

Prediction and Prophecy: What are the lessons from 10/14?

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In recent articles in my blog (blog.360.yahoo.com/craigrlang2002a), I have speculated about the predicted arrival of the Visitors in the skies over Alabama. The prediction was channeled by Blossom Goodchild a psychic in Australia, (www.blossomgoodchild.com), who stated that she was in contact with "The Galactic Federation of Light." Her E.T. correspondents told her that they would show up unambiguously on October 14th, revealing the presence of the Visitors once and for all. Over the next few days, channeling from other psychics appeared to reinforce Goodchild's 10/14 prediction. So, skeptics and believers alike, all awaited the day - would they appear or would the Alabama skies remain empty?

October 14th came and went, and as far as I know, there was no mass sighting in the Alabama skies. In the next few days, the recriminations flew. To her credit, Goodchild issued a statement apologizing for the prediction not coming true. I watched her YouTube video and to me, it seemed that she sincerely believed in the verity of the prediction. When it didn't come true, she genuinely seemed betrayed.

Assuming that she is sincere (and I think she is), I wonder - why would she receive such a prediction? If it came from "Them" then was it deliberate deception? For what purpose? Or was it some form of misunderstanding? Predictions and prophecies have dotted the esoteric and metaphysical landscape. They have spoken of everything from storms and disasters to the return of Jesus. In that same vein, we have seen many UFO-arrival predictions, and Blossom Goodchild's prediction is merely one of a long string of such claims. What lessons can we learn from this and similar unfulfilled prophecies?

In past sessions, more than one experiencer has told me that the Visitors would soon be arriving openly in our skies. One particular experiencer accurately described a number of past events (in my own life and the lives of others known to me, which she could not have known of, except through the phenomenon), lending credence to her account. She then predicted that an unambiguous sighting would occur soon. Several of her predictions paralleled those by Goodchild.

Ultimately, one of the lessons this experiencer concluded from our sessions was about the need for discernment. Indeed, she speculated, one purpose of such predictions is just that - to teach us the need for discernment. Unfortunately, as if to confirm this lesson, the sighting this experiencer predicted never occurred.

Why did the phenomenon deceive my friend? Perhaps it has a lot to do with the fundamental nature of prophecy. What is prophecy and what is prediction? Are they the same thing? According to many spiritual scholars in the Judeo-Christian tradition, the role of prophecy is to be a warning from God. The message delineates a choice, "If you don't reform your ways and return to God, disaster will befall you..." Meanwhile, prediction is a forecast of events to come - no choice involved, just a statement that "X" will happen, at time "Y". It appears that predictions are far more common, and far less

reliable. Are they always wrong? No – sometimes they are spectacularly accurate, such as the myriad of premonitions of 9/11. However, they are seldom definitive – often too ambiguous to be acted upon.

What is the role of prophecy? Are we allowed to see the future? We are allowed at best, only limited glimpses into the future. In It is a constructive ambiguity, and I often wonder if it is "designed" to teach us a lesson - "do this or else..." with limited details of what "this" and "else" really mean. the words of the Bible, we appear to see into the esoteric world "through a glass darkly," perhaps just enough to teach us, or to warn us of something coming soon.

So when we hear a prediction that the aliens are coming and will appear on a certain date, when we are told civilization will collapse on 12/21/2012, we need to use all available discernment. Perhaps it might just be true, but more likely there is a warning or lesson to heed, and we sincerely need to learn it. Why are the aliens coming - or not coming? Why has our civilization reached the edge of collapse and what do we need to do to prevent it?

So, perhaps a reason for the recent spate of alien-arrival predictions is that, rather than telling us of an upcoming aerial spectacular, somebody out there really wants us to shape up. Whatever it may be, we must discern the intent behind the prediction, understanding the message rather than the date and details of the alien arrival. Still, if in deep trance, an experiencer tells me that the Visitors are about to arrive openly on a particular date, I don't think anyone will mind if on that day, I keep a sharp eye to the sky....