2011 Predictions

It is the beginning of the year in Putympkin and it is time for my first annual predictions for the new year. This is the third time I have made such a fortune telling exercise.

Please allow me to take a few minutes to first clear my mind. … I am slowly floating over the earth now. I see myself but I am out of my body. It appears I can see strange creatures.

Ha – just kidding. Actually this was my experience on New Year's Eve, but I am sure it was caused by too much vodka and some raw tregfrysk!

I now have my fortune telling hat and my crystal ball. Here are the things I see in 2011.

- The asbestos project will finally complete Phase I of a nine-phase project. I predict that my daughter will be project manager and will grow old and die before this project is completed.

- Companies in the West will start to throw gold coins in the street since they have so much money in their vaults. The vaults are now getting too full to hold any more money. I predict a slight chance that they will use some of these gold coins to hire new workers, but don't hold out too much hope. It is easier just to throw the extra money in the street.

- In the project management world, I predict organizations with few processes will become more focused on implementing project management rigor and structure. Other organizations in the same company that have more structured approaches today will try to eliminate processes and become more agile. These two efforts will cancel each other out and the results will be the same after spending many gold coins.

- More and more companies will adopt portfolio management in the first half of 2011, and then more and more companies will abandon portfolio management in the second half of the year once they see that it is hard. In related news, companies will become energized to make better fact-based decisions by implementing metrics programs – which they will then abandon when they realize it is hard.

- On the personal side, the number of people interested in Program Management Professional (PgMP) certification will increase by 5000, but only about 200 will actually become PgMP's once they realize how hard it is. On a related prediction, fifty thousand people will complain about how lame the PMP certification is, and then these same 50,000 people will take the test to be PMP certified.

There you have it! You can take these predictions to the bank … and while you are there please remember to withdraw $100 US dollars to send to me. I predict I will become filthy rich like an American in 2011 - but I need your help!