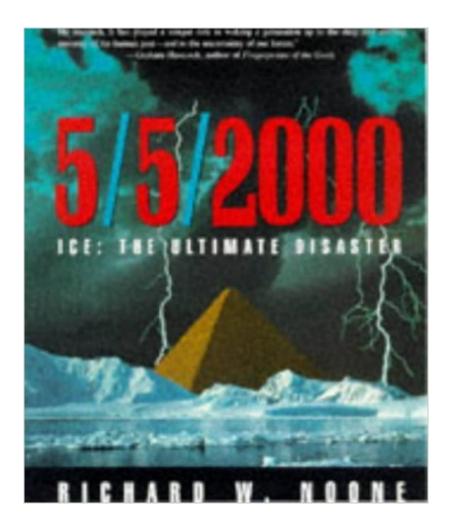
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5/5/2000: Ice- The Ultimate Disaster, Revised Edition





Synopsis

Complete with a new, shocking Epilogue, this reissue of a cult classic explores Noone's prediction of impending doom--scheduled to occur on May 5, 2000, when Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn will be aligned with Earth for the first time in 6,000 years, causing the polar ice caps to melt and submerge large areas of the Earth. Illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

Richard Noone's book makes a number of interesting observations. Unfortunately he presents no evidence that would convince a reader of his thesis: A pole shift on 5/5/2000. His evidence is spotty and he attempts to bolster his arguments by quoting experts in the field. These experts are backed by a laundry list of credentials that a junior research fellow would be embarrassed to name (Who's Who in America? Please!) I found his attempts to connect ancient civilizations with the Freemasons to be amusing at best. Naming Robert Anton Wilson, noted fiction writer, as a source is hardly reliable. The founding fathers were not all Master Masons. The Great Seal of the United States is not an ancient Masonic emblem. I did find that Noone presented a wide selection of ideas about the pyramid's construction. His bibliography was useful in finding the original authors. In all, there are some jewels hidden in the rubble of Noone's work. He does well in debunking the common theory of the pyramid as a tomb and also shoots holes in common construction theories. He does little in the way of convincing the reader that they should board a low orbit space craft on 5/5/2000. Your time may be better spent celebrating Cinco de Mayo while drinking margaritas at your local watering hole, pondering the purpose of the pyramids south of the border.

What a disappointment this book is. I bought it in 1997, began reading it in mid 1999, and just finished it today (July 8,2000). Obviously Noone's predictions were in error. But perhaps there were other redeeming characteristics, such as the history and philosophy surrounding the origins and purpose of the Great Pyramid. Forget it. All one gets from the text is repetitive, pseudomystical mumbo-jumbo couched in dogma and supported by multiple "interviews" with scholars and obscure references to the mysteries of the Freemasons. Certain passages border on rampant racism, too, as contemporary Arab culture is described as beneath the moral and social standards of even barbaric medieval Europe. Read Carl Sagan's Demon Haunted World instead. 5/5/2000 is a waste of time.

When I first bought this book I thought it would explain how and why the earth was supposed to have this cataclysmic event on 5/5/2000. This however is probably one of the least explained topics of the book. Most of the book deals with the pyramids and strange calculations of angles and such. think that the strategy of this book is too overload the reader with so much pieced together irrelevant information that they'll just accept his theory because they can't follow it. Mixed in with the pyramid talk are many mentions of Jesus and Freemasonary and how they relate somehow to the pyramid. One of my favorite parts is where he showed how the shroud of Turin image is on one of the walls in the pyramids. From a few splotches of dark and light on the walls, viewed from about 50 feet away with black and white picture which isn't focuesed on the image, one is supposed to see Jesus. Absolutely ridiculous. Also, many topics are delved into but never explained, such as how Masonic teaching are related to the pyramid. The overall question is "Could it be that..." with no underlying proof. Additionally, the writing style of mixed naration with interviews of guestionable "experts" interjected inbetween is bad and difficult to follow. The plot is something along the lines of: the earth will end on 5/5/2000 because of a polar shift; this fact is revealed through the great pyramid, in fact that is why the pyramid was built; the masons know this and control the world; the pyramid also is based around Jesus somehow; the pyramid could also have been a giant battery or something else; there are a bunch of people in Stelle, IL who will launch a spaceship to save themselves from the event on 5/5/2000.

I purchased this book for a buck when I was in graduate school. I am sad that I have lost it because it was the funniest book I have ever read! The figures seem to be haphazzardly placed with little connection to the text (the picture of George Washington in his Masonic get-up has no relevance that I could find). The book was bold in naming a date which, unfortunately for book sales at this point, has come and gone. This is appropriate light reading that always leaves you chuckling.

Despite presenting a great deal of interesting information on thepyramids of Egypt, Noone's work fails completely in supporting itsmain argument: that a destruction of civilization caused by themelting and shifting of the polar icecaps will result from thegravitational pull of all the other planets as they align on theopposite side of the sun on 5/5/2000. Although this reader welcomeschallenges to the dominant academic paradigm, these challenges mustfind support in scientific principle, not in wild speculation thatleads to easily discredited pseudo-science. Noone supports hisapocalyptic vision with spotty evidence that disregard's IsaacNewton's Universal Law of Gravitation: objects attract each other witha force that is varied by the density of their masses and that isdiminished by the square of their respective distances. DIMINISHED BYTHE SQUARE OF THEIR DISTANCE! Thus a large Jupiter on the other sideof the sun, and all the other planets to boot, cannot affect us nearlyas much as our own nearby little moon. Noone ignored both Newton andEinstein's Relativity Theory is forming his "special" theorywhich very recently was proven very wrong. The wrong date wasn'tNoone's problem, bad science was.

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