

Science Scapes I

Many people believe that 2021 will have a catastrophic beginning because an asteroid the size of the Eifel tower will hit the Earth. That would in theory be equal to one or two atom bombs. However this belief is based on a reading of the medieval European Astrologer Nostradamus. If one looks carefully at Nostradamus's prediction one finds that these are all highly interpreted because they are so vague. One could fit in just about any interpretation he wants. This is in sharp contrast to an Ancient Indian prophecy called the Kaliyuga prophecy. Looked through the prism of modern times this would appear a highly casteist description. However we should bear in mind that the ancient caste system was based on profession, rather than birth. Or may be the father's profession went down to the son and so on. There is a very old Vedic hymn which explicitly says this namely how each caste went to do its job.