

## New York's Future, As I View It

Hello, my name is New York. I would appreciate it if you would visit with me for a little while so I can tell you my future as I plan it.

I was born about the year 1626, and since then I have grown and prospered with the ages. At present one could describe me as a vast wonderland in which activity is unceasing. Immense skyscrapers, beautifully adorned parks, gala festivities are all a part of me. But, the most important ingredient is yet to come. My secret for success consists of 49,576 square miles of kind, considerate, fun-loving people. Yes, that is my reason for success. I look at my future with high hopes, for I am what my people are. If my people continue to be as generous as they are I have no doubt that I will become greater in the future. There will be more sublime skyscrapers, more forests and parks, and more schools for my children to learn about my prosperity and about the many other important factors in life. I hope to become active in spreading peace, for peace is necessary to attain every thing. My one great desire is to be instrumental in bringing relief to the people in countries and states who are not as fortunate as I am. I look at my future as something to wait for with open arms. Production and trade will reach their climax under the guidance of the industrious people of my state. I gaze at my land and your land in the future and say "It is good! Yes, it is good to see people working in harmony for the betterment of humanity; it is good to watch manufacturing increase." I am stricken with awe at the sight of two people of different races shaking hands with each other and saying, "Hello, friend."

I see myself as the first to achieve peace - real peace. I'll agree with you; I do have a keen and exquisite imagination, but I know that my future is in the capable hands of my people and their God.

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Before you leave, I would like to thank my people for the care and affection they have shown me. May they be blessed for what they have done and what they will do to safeguard my future.