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Predictions

Have you ever wondered what is going to happen in fifty years? If you think about it, pictures begin to form in your mind, and you begin making predictions of your own. Imagine yourself in fifty years.

What do you think of when you think of transportation? Now it's mainly automobiles, planes, boats, etc. Whereas what do you think it will be like in fifty years? Transportation, that is. Maybe we'll be riding mowing sidewalks and all vehicles will be nuclear powered. Helicopters or things similar to them could be our main form of transportation.

As your mind enters into the idea of education, ~~what~~ what do you see? In the future, students may stay home and get their assignments

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from a computer on a screen-like television. No more teachers just top-knotch computers.

As for energy it will most likely be all solar and nuclear. Gas won't be needed for cars. Instead there will be either solar batteries or nuclear tablets. As a substitute for our present technique of heating homes, we'll be using stored up solar energy.

Democracy will once again become the most important form of government, but it'll be much stronger with no discriminations. Women will be in the President's seat as well as men. Instead of ~~laws~~ laws for the government, the laws will be for the people.

A leading importance will be in people's religion,

It will take on a new meaning for everyone. People will go ~~to~~ faithfully to the church of their choice.

Sports and Recreation will expand into far more games of the mind and keep most of the physical games. Bains and strategy will be one of the main aspects in some of the newer games.

Housing will be rather similar. Some of the richer people will own modern houses that practically run themselves. Most sections will be converted to a newer form of house, but some will remain the same.

Michigan City will remain basically the same even though it won't be an ~~the~~ exact replica. Some of the slummy spots will be built up into bright new places within clean areas.

The future is bright.

This essay will tell about the changes that will take place in Michigan City, Indiana between the years of nineteen hundred and seventy-six and two-thousand twenty-six.

Transportation in twenty-twenty-six will be in the form of commuter trains and nuclear powered cars. Oil and combustible substances will be obsolete for energy uses.

Education in 2026 will be much the same it is today, in 1976. The only difference will be the textbooks. I believe they will be written so they are easier to understand and learn by. I'm sure by then smoking and drinking will be permitted in the schools, and the dress of the students will be more sloppy than it is today, in 1976.

Energy uses will represent a major change. Most energy will be of nuclear or solar nature. No energy will be wasted, as every energy producer and user will be well-balanced. The government will oversee all energy applications and will regulate their uses.

The government of 2026 will be the same as that of 1976. Democracy is here to stay. The American people will never give up their freedom. Some laws will be different, though. Marijuana smoking and drinking will be allowed for all ages. Age restrictions on voting and driving will be lowered. Most laws will become more lenient toward offenders. Prisons will slowly become obsolete.

I believe that people will become more religious in the year 2026. Churches will thrive very well. Religion is here to stay.

Sports in 2026 will be a favorite pastime. Although more sports will be electronically regulated, such as on the timing of sports events, they will be popular. Sports such as tennis, ping-pong, bowling, and soccer will be popular. Recreation will be important in 2026, as more people will be working less and recreating more. Electronic games will be popular, such as pinball, electronic tennis, and other amusements. More people will turn to alcohol or drugs to relax.

Housing in 2026 will be compact, apartment type living. Only the very wealthy will be able to afford their own homes. Land and landspace will become more expensive as the worlds population will grow.

Michigan City will be different in 2026. Michigan city will be expanded out past Highway 20. The downtown area near the lake will be torn down and renewed. The lake area will continue to be an important recreation area. Most of the vacant lots and wooded areas will be used up for housing. The courthouse will still be where it is now, near the lake. The Marquette Mall will no longer be where it is now, at 421 and highway 20. Most of this area will be torn down for urban renewal. I believe Barker Junior High School will still be standing in 2026. The zoo by the lake will still be there, and the lighthouse will still be there to guide the boats in. This concludes my prediction of what life will be like in 2026.

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