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***In 3rd Book of His 30th-Century Sci-Fi Trilogy, Author Mark Kingston Levin
Makes AIs (Artificial Intelligences) Heroes
and Integrates Man's Mistrust of AIs as well as of Alien Species
Pub Date for the provocative new book, 30th Century: Contact, is February 22, 2019.***

SAN DIEGO, California (12-16-18) – In *30th Century: Contact*, the forthcoming addition to his stirring sci-fi series 30th Century, Mark Kingston Levin, PhD turns a common sci-fi storyline on its head. We saw how deadly a cyborg assassin can be when Arnold Schwarzenegger played one in the popular Terminator movie series. We read about the increasing problems with robots as they became more technologically advanced and intelligent in Isaac Asimov's best-selling book *I Robot*. We watched the AI running the spaceship turn against the crew in the classic film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. What if, the author proposes, the superior intellectual and other abilities of AIs could instead be harnessed to save humanity and one AI programmed to be a bridge to first contact with an alien species?

"I love AIs," says the author, "and I look at their development as very positive. For generations, humans have had a better future than their ancestors. I think this will continue. We'll have challenges in the future. But I believe AIs, whose intelligence and capacities will be greater than our own, will emerge as essential contributors to our brighter tomorrows."

In Book 3, nature offers a great threat to Earth in the form of a beam from a gamma ray burst caused by the collision of binary neutron stars. To prevent Earth's demise in the 57th century, 30th-century humans and biologically altered Syndos work together. However, their technology is not enough, so they contact those most threatened, 56th-century people, to help. The idea is to send an advanced Artificial Intelligence within a large asteroid redesigned as a spaceship to save all life on Earth. The AI, named Vesta after the asteroid, must collide with one of the neutron stars to avert Earth's extermination. After the AI is sent out, there is fear among Earthlings when a Vesta-like spacecraft travels to Earth and asks to meet its adopted grandmother Jennifer (who trained and nurtured the original Vesta). Has Vesta gone mad and aborted its mission? Many Earthlings fear and want to destroy this threat, and War becomes eminent. Can non-violent Jennifer – who knows this is Vesta's child – bring reason to the fearful and stop the attack?

The ability of an AI to create offspring became news in late 2017 when scientists at [Google designed an AI that could design future systems](#). In *30th Century: Contact*, the AI system giving birth to a child AI is much more sophisticated than what is possible today. One reason it does is that Vesta will be destroyed during its mission to collide with the neutron star. The parent AI gives Vesta Two five missions: One, to preserve life. Two, to bring different life forms together to exchange ideas and culture. Three, to help spread life to new worlds. Four, to love. And five, to reproduce. These missions result in Vesta Two having aliens called Xinians on board for first contact when it comes to Earth. There are also sentient human-appearing AIs it developed for companionship as well as a means of understanding human sexuality.

Leven notes, "Vesta Two is very interested in understanding sexuality. It is such a big deal for humans and it doesn't have that capability. This is more a curious interest than anything else, though later it has a huge impact on Vesta Two." Its sentient robots are featured in erotic scenes with Jenny, Jennifer's twin, who visits Vesta Two on assignment.

After working on the Apollo and Mars missions, Dr. Levin studied quantum mechanics under Nobel Laureate Paul Dirac, obtaining his PhD in 2.5 years. He subsequently founded two companies and has been awarded over 30 US patents. He retired in 2014 and published Book 1 of the 30th Century series in 2017. You'll find his blogs, on subjects such as longevity, the universe, space travel, and non-violence at: www.markkingstonlevin.com. The author welcomes media interviews for radio and print as well as web publications. Phone: 858-531-4852 / Email: markkingstonlevin@gmail.com.

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