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DEDICATION

To the more than two hundred species we are rendering extinct
every day.

**A FUTURE HISTORY OF HUMAN FOLLY IN
SNIPPETS:**

- ***PROLOGUE***
- **WHAT FOOLS THESE IMMORTALS BE**
Year 2028
- **THERE'S NO FUEL LIKE AN OLD FUEL**
January 2030
- **KILLED BY A HUMUNGOUS FART**
September 2030
- **DON'T MENTION THE HINDENBURG / ANOTHER
RAINBOW WARRIOR**
March 2030
- **THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE EXTENT OF HUMAN
STUPIDITY (meeting transcript)**
May 2041
- **ONE DAMNED THING AFTER ANOTHER**
Year 2042
- ***PURGATORY: CONFUSION***
- **STEALING THE MARCH**
June 2046
- **VICTORY FOR AMERICA**
September 25, 2048
- **CRISIS IN MARS ORBIT**
January 9, 2049

- **WENT TO MARS AND COULDN'T FIND ANY MARS BARS (videocom transcript)**
Jan 10, 2049
- **COSMIC PRIME REAL ESTATE**
January 12, 2049
- ***PURGATORY: REVELATION***
- **SPACE COLONIES (videocom transcript)**
Jan 14, 2049
- **LIFE WITH CLENCHED BUTTOCKS (videocom transcript)**
Feb 6, 2049
- **THE SECRETS OF WEALTH (videocom transcript)**
May 30, 2049
- **A MEDICAL PROBLEM (videocom transcript)**
April 2, 2050
- **PURPOSEFUL POINTLESSNESS**
April 30, 2050
- **THE POWER OF LATERAL THINKING (videocom transcript)**
May 1, 2050
- **LIU WITHOUT A CLUE**
May 4, 2050
- **THE DOCTRINE OF PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY (videocom transcript)**
May 6, 2050
- **LAND OF THE CREEPS, HOME OF THE KNAVES (meeting transcript)**
October 2050

- **BUSHWHACKED**
Nov 5, 2050
- ***PURGATORY: DAMNATION***
- **SUMMARY OF EVENTS 2048-2051**
- **PHENOMENOMENAL CONUNDRUNDRUMS**
January 2051
- **A SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOUR**
April 20, 2051
- **LIU WITHOUT A CLUE (AGAIN)**
April 28, 2051
- **OPERATION SPOIL AND SEIZE (videocom transcript)**
June 18, 2051
- **EURASIAN SECTOR OF THE ASTEROID BELT 2051-2053**
- **DECISIONS TO STAY**
December 2052
- **DISCLOSURES**
Jan 20, 2053
- **EURASIAN SECTOR OF THE ASTEROID BELT 2054-2068**
- **DON'T LOOK AT ME IF YOU'RE FEELING PECKISH / THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAM (meeting transcript)**
February 2055
- **THE FRENCH HAVE NO PHRASE FOR "*LAISSEZ-FAIRE*"**
February 2055

- **PURGATORY: SALVATION**
- **NOW BEHOLD, I AM BECOME DEATH, DESTROYER OF WORLDS**
August 9, 2068
- **THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE LIABLE, TO READ IN THE BIBLE, IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO**
August 11, 2068
- **ICECUBES IN ROCKETS**
September 10, 2068

Notes:

1. Relevant Earth-Mars opposition dates:
June 3, 2048
August 14, 2050
October 28, 2052
2. Lance Boyle Sr. was US President from January 2045 to December 2052

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