

# PROPHECY

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## 2020 PROPHECY

**Me:** "Alexa, tell me what will happen in 2020."

**Alexa:** "The universe has not revealed the answer to me."  
(It's the sign of the times)

Weather – Some are forecasting temperatures above average for all of the United States. I hope they are right. However, this year, these forecasters seem to be at a loss as to how much precipitation will fall over most of the United States over the winter.

I am suggesting a "Polar Coaster" season this year—which is just as bad as it sounds. We will see another freezing, frigid, and frosty winter for two-thirds of the country," This winter season will be "another wild ride" with frigid temperatures and "hefty snowfalls" affecting most of the country. People on the East Coast will endure the worst of the cold weather. Areas east of the Rockies to the Appalachians will experience a particularly brutal season, with colder than normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. The western third of the country can expect a milder winter with near-normal temperatures and precipitation.

Late January will bring the coldest temperatures of the year, it will affect millions of people across the Northern Plains into the Great Lakes. (Remember last year's Polar Vortex? Get ready for round two.)

2020 will be another tumultuous year. We will continue see major earthquakes, tsunamis, fires, tornados and hurricanes. All is nature's way of cleansing and replenishing the earth's surface. It's a healing process that earth cycles through. Our job is to make sure we don't leave harmful footprints upon our beautiful planet.

### **POLITICS**

Politics - Within the decade we're going to see almost a revolutionary change in how we think about politics, social enterprise and the economy. There will be a widening gap between rich and poor as key catalysts along with climate change.

All governments will seriously consider how they can put a cap on personal wealth, thus challenging the capitalistic framework. Our thinking will shift away from growth at all costs to how humanity thrives without growth and even negative growth.

Economists will say that's impossible, but it isn't if you look at more things than just the economy. We need to change our thinking, so we burst through the threshold. We're in a gridlock now, and unable to solve the problems.

Since the global financial crisis, none of the structural dynamics have changed; in fact they're getting worse. "I look for a global crash by the end of next year.

"The Democrats are in disarray, that's a big part of it. "They're fighting each other. I am saying the odds are in Trump's favor that he's going to get back in office if something doesn't change. In the race for the **White House**, President Donald Trump can lose up to 36 electoral votes and still win. But his low approval ratings make this race possibly bit of a toss-up.

In terms of investors, the large flow of mostly Chinese money that's been propping up the housing prices is drying up.

Home ownership has continued to fall since the GFC, (Global Financial Crisis) and we're seeing local investors pulling out of rental properties because of low rental yields. It's precipitating worse conditions than before the last crash. It's just not good.

## **Technology and Medical advances Predictions for 2020 but I see it no later than 2025**

**SAME-DAY CANCER TREATMENT** - Five years seems like a very optimistic time frame for this, but data scientists are suggesting that same-day cancer treatment could be a reality by 2020. This would require a change in the way data is processed and shared in order to achieve but even if that happens, it's very unlikely to become a reality this quickly. Although it's coming

**SELF-DRIVING CARS ON THE ROAD** - The projections for automated vehicles vary wildly, but 2020 has been marked as the year BMW's self-driving vehicles are ferrying humans about. They will not reach their deadline of 2020 as there's a huge number of legal and safety hurdles to overcome, but it's nevertheless an exciting possibility.

**BIG CANNABIS ON THE UP** - With more US states expected to legalize cannabis, the industry's recent reports projects US revenues could top \$35B, suggesting a transformation of cannabis' image in just a short while.

**26% RENEWABLES WORLDWIDE** - A quarter of the world's energy needs are set to be met by renewables in 2020, This will happen. Their projections are based on planned renewable projects worldwide. They are hoping this to be enough to stop the damage done by fossil fuels. It is questionable but definitely a large push.

**SENSOR-ENRICHED SOLDIERS** - The soldiers of 2020 will be coated in sensors and equipped with smart glasses and a smart watch, all running from a power supply built into their uniform.

**CHINA FREE OF POVERTY** - China has announced plans to eradicate poverty in the country by 2020. This is immensely challenging with 70 million people in the country living below the poverty line; but the country does have a reputation for getting stuff done and goals met, no matter the cost. I believe they can.

**ELECTRIC CARS WITHOUT RANGE ANXIETY** - With the rate of advancement in battery technology cars will be capable of doing 746 miles on a single charge by 2020. This will make them easily competitive with even the most fuel-efficient of regular vehicles.

**VIRTUAL REALITY TO BE A MEGA INDUSTRY** - The VR industry is projected to be worth \$15.89B by 2020, according to the research agency Research and Markets. This is about half of what the current global mobile app industry is currently worth. I do not see it.

**CURIOSITY TO GET A FRIEND ON MARS** - Curiosity's follow-up will be launched in 2020. We will get never before collected data about the Red Planet. Among the various instruments that will be included on the new rover is an oxygen-producing system, an improved camera and a range of improved instruments for the detection of minerals and organics.

**Japan will build a robotic moon base** - There's no technological reason why Japan shouldn't be able to move forward with its ambitious plan to build a robotic lunar outpost

by the end of 2020. In fact, there's really no nation better qualified for the job in terms of technological prowess.

**Breakthroughs to watch for in 2020  
(Scientists have been working on these things for a long time)**

1. Birth control for men
2. Healing burns using spray-on skin
3. Contact lenses that perform health checkups: you will be able to check your blood sugar with the blink of an eye.
4. Broader stem-cell therapies
5. Regenerate entire organs using 3D printing and stem-cell therapy
6. Image recognition to identify tumors and polyps anywhere in your body instantly
7. See neurons firing in real-time and feedback loops to manage that information
8. Break the aging barrier and have a class of people living for a very long period
9. Robots make surgery zipper scars a thing of the past
10. Medication tailored to a person's individual genome
11. Blasting brain tumors with particle accelerator light
12. All-electronic medical records, everywhere (been working on this for decades)
13. Electronic, networked test results
14. Telesurgery comes-of-age
15. Artificial intelligence for diagnosis

**ECONOMY**

Startups will be cheaper and easier - - For small businesses in 2020 and moving forward. By 2020, starting a small business will be easier and more affordable. Lighter and smarter systems, components and manufacturing methods emerge. The cost of starting and running a small business will continue to decline. Embedded digital technology will be seen everywhere in a growing array of business processes, services and products, cutting costs and lowering barriers to entry.

Lightweight infrastructures will change the economies by shifting the cost to variable-cost business models and adopting a pay-as-you-go approach. That will minimize investment risks as well as up-front cash requirements. The unknown factor in this scenario is the effect that government intervention may have. The questions come on the governmental front. What are the obstacles being erected and burdens imposed by government that work in the opposite direction, making it harder to start up and build a business? Those include new taxes, regulations and mandates at all levels of government. The more intrusive and expansive government becomes, the more difficult it is for entrepreneurship to flourish.

Traditional employment will fade - Both for worker and owner, traditional employment will continue to fade and no longer be the norm. The "new normal" of 2020 will embrace the concept of contingent work by temps, contractors, specialists and part timers. From the owners' point of view, these contract workers increase efficiency, agility and flexibility; employment expense becomes a variable cost. By the end 2020, contingent workers will make up more than 40 percent of the U.S. work force.

More niches will open - There is no doubt that the next decade will dramatically change the way we live and operate. We have already seen this over the past year as economic, social and demographic shifts.

### **PREDICITIONS THAT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT**

Causes behind income inequality - There isn't any one cause to blame. Instead, it's a multitude of factors that have collectively worn away at the promise of well-paying jobs for the masses, and ultimately, the viability of the American Dream itself.

Free trade: During the 1990s thru early 2000s, free trade agreements—like NAFTA, ASEAN, and, arguably, the European Union—were in vogue and, on paper, this growth in popularity is perfectly understandable. Free trade significantly reduces the costs for a nation's exporters to sell their goods and services internationally.

Outsourcing. As free trade liberalized the international markets, advances in logistics enabled companies from developed nations to relocate their manufacturing base in developing countries where labor was cheaper and labor laws near non-existent. This relocation generated billions in cost savings for the world's largest multinationals, but at a cost for everyone else.

Outsourcing was a boon for consumers in the developed world, as it drove down the cost of nearly everything. For the middle class, this slowed their cost of living, which at least temporarily, dulled the sting of losing their high paying jobs.

Automation - is this generation's outsourcing. Artificial intelligence systems and sophisticated machines are chipping away at more and more tasks that previously were done by humans. Whether it's blue collar jobs like bricklaying or white-collar jobs like stock trading, companies across the board are finding ways to apply modern machines in the workplace.

This trend is affecting workers in the developing world, just as much as it is in the developed world—and with much graver consequences.

Union shrinkage. As employers are experiencing a boom in productivity per dollar spent, first thanks to outsourcing and now to automation, workers have far less leverage than they used to have in the marketplace.

Note that in the 1930s, one in three US workers were part of a union. These unions protected workers' rights and used their collective bargaining powers to drive up wages needed to create the middle class. This power is disappearing today.

The rise of specialists. While AI and robotics limit the bargaining power and the number of job openings for lower-skilled workers, the higher skilled, highly educated workers that AI can't (yet) replace, can negotiate far greater wages than was possible before. The growth in salaries for this niche of professionals contributes to wealth inequality.

Inflation eats away at the minimum wage. Another factor is that the minimum wage has remained stubbornly stagnant in many developed nations over the past three decades, with government mandated increases usually trailing far behind the average inflation rate. For this reason, that same inflation has eaten away at the real value of the

minimum wage. This makes it increasingly difficult for those in the lower rung to move their way into the middle class.

Taxes favoring the rich. The tax rate has been in decline with some of the most dramatic cuts happening during the early 2000s, including substantial cuts to the US estate tax. As a result, the one per cent grew their wealth exponentially from business income, capital income, and capital gains, all while passing on more of this wealth from generation to generation.

Rise of precarious labor. Finally, while well-paying middle-class jobs may be in decline, low-paying, part-time jobs are on the rise, especially in the service sector. Aside from the lower pay, these lower skilled service jobs don't offer near the same benefits that full-time jobs offer. More and more people are pushed into this economy and will continue to be pushed into this economy over the coming years. It will create an even more downward pressure on the already low wages from these part-time jobs.

Overall, the factors described above can by and large be explained away as trends advanced by the invisible hand of capitalism. Governments and corporations are simply promoting policies that advance their business interests and maximize their profit potential. The problem is that as the income inequality gap widens, serious fissures begin to open in our social fabric, festering like an open wound.

Economic impact of income inequality -From WWII well into the late 1970s, income distribution among the US population grew together in a relatively evenhanded way. However, after the 1970s (with a brief exception during the Clinton years), income distribution between the different US population segments grew apart dramatically. The top one per cent of families saw a 278% increase in their real after-tax income between 1979 to 2007, while the middle 60% saw less than a 40 per cent increase.

Should people's income fall below a baseline for living, people will no longer be able to save for the future, and it will force the middle class (and the poor who have access to credit) to borrow beyond their means to try to maintain their basic consumption needs. We see that now with day to day living as well as in medical expenses.

The danger is that once the finances of the middle class reach this point, any sudden downturn in the economy can become devastating. People won't have the savings to fall back on should they lose their jobs, nor will banks freely loan out money. What I am saying is a minor recession that would have been a mild struggle two or three decades ago could result in a major crisis today. Remember how devastating 2008-9 was.

Societal impact of income inequality - While the economic consequences of income inequality may be scary, the corrosive effect it can have on society may be much worse. A case in point is the shriveling of income mobility.

As the number and quality of jobs shrink, income mobility shrinks with it, making it more difficult for individuals and their children to rise above the economic and societal station they were born into. More and more life opportunities are determined by their inheritance than by their talent or professional achievements.

Given even time, this social division can become physical with the rich cloistering away from the poor behind gated communities and private security forces. This can then lead

to psychological divisions where the rich begin to feel less empathy and understanding for the poor, some believing they are inherently better than them. As of late, the latter phenomenon has become more culturally visible with the rise of the term 'privilege.' This term applies to how children raised by higher income families inherently have more access to better schooling and exclusive social networks which allow them to succeed later in life.

### **Consequences**

Increased rates of poverty lead to increased school dropout rates, teen pregnancy rates, and even increased obesity rates. Worse yet, during times of economic stress, people revert to a sense of tribalism, where they find support from people who are 'like' themselves. Bonds at the expense of everyone else.

To understand why this tribalism is so dangerous, the important thing to keep in mind is that inequality, including income inequality, is a natural part of life, and in some cases beneficial. However, the societal acceptance of inequality begins to collapse when people lose hope in their ability to fairly compete in their ability to climb the ladder. Without the carrot of social (income) mobility, people begin to feel like the chips are stacked against them, that the system is rigged, that there are people actively working against their interests. Historically, these kinds of sentiments lead down very dark roads.

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### **Technology**

1. Get ready for the first complete synthetic human brain. - fact
2. Japan will build a robotic moon base, technology is possible, but economics will be the deciding factor. - not likely
3. China will connect Eastern world with the Western world using high-speed rail. Lots of talk about this and many plans. - possible but not this year.
4. Cars will drive themselves – doable but not this year
5. Biofuels will be cost-competitive with fossil fuels. – Feasible
6. We'll control devices via microchips implanted in our brains. – We may be having the chip in our brain, but they won't be doing much.
7. A \$1,000 computer will have the processing power of the human brain – likely
8. In 2020, Solar energy becomes more economical than regular electricity in more than half of the U.S.
9. Legal marijuana sales will hit \$23B in the United States. – Absolutely

### **Technology releases for 2020**

In 2020, several technology breakthroughs and trends will be available to the public

Cost of solar panels, per watt, equals 1.2 US dollars

1. London's "Stratford City" is fully built
2. New Zealand's "Rebuilding of Christchurch" is fully built
3. Saudi Arabia's "Kingdom Tower" is fully built
4. China's "Great City" is fully built
5. World sales of electric vehicles reaches 6,600,000
6. Average number of connected devices, per person, is 6.5
7. Global number of Internet connected devices reaches 50,050,000,000
8. Predicted global mobile web traffic equals 24 exabytes
9. Global Internet traffic grows to 188 exabytes

## More Politics

In the **Senate**, Democrats will have a hard time clawing back the four Senate seats they need for majority control.

In the **House**, strong fundraising and a new congressional map in North Carolina mean Democrats will likely hold their majority.

Democrats: Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren main Democratic contenders  
Elizabeth Warren will win the Democratic nomination She's the only one that can hold her own with President Trump.  
Bernie...good man... too far left.  
Buttigieg will give everyone a run, but just not his time yet.

Next election the contenders will be younger, and why not the world belongs to them. It will be time for the boomers (or what's left of them) to pass the baton. Our children and their children have their own dreams and their aspirations and prayers are so different than ours.

Republicans: Trump will win the 2020 election unless something unforeseen comes into focus. I don't feel it will be the landslide the R's were hoping for. After the Trump era, the democrats will take control. President Trump will run on the economy in 2020. Trump will announce plans to reforest South American and Africa. This has an economic feel to it. (He will make a deal for the mineral rights) Make no mistake about it. After the election and before the first part of 2021, we will feel the decline of our economy and the economy worldwide.

HUGE TRADE DEAL - The United States is likely to be in greater need to strike a trade truce with China than the other way around as the 2020 election and a possible economic slowdown weigh heavily on the US President. President Trump puts sanctions on China, and he will be the one to reverse that. Even though President Trump says China needs to lift the tariffs, I see it's the US who has done most of the concession. The pressure will get even greater as we get closer to elections

The US manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index fell to 49.1 per cent in August, the lowest reading in more than three years. Any reading below 50 per cent signals a contraction. Investor appetite for US securities is deteriorating. "This is a direct cost of the Trump behavior." So, at some point he'd like to solve the US-China trade conflict with either a truce or kind of a partial deal."

If the Democrat's gambit of impeaching the President happens, that could be the trigger for a housing market crash. Because without him, investment capital would flee, and unemployment would rocket. Investors in US stocks would panic.

**The Future of Cryptocurrencies looks very bright**, very big and very profitable because of this ENTIRE reason: avoid governments, borders, middlemen, extra transaction costs and seems that right now is the fastest growing sector in the financial industry. Cryptocurrency is an internet-based medium of exchange which uses cryptographic functions to conduct financial transactions. Cryptocurrencies leverage blockchain technology to gain decentralization, transparency, and immutability.

Cryptocurrencies can be sent directly between two parties via the use of private and public keys. These transfers can be done with minimal processing fees, allowing users to avoid the steep fees charged by traditional financial institutions.

German companies are in decline. German recession fears after big decline in industrial production. German industrial production has suffered its biggest annual decline in nine years after the escalating trade war between the US and China took its toll on exports. ... "Industry remains in an economic downturn."

**Pharmaceutical Company** - "Research and development is only about 17 percent of total spending in most large drug companies. "Once a drug has been approved by the FDA, there are minimal additional research and development costs so drug companies cannot justify price increases by claiming research and development costs." In 2019 Pharmaceutical companies kicked off the year with significant price hikes. Dozens of drug makers raised the list prices of hundreds of medications an average of 6.3 percent. Raising the cost of existing drugs benefits drug-makers and insurers. Cost will rise again in 2020.

**Historically, China** and Us relations between the two countries have generally been stable with some periods of conflict. On July 6, 2018 The United States had launched a trade war. American tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese goods came into effect. China imposed retaliatory tariffs on US goods of a similar value.

**Services Stocks Less Vulnerable to Trade War.** Stock investors looking for equities that can withstand the trade war may want to consider looking at companies that provide services instead of hard goods. They will be much more resilient and likely to outperform. This list of firms includes McDonald's Corp. (MCD), Netflix Inc. (NFLX), Comcast Corp. (CMCSA), Walt Disney Co. (DIS), MasterCard Inc. (MA), Visa Inc. (V), UnitedHealth Group Inc. (UNH) and Verizon Communications Inc. (VZ),

**President Putin** will share much greater influence and a crucial deal in Syria with the decision to withdraw American troops from the region. Never underestimate the power or the abilities President Putin.

It was **Nikita Khrushchev** who sent chills down Americans spine when they read the words that Russia's Communist leader said "We will take America without firing a shot. We do not have to invade the U.S. We will destroy you from within...." That was in 1956.

I have said for many years China is not nearly as dangerous to America as Russia is. President Putin want to be a world power. He knows how to strategically implement key actions at key times. We are dealing with a very smart, powerful and wealthy man.

We need to rethink war. We all need to know terrorist Cells are not going away. They are here and all over the world. The internet affords more terrorist followers than we can even imagine. I am saying be smart in your evaluations. We are still back in time thinking to build walls and fighting with our guns and weapons are how to win. There's a new war on us and it has very little to do with the weapons we are accustom too. Its time to update our knowledge and learn what we are fighting for, and who we are fighting with. We pay a heavy price in war.

President Trump will have a potential nuclear deal with Russia. Officials say their aim is to revamp a dusty pact for a new age and increase global security. At some point, the goal is to include China. We will see how that all goes. Something will be done by the end of 2021 and probably a lot sooner.

### Interesting Things to Watch

2020-2040 - The Arctic is becoming free of sea ice

2020-2026 - The Euclid Space Telescope reveals new insights into dark matter and dark energy

2020-2025 - Gene therapy for deafness

2020 – Instead of Mammograms - Breast tomosynthesis is in widespread use

2020 - Generation X (mid-late 1960's and late 1970-1980') is reshaping global politics

2020 - Texting by thinking – this is done by eye-tracking technology and a sensor-mounted headset worn by the user.

2020 – A landmark is reached. Complex organ replacements grown from stem cells

2020 - The first stem cell therapy for congestive heart failure

2020 – Significance - Progress with longevity extension

2020 - 30,000 drones are patrolling the skies of America

2020 - There is a Spiritual revolution - we will be watching a relook at Christianity.

#### Best Picture Oscar Predictions - 2020

The Irishman (dir. Martin Scorsese)

Ford v Ferrari (dir. James Mangold)

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (dir. Quentin

Tarantino) Parasite (dir. Bong Joon-ho)

Joker (dir. Todd Phillips)

Marriage Story (dir. Noah Baumbach)

Little Women (dir. Greta Gerwig)

The Lighthouse (dir. Robert Eggers)

#### Best Director Oscar Predictions - 2020

Martin Scorsese (The Irishman)

Quentin Tarantino (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)

Bong Joon-ho (Parasite)

Sam Mendes (1917) Lulu Wang (The Farewell)

#### Best Actor Oscar Predictions - 2020

Adam Driver (Marriage Story)

Robert De Niro (The Irishman)

Joaquin Phoenix (Joker)

Christian Bale (Ford v Ferrari)

Robert Pattinson (The Lighthouse)

#### Best Actress Oscar Predictions - 2020

Scarlett Johansson (Marriage Story)

Awkwafina (The Farewell)

Renée Zellweger (Judy)

Saoirse Ronan (Little Women)

Lupita Nyong'o (Us)

#### Best Supporting Actor Oscar Predictions - 2020

Tom Hanks (A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood)

Brad Pitt (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)

Anthony Hopkins (The Two Popes)

Willem Dafoe (The Lighthouse)

Joe Pesci (The Irishman)

#### Best Supporting Actress Oscar Predictions - 2020

Florence Pugh (Little Women)

Laura Dern (Marriage Story)

Margot Robbie (Bombshell)

Jennifer Lopez (Hustlers)

Anne Hathaway (Dark Waters)

**The following are the Predictions by The Reverend Donna Fisher**

The world, as we know it, is changing rapidly -- not only politically, economically, and globally but also environmentally. What we knew to be true just a short time ago, is no longer predictable. Our heads are spinning. I don't look for us to get off this merry-go-round in the coming year.

The Australian fires will have a global effect environmentally as well as economically for decades to come.

This Iran situation almost certainly guarantees the president a 2nd term.

These young service people coming home from the battle fields maimed, both physically and mentally, are pushing medicine and related fields forward at an accelerated rate. But what a price to pay.

The so-called blue-collar trades are resurfacing as important components of our lives. Look for more young people to go into these professions.

We are in a state of change so it does look chaotic; however, things will eventually right themselves into a new normal. And, life will go on.

Rev. Donna J. Fischer

And so, it goes for another year. The key is continued change; first within for understanding, love and peace so one day it will be realized here on our planet and throughout the universe.

**The destiny of the world is to awaken.**

May God and the Angels bless and keep you,

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