1 The Angel Number

I check the solastalgic news and read, 'The number of species recognised as threatened with extinction in Australia now stands at 2,224.¹ Including, the Coffs Harbour *Fontainea*, a rainforest tree (critically endangered).

'The Meaning of the 2224 Angel Number. Have you ever been driving down the road glancing at your odometer, only to discover that it reads 2224? . . . If so, you're not alone. The angel number 2224 is a mysterious phenomenon that has appeared in people's lives for centuries. It's believed to be your guardian angels sending you a message or a sign to help guide you on your path.'

I was taught that I had a guardian angel sitting lightly on my shoulder.

I was taught to read Camilla, Virgil's female fighter, in Latin.

I was taught to work hard and play hard.

I wasn't taught about my role in the inexorable smothering of life.

Light is dying in the west.



What will the world look like in 200 years?

'We will have ascended into being an entirely new kind of society.

Here are some speculations:

No more disease. No more cancer. Medicine will be so advanced that we will see people living to 150+ years old. People will also forego having children but there will be some that choose to do this selectively.

Wealth and earnings have no meaning - we will have a world striving to be completely equal. Leaders will be defined the goodness they do in the world and the entire society will have an active role in building culture and sustaining communities.

Technology will be invisible. Things will just work seamlessly.

There will be pop up communities that choose to live 'the old way' off of the land and with a lack of technology. They will be seen as important parts of historical society and many people in the world will crave to visit those experiences as a reminder of how we lived, and how close we came to really screwing everything up.' Nikolas Badmintoniii

'All predictions made so far are just that – predictions. There's a 50-50 chance that they will be right, so I'll chime in, keeping that in mind.

- 1. Climate change will have been largely reversed by the end of the 21st Century. Not that the Earth will look like a gigantic Garden of Eden, but it will be more liveable.
- 2. Technology will be far more advanced than today. Nuclear fusion will be the primary source of energy all over the world. Secondary sources like wind power will also be everywhere. Quantum computers will be the primary source of computing, with the Internet being in its fourth generation, and all over the world.
- 3. Religion will be on its last legs. The major religions, like Christianity and Islam, will have broken up and become many smaller religious groups.

 Atheism will be in the majority worldwide.

- 4. Space exploration by 2223 there will be colonies on the Moon, established outposts on Mars, and expeditions to the outer gas giants will have begun. Experiments in developing faster than light travel will continue, but nothing concrete so far. Probes will have been sent to Alpha Centauri late in the 22nd Century, but no news yet.
- 5. The Earth's population will have peaked with 12 billion late in the 21st Century, and will have begun a slow decline to have reached 5 billion by the beginning of the 23rd Century.
- 6. One prediction that is 100% correct is that 200 years from now people will still be people and will still be completely unpredictable.' Robert Letourneuxiv

¹ Adam Morton and Lisa Cox, 'Pig-nosed turtle among over a dozen new species added to Australia's list of endangered species', Guardian, 7 Aug 2024.

ii https://www.sosyncd.com/the-meaning-of-the-2224-angel-number/#google_vignette

iii This was originally shared on nikolasbadminton.com

iv https://www.quora.com/What-will-life-on-Earth-look-like-200-years-from-now