Published in 1997, *The Fourth Turning* describes itself as “a book that turns history into prophecy,” explaining cycles of life and generational archetypes through the examination of the Western historical paradigms over the past five centuries.

By surveying the past and identifying contemporary markers, William Strauss and Neil Howe determined an astoundingly prescient forecast that events. While specific events are clearly foreseen and heralded by a few well beforehand, the breadth and depth of their impact is always unpredictable.

Careful to note that the scenarios are unlikely, the specificity of the insights from eleven years earlier reveals a raw and chillingly convergence of catalysts: and these involve only the expectations within the microcosm of the United States. The macrocosm can be easily transferred to the current eruption of global chaos which inludes unprecedented Black Swan events.
The first could be economic distress with a government beset by fiscal crisis, the state laying claim to federal tax monies, federal marshals enforcing orders, tax rebellions, special forces and an ensuing constitutional crisis:

The second is a terrorist attack, involving an airliner, portable nuclear devices, a military response, authorization for house to house searches and false flag accusations against the administration;

A third scenario is an economic disaster involving Wall Street and a federal budget impasse which results in a stalemate;

The fourth consideration is Eco :: environmental malaise with the Centers for Disease Control announcing the spread of a new communicable virus with quarantines and relocations;

The fifth projection is geopolitical in nature with growing anarchy throughout the former Soviet republics prompting Russia to conduct training exercises around its borders, a Russian alliance with Iran, soaring gold and silver prices and global military responses.

What Strauss and Howe feel is likely is that a catalyst will unfold as a result of a specific dynamic and, “An initial spark will trigger a chain reaction of unyielding responses and further emergencies.”

From The Fourth Turning:

Sometime before the year 2025, America will pass through a great gate in history, commensurate with the American Revolution, Civil War, and twin emergencies of the Great Depression and World War II.

“The risk of catastrophe will be very high. The nation could erupt into insurrection or civil violence, crack up geographically, or succumb to authoritarian rule. If there is a war, it is likely to be one of maximum risk and efforts — in other words, a TOTAL WAR.”

The “Audacity of Hope,” seemed to rear in a cruel twist last week in India: a father and a daughter, caught in the clatter of chaos, on a pilgrimage for peaceful balance cut short by the complexity of events which challenge even the most stoic of philosophers. A paradox called synchronicity: the underlying organization of a collective existence and probabilities, better explained by the Jungian and Gaussian theorists, but experienced by all.

As life on twenty-first century Earth is assaulted from every angle, most of western thought continues the lineal path annoyed by inconvenience but thankful that horror, war,
poverty and disease can be compartmentalized via remote control. The holidays of 2008 will be followed by the rise of 2009 with change in the air: the dawning of a sophisticated society, congratulating itself for recognition of technical and social progress, pregnant with expectations of dramatic and needed change.

This change, while perceptibly anticipated, will be much more dramatic than the most imaginative of imaginings. In *Generations*, published in 1992, authors Strauss and Howe, describe a generation as being:

“composed of people whose common location in history lends them a collective persona. The span of one generation is roughly the length of a phase of life. Generations come in four archetypes, always in the same order, whose phase-of-life positions comprise a constellation.”

Characterizing “generational constellations,” as periods of reciprocal influence distinguished both as a result of and as a contribution to historical events or social climate, they are thus a conglomerate reflection of prevailing culture. Each cycle of generations loosely approximates twenty to thirty year cycles with characteristic archetypes and correspond to contemporary US history as:

*Artists*, who begin their lives during times of political, moral and spiritual upheaval, become sensitive to society and contribute most via methodical and specialized processes. The Artists are the “Silent Generation,” born in the early years of the Depression, approximately 1925-1942.

*Prophets*, marked by vision, values and religion, who are “principled moralists, summoners of human sacrifice, and wagers of righteous wars,” having been “nurtured with increasing indulgence by optimistic adults in a secure environment.” Mssrs. Strauss and Howe assign this archetype to the Baby Boomers, the post WWII generation of 1943-1960.

The *Nomads* follow, familiar to most as the Generation X-ers of 1961-1981, entering adulthood with hands-on pragmatism, zest, independence and a preference of simplicity over the consumptive dispositions of their predecessors.

*Heroes* succeed the Nomads as they are “nurtured by increasingly pessimistic adults in an insecure environment.” As society unravels and institutions decay, the strengthening of collective social environments is undertaken. In Western culture, this Hero generation is familiar as the Millennial Generation, continuing from the early 1980’s until present-day.

These generational constellations then overlap to fractally constitute and define the characteristics and personalities of the whole which progress through four predictive societal patterns of ostensible improvement.
THE TURNINGS

William Strauss and Neil Howe, describe a Turning as “an era with a characteristic social mood, a new twist on how people feel about themselves and their nation. It results from the aging of the generational constellation.”

“A society enters a turning once every twenty years or so, when all living generations begin to enter their next phases of life.”

The living generations, “saeculae,” comprise four seasonal cyclical “Turnings” spanning eighty to one hundred year courses. These Turnings are characterized as:

**The First Turning, The High**, an era of enthusiastic collective strengthening and civic development, having burned the brush and swept the ashes of preceding structure.

**The Second Turning, The Awakening**, is built on the energies and accomplishments of the High but finds increasing yearning for introspection with a high tolerance for spiritual expression outside the parameters of predetermined standards.

**The Third Turning, The Unraveling**, begins as the “society-wide embrace of the liberating cultural forces” loosed by the Awakening shows signs of civic disorder and decay, a heightened sense of self-reliance and an increasing withdrawal of public trust. This builds to a near crisis of downcast pessimism and a palpable pall that can only be remedied by yielding to the next.

**The Fourth Turning, The Crisis**, is by far, the most perilous as societies pass through the greatest and most dangerous gates of history. As desperate solutions are sought for “sudden threats” on multiple cultural fronts, confrontation is passionate and decisions are often reactive, aggressive. “Government governs, community obstacles are removed, and laws and customs that resisted change for decades are swiftly shunted aside.

A grim preoccupation with civic peril causes spiritual curiosity to decline... Public order tightens, private risk-taking abates, and crime and substance abuse decline.” Families strengthen, gender distinctions widen, and child-rearing reaches a smothering degree of protection and structure. The young focus their energy on worldly achievements, leaving values in the hands of the old. Wars are fought with fury and for maximum result.

Eventually, the mood transforms into one of exhaustion, relief, and optimism. Buoyed by a new-born faith in the group and in authority, leaders plan, people hope, and a society yearns for good and simple things.

Through the examination of an enormous amount of political and cultural history, authors
Strauss and Howe process over five hundred years of Anglo-American cultural nuance into remarkable, well-organized and predictable cycles and it is from this reservoir they stake an uncanny claim: “What the cycles of history tell us about America’s next rendezvous with destiny.”

**A DISTURBING PROPHECY**

*Just after the millennium, America will enter a new era that will culminate with a crisis comparable to the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Great Depression, and World War II. The very survival of the nation will almost certainly be at stake.*

Strauss and Howe set the United States of 1997 in the Third Turning, “midway through an Unraveling,” roughly a decade away from the next Crisis or **Fourth Turning**:

> “America feels like it’s unraveling. Although we live in an era of relative peace and comfort, we have settled into a mood of pessimism about the long-term future, fearful that our superpower nation is somehow rotting from within.”

From *The Fourth Turning*:

*The next Fourth Turning is due to begin shortly after the new millennium. Around the year 2005, a sudden spark will catalyze a Crisis mood. Remnants of the old social order will disintegrate. Political and economic trust will implode.*

*Real hardship will beset the land, with severe distress that could involve questions of class, race, nation, and empire. Yet this time of trouble will bring seeds of social rebirth.*

*Americans will share a regret about recent mistakes — and a resolute new consensus about what to do. The very survival of the nation will feel at stake.*

The striking details contained within *The Fourth Turning* illustrate the precision that can be distilled with a close examination of historical patterns and contemporary application.

Although the authors note that the events described are not absolute, they also insist that the cycles, **these Turnings, cannot be interrupted**. As summer follows spring, an Awakening follows a High, and so must winter follow autumn, a Crisis must follow an Unraveling, although the gravity of a Crisis can, theoretically, be lessened:

*It will require us to lend a new seasonal interpretation to our revered American Dream. And it will require us to admit that our faith in linear progress has often amounted to a Faustian bargain with our children.*
Faust always ups the ante, and every bet is double-or-nothing. Through much of the Third Turning, we have managed to postpone the reckoning. But history warns that we can’t defer it beyond the next bend in time.

While a “Faustian bargain” sounds ominous, and there is little evidence that the Anglo-American “Dream” has undergone the introspection and discipline necessary to buffer the arrogant recklessness which has taken place.

The generations of the United States have also spoken: America wants change, and if the Strauss and Howe models hold, the Boomer Generation, the Prophets, will yield to the Gen X-ers, the Nomads just as the Unraveling, yields to the Crisis.

The history of the United States has spoken as well: change, a Turning, will come and in a very dramatic manner.

NBC’s Chuck Todd noted on the evening of November 4, 2008 that Barack Obama was a changing of the guard in the United States from the Baby Boomer presidencies of William Clinton and George W. Bush. The Toronto Globe and Mail referred to President-elect Obama as being a member of Generation X, being born in 1961.

Strauss and Howe number the generations of the US as those having been born knowing the flag of the United States and assign Generation X the status of the Thirteenth Generation.

THE GRAY CHAMPION

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Included in The Fourth Turning is an incident described by Nathaniel Hawthorne in his Twice-Told Tales of a “Gray Champion,” a “priest-warrior” who would appear “whenever the descendants of the Puritans are to show the spirit of their sires.” Facing the armies of King James II in Boston in 1689, the colonists faced almost certain defeat.

Just at that moment, seemingly from nowhere, there appeared on the streets “the figure of an ANCIENT man” with “the eye, the face, the attitude of command.”
His manner “combining the leader and the saint,” the old man planted himself directly in the path of the approaching British soldiers and demanded that they stop. “The solemn, yet warlike peal of that voice, fit either to rule a host in the battlefield or be raised to God in prayer, were irresistible.

At the old man’s word and outstretched arm, the roll of the drum was hushed at once, and the advancing line stood still. Inspired by this single act of defiance, the people of Boston roused their courage and acted. Within the day,” the liberty of Boston [was] saved, and the corner turned on the colonial Glorious Revolution.

An upcoming “Full Disclosure” of trans-dimentional entities event could possibly be associated with this.

**THE FOURTH TURNING**

“We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.
We are the change that we seek.” Barack H. Obama

The early months of the election campaign brought messages of the choice for change: “The One,” “That One,” “The Chosen.” Subsequently, cabinet choices were labeled, “The Chosen Ones.”

The chosen choices for change. But as ambiguities of eligibility and controversial relationships continue, they are eclipsed by broader events and there exists an ambiance of pervasive unease.

In *Generations* and *The Fourth Turning*, William Strauss and Neil Howe have provided a compelling presentation of the importance and regard for the details of history. Their descriptions and fascinating insights support the apparently lineal nature of human existence, its predictability and, we would believe, its reliability.

**THE SCOFFERS**

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 2 Pet 3:4, 5

Pop culture and media have seemingly prepared Western society for every possible experience. Data files are well equipped with stat information: biographies, histories, geopolitics, scientific, religious, many are exploring the possibilities of sci-fi scenarios with experts available and summoned for any “eventuality.” But are they really prepared?
Can anyone be truly ready?

“Thus might the next Fourth Turning end in apocalypse — or glory. The nation could be ruined, its democracy destroyed, and millions of people scattered or killed. Or America could enter a new golden age, triumphantly applying shared values to improve the human condition. The rhythms of history do not reveal the outcome of the coming Crisis; all they suggest is the timing and dimension.” The Fourth Turning

“TIMING AND DIMENSION”

The scenarios envisioned by William Strauss and Neil Howe may well prove to be accurate and specific. Greatly overlooked in most commentaries on human history is the very intrinsic and very real aspect of an unseen, spiritual element embedded within, and by so doing show a willingness to disregard the preeminent determinant of all.

“Timing and dimension” are interesting choices to be used for the description of intensity of the coming winter of crisis.

Dimensional veils are thinning. The Prophet generation of spiritual seekers, savvy and sophisticated, had indeed postponed the “day of reckoning” for a time. The sins of unrepentant and spiritually reckless fathers now visit an unraveled world in an emaciated economy, a hostile political climate, and a decaying planet.

There is little question that science has rapidly outdistanced morality and the apocalyptic descriptions for the “last generations” recorded in Scripture have begun to assume a reality once only imaginable if taken allegorically. The dry bones of Ezekiel now have the very real ability to assume their sinew as do other genetic “compositions,” ones far more terrifying than the worst of Michael Crichton’s imaginings.

The Scriptural record written by earlier generations chronicles historical nonlinearities so unimaginable, so inconceivable, that many choose to accept them only within a metaphorical context, insisting that all things do continue as they were. Will they be able to continue? What generation before, in classically recorded history, has had the unique ability to destroy itself while engineering its replacement?

THE Grey Champion?

Change is just ahead on the horizon, but will the anticipated change come at the behest of a “Gray Champion,” an “ancient man,” a “priest-warrior” or a “Priest-King?” Will THE ONE, chosen to lead the US at this time, a Fourth Turning of such acute instability on all fronts be capable of such a charge? Could anyone? And dare anyone challenge the collective choice as the voice of “providence” which has put such a “one” among us for this time?

Perhaps this “providence” has also provided a warning in the Secret Service designation given President-elect Obama: Renegade. Interestingly, the www.Dictionary.com defines
“renegade” as, “One who rejects a religion, cause, allegiance, or group for another; a deserter; an outlaw; a rebel.” Should that sound an alarm?

THE ULTIMATE NONLINEALITY: Generation OMEGA?

Therein lies the most bizarre synchronicity of all, betraying and exquisitely punctuating the lineal concepts of Generations and The Fourth Turning: Generation X, followed by the Millennial Generation, Y, which is followed by Z – Ω perhaps the Ultimate Nonlineality.

We cannot avoid The Fourth Turning, nor its ekpyrosis. Whether we welcome him or not, the Gray Champion will command our duty and sacrifice at a moment of Crisis. Whether we prepare wisely or not, we will complete the Millennial Saeculum. The epoch that began with V.J. Day will reach a natural climax X and come to an end.

As Arthur Wing Pinero has written,

“The future is only the past again, entered through ANOTHER GATE.”

Increasingly, Americans are sensing that the NEXT GREAT GATE IN HISTORY IS APPROACHING.

It’s time to trust our instincts, think seasonally, and prepare. Forewarned is forearmed.” The Fourth Turning

How then, does one prepare? Can one prepare? Mssrs. Strausse and Howe offered very specific insights about this Fourth Turning in 1997. Scripture speaks specifically to a time such as this and includes remedy for both physical and spiritual distress. Will these generations prepare?

Edward Gibbon, author of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, published between 1776 and 1788, cited “five marks” of the decaying Roman culture:

- Concern with displaying affluence instead of building wealth.
- Obsession with sex and perversions of sex.
- Art becomes freakish and sensationalistic instead of creative and original.
- Widening disparity between very rich and very poor.
- Increased demand to live off the state.

If these do not cause a 21st Century Western reader to feel uncomfortable, perhaps Scottish historian and student of cycles, Alexander Tyler’s observation of a two hundred year life-cycle of history’s greatest civilizations will be convincing. These steps begin in bondage and continue:
From bondage to spiritual faith;
From spiritual faith to great courage;
From courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to complacency;
From complacency to apathy;
From apathy to dependence;
From dependence back into bondage.

INSERTIONS OF NOVEMBER, 2012

Weekly World News
Obama to Write New Constitution
November 12, 2012

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama said The U.S. Constitution is out-of-date, so he is ripping it up and writing a new one. President Barack Obama told reporters last night that the U.S. Constitution has become a hindrance to progress in America. “The document is so out-dated, that it is now becoming a hindrance to governing the country.”

Obama said that he has signed an Executive Order voiding the U.S. Constitution. “We need to move forward. We need change.” Obama said he has already drafted a new constitution and that Americans “will love what I came up with.”

Insiders say that Obama is keeping a lot of old elements from the original constitution “he’s just making it better, bringing it into the 21st century,” said White House Spokesman, Jay Carney.

Many Democrats said that President Obama was a constitutional scholar and probably the only President – since the Founding Fathers – who is qualified to change the Constitution.

“President Obama knows more about the Constitution than any man who has ever lived,” said Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi. “It’s about time we changed that document and we are lucky to have President Obama to do it.”

Republicans, of course, were outraged that Obama would even consider changing the constitution, and they vowed to fight. “We will fight this to the bitter end,” said Speaker of the House, John Boehner, “there’s no way we are going to let the Constitution of the United States be altered even a little bit. If there are changes to be made to the Constitution it should be done the appropriate way – through
amendments and we think Paul Ryan and Eric Cantor are the ones to make any changes.”

Insiders say the new Constitution will look a lot like the constitutions of Kenya, France and Soviet Russia.

1) **SUPREME COURT** – Will now have 11 members, which reflects the growing U.S. population. President Obama will appoint two new members immediately. The President can name a new justice without needing the approval of Congress.

2) **EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL POWER** – The President will have the power to unilaterally enact any financial policy he chooses, without approval of Congress. He must inform them, but they will not “stop” him (or her) from promoting their agenda.

3) **LOBBYISTS** – They will now be outlawed. There will be no more lobbyists in Washington. However, there are some exemptions outlined in the New Constitution: “Trial Lawyers, National Education Association and unions. They will all be able to lobby.

4) **REPRESENTATION** – California, New York and Illinois will double the number of representatives in Congress – permanently. “The President feels that the smartest people in the country live in these states, so they should be over-represented,” said Jay Carney.

5) **GUNS & RELIGION** – Both will be banned in the United States.

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**RT News**

*Nearly half of the US threatens to secede*

Reuters

12 November, 2012, 23:55

As the saying goes: if you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em. Some Americans upset with the results of Election Day don’t quite agree, and now residents from 20 states have filed petitions with the White House to secede from the country.

Louisiana became the first of the (as of now) 50 united states that managed to collect enough signatures to have their petition for secession added to the White House’s website last week, and so far they’ve had no problem finding company.

A petition asking for the government to “Peacefully grant the State of Louisiana to withdraw from the United States of America and create its own NEW
“government” garnered more than 14,000 signatures since going live on November 7, and so far 19 other states have managed to attract similar success.

According to the terms of participation on WhiteHouse.gov, the website for the executive branch of the United States will make any petition searchable if it can collect 150 signatures within one month’s time, and collecting 25,000 signatures will necessitate an official response.

So far Texas seems to be in the running to be the first state to receive a response from the commander-in-chief, with 21,777 signees asking for secession since their petition went live on November 9, barely 48 hours after US President Barack Obama claimed a victory in his bid for re-election.

In all, 20 states have so far broken the 150 signature threshold, mostly sticking closely to the script included in the first petition published by “Michael E” of Slidell, LA, who quotes the Declaration of Independence in his plea to once again separate the public from a power that, according to thousands of residents, doesn’t represent what is best for the people anymore.

UPDATE NOW MANY STATES WANT TO SECEDE FROM U.S

Since WND first reported that residents in the state of Louisiana were petitioning to secede from the U.S., residents in over 30 more states have filed requests with the White House to peaceably break from the union.

Furthermore, the Louisiana petition has topped 27,000 signatures, exceeding the threshold needed after which the White House has pledged to respond.

From The Weekly Standard: November 13, 2012

Strip the Citizenship from Everyone who Signed a Petition to Secede and Exile Them

A White House petition gathering force calls for citizenship to be stripped and exile for anyone who signs a petition in favor of a state's secession.
"Mr. President, please sign an executive order such that each American citizen who signed a petition from any state to secede from the USA shall have their citizenship stripped and be peacefully deported," the full petition reads.

The title of the petition is, "WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO: Strip the Citizenship from Everyone who Signed a Petition to Secede and Exile Them."

As of this writing, 2,205 have signed the petition; 22,795 more signatures are needed for the issue to be addressed by the White House.

THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE:

WHITE HOUSE
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

Strip the Citizenship from Everyone who Signed a Petition to Secede and Exile Them

WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO:
Strip the Citizenship from Everyone who Signed a Petition to Secede and Exile Them

Mr. President, please sign an executive order such that each American citizen who signed a petition from any state to secede from the USA shall have their citizenship stripped and be peacefully deported.

Created: Nov 12, 2012
Issues: Civil Rights and Liberties, Defense, Homeland Security and Disaster Relief

Sign this Petition
A whitehouse.gov account is required to sign Petitions.

ACHIEVING THE INTENDED RESOLUTION
The Hegelian Dialectic
Social Engineering

*Thesis* relate specific events, entities with assertable proposition

*Antihesis* provide an opposing contradiction

*Synthesis* reconciliation of both for intended resolution

This follows, to the letter, the goals set in the *THE PROTOCOLS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION (pdf format)*

A 44 page (very readable) description of the ancient historical roots, the methods of implementation and the time-line of progress…we have reached to stated goals.
The roots of “The Learned Elders of Zion,” often referred to as the Jewish Bankers are of ancient ancestral/generational bloodlines and spirits, stemming from the ‘olam ebah,’ the Everlasting Hatred which began in Genesis 3:15:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

and was literally birthed in Genesis 25:23-26:

And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

These two passages refer to the brusing: a head and heel, and this Everlasting Hatred, the olam ebah. The heel continues to be a symbol of ‘false steps’ in Middle Eastern culture.


The key points of THE PROTOCOLS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION are defined within the Table of Contents, but the specificity, detail and relevance to recent events in the US is stunning.

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THE ABOMINABLE LIST
Proverbs 6:9-19:

How long wilt thou sleep, 0 sluggard? When wilt thou rise out of thy sleep?
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep:
So shall thy poverty come as one that traveleth
    And thy want as an armed man.

A naught person, a wicked man,
*WALKETH with a FROWARD MOUTH.*
He *WINKETH with his EYES,*
*he SPEAKETH with his FEET,*
*he TEACHETH with his FINGERS.*

Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth disord.
*Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly;*
*Suddenly shal he be broken without remedy.*

These six things doth the LORD hate, yea, seven are an abomination unto Him:

A proud look;
A lying tongue;
Hands that shed innocent blood;
A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations;
Feet that be swift in running to mischief;
The witness that speaketh lies;
And he that soweth discord among brothers.

[emphasis, smb]
The fallen Linden Tree on the North Lawn, *The White House*, 6.9.2009. An excellent presentation of how a nation’s leaders can lead in judgment, please read *20 Fold, 20 Fold, Judgment is upon America*, by Charmaine Eggers. Events at the White House took an ominous turn within hours of this photograph.: “he speaketh with his feet....” to the distress of a nation.