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HAVE A 'GREAT TIME'

Our psychic chimes in on what to expect in the new year

You read it here first. Doomsday is not on the 2012 calendar. Mayan, Julian, Gregorian, SUNshine Girl or otherwise. "Yes, it will," says Anthony Carr, over his tarot deck at the Cafe Nicole on The Esplanade. "Just not this year."

You're a card, Tony. But what a relief: I was starting to think the Mayan hype might be true, that next Dec. 23 will be a really crappy day.

On the other hand, maybe we'll wish it so, that we're out of our misery, if even half the predictions come true.

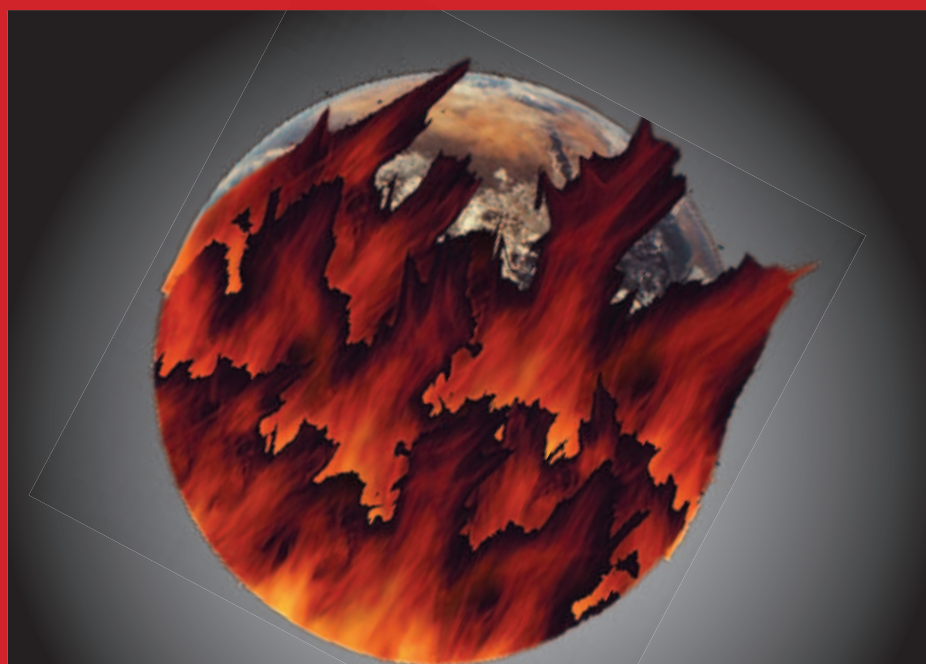
Carr, the World's Most Documented Psychic, sees "the Great Time coming. Man will soon face his last, most difficult ordeal foreshadowed by the creeping changes of nature. The very universe itself will be thrown into disorder and this great modern age will be no more." Sounds apocalyptic to me. But Tony, god bless 'im, promises our demise is a ways off. Guaranteed.

"If I'm wrong, sue me," says Tony (anthonycarrpsychic.com). A wrongful Armageddon lawsuit?

We have at least 'til February, when Carr blows sax with his band at the Harp & Crown pub in Pickering. I have new reason to hope Doomsday is far off. Tony shuffles my deck at Cafe Nicole - and, voila, the Wheel of Fortune card, right side up.

"La creme de la creme of cards," says Tony, excitedly. "Fame, fortune, love, sex, lust ..." My middle names. I better stock up on vitaminE: We're on a roll. Tell me some more good news.

In 2002, Tony wrote of Prince William: "There's an 'M' in his hand, who will be his great love at 26, but within two years they will part, reunite and he'll marry."



Anthony Carr says, "Fear not, the world will not end on Dec. 21 2012. But if I'm wrong - sue me!"

M as in Middleton, turns out. So it's all good. Rest easy. Have a leftover eggnog. Check the expiry date. But the world lives another year. I'd feel a lot better, though, if Tony's group weren't called the End of the World Blues Band.



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