER ALONG THE MAPPING OF YOUR PERSONAL PATHWAY TO 2012. THE BEST TO ALL!

2011s welcome mat may not indeed be welcoming for many amongst us. The world's human population stands at 6.9 billion and will hit 7 billion sometime in 2011. The start of 2011 will see dire reports of inflation on a global basis. This writer has been predicting for some time that the biggest fear the world's economies could face in double digit inflation and a second dip of a recession.

The fragile EU and it's flagging economies of Greece, Italy, Spain, Ireland and now Turkey could give rise to massive social unrest of mid-year.

The EU needs someone or something to blame to unify themselves or they will turn the lands that Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler once ruled into city / states amongst many cavities of social strife.

The uniting and dividing force might be one and the same. Just as Charles the Hammer, who is remembered for winning the Battle of Tours in 732, in which he defeated an invading Muslim army and halted northward Islamic expansion in Western Europe, a new leader may enter the picture to rally the call of the French, then the Germans, followed by the Italians and so on and so forth. Anti-Muslim sentiment and legislation has already manifested itself loudly in these these sectors of Europa.

History has shown us what can happen when these forces are brought together.

We also are very familiar with what the Ottoman Empire did 100 years ago. Turkey can be the peace maker with its ability to bridge European and

Summary:

CORRECT – 104

MISSES – 6

DEVELOPING – 3

YOUR CALL – 4

TOTAL PREDICTIONS 117

88.89% CORRECT

9.01% MISSED, DEVELOPING OR YOU'RE CALL

AVERAGE SINCE 1990 >80% CORRECT

Jim Patrick, a social scientist and business executive for over 40 years and the founder of American Airlines 'think tanks', measures and analyzes the tiny tidbits of information that point to the DNA of what is likely ahead.

Muslim cultures and it could be the start of the unraveling of the EU.

The aging populations of Europe are ill equipped to fight a conventional war due to the potential economic disaster that would be caused by massive European casualties (young soldiers), a weak currency, a crumbling infrastructure and lack of desire to battle for years on end.

2011 could be the year that sets this smoldering historical land of dislike for the Muslim again on fire.

Where Diplomacy Fails....in 2011

IRAN and NORTH KOREA are looked at as the main bad boys of the planet. 2011 will show us that the Philippines, once a US and Spanish owned territory, along with Indonesia are right up there amongst the worst.

We should NOT forget the fragile Latin governments of Central American, led by Mexico that could quickly develop into a lion's den amongst nations of decorum and diplomacy.

The Mexican Mafia is in fact a government of fear that could fight its way into power to hold on and control its financial assets.

An invasion by the US could set in motion the anti US sentiment that has been brewing in the region for some time. The spillage into the industrial mammoths of South America would follow quickly who might solidify into a single unit of massive economic and military might. This would only fuel the predictions of Venezuelan leadership and catapult the credibility and leadership role of this entity.

To allow this to occur would place new fears on our own front door that would bring North Korea and Iran running to the fight or even worse, give them even more reason to wage mischief in their own back yards.

So, what could prevent this? First, a foaming at the mouth dog, Iran, in the Middle East could bleed over to Iraq quickly and become a major blow to the US and put Israel into a position of having to take things into their own hands. The Saudis and UAE want a stable economy for both the region and the West alike. Their own Kingdoms could be challenged.

Putting the Iran issue to bed quickly sends a message to other 'bad boy countries' without having

to engage. The US might not even need to be involved if the Saudis gave a wink and a nod to the Israelis who would be glad to clear out the mess. My prediction is that this will happen either in the form of massive saber rattling or actual a tactical attack on Iran. Farfetched, maybe, effective, yes!

North Korea: Neither Russian nor China can afford a war on the Korean Peninsula. Economically, South Korea is a better trading partner than the economically challenged North for both.

Additionally, China is better off with the 'Fat Kid Leader' of North Korea watching his movies and eating popcorn rather than depending on his generals to guide him to war.

Russia is very aware that the same North Korean generals doing the saber rattling today could someday challenge Russian Islands and assets.



Russia also knows that it almost went to war late last century with China over assets in Southern Russia. Stability is the name of the game. Neither of these countries wants to see a bankrupted US or a US that is so severely weakened that they must keep peace solely. That also means spending money and a distraction from their blooming economies that could even turn the EU away from trade.

Japan will NOT sit idle and will take self-preservation actions if the US is weakened. Neither the Chinese nor Russia wants to see an aggressive Japan.

The prediction is that North Korea will get the aid it wants in massive quantities and that *the Fat Kid Leader* will enjoy many movies in 2011.



India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia

Now that's a mouthful of highly concentrated hate mongering. Few in this group of sizable populations and weaponry would sit down to dinner with each other.

Yet, these centers of massive populations represent major trading partners with the US and Australia. Both the US and Australian are embroiled in a treacherous war in Afghanistan and Pakistan that has defeated the likes of the British and Russians.

2 of these powers are armed with Nukes and hate each other. One of these holds tons of us IT and financial technology and the other with US weaponry.

Now couple this with a US antiwar machine cranking up for the 2012 election and a semi isolationist leaning by 'Tea Partiers' and an anti-Indian swing in the US Senate and you have all the reasons for the US to either determine a way to get Osama and declare victory and leave or gracefully bow out and fight a 'remote control war' from the US using drones. The US can ill afford spending more \$\$\$ or losing the war.

But you have to find a place for the troops coming home....answer US Border duty and / or rebuilding the crumbling US infrastructure that is about to hemorrhage.

All bets are off if the US takes a 9-11 size hit, then carpet bombing with tactical nukes could be demanded by the US ultra-right congressional leaders. We are in a very precarious time with limited diplomatic leadership available or even credible. There are a few 'back door' channels post Wiki Leaks that might cooperate.



Domesticating US Domestic Policy in 2011

O, say can you see, by the dawn's early light that there's a whole lot of change going on right here in River City, US of A.

If you are a creature of change, you're lovin it; if not, these are stressful times for you and for many Americans there is a want for 'the good ole days' to return.

2011 might bring a bit of both to these semi United States of America. This is not to say we are not one nation, as we are for sure, but we are one nation of highly diverse opinions and will become much more opinionated in 2011.

There will be 3 groups emerge in this the eleventh year of the century.

First, we will see a very vocal 'senior community', those over 50 years old, and scared to death that the future is not long enough for them to make up for lost time and lost savings. In high schools all around the country for decades the chant, 'seniors rule' has been heard from who else, the seniors!

This group who graduated from high school in the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s are feeling challenged for power. They have indeed 'ruled' for many years as they were and are 'the voters,' 'political donors' and 'tax payers'.

They are also the WW II, Korean War and Viet Nam Vets, first Gulf War Vets, Hippies, Yuppies and the biggest group of consumers in history!

They have been riding high in April and Shot down in May, but they know they're going to change that tune, when they're back on top, back on top in June.

But they won't let what's happening get them down, 'Cause this fine ol' world it keeps spinning around.

They are doctors and nurses, lawyers, plumbers, teachers and factory workers; retailers, farmers and soldiers; they're engineers, bakers, cooks and candle stick makers; they're pilots, builders and train operators; CEOs, stock brokers, TV stars and trash collectors; mechanics and movie makers and all the other jobs and professions all together.

They've been up and down and over and out and they know one thing: Each time they find themselves, flat on their collective face, they pick themselves up and get back in the race.

That's life, they'll tell ya, you can't deny it, some thought of quitting baby, But their hearts just ain't gonna let them buy it.

Thank you Mr. Sinatra for letting me borrow your lyrics to make my point. This group is going to get louder and louder this year. They are galvanized on senior rights and entitlements and demand respect.

They cross all racial, gender and income brackets. They have clout right now, because they get out and vote! Their clout will only dwindle with time and for many there aren't enough years to financially recover; so letting things take their course is not acceptable. Remember, these are the political activists of the last 60 years!

The second group is comprised of those of Hispanic decent and those fearful of ethnic profiling. This group also includes those of Asian and African ancestry. This is a huge voting block if it organizes itself into a vocal unit and it will only grow in size.

'Taco Boomers', the children of Hispanic immigrants are now coming of age. Most of this group as well as the Asians have kept the traditional family unit and values intact unlike Caucasians and African Americans. They marry early, have children and live within multi-generational households.

Unlike their parents, they speak the English language fluently, have been educated in American schools and see themselves as American's first.

Every immigrant group to land on our borders has gone thru the American 'homogenizing' process. That means they live within 2.5 generations, about 20 years, like those in the areas in which they were brought up. They find jobs, go to college, get educated and start consuming (buy goods and products.)

2011 is the year of the first wave of 'homogenized' immigrants and this will increase consumption and the GDP greatly for the next 30 years. Its impact will be similar to what was seen with the 'baby boomers' on the US' need for services and housing.

There are issues facing this group both legislatively and legally. They will not do more than promote the issues near and dear to their lives in 2011.

But, 2012 will see a calling together of the clans so to speak as this group could vote as a block. Their numbers will only increase and they will eventually be heard.

The level of anxiety caused by the increase volume could equally be met with negative reaction by some segments of the US population who will push for anti-immigrant and deportation legislation to be put on the books. This could be the 1960s civil right movement all over again if not handled properly.

But, this group eventually will rule as they may become upwards of 33% or more of potential voters in the next 30 years.

Third, 'The Greenies', they have really no political allegiance at all. Some are conservative leaning on some issues while liberal on other issues. This group is growing quickly and they vote their conscious. They are also very environmentally motivated.

Some might call these modern day hippies; while still others might just see them as back to nature types who like to live life in the old way.

Many '*home school*' their children; work from a home based virtual office; they work to live, but not live to work. Those with property, might house multi-generational groupings of relative and/or friends as caretakers or to be taken care of.

They are often well educated, live a frugal life style and have a strong disdain for big business and government. Most are under 45, but more baby boomers are joining their ranks as they downsize or right size.

2011 will see an emergence of this group looking for new technologies to do things the old ways. Increased power bills, food cost and fuel costs will accelerate the growth of this segment of '*Back to Future Greenies.*'

These three groups are not seeing the world, the US or how things should be run in our society from the same perspective at all. To expect massive

cooperation amongst these groups isn't going to happen in 2011. Each will fight for their causes with little compromise. Each will become constituents and supporters of those that serve their needs best or enemies to those that cross them.

Wall Street and the board rooms need to take heed that none of these groups have much respect toward the financial or corporate community. In fact, if there is any possible area for these disparate groups to see some form of commonality, it is in their dislike toward bankers, CEOs, 'fat cats' or anyone who looks down upon them or that has tread on their lives in some manner.

So far, we have discussed those items that will be the catalyst for major changes in our world, and could subsequently change our lives and those important to us for many years to come.

The 2011 Politics of the Politics of 2012

Let the presidential games begin in these 24 to 12 months prior to the biggie in 2012.

The GOP will be faced with posturing that could lead to fracturing in their quest to find their Great and Omnipotent Pulbah to lead their party.

The trip to this coronation will place the Mitt Romney faction, against the Tea Party's doctrinism and Ron Paul and Sarah Palin vs. the supporters of Newt Gingrich vs. the forces of 'Doctor No', Senator Addison Mitchell McConnell, vs. the Mike Huckabee, religious faction vs. Tim Pawlenty vs. Rick Santorum vs. Mike Pence vs. Haley Barbour vs. Bobby Jindal vs. Mitch Daniels vs. Jeb Bush vs. Jon Huntsman vs. Gov. Charlie Crist....whew!

All of these candidates share only 1 thing in common, a strong desire to make Barrack Obama a one term president. But, most of them will need to find a way not to have to share the support of the GOPs strong base of Christian conservatives who have deep pockets and strong connection to the much needed manpower to run a successful campaign. This will not be an easy undertaking as *God & Country Magazine's*, Dan Gilgoff, pointed out in his article of April 2009

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a possible 2012 Republican presidential contender, quietly addressed a gathering of evangelical leaders in Minneapolis today. Pawlenty, an evangelical, tried to get the McCain campaign to focus more on born-again Christians last year but to little avail.

Pawlenty's appearance today is a reminder that, for all the talk of the Christian right's flagging influence, the current field of Republican front-runners for 2012 presidential race is composed entirely of social conservatives.

Besides Pawlenty, the field includes:

•Sarah Palin, a nondenominational Christian and former Pentecostal who is opening up about her faith.

•Newt Gingrich, a recently converted Catholic who's stepping up efforts to organize religious conservatives.

•Bobby Jindal, a Catholic conservative and darling of the Christian right.

•Mark Sanford, an Episcopalian whom conservative Christian activists tried to draft into the presidential race last year.

•Mitt Romney, a Mormon who tried hard to win over skeptical evangelical leaders in his 2008 White House bid and whose church played an active role in passing Proposition 8 in California last year.

•Mike Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister.

•A few other names floated as 2012 contenders are more socially moderate or have rockier relationships with the GOP's socially conservative base, but these folks are—at this early stage—second-tier contenders:

•Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, who has upset Christian conservatives by supporting gay civil unions.

•Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, who has long riled social conservatives in his state.

•Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, who had rough relations with conservative Christian leaders as head of the Republican National Committee in the 1990s.

This field of candidates will need to narrow in 2011 or they will burn out much of the capital needed for the fall 2012 election run. 2 to 4 factions are all the party can support financially during the primary season. The factions will need to pick their best candidate and go with him or her.

Failure to slim down the field in 2011 will make it near impossible to keep the GOP from burning all its fall 2012 capital to the primary courtships. Additionally, it could lead to a 3rd party run by one or more candidates that would virtually guarantee the re-election of President Obama.

The Tea Party will flex its muscle in congress and in many state houses in 2011. It is possible that if legislation is presented that the Tea Party is vehemently opposed to, that they will take the process to a standstill. This could not only foul up the works for the agenda of the Democrats, but also of moderate and conservative Republicans.

If the aforementioned occurs and the power of the Tea Party increases in their ability to deliver, then their constituency demands do too. No compromise under any conditions can lead tempers in the GOP to boil over. The Tea party member's pledge to philosophy at all cost is attractive to a strong segment of the right wing of the party who will accept short term failures for long term philosophical gains. The traditional arm of the GOP, led by Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority leader is focused solely on the 2012 President election and taking the US Senate back. In contrast, the Tea Party is focused on all segments of government; especially the state houses and increasing long term reach to amend the US Constitution which will require the state house to approve such amendments. This takes long term support

and contributions and runs for most of the decade going forward. There is a huge chasm between the objective of these two factions alone; now add the rest.

The Democrats will see moderates continue to jump ship in early 2011 at the state house levels as former Demos seek friendlier constituencies. In some areas of the country it is very unpopular to be a Democrat right now. The GOP 'spin machine' worked incredibly well since the last presidential election and the shine is off the apple for the Democrats since 2008.

The president has recovered some ground since the 2010 election and still remains popular, but much of that popularity is no longer coming from the left wing of the party, but instead is found in the support of moderates and independents who will not be key players in Democratic fund raising and election machine building. If the President runs to the left again in 2011; he will again be tagged a 'socialist', and if he runs to the right, he will be tagged as a party traitor.

2011s legislative record will be a big factor in this president's success in 2012. He will also need to straddle a growing anti-war movement in this country opposed to the longest war in US history, the War in Afghanistan.

There are interesting parallels developing for 2011 that are similar to 1967 and 1968. An unpopular war is not looking good; the economy is 'iffy', the president is looking weak in his own party and has issues domestically and abroad.

2011 could force this President to decide if his legacy is more important than his re-election. So too, should he slide backward to the point of being a liability to the ticket in 2012; then does the Clinton election machine crank up again?

My prediction is that the President will survive the 2011 throng of political events and posturing as the eyes of the media will be focus on the GOPs issues.

GDP, GNP, Currency issues, Interests Rates and Corporations...

- Interests rates will go up to curb inflation to around 5.7% by YE2011
- Gas price \$4.58 or more a gal by YE2011
- Housing prices to bottom by 2Q2011
- US currency to be challenged by Russian's and Chinese without success
- Euro potentially in free fall if any of the PIIGS bottom out
- Price of commodities and food to escalate sharply by > 4%
- S&P in real danger if EU craters

- The Bears are pounding at the door despite strong retail sales in 4Q2010.
- Merger mania is about to happen with the victims being low performing and cash rich targets that can be chopped up to create cash not available elsewhere...stock swaps grow!
- Consumer Good Stocks will see an increase with the rise of technology 'need to haves' and food prices.
- Construction and engineering on the rise with cheap \$\$\$ available and materials being at moderate prices. Crumbling infrastructure requirements by government will increase this sector
- Banks will see increased demand for loans and will have written off most of the non-performing loans in late 2010 or early 2011. Foreclosed properties to be sold at bargain prices will stifle housing market recovery but put new fuel into bank stocks.
- Auto manufacturers to see a banner years as fuel price rise and send those consumers who have put off purchases since 'Cash for Clunkers' running for fuel efficiency.
- Onshore or near shore technology service providers will see marked increases as the 'hire an American' movement catches hold and the US senate passes punitive legislation for corporations sending jobs off shore. More on shore jobs reduces the unemployment rate and increase the tax coffers at all levels and ultimately increases consumer confidence. Some state house could take this issue on as well.
- CLOUD computing change the paradigm from owning IT hardware to that of a utility; its computer timesharing all over again.
- Computer mainframe talent becomes scarce with an aging population, off shoring not an effective option. Some computer services firms capitalize on the scarcity as a result.
- Electric utility companies see a boom with the advent of electric cars and more consumer technologies that require power. No new utilities being built means demand outweighs supply and prices go up and up. Alternative energy sources boom! Putting new power plants on line will be of major discussion. Nuclear power is openly discussed as is how to reduce the time, red tape and regulations to bring new plants on line.
- Baby related products and services are on the increase to match demand.
- Cable TV providers look at jumping into the internet game by purchasing communications providers.
- One or more remaining cell providers is purchased

- Magazine and newspaper publishers continue to drop by the wayside as black smith shops did 100 years ago off...several more big city newspapers cease print publication
- One or more major grocery chains announce small neighborhood markets that cater to fresh items.
- 'Kid Clinics" will sprout up to serve the health requirement of children at a low cost just prior to the new health care bill fully taking effect.
- An NFL strike or lockout to have major impact on TV rating and revenues.
- Several fast food franchisors to announce conversion of some locations to health conscious eateries.
- Yahoo, Google and Facebook, one will cease to be independent.
- Executive compensation goes under the microscope as shareholders revolt.
- Off shore drilling will resume as the threat of foreign drilling in North American waters increases.
- \$145 or more a barrel oil prices further increase domestic exploration.
- Another US based airline is purchased, but the buyer may not another airline at all.
- Older US passenger planes will be under scrutiny due to delays in new plane orders. The answer might be to buy newer planes from other carriers.
- Bus travel will be embraced by younger travelers whose vehicles are too old to travel long distances, too expensive to drive with higher fuel cost or because of electric cars and new bus amenities like Wi-Fi and movies.
- Movies, if you liked the movies of the last 10 years you will love 2010, sequels boom
- Obesity and diabetes are looked at as a national threat to the country and economic growth of our society.
- Spring Break \$\$\$ take a hit with rising fuel prices...travel stays closer to home.
- Watch manufacturers see the first real sign of society no longer wear watches with the use of smart phones as time pieces.


The writer, that is me in case you are wondering, hopes that much of the items described which could be considered disastrous or unpleasant [don't happen at all.](#)

Of course, I do not have the power to make everything wonderful, clean, fair and beautiful.

Mine is to act as a prophet (non-religious) so to speak and to warn you what could be ahead.

I provide you the potential warning signs; you must heed the signs or ignore them. Here are a few other things to watch for in 2011:

What Hot for 2011?

- Gadgets of all types, the more the better
- Smart phones, smart pads, high tech
- Electric cars and high mileage fuel vehicles
- Back to the basics
- Video and non-video based family games
- Staying at home and home entertaining
- Home entertainment centers
- Simplicity
- Bright color clothes
- Saving accounts and financial instrument with higher yields
- Eco friendly and reduced energy consumption appliances
- High efficiency heating and AC
- Motivationalists and self-help courses
- Home Security and video surveillance systems
- Time management anything
- Weight control and healthy eating
- Isolationism, letting the world solve its own issues
- The US Constitution
- Movies (look for sequels and more sequel, where are the risk takers?)
- Comfort clothing
- Getting off of meds 
- Drawing up Wills and Powers of Attorney documents
- Bicycles
- Longer hair on men
- Smelling good stuff
- Storm windows and insulation
- Pets of all types
- Romance or trying to find romance
- 'The Royals' intrigue
- Natural and organic eating
- Wrinkle creams
- Getting a physical
- Life insurance
- Pre-paid phone cards
- Removing traditional telephones from the home

- Being grandparents
- Lot of new babies
- Cloud computing
- Bring jobs and manufacturing back to the USA
- Flag waving and patriotism
- Flavored tooth paste
- Battery power lawn mowers
- Wind Mills and Turbines



- Shopping local and with non-chain merchants
- Do it yourselfers
- Starting a new career
- Stopping road rage
- Legislation to stop texting while driving
- Legislation to limit the severity of the crime for kids 'sexting'
- Limits on sentences for first offender drunk drivers
- Limits on the sentence for possession of marijuana
- Low sodium and sugar foods
- Counting carbs
- Aromas
- Cooking at home and recipe swapping
- Home brew coffee makers of all types
- Chocolate
- Hair removal

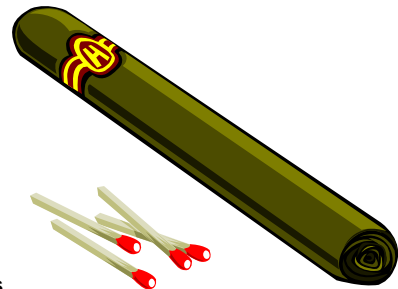


- Tattoo removal
- Variety shows and singers on TV

- H.264 cable television
- Internet TV
- Tablets
- Social Media of all types
- Harry Potter
- Colorful suspenders
- Bowling
- 3 Shuttles in 2011

What's Not Hot for 2011?

- NFL Players and owners
- Late night talk shows
- Biased news organizations of all types
- Political pundits
- Afghanistan
- Airline fees of all types
- Canned anything...people want fresh



- Cigars
- High Sugar content cereals
- High sugar content fruit yogurt sold as healthy
- Clutter
- High carb food
- Baggy pants



- Annual credit card fees
- Sitcoms

Ending with a bit of humor furnished by the HON Doctor Gregory Thomas...have some good laughs in 2011.

- The economy is so bad that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

- I ordered a burger at McDonald's, and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"
- CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
- If the bank returns your check marked "insufficient funds" you have to call them and ask if they mean you or them.
- Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.
- McDonald's is selling the 1/4 'ouncer'.
- Parents in Beverly Hills and Malibu are firing their nannies and learning their children's names.
- A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.
- Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.
- Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.
- BP Oil laid off 25 Congressmen.
- Congress says they are looking into the Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great!! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!

And, finally...

- I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, and our bleak future, that I called the Suicide Lifeline and was connected to a call center in Pakistan. When I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.

Kindest personal regards and the best to you in 2011,

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