



ANCIENT OF GENES

ONGOING SERIES - SCI-FI/SPIRITUAL/DRAMA/ACTION

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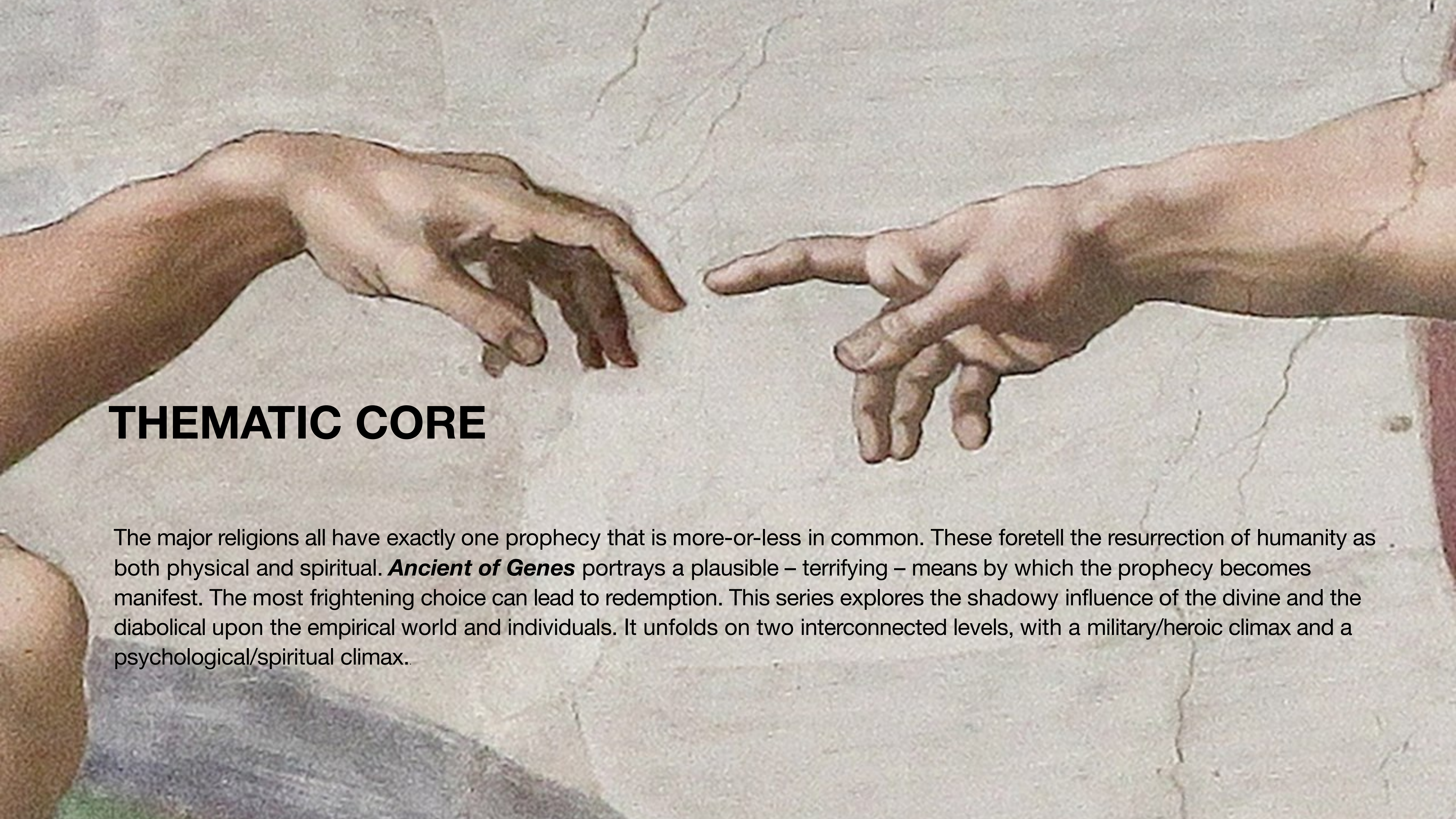
ABOUT

A geneticist's regeneration of Ice Age animals AND humans is stolen and becomes the basis for **genetic warfare weapons** – and the prophesied Resurrection of the Dead.

Cloning sheep, cattle, and chimps is only the beginning. Using Fossil Gene Redemption (FGR), geneticist Kevin G. Harrigan experiments with genes from a frozen “Ice Man”. His work prompts Iraqi leader, Ishmail Mon, to provide resources for exciting new research that enables Harrigan's team to regenerate extinct animals and human sub-species from the Ice Ages. But when it is discovered that FGR is also the basis for **genetic weapons of mass destruction**, United States intelligence and defense leaders must act.

Radically distinct from Jurassic Park, Ancient of Genes offers new species regeneration methods and implications: Will FGR trigger the Resurrection of the Dead? **Major religions portend a regeneration of humankind as both physical and spiritual; mysteriously, the only prophecy held more-or-less in common.** What physical mechanisms could manifest this new dawn? Might they instead herald the terrifying sunset of humanity?





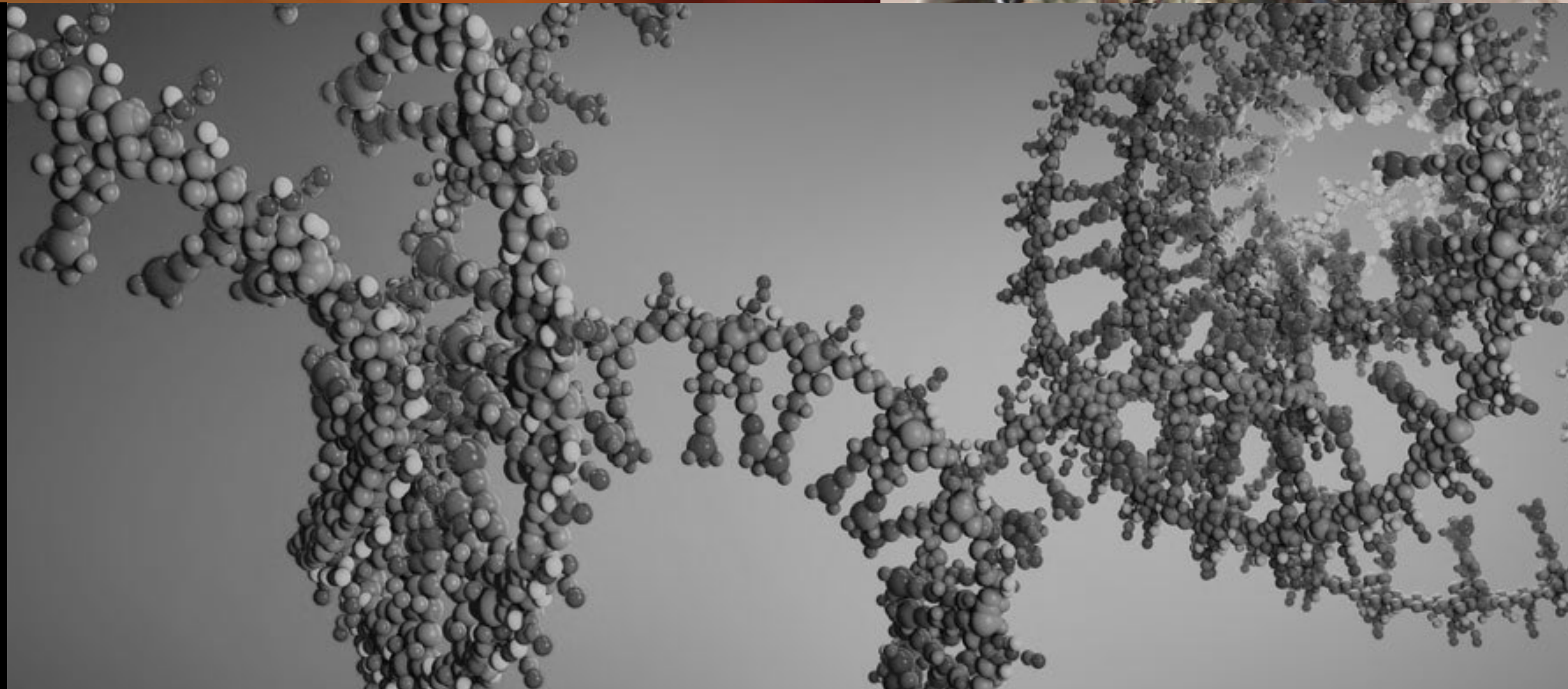
THEMATIC CORE

The major religions all have exactly one prophecy that is more-or-less in common. These foretell the resurrection of humanity as both physical and spiritual. ***Ancient of Genes*** portrays a plausible – terrifying – means by which the prophecy becomes manifest. The most frightening choice can lead to redemption. This series explores the shadowy influence of the divine and the diabolical upon the empirical world and individuals. It unfolds on two interconnected levels, with a military/heroic climax and a psychological/spiritual climax.



KEVIN HARRIGAN

Irish American. Stubborn, tough, egotistic - but brilliant. A military leader who becomes a gene researcher, and who is fiercely loyal to all in his charge. Raised in a deeply pious, Catholic family, but remains skeptical of spiritual reality. He is plagued by dreams and apparitions and evolves with humility, ultimately to sacrifice himself to defeat Ishmail Mon.



MANFRED FREUND

A German neurologist who acts as Harrigan's conscience - a brave helper, and skilled military exchange student.





ISHMAIL MON

Iraqi (born Egyptian). Polished, brilliant, ruthless, deceiving and profoundly evil. Able to gain international acclaim - only to pave the way, as "666, the Beast", itself, for the end of humanity.



BART LLOYD

African-British. Initially a buffoonish paleontologist/explorer, he is brave and loyal to Harrigan, and later becomes a leader in his own right - upon Najik's attempt to murder Harrigan's staff.





TIKVAH STRAUSS

Jewish. Truly brilliant and caring as a computer scientist - quick with thinking and bravery. Harrigan's love interest, later to become his wife.



CAPTAIN HASSAN

Iraqi. Mon's minion. Advances from Captain to Colonel. He craves the suave and power of his mentor, Mon. Takes foolish action at times, and later comes to hate Harrigan.



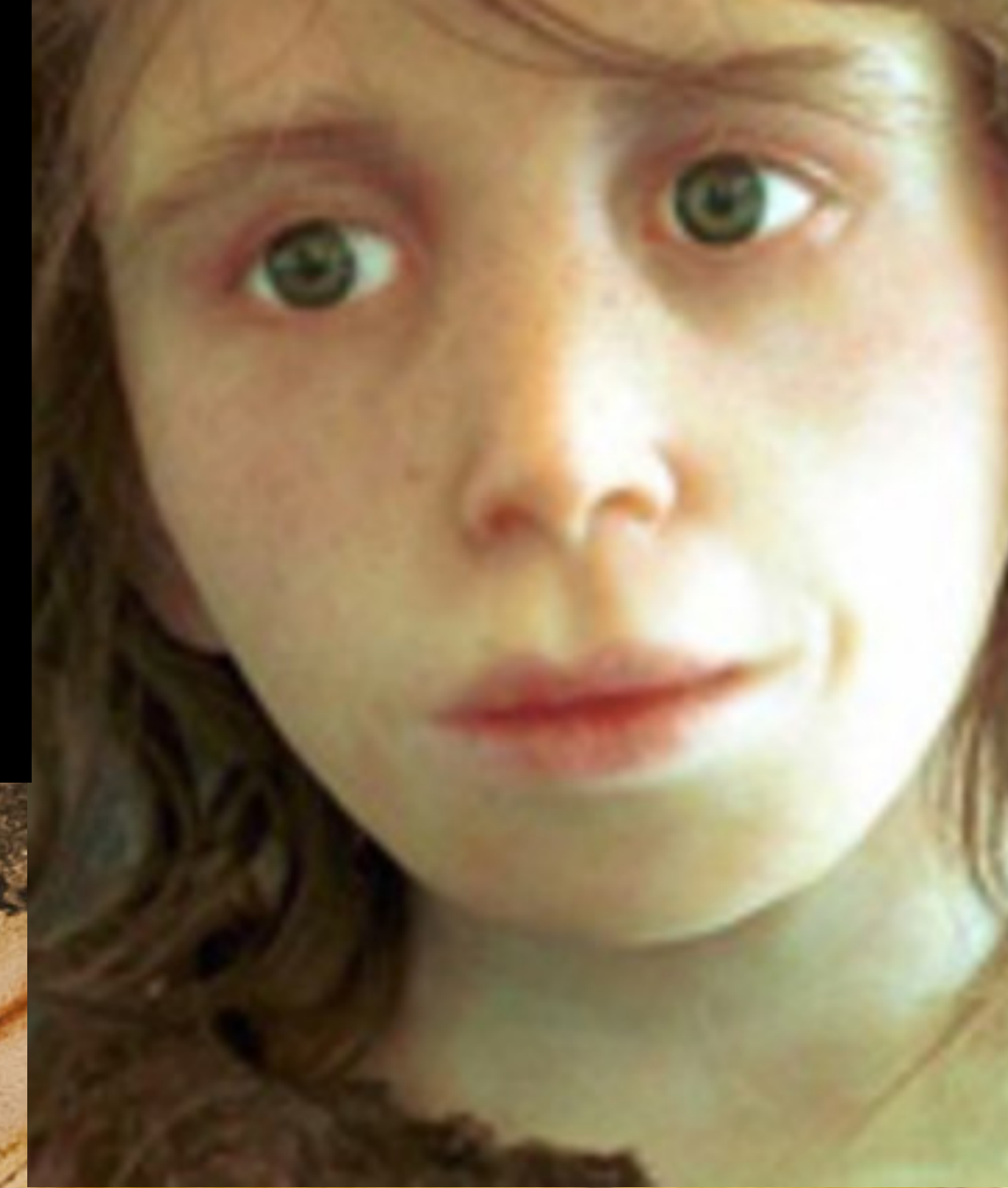
CAPTAIN NAJIK

Iraqi. Vicious, bloodthirsty, and cowardly.
He could not lead a pig to slop.



KORA

Neanderthal mystic. She may be the regeneration of prophets of old. Has the genetic memory of the extermination of the Abli clan (metaphoric of Abel) by the Khayni clan (metaphoric for Cain) - later revealed to be one of two witnesses in Revelation.



RAHAHS

Neanderthal. Kora's mate. Fights to protect Kora - leads the Neanderthals to help Harrigan, Lloyd and Staff.



A man with long, dark, unkempt hair and a beard, wearing primitive, animal-skin clothing, stands in a dense forest. He holds a spear in his right hand. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a hazy, atmospheric effect. The man is looking slightly to the left of the camera.

MO'ARA

Leader of Khayni (Cro). Tough leader who steals the loyalty of his clan from the surrogates - leads a hunt/attack on the yeti.

STORY STRUCTURE

Through ten episodes - each episode one hour in length - series spans sixteen years of Harrigan's psycho-spiritual journey, set in the Unites States, as well as Israel and Iraq.





Season One Arc

SEASON ONE ARC Protagonist Kevin Harrigan develops Fossil Gene Redemption (FGR), a means of regenerating ancient humans and animals, agonizingly discovering the potential for the expression of human personality genes that have been archived for generations in what we assumed is “junk DNA.” To study this, Harrigan recreates ancient humans to be studied in dangerous Pleistocene epoch-like captivity. Iraqi antagonist Ismail Mon dupes him, perverting FGR into a genetic weapon that *he believes* will exterminate everyone except his people and *their* progeny. But Harrigan realizes that this would, instead, trigger a genetic “cascade” such that future generations would be our ancestors. His ethical and moral agony grows.

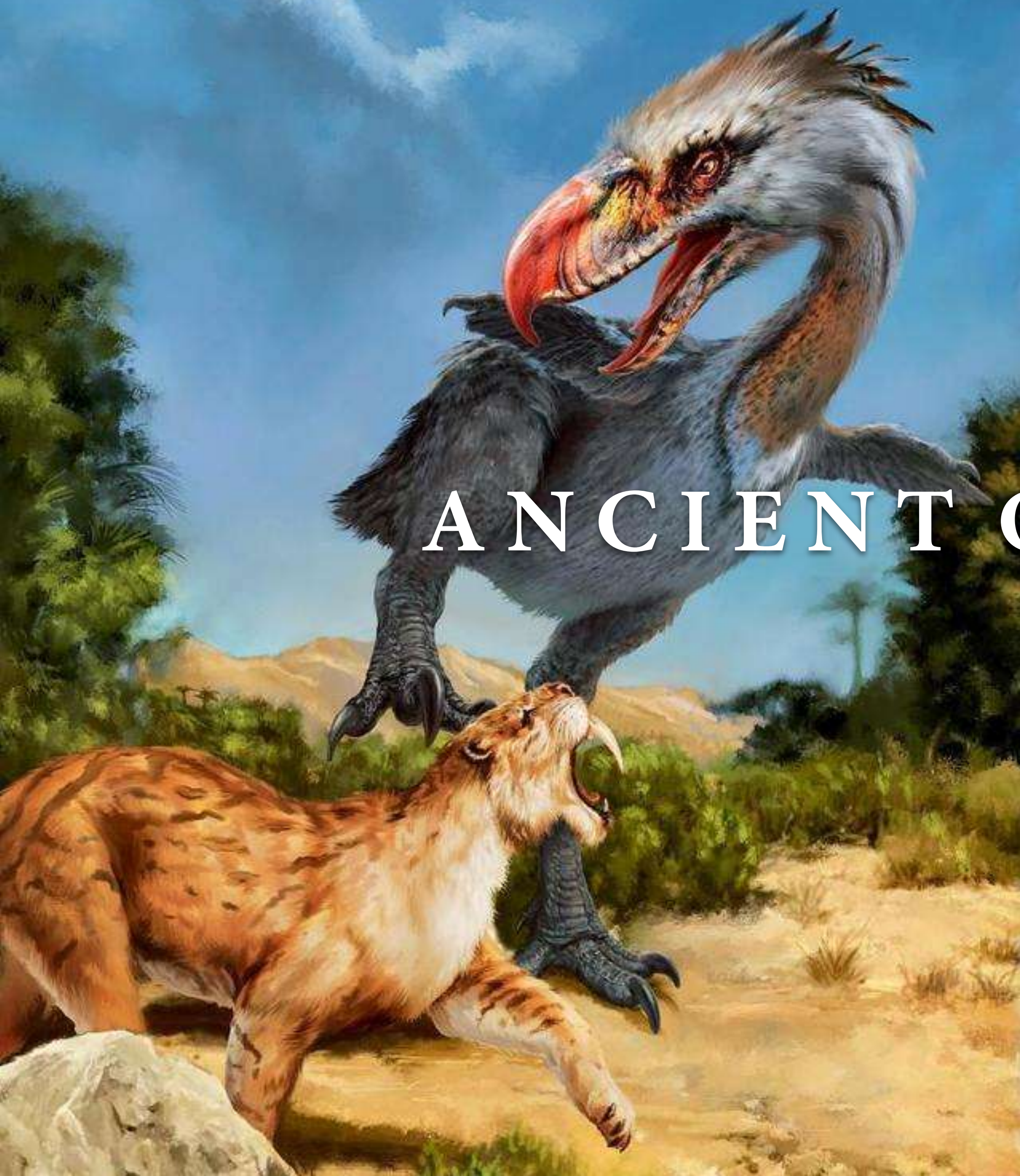
After an American commando raid (military climax) is *assumed* to have taken this technology from Mon, Harrigan knows Mon still has it. He has Mon’s office complex phone number and calls to deter Mon. The system leads him to dial the party’s name: “M” is 6, “O” is 6, and “N” is 6. Harrigan pauses, faces a frightening choice (psychological/spiritual climax). Harrigan’s judgment is to warn Mon that FGR will not operate as a controllable weapon, but he recalls Freund’s discussion of evil inadvertently implementing God’s will; in this case, the prophesied Resurrection of the Dead. Harrigan sacrifices his own will, replaces the handset, and dies, thereby allowing the cascade.

AOG Story Author Bio

Dan graduated from Virginia Military Institute (1981), third among Economics majors, simultaneously completing the Modern Languages curriculum. He served in the Infantry, then as a reservist in a Special Forces support role, next as a Training Company Commander and later in a classified Army Research Institute role. Dan completed his Master of Business Administration at William & Mary (1986). He and wife Laura married in 1988, loved raising their four children, and assisted both Boy and Girl Scouting through their church from 2000 to 2010. Dan was a nationally recognized Financial Planner from 1987 through 2017. He is the author of numerous business and pension articles since 1992, with technical and dramatic non-fiction articles appearing in Virginia Lawyers Weekly, Financial & Estate Planning, Creative Loafing and Charlotte Ventures. Now retired to writing, his *The Secrets of Successful Financial Planning* was published in 2018 by Skyhorse Publishing to rave reviews and earned the CWG Seal of Approval. His 1998 novel, *The Pleistocene Redemption*, sold many thousands and is revised as *Ancient of Genes (AOG)*.



Dan is the author of numerous short stories published by Superversive Press, NFAA Archery, Millhaven Press and Tuscan Bay Press. His projects include humor shorts and Sci-Fi anthologies (one cryptozoological). Dan, wife-for-life Laura and their four children now hail from Charlotte, NC. See excerpts, reviews and art: AuthorDan.com. Rights Inquiries: The William Pettit Agency



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