

Short story vibes!

Post apocalyptic world, the increase in the technological advancement in the late 21st century and the growing violence between countries and in cities because of overpopulation and famine lead to a global war in which a new weapon of mass destruction was used. Neurotechnology was first developed in the late 2050's for direct interface between a human mind and machines, later this was used to form a wireless psychic internet where anyone could instantly access any information over the net just by thinking about it. Unfortunately such technology, though originally meant for peace and sharing of mass information, was eventually turned into a weapon of mass destruction of the worst kind. The US army developed weapons that, when activated could directly interface with your mind and depending on what setting they were on, could either make you experience short term memory loss, long term memory loss, insanity or the complete destruction of your conscious and subconscious mind, leaving you an empty shell, your body with no mind to control it just spasms for a bit and rots away.

In the year 2073, the first Neurological destruction device was successfully tested, and in the late 2080's as the world's overpopulation and food shortage problems came to a climax and the final war was begun the plan was for the USA to only use the weapon as a last resort only, however the chief scientist in developing the device, through long years in contact with the weapons whilst testing had become slowly insane, as the production increased and it was obvious that residual neurological radiation was leaking into the development and production staff, the project was scrapped as too dangerous to be continued and the order was given for all of the devices to be destroyed and the nuke continue to be the USA's chief weapon of mass destruction. This order however was too late, the chief guy was completely insane and on march 17, 2091 he released all of the USA's stockpiled weapons on the entire world. What followed was pretty much the apocalypse, all the people in the world went completely insane within a day and because the devices had never been designed to be used for such an extended period of time or for such a large amount of people, they burned out in approximately 17 hours. All the world leaders went insane and because they were at war there were a lot of weapons about, basically all the nukes were fired, all the bio, chemical, conventional warfare in the world fired randomly and without disgression, until they ran out, it is estimated that over 97% of the entire world's population was wiped out in the apocalypse.

A renegade scientist that was "fired" from the program (weapon) a few years earlier because he was unhappy with what the government were doing, the existing scientists used one of the prototype devices to wipe all his memories of what happened and his research so he wouldn't let slip about the top secret project. He lost all his memory about who he was and what he did, they put him into a happyhouse (giggly bucket) and gave him lots of drugs. The problem is, the prototype was a bit buggy and it gave him a bit too much neurological devastation. After a few years they let him out, he started to have some vague memories of his time developing the weapon and became very paranoid about some big secret weapon that the govt was working on, naturally mostly no one listened to him and so the government didn't pay him too much heed. He started to build a vast underground bunker in some remote part of the desert, over 500m deep and with

2m thick concrete walls, the neurological weapons could not reach that deep and only penetrated well through gasses and liquids (air, water). This guy started to build up a following, saying the end of the world is nigh and what not, some real psychotic wackos joined his group of “redeemed” as he called them, they would be saved by the apocalypse by some god who had commanded the gut to build his big bunker in the desert with enough food and supplies to last 20 years.

Eventually this guy went really crazy and the disappeared (practically) from and public attention (most people thought he had just gone and performed a mass suicide or his followers had abandoned him or something), but ney, such a thing had not happened, he had just taken his followers down into his bunker in the desert to be redeemed and saved from the fiery hell that shall engulf the earth and cleanse it of all it's evil (technology, drugs, crime, politics, democracy according to this guy), this was in mid 2089. After about a year or two, no one cared about him any more and he was forgotten. 20 years later in the year 2109, him and his bunch indeed did emerge into a world that had been “cleansed” if you will. The cities were all in ruins and the wilderness was reclaiming the land on which it once ruled. All of the human life on the planet was regressed back to the stone age and tribes of wild people roamed around beating things on the head with sticks and then eating them.

The guy of course saw the beauty of the new and cleansed world and saw primitive man as cleansed of all his evils (as above) and now he must take up leadership and forge a new society out of the ashes of the old, where men can live in peace with one another, without all the evils of technology and politics to disturb the happiness and tranquility of the people (or the luxury of him and his original followers, living as rich overlords). In about ten years the society has developed into a basic farming society where grains and fruits (maybe legumes too) are harvested and some animals are hunted although only a sustainable number (we must care for our earth bretheren and though we may partake of their bounty we respect their place in the earth). Everyone just goes about their happy buisness, there is no crime, everyone is happy taking their place in society (decreed by the head guy) and serving the god (by serving a leader).

Last paragraph is sortov ish, maybe change it a bit, change the new society a bit, more dystopia, maybe some weird experiments being performed by the overlords, or something, sacrafices? Culling of sick and old people (rejoining into the earth, old people cant work and produce the tithe (tax), once the “god” is done with them they return to him), some people taken for genetic experiments, using religion to control all of the primitive people (overlords are so they can live in luxury).