



The Return
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PREACHER'S MEGA CHURCH -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

An adult male PREACHER kneels in prayer in front of his packed 10,000 strong mega church. A statue of Christ hangs on the cross in front. The preacher's six year old DAUGHTER watches her father a few pews away.

PREACHER

My lord. The body of Christ on
Earth cries out for your glorious
return and final judgement.

NEWS STAND, CITY -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

An adult male ATHEIST stands in a news stand buying a paper as HD TV's broadcast Bill Maher's show overhead. The Atheist's small eight year old SON stands at his father's side. On screen are clips of Republican candidates at a debate. Ron Paul is the only one who refuses the call to Bomb Iran.

ATHEIST

I may not have a God, but I have
enough reason to see that
Christians calling for the
preemptive strike of another Muslim
country is just creating greater
war and terror.

The CASHIER ringing up the atheists paper pipes in.

CASHIER

Aint that the truth!

EXT. ATHEIST'S CAR -- DAY

A car pulls up to a stop sign. On the back is an atheist silver logo.

INT. ATHEIST'S CAR -- DAY

The Atheist drives with his son in the passenger seat.

ATHEIST (V.O.)

When fascism comes to America, it
will be wrapped in the flag
carrying the cross.

The son turns to his father and looks scared.

SON

Why?

EXT. PREACHER'S CAR -- DAY

Another car pulls up to a stop sign. On the bumper is a Christian silver fish logo.

INT. PREACHER'S CAR -- DAY

The preacher drives with his daughter in the passenger seat.

PREACHER

The Anti-Christ is alive in Europe
being groomed by his atheist
minions.

The daughter turns to her father alarmed.

DAUGHTER

Why?

INT. ATHEIST CAR -- DAY

Son looks at his father. We zoom into his face where a grin appears.

FATHER

And when this nation crashes and
burns, I'll shout it; "I warned but
you wouldn't listen!"

Now we are pulled into a vision of the future; a montage of a charismatic AMERICAN PRESIDENT. We see his suit and tie from the neck down. His American flag pin has a Christian cross overlaid on top. The President is giving a speech to millions of supporting citizens:

AMERICAN PRESIDENT

God has chosen me as your Commander
and Chief to lead this fight
against the evil enemy!

Crowds cheer.

INT. LIVING ROOM, HOUSE -- CONTINUOUS

A family watches with reverent attention as the president continues. Some are kneeling in front of the TV in prayer.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT

Among the true believers, there is
nothing to fear of these End Times.

(MORE)

AMERICAN PRESIDENT (cont'd)
 We will be raptured together before
 the tribulation touches us.

INT. PREACHER'S CAR -- DAY

Daughter looks at her father. We zoom into his face. A smile
 crosses his lips.

PREACHER
 If you could only see the glory to
 come.

We are pulled into a dark vision; a FRIGHTENING MAN veiled in
 a black cloak, next to another; the ANTI-CHRIST, as they walk
 forward down a dark corridor. He speaks with a sinister
 voice:

FRIGHTENING MAN
 My master, terrorists have been
 commanded to detonate their bomb.

ANTI-CHRIST
 Excellent! The president's
 retaliation will turn this into a
 religious battle, leading to his
 bloody coup, inciting the hatred of
 millions and giving us
 justification to wipe the filth of
 Christianity and Islam forever from
 the face of this Earth!

PREACHER'S HOME -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

The preacher sits on the couch watching the news with his
 wife and daughter. On the wall behind him is a poster of the
 Pentagon and the words, "God Bless America." There is also
 artwork of the Final Judgement with Christ returning in the
 clouds after the Battle of Armageddon along with the New
 Jerusalem. On the news is coverage of an Atheist conference
 on the Singularity. The Atheist from earlier scenes is being
 interviewed by a reporter.

REPORTER
 And what did you discuss at the San
 Francisco conference on the
 singularity?

ATHEIST
 We talked about the amazing jump in
 technological innovation
 transforming our lives.

(MORE)

ATHEIST (cont'd)

We are no longer disconnected nationals but interconnected world citizens joined by the web; the global brain. The Earth will soon be the country of all humanity with every citizen tapped into the vast collective of knowledge uniting our species.

PREACHER

The ultimate fantasy of fallen man; they dream of a day when they will become God, escaping their death and final judgement.

PREACHER'S WIFE

They will see the error of their ways soon and turn to the Lord after the drought destroys the economy of California and North Korea nukes the Satanic cesspool of Hollywood!

ATHEIST'S HOME -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

The atheist sits on the couch watching the news with his wife and son. On the wall behind him is a poster of the Pentagon sized Apple headquarters to be built in California in 2015 and the words, "The Future Awaits." There is also Star Trek posters and images of the Earth from space along with other celestial objects throughout the universe. On the news is coverage of a fundamentalist conference on the End Times. The preacher from scene one is being interviewed by a reporter.

REPORTER

And why do you believe the End Times and final judgement are almost here?

PREACHER

The sinfulness and fallen nature of mankind can only take us so far which is why the battle of Armageddon is imminent. The sinister hearts of men are once again mounting their offensive against the Lord, leading the nations towards the last slaughter.

The Atheist is enraged by what he sees.

ATHEIST

Yeah, leading the nations to slaughter through the sanction of your corrupt politicians! So called men of God? What a joke!

ATEIST'S WIFE

They believe the world will end, it's no wonder they are trying to make it happen.

INT. MOSQUE -- DAY

An attractive male AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSLIM named MUHAMMED kneels in prayer towards Mecca.

INT. STAR TREK CONVENTION -- DAY

An attractive white ATHEIST FEMALE named SOPHIA with black hair walks up to Patrick Stewart's table for an autograph and prostrates herself before him.

SOPHIA

I can't believe I am in the presence of Captain Picard!

INT. BUDDHIST TEMPLE -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

A female TEACHER sits in front of a BUDDHIST CONGREGATION, giving her lecture. She projects images on a screen from a power point presentation that match the ideas in her lecture. In the audience is an attractive Oriental female Buddhist named DOLKAR, sitting cross legged and listening with rapt attention.

TEACHER (O.S.)

Let me tell you the story about the blessed beginning. Every single one of us in this world started as unstained innocence; a unified field of consciousness, bound within a single cell of immaculate peace, harmony and unconditional love from our earthly mother.

DOLKAR

But what about the end? There is fear, suffering and death.

TEACHER

When you yourself become the Buddha, your awareness will no longer focus on uncertainties of the future. There is only the grace of the present moment forever conceived and anchored in your perfect embrace right now, just as you are.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

The powerful voice of the preacher rings through the streets. Crowds of onlookers stand watching the street evangelist with fascination. An attractive Caucasian male Christian named ISAIAH, listens to the street preacher in disgust.

PREACHER

Let me tell you the story about the glorious end! Every creature in this world was born cursed, stained by their fallen nature and thus destined for the sting and punishment of future death; perfect judgement from the righteous wrath of our heavenly father.

ISAIAH

God is not wrathful! Christ has revealed to us his true face of love and mercy!

PREACHER

There is only love and mercy for those who have accepted his blood sacrifice. But for the ones who do not believe, rejecting him as the only way to the Father, they will be faced with the second death; crossed out from the book of life to be abandoned in the fires of hell for all eternity!

Isaiah faces off with the preacher in anger.

ISAIAH

The Christ I follow does not work for a sadistic tyrant!

Isaiah turns his back on the preacher and walks away.

PREACHER

The Christ you worship is a sacrificial lamb who the world destroys! Embrace the resurrected Christ who sits at the right hand of God as a lion, returning with a flaming sword of judgement to avenge the spilled blood of the saints!

Isaiah ignores the preacher and walks away as the atheist in the crowds stops him for a moment. Around his neck is an atheist pendant.

ATHEIST

Don't worry. I'll expose him for the fraud he is.

The voice of a WOMAN rings out above the clamor of the crowd to address the preacher.

WOMAN

Your misinterpretation of scriptures will only harm the true Christians!

Isaiah continues out of the crowds as the woman continues.

WOMAN

The Bible is clear that God is love and we are to walk humbly with our Lord!

EXT. CITY STREETS -- CONTINUOUS -- 2012 C.E.

In another part of the city we hear the powerful voice of a fanatical IMAM preaching. Crowds of onlookers stand watching with fascination. Muhammed stands close by with a look of disgust on his face.

IMAM

The holy Koran makes it clear that those who insult the prophet and Allah, shall be put to death!

MUHAMMED

You disgrace Muhammed and Allah with your misinterpretations! The Koran says that Allah is mercy! Islam is a religion of peace!

Muhammed has now gained the wrath of the Imam.

IMAM

False Islam has corrupted you and the unbelievers! And for that Allah has cursed and prepared for you a blazing fire!

INT. STAR TREK CONVENTION -- DAY -- 2012 C.E.

A SPEAKER stands at a podium in front of all the Trekkies sitting in the audience. Sophia sits listening with rapt attention.

SPEAKER

We hope that you'll all join us for Future Fest 2014 in the new Star Trek theme park to be completed in Aqaba, Jordan; the crossroads of civilization.

(beat)

The festival will be about changing the future and living the dream without the nightmare.

Sophia raises her hand.

SOPHIA

But how, how do we do that?

SPEAKER

It was Gene Roddenbury who said, "...humanity will reach maturity and wisdom on the day that it begins to not just tolerate, but take a special delight in differences in ideas and differences in life forms."

Another TREKKIE in the audience speaks up.

TREKKIE

Which means what exactly?

SPEAKER

Look around the world, so many are fighting over differences and think their opposite side is evil.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Muhammed kneels in prayer on a colorful carpet. In front of him on the wall is the crescent of Islam.

MUHAMMED

Subhana rabbiyal adheem. Sam'i
Allahu liman hamidah, Rabbana wa
lakal hamd.

(beat)

Hear my prayer Allah. Fanaticism is
once again hijacking Islam. Why do
you not send the Mahdi to us now!
We are suffering and need your
help!

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Sophia sits watching news with her MOM about a potential
preemptive strike on Iran.

MOM

Oh, great! World War III is on
schedule just as Star Trek
predicted!

SOPHIA

If only someone like the Vulcans
could come early, and establish
first contact before hundreds of
millions of us have to die!

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

A cross hangs on the wall. Isaiah bows to his knees in prayer
as he looks up to a painting of Christ on the wall. His eyes
close.

ISAIAH

Lord, hear my prayer. The world is
falling into darkness.

As Isaiah prays, images of the days problems appear as a
montage: smashed lives and buildings from battles in Libya,
fierce fighting rages in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria
and Yemen.

ISAIAH (V.O.)

It was you who told us, "ask, and
it will be given; seek, and it will
be found; knock, and the door will
open to you." We are knocking and
seeking you now. Please return and
save us from ourselves.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

A dharma wheel hangs on the wall with a Buddha statue underneath. Dolkar sits cross legged with her eyes closed, deep in meditation.

DOLKAR (V.O.)

I sit here in silence as the world
falls into decline.

As Dolkar meditates, images of the days news appear as a montage: The aftermath of Japan's tsunami; the nuclear reactor's stacks explode as radioactive debris shoot skyward, global warming and environmental destruction across the world, fires race across parched forests consuming everything.

DOLKAR (V.O.)

Our house is on fire, all beings
cry out for the world Avatar and
global enlightenment. We will hold
fast to our faith that
transformation and rebirth shall
overcome the strengthening power of
fragmentation, death and
destruction.

EXT. KUSINAGAR, INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, 483 B.C.E. - NIGHT

Gautama Buddha rests over an elevated platform on his side, surrounded by his sorrowful disciples.

DISCIPLE 1

Master!

(beat)

You must not leave us! How can we
go on without you?

BUDDHA

You have not understood. Every
physical thing in this world is
impermanent; all form will dissolve
back into the source.

DISCIPLE 2

But we need your help.

BUDDHA

Time is running out. Upon your
shoulders rests the responsibility
of enlightenment. The Dharma must
now guide you.

The Buddha's eyes grow weary. They slowly shut as wails of the disciples ring out.

EXT. GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, EAST JERUSALEM -- 33 A.D.

Jesus Christ prays in torment. His sleeping disciples are clueless.

CHRIST

Please Father, let this cup pass
from me. Nevertheless, not my will,
but yours be done.

A mob carrying torches are approaching from a distance.

CHRIST (cont'd)

I cannot do it on my own power.
Every being is in need of salvation
and a savior outside themselves.

(beat)

Why do you not hear me my Lord? How
can I do your work by myself?

EXT. KUSINAGAR, INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, 483 B.C.E. - NIGHT

With his eyes still shut, Gautama Buddha's head sinks down to rest on the face of the stone platform. His disciple's cries grow louder.

BUDDHA (V.O.)

But where is self power upon
enlightenment? The separate self
dissolves into the illusion it was.
All power is other power and it is
unlocked from within.

EXT. RIVER BANK, 535 B.C.E. -- DAY

The Buddha leaves his ascetic followers behind as he approaches the river. Ahead is the maiden SUJATA. Upon seeing the weakened saint, she rushes to his side and helps him to the river's edge for a drink.

Sujata calls for her fellow maidens as one brings her a bowl of rice. She hands it to the Buddha as he feverishly eats it. His ascetic followers shout in disgust at him from behind. With the empty bowl in hand, Buddha again approaches the water's edge.

BUDDHA

If I am to attain enlightenment,
this bowl will be carried upstream
against the current.

The Buddha rests the bowl on the water as some unseen force moves it upstream. The ascetic followers are amazed.

EXT. GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, EAST JERUSALEM -- 33 A.D.

Jesus Christ looks up to see the mob almost upon him. He turns his eyes back to the sky.

CHRIST (V.O.)

I remember how it was your power,
not mine that created the
miraculous.

EXT. NEAR GALILEE, ISRAEL -- 1,980 YEARS AGO

JESUS CHRIST sits on an embankment giving a sermon to his disciples. One MAN in the crowds pulls out a basket to pass out fish and loaves of bread to his WIFE and CHILDREN. It catches the attention of those around him who are hungry and have no food.

CHRIST

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The man is taking a bite out of his loaf of bread when he sees the hungry faces staring at him. A KID in a MOTHER'S arms is crying and holding out his hands for the bread.

CHRIST (cont'd)

Blessed are they who mourn, for
they shall be comforted.

The man with bread tries to ignore the hungry people surrounding him. He takes another bite out of his bread.

CHRIST (cont'd)

Blessed are they that hunger and
thirst, for they shall have their
fill.

Now an OLD MAN moves close to the man with bread, holding out his hand.

OLD MAN

Please sir, I'm about to pass out
from hunger. Just a little piece?

The man turns to the old man and gives him a dirty look. Jesus is distracted by the growing clamor of the hungry people around him. He turns to the man with the basket of food.

CHRIST

How many loaves and fishes do you have?

MAN

Enough only for my family.

CHRIST

But there is enough for the entire human family.

The man turns to his wife and laughs. He turns back to Jesus with an incredulous expression on his face.

MAN

You're mad sir.

(beat)

There is only limited resources for the people in this world. Only if you are rich and powerful can you get what you want.

The man obnoxiously takes a big bite of his loaf and smacks as he chews it with a satisfied grin on his face.

CHRIST

Would you bring your basket to me?

The man spits some of his mouthful of bread out as he laughs again.

MAN

But you are a man of little wealth. How do you presume that you can afford my fish and bread?

The man's wife is already up on her feet and delivering the basket to Jesus.

MAN (cont'd)

Isabel. Bring that back!

Isabel hands the basket to Jesus as he smiles at her. She bows and then heads back to her family. Jesus removes the lid and observes the basket's content.

CHRIST

Three fish and only two loaves.

Jesus bows his head and then looks up to heaven.

CHRIST (cont'd)

Father, may you provide the means
of feeding those who are hungry.
Give us the knowledge to
effortlessly expand upon your
bounty so there is enough for
everyone and nobody is ever left
behind.

Behind the crowds is an average looking peasant. He quickly moves behind a palm tree. In his hands is a small metallic device. A light flashes inside as the form of the peasant shimmers to reveal an alien being underneath the clothing. He then disappears into thin air.

Jesus ends his prayer, picks up the basket and carries it to the front line of his disciples. They look at him with bewilderment. Jesus hands a fish to each of them, twelve in all. Now he hands them each a loaf of bread. The crowds around him are ecstatic. They surge forward as Jesus hands each of them a loaf of bread and fish. In the back of the crowds are gruff looking MEN who turn to each other with angry and bitter expressions.

MAN 2

If he ever taught these people how to replicate their own loaves and fishes, think of the thousands of bakers and fisherman he would put out of business.

MAN 1

This man is a criminal.

MAN 3

Let's kill him!

The first man gestures down with his hands.

MAN 1

Patience my dear friend. In due time.

(beat)

In due time.

EXT. GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, EAST JERUSALEM -- 33 A.D.

The mob is now upon him. His disciples stir. Jesus keeps his eyes heavenward.

CHRIST (V.O.)
 And so it shall come to pass.
 (beat)
 When the Earth has fallen into
 darkness, I will return as the
 Messiah and bring salvation to the
 world.

EXT. KUSINAGAR, INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, 483 B.C.E. - NIGHT

Buddha lies in state.

BUDDHA (V.O.)
 And so it is finished.
 (beat)
 When the world is in decline and
 all dharmas turn to dust, I will
 return as Maitreya and bring
 enlightenment to all the Earth.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

Isaiah continues his prayer as the montage follows.

ISAIAH
 Must we your children endure the
 tribulation to come? Must the world
 be destroyed before it can be
 saved? Why do you leave us alone to
 endure the unthinkable?

We see a montage of the nightmare that could come. Terrorist strikes in Europe. Mushroom clouds of nuclear terrorism over American cities; Mushroom clouds over the Middle East in retaliation. The West's invasion and control of Middle East oil, China, India and the East's rebellion as the fires of World War III ignite.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Dolkar continues her meditation. Now we see a montage of the environmental chaos to come. Melting of polar ice and massive flooding. More fires burn out of control.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
 Must the darkness of ignorance
 endure in the light of all that you
 have discovered? Shall the dharma
 be forgotten only so that you must
 teach us again?
 (MORE)

DOLKAR (V.O.) (cont'd)
Why do you remain absent when your
presence is needed most?

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Muhammed is still kneeling in prayer.

MUHAMMED
Imagine if we didn't have to wait
any longer. What if you sent the
Mahdi to us now!

EXT. OPEN COURTYARD -- DAY 2012 C.E.

Hundreds of Muslims have cleared a path and bow down in
reverence as a chiseled Arab man; THE MAHDI, gracefully moves
forward. He approaches ornate gold doors as they slowly open
and he steps inside.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

We close in on Sophia's face.

SOPHIA
Imagine what would happen if the
Vulcans came here today.

INT. ROOM -- DAY -- 2012 C.E.

Three Vulcans are seated in fancy chairs inside a marble
inlaid room. As our view closes in on them, all three rise.

VULCAN 1
We have decided to establish first
contact on your world earlier than
scheduled.

VULCAN 2
It is in our best interest to speed
your collective evolution by
preventing your civilization from
engaging in a third world war.

VULCAN 3
You will be given the technology
needed to unite your people.

VULCAN 1

The fanatics within your species
must no longer be allowed to
undermine your full potential.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

We zoom in on the statue of the Buddha. Dolkar opens her eyes.

DOLKAR (V.O.)

But what if you did...

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

ISAIAH

...return.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Dolkar continues her meditation.

DOLKAR (V.O.)

Would your great compassion find
the same opposition as before?

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

We zoom in on the painting of Christ. Isaiah opens his eyes.

ISAIAH

Would your grace be embraced when
it was once rejected?

EXT. PARK -- 2012 C.E.

Hundreds of exuberant Buddhists stand in a park waiting to hear the world avatar speak. In his hands is the latest Android tablet.

BUDDHA

I have come back and the time has
come for global enlightenment.

INT. GOOGLE TALK WINDOW -- CONTINUOUS

Buddha's picture displays over a Droid as its user waits for his speech.

BUDDHA

The digital revolution provides us the tools to aid in universal illumination of all human beings. In my hands is a technological marvel capable of spreading the dharma to all the world in a fraction of a second.

EXT. PARK -- CONTINUOUS

Buddha's disciples clap with enthusiasm. Some of them have Droids and Android tablets of their own.

BUDDHIST DISCIPLE 1

Yes, but a very small percentage of the world has them.

BUDDHA

That will soon change. I am traveling to the far East, raising support among the governments to divert military spending and buy an Android tablet for every Buddha to be.

BUDDHIST DISCIPLE 2

All the governments care about is building stronger armaments to serve their own self interests!

BUDDHA

I will persuade them, detaching from self-interest and priority towards the good of all is the only way to preserve the best of one's self.

A skeptical CHINESE MAN rises up to face off with the Buddha.

CHINESE MAN

This is preposterous! You are not the Buddha! You are simply an enemy of the mother land, seeking Western influences to undermine China and her rise as greatest global power!

BUDDHA

I know who you are; the voice of fear. Open yourself to love so suffering can cease and global enlightenment prevail!

CHINESE MAN

Buddhism is a great lie like every religion detached from reality, mired in the delusion of pipe dreams!

BUDDHA

But dreams have the power to transform reality.

The Chinese man is enraged as he snarls and moves menacingly towards the Buddha. Buddhist disciples rise to their feet in alarm. The Buddha calmly looks into the eyes of the Chinese man.

BUDDHA

I will help you liberate yourself from fear and suffering.

The rage of the Chinese man evaporates as he becomes caught by the Buddha's gaze. Now he breaks down, bowing at the Buddha's feet while sobbing uncontrollably.

EXT. RIVER BANK -- 2012 A.D.

Swarms of people wait to hear their master. Jesus sits on an embankment in front of his new 21st century disciples and the throngs eager to hear him speak. In his hands is a 3rd generation Apple iPad with FaceTime and 1080p HD camera built in.

CHRIST

I have returned and the powers that be, cannot subvert my message this time.

INT. FACETIME WINDOW -- CONTINUOUS

Jesus's image comes over a computer desktop in FaceTime. He continues speaking.

CHRIST

It now takes less than a second for my teachings to spread over the whole planet on the internet.

EXT. RIVER BANK -- CONTINUOUS

The crowds around Christ cheer with enthusiasm. Some of them have iPhones and iPads of their own.

CHRIST

Together we can prevent hell and
bring heaven to Earth. The
collective wisdom, art and music
God has bestowed upon humanity must
be available to one and all.
Everyone will receive the message
of hope and salvation and have
unlimited access to the sum total
of our knowledge.

A MAN in the crowd laughs.

MAN

What the hell are the poor masses
going to do with the internet when
they're starving to death?

Crowds of people break into laughter.

CHRIST

Replicate a fish and they eat for a
day. Teach them to replicate their
own and they'll have food for a
lifetime. With the right knowledge,
these people will learn to free
themselves from dependency on
foreign aid.

A WOMAN disciple speaks up.

WOMAN

But master. How can we get your
message and this knowledge to the
masses if they can't even afford
the software and hardware to
receive it.

CHRIST

On behalf of my Father, I will call
upon the Military powers to
reallocate their trillion dollar
war budgets towards manufacturing a
global web of free satellite 4G
service and enough 5th generation
solar powered, conflict mineral
free, bio plastic iPads.

The crowds continue listening with rapt attention.

CHRIST (cont'd)

My Kingdom will begin with the distribution of one to every son and daughter on the planet as their new passport to world citizenship. The software and media can be replicated effortlessly; copying digital data is as easy for us as it was for my father to clone loaves and fishes.

The crowds cheer. A NAYSAYER speaks up.

NAYSAYER

Are you advocating piracy?

Some people in the crowds laugh.

CHRIST

If everyone had an open window into the knowledge of the universe, the collective imagination and caught a glimpse of our potential as a species networked together as one, into a global brain; war and poverty could cease. We must leave no one behind in this digital revolution. The powers that be must be challenged again.

The crowds cheer louder. Three gruff and bitter looking MEN in the back turn to each other with expressions of anger.

MAN 1

That man is a criminal!

MAN 2

If the masses listen to him and start using BitTorrent it will cost us billions of dollars in lost revenue every year.

MAN 3

Not only that, if the world makes peace, think of all the weapons manufacturers and arms dealers he'll put out of business!

MAN 2

He is unpatriotic and speaks like a terrorist. He deserves to die!

MAN 1
Patience my friends. In due time...
(beat)
In due time.

Several disciples catch the end of this conversation.

MAN 4
You try and lay a hand on Jesus,
you'll have to get past us first!

MAN 5
Yeah! We learned our lesson the
first time around. You mess with
Christ, you mess with all of us!

MAN 6
We like what he says! And I want my
free iPad and world peace!

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

Isaiah stares sorrowfully at the painting of Christ.

ISAIAH
They would try to kill you today as
they did before.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Dolkar stares sorrowfully at the statue of Buddha.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
Mara would mount his offensive
against you as he already has.

EXT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE WEST, DAY, 2012 --
CONTINUOUS

A mob of people are gathered around a fiery fanatical
Christian MINISTER, preaching the apocalypse.

MINISTER

The Christ I believe in would not show up as an Apple salesman of peace but come down through the clouds in great glory holding a flaming sword of judgement sending to hell those rejecting laws from the true tablets!

The mob cheers with thunderous applause.

EXT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE EAST, DAY 2012 --
CONTINUOUS

A mob of people are gathered around a charismatic fanatical Muslim SHEIKH, preaching of the last battle to come.

SHEIKH

If that was really the prophet Jesus, he would be preparing the way for Allah's judgement! These Android tablets are just an evil Demonic plot to spy on each and every one of you!

The crowds let out cheers as they chant;

CROWDS

Death to Android!

XT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE EAST, DAY 2012 --
CONTINUOUS

A fanatical Jewish Rabbi works a crowd into a frenzy.

RABBI

The Messiah has not yet come! And when he does, his powers will not require the assistance of an iPad or Android!

EXT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE WEST, DAY, 2012 --
CONTINUOUS

A MINISTER preaches to his loyal flock.

MINISTER

We are not going to surrender to the Anti-Christ so easily or accept his corrupt iPad with it's evil eye of big brother keeping watch over everything we do!

EXT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE EAST, DAY, 2012 --
CONTINUOUS

A mob of people are gathered around a charismatic fanatical
BUDDHIST MONK.

BUDDHIST MONK

This supposed avatar is really the anti-Buddha, seeking peace with the West while undermining the rise of the great Eastern sun!

The Buddhist monk holds up his android tablet up high with an image of the Buddha on the screen. Then he throws it down to shatter on the street.

EXT. IPAD -- CONTINUOUS

We zoom out of the front facing camera on the iPad to view the Speaker shouting his tirade over FaceTime.

EXT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE WEST -- CONTINUOUS

Everyone in the Mob throws their free iPad crashing to the ground in front of the minister as he takes a sledge hammer to them.

EXT. DOWNTOWN, UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE EAST -- CONTINUOUS

The mob has gathered their free Android tablets together into a giant mound as the Sheikh douses it with gasoline.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

ISAIAH

But if only this time your power was strengthened by another. Satan could not divide and conquer two sides that have become one.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
 Divided, Mara will make us fall,
 but united, we could stand
 together.

EXT. RIVER BANK -- 2012 C.E.A.D.

Another figure approaches the crowds with scores of his own followers. It is the Buddha. A DISCIPLE of Christ drops his jaw in disbelief.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE
 Who are you?

BUDDHIST DISCIPLE
 This is the Buddha, the world
 honored one.

Buddha bows his head.

BUDDHA
 I agree with your master's call for
 world peace. However, it would at
 first appear our methods are
 incompatible.

Christ approaches the Buddha as disciples of both sides hold their breath in anticipation. There is a tense moment. One of Buddha's disciples grins.

DISCIPLE OF THE BUDDHA
 You've met your match now! Jelly
 Bean is the vehicle of true
 enlightenment.

A disciple of Christ responds.

DISCIPLE OF CHRIST
 Who cares about enlightenment!
 Salvation will be delivered on iOS
 6!

Buddha turns to his disciple.

BUDDHA
 Enough! I have no use for ego.

Christ rebukes his own disciple.

CHRIST
 Salvation is meaningless if it is
 void of love.

Both disciples bow their heads in shame. Christ reaches the
 Buddha and lowers his iPad while raising his hand.

CHRIST (cont'd)
 Both sides can reach the kingdom of
 heaven. What does it matter if it's
 through the means of prayer...

BUDDHA
 Or meditation...

CHRIST
 Connecting with God the Father
 outside...

BUDDHA
 Or finding the divine feminine
 within.

CHRIST
 Resurrection...

BUDDHA
 And reincarnation...

CHRIST
 Are two sides...

BUDDHA
 Of the singular coin of birth...

CHRIST
 And death. Just as East and West...

BUDDHA
 Are bound together like yin and
 yang.

Christ smiles radiantly at the Buddha who smiles back with a
 twinkle in his eye. Both clasp their hands together and
 embrace in a hug as they both laugh. A buzz of excited
 chatter rises among the disciples as the two masters turn to
 face them.

CHRIST
 By joining forces in our quest for
 peace, we will move more than just
 mountains.

BUDDHA

And send more than enlightenment
upstream against the prevailing
currents of ignorance.

Christ and Buddha raise their arms together in a triumphant gesture as the crowds erupt with cheers and applause. Now they both give each other a fist bump. Christians welcome Buddhists as disciples of both sides hug and shake hands with each other.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Muhammed rises from his knees and sits down cross legged with a look of disappointment.

MUHAMMED

But alas, we all know the Mahdi is
still missing. Dreams alone will
not bring him to us.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Sophia shakes her head.

SOPHIA

What use is it imagining such
scenarios? Everyone can see that
Vulcans aren't real, Star Trek is
fake and my species is one big
mess!

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

Isaiah is back from his vision as he stares at his master's image on the wall.

ISAIAH

Imagining you here is an exercise
in futility. How much longer must
we wait?

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

Dolkar looks at the statue of Buddha.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
 Visualizing your presence here and
 now does nothing to make it a
 reality.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

ISAIAH
 For as long as our savior is
 absent, things are only getting
 worse.

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
 How can the responsibility of
 enlightenment rest on the shoulders
 of people who don't know where to
 find it?

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

ISAIAH
 Why do you not hear me my Lord? How
 can we do your work by ourselves?

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 C.E.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
 Is it even possible that we could
 become the Buddha?

INT. ROOM -- MORNING -- 2012 A.D.

ISAIAH
 What would our world look like if
 Christ really did live in our
 hearts?

Suddenly the painting of Christ fades along with the cross.
 Now the mirrored wall reflecting Isaiah's image becomes
 transparent as we see Christ's face merging with and then
 replacing his from on the other side. Both reach their hands
 up and touch the other's at the same time. Now we see from
 Dolkar's perspective. On the other side of the glass is the
 Buddha, holding up his hand to hers. Now his image fades to
 disappear as Isaiah's face replaces his.

From the opposite side, Christ's image fades to show the face and form of Dolkar.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- 2012 C.E.

Isaiah sits on a bus as a Buddhist monk boards. Some high school age kids take notice.

HIGH SCHOOL KID
Bald idiots! To hell with you and
the Buddha!

One of the kids spits tobacco on the monk's robes. The kids break into laughter. Isaiah turns in his seat to face the kids.

ISAIAH
Leave him alone! I'm a Buddhist
too.

The kids shut up as Isaiah rises to the aid of the monk, holding up some napkins for him. Isaiah nods to the Buddhist monk who clasps his hands together in the prayer mudra and receives his help with gratitude.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- 2012 A.D.

A Christian missionary stands on a street corner passing out religious literature. A YOUNG MAN walking by grabs a stack from her hands and scatters them all over the ground.

YOUNG MAN
You damn Christians are ruining our
city!

Dolkar is walking by and bends down to help the missionary pick them up.

MISSIONARY
Thank you.

DOLKAR
No problem. I'm a Christian too.

Dolkar smiles at the missionary who gratefully smiles back.

INT. PLANE -- DAY

Two Muslim IMAMS dressed in their Islamic attire, are seating themselves on a plane. A STEWARDESS approaches them both as an African American watches from across the aisle.

STEWARDESS

Excuse me? But I'm going to have to ask you both to exit the plane.

The Imams turn in surprise.

IMAM 1

I don't understand.

STEWARDESS

I'm sorry but the pilot is refusing to leave with you on board.

Muhammed speaks up.

AFRICAN AMERICAN

You're going to have to boot me off too. I'm also a Muslim and we're not all terrorists.

The stewardess turns around and looks uncomfortable.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- NIGHT

Sophia walks behind two AMERICAN MEN as they pass five MUSLIM WOMEN dressed in Hijabs pushing baby strollers.

AMERICAN MAN

Why don't you go back home and raise your suicide bombers somewhere else.

Sophia is incensed.

SOPHIA

Would you shut the hell up! You don't deserve to be American!

Sophia turns to the Muslim women.

SOPHIA

I am so sorry. You are beautiful people always welcome in this country!

The Muslim women smile as the two American men walk away in a huff.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- DAY

Muhammed stands in a park where Christian fanatics are set up, preaching the gospel.

An atheist is making his rounds, passing out scientific literature contradicting the preachers. Some religious people in the crowds surround him and then forcefully take his materials.

RELIGIOUS MAN
You aren't welcome here.

Muhammed steps in.

MUHAMMED
Give it back to him!

RELIGIOUS MAN
Are you an atheist too?

MUHAMMED
I don't believe in your God! Does that make me one?

The religious people stand down and hand back the materials to the atheist. The atheist turns to Muhammed.

ATHEIST
Thanks for your support.

INT. DINER -- DAY

A dark skinned WOMAN sits at a table with her crying KID. One of her older DAUGHTERS sits across from her. A waiter approaches.

WAITER
Can I take your order.

WOMAN
No speak English.

WAITER
God damn immigrants! I don't serve your kind in here!

The waiter starts to walk away. A Caucasian woman sitting at a table nearby stands up in front of him.

CAUCASION WOMAN
But you've been serving me and I'm an immigrant too. My family came over on the Mayflower.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- NIGHT

Two MEN beat up a GAY MAN and throw him to the ground. One shouts at his victim.

MAN
Stupid faggot!

Both men walk away laughing. Approaching the gay man on the ground are two MUSLIM WOMEN dressed in their Muslim attire.

MUSLIM WOMAN 1
Are you alright?

The gay man writhing in pain motions them to leave him.

GAY MAN
Just leave me alone! I know you
don't accept homosexuals.

The woman turns to her friend who bends over the man and puts a cloth to stop bleeding on the gaping wound over his forehead.

MUSLIM WOMAN 2
But it says in the Koran; "if
anyone saved a life, it would be as
if he saved the life of all
humankind."

The gay man looks up at the two in bewilderment. The other Muslim pulls out her cell phone.

MUSLIM WOMAN 1
I'm calling for help.

EXT. CITY STREETS -- DAY

Hundreds of PEOPLE stand at attention at a rally, holding their signs up and demand the bombing of Iran. A SPEAKER works up the crowds with his inflammatory words.

SPEAKER
As Christians in America, we must
support Israel and prevent the next
holocaust! No more concessions for
the greedy Palestinians!

MAN IN AUDIENCE
It's time to bomb Iran!

The crowds cheer as a JEWISH MAN steps forward.

JEWISH MAN

Enough! If you want to help Israel,
demand an end to all violence!

Upon seeing the man's yarmulke, the speaker bows reverently.

SPEAKER

Please, as followers of Christ, it
is our duty to defend the Jews and
protect your lands.

JEWISH MAN

Than I ask that you defend me and
my people too! I am a Palestinian!

The speaker and the protesters stare at the Jewish man
dumbfounded.

EXT. CITY STREETS, DAY -- 2012 A.D.C.E.

The preacher is giving a sermon to swarms of people.

PREACHER

Open your eyes Babylon! The End
Times are upon us! The devil is
taking over the minds and hearts of
those who don't have Christ! Once
again the Pagans and Atheists will
persecute the saints through the
Satanic power of their demonic
king; the Anti-Christ who is alive
and well on Earth right now,
plotting his revenge and final take
over!

The same Atheist from scene two replies back in a booming
voice.

ATHEIST

Open your eyes America! Religious
fanatics are upon us, infiltrating
our government, the media and
infecting our society with lies;
launching illegal wars and turning
the world against us! With their
exceptional deceit, they will seek
the election of Christian Taliban
into the White House, triggering a
nuclear holocaust in the Middle
East while leading the persecution
of Muslims, Liberals and Atheists!

In a rage the preacher steps down from his platform and comes face to face with the Atheist as his Christian followers crowd around in support. The Atheist doesn't back down as his supporters face off with the Preacher and his flock.

ATHEIST

I hate your contempt for reason and logic! Your evil plot to ruin our world for the fulfillment of prophecy will not work!

PREACHER

Your hate for me and God proves you do not have Christ in your heart! It is your plot to destroy us that our Lord will thwart upon his triumphant return!

The confrontation becomes a shouting match as Atheists and Christians erupt with angry shouts and screams at each other. In the crowds watching with dismay is Isaiah and Dolkar. They both shake their heads and turn around to leave, bringing them face to face once again. Isaiah smiles.

ISAIAH

Hello.

Dolkar smiles back.

DOLKAR

Hi.

We zoom into the cross on Isaiah's neck and contrast it with the Dharma wheel around Dolkar's.

ISAIAH

I was hoping for some good company. Can you join me over there for a bite to eat?

DOLKAR

Thanks. I was thinking the same thing.

Both smile at each other as they both approach a small cafe. Nearby is Sophia and Muhammed. A CHRISTIAN FANATIC approaches Sophia and gets in her way. Muhammed takes notice.

CHRISTIAN FANATIC

You atheists are the problem in this country! The Bible says only the fool says in their heart, there is no God.

Muhammed moves in and pushes the Christian fanatic out of Sophia's way.

MUHAMMED

How would you know God if you can't even recognize his true prophet?

The Christian fanatic backs off and walks away. Sophia turns to Muhammed and notices a crescent symbol on his necklace. Muhammed notices the atheist symbol on Sophia's necklace.

SOPHIA

Thanks for getting him out of my face. Now are you going to be in mine?

MUHAMMED

It says in the Koran that no one should be threatened or harmed in any way if he does not wish to accept Islam.

SOPHIA

Do you want to tell me what you know about Islam?

MUHAMMED

Only if you teach me all about what it means to be atheist.

Sophia smiles at Muhammed as he smiles back. Back in the fighting crowds, two small children step forward. It is the atheist's son and preacher's daughter. Momentarily the angry shouts stop as all eyes turn to the kids shaking their father's arms.

DAUGHTER

Daddy? Didn't you always say God doesn't want his children to fight?

SON

Dad? In Star Trek's time line, World War III destroys a lot of the Earth. If people keep fighting, we won't be able to stop it.

The preacher and atheist look at their child and then turn to each other as the tensions de-escalate.

DAUGHTER

Maybe we can stop the Christians from becoming bad.

The daughter looks at her father with pleading eyes as he bows his head in shame.

SON

Dad, maybe we can keep the atheists
from hating the Christians so much.

The son looks at his dad with an expression of hope as he looks down at the ground. The atheists and Christians on both sides are silent as they begin to disperse.

INT. RESTAURANT -- CONTINUOUS -- A.D.C.E.

Muhammed sits across from Sophia as they both laugh about something.

MUHAMMED

But, why aren't there Muslims or
Christians in Star Trek?

SOPHIA

(smiling)
Because, it's the future!

Nearby Sophia and Muhammed is Isaiah and Dolkar.

ISAIAH (V.O.)

Let me revise the story of the
glorious end. Maybe East and West,
yin and yang don't have to be at
war. Perhaps they can compliment
each other.

ISAIAH

The glass may not be half empty.
Maybe it's half full.

Dolkar smiles as she fills up Isaiah's half empty glass with the pitcher of water nearby.

DOLKAR (V.O.)

The story about the blessed
beginning will be completed at
last, but it has been said by the
great masters, "the last shall be
first and the first shall be last."

DOLKAR

And perhaps what was seen as the
end, is only the start of a
miraculous new beginning.

Dolkar and Isaiah are face to face in the restaurant, smiling at each other; enjoying each other's company. Now we zoom out as image fades to black and an image of the Earth from space. The form of a infant inside the womb appears in the side of the planet cast in shadow.

DOLKAR (V.O.)
The birth of Global Consciousness
is finally here.

FADE TO BLACK.