

Foresight in Hindsight

A History of Predictions



Kalman Filter

- Prediction of states

$$P_{i|i-1} = H_{i-1}S_{i-1}$$

- Prediction of the covariance matrix of states:

$$P_{i|i-1} = H_{i-1}P_{i-1}HT_{i-1} + Q_{i-1}$$

- Kalman gain matrix

$$K_i = H_{i|i-1}F^T (F_iP_{i|i-1}F_{iT} + A)^{-1}$$

- Update of the state estimation

$$\delta = \delta_{i|i-1} + K_i(x_i - F_i\delta_{i|i-1})$$

- Update of the covariance matrix of states:

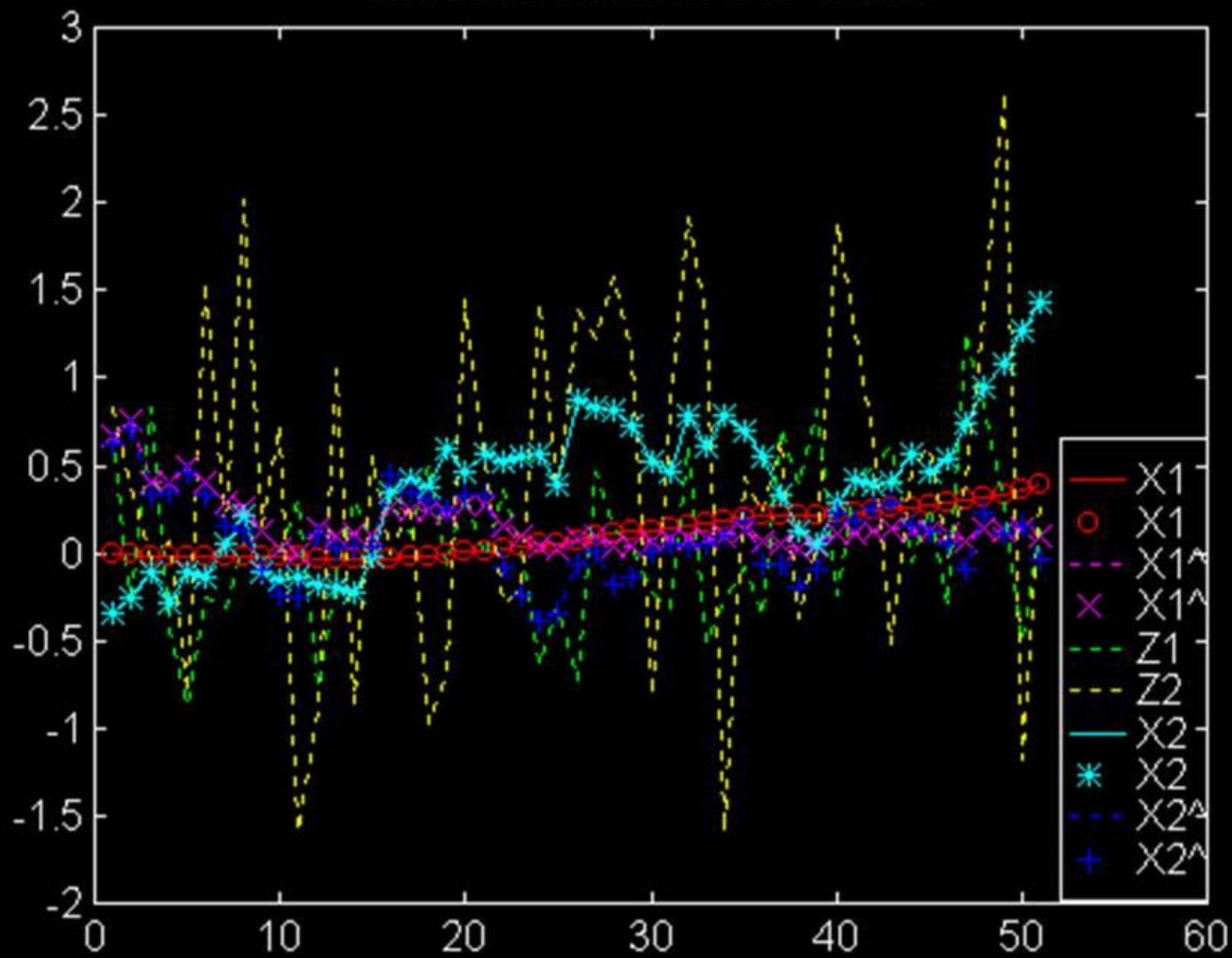
$$P_i = (I - K_iF_i)P_{i|i-1}$$

- Initialization

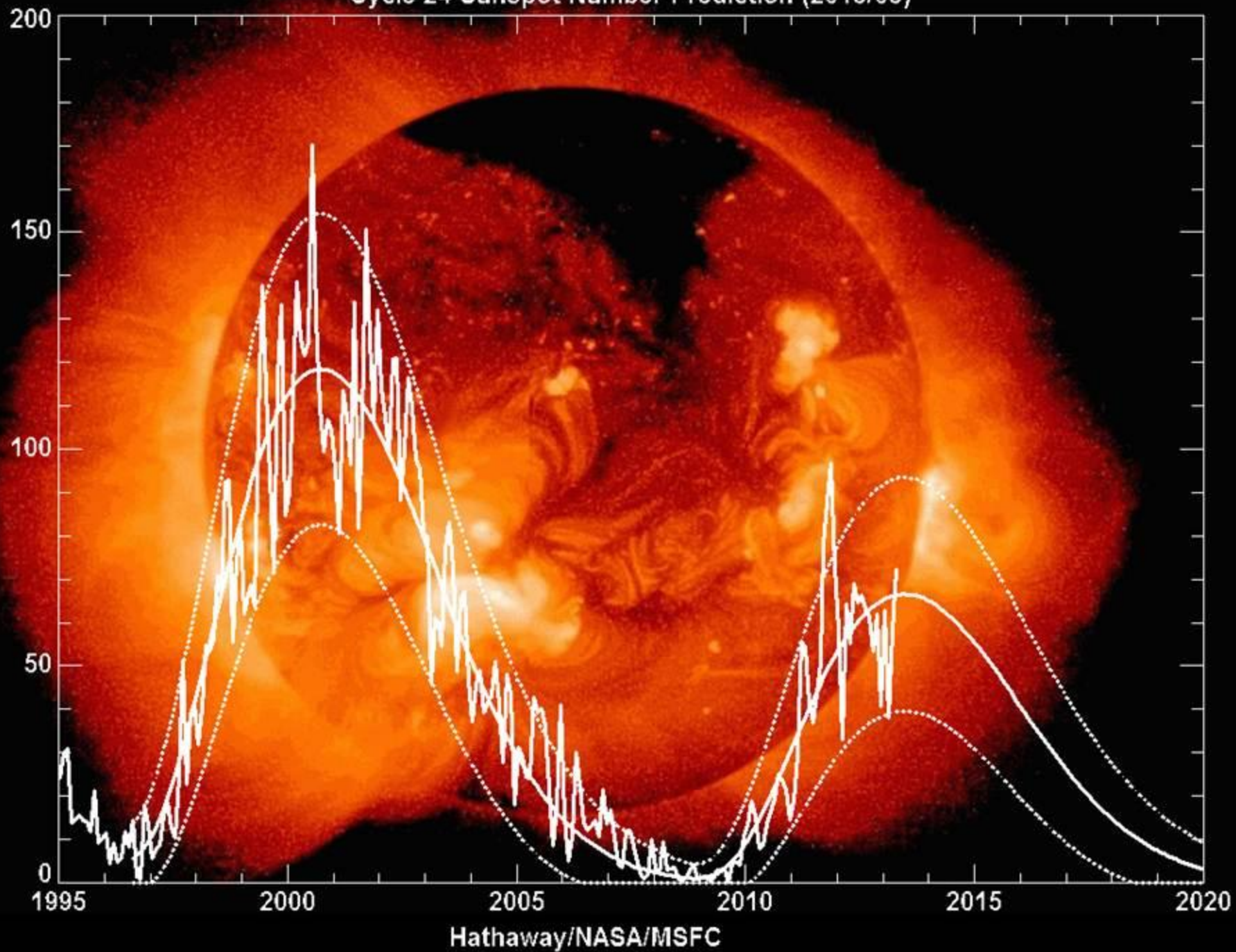
$$P_{0|0} = A_{\delta 0}$$

$$\delta_{0|0} = E[s_0]$$

2nd Order Kalman Filter Results



Cycle 24 Sunspot Number Prediction (2013/05)



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Judgment Day
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Y2K TASK FORCE

Gen. Richard B. Myers, U.S. Air Force, briefs reporters on the current acti
5, 2000. Myers also briefed reporters on the Joint Task Force on Compute
Y2K Strategic Stability during the Y2K rollover. Myers is the commander in
Stikkel. (Released)

“The phone has too many flaws to be seriously considered as a means of communication”

1876

By Western Union
Circulated in an internal executive memo



**“A rocket will never be able to leave the
Earth’s atmosphere”**

1936

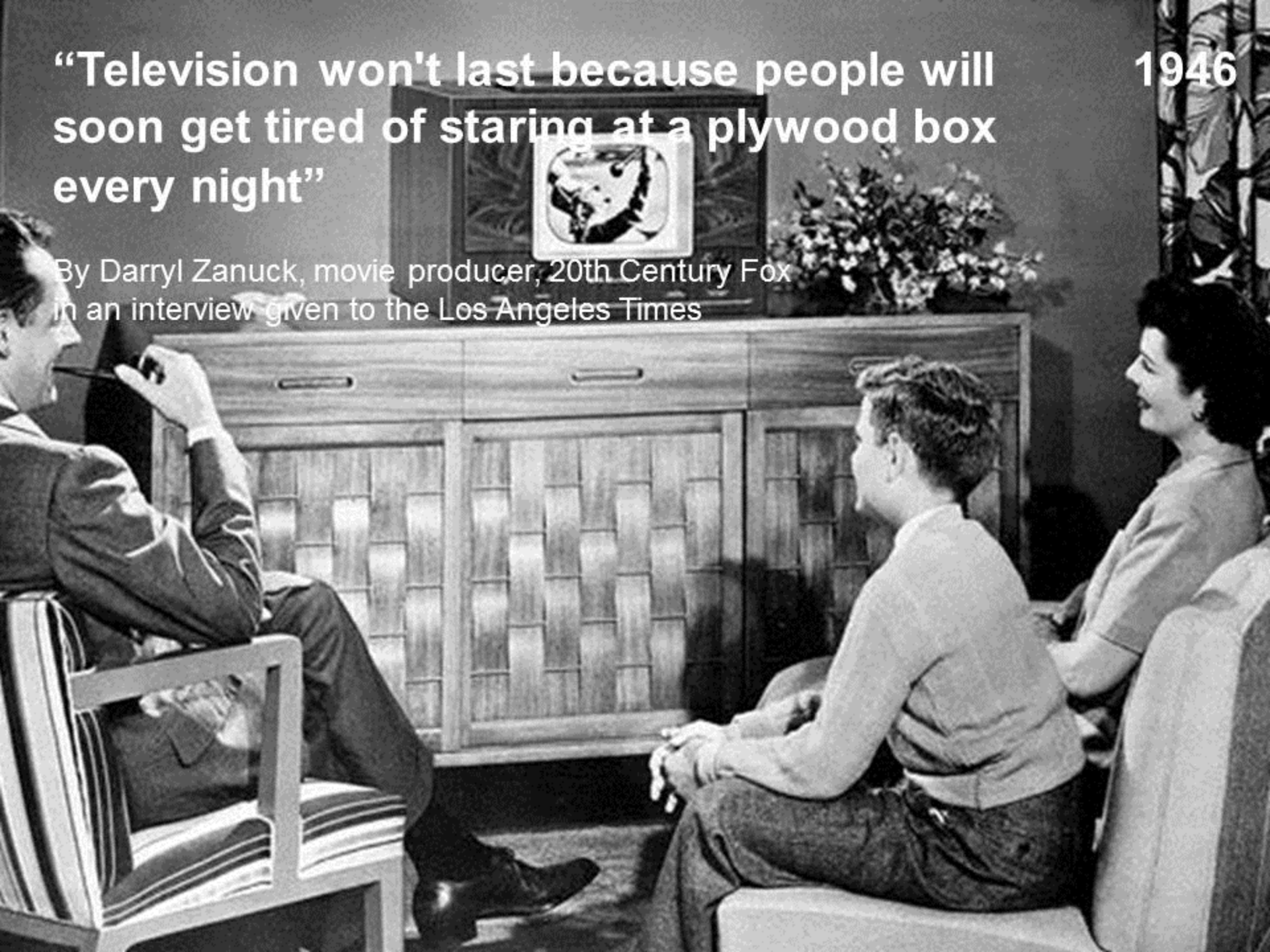
The New York Times editorial
(The NYT offered a retraction on July 17, 1969, as Apollo 11 was on its
way to the moon)



1946

“Television won't last because people will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night”

By Darryl Zanuck, movie producer, 20th Century Fox
in an interview given to the Los Angeles Times



“We do not like their sound and guitar music is on the way out of fashion”

1962

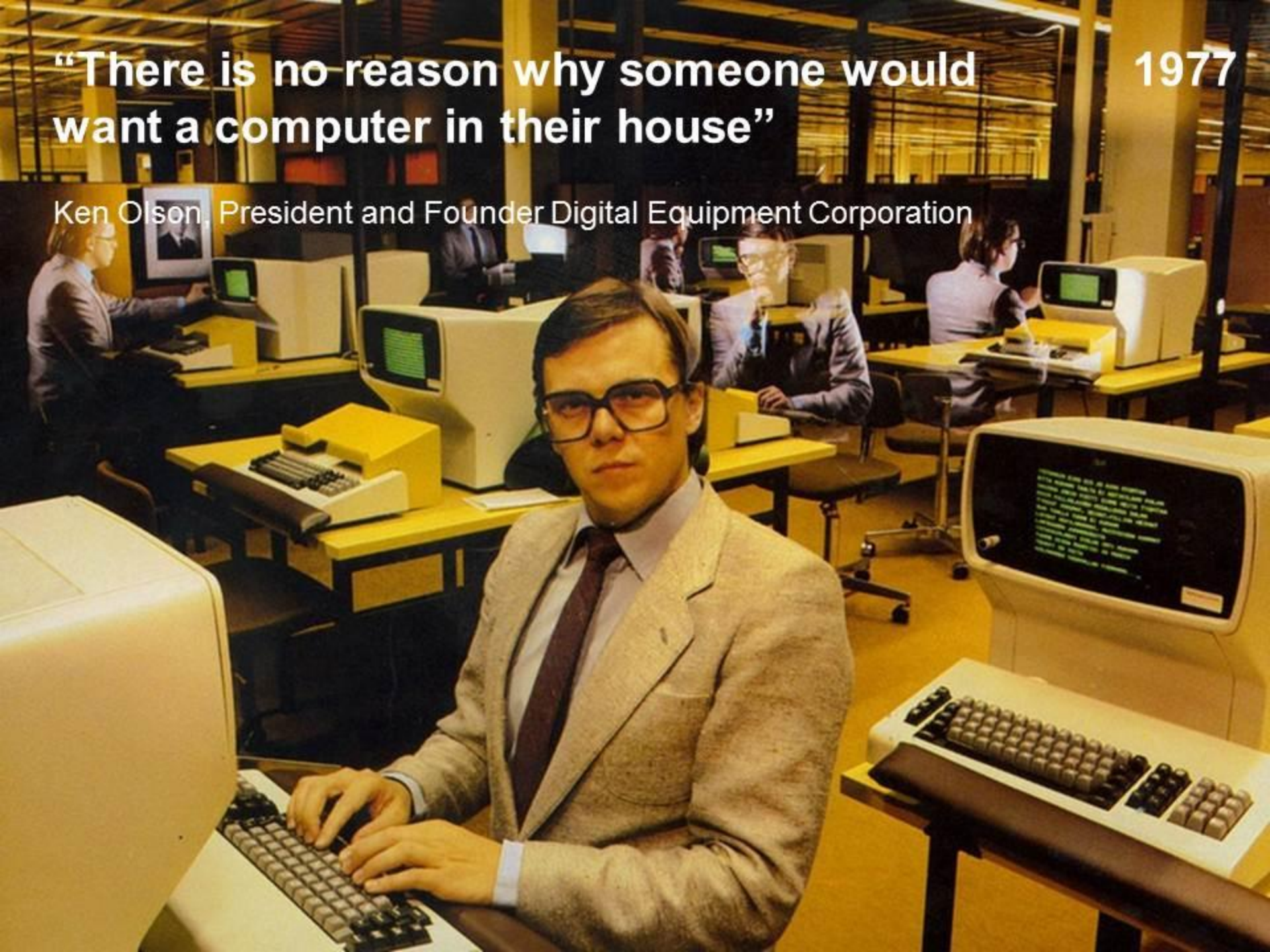
By Grandpa Recording
The studio that refused to sign The Beatles



“There is no reason why someone would want a computer in their house”

1977

Ken Olson, President and Founder Digital Equipment Corporation



“That virus [HIV] is a pussycat”

1988

Dr. Peter Duesberg, molecular-biology professor at UC Berkley
In an interview published in the March 25, 1988 issue of *Science*



**“It will be years – not in my time – before
a woman will become Prime Minister”**

1969

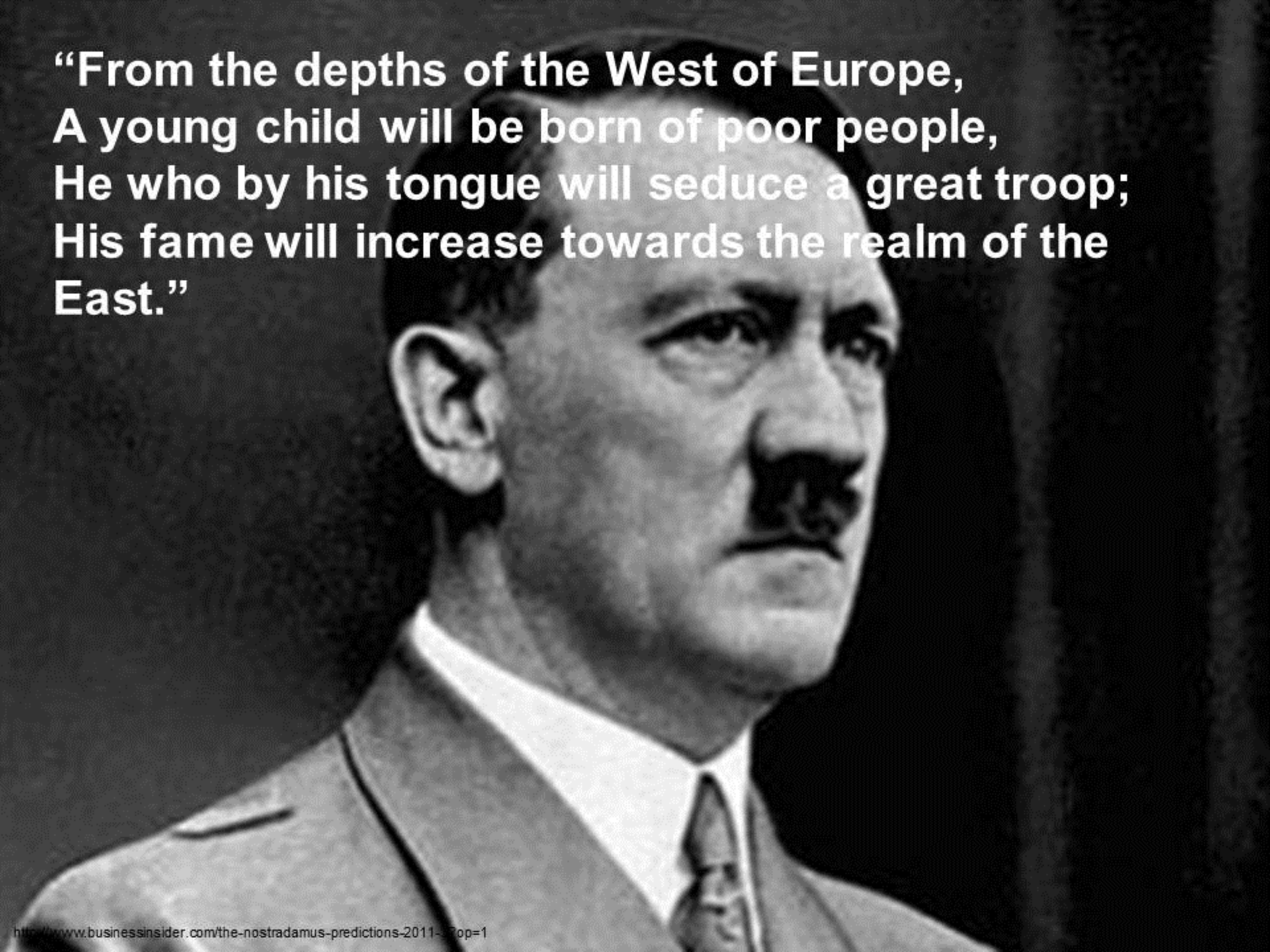
**“It will be years – not in my time – before
a woman will become Prime Minister”**

1969

By Margret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the UK 1979 - 1990
In an interview on BBC Radio one week after entering cabinet for
the first time



**“From the depths of the West of Europe,
A young child will be born of poor people,
He who by his tongue will seduce a great troop;
His fame will increase towards the realm of the
East.”**



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A young child will be born of poor people,
He who by his tongue will seduce a great troop;
His fame will increase towards the realm of the
East.”**

1555

By Nostradamus
in *Almanac Prophecies 1555*

“The stock market will crash in 1929”

1924

Prophecy by Edgar Cayce

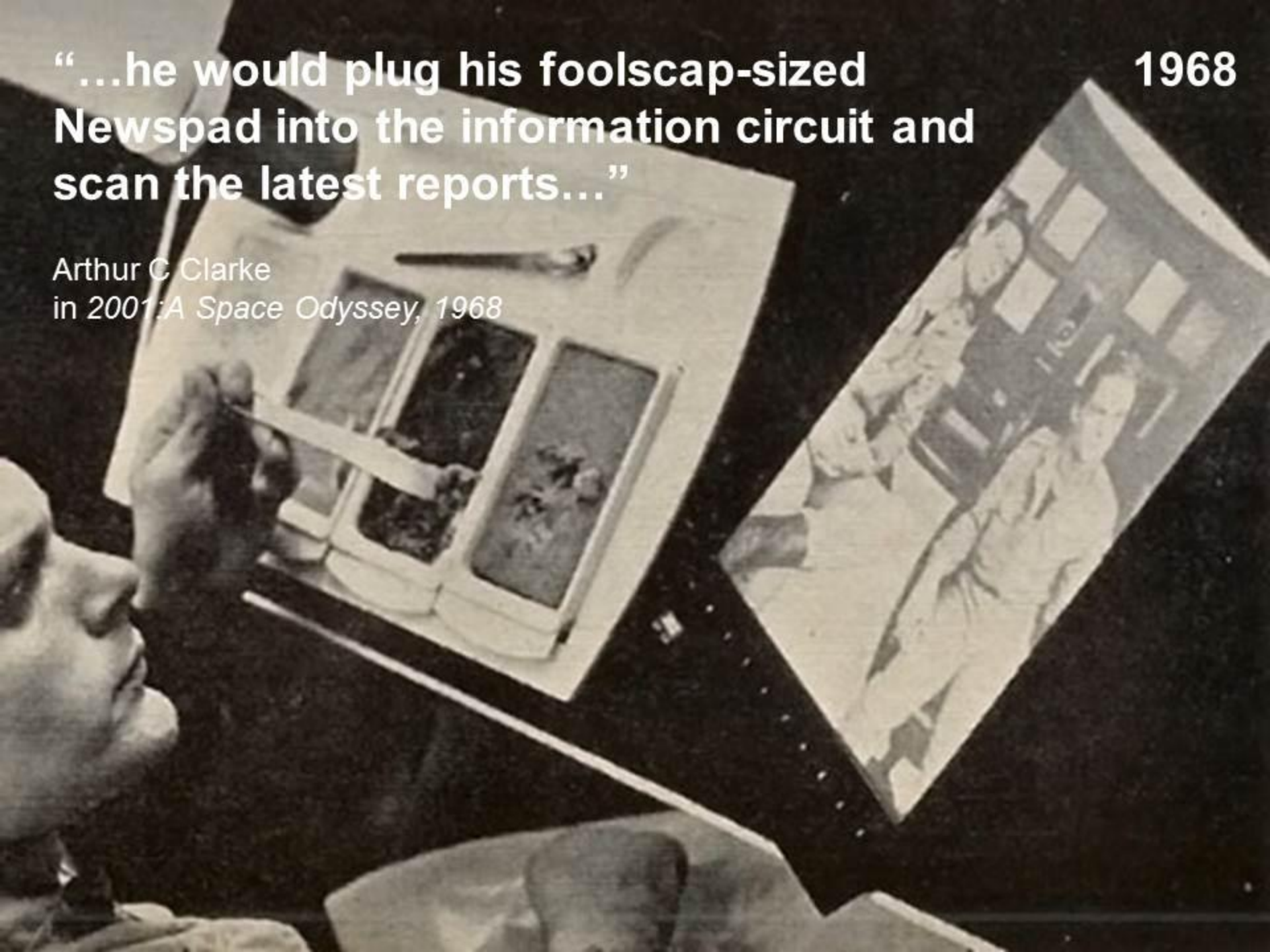
He also foresaw the Great Depression, which he said the Stock Market Crash was the trigger for, and said it would lift in the spring of 1933 – it did



**“...he would plug his foolscap-sized
Newspad into the information circuit and
scan the latest reports...”**

1968

Arthur C Clarke
in *2001: A Space Odyssey*, 1968



“Man will travel to the moon”

1865

By Jules Verne,
in *From The Earth To The Moon*



“By 1960 mindless attention to finance and science, will have turned most women into cynical, ugly, neurotic career women.”

1869

By Jules Verne
in *Paris in the 20th Century*



**“A geometric, modern centerpiece will be
built in front of the Louvre Museum in
Paris”**

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WHAT WAS THE FUTURE OF...

The World

Prediction made

Prediction expected

Outcome

True False Unknown

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Type

Country of origin

Country of prediction

Author's Profession



	PREDICTION	AUTHOR	MADE	EXPECTED
	The world would end by a flood starting in London	London astrologers	1524	1525
	1525 would mark the beginning of the Millennium	Thomas Müntzer	1524	2150
	Judgement Day would begin at 8:00am Oct 19 1533	Michael Stifel	1520	1533
	Christ's Second Coming to u in year 1533 in Strasbourg. 144,000 people would be saved, the rest consumed by fire	Melchior Hoffman	1510	1533
	6845 years of human history had already passed, and the end of the world would be in the 7000th year	Pierre d'Ailly	1400	1555
	The Devil's reign in this world began in 325 AD, at the Council of Nicea, and will last for 1260 years, thus ending in 1585	Michael Servetus	1533	1585
	The world would occur no later than 1600	Martin Luther	1400	1600
	The world would end in 1656	Christopher Columbus	1501	1656
	The world was created in 5343 BCE, and would last 7000 years. The end will come in 1658	Christopher Columbus	1505	1658
	The Millennium would begin by this year (1673)	William Aspinwall	1673	1673
	The end of the world would occur in either 1705 or 1706	Camisard prophets	1685	1705 1706
	A comet would destroy the earth on Apr 5 1719	Jacob Bernoulli	1685	1719
	The end would occur between 1700 and 1734	Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa	1440	1700- 1734
	The Last Judgement will occur in the spiritual world in 1757	Emanuel Swedenborg	1750	1757
	According to Revelation 12:14 between the years 1056-1836, Christ should come	Rev. John Wesley	1748	1836
	The Rapture will take place in 1936	Herbert W. Armstrong	1789	1936
	The world to an end shall come, in eighteen hundred and eighty one	Mother Shipton	1756	1881
	Halley's Comet will impregnate atmosphere and possibly snuff out all life on the planet.	Camille Flammarion	1910	1910
	Based on the dimensions of the Great Pyramid of Giza the Second Coming would occur between 1892 and 1911	Charles Piazza Smyth	1789	1892- 1911
	The Millennium would begin in 1915	John Chilembwe	1915	1915

WHAT WAS THE FUTURE OF...

The USSR

Prediction made

1917 1992

Prediction expected

1900 2000

Outcome

True False Unknown

Subject

Planet

Field

Type

Country of origin

Country of prediction

Russia

Author's Profession



PREDICTION	AUTHOR	MADE	EXPECTED
 The Russian regime will either democratize itself or it will perish	George Orwell	1946	-
 If the Soviet Union were not allowed to expand, it would soon collapse	George Kennant	1967	1980
 The Soviet Union was pretending to be a single state but in fact it was an empire in the age of nationalism. So it will collapse.	Zbigniew Brzezinski	1950	2000
 The dissolution of the Soviet Union is will be from wars with China or the Islamic Soviet states of Central Asia.	Andrei Amalrik	1960	1890
 One day Soviet Russia will recognize that the division of Germany	Konrad Adenauer	1956	2000
 An eventual Soviet collapse will begin with a "satellite revolution" in Eastern Europe	Whittaker Chamberst	1940	1980
 By 1970 the USSR will dissolve.	Michel Gardert	1954	1970
 There was no way the Soviet Union is going to break up in mine lifetime or my children's lifetime	Robert Gates	1960	-
 The USSR is a country where the political system is radically and dangerously inappropriate to its social dynamics	Robert Conquest	1970	2000
 Centrally planned economy will decline, because of its ineffectiveness as a system in a rapidly changing world	RAND corporation	1964	-
 The USSR is a country which is in economic and social decline. It will cease to exist by 1980	Marian Kamil Dziewanowski	1971	1980
 The Soviet Union is so weak economically, and so divided ethnically, that it could not long survive.	Daniel Patrick Moynihan	1975	1985
 The Soviet Union would "break asunder and develop either to capitalism or to socialism"	Hillel Ticktin	1983	1990
 It is likely that in the generational elite turnover after Brezhnev died (1982) the Soviet regime will decline in respect	Robert M. Cutler	1980	1983
 The USSR is a country where the political system is radically and dangerously inappropriate to its social dynamics	Robert Conquest	1970	2000
 The 'liberalization' [in the Soviet Union] would be spectacular and impressive	Anatoliy Golitsyn	1984	1990
 Soviet Communism would fall with "a few blows from the hammer"	P.R. Sarkar	1950	1960
 The Soviet system is remarkably stable and will outlive western capitalism	Stephen Cohen	1990	-
 Revolutions (such as soviet) are most infrequent and successful political systems are tenacious and adaptive	Frederick C. Barghoorn	1990	-
 Communism will maintain itself for 60 years and reach its peak.	Sun Myung	1972	1978

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 It will be years -- not in my time -- before a woman will become prime minister.	Margaret Thatcher	1963	-
 Germany would not be reunited under his presidency	François Mitterrand	1981	-
 Every family will have their own apartment by 2000	Mikhail Gorbachev	1985	2000
 The rich will need to share their apartments with poor	Vladimir Lenin	1917	-
 Stalin's master plan for moscow will make socialism happen	Iosif Stalin	1935	-
 Caracas will become one of the most expensive cities in the world	Hugo Chavez	2003	2010
 Residents of destructed five-story buildings will receive apartments nearby	Yuri Luzhkov	2004	2004
 Helmut kohl will never be chancellor	Franz Joseph Strauss	1967	-
 Revolution will bring redefinition of sexual roles	Bogdanov Alexandr	1918	1950
 South-north water transfer project in china will be complted in 2059	Mao Zedong	1952	-
 A ship sail against winds will be impossible	Napoleon	1803	-
 Americans will never make good aircraft	Hermann Göring	1942	-
 The aeroplane will never fly	Lord Haldane	1907	-
 Boeing will run into trouble due to outsourcing of components	Will Hopper	2009	2010
 The share of renewable energy in 2020 will be 35%	Martin Lidegaard	2013	2020
 Copenhagen will be the first world capital of zero emission of co2	Frank Jensen	2013	2025
 The sky turning dark during the day is bringing the end of times	Connecticut General Assembly	1780	1780
 In france, there will be no homelessness within two years	Nicolas Sarkozy	2007	-
 The state will be proletarian	Frederick C. Barghoorn	1917	-
 No sleeping areas will be built in moscow	Sergey	2012	2012



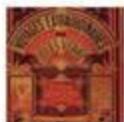
CHRIST WILL RETURN IN 500

Hippolytus of Rome, (170 - 235) Roman Theologian



THE SOVIET UNION WILL SOON COLLAPSE

Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911 - 2004) President of USA



INSTEAD OF BEING PRINTED, NEWSPAPERS WILL BE SPOKEN TO SUBSCRIBERS

Jules Verne (1828 - 1905) Writer



THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ATOMIC ENERGY WILL EVER BE POSSIBLE

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955) Physicist



FREDDIE MAC AND FANNIE MAE ARE FUNDAMENTALLY FINANCIALLY SOUND

Jim Cramer (1965 -) CNBC Financial Analyst



THE WORLD WILL END IN 2012

Mesoamerican Long Count calendar



A WAR WILL BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WILL LEAD TO WORLD WAR III

Alois Irmsaier (1894 - 1959) Clairvoyant



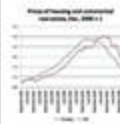
ADVERTISING WILL BECOME PERSONALISED AND TAILORED TO THE PERSON

Wieden & Kennedy (2000) Advertising Agency



DISHWASHERS WILL USE ULTRASONIC TECHNOLOGY TO CLEAN WITHOUT WATER

Walt Disney (1957) Animator



THERE IS NO HOUSING BUBBLE; THE REAL ESTATE MARKET WILL NOT GO BUST

David Lereah (1955 -) Chief Economist, US Institute of Realtors

About:



THE WORLD WILL END IN 2012

Marcus Samuelsson (1989) Scientist

The Planet



A WAR WILL BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND WE WILL HAVE WORLD WAR III

Aleks Solzhenitsyn (1918 - 1988) Chairman

Humanity



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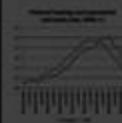
Culture



DISHWASHERS WILL USE ULTRASONIC
TECHNOLOGY TO CLEAN WITHOUT WATER

Walt Disney (1957) Animator

Technology



THERE IS NO HOUSING BUBBLE; THE REAL
ESTATE MARKET IS OVERHEATED

David LaShaugh (1995 -) Chief Economist, US Institute of Real Estate

The Economy

From:



CHRIST WILL RETURN IN 500
Hippolytus of Rome (170 - 235) Christian theologian

Prophecy



THE SOVIET UNION WILL COLLAPSE
Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911 - 2004) President of USA

The Political



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WILL BE KEPT BY SUBSCRIBERS**

Jules Verne (1828 - 1905) Writer

The Arts



**THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ATOMIC
ENERGY IS IMPOSSIBLE**

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955) Physicist

Science



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Jim Cramer (1965 -) CNBC Financial Analyst

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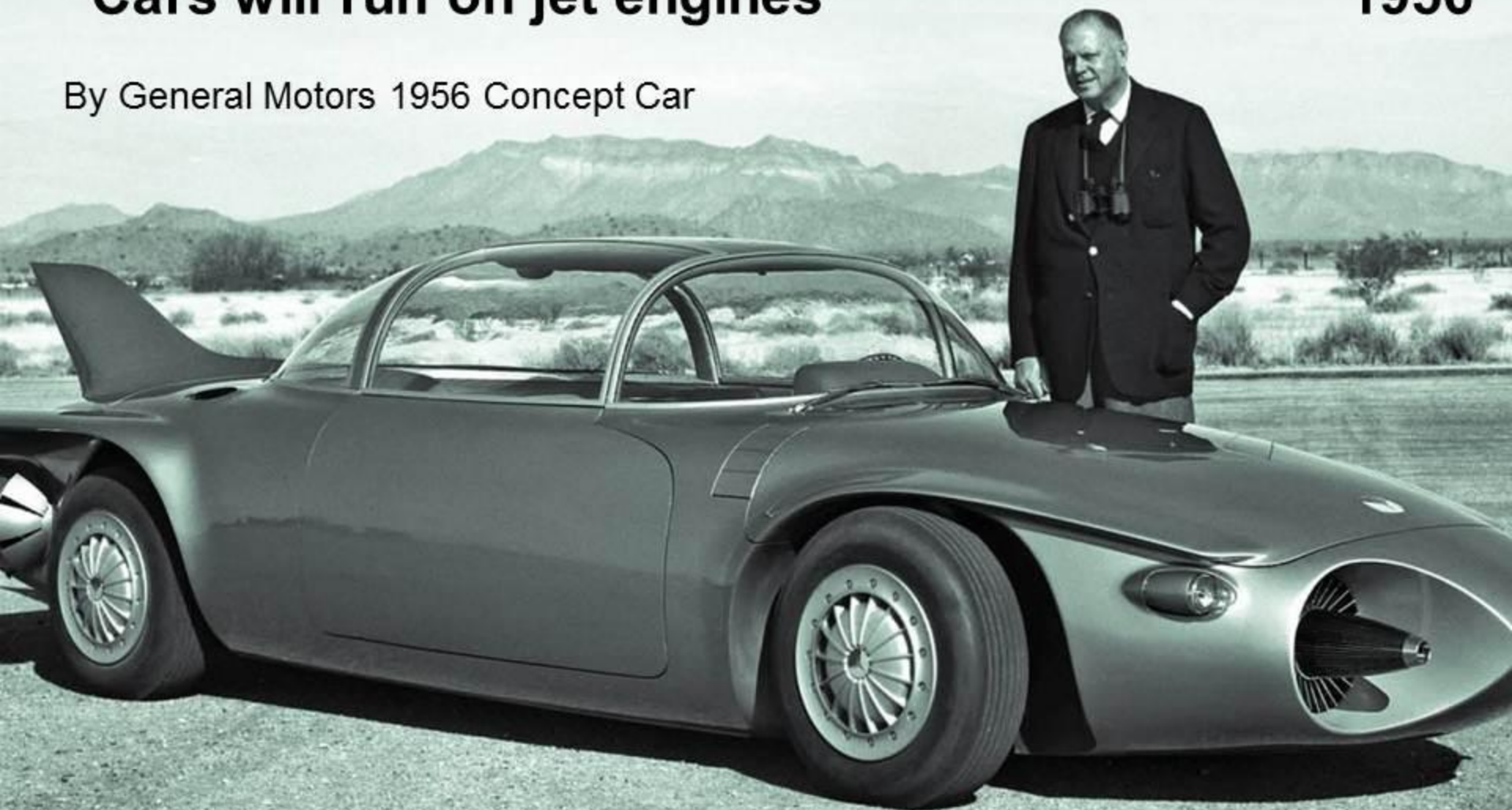


The Economy

“Cars will run on jet engines”

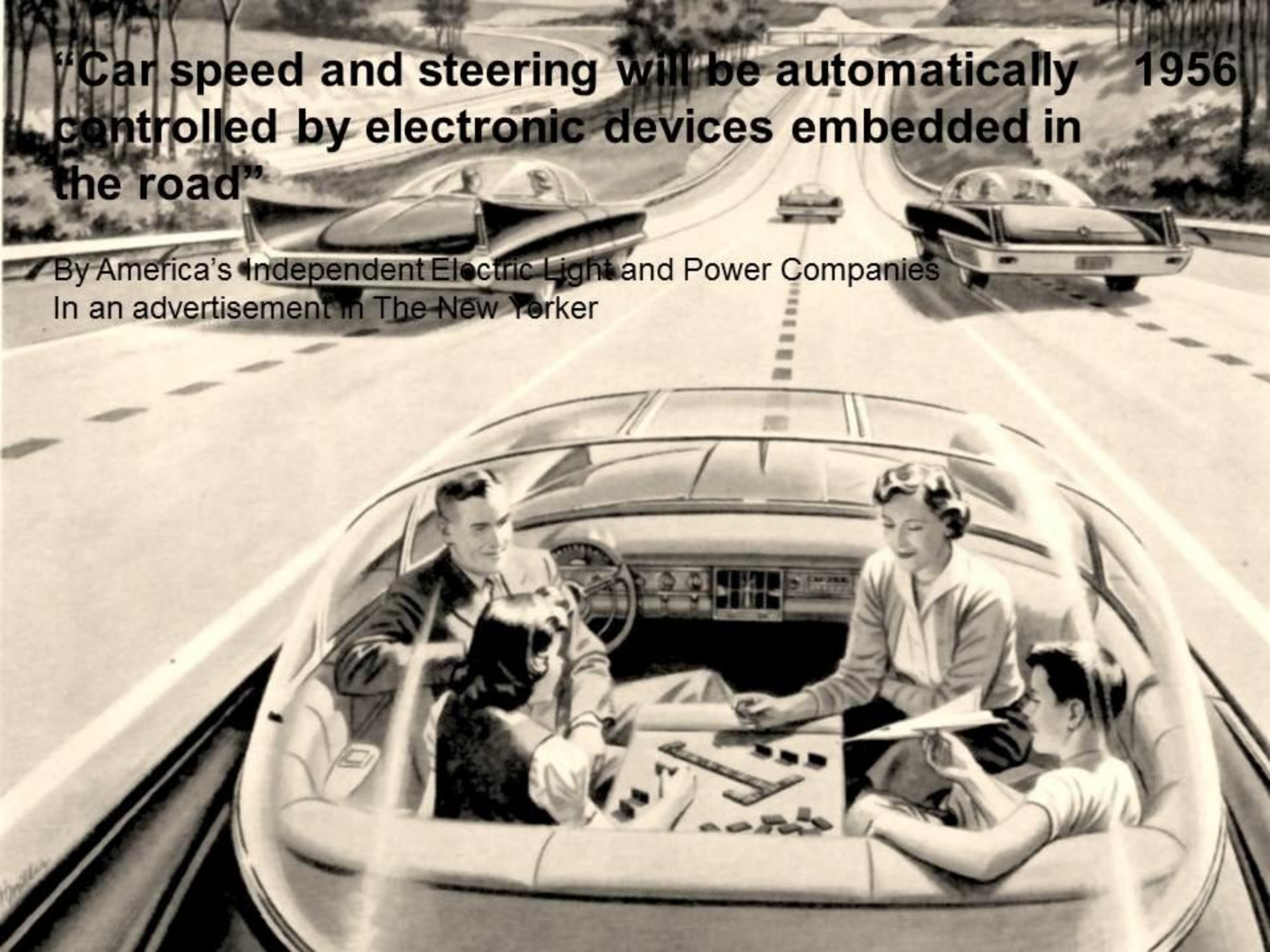
1956

By General Motors 1956 Concept Car



“Car speed and steering will be automatically controlled by electronic devices embedded in the road” 1956

By America's Independent Electric Light and Power Companies
In an advertisement in The New Yorker



**“The pedestrian will be free to walk and
browse without fear of motorized vehicles”**

1956

By Walt Disney
Explaining EPCOT to potential investors

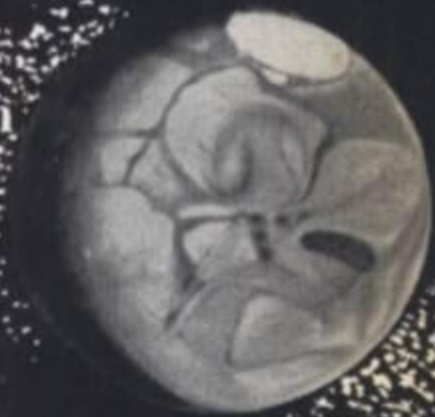
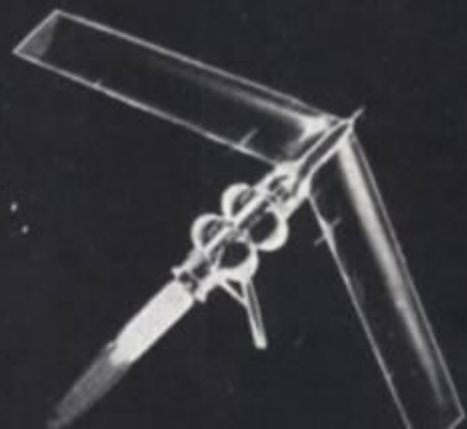


EPCOT

Wernher von Braun

Das Marsprojekt

Studie einer interplanetarischen Expedition



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WALTER MIRISCH
Directed by
Lesley Selander
SCREENPLAY BY
ARTHUR STRAWN

COLOR BY
Cinecolor



“I think there’s a world market for maybe five computers”

1943

By Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM

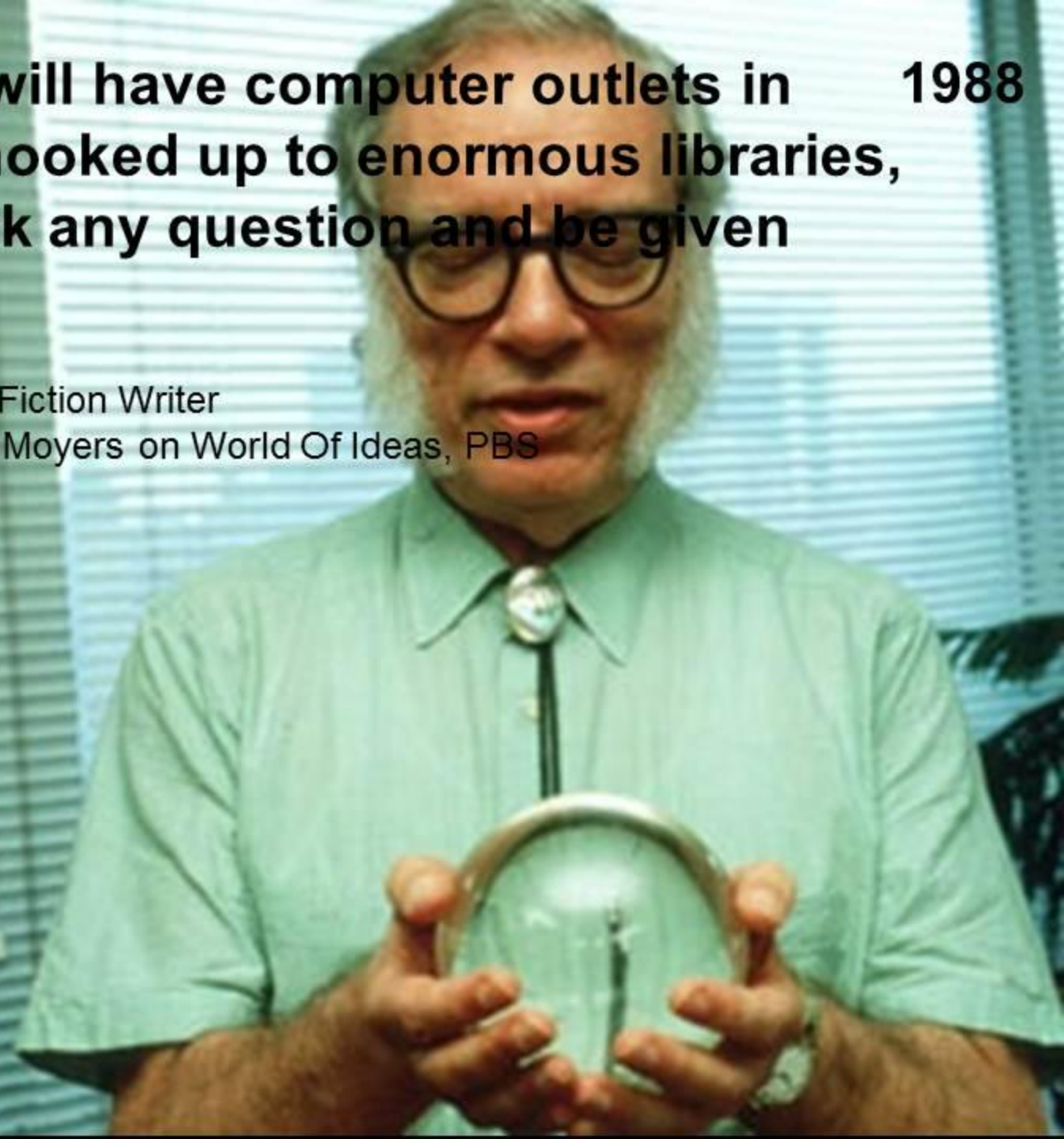
IBM



“One day we will have computer outlets in every home, hooked up to enormous libraries, so you can ask any question and be given answers” **1988**

Isaac Asimov, Science Fiction Writer

In an interview with Bill Moyers on World Of Ideas, PBS



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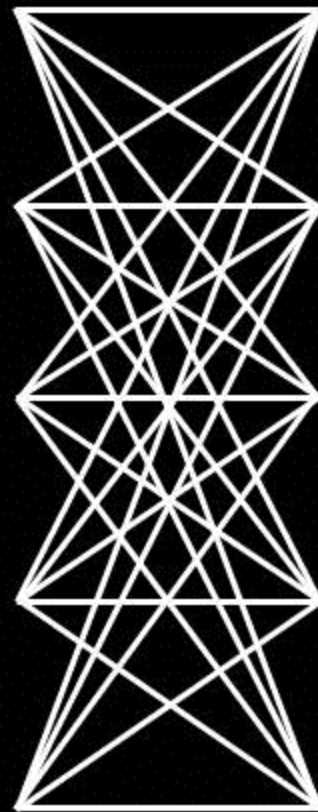
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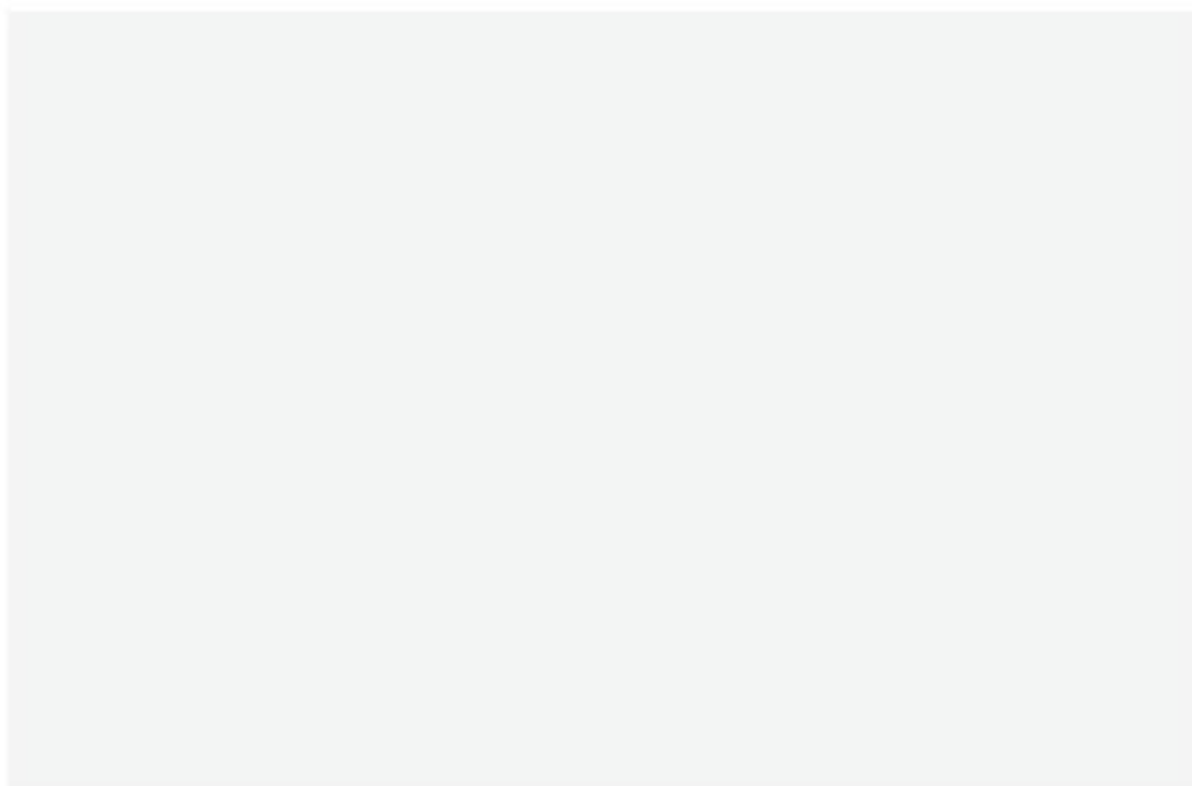
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1943



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Author's Profession

Executive

I THINK THERE'S A WORLD MARKET FOR MAYBE FIVE COMPUTERS

AUTHOR

Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM

ORIGINAL SOURCE

http://www.pcworld.com/article/15884/worst_ed_predictions.html



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The Internet



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1988



Prediction expected



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USA

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Author's Profession

Author

ONE DAY WE WILL HAVE COMPUTER OUTLETS IN EVERY HOME, HOOKED UP TO ENORMOUS LIBRARIES, SO YOU CAN ASK ANY QUESTION AND BE GIVEN ANSWERS

AUTHOR

Isaac Asimov, Science Fiction Writer

ORIGINAL SOURCE

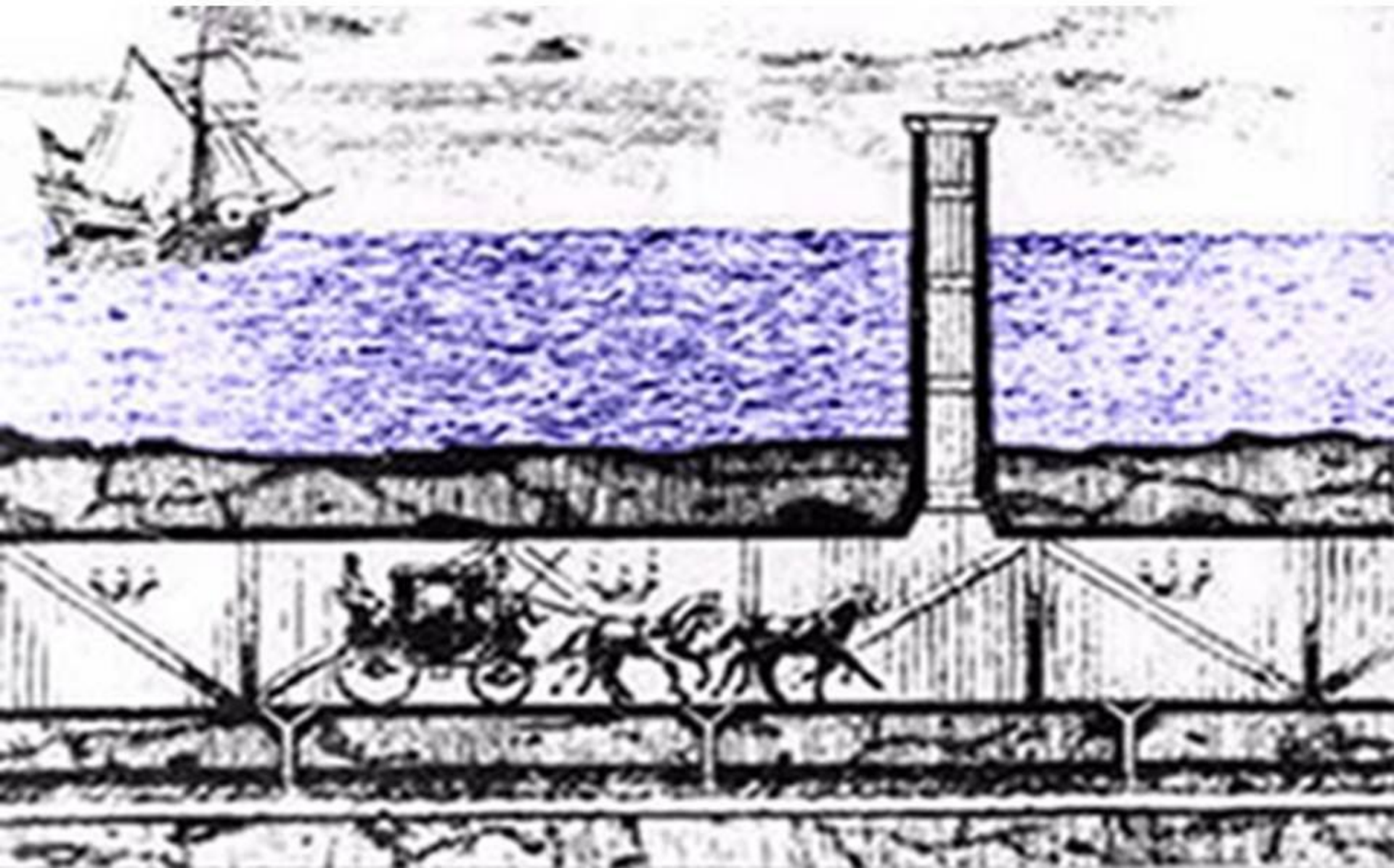
<http://educationstormfront.wordpress.com/2011/08/26/a- glimpse-of-educators-future-from-isaac-asimov/>



In an interview with Bill Moyers on World Of Ideas, PBS

“Horse drawn coaches will be used in a tunnel under the English Channel”

1802



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1802



Prediction expected

1850



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France

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Author's Profession

Engineer

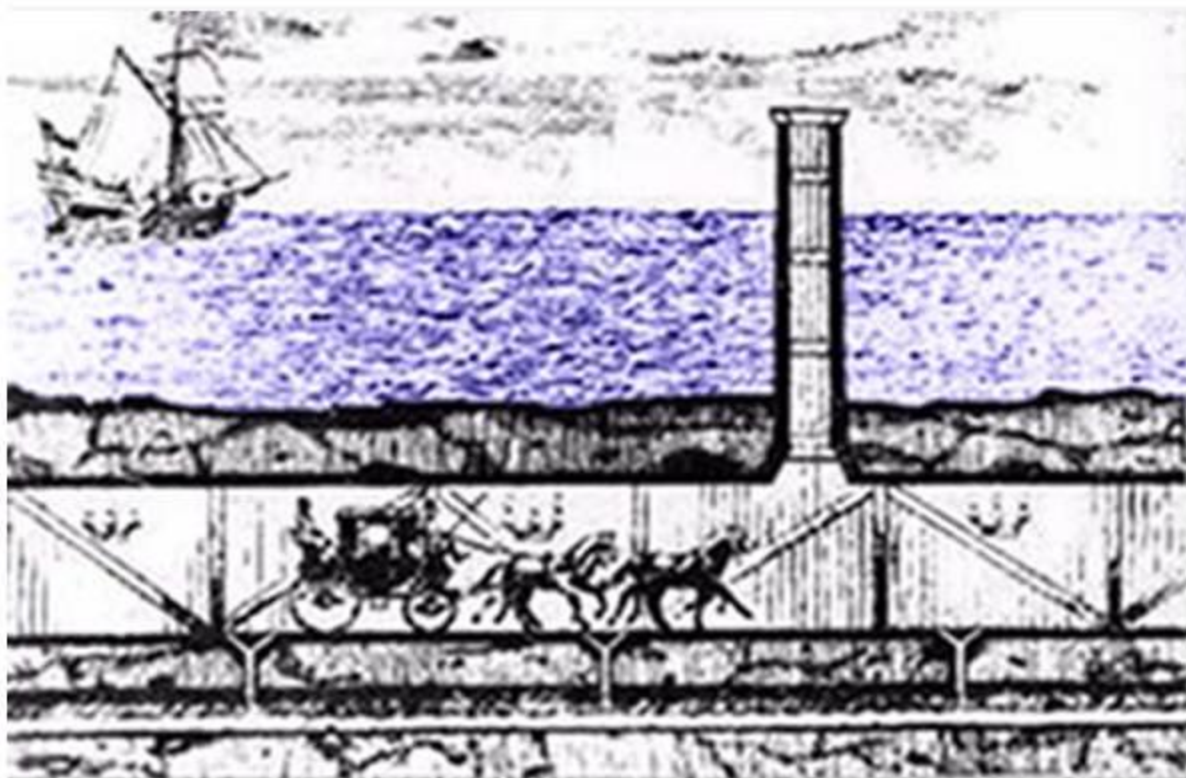
HORSE DRAWN COACHES WILL BE USED IN A TUNNEL UNDER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

AUTHOR

Albert Mathieu, Mining Engineer

ORIGINAL SOURCE

<http://educationstormfont.wordpress.com/2011/08/26/a-glimpse-of-educators-future-from-issues/pw/>



In 1802, French mining engineer Albert Mathieu put forward a proposal to tunnel under the English Channel, with illumination from oil lamps, horse-drawn coaches, and an artificial island mid-Channel for changing horses.

**“Fingertip shopping: a video console will be
channeled into the store of her choice where
she can select wares by push-button”**

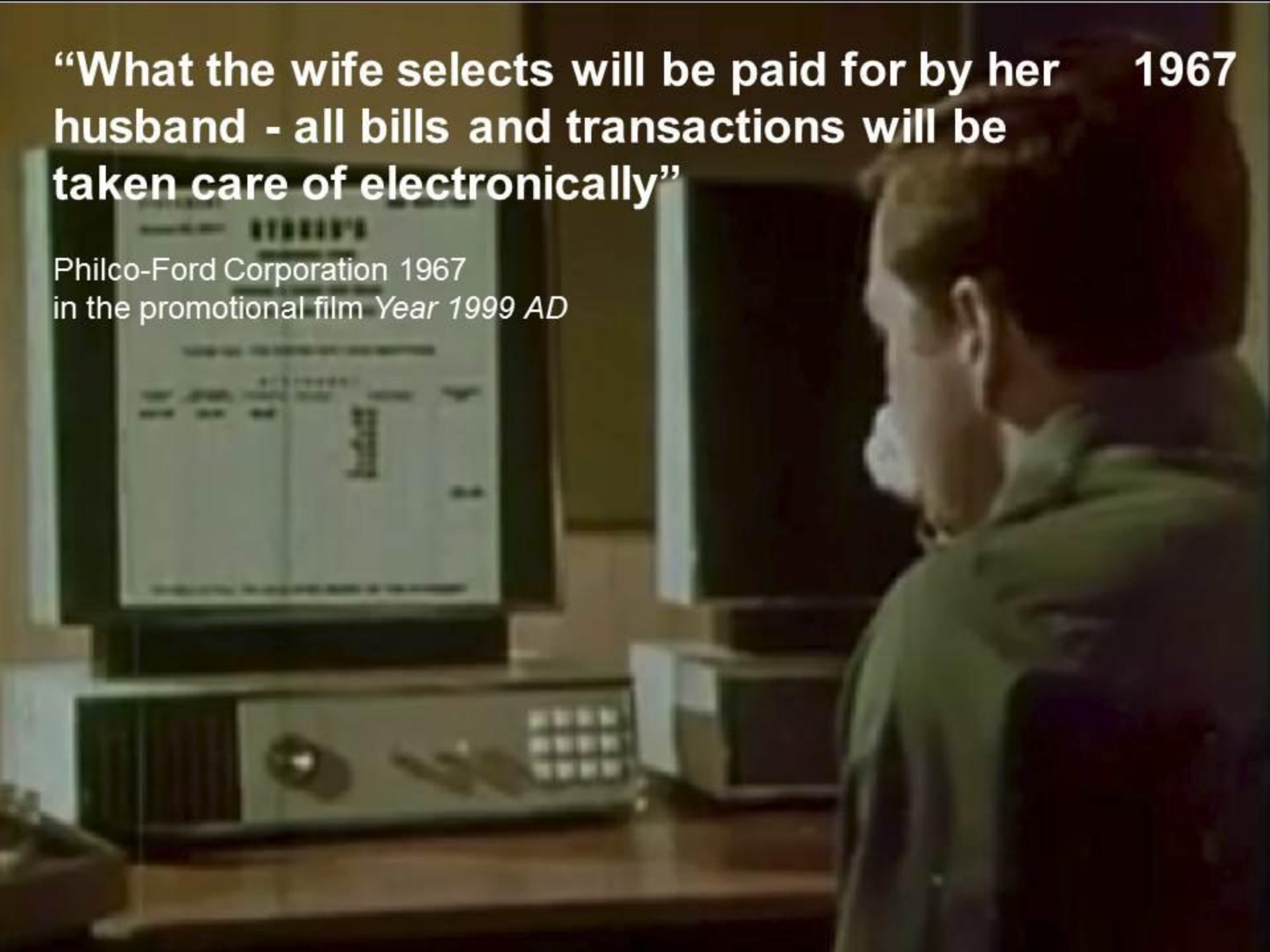
1967

By Philco-Ford Corporation 1967
in the promotional film *Year 1999 AD*



“What the wife selects will be paid for by her husband - all bills and transactions will be taken care of electronically” **1967**

Philco-Ford Corporation 1967
in the promotional film *Year 1999 AD*



**“Induction magnetic cooking
utensils will be able adjust it’s height
to the housewife”**

1957

By Disneyland/Monsanto

At the “House of the Future” Disneyland exhibition



“By 1986 microwave ovens will be commonplace in kitchens and will be smaller than an oven”

1957

By Disneyland/Monsanto

At the “House of the Future” Disneyland exhibition



**“Urban dwellers will have to wear gas masks
to survive air pollution...”** 1970

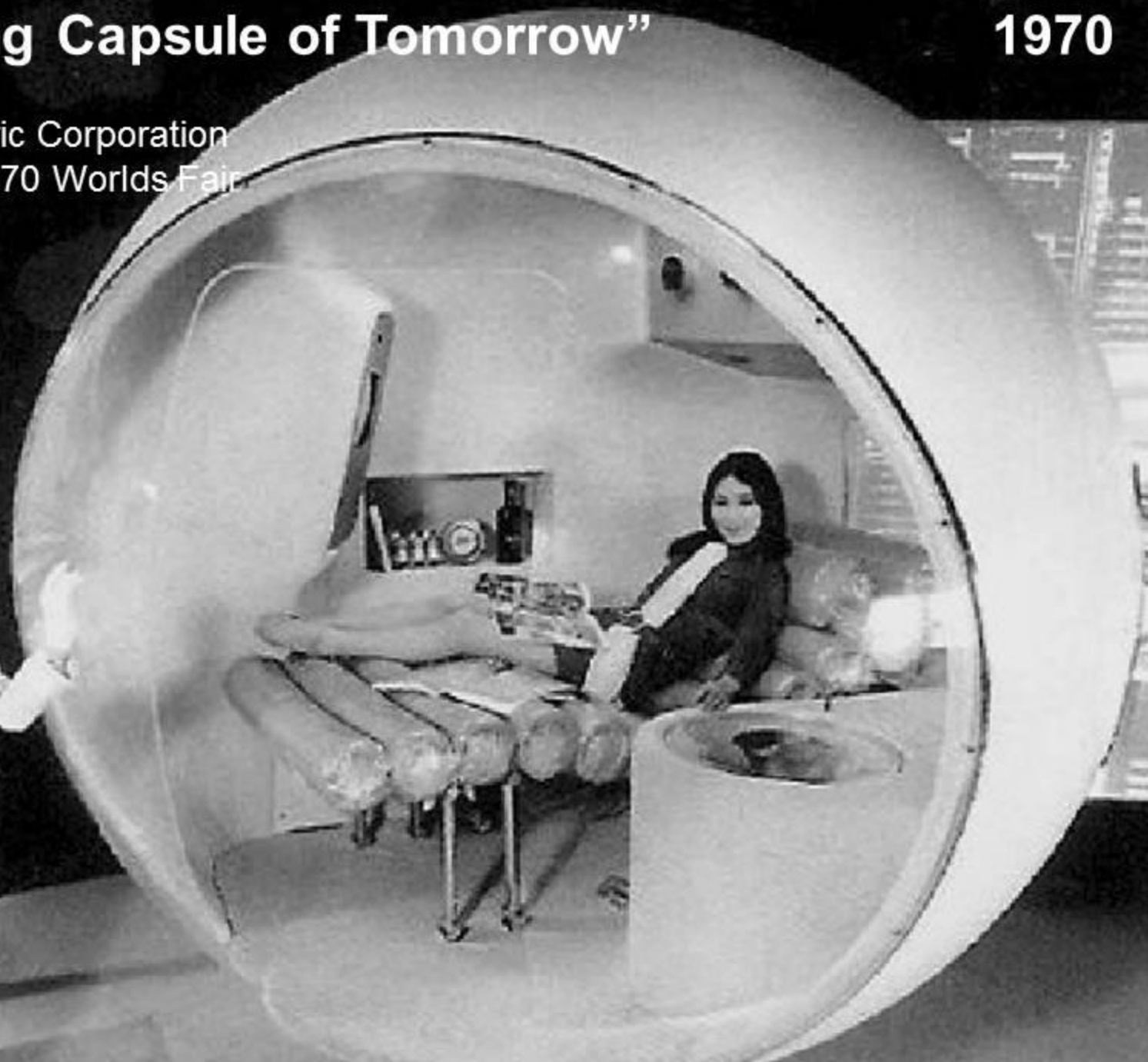
By Life magazine



“The Living Capsule of Tomorrow”

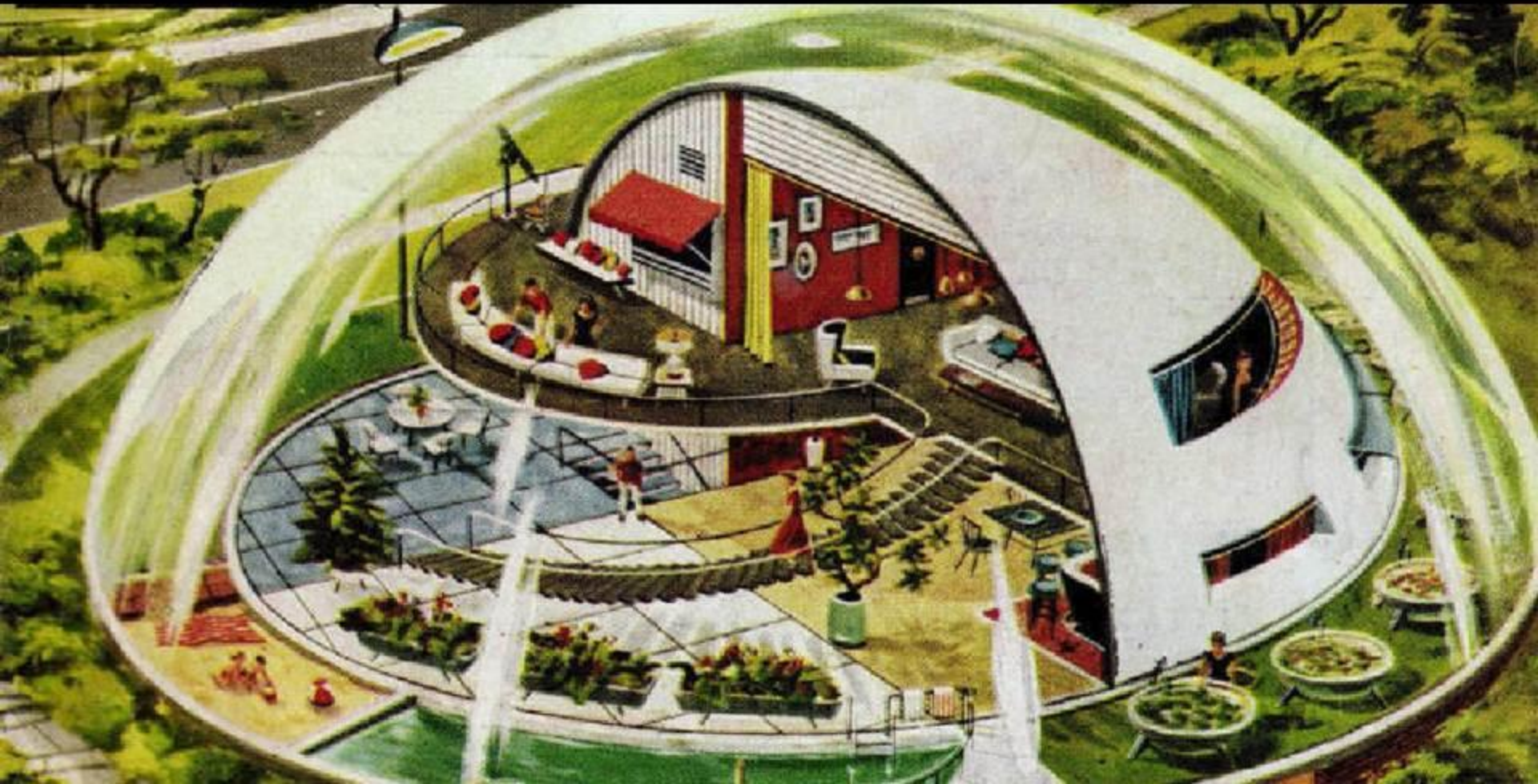
1970

By Sanyo Electric Corporation
At the Osaka 1970 Worlds Fair



“The dome made of ‘glassteel’ will mean that occupants need not worry about the outside world”

By Mechanix Illustrated magazine



**“A two mile wide glass dome will span over
midtown Manhattan and regulate weather
and reduce air pollution”**

By Buckminster Fuller, engineer and Shoji Sadao, architect
In a proposal published in a special supplement of the St. Louis Post
Dispatch



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The Planet



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Prediction made

1968



Prediction expected

2000



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USA

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USA

Author's Profession

Engineer, Architect

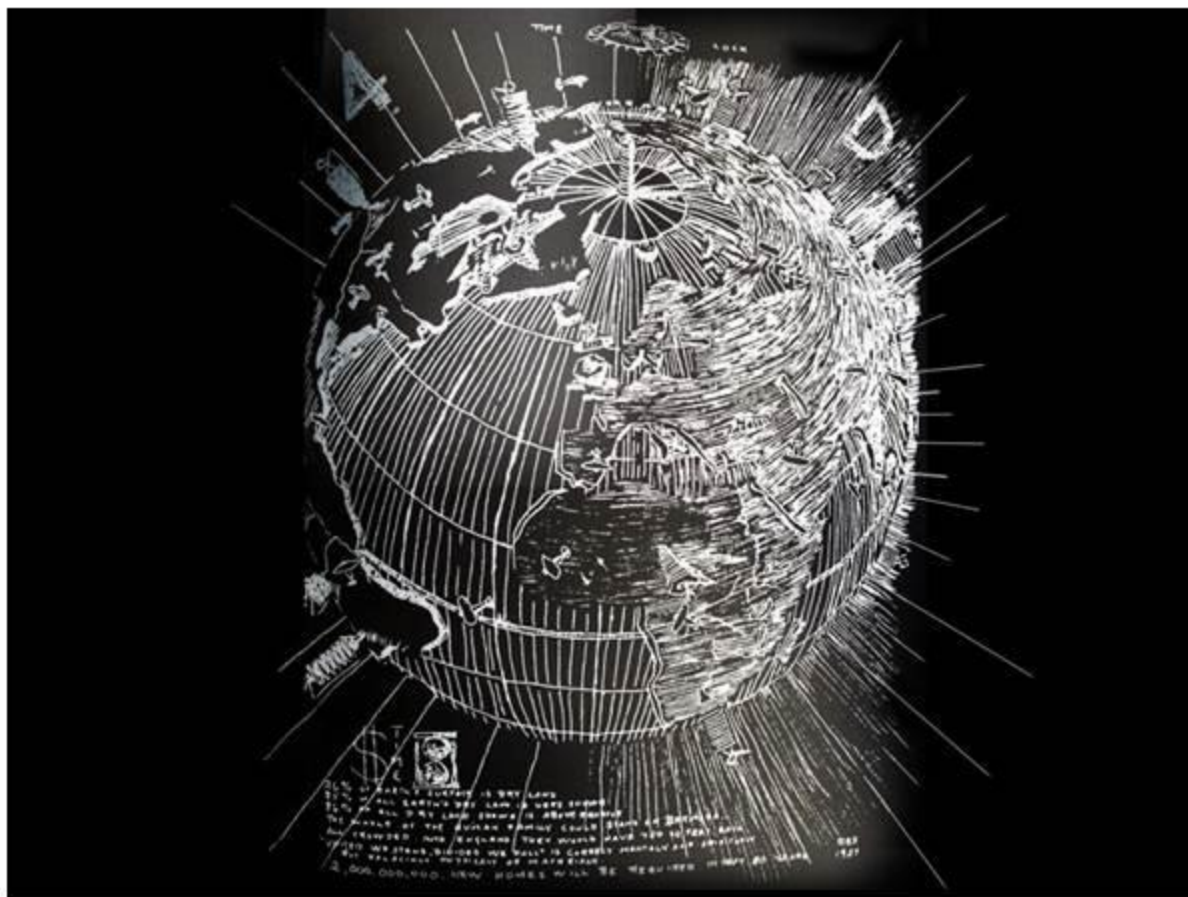
THE EARTH IS LIKE A SPACESHIP, WHOSE EXISTENCE ENDS ONCE ITS FUEL RUNS OUT...

AUTHOR

Buckminster Fuller, engineer

ORIGINAL SOURCE

<http://theinvisibleagent.wordpress.com/2010/03/02/the-monsanto-house-of-the-future-dsney/and-1957-1967/>



In *Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth*

“The apparent goal of the present world system is to produce more people with more for each person ... if society continues to strive for that goal, it will eventually reach one of many earthly limitations“

From *The Limits To Growth*, Published in 1972 about the computer modeling of unchecked economic and population growth with finite resource supplies

THE LIMITS TO growth

Donella H. Meadows
Dennis L. Meadows
Jørgen Randers
William W. Behrens III

*A Report for THE CLUB OF ROME'S Project on the
Predicament of Mankind*



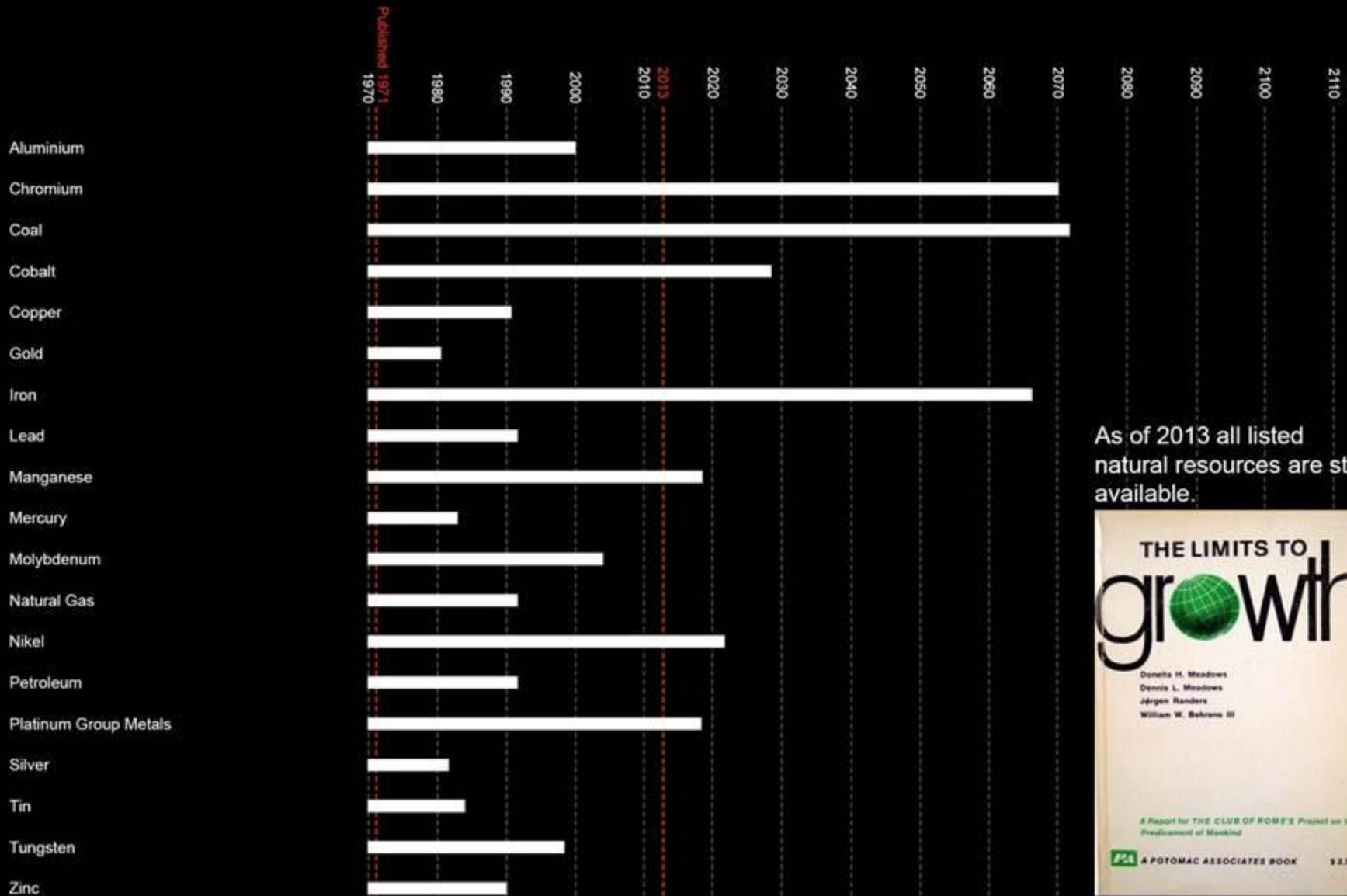
A POTOMAC ASSOCIATES BOOK

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Resource depletion estimates

From The Limits To Growth

1972



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1972



Prediction expected

1992



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The Planet

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Science

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Forecast

Country of origin

USA

Country of prediction

USA

Author's Profession

Engineer, Architect

BY 1992, ALL OIL RESERVES WILL HAVE BEEN USED UP

AUTHOR

The Club of Rome

ORIGINAL SOURCE

<http://www.clubofrome.org/?p=326>



Resource estimates published in *The Limits To Growth* 1972

WHAT WAS THE FUTURE OF...

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350AD



Prediction expected

400AD



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Author's Profession

Bishop

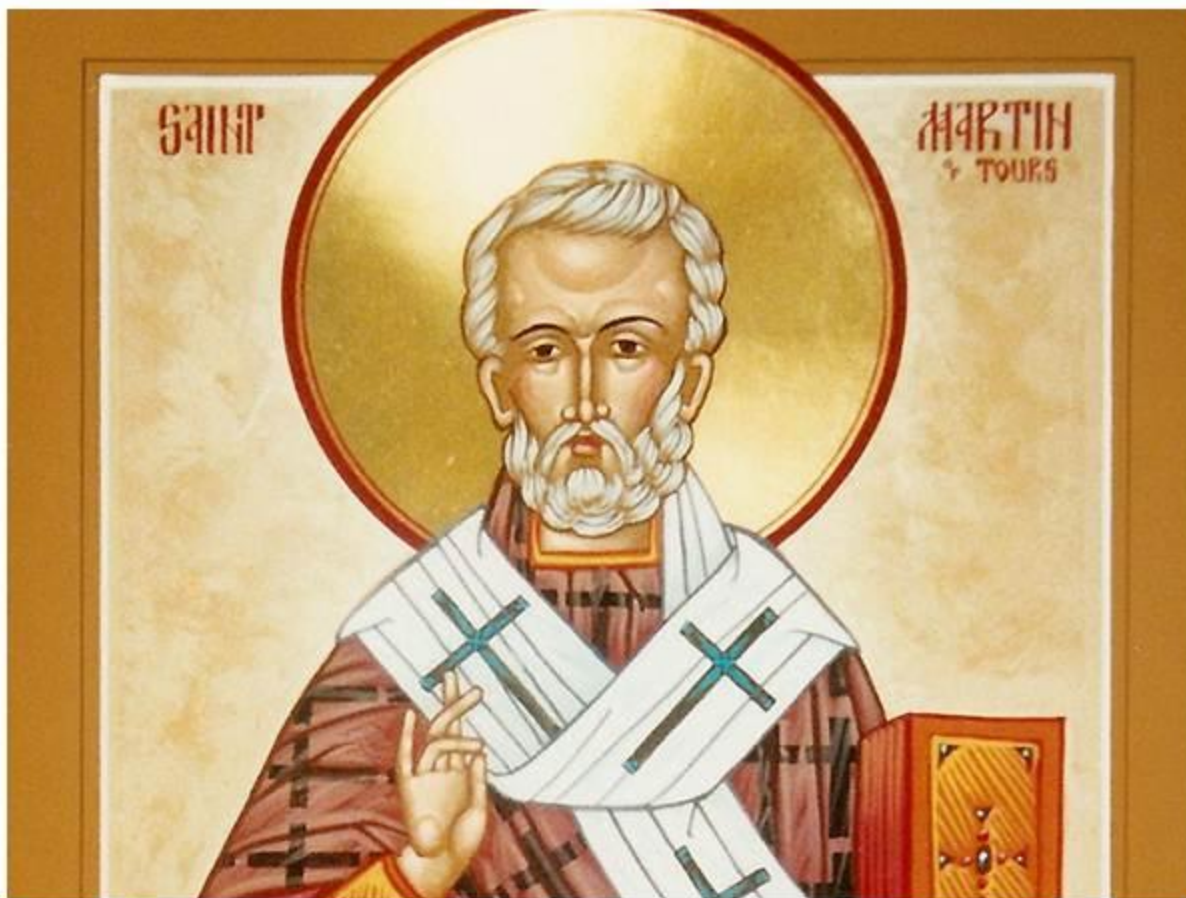
THE WORLD WILL END BEFORE 400AD

AUTHOR

St Martin of Tours

ORIGINAL SOURCE

<http://www.abnata.info/end1.htm>



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THE WORLD WILL END BEFORE 400AD

Martin of Tours 400AD

THE WORLD WILL END DURING 1186 DUE TO THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PLANETS

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Pope Innocent III 1195

THE WORLD WILL END IN 1656

Christopher Columbus 1501

THE WORLD WILL BE DESTROYED BY A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST IN 1967

George Van Tassel 1965

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Aum Shinrikyo 1995

WHAT WAS THE FUTURE OF...

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350



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Outcome

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Country of origin

Rome

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Author's Profession

Theologian

JESUS WILL RETURN IN 500AD

AUTHOR

Hippolytus of Rome, Sextus Jullius Africanus & Irenaeus

ORIGINAL SOURCE

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/magazines/editorsnote/2013/01/14/276750.htm>



The Year 2000 problem was the subject of the early book, *Computers in Crisis* by Jerome and Marilyn Murray (Petrocelli, 1984). The first recorded mention of the Year 2000 Problem on a Usenet newsgroup occurred Friday, 18 January 1985, by Usenet poster Spencer Bolles.

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Author's Profession

Physicist

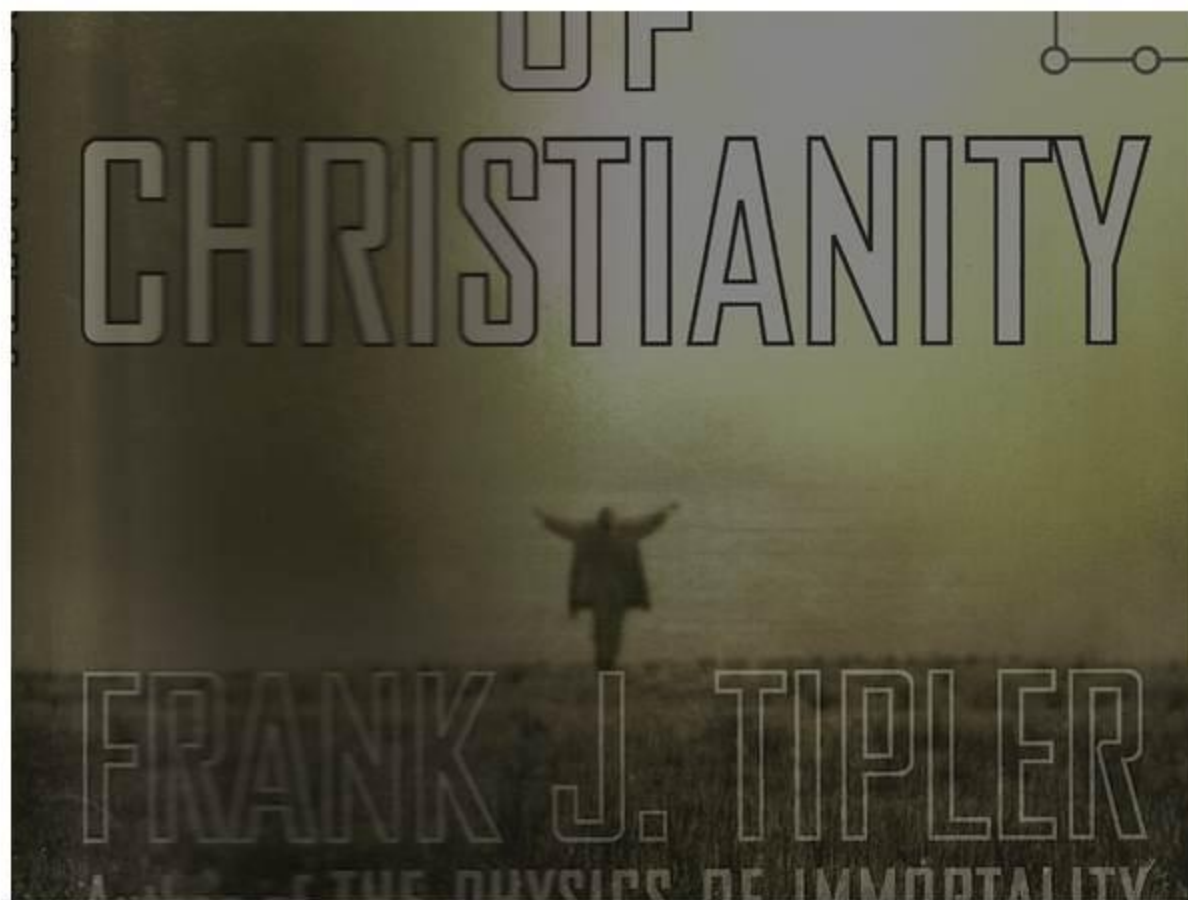
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1976 1982 1992 1999 2000 2008 2011 2015 2025 2035 2057

AUTHOR

Frank J. Tipler

ORIGINAL SOURCE

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In 2007 physicist and intelligent design advocate Frank J. Tipler published *The Physics of Christianity* in which he asserts in the first chapter that the Second Coming of Christ will occur by 2057, and will be coincident with what futurist Ray Kurzweil calls the Singularity.

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Prediction made

2010 2011 2012



Prediction expected

400AD



Outcome

True False Unknown

Subject

The Economy

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Forecast

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Greece

Author's Profession

Economists

IN 2009 2010 2011 2012 GREECE WILL NO LONGER BE IN RECESSION

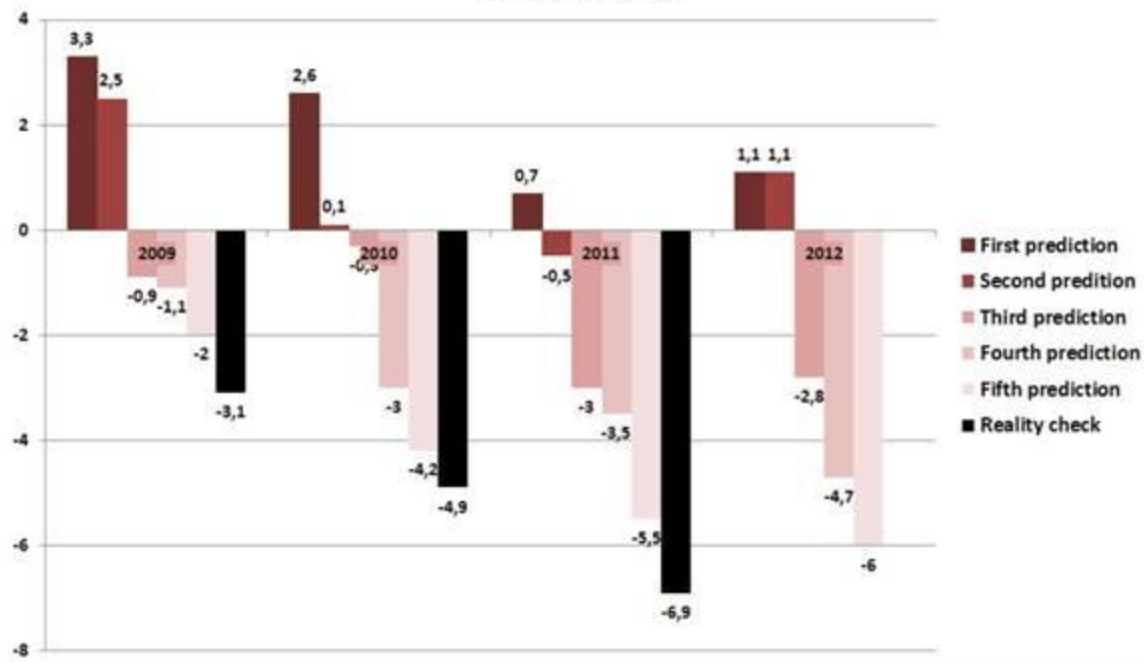
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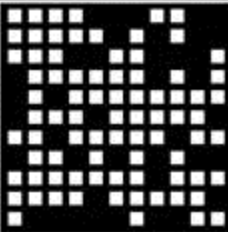
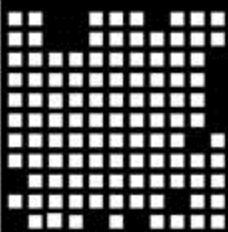

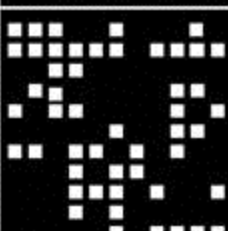
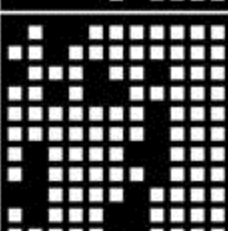
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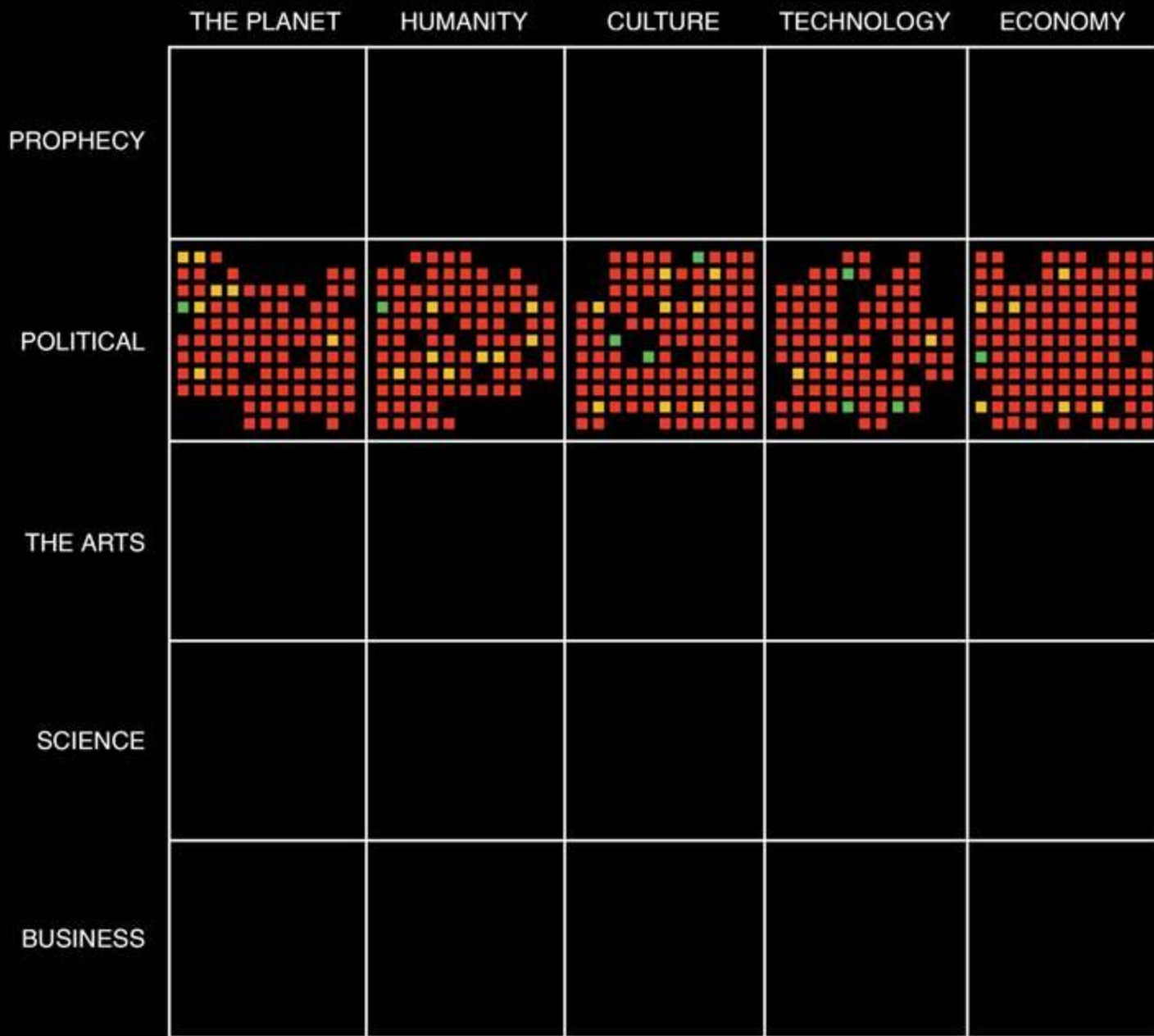
European commission predictions of economic growth in Greece and the eventual results



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“Economic predictions are usually wrong”



“Political predictions are always wrong”

**“Whether you like it or not:
We will bury you!”**

1968

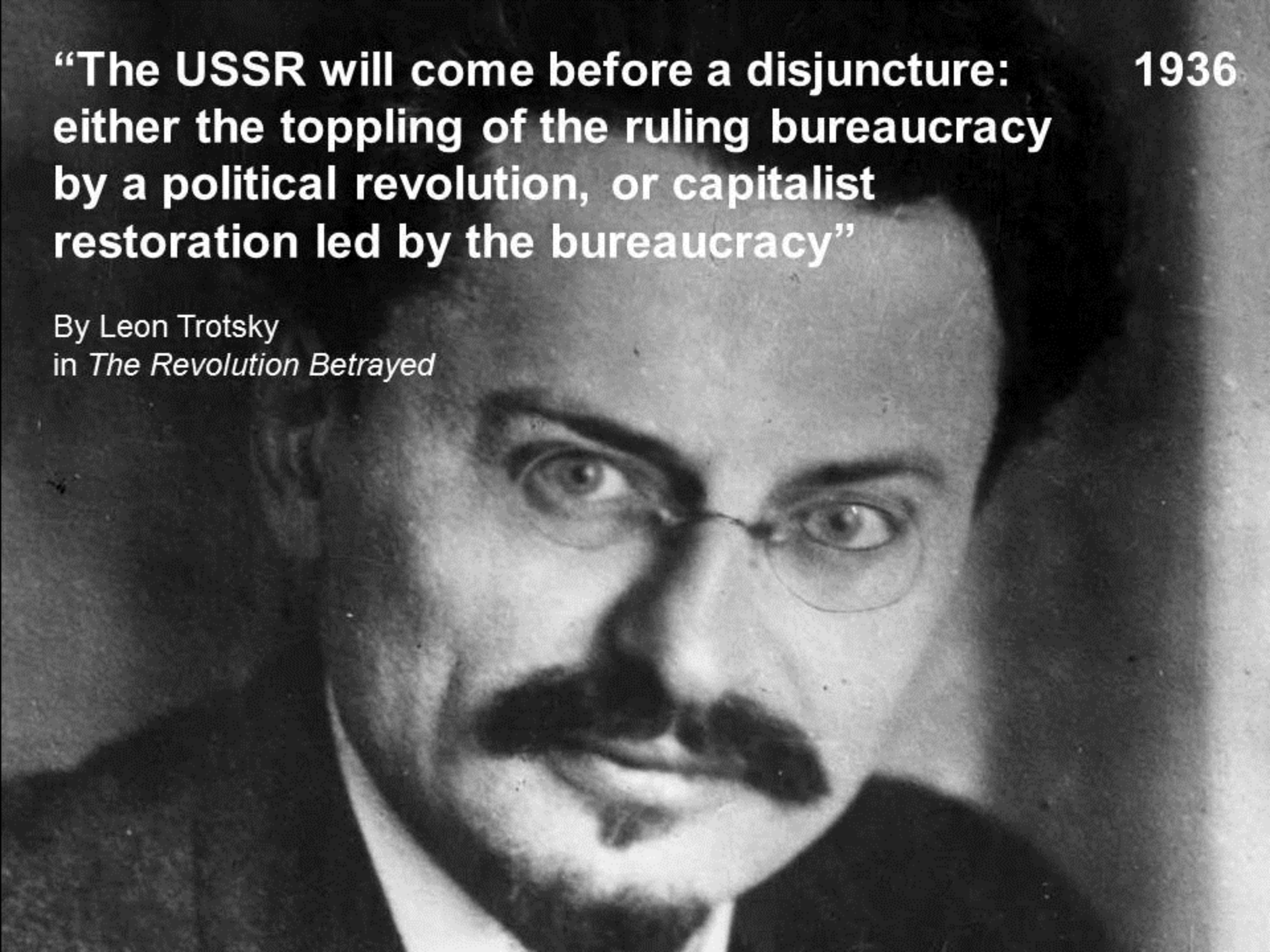
By Nikita Krushev, First Secretary of the CCCP 1953 -1964
Addressing Western ambassadors at a reception at the Polish
embassy in Moscow on November 18, 1956



**“The USSR will come before a disjuncture:
either the toppling of the ruling bureaucracy
by a political revolution, or capitalist
restoration led by the bureaucracy”**

1936

By Leon Trotsky
in *The Revolution Betrayed*



**“The Russian regime will either democratize
itself or it will perish”**

1946

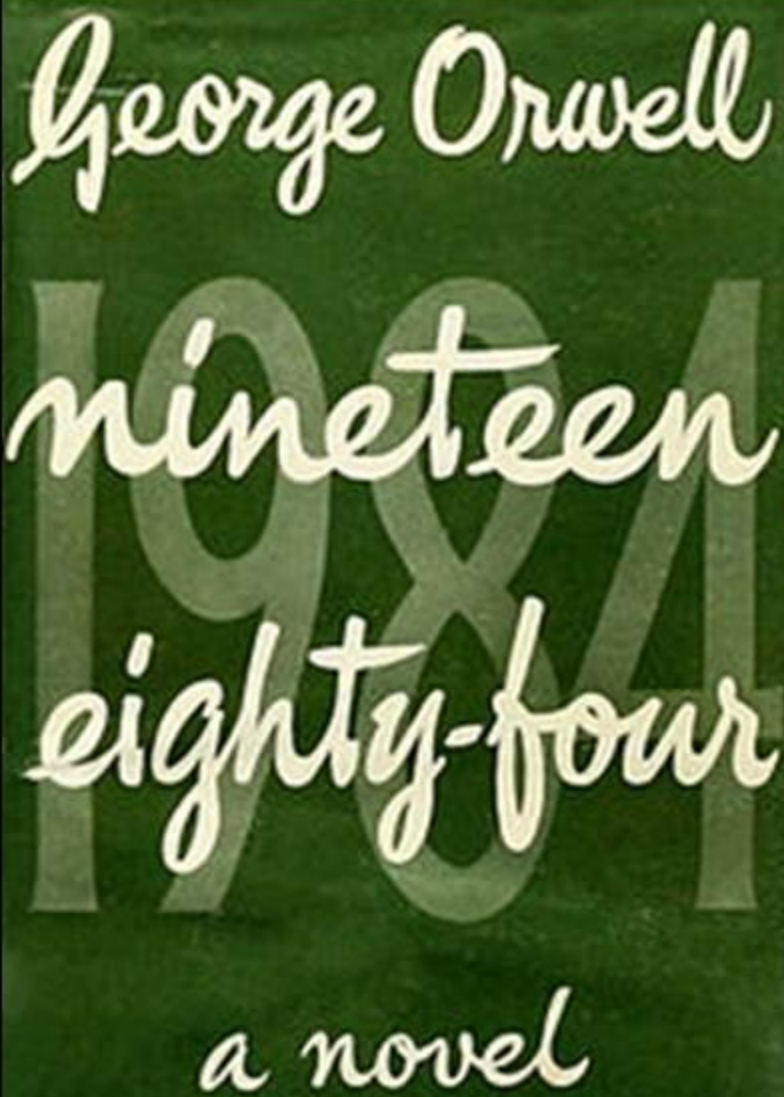
By George Orwell

In the essay *Second Thoughts on James Burnham*



“If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face — forever”

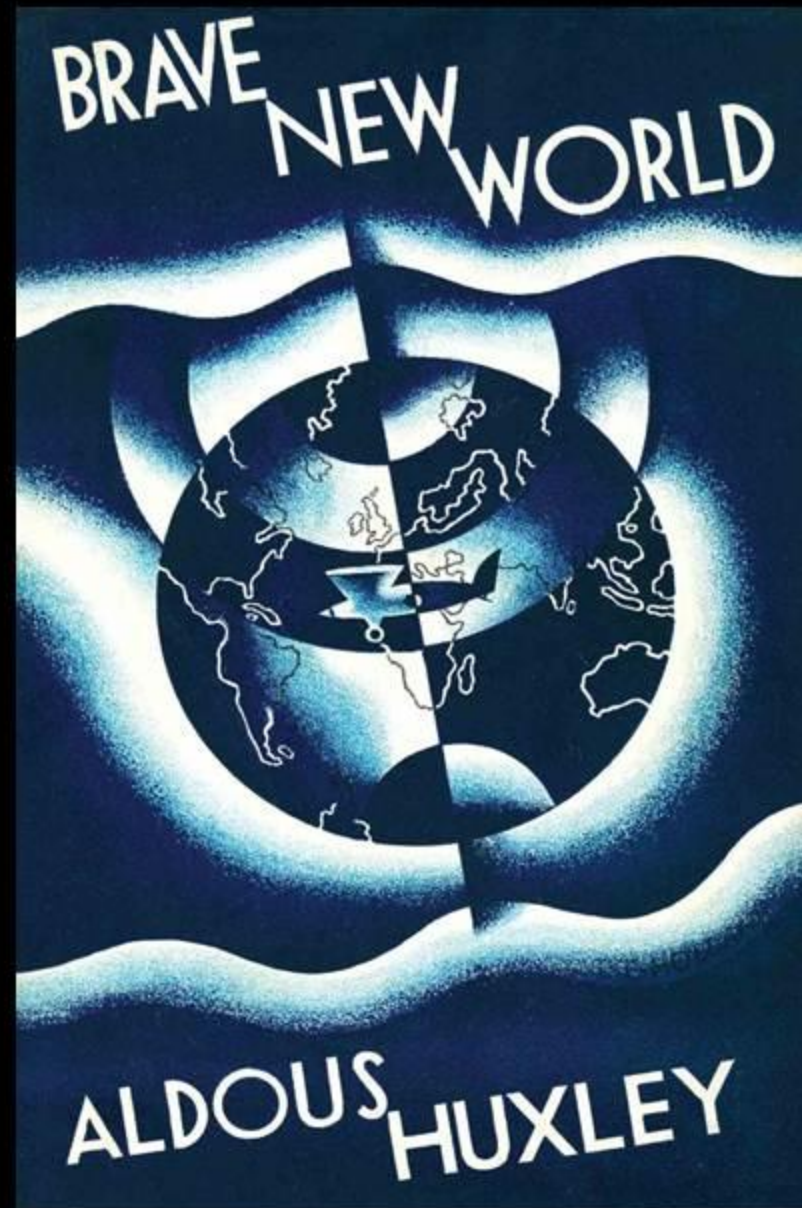
By George Orwell
in *1984*, 1948

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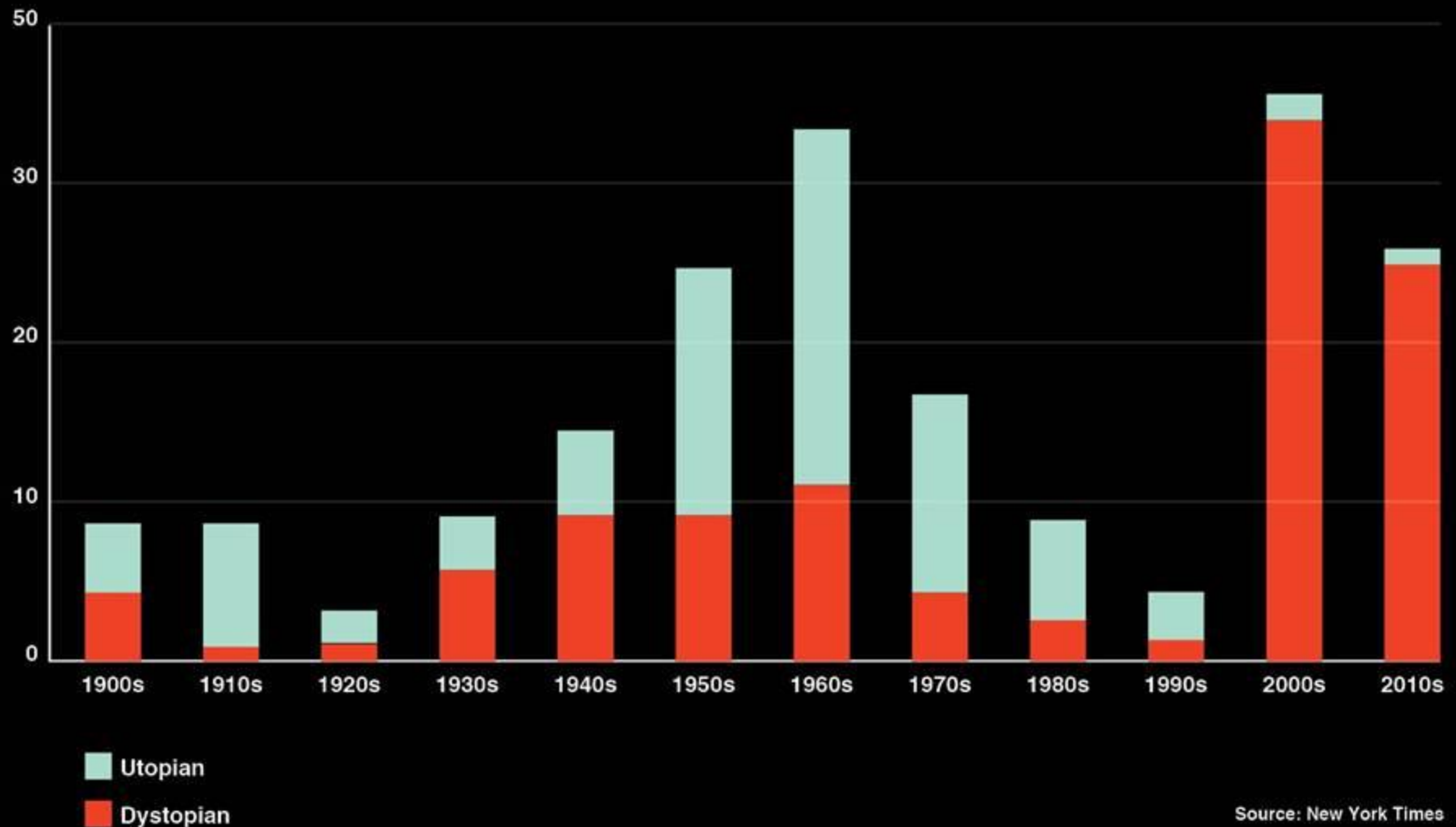
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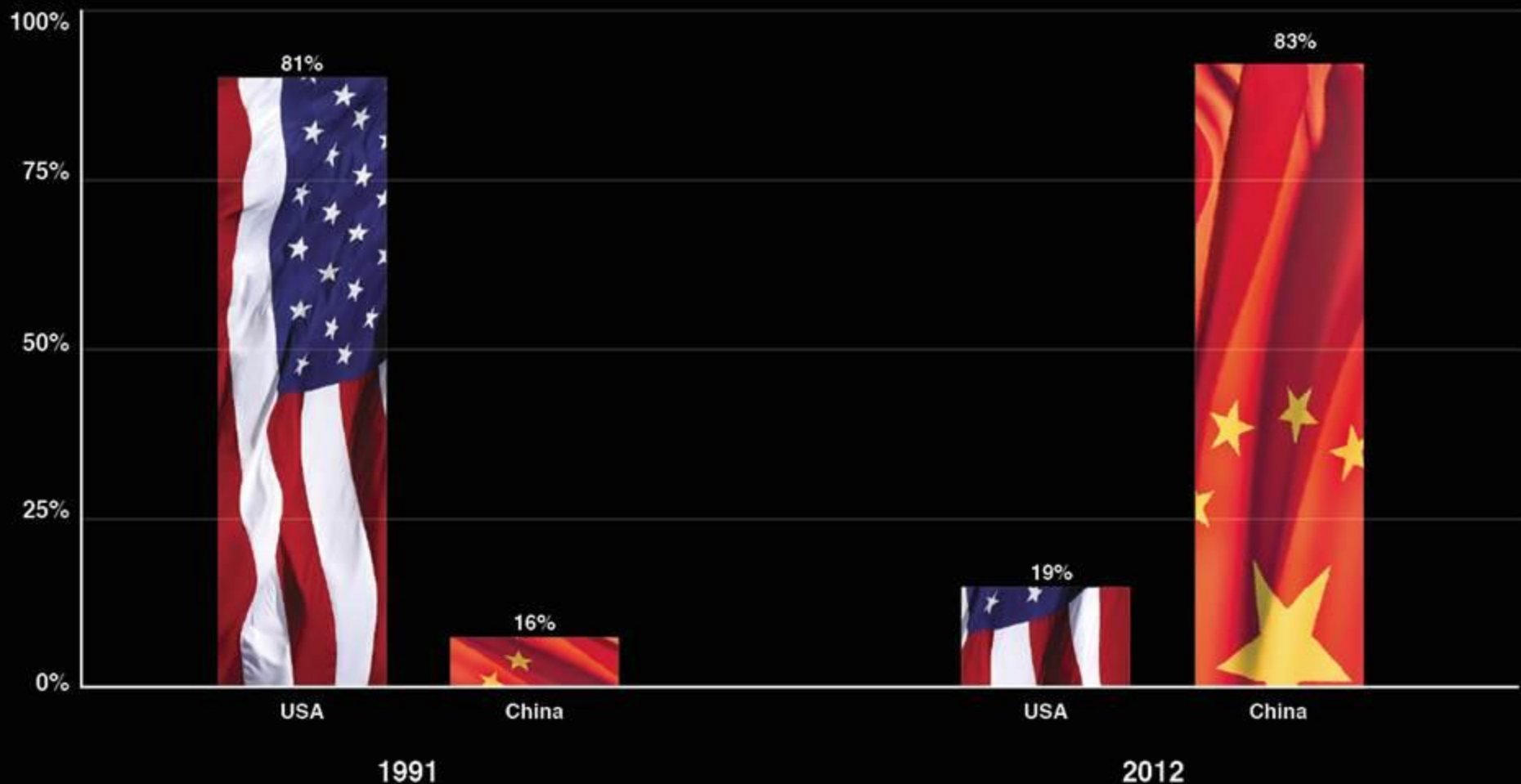
By Aldous Huxley
in *Brave New World* 1932



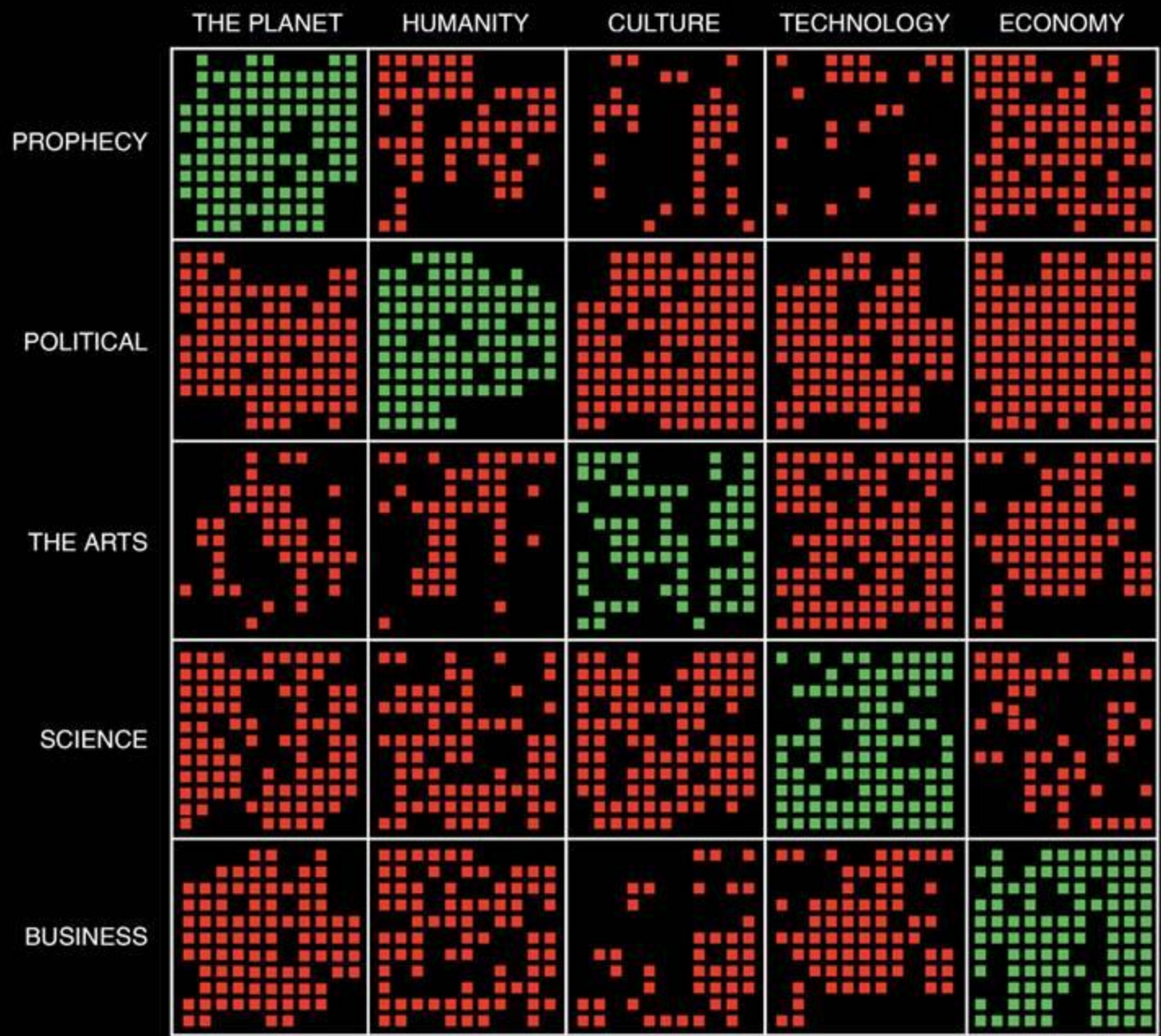
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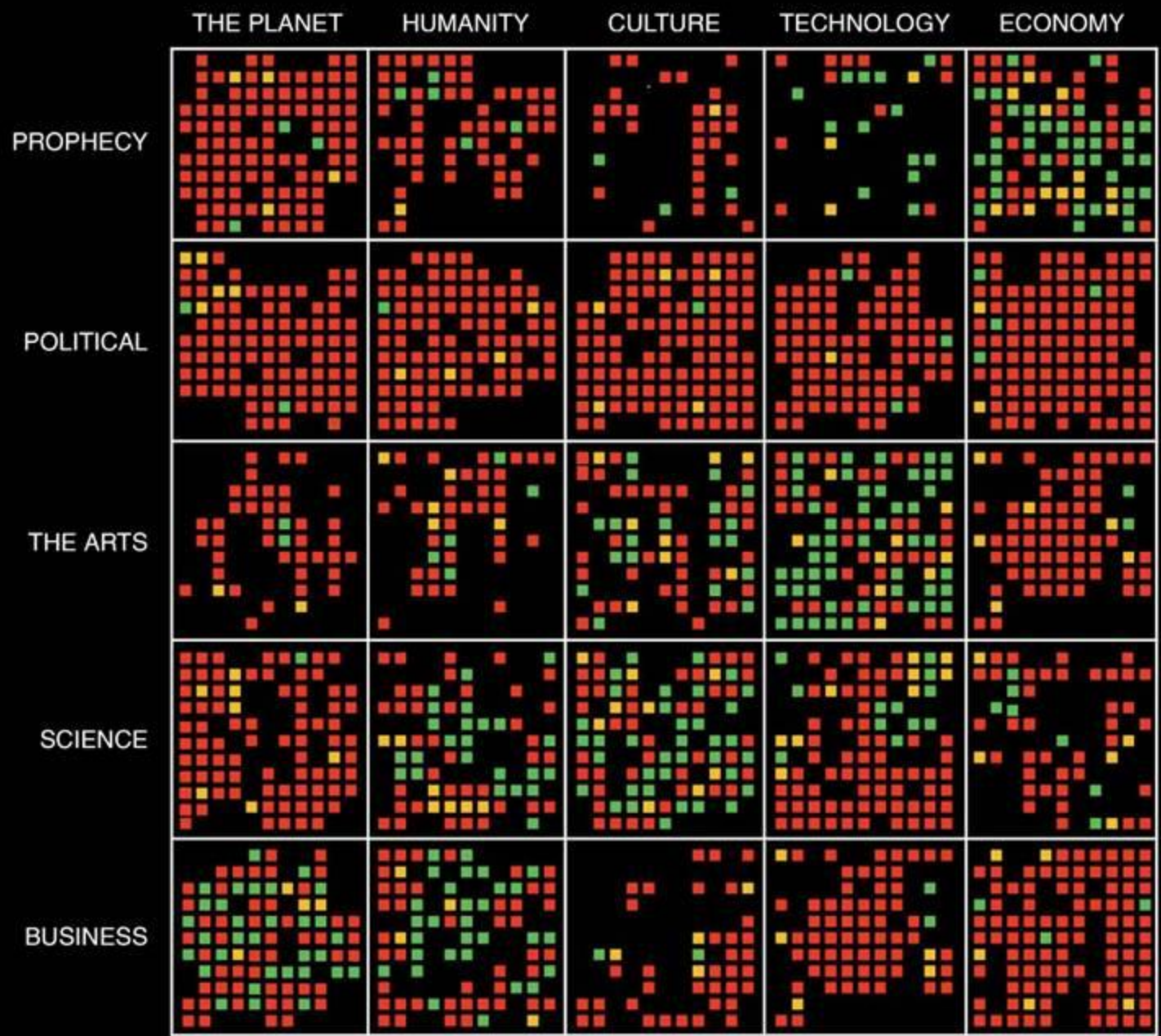
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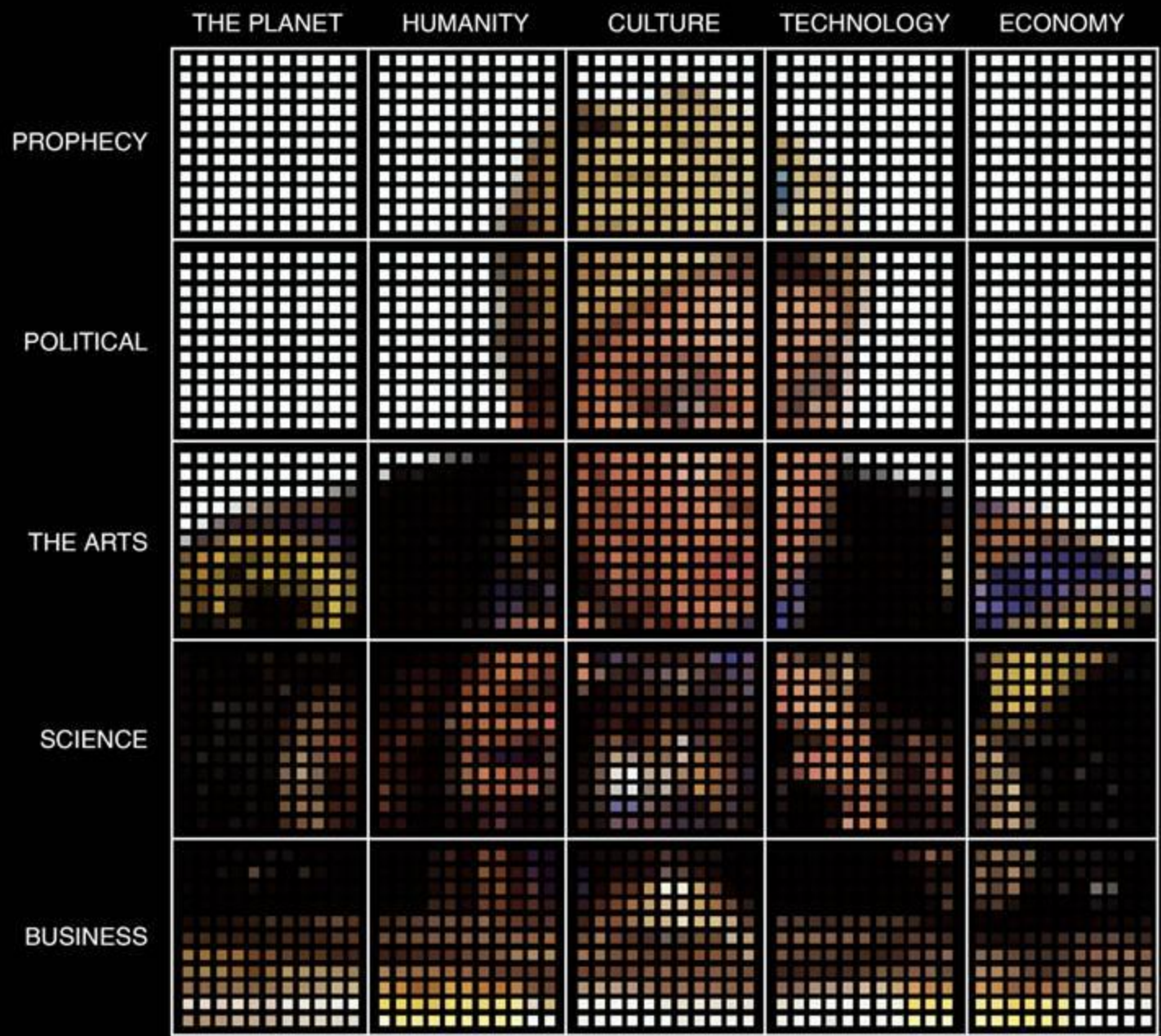


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