

# "Futur Vu" (Future View)

At many points in the past there have been first-hand experiences with "flash forward" phenomena – realization that a precise moment will be recalled many years later. To make matters even more eerie, several years later when the moment is indeed recalled, there is also the recollection of the earlier mental prediction of remembering the moment.

(It is not recommended that the reader spend much time or expend too much effort into deciphering the above paragraph unless the desired result is a rather severe headache. Simply accept and proceed. Though this be madness, yet there is method to it.)

For lack of an existing label, the writer of this blog entry has coined the phrase "futur vu" (future view) to describe these occurrences, and to correspond with the much better known déjà vu (flashback) phenomenon.

Several points in the recent past have been marked with a vivid sense of "futur vu," which had not made an appearance since emerging several times during an extended working vacation overseas during the summer. Yet there is no doubt that at some point in the future, the realization will emerge that the moment of recognizing that a precise moment would be remembered has indeed been recalled – just as it was predicted.

It is difficult to define or even to describe the realization that one will indeed remember the present at some distant point in the future. There are no set rules as to how or when "futur vu" will occur. For instance, while the recent past has been consumed with the seemingly endless and futile pursuit of new work opportunities, adversity is neither necessary nor sufficient to predict the occurrence of "futur vu."

In fact, the only requirement of "futur vu" is its own sense of hyper awareness. Near-death experiences, where individuals describe themselves as hovering overhead watching themselves lying in a hospital bed or elsewhere are closely related. Another close cousin is the "double consciousness" described by W.E.B. Du Bois as a trait present in all African Americans – the deliberate sense of putting on and taking off a racial face.

Most recently, much thought has been devoted by the writer of this blog entry to possibly harnessing of the tremendous potency of "futur vu" in deliberately enhancing personal and career circumstances. It is easy to imagine that properly cultivated, this phenomenon could be invaluable in guiding decisions or determining proper courses of action.

How better to determine what to do next than to visualize oneself years down the road, having taken the action in question? What would that future look like? If the picture is not pleasing, what could be done to change it? And so, going forward, "futur vu" can evolve from a willful, random curiosity into a powerful, deliberate tool. The reader, too, should consider this blog entry an open invitation to utilize the power of "futur vu" in any way that promotes right action and/or a beneficial outcome.