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The 500-Year Delta: What Happens After What Comes Next

By Taylor, James & Wacker, Watts

HarperBusiness, 1997. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. From Booklist: Help! Just when we thought we mastered the lingo of Faith Popcorn and of John Naisbitt's crew, here comes a new futurist team, with new mind-sets, new paradigms, and, worse yet, new vocabulary. Change, of course, is their major thesis; coping with it involves a whole new set of directions and attitudes. Much of this sounds like typical SRI (the former Stanford Research Institute) behavior: talk to and watch bunches of people and organizations, sort and group, then develop a typology or two to explain the changes. In the coming age of chaos, they claim, three new principles come into play: reason leads to intuition; organization leads to a free-flowing state; and economics becomes irrational. Ethics in this new, fractured world will be centered on permanent flexibility, privacy, connectivity, and authenticity. Both Taylor and Wacker are media savvy enough to include examples from every walk of life today as proof (with, occasionally, a bit too much emphasis on Gateway 2000, Taylor's employer), and the writing is engaging, even compelling in sections. But at the end, as with other forecasters, one is simply tempted to yawn and say, "What...



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