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In the last week I've been having a very vivid premonition of a plane—looks like a commercial passenger aircraft—crashing into a skyscraper and exploding into flames. I think it's in the US—possibly Chicago.

—Zak Martin

—“Psychic 1”

—September 5, 2001

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Foreword

Throughout this book are several “premonitions” or glimpses into the future that many people saw before the actual tragic, hideous attacks on September 11, 2001. All contain a portion of the actual event, but each captures at least one critical element of the event: fear, explosion, terrorism, etc. The rest of this book is an attempt to explain such premonitions from the point of view of several different philosophies in a logical and rational way. The Hero section is dedicated to all those who lost their lives for the sake of others, and The Politics section should serve as a philosophical guide for our country.

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Introduction

The events of September 11th were shocking and horrifying. This was due in part to the size and scope of the event. It was real life drama played out live on television and broadcast throughout the United States and the world.

Perspective is important, and since that day there has been an endless parade of experts to explain why and how such events took place, and what their ramifications are. Many examine what these events have meant to the U.S. and to the world in terms of economics, politics, security, the military, and so on. Others are fixed (rightly so) on the environmental impact of the site in New York, and the physical health of those who will work in and around the area for years to come. There is even a focus on the psychological ramifications that will be felt by the victims, workers, families, we Americans, and those in countries sympathetic to the attackers and Al-Qaeda.

An area that is lacking in examination of this event, however, is that which would be called parapsychological, mystical, or even spiritual. Shortly after the event we did hear some who suggested the event was a punishment from God, but they were pretty much shouted down when they suggested it was punishment by God for the sins of the nation.

Certain “New-Agers” look at the event from astrological points of view, or as a sign of the coming of the end of the world, but they are relegated to such mediums as the Art Bell Show.

It is the case that most people do not want to hear such points of view because they feel that such parapsychological or mystical claims as to the explanation or merely examination of the events of September 11th are a waste of time.

This is an unfortunate position to take because it closes off a world of experiences and knowledge that ultimately may lead to a better understanding of the true nature of human consciousness, and how such knowledge may one day eventually lead to the betterment of mankind.

When I was a boy around 8 years old, some 40+ years ago I went on a trip to New York City with my family. It was the first and only time we ever went to New York City. I remember sitting in the back seat behind my father who was driving down the city streets as we were trying to see the sites. I didn't know what it meant, but I had my first of two lifetime premonitions at that time. As we were driving down the street in the city I suddenly had a dreamlike event take place where I heard people horrified about what they were witnessing! I remember looking up amongst the large buildings and seeing a passenger airplane flying very low just above me and I was afraid it would crash into a building which it did in very short order. The sound of the crash was absolutely terrifying! Then as sudden as the dreamlike state had occurred, it dissipated into the reality of the moment. I immediately told my dad what had just happened to me in an effort to find out what it was. I was so scared and my dad didn't exactly know what to make of it. I tried repeatedly to go over and over the event in my mind as I had recalled it to try to make some sort of determination of whether or not what I had just witnessed was real or just a dream. I was very concerned because I was fully awake when it occurred and I was very alertly looking around the city. I also remember trying to understand how an airplane could just vanish into the side of a building upon crashing into it. I asked my dad how this could happen because I logically thought that at least some of the plane's debris (such as the engines) would fall off the airplane and drop straight down the side of the building. Upon discussing it we thought that it was not possible for the airplane to disappear into the side of the building as I had seen it do. Therefore, I was confused

about what I had perceived at that time. I remember going home from that vacation and watching the news for several weeks to see if an airplane would crash into a New York skyscraper like I had so vividly seen. I never thought about it much after that, just dismissing it as an unexplainable event. I really didn't know what it was all about then. I now know the significance of it but don't know how it could happen to me. I have seen information about this type of phenomena on TV throughout my life, so I knew it was possible to happen to people. I can't control it and don't know why it happens to me or others.

—Tim

—early 1960s

Courtesy Curiosity Pages

Dreams and Premonitions Message Board

Premonitions

Premonitions

If only someone had seen the attacks of September 11, 2001 coming maybe they could have been prevented. Unfortunately no one can see the future before it happens, right? Not necessarily. A common belief that dreams, visions, feelings, or intuition can foretell future events are as old as civilization itself. The Bible is filled with stories about how individuals were guided by dreams and visions, and even the voice of God himself to change their plans in order to avoid disaster.

Indeed many ancient cultures used omens, oracles, and visions that were viewed with great significance. We can see that premonitions and precognition is not a modern phenomena, but rooted in the ancient psyche and the birth of our modern cultures.

Precognition is the correct prediction of future events when there is no way of inferring what those events will be from knowledge of the present (Tart, 1977). Premonitions usually take place in the form of dreams. L.E. Rhine (1954) found that 75 percent of precognitive cases were dreams. This may be true because is it likely that our conscious minds don't accept the possibility of foretelling a future event, but our subconscious dreaming minds do. Most of the premonitions of September 11, 2001 in this book are in the form of dreams, though some are in the form of art, and others are from ancient visions long forgotten.

Why do certain people have premonitions and why did some people see the terrorist attacks on 9/11? Premonitions and other precognitive experiences, usually concern events that are emotionally significant to the one who is experiencing it (Irwin, 1994). There are many stories that are quite common about a person dreaming of a loved one that was about to die. The person appears to them in their dream says good-bye and that they love them. The

dreamer wakes up, and the next day, or in the next several days, finds out that the person they dreamed of has died. In this case the event of the person dying was so emotionally important to the dreamer that through some as yet unknown mechanism, the event perforated through to the conscious mind of the dreamer and forewarned him or her of the coming emotionally traumatic event.

Emotionally significant and traumatic correctly identifies the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The event was covered live and carried throughout the world via television, and was talked about intensely for days after it occurred. You can ask how people possibly saw something coming without prior knowledge, and a good response would be that this event was so large that why didn't more people see it coming (as a premonition)? The people likely to have premonitions in one form or another about this event were those working at the World Trade Center or Pentagon, those on the flights that day, and those who follow world events. Those who lived in the New York area at the time were also likely to foresee the event.

Problems abound, however. If so many people were involved, why didn't more have premonitions? The answer to this question probably lies at the root of one's personality and psychological make-up. It is possible that if you are close-minded to such things as ESP, you will not have dreams about future events, and if you do, you will not give credit to any dream that is about an event and will write it off as "just a dream." Another explanation may be psychology. Someone may have worked in the World Trade Center, for example, be someone likely to dream about future events, but was so unattached emotionally to the people at work and everyday events, that the emotion of the moment was unfelt by the person's psyche. Still another explanation is that many had premonitions or visions but they have gone unrecorded.

Another more vexing and complicated problem with premonitions is the fact that many that are recorded may be

just plain wrong. This of course is a paradox, if you were to have had a dream of the World Trade Center disaster in one form or another during the summer of 2001, how would you know if it was “wrong” or “right” until the actual event happened? The truth of the legitimacy of a premonition does not necessarily fall into the categories of wrong or right, but into degrees of rightness. One such premonition contained in this book is of a plane flying into a skyscraper, and another is of a “giant fireball on top of the city.” Now which one of these is right? The answer in retrospect is that they are both right, one has slightly more detail than the other as to the actual event, but both contain elements of the event. Both share the reality that although they give a basic vision of what was to happen, both fail to describe the exact time and day of the events, what skyscraper was hit, and that the explosion would eventually lead to a collapse of the skyscraper.

In order for a premonition to be a successful “hit,” or one that correctly foretells the future, it needs to have enough basic elements that it can be judged to be a description of an actual event. Dreaming of an explosion would not be enough, seeing a plane explode over a particular city at a particular time of day may be enough.

So what if one dreams a tragic event is coming? Is there any practical use for it? If enough people foresaw the events of 9/11 could something have been done about it? The answer is generally nothing could have been done to prevent the 9/11 disaster without specific information. If one person had a specific enough premonition such as a name of one of the hijackers, and this person then had the courage to call the authorities, then maybe it could have been avoided. Certain law enforcement officials in police departments incorporate the use of psychics and investigations, and it is not that far out that they would act on any sort of anonymous tip that might prevent terrorism, as long as the allegations were specific enough.

The true problem is that most premonitions are just too general in scope. Later in this book we will focus on certain suggestions and possible mechanisms that have been used before, and could be used in the future if premonitions and precognition are to have any practical value in a real world where there are many doubts as to their actual existence.

Skeptics

Skeptics

Healthy skepticism is a good thing. It is important to be skeptical and use critical thinking when someone presents a claim, has proof, a truth, or an understanding. Skepticism leads to questions that may not have been thought of before. The questions will lead to answers, but many more questions as well. Through trial and error, science, and philosophy eventually come to reasonable and generally accepted conclusions. To say that an ultimate “truth” is out there waiting to be discovered may be true, but when people come to a conclusion there is never 100% certainty as to its reality. Whether someone believes something is true or not depends on their point of view, beliefs, and life experiences. Someone who experiences a premonition, and has it come true is likely to see into the future. If not all of the future, at least a part of it. On the other hand someone who has never experienced even remembering a dream, doubts the usefulness of psychology let alone accepts the possibility of anything “psychic.”

The premonitions that appear throughout this book were actual experiences of actual people. Whether all are truthful are not can be questioned. Some are definitely truthful and were definitely experienced. A healthy skepticism is “what are these people experiencing; premonitions, dreams, chance, coincidence?” What cannot be accepted anymore is skepticism based on ignorance or flat out denial. The common experience of common people is why millions of people believe in psychic phenomena. No authority can unconvince people of their personal experiences, no matter the proof or evidence. People believe in strange things and will continue to believe in strange things, because they have experienced strange things (not just because they are strange).

The events of September 11, 2001 were seen before the actual event took place by a number of people. How or why this took place has yet to be determined. A healthy skepticism will determine who or why, an unhealthy skepticism will ignore these personal experiences.

Science