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# **A RAVAGED EARTH TIMELINE**

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**To Whom It May Concern:**

The world we used to occupy, one of royalty and innocence, is long gone. The quaint customs of etiquette and decorum are consigned to the very old who remember a time before the invaders, the time before the War of the Worlds.

As chair of Archeology at Channing College, I've compiled a list of historic and noteworthy events organized according to the years in which they occurred. I began my list ten years before the Martians landed and ended with the current year. I feel there's a pattern here, for before the 1898 tragedy, mankind, at least in the civilized Western world, was orderly, the empires and kingdoms still prominent, their presence felt in the more remote and primitive places across the globe. The indigenous peoples, part of the so-called "white man's burden," began rebelling, and Europe and America entered an age of invention. Then the Martians came and our way of life, at least as we knew it, changed.

I hope this timeline puts the world in perspective for you, as it has for me. One day, scholars may wish to add to it, presuming that is, that there will even be a future!

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**1888**

- Nikola Tesla constructs an electric motor subsequently manufactured by George Westinghouse
- George Eastman perfects the "Kodak" box camera
- Jack the Ripper murders five women in London's East End
- National Geographic Society founded in Washington, D.C.
- The Great Blizzard of '88 kills over 400 people in the eastern United States

**1889**

- Hollerith receives the patent for a tabulating machine resembling Babagge's Analytical Engine
- Adolph Hitler is born in Austria
- The Eiffel Tower officially opens to the public at the Paris World Exhibition
- Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria and his mistress Baroness Mary Vetsera commit suicide
- First issue of *The Wall Street Journal* published
- Huge locust swarm crosses the Red Sea and decimates crops in the Nile Valley
- The Sioux begin the Ghost Dance movement

## 1890

- Ellis Island is designated an “immigration station”
- Reporter Nellie Bly of *The New York Chronicle* completes a round-the-world journey in 72 days
- First execution by electric chair takes place at Auburn Prison in New York
- The United States Seventh Cavalry massacres over 400 in Wounded Knee, South Dakota
- Herman Hollerith uses punch cards to tabulate census data

## 1891

- The Young Turk Movement is formed in Geneva
- Arthur Conan Doyle publishes *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* in *Strand* magazine
- Beginnings of wireless telegraphy
- New Scotland Yard becomes the headquarters of the London Metropolitan Police
- Thomas Alva Edison displays his kinetoscope
- Liliuokalani proclaimed the Queen of Hawaii

## 1892

- A 500-pound shell from the Sandy Hook, NJ testing range sinks the *Henry R. Tilton*
- Diesel patents his internal combustion engine
- First automatic telephone switchboard is introduced
- Ellis Island starts accepting immigrants to the United States
- A hidden lake bursts from a glacier on Mont Blanc, flooding the valley below in Saint Gervais

## 1893

- Karl Benz constructs a four-wheeled car
- Henry Ford builds his first automobile
- The World Exhibition is held in Chicago
- Thomas Edison builds his motion picture studio in West Orange, New Jersey
- Lizzie Borden is acquitted of the murder of her parents
- Anti-Saloon League established

## 1894

- Korea and Japan declare war on China and win a resounding victory at Port Arthur
- Coca-Cola is sold in bottles for the first time
- Louis Lumiere invents the cinematograph
- Three thousand Pullman Palace Car Company workers go on strike in Illinois
- Turkish troops massacre Armenians in Kurdistan

## 1895

- Wilhelm Roentgen discovers X-rays
- Marconi invents radio telegraphy
- Auguste and Louis Lumiere invent the motion picture camera
- Oscar Wilde's play *The Importance of Being Earnest* shown in London
- The Treaty of Shimonoseki signed between China and Japan
- Konstantin Tsiolkovsky proposes a space elevator to launch objects in orbit

## 1896

- The Niagara Falls hydroelectric plant opens
- The first all-steel building is constructed in England
- The Klondike Gold Rush kicks off
- Opening ceremonies for the 1896 Summer Olympics in Athens
- Nepalese archeologists rediscover the great stone pillar of Ashoka at Lumbini

## 1897

- Brooklyn, NY is annexed by New York City
- The United States Supreme Court condones the practicing of “shanghaiing”
- Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee is celebrated
- In Pennsylvania, a sheriff’s posse kills 19 unarmed immigrant miners in the Lattimer Massacre
- Natal annexes Zululand
- First use of the word “computer” as an electronic calculator

## 1898

- German Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin builds his first airship
- Aleister Crowley joins the Golden Dawn Society
- USS Maine explodes in Havana Harbor, Cuba, triggering the Spanish-American War
- Empress Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary assassinated
- Martians invade the Earth in what will come to be known as the War of the Worlds

## 1899

- The first magnetic recording of sound is made
- The Boer War begins in South Africa
- Anglo-Egyptian Sudan formed
- First woman executed in an electric chair at Sing-Sing
- Gordon Douglas becomes first westerner ordained as a Buddhist monk in the Theravada tradition

## 1900

- Boxer uprisings in China become more frequent
- King Umberto I of Italy is murdered by an unknown anarchist
- The body of a Martian invader is put on display in Washington’s National History Museum
- A hurricane hits Galveston, Texas, killing about 8,000
- First automobile show in the United States

## 1901

- The Committee on the Martian Invasion (CMI) convenes in London
- Britain launches her first submarine
- U.S. President William McKinley is assassinated and succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt
- The first Nobel Prize award ceremony held in Stockholm
- Commonwealth of Australia formed
- Independent Maya of Eastern Yucatan surrender to Mexico

## 1902

- Dr. Doyen successfully separates Siamese twins from the Barnum & Bailey Circus
- The first movie theater in the U.S. opens in Los Angeles
- Cuba gains independence from the U.S.
- Tesla begins his experiments with “residual energy”
- The CMI’s findings conclude that another Martian invasion is “highly improbable”

## 1903

- Henry Ford founds the Ford Motor Company
- Orville and Wilbur Wright successfully fly their “aeroplane”
- Guglielmo Marconi broadcasts the first transatlantic radio message
- First Tour de France held
- Miner’s strike in Cripple Creek, Colorado

## 1904

- The Russo-Japanese War begins with a Japanese surprise attack on Port Arthur
- Construction of the Panama Canal gets underway
- Arthur Korn sends the first telegraphic transmission of photographs
- Trans-Siberian Railway completed
- British defeat the Tibetans at the Battle of Chumik Shenko

## 1905

- Rasputin is taken into the confidence of the Russian royal family
- Sailors mutiny aboard the Russian ironclad Potemkin
- Evidence of druidic rituals being conducted at Stonehenge is uncovered
- Albert Einstein’s *Special Theory of Relativity* is published
- Aleister Crowley instructed on magic by a “supernatural voice”
- Tesla constructs a communication tower at Wardencllyffe on Long Island

## 1906

- Roald Amundsen navigates the Northwest Passage and locates the magnetic North Pole
- “Typhoid Mary” is quarantined on North Brother Island for reasons of public health
- SOS becomes an international distress signal
- San Francisco earthquake kills 3,000
- Tesla transmits messages into space and claims to have contacted “extraterrestrial intelligence”

## 1907

- The Financial Panic of 1907 is halted by J.P. Morgan’s timely infusion of \$100 million in gold
- French investor, Paul Cornu, pilots the first helicopter
- The state of Indiana enacts the first involuntary sterilization law based on eugenics
- Korea becomes a protectorate of Japan
- The Diamond Sutra of 868, a Buddhist scripture, is discovered in the Mogao Caves

## 1908

- In Siberia, an explosion resulting in a huge pillar of flame, destroys trees within a 20 mile radius
- The first Model T automobile produced by Ford Motor Company rolls off the assembly line
- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid reportedly gunned down in Bolivia
- First commercial oil strike in Middle East made at Masjid-al-Salaman in Persia
- Skeleton of 40,000-year-old Neanderthal discovered in southwest France
- Tesla coins the term “Aetheric Energy” (or more properly, Aetherium).

## 1909

- Mohammed Ali, Shah of Persia, is toppled from power by the 12-year old Sultan Ahmed Shah
- Robert Peary explores the North Pole
- The first plastics are manufactured
- Auroras seen in Singapore
- Einar Dessau becomes first ham radio operator
- Thousands report seeing the “Jersey Devil” in southern New Jersey

## 1910

- The Mexican Revolution begins
- New York’s Manhattan Bridge is completed
- The first deep-sea research expedition is launched
- Egyptian prime minister Boutros Ghali assassinated
- The Vatican issues an oath against modernism

## 1911

- The Turko-Italian War begins with an attack Tripoli
- The Central Chinese Revolution topples the Manchu dynasty and elects Sun-Yat-sen as its president
- The British Official Secrets Act becomes law
- Pancho Villa launches attacks against government troops
- Heike Kamerlingh Onnes discovers superconductivity

## 1912

- The Balkan War erupts when Montenegro declares war on Turkey
- Vladimir Lenin becomes editor of *Pravda*
- Besieged by a “sea monster”, the HMS Titanic is destroyed and thousands perish
- The Royal Flying Corps established in the United Kingdom
- Piltdown Man, the remains of a half-ape, half-man creature, displayed

## 1913

- The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment, providing for a federal income tax, is ratified in the U.S.
- The Federal Reserve system is created to police business practices
- Otto, the insane king of Bavaria is deposed by his slightly more stable cousin King Ludwig III
- New York City’s Grand Central Terminal opens
- Igor Sikorsky pilots a four-engine aircraft

## 1914

- Robert Goddard begins experimenting with rockets
- The Panama Canal opens
- St. Petersburg, Russia changes name to Petrograd
- Marcus Garvey founds the Universal Negro Improvement Association
- W.H. Carrier patents the design for an air conditioner
- Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated in Sarajevo triggering the Great War Between Nations

## 1915

- Alexander Graham Bell and Dr. Thomas Watson complete the first trans-continental telephone call
- Chinese president Yuan Shikai proclaims himself Emperor
- Germany conducts the first zeppelin raids on Paris and London
- Germany tests its first Aetherium-powered tanks

## 1916

- Rasputin, the “Mad Monk”, is shot, poisoned, stabbed, and thrown into the Neva River
- President Woodrow Wilson sends troops to the Mexican border to capture Pancho Villa
- In Ireland, nationalists led by Patrick Pearse launch the Easter Rebellion
- Robert Baden-Powell founds the Cub Scouts
- Sopwith Camel aircraft introduced to counter the German Fokker aircraft

## 1917

- The Russian Revolution begins as Russia withdraws from the Great War
- America joins the Allies and declares war on Germany
- Mata Hari, a Dutch dancer, and German spy, is executed by firing squad outside Paris
- In U.S. the Federal Possession and Control Act takes control of railroads for war effort
- Troops led by T.E. Lawrence capture Aqaba from the Ottomans
- The U.S. begins conscription to build its Army

## 1918

- A massive influenza epidemic sweeps across the globe, leaving thousands dead in its wake
- Revolutionaries execute Czar Nicholas II and his family
- Anglo-Arabic forces seize Palestine and find evidence of magic use among the Ottomans
- Paris Gun, a giant German cannon, shells Paris from 75 miles away
- Germans suffer stunning defeats to their defenses at the Battle of Amiens

## 1919

- The German Worker’s Party (DAP) formed in January; Hitler joins on October 19
- The Ottomans use black magic to reanimate corpses during the Battle of Constantinople
- The Red Baron goes missing during the Battle of Brussels, the largest aerial combat recorded
- The Treaty of Versailles officially ends the Great War Between the Nations
- Scheduled air passenger service between New York and Paris (via London) is established
- Leon and Werner Goldsmith establish their movie studio in Los Angeles

## 1920

- The League of Nations, headquartered in Geneva, is formed in the hopes of preventing future wars
- After the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified the year before, Prohibition becomes law in the United States
- The United States Congress passes 19th Amendment, giving women right to vote
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police begins its duties
- Joan of Arc canonized as a Saint by Pope Benedict XV
- Bloody Sunday in Ireland as British forces kill spectators during a football match

## 1921

- Adolf Hitler's Brownshirts begin violent opposition to political opponents
- The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) is founded
- The Irish Republican Army is formed to fight for Northern Ireland's independence from British rule
- Anti-European riots in Cairo and Alexandria
- Trial of Sacco and Vanzetti, two immigrants accused of murder
- Airship ZR2 explodes during a test flight near Hull, England
- The word "robot" coined by Karel Capek in his play R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots)
- Germany receives a war reparations bill totaling \$33 billion

## 1922

- Benito Mussolini's Fascist government rises to power in Italy
- F.W. Murnau's film *Nosferatu*, supposedly based on a true story, is released to rave reviews
- Britain declares Egypt a sovereign state, but British troops remain nevertheless
- Achille Ratti becomes Pope Pius XI
- The Teapot Dome oil scandal exposed in the administration of U.S. President Warren Harding
- The Lincoln Memorial dedicated in Washington, D.C.
- British parliament enacts the Irish Free State

## 1923

- Howard Carter discovers King Tutankhamen's tomb
- The fascists expel Aleister Crowley from Italy for practicing unnatural magic
- The first trans-continental flight (New York to San Diego) is completed
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics formed
- Hollywoodland sign erected in Los Angeles to advertise housing development
- Hitler leads his Nazis in the unsuccessful Beer Hall Putsch
- Juan de la Cierva invents the autogyro

## 1924

- The Ancient Monuments Society is founded in London
- J. Edgar Hoover is appointed as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Vladimir Ilyich Lenin dies and is entombed in a glass coffin within Red Square
- Edwin Hubble announces existence of other galaxies
- Caliph Abdul Mejid II of the Ottoman Empire deposed
- The Amazing Zoltar receives a vision from an "angel" instructing him on magic



## 1925

- Hitler joins the Thule Society, and publishes *Mein Kampf*
- Wyoming's Nellie Tayloe Ross becomes first women governor in the US
- John T. Scopes tried in Dayton, Tenn. for teaching evolution
- London introduces first double-decker busses
- Charlie Chaplin's film *The Gold Rush* debuts
- Al Capone assumes leadership of the Chicago mob

## 1926

- Magician Harry Houdini escapes death at a performance in Detroit, Mich.
- British prime minister Stanley Baldwin ends martial law that began from a general strike
- Robert Goddard invents the first liquid-propelled rocket
- Tong wars in San Francisco's Chinatown heat up
- Hirohito crowned Emperor of Japan
- Rudolph Valentino, a famous film star, is saved from death by a timely resurrection ritual
- H.P. Lovecraft's *The Call of Cthulhu*, believed by many to be a factual account, is published

## 1927

- "Unlucky Lindy" is killed by a flying demon during a transatlantic flight
- Al Jolson's film *The Jazz Singer* is the first talkie to debut on the Silver Screen
- Prussia lifts its ban on the Nazi party and Hitler is allowed to speak in public once again
- Harry Houdini meets with the Amazing Zoltar in London
- Leon Trotsky deported from the Soviet Union
- First television broadcasts are met with awe and amazement
- Dr. Winston Granger publishes his treatise *The New Science*

## 1928

- The Kellogg-Briand Pact, outlawing war, is signed by 65 countries in Paris
- Walt Disney releases first Mickey Mouse cartoons
- Alexander Fleming discovers Penicillin
- Eliot Ness commands his prohibition unit in Chicago
- The Ku Klux Klan hold a rally in Washington, D.C.
- Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia begins operations
- Hitler is granted an audience with President Hindenburg

## 1929

- In Chicago, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre shakes up the criminal underworld
- The *Graf Zeppelin* completes a trans-global flight
- "Lucky" Luciano creates the National Crime Syndicate in Atlantic City, NJ
- Italy and the Vatican sign the Lateran treaty, creating Vatican City
- US Admiral Richard Byrd becomes first to fly over the South Pole
- Black Tuesday signals the start of the Great Depression

## 1930

- Hitler is elected to the German Chancellorship
- Howard Hughes' film about Great War pilots, *Hells Angels*, wins an Academy Award
- The Amazing Zoltar and his fellow magicians perform The Great Gathering
- Mohandas Gandhi's 200-mile "Salt March" to the sea protests British monopoly on salt
- Chicago mob murders Chicago Tribune journalist Alfred Lingle

## 1931

- Hitler's Night of the Long Knives purge those Nazis whose loyalty is questionable
- Construction of Empire State Building completed
- Japan makes Henry Pu Yi, former Emperor of China, the King of Manchuko
- US adopts The Star Spangled Banner as its national anthem
- Pope Pius XI denounces Mussolini's Fascists
- Nevada legalizes gambling as Al Capone buys casinos and undeveloped properties
- The Institute for Modern Scientific Research (IMSR) is chartered in New York City

## 1932

- A meeting of the Thule Society brings the Nazi elite to Wewelsburg Castle
- Johnny Weissmuller stars in the film adaptation of Tarzan the Ape Man
- Saudi Arabia declared a unified country under King Ibn Saud
- The FBI Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory opens
- Buck Rogers in the 25<sup>th</sup> Century airs on radio
- The Bonus Army lobbies Congress to revise the War Adjustment Act in their favor
- The Academy of Prestidigitation and Conjuraction graduates first class

## 1933

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt is assassinated and succeeded by John "Cactus Jack" Garner
- Sky City, created by former Howard Hughes Aircraft Company scientists, is launched
- Construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge
- Nazis ban trade unions and stage massive book burnings in Germany
- Germany withdraws from the League of Nations
- Dust storms rage across the American Midwest
- *King Kong* opens to rave reviews
- Congress passes the Supernatural Protection and Investigation Act

## 1934

- Robert Goddard, Montgomery Lockwood, and Eugene Spratt form the Rocket Rangers
- Hitler begins construction of Germania, the intended capital of his global empire
- Zoltar establishes a second magical academy in the U.S.
- Alcatraz becomes a federal prison
- Fiorello LaGuardia becomes mayor of New York City
- John Dillinger, the FBI's Public Enemy Number One, is killed in Chicago by federal agents
- Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are ambushed by a posse in Louisiana
- Chicago becomes the City of Eternal Night as a black cloud forms over the city and its suburbs

## 1935

- Radar equipment to detect aircraft is first tested
- Oklahoma settlers found the town of Freedom outside the Los Angeles city limits
- Fritz Kuhn begins the German-American Bund, a pro-Nazi group inside the US
- The Florida headquarters for the Barker-Karpis gang is raided by the FBI
- Senator Huey “The Kingfish” Long survives an assassination attempt in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- The Nazis enact the Nuremberg Laws restricting the rights of Jewish citizens

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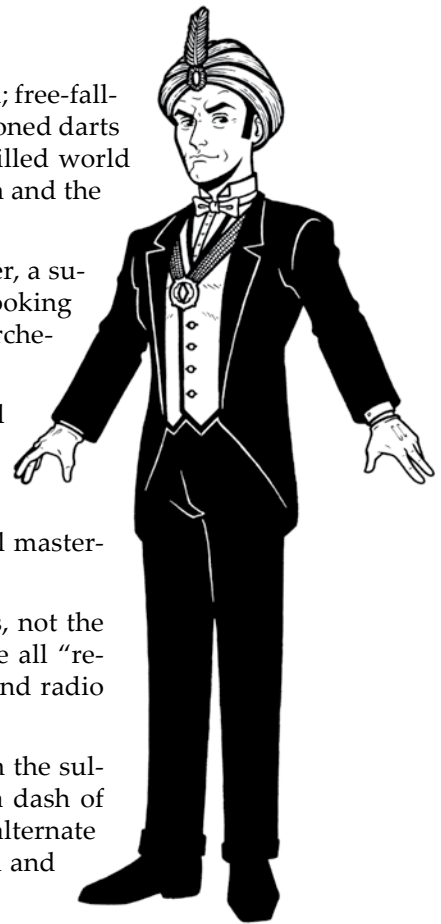
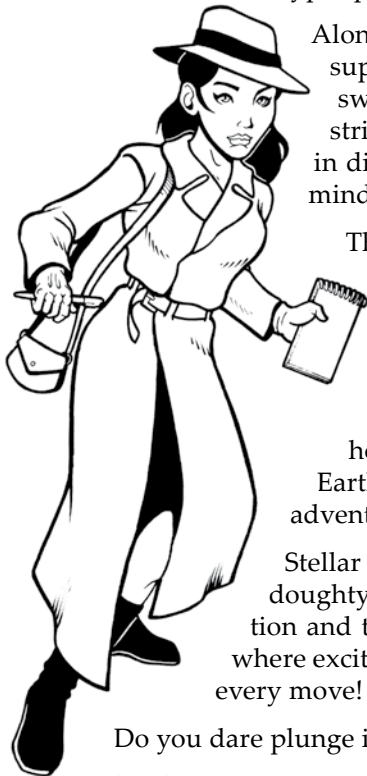
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