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Why Wait? By: Vicki Scott

This is one person's opinion on some of the outcomes of this national tragedy. Listening to the news, listening to our college teachers, and listening to prominent political figures all saying the same thing, "Don't take this out on any Arab-looking person." Yet, there have been many cases around our nation where innocent people and their property or place of worship have been accosted and in the latter case, destroyed. At the same time we as a nation are all coming together. This should mean that all of us are coming together not leaving anyone out or feeling ostracized because they resemble the ones who did this atrocity to America. I feel that if those of us who don't get the message and continue to alienate and bring harm to others are spreading the same kind of hate that is the reason for so many violent acts in our nation. If these individuals happen to have children, then need to look at what they are teaching them. The cycle goes on and on and can be neverending. It's going to take one person to break the cycle in each family or group of friends. Think long and hard and look deep inside yourself for the answers to do the right thing.

The same folks mentioned above also advised us to take care of the children, to make them feel safe. These two fundamental thoughts that came from this tragedy should, in my opinion, be carried out all of our lives, every day, tragedy or not. We hurt ourselves all the time and most of this violence stems from prejudice and abuse. It's got to stop. We should be doing the right thing all along. The right thing is based on love of yourself and your neighbor. If we have the understanding that our way isn't the only way, then that is a step in the right direction. I think it's wonderful that everyone is finally uniting together. I've just felt all along that this is something that should've been done since we became the United States. Maybe I'm idealistic, but the results of doing the right thing are phenomenal.

## The Prophecies of the Twin's Taken Down By: Kyle Godwin

In the 1500's a Frenchmen named Michel de Nostradame (Latin name Nostradamus) created prophecies in the form of Quatrains (four lined verse). He provided prophecies of many things including the French Revolution, the 2 World Wars, and the 3 Antichrist (Napoleon, Hitler/Hister, and Mabus). As was recently discovered, Nostradamus also made a prophecy (or prophecies) of the destruction of the Twin Towers. Unfortunately other people recently have taken it upon themselves to forge their own prophecies. The false Prophecies are as followed:

"In the year of the new century and nine months, From the sky will come a great King of Terror The sky will burn at forty-five degrees. Fire approaches the great new city."

After I've done some research, I found that though Nostradamus did write each line; he did not write them together as one Quatrain. The second falsified Quatrain reads:

"In the city of York there will be a great collapse, 2 twin brothers torn apart by chaos While the fortress falls the great leader will succumb The third big war will begin when the big city is burning." -NOSTRADAMUS 1654

The fakeness of this Quatrain is easily giveaway. Nostradamus lived from 1503 to 1566 so whoever made this either didn't know that or made a misprint. It is very unfortunate for all of us that it is very rare that we discover the arcane meaning of prophecies before the event itself occurs. After more research on the Internet I found about 11 possible Quatrains that could involve the twin tower collapse. For those interested, the website is www.dreamscape.com/morgana/titan.htm. Personally I find it insulting that anyone would make fake prophecies for their own publicity and offend Nostradamus. For he made great contributions to the medical world as he was into medicine and cured many people from the black plague of Europe. Then again I can see why some countries would not like us if our own people created a fake Red Cross program as a swindling operation. In terms of Mr. Nostradamus, we all should try to do something about preventing the upcoming tragedies such as WW3 (the 27 year war) and the coming of Mabus.



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