

The Oracle of Delphi

When the ancient Greeks were seeking guidance, they would visit the Oracle of Delphi. This year the ancient Andy and Kim Anne sought the advice of the Oracle. This was what the Oracle predicted for 2020.

Sources of Stress in Your Lives – Money, work, children, climate change, children, health, politics, and children.

Sources of Joy in Your Lives – Lara, Kylan, Isaac, friends, family, travel, music, movies, reading, and memories of sex.

Marriage – Kim Anne and Andy will be celebrating their thirtieth wedding anniversary. She is still in shock that she ever let him talk her into getting married in the first place. The Oracle predicted that they will have a romantic anniversary vacation on the Oregon coast.

Money – Kim Anne and Andy work in health and mental health professions. They knew that they were never going to have any money. But they do get to live near the mountains of Flagstaff.

Health – Lara will finally get some sleep after months of breast-feeding Isaac. Kim Anne will get a knee replacement. Andy will finally get the brain transplant that he has needed for years. Like others of his generation, he has been having problems with name-finding and word-finding. Last week, he lost his name completely and went around calling himself James T. Kirk.

Fantasy Football – The Oracle predicted that, after fifteen years of trying, Andy will finally win his first championship in his fantasy football league. Andy believes in miracles.

Politics – The Oracle predicted that Donald Trump will evolve into a more complete person in 2020. Then he would be a complete idiot.

Grandparenting – In 2020, Kylan will increase his energy level by 40%. Lara will get a tax credit by having him listed as an alternative energy source. Kylan will continue to charm all the women at the grocery store. Isaac will devote most of his time to cooing, sleeping, crying, and pooping. The miracle of grandparenting is that those activities seem delightful.

Christmas – The Oracle predicted that friends and family will groan reading Andy's next annual Christmas letter too. He will never learn that Christmas is supposed to be about spirituality and consumerism and not about lame attempts at humor.

Retirement – Andy will be another year closer toward his goal of retiring on his seventieth birthday. On that day, he will apply for a medical marijuana card. Then he will sit out on his new patio, stare at the pine forest, and listen to loud rock n' roll on his headphones. He won't mind that the youngsters forget to salute Captain James T. Kirk.