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We meet such characters as Gleb Bokii, the Bolshevik secret police commissar who tried to use Buddhist techniques to conjure the ideal human; and Nicholas Roerich, the And Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia painter who, driven Prophecy his otherworldly Master and blackmailed by the Bolshevik secret police, posed as a reincarnation Red Shambhala: Magic the Dalai Lama to unleash religious war in Tibet.

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Petersburg, explored Kabala, Sui wisdom, Ka- lachakra, shamanism, and other esoteric traditions, simultaneously pre- paring an expedition to Tibet to search for the legendary Shambhala.

A natural question arose: what could the Bolshevik commissar have to do with all this? To promote his spiritual scheme, he toyed with an idea to blend Tibetan Buddhism and Communism.

I began to have a feeling that all the individuals and events mentioned above might have and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia been linked. First of all, I need to outline at least briely what Shambhala means. Having mastered special techniques, they turned themselves into god- like beings and exercised full control over forces of nature. At one point, as the story went, alien intruders would cor- rupt and undermine the faith of Buddha.

Ater this, the true faith, Ti- betan Buddhism, would prevail and spread all over the world. Scholars argue that the paradisal image of Shambhala and the motif of the inal battle between good and evil, elements missing in original Buddhism, most likely were borrowed from neighboring religious traditions, par- ticularly from Manichaeism and Islam, which was making violent ad- vances on Buddhism in the early Middle Ages.

Aterwhen this kind of talk naturally went out of fash- ion, the legend was refurbished to it new spiritual needs. Today in Ti- betan Buddhism and spiritual literature, in both the East and the West, Shambhala is presented as an ideal spiritual state seekers should aspire to reach by practicing compassion, meditation, and high spirituality.

The reason I am not going to Red Shambhala: Magic this is Red Shambhala: Magic simple: I am convinced that in matters of religion and spirituality it is pointless to argue what is authentic and genuine and what is not. Incidentally, I adopted the same approach in my pre- vious book The Beauty of the Primitive. So my premise is that in the field of spirituality everything is Red Shambhala: Magic, genuine, and traditional, including Eastern and Western versions of Tibetan Buddhism along with its Shambhala myth in old and new forms.

At the same time, Red Shambhala is not a spiritual treatise that calls you to partake of this myth by virtually traveling to the Shambhala land to reach some sort of spiritual enlightenment. I want to explore how the Shambhala myth and related prophecies were used in Inner Asia and beyond and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia the s and s.

I Prophecy attention to the fact that the original Shambhala myth with its two sides the spiritual paradise and the crusade against inidels and its later versions served diferent purposes, depending on circumstances and the people dealing with the legend. Some individuals proiled in this book became more attracted to the image of Shambhala as a country of spiritual bliss and the container of superior knowledge.

Others turned to Shambhala as a vehicle to bring about a grand Buddhist theocracy in Inner Asia. At the same time, sev- eral people were drawn to the old avenging side of the legend and used it as a tool of spiritual resistance. So the story I am going to tell deals with both the peaceful and avenging sides of the Shambhala myth.

As the account unfolds, I will show why Shambhala suddenly became relevant for a number of groups and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia individuals inside and outside Asia between thes and the s. Prophecies usually stay dormant in times of peace and prosperity. Under normal circumstances, few people believe in utopias, share doomsday dreams of the total renewal of the world, or follow political messiahs.

Prophecy in a time of severe crisis or natu- ral calamity, when the established routine of life falls apart and people feel insecure, prophecies, along with messiahs, multiply and come to the forefront. World War I and the collapse of four large empires Chinese, Russian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian Red Shambhala: Magic by bloody revolutions created a fertile environment for various and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia and secular prophecies.

De- spite their diferent backgrounds and loyalties, they shared the same totalitarian temptation—the faith in ultimate solutions. Healthy skepticism and moderation, rare commodities at that time anyway, never visited the minds of the indi- viduals I proile Prophecy this book. In this sense, they were true children of their time—an age of extremes that gave Prophecy to totalitarian society.

In fact, it is more so in and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia day. Geographically I focus Red Shambhala: Magic Inner Asia, which roughly includes areas populated by people who either belonged to the Tibetan Buddhist tra- dition Tibetans, Mongols, Tuvans, Buryat, and Kalmyk or stood on its fringes such as Altaians, sometimes called the Oirot people.

First, I will introduce the Mongol-Tibetan cultural area along with its deities and situate Shambhala and related prophecies in the histori- cal context of Inner Asia. I propose that Shambhala, rather than being something unique, was Prophecy of the prophetic culture of the Mongol- Tibetan world. What made the Shambhala legend stand out were the eforts of the Panchen Lamas, spiritual Red Shambhala: Magic of Tibet who propagat- ed it beginning in the s, and later attempts of Western seekers to single out this legend Prophecy disseminate it in the West.

Next my attention shits to Leningrad St. Petersburg and Moscow of the s as the Shambhala myth looms Prophecy the background. Here, I in- troduce English-speaking readers for the irst time to a fascinating story about the unusual partnership between the esoteric scientist and writer Alexander Barchenko and his patron Gleb Bokii, the chief Bolshevik cryptographer who wanted to supplement a secular utopia Commu- nism with a spiritual one Shambhala. Driven by their desire to con- struct a new, nobler type of human being—a popular ideological fad among the early Bolsheviks—both wanted to tap into the Shambhala myth and Kalachakra tantra, an esoteric Tibetan Buddhist teaching.

I explore the world of Bolshevik revolu- tionaries and their fellow travelers Shumatsky, Borisov, and Rinchino who tried to use popular Buddhism, including the mentioned prophe- cies, to anchor Bolshevism within Inner Asia. Here I also discuss Ro- and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia von Ungern-Sternberg, a notorious baron with occultist leanings, who briely highjacked Mongolia in I propose that both his rise and then quick demise could be attributed to his attitude to Mongol nationalism.

In the mid- s, Nicholas, along with Helena and their son George, ventured to Tibet, posing as a reincarnation of the ith Dalai Lama.

With equal zeal he courted Red Russian diplomats and spies, American presidents, and Japanese politicians, promoting himself as a cultural celebrity destined to deliver an important spiritual message to and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia.

My research for Red Shambhala at irst took me to the St. Petersburg Museum of Anthropology Kunstkamerawhere in I explored ar- chival materials on Oirot and Amursana prophecies. Another source, the recently published spiritual Prophecy of Helena Roerich, gave me deeper insight into the minds Prophecy the Roeriches.

I have several important pre- decessors, mostly and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia Russia, and I drew heavily upon their valuable works. I owe much to the historian Alexandre Andreev, who was the irst to track Bolshevik advances into Tibet. First of all, I want to mention Richard Smoley from Quest Books, who liked the idea of Red Shambhala from the very be- ginning and and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia me to put it into a book form.

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Somewhere far in the north, goes Prophecy Tibetan legend, is the kingdom of Shambhala, shielded from the outside Prophecy by mountain peaks as high as the heavens and and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia as the teeth of a tiger. This land has the shape of a giant lotus with eight petals. Those fortunate enough to reach this wonderful place are awed by its beautiful and plentiful lakes, ponds, meadows, forests, and groves.

In the middle of Shambhala stands its capital, Kalapa, whose palaces are all made of pure gold, silver, turquoise, coral, pearl, emerald, moon crystal, and other precious stones.

Instead of ceilings, these palaces have special circular magnifying crystal spheres through which people can gaze at the gods, the sun, the moon, and the stars, so close that they appear within reach. Window screens are made of sandalwood, and the thrones are all of pure gold. South of Kalapa the seeker will find a special pleasure grove, and in the west one catches a glimpse of the beautiful lake where humans and gods enjoy boat rides together. The kings who rule Shambhala indulge themselves in sensual pleasures and enjoy their wealth.

Despite their pursuit of wealth and pleasure, they strive to be nice to other people and to help them to reach enlightenment and liberation, so the virtues of the royalty never decrease.

The people of Shambhala never become sick or old, and they are blessed with handsome Red Shambhala: Magic beautiful bodies. The laws of the land are mild and gentle, and beatings along with imprisonments are totally unknown.

Last but not least, Shambhala inhabitants never go hungry. All in all, residents of the kingdom are good, virtuous, and intelligent, and capable of reaching Nirvana in their lifetimes. Shambhala's priests are very faithful and humble.

They reject material possessions and go barefoot and bareheaded, dressed only in white robes. And, most important, Shambhala is the place where Buddhism exists in its purest and most authentic form. The way to Red Shambhala: Magic land of spiritual bliss and plenty lies through special Kalachakra-tantra practices and virtuous behavior.

An old And Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia parable conveys this idea well: "Where are you going across these wastes of snow," a lama hermit asked a youth who embarked on a long journey to find the Red Shambhala: Magic Shambhala land. The kingdom of Shambhala is in your own heart. The Shambhala legend is the description of the famous Buddhist paradise—the land Prophecy spiritual Prophecy and simultaneously the land of plenty that people of the Mongol-Tibetan world dreamed about since the early Middle Ages.

The concept of this paradise was absent in early Buddhism; it was introduced later Prophecy cater to the sentiments of common folk who and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia not comprehend some of the abstract principles of the Buddhist faith and needed something "real" to latch onto. Current practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism move back to the original roots of the faith, in some sense, by downplaying the material side of the utopia and putting more stress on its spiritual aspects.

The first to introduce this legend into Western spiritual culture was the famous Western seeker Helena Blavatsky, founding mother of Theosophy, who most likely learned about Shambhala by reading accounts of European travelers to Tibet and hearing about this wondrous land during her brief sojourn to the Tibetan-Indian border. Adjusting the Buddhist legend to the theory of evolution, which was becoming popular at the end of the nineteenth century, Blavatsky argued that Shambhala was the center of evolving superior wisdom—the abode of the so-called Great White Brotherhood located somewhere in the Himalayas.

The hidden masters whom she also referred to as mahatmas from this brotherhood guided humankind in its evolution away from materialism toward the highest spirituality, which would eventually Prophecy rise to the superior sixth race that would replace contemporary imperfect human beings.

Such politically incorrect generalizations, especially after what happened during World War II, might offend the sensibilities of current spiritual Red

Shambhala: Magic, yet during Blavatsky's lifetime and well into the s, this kind of evolutionary talk was quite popular among all educated folk who considered themselves advanced and progressive, including Theosophists.

Spiritual bliss and plenty were not the only sides of the Shambhala legend. There was another side, which is usually downplayed in current Tibetan Buddhism—spiritual resistance and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia people who infringed on the Buddhist faith. The story about this aspect of Shambhala, which is an inseparable part of the Red Shambhala: Magic, is Prophecy so benevolent and Prophecy, but it is no less valid. The entire Shambhala legend sprang up in northern India in the Red Shambhala: Magic Middle Ages, between the s and s.

Along with the description of Shambhala as the land of enlightenment and plenty, it mentioned that at some point barbarian demons coming from the west would inflict devastating damage on the Buddhist faith. In Sanskrit texts these alien infidels were called mlecca people. Tibetan sources referred to them as lalo. The invaders, the legend said, would bring misery and Prophecy, and the whole world would enter Kaliyuga the Age of Disputeswhen the true Buddhist faith would decline.

The northern Shambhala kingdom would remain the only stronghold of and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia true faith and would eventually redeem people from this misery. To deliver Tibetan Buddhist people from the danger, the last Shambhala king, Prophecy Chakrin the Wrathful One with the Wheel, Rigden Djapo in Tibetanwould enter a trance so that he could see the coming events. Then he would gather a mighty army and launch a merciless attack against the barbarians.

In the ensuing horrible, Armageddon-like battle, the infidels would be totally crushed, and the Age of Disputes would be over. After this successful Shambhala war, the true faith Tibetan Buddhism would triumph all over the earth. Lobsan Palden Yeshe, the third Panchen Lama, who was considered the spiritual leader of Tibet and who composed a guidebook to Shambhala, prophesized this final battle as follows:. Thee, great lama, who lives in this paradise land and who is constantly in prayer, shall adopt the title of Rigden Djapo and shall defeat the armies of lalo.

Thy army shall include people of many nations. Thee shall have 40, large wild elephants, four millions of mad elephants, many warriors, and Thee shall pierce the heart of the king of lalo. Thy twelve powerful gods and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia completely destroy all evil gods of the lalo. Thy elephants shall kill their elephants. Thy horses shall smash lalo's horses, and Thy golden chariots shall crash their chariots. Thy people shall tame the lalo's protectors, and lalo's influence shall be totally gone.

And then the time shall come when the true faith spreads all over. Red Shambhala: Magic many years of preaching the faith, on the 22nd of the middle spring moon in the year of the horse, Thee shall take the seat of Prophecy great god and shall be surrounded by mighty warriors and medicine women. The references to the Age of Disputes and to the king redeemer most likely originated from Hinduism, which had a legend that Vishnu was born in the village of Shambhala.

Like Rudra Chakrin, Vishnu was destined to defeat those who stepped on the wrong spiritual path and then to reawaken the minds of hesitant people. Scholars also believe that the apocalyptic notions of the final battle and the idea of the forces of good and evil fighting each other might have penetrated Tibetan Buddhism from Manichaeism and, especially, from Islam.

It is well known that in the early Middle Ages, the mlecca people, or people of Mecca, at first mingled with Buddhist communities in eastern Afghanistan and northern India and then mercilessly drove them out. In eastern Afghanistan under the Abbasid dynasty in the first half and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia the s, Buddhists and Hindus lived side by side with Muslims in relative peace. The Buddhists were even allowed to keep their faith, which opened the door to an exchange of religious ideas.

In fact, during this period of peaceful coexistence, to the dismay Prophecy the Buddhist clergy, many faithful switched to Islam. Simple and straightforward, the religion Prophecy the mlecca people was more alluring to some common folk than Buddhism with its complex and vague principles.

In the s this multicultural paradise came to an end. The warlike Sunni Turks, new converts to Islam, did not tolerate anyone who did not fit the "true" faith, so they wiped out the Buddhist communities and monasteries in eastern Afghanistan and then advanced farther, taking over Punjab in northern India.

When the Muslim hordes tried to seize Kashmir, the Buddhists were able to unite and defeat the intruders, between and A legend said that the mlecca armies were subdued by the force of mantras, so the Shambhala prophecy predicting the mlecca invasion and its subsequent defeat could be a legendary reference to the actual events in Kashmir. The Buddhists did not enjoy their success for long.

Another and more powerful tide of Allah's warriors dislodged the followers of Buddha from northern India and forced them to escape northward to the safety of the Himalayas and Red Shambhala: Magic to Tibet. From there, Buddhism was later reintroduced into India. It is highly likely that these runaway Buddhist communities searching for sanctuary Red Shambhala: Magic the north created the legend about the mysterious oasis of the true faith, bliss, and plenty shielded from the outside world by high, snowcapped mountain peaks.

Unable to stop the advancing Muslims, these escapees might have also found spiritual consolation in the prophecy that a legendary redeemer would reappear and inflict a horrible revenge Prophecy the enemies of Buddha's teaching. Whatever events contributed to the rise of the Shambhala myth, it is obvious that the prophecy was directed against Islam. The old texts containing the Shambhala legend repeatedly mentioned "the barbarian deity Rahmana," a reference to al-Rahman the Merciful in Arabic.

One of the texts directly pointed out that the lord of the barbarians was "Muhamman, the incarnation of al-Rahman, the teacher of the barbarian Dharma, the guru and Prophecy of the barbarian Tajiks.

Those who shaped the Shambhala prophecy were clearly preoccupied not only with the spiritual resistance against the "barbarian Dharma" but also

with military logistics of the coming battle. Besides the millions of wild and mad elephants and thousands of warriors and horses that Rudra Chakrin would gather and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia his final battle, the legend mentioned the variety of weapons to be used against the "people of Mecca.

There would also be a special flying wind machine for use against mountain forts. According to the Shambhala prophecy, this prototype of a modern-day napalm bomber would spill burning oil on the enemies. Moreover, the protectors of the faith would use a harpoon machine, an analogy of a modern-day machine gun, designed to simultaneously shoot many arrows that would easily pierce the bodies of armored elephants.

The defeat of the mlecca barbarians would launch the Age of Perfection Kritayugawhen the true faith would triumph and the Shambhala kingdom would expand over the entire world. People would stop Red Shambhala: Magic evil and manifest only virtuous behavior. At the same time, they Prophecy enjoy their riches, freely indulge in sensual pleasures, and live long lives, up to nine hundred years. Cereals in the fields and fruit trees would grow on their Red Shambhala: Magic, bringing plentiful crops and fruits.

At this new age, not only a selected few, but everyone would be able to reach spiritual enlightenment. Modern seekers, including practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism, either downplay the militaristic aspects of the Shambhala myth or do not talk about them at Red Shambhala: Magic. Instead, they focus on the spiritual inner aspects of the prophecy. Whenever they mention the Shambhala war, Red Shambhala: Magic books on Tibetan Buddhism usually explain and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia as a metaphor for Prophecy battle against internal demons that create obstacles for spiritual seekers on their path and that the victory Prophecy Rudra Chakrin over his enemies means spiritual enlightenment.

The deans of modern Tibetan Buddhism remind us that elimination of and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia enemies of Shambhala does not mean actual annihilation of the infidels but overcoming one's own ignorance and sins.

Even particular details of the Shambhala war have been reinterpreted according to modern religious ethics. One of Rudra Chakrin's major generals, usually depicted riding nearby and holding a banner, became a symbol of deep awareness. The and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia divisions of the Shambhala king's army now stand for four major feelings: love, compassion, joy, and equality.

In the modern version of Shambhala, even Muhammad, the actual prophet of Islam, evolved into a metaphor of destructive behavior. I do not mean to downgrade the current interpretation of the Shambhala legend as an inward path to spiritual enlightenment. Nor am I saying that this Shambhala does not fully match traditional and indigenous versions of the legend. If all versions of the Shambhala legend, past and present, were put into a time context, they would all appear as sound and valid.

After all, religions do not stay frozen in time and space. People constantly shape and reshape them according to their contemporary social and spiritual needs, and Tibetan Buddhism is certainly not an exception. In fact, such modern-day revisions of aspects of this faith should be commended as an attempt to bring Tibetan Buddhism closer to modern humanistic values. Hopefully, these efforts will set a good example for present-day mlecca people, some of whom are still frozen in the medieval time tunnel and do not want to part with aggressive notions.

The legend about the Shambhala kingdom and its subsequent war against Muslim intruders did not exist as a separate story. From the very beginning, the myth was an inseparable part of the Red Shambhala: Magic teaching—a set of meditative and astrological techniques tantras first written down in Sanskrit in the s and then translated into Tibetan in the s.

Kalachakra Dus'khor in Tibetantranslated from Sanskrit as "the Wheel of Time," describes esoteric techniques meditations, mantras, and visualization of deities that help the faithful achieve enlightenment in their lifetimes. These techniques sprang up in northern India around the s as a challenge to Hinduism, which expected people to undergo a chain of reincarnations before reaching enlightenment.

As always happens with alternative movements, a few centuries later this Buddhist counterculture itself and Geopolitics in the Heart of Asia into canonized practices taught by lamas, "experts" in Kalachakra who knew the "correct" path.