



tions in the world today. There are predictions that this will happen on December 21, 2012. The basis for this particular date is the Mayan calendar. Westerners had found a Mayan calendar which ends on this particular day. Nevertheless, westerners are unusually curious and inquisitive. So they tried to ascertain the reasons as to why the Mayan calendar ends on this particular date and concluded that this would be a catastrophic day for the whole world.

In the meantime, NASA made an announcement in 1980 that an unknown planet was gravitating towards our globe. However, general public did not pay much attention to this fact. However, people are concerned about the future of the world at all times. So they believe in predictions. The prediction made by Nostradamus is one such unique prediction. People believed that the predictions made by Nostradamus with regard to the World War 1 & 11 materialized.

In the case of Sri Lanka, people are keen on the predictions made with regard to the birth of the prince Diyasena. As per the predictions of Nostradamus, it seems that the world would soon march towards a huge catastrophe pursuant to hostilities. This has made people re-think about the aforesaid proclamation by NASA. Because of this proclamation, some believe that a certain planetary object would travel on a particular orbit for a period of 5825

years, and it will proceed on collision course with the earth at the end of this time frame. This particular planet is identified as "Nibiru". They also believe that this planetary object to be a burning object. It is also said that this planetary object would become visible, similar to the sun, after May, 2012. People created 3D animations to depict this phenomenon.

This prediction had caused panic among the masses.

"Stress" is something that we have received from the external sources. The news about the predicted doomsday has made, people under stress, more uneasy. Some decided to commit suicide. In this circumstance, NASA proclaims that such a catastrophic event, as predicted, would not occur. A lot of information has

tion is acceptable as the conduct of these terrorist organizations is horrendous. In this regard, we have to focus on various religious scriptures found in the world.

**Question:** What do these religious scriptures contain?

**Answer:** These scriptures contain assertions, that as the world reaches its end, human life would be annihilated due to the existence of craving, immorality and conceit.

**Question:** What are the thoughts of the Awakened One about this matter?

**Answer:** We find some quotes from the *Anguttara Nikaya*. "O' monks, when a king becomes unrighteous, then his ministers will become unrighteous. As a result, subordinate officials of the ministers will also become unrighteous. This will make masses, clergy, villagers, city dwellers unrighteous in return. Subsequently, this will have a negative impact on the world"

Our actions, speech, thoughts would cause a negative impact on our surrounding without our knowledge. The world around us perceives unrighteousness. This would result in certain distortions on the sun and the moon, which would also cause turbulences in daytime and night time. This would elongate daytime and night time unusually. Seasons may also change, converting rainy seasons into droughts and droughts into rainy seasons. Wind directions would deviate from the normal path. Devas would be enraged and they would change the set patterns of weather. This would affect the customary agricultural patterns and crops negatively. Beings that eat these distorted crops would have a short life span.

"O' monks, those who eat crops harvested through a distorted process will have shorter life spans. They become weak, sick, and pale in complexion" (*Addhammika Sutta - Anguttara Nikaya*)

This is an indication, that the crops subjected to various environmental and climactic distortions, would not provide any nutrition or energy to man.

At present, seeds are subjected to various processes and distortions with the aid of scientific methods. This way, science makes matters worse. Science is not utilized for the well-being of humans and devas. However, the dhamma exists for the well-being of humans and devas.

What would be the state of affairs when seeds, grains and genes are transformed through the recurrent use of chemicals by the modern science?

We have inherited a world where there are premature deaths and sicknesses due to consumption of artificial food stuff. Life span of man around the world is getting shorter right now. Where are the people who enjoyed longevity with life spans of 120 years? Currently, even children suffer unusual, grave sicknesses.

**Question:** Is there a solution to this situation?

**Answer:** First and foremost, leaders should be righteous. It is now obvious that the major cause for all the battles in the history of the world is the unrighteousness of the leaders. Hitler is one of those leaders. This is the Buddhist teaching concerning this. "When a herd of cattle crosses a river, its leading bull heads the herd. In case, the leading bull goes crooked, followers will also go crooked. Similarly, when the leader is unrighteous, then the followers also tend to be unrighteous"

"When the head bull goes straight, the rest would follow him straight. Likewise, when the leader is righteous, then the followers will also become righteous". As the saying goes, "when the king is righteous, the whole country rests peacefully".

Who is manufacturing nuclear weapons all over the world? Is this not happening with the patronage of heads of states? Who is spearheading this crisis?

The model of the world, in which we are living today, has shaped in such a way that unrighteous actions of one state leader will have a greater impact on the rest of the world. The reason is that we are living in a "Global Village" today.

**Question:** Do you mean to say that we are in a position to avoid the end of the world, provided, the state leaders act in a righteous way?

**Answer:** No. I don't say that. If the leader is righteous that would bring about well-being to a country. However, an event like Nibiru's collusion or the scientific research without a religious background could bring about a huge catastrophe. Switzerland is already getting ready for such research.

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# Let's avert the end of the world through righteous livelihood – /

**I**s the end of the world around the corner? Will this come true in 2012? If this is a reality, are we left with only two years to live?

This is a question posed by the Sri Lankans as well as other people all over the world. We have heard the Buddhist references on this topic. Accordingly, is it the year 2012 that the world should come to an end? Alternatively, is it a misconception? The following is an interview with Rev. Kiribathgoda Gnanananda Thero to study this topic further in terms of the Buddhist teaching.

**Question:** Reverend Sir, Will the world come to an end in 2012? There is widespread panic among the people in various countries about this prediction.

**Answer:** This topic has created a great deal of sensa-

already been collected by some individuals regarding this phenomenon by now, and therefore, they are not prepared to reject this easily.

As you know, there are movies made on 2012. Nostradamus predicted that the end of the world would result from the confrontations between the US and Syria, backed by Iran. Similarly, Albert Einstein had claimed, in the case of a future war situation, that nothing would remain for another war - technologically or otherwise. All these claims and predictions have created a serious commotion among many nations. That is why these nations are very much concerned about Iran's plans to make nuclear weapons. Making the situation worse, terrorist organizations are also making provocative and intimidating statements. In a way, fear in such a situa-