

NO ONE IS A PROPHET IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, EVEN IF IT IS A SMALL ONE

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This is the story of a new era which is to come. When? At the beginning, no one knows. It is the story of the end of a cycle which must be tackled. When? In December 2012, in a little over two months. It is the story of a prophet who wishes to announce it. Where? From Belgium, north of France.

THE PROPHET

Patrick Geryl, aged 56, lives in the region of Antwerp, in Northern Belgium. A laboratory assistant, it seems he had worked for a French oil company until 2006. Initially an occasional author of books on eating vegetables and fruit, from 1987(i), he writes books where he explains “what we are awaiting”.

In April 2009, Patrick launches the New Global Trust, a non-profit association as a framework for their survivalist activities and in order to start up a new civilization after the catastrophe. In a very few years, Patrick became ever present on the prophetic market for 21st December. Anyone launching into a research on the topic will come across his name sooner or later.

Patrick introduces himself as a forerunner. A reputable self-taught scientist, a brilliant discoverer, he will say: “I am Patrick Geryl from Belgium. Over 30 years ago, I wrote a book on space-time. I made several prophecies about the universe. And I discovered several errors in the relativity theory, I went to speak about this on Belgian TV in 1990, and I predicted a universe which was speeding up. And this was confirmed in 1998, but no one was aware of what I had discovered, because I had published this in Dutch.”

These theories have no scientific basis, which does not prevent some people from believing them! His assertions are labelled as wild imagination by researchers. Geryl replies during the last RTBF¹ broadcast on the topic by offering 10,000 Euros to anyone of them who can prove what he suggests. So far as we know, no one has yet proved this, but are there any candidates who are ready to put themselves to the test?

The 2012 phenomenon has become such a big issue that NASA, the U.S. Space Agency, has set up a dedicated website. The latter comment critically on all sorts of rumors and other fears expressed by surfers, and success is always assured. It is a matter of faith against science, the vain clash between two parallel worlds.

THREE KEY-MOMENTS, A MISSION

In Patrick’s life, three important moments can mainly explain how he came to circulate the idea of a catastrophe in 2012.

- First of all, a nightmare: Patrick Geryl has a dream he considers a premonition: “In 2012- he writes- the dream I had in 1976 will become a reality, and we will observe these enormous solar eruptions. And this will mark the beginning of the end of our civilisation”. This dream

¹ French language Belgian Radio-TV

will deeply distress him. It is a whole system of beliefs which came into being which will influence him lastingly, profoundly, entirely.

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- Then, second episode: a book; until he read “The Mayan Prophecies” by Maurice Cotterell, Patrick had intended to benefit fully from his retirement. He says “For years I had followed a diet of fruit and vegetables, which should have carried me to the age of 120. I had invested in several pension funds so as to be wealthy when I retired. But according to the book “The Mayan Prophecies” the Earth will be destroyed on 21-22 December 2012². My dream was shattered to pieces, because the books conclusions did seem correct (.....) and I would only be getting my retirement money in 2015, i.e. three years after the destruction!” At that point he loses his footing. The ground disappears under his feet, everything collapses. The reading of the book obviously reminds him of his initial beliefs. It is a major upheaval and Patrick re-focuses his life options.
- Finally, thanks to the Internet, Patrick Geryl enlarges his audience and emerges from a sort of confinement. But also from a certain darkness. He tells us: “In 1999, I was very pessimistic. I saw no way of making public, to the world at large, what I knew. But thanks to the Internet, I was able to set up a website of my own, and today everyone can see all I have discovered, and in particular that we want to give humanity a chance to make a new start. And that did indeed change everything. This made me more optimistic. I started from a very gloomy point of view, which showed no way out, and reached the idea that a small group would be able to survive the disaster.”

The Internet is a limitless means of spreading far and wide. Or nearly. The Internet promises broadcasting everywhere, catching everyone. The Internet can also be used to flatter one’s ego. Since the advent of television, the image has acquired such importance that it can give someone an identity. So for some, it is essential to be seen, even if later you hide away.... in a bunker.

In the meantime, Patrick will use the internet.

- o www.newglobaltrust.org: the Internet website of the organisation New Global Trust, which just about nearly gives you a form to fill in to become a member.
- o MYSAPCE- www.myspace.com/howtosurvive2012: previously, you could read the following on this site. “Patrick Geryl is available on radio and television”. This site also offers the purchase of Geryl’s books and promotes some of his videos.
- o www.howtosurvive2012.com : a site describing the reasoning he followed which led him to define 21 December 2012 as the final date. But not only: videos, predictions, presentation of his books, news of the survival group, etc.
- o YOUTUBE- Rorypeb’s channel (Patrick Geryl): solar eruptions, earthquakes, messages of warning, theoretical bases (Mayas, Egypt) etc.
- o FACEBOOK shows the flourishing of pages dealing with Patrick Geryl, the person: he has his own account in order to keep his fans informed of the latest news. He no longer

²“ According to Mayan chronology, the present age started on 12 August 3114BC and is to end on AD 22 December 2012. At that time, the earth as we know it is again to be destroyed by catastrophic earthquakes”(“The Mayan Prophecies. Unlocking the secrets of a lost civilisation”. Published by Element Books, Inc. in 1995 in the United States).

allows anyone to offer to become a friend because, he says, he does not manage to reply to all the messages.

- <http://blog2012pro.com/>: a blog belonging to Gérard Le Flamand (The Flemish Gerard) but which is likely to be that of Patrick Geryl himself, in reality: “The messages sent by Patrick Geryl and those sent by Gérard Le Flamand (...) all originate from the same computer in the same country. This means that there must be a link between their two identities, between these two names; in any case, it seems very likely that the same person manages both of them.”⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

The internet, a nightmare, and a book further on, and Patrick Geryl feels he has been given a mission: that of warning the world population. As he says: “If the world is not informed, humanity will once again be reduced for thousands of years to a primitive state. Therefore, this was my mission: to sound the alarm! I immediately decided to write a book. Whatever it takes, I will try to help humanity to continue to exist.”

HIS THEORIES

Starting with his discovery of Cotterell’s book, then going through various works and articles, Patrick Geryl’s bag of knowledge is filling up. His interpretations are far from lacking, as well as his sources. And according to him, he even manages to point to some errors in Einstein’s theory of relativity. That’s how he presents himself, as a very brilliant discoverer and a man of genius, a kind of self-taught scientist. Among his sources, we find works on the Mayas, the Egyptians and the Atlantis myth. According to him, the inhabitants of Atlantis are the predecessors of the Maya and Egyptian populations, at the very least. Everything is therefore to be looked for in Atlantis. Because the people of Atlantis knew how to calculate when the major upheavals would occur. And, de facto, the Mayas and the Egyptians too.

The sources of inspiration are varied, the results unavoidably colourful.

More essentially, Geryl thinks the Sun will have such big eruptions that this will have a direct impact on the earth’s magnetic field, causing natural catastrophe and the end of our civilisation. A nightmare. A mega short-circuit with mortal effects, a sky literally ablaze, earthquakes and eruptions, submerged plateaux, etc. Only those who will have settled on high mountains will manage to survive. At least for the moment.

Those who won’t have joined a survival group, like that of Patrick Geryl, will not be properly armed to survive the catastrophe. No access to shelters. Death will be their only means of escape, he thinks. Within six months, 90% of Americans and Europeans will have died, he says⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾.

Video: Be sure to have with you your medication, he says. And when you see the sun shining like never before, take this pill- (The journalist asks): But what kind of pill?- (Patrick Geryl): Well, a pill to commit suicide or to fall asleep; if not, you will live through an agony for hours before collapsing, rather than to simply fall asleep and forget everything. “Those who choose not to be members of a survival group when the day breaks, will pay their choice with their lives. They will understand, but all too late, all the consequences of their decision.” After the cataclysm, Geryl plans to develop a post-apocalyptic agrarian society. He explains: “My only purpose is to start up a new

society based on ecological principles.” “We need young women to form the basis for a new civilisation”(iv), he says.

Geryl joins the category of the survivalists.

- Survivalism is a movement of individuals or groups who actively prepare for situations of emergency such as a natural catastrophe, a nuclear attack, the unavailability of essential resources, a pandemic, an apocalyptic event etc. Stocking up food and hardware, physical exercises are all on the agenda.

Therefore after the cataclysm, life on Earth will however be very difficult, as Patrick explains: “there will be no electricity and all electronic equipment will be destroyed. Only a few will be determined enough to face up to this new Earth. It will take hundreds of years before life on Earth becomes fairly comfortable once again. You have no idea of the difficulties you are to expect. No food, no drinking water, famine and sickness will be at the rendezvous.”

NEW GLOBAL TRUST

The non-profit Global Trust association was established in April 2009, three years ago. The chairman is Patrick Geryl. Its members, ten for the moment, are Belgian or Dutch. To the Press, Patrick Geryl will declare: “the hard core comprises 16 persons for the moment, but we have drawn up waiting lists of hundreds of people.”

The dedicated website of this association announces the following goals: “The association was set up to provide a framework for the activities of the survival group, which are about to accomplish the following two objectives: 1. Survival activities (location, infrastructure equipment and supplies); 2, reconstruction of a new civilization”. The objective reported in the “Moniteur”, Belgium’s official newspaper, completes what he said: projects with agricultural, economic and educational themes (...) and development of an interactive social network, locally and worldwide; by means of this network, the projects can support each other.

To increase their chances of survival, the group has located some of the safest places where they can build bunkers and shelters: “we look at several places in the high mountains where to build bunkers, they tell us; there we will place all our present knowledge, which we will safeguard for our descendants.”

The group also declare that they are looking for sponsors; they want to organise meetings around Patrick, meet housing agents, explore land, establish contacts with architects, carry out research on food storage, etc.

A bunker is something expensive. To build such shelters, 10 million euros are required, says Patrick Geryl (....) . Finding money is thus one of the organisation’s priorities; the membership fee can reach up to 500€ per year, it says in the statutes of the organisation. But that’s not where he expects to collect the most money. Indeed, Patrick did not hesitate to take to court the director of the film “2012”, which was mostly inspired by one of Geryl’s books; Patrick expects to receive substantial damages from the director Roland Emmerich and from Sony Pictures. “If we were to cash in 5 millions, he declares, we would be half-way there.”

But more than money is given to the organisation.

Video: some members of the survival group put all the money they have into the project, if need be even sacrificing their families.

Questions from a journalist to a new member of Patrick Geryl's survival group:

Journalist: (...) the income from the sale of this house in Brazil....

Member: it will help us

J: will it be used to fund Patrick Geryl's survival group?

M: of course, that's what we really need, we need investments.

J: you are going to donate 30,000 euros to Patrick Geryl's survival group?

M: yes, that is correct

J: What if your husband does not wish to come with you?

M: That is a choice for each of us; I think it is an individual choice. If I want to go there, and he does not want to, I respect his decision; as I said, this is a choice each one of us must make for him.

J: Are you ready to leave him in order to survive?

M: Well, then, if he doesn't come with me, the answer is yes"

The project replaces all that occupied the person previously: assets, money, the married couple, family, etc. The investment is total and radical.

The activities of the New Global Trust gave rise to the establishment of the other organisations: the Mataha Foundation in Belgium, and Grupo de Supervivencia Espana 2012 (GSE 2012)

- The founder of the Mataha Foundation was a member of the New Global Trust before setting up his own organisation. It is present today in Spain, in the Sierra Nevada, where it says that it purchased some farms, to be converted into shelters.
- As for GSE 2012, this was founded by a former very active member of the Forum and of Patrick Geryl's survival group. GSE 2012 is a Spanish survival group which brings together persons and families who are worried about the way things are today (Climate Change crisis, nuclear risk, natural catastrophes, etc.) It attempts to have safe shelters built and to prepare the ones and the others to overcome various kinds of catastrophes.

AND AFTER?

And if nothing were to happen? Geryl continues to insist that the catastrophe is unavoidable: "I can't envisage the possibility that nothing will happen;" "the world is sinking, perhaps even earlier than expected: on 18 December".

Patrick Geryl interprets documents, glyphs, constellations, and so on, and notes that all this supports his beliefs. By acting in this way, one is often trying to continuously reinforce one's convictions, even those created by a dream. To question the basic theoretical pillar of one's beliefs is psychologically costly, which is why it is better to squeeze everything into the mould. Even if this means disregarding the scientific facts which follow a different direction and underlining the limits of science. To show this, one will adopt a style, scientific attitudes, which will gain the trust of those listening to what is being said, while in fact the speaker is proposing a single idea, a closed system of beliefs. "My predictions are so spectacular that they cannot be wrong" says Patrick

And what if nothing happens, after all? A cognitive mismatch occurs. Facts prove the beliefs to be wrong, and people are thrown into a state of discomfort and perplexity. To this uneasiness, one can react by finding ways of explaining the failure of the prophecy; one begins to see things differently and to put things together again, so as to make things compatible once more, making them coherent once again, thus restoring a state of mental comfort.

- Thus, one group will explain that it saved the Earth thanks to its prayers and actions, for instance, while the catastrophe, according to them, was unavoidable.
- Another group will suggest there were errors in the initial calculations, to justify the "failure of the prophecy", hence putting forward another suggested date for the end of the world. This is a plausible assumption in Geryl's case, whose books and other media are full of calculations.
- A third solution would be to prove that it had happened, that it is happening under our very eyes. It is sufficient just to list all the catastrophes having occurred or under way to prove that climate, electro-magnetic and other changes are, in truth, at work.

This discord, if it is not resolved, gives rise to revolt in the group (internal conflicts), and the departure of members who are disappointed and feel betrayed, misunderstood. Those who will end up by remaining will generally feel strengthened in their beliefs. This strengthening is due to the fact that they have tackled their discord, have worked on it, so as to return to a convergent whole, the building blocks of which are enhanced.

"IS IT THE END OF THE BEGINNING OR THE BEGINNING OF THE END"

Recent developments, initial doubts

- September 2011- New Global Trust is closed down and its assets are transferred to Mataha Foundation;
- January 2012 - Geryl seems depressed. In his diary, one reads, "The eye is sad. Journalists are no longer liked. He felt tricked by Flemish radio-TV, a few months ago, and by the (excellent) investigation by Regis De Ruth for RTBF (...) To explain, chat, talk of survival are things he no longer wants to do. All he will accept is to explain his theories once again (...) The problem is, he says, as I wrote in my book, this question: can humanity survive after a worldwide nuclear fusion? I don't think so. It is therefore pointless to speak of survival, if no one knows whether survival is possible. And if they don't shut down the reactors before December, we will not survive (...) My script is that no one will survive (...) Is this the outlook

that makes the face of this unemployed person appear so sad? It would rather appear to be because he feels he is a misunderstood scientist, writes this journalist.

- September 2012: Geryl cancels his trip to Africa, Spain or any other destination. Nevertheless, in February 2010, he announced on France 2 that no one could survive in Belgium (among other countries) and last September he said that those who would be up in the high mountains of South Africa will be saved. Because they will be protected from tsunamis and explosions of nuclear power plants, which are absent from the African landscape; Geryl stays at home. For him, all this is now meaningless: "I am diabetic; I'm too weak to undertake such a trip, only healthy people, aged between 15 and 30, have some chance of saving themselves."

In the meantime, he continues his calculations. He had discovered, he explained, that according to the alignment of the planets, the earth was reacting, vibrating. So Patrick tries to predict earthquakes, on the basis of this alignment. And if that doesn't happen? He says that he can't avoid the possibility of being mistaken, that his system is not yet up to scratch.

But so... would it be possible that he had also made a few mistakes in his predictions of a cataclysm? Could it be that "21 December" will not occur? Today, Geryl sticks firmly to the fact that a cataclysm will occur. He is faithful to his convictions, despite everything. But the day after the 21st, when we will see that the world is not more catastrophic than yesterday; will he use the excuse of a calculation error? How will he get out of the dead end? Will he choose the final way out, the one which would avoid him living through his nightmare all over again? What's your prediction?

Thank you

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 - iii. *NINA REHFELD, Nach der Apokalypse ins Luxushotel, 5/09/2012, in Frankfurt, Germany*
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