Awakening The Planetary Mind: Beyond The Trauma Of The Past To A New Era Of Creativity
Synopsis
Completing our conscious evolution by releasing our collective fear of catastrophes • Explains how we are on the cusp of an era of incredible creative growth • Shows how we are about to overcome the collective fear caused by ancient catastrophes as we awaken to the memories of our lost prehistory • Examines legendary cataclysms and scientific evidence of a highly advanced global culture that disappeared 11,500 years ago. In this completely revised and expanded edition of Catastrophobia, bestselling author Barbara Hand Clow explains how we are on the cusp of an age of incredible creative growth made possible by restoring our lost prehistory. Examining legendary cataclysms--such as the fall of Atlantis and the biblical Flood--and the mounting geological and archaeological evidence that many of these mythic catastrophes were actual events, she reveals the existence of a highly advanced global maritime culture that disappeared amid great earth changes and rising seas 14,000 to 11,500 years ago, nearly causing our species’s™ extinction and leaving humanity’s™ collective psyche deeply scarred. Tracing humanity’s™ reemergence after these prehistoric catastrophes, Clow explains how these events in the deep past influence our consciousness today. Guided by Carl Johan Calleman’s™ analysis of the Mayan Calendar, she reveals that as the Earth’s™ 26,000-year precessional cycle shifts, our evolution is accelerating to prepare us for a new age of harmony and peace. She explains how we are beginning a collective healing as ancient memories of prehistory awaken in our minds and release our unprocessed fear. Passed from generation to generation, this fear has been responsible for our constant expectations of apocalypse. She shows that by remembering and moving beyond the trauma of our long lost past, we bring the era of cataclysms to an end and cross the threshold into a time of extraordinary creative activity.

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Thank you Barbara Hand Clow for this timely update from your original work Catastrophobia. As the Mayan Calendar has unwound to its quantum potential now is the moment not only for greater awakening but also a time to remember what we have long forgotten. With meticulous detail this book lays bare this adventure to remember the pain we have long buried in our bones and that has been preserved for centuries in oral traditions. The near destruction of this planet about 11,500 BCE is like a computer file of fear that needs to be deleted from our data banks. Through the detail and time that this book gives the reader to understand all the ramifications of these buried histories one is driven to release the hurt that has held us all hostage and the realization that all of us through opening our hearts can begin to live in a new and more compassionate world.

This book is a good general survey of ideas behind who we are, how we got here, and what might be coming. If you are relatively new to metaphysics and alternative histories then this is an ok read. However, beware, the author does include dubious sources such as Carl Calleman who’s alternate Mayan calendar, with an end date of October 28 2011 has been thoroughly rejected by Mayan scholars. But really, it's hard to see what unique gifts or vision are brought forward in this book. This book is very much 'in the head', meaning it just reading about facts and this and that. The key to passing into any new world is certainly how to refer to information through experiencing your body. The integration of mind and body is necessary to really progress on the spiritual path of awakening. And this book does not offer anything to help the aspirant progress. It is very objective and does not really touch you. It’s mostly just facts and you are not shown how to interact with anything beyond just reading about it.

After reading both the Mayan Code and Catastrophobia, I was please to find that Barbara Hand Clow had written another book that expanded on the ideas from those books, and I was not disappointed. This book may not be for everyone, but when considered along with those other two books, Awakening the Planetary Mind helps reveal some answers to many of the puzzles that have confounded people for centuries. I particular like how Hand Clow doesn't automatically attribute things like the Pyramids of Giza and other archaeological sites to extraterrestrials, but show how
human beings living on Earth were able to accomplish such engineering marvels. As far as what a previous reviewer said, that the book just gives intellectual information about the subject matter, I guess the reviewer overlooked Hand Clow's extensive references and end notes that cite her sources and help expand her ideas even further. I bought one of these, The Language of Emotions, and can say that if you are looking for more "emotional depth," then it will provide all that you may desire. Otherwise, I think Hand Clow's book provide much food for thought and certainly many ideas that can be explored further in future books.

I had a hard copy of this book. Much of it is hard for me to understand. I don't have anywhere near Hand-Clow's education or life experience. Still, I could understand enough to keep me interested over the years, so about once a year, I go back to it, and reread sometimes parts, and sometimes, the whole book. Gradually, my understanding increases. The old paper copy was getting rather ratty, so I was happy to find it available for my Kindle. I just finished the rereading of it, for maybe the 4th or 5th time. It goes a long way back in Gaia's earliest beginnings, and gives a pretty strong argument for why we are such a fear based planet. The only reason I gave it 4 rather than 5 stars, is because of the very density of the written material itself. Yet, its one of those books that's been a great blessing to me just by exposure to new perspectives and ideas. I would recommend ALL Barbara Hand-Clow's books to anyone interested in a different perspective of why we are who and where we are at this time.

Barbara Hand Clow has an immense knowledge in archeology, history, astrology and psychology. She manage to convey these insights to the reader without being difficult or scholarly complex. And we easily accept her findings as true ones. That is an amazing achievement from an author balancing her text between so many disciplines. Her thoughts and insights are great. Describing world phenomenons that most us never will or can comprehend. Myths are created and deconstructed. She explains the fundamental principles for how that works. And her theories are needed right now, in a world collapsing, and new myths are finally emerging.

This revised edition is so-o-o much better than other books by the same author. It's well written, is more informative, cites and clearly explains good sources (most of which are far from being recognized by mainstream academia in any near and far future), does less other-planetary channeling, and thus appeals, with its this-worldly language, to this barely awakened human reader. It's definitely more than worth reading, waking up and building upon.