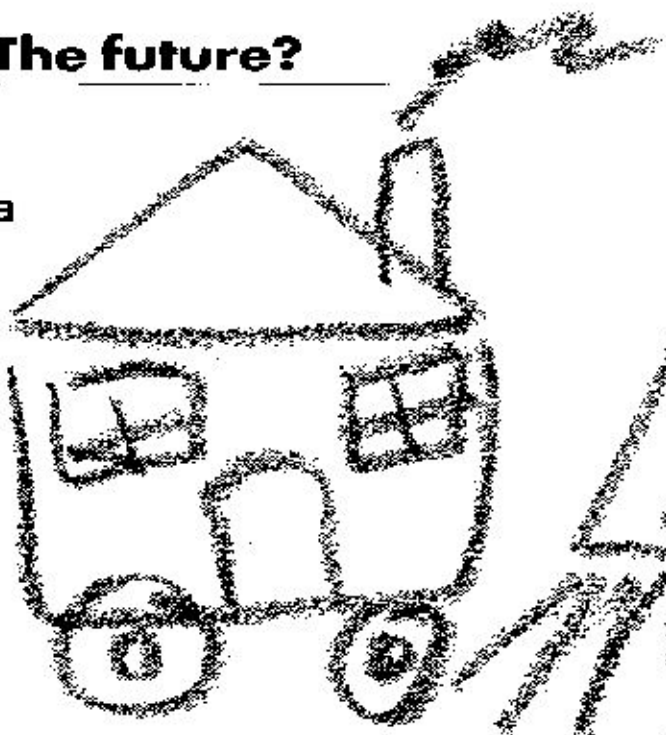




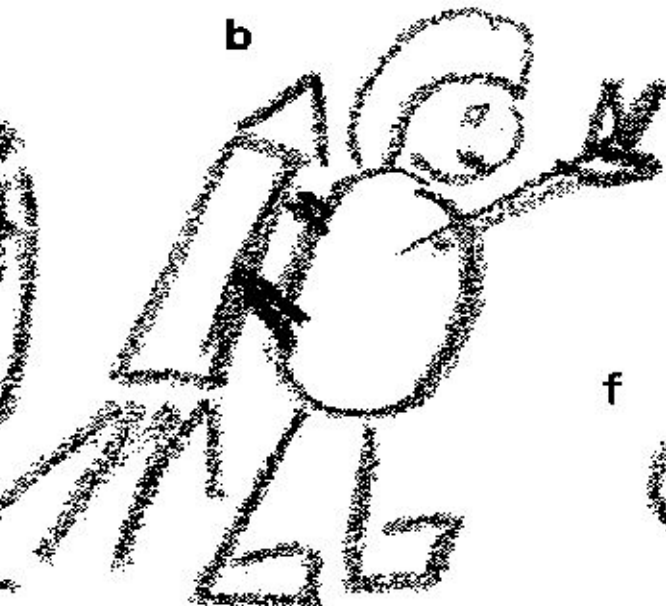
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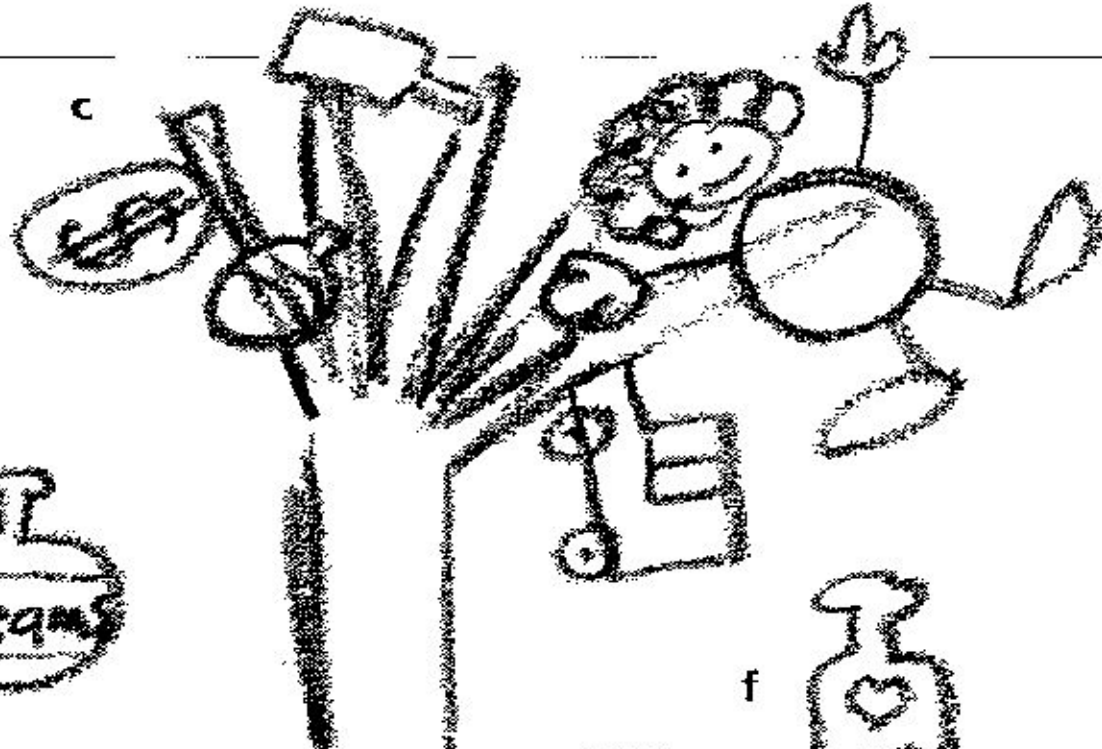
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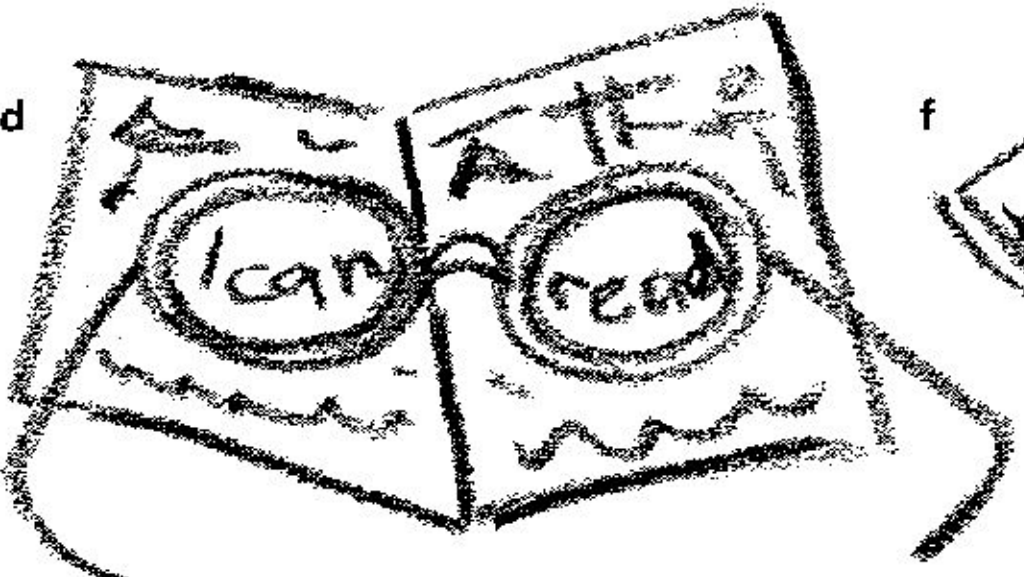
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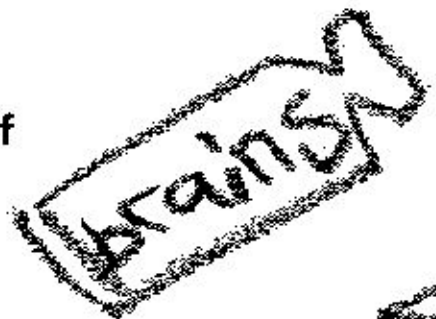
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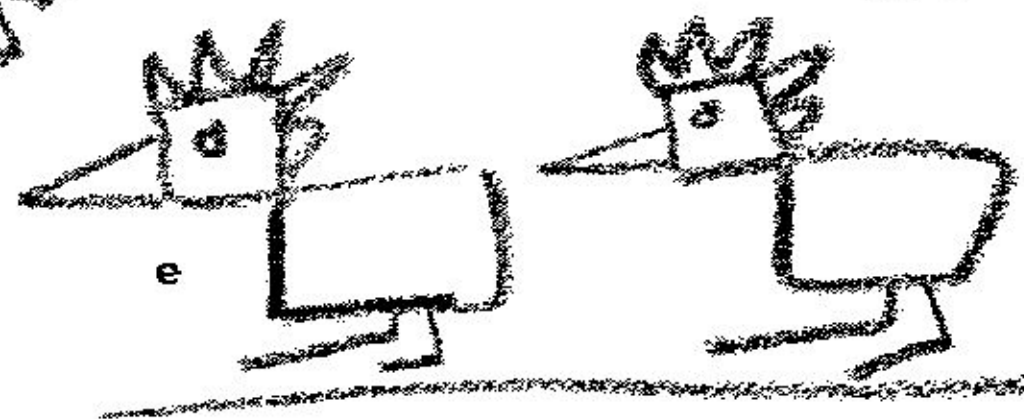
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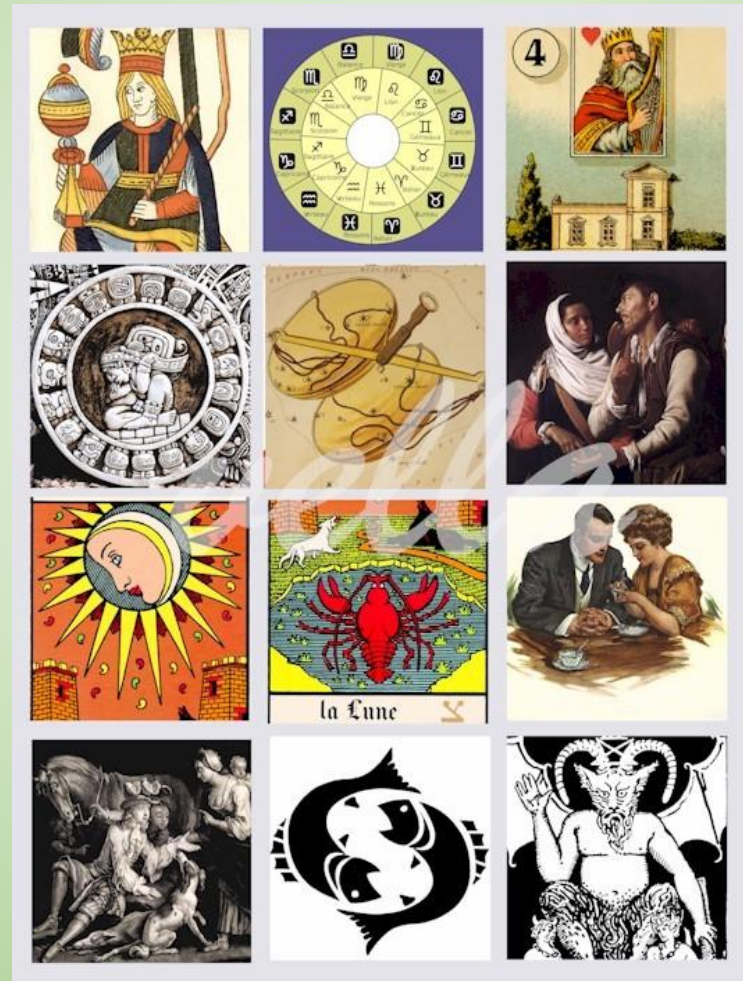
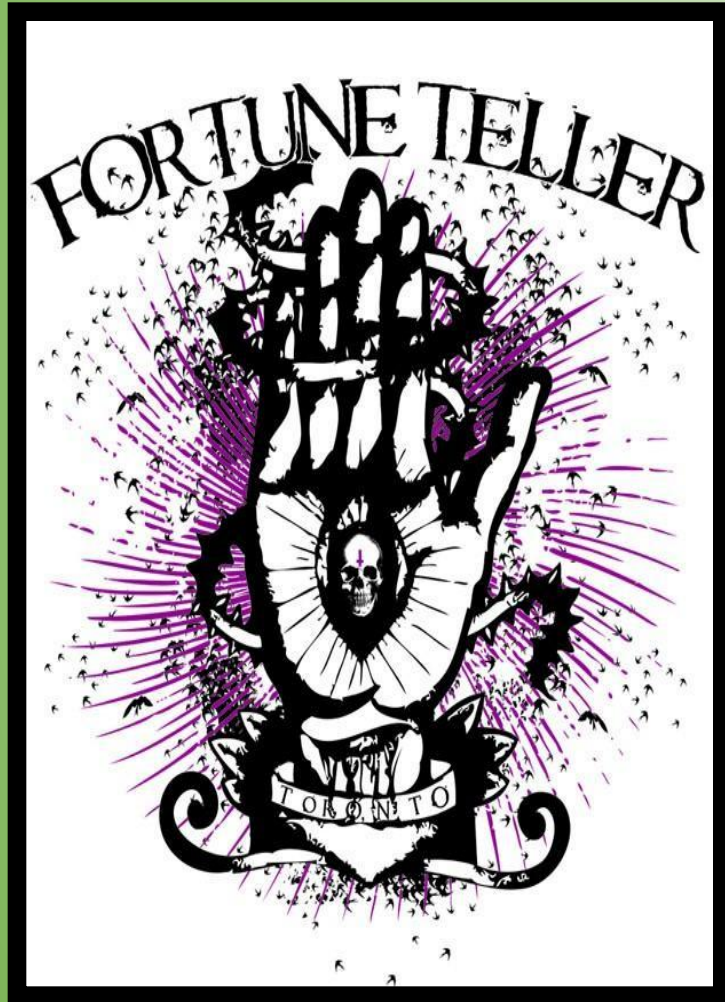
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Can fortune tellers predict the future, at least the near one?



Is there anything that does not yet exist, but you would like it to be invented? What is it?



What is your opinion about cloning?

Should scientists be allowed to clone animals or people?

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We've cloned baby, says cult

- Doubt and disgust over birth of 'Eve'
- Four more on way, claims scientist

By TOM HANDEEN in WASHINGTON AND BOBIA HIGHTHOLD, Science Editor

A SCIENTIST belonging to a cult called the Raelians that believes mankind was created by aliens claimed yesterday that one of its followers had given birth to the world's first human clone, a girl called Eve.

In the face of intense scepticism and revulsion from scientists worldwide, the announcement was made by Brigitte Boisselier, a French chemist.

She said her company, Clonaid, had helped to produce the 7th baby, and that tests would confirm she was an exact genetic copy of her mother.

Mrs Boisselier, a well-styled Raelian "teacher" who is not a specialist in reproductive medicine, called a press conference in Hollywood, Florida, to announce the alleged birth. The cloned baby, she said, had been born by caesarean section at 11.30am in an antiseptic room.

The independent expert would take samples within days and the results would be published within a few days.

healthy. She is doing fine. The parents are happy. I hope that you remember them when you talk about this baby – not like a monster, like some results of something that is disgusting."

She added: "I am creating life and I would like to share it sooner as the creation of life."

Sceptical scientists said that Mrs Boisselier had offered no evidence to back her claim.

"I will not believe it until I see independent genetic tests," said Dr Robin Lovell-Badge, of the National Institute of Medical Research, in London.

The scientists also expressed grave concern about the ethical and medical implications, given the risks. Cloned animals have developed abnormalities, even when they appeared to be normal. Some "healthy" clones die soon after birth. They are found to be ageing more quickly than a normal sheep.

Clonaid was founded in the Bahamas in 1997 by Claude Vorilhon, a French former motor racing journalist who says he was once abducted by extraterrestrial beings and had sexual inter-



FROM REUTERS

N Korea orders UN team to leave

By TOM HANDEEN in WASHINGTON

NORTH KOREA ordered United Nations inspectors monitoring its nuclear reactors to leave the country yesterday, 100 days after the crisis over the communist dictatorship's weapons programme.

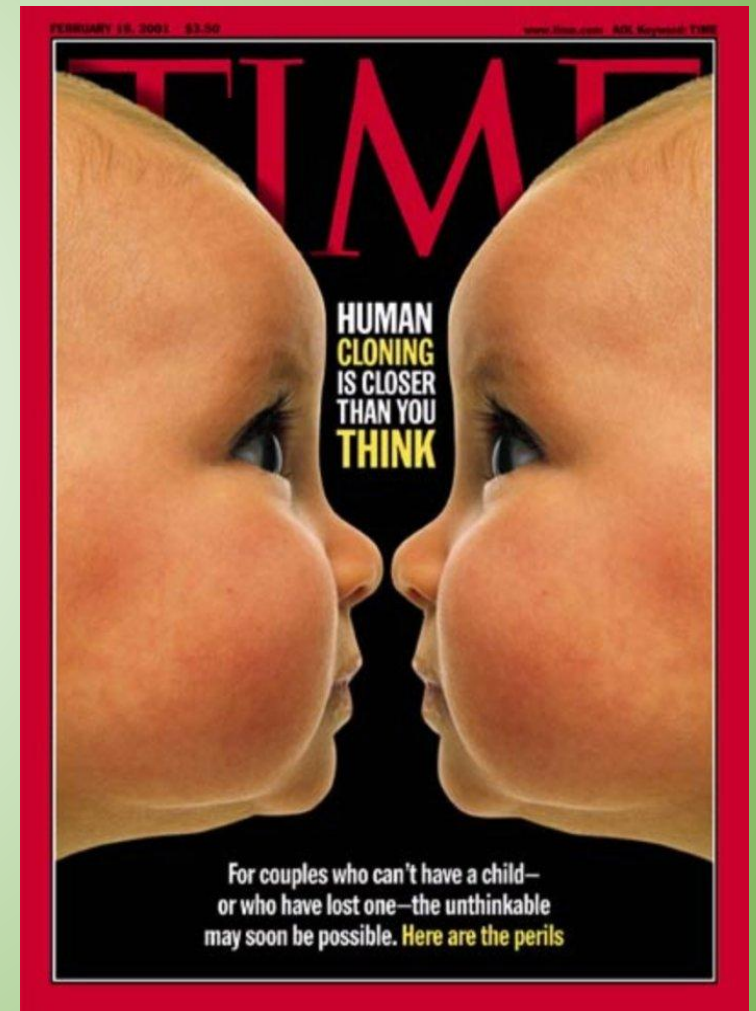
In a letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Pyongyang called for the inspectors to depart immediately. It said there was "no justification for them to remain here" now it had decided to reactivate its nuclear facilities.

The United States was accused of making North Korea "the target for a nuclear pre-emptive strike".

North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear complex, which is capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium, was being restarted, the letter said, because President George W Bush had cancelled shipments of fuel oil promised in 1994 and said his country was part of an "axis of evil" with Iraq and Iran.

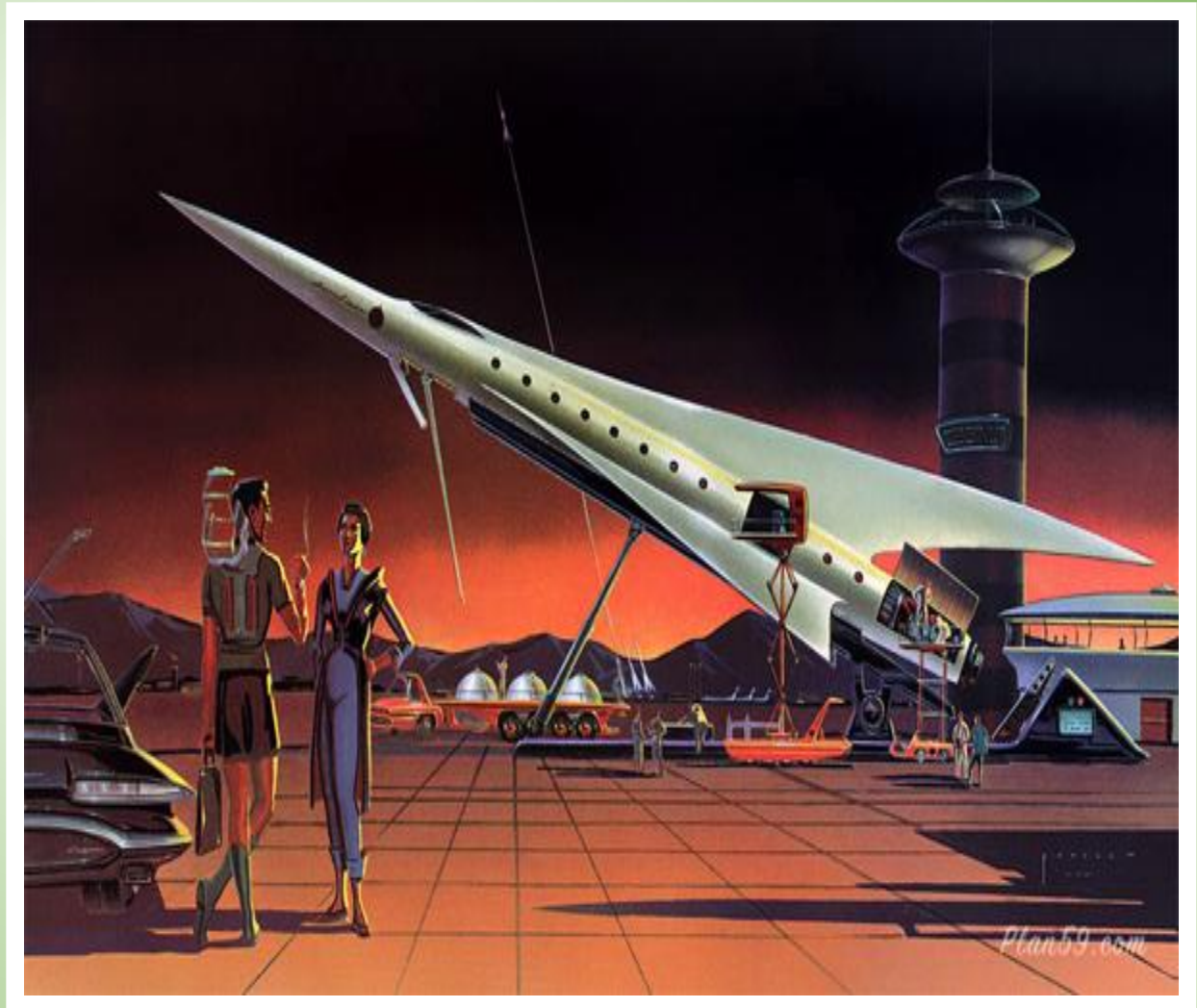
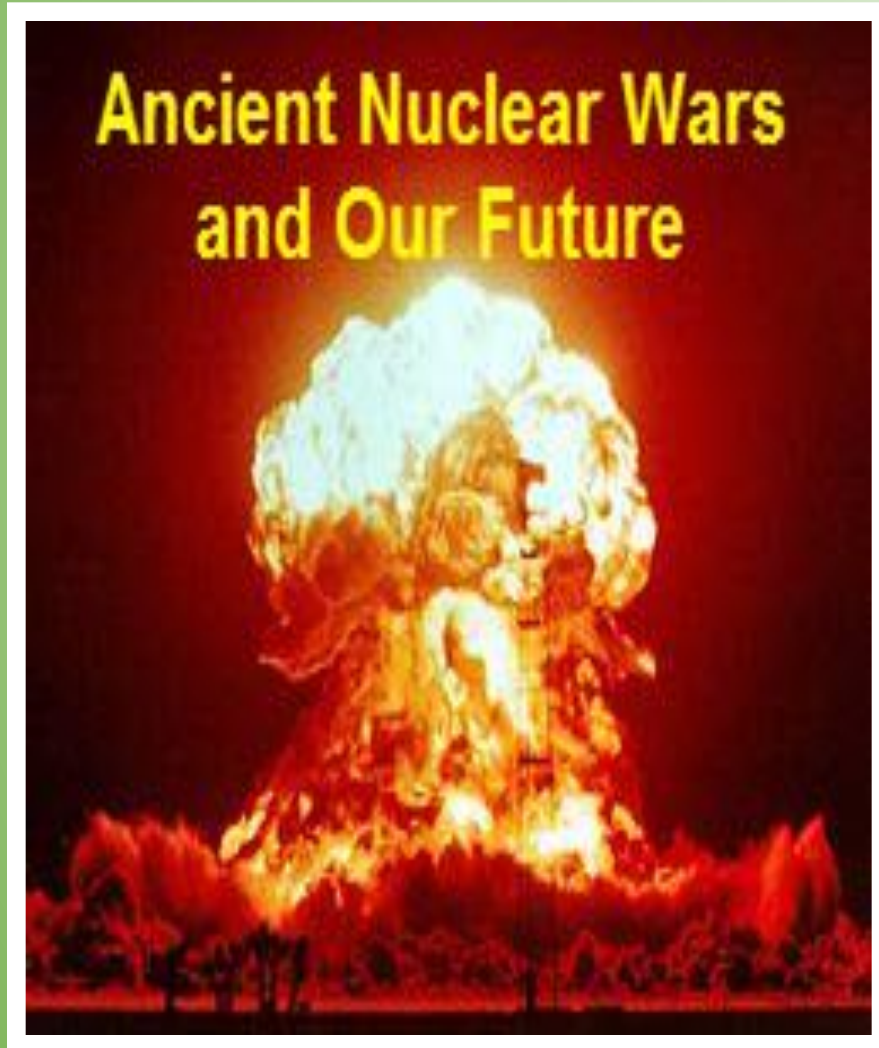
The White House condemned the actions of Kim Jong-il's Stalin-

Rael surprise: The Raelian sect chose the year-end, one of the quietest periods in the Western media's calendar, to claim the arrival of a cloned human baby. Although proof did not follow the announcement, they got more publicity than they could possibly have imagined, as shown here in one British newspaper's front-page report.



What will wars be like in the future?

Would there be any ways to prevent them?



Will people be able to travel to or live on other planets?



Do you think we will be able to read minds?



What will be the world's biggest problem in the future?



**What do you know about robotics?
In which areas can robots be used?**



Will the future be better or worse for your grandchildren?



Do you believe that people will be able to live in virtual reality like the “Matrix” film?

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