

PAINTING VII-1861 AD to 1931 AD

Wars, Inventions, Airplanes, Epidemics, and World War I

During the next 70 years the world experienced a Civil War in the United States, the first airplanes, tanks, metal ships and motor vehicles for warfare, a stock market crash and Great Depression in America. Buildings continued to be built higher and higher, a flu epidemic that kills 20 million people, World War I that kills or wounds 29,700,000 soldiers and many natural disasters that killed millions.

1861 AD- The **Civil War** begins in the **United States of America** by the end of the war 623,000 Yankee and Rebel soldiers died and most of the USA South was destroyed.

1862 AD- The **first naval battle between two ships constructed of iron clad metal** occurred during the American Civil War when the Yankee Navy's "*Monitor*" battled the Rebel's "*Merrimac*".

1866 AD- The **first glider** is invented.

1869 AD- **Transcontinental Railroad** is completed in the United States. The beautiful **Castle of Neuschwanstein** is built in the Bavarian Alps, Germany as a fantasy whim of the "*Dream King*" Ludwig II. Looks like the "*Magic Kingdom*" at Disney World Orlando, Florida.

1877 AD- First **Unmanned helicopter**, powered by a steam engine, lifts off the ground.

1884 AD- The **Washington Monument** is constructed in the **USA** and it becomes the World's tallest structure at 555 feet high.

1885 AD- Karl Benz in Germany builds the first **true automobile**. It's a two-seater tricycle powered by a four-cycle gas engine.

1886 AD-The government of France officially presented to the United States the towering **Statue of Liberty**. The Statue of Liberty became the first welcome to millions of immigrants who were welcomed to America's shore in the early 1900's. *Those legal immigrants included my father, two grandfathers, two grandmothers, two uncles and one aunt. I will be forever grateful that they left Italy to become American citizens.*

1889 AD- The **Eiffel Tower** is erected in "Christian" **Paris, France** for the World Fair. It becomes the world's tallest building at 986 feet high.

1893 AD- **Locomotive 999** makes the **world's first 100-mph run**.

1899 AD- The **Zeppelin airship** is launched for commercial travel.

1900 AD- Steamships are used for transporting immigrants across the Atlantic. (Similar to the SS Madonna that my immigrant family sailed on in 1904, 1906 and 1909.)

1901 AD- The **first blimps** use hot helium to stay off the ground and can travel hundreds of miles

1902 AD- The **Flatiron Building** skyscraper is built in New York City. At 285 feet it was briefly the tallest building in the city and became a beacon of modern city architecture along with the Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty.

1903 AD- Wilbur and Orville Wright made the **first heavier- than -air flight** at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The plane remained in the air for 12 seconds & covered 120 feet.

1904 AD- Benjamin Holt invents **first farm tractor**.

1908 AD- First concrete roads are built in Detroit, Michigan. 123,000 people die in **Italy** during an **earthquake**. (*This happened near Massena, Italy a city near where my dad was born and was still living there in 1908.*)

1910 AD- First seaplane lands and takes off from water.

1912 AD- Austrian inventor **De La Mole** patents **first Army tank**. Airplanes, with guns, are used for the first time in Warfare. The ocean liner, **Titanic**, strikes an iceberg on its maiden voyage and 1,595 passengers and crew perish in the freezing North Atlantic.

1914 AD- Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated in Sarajevo by Bosnian Serbs initiating **World War 1**. Over 29,700,000 soldiers are killed or wounded as a result of new automatic weapons, tanks on the ground, airplanes in the sky, ships at sea and chemical weapons. Was World War I the sixth warning of total destruction of mankind?

1915 AD- German U-Boats terrorize the Atlantic Ocean shipping lanes sinking hundreds of British ships and killing thousands of innocent passengers.

1917 AD- Nikoli Lenin overthrows the Russian Czar and forms the **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics**, a Communistic government. 5 million soldiers and civilians died during the **Civil War** that over turned the rule of the Russian Czars. The Communistic Party ruled Russia until 1991. Communism is a social system characterized by the communal sharing of goods and services. Communism stresses a classless society committed to the ultimate goal of a world-wide Communistic state. The major Communistic countries in 2010 AD were Russia, China, North Korea, Cuba and Viet Nam.

1918 AD- First aircraft carriers are invented for additional warfare power. **Charles Lindberg** becomes **the first human to fly across the Atlantic Ocean by himself**.

1918 AD- A simple cold today, but the **Flu epidemic** of 1918 killed 20 million men, women and children worldwide. The seventh warning to mankind of how vulnerable is to diseases, viruses, cancers, AIDS etc. that have no immediate cure.

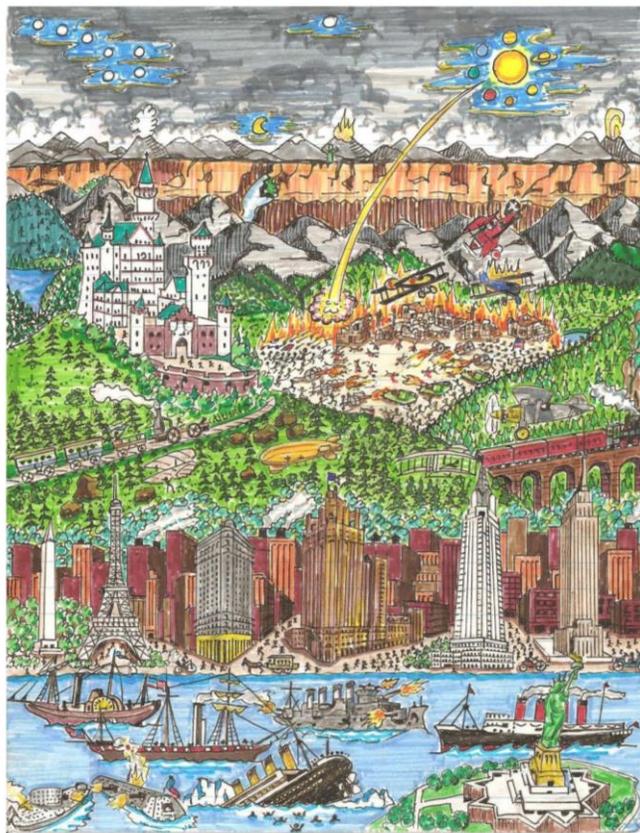
1921 AD- **Albert Einstein**, discovers the **theory of relativity** which leads to the development of the **Atomic Bomb** in 1945. Einstein is regarded as one of the greatest scientist of all time even though the atomic bomb is the worst weapon of war of. all time. Artificial life begins--**the first robot built**.

1922 AD- The **Chicago Tribune Tower** is constructed as the “Most beautiful and distinctive office building in the world”. \$100,000 design contest attracted 263 designs from 23 countries and the winner influenced future skyscraper design until this day.

1926 AD-The first liquid-propellant rocket is launched by American Robert H. Goddard.

1930 AD- The **Chrysler Building** is erected in New York City and becomes the world’s tallest structure at 1,046 feet high.

1931 AD- The **Empire State Building** is completed in New York City and becomes the **world’s tallest building** at 1,250 feet high.



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