

A Message from the Artist – Don Costanzo

It has been scientifically proven that it took over 4.35 BILLION YEARS to create the way our world looks today with mountains, oceans, deserts, plants, animals, the air we breathe, etc. Archeologists have proven that the date of the emergence of modern humans was 150,000 BC, 152,000 years ago! They have also determined the first 147,000 of those years' humans were "Wheel-less" until 3,000 BC! That those early humans, with intelligence capabilities equal to our own, could only walk or run on earth for so long is surprising. Especially since during the next 5,000 years man's brain and ingenuity figured out ways to tame wild animals to ride and then continued to invent numerous other faster ways to get from one place to another: boats made out of logs, wood beams, metal and plastics; kites for fun, warfare and to actually lift humans; balloons powered oxygen and hydrogen gas; ships propelled by oarsmen, sails, steam, water wheels, fossil fuels and nuclear power; submarines that could circumnavigate the entire globe underwater and never come up from the depths of the oceans for months; airplanes that could glide and then powered with propellers and jet fuel; trains pulled by horses than powered by steam, fossil fuels, electricity and nuclear engines; automobiles powered by fossil fuels and electricity; rockets that could propel into space or have war heads that could destroy their enemies; jet aircrafts for worldwide transportation and for war; space ships that are orbiting the Earth, have landed humans on the moon, explored all the planets, put a vehicle on Mars, launched a telescope to observe stars and other solar systems that may sustain life. But with the emergence of these new forms of transportation and speed man also invented ways to use the new inventions to develop terrible new weapons of war including atomic and hydrogen bombs with the capability of destroying our entire planet and computers and robots that have made humanity lazy.

The more I uncovered in my research of religions, architecture, transportation, warfare, natural disasters and speed I never put anything on canvas until I felt I could create something unique that had never been put into paintings before. I wanted to create for posterity a visual story that shows how long it took our planet to be created and the way our planet looked during the period of dinosaurs, Ice Age, the development of humans, religions, architectural buildings, the developments of speed, transportation and man's inevitable destruction through either the weapons of war we have created or through the natural disasters and incurable diseases that have and will continue to punish mankind until we have all perished!

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