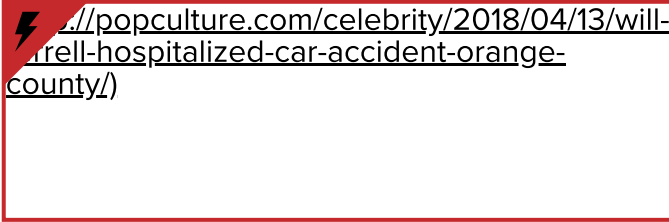


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## **This Photo Taken During a C-Section Birth Will Stop You in Your Tracks**

By LIBBY BIRK - August 24, 2017

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[When you think of childbirth \(http://popculture.com/lifestyle/2017/07/17/childbirth-photos-babies-being-born-moment-of-birth/\)](http://popculture.com/lifestyle/2017/07/17/childbirth-photos-babies-being-born-moment-of-birth/), do you immediately think of a "traditional" vaginal birth? Many mothers and birth photographers are working to change the perception that a "normal"

birth is a vaginal one.

The International Association of Professional Birth Photographers hosts a photo contest every year to showcase the emotions of childbirth — and one of the powerful photos from [last year's contest \(http://birthphotographers.com/competition/2016-birth-image-competition/\)](http://birthphotographers.com/competition/2016-birth-image-competition/) shows how a C-section birth can be just as moving as a vaginal birth.



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In the black and white photo, which was an honorable mention in the contest, an infant can be seen being pulled straight from the womb, already crying and taking its first breaths before even fully emerged.



(Photo: [Tracy Armstrong Doula and Photography / International Association of Professional Birth Photographers \(http://birthphotographers.com/competition/2016-birth-image-competition/\)](http://birthphotographers.com/competition/2016-birth-image-competition/))

While the photo contest hosted many other powerful images of C-section and vaginal births alike, the C-section photo in question certainly attained the association's main goal with the contest to show how "birth photography encompasses the tears of joy, the wonder of bringing a new life into the world and celebrates family."

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Not only are birth photographers celebrating C-section births, but so are hospitals, doctors and yes — even mommy bloggers.  
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And while C-sections have always been a common way to deliver a child, more and more hospitals are embracing a new form of C-section: the "gentle C-section," which calls for a less surgical experience. For example: the mother is propped up slightly so that she can watch the baby come out, and the baby is even placed on her chest afterwards, just like a vaginal birth, allowing for immediate skin-to-skin contact you wouldn't see in a typical C-section.

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In fact, 20 to 30 percent (<https://www.popsugar.com.au/love/What-Gentle-C-Section-43497185>) of the Cesarean births at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston use a gentle C-section.

Dr. Jham Frank Lugo, the founder of a Venezuelan fertility clinic, frequently posts videos of gentle C-sections on Instagram — and in one video that went viral last year, a baby seems to deliver itself (<http://womanista.com/2017/05/04/gentle-c-section-video/>), popping its head out of its mother's womb with almost no effort at all.

In another viral gentle C-section video, a baby boy can be seen "walking himself out of the womb" (<http://womanista.com/2017/06/20/baby-delivers-itself-during-c-section-birth-video/>) in a "natural labor."



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houseofwhite\_ Look I know it might not be my best angle (or is it?) 😊 but who wouldn't take selfies hours post birth so they can see where they sliced you open and yanked out a whole person ☐☐ (if you couldn't tell I still couldn't see past my still inflated uterus) 🤪 This is what you really look like a few hours post c-section ☐ To anyone who thinks it's the easy way out, we'll try having a 6 inch gash in your abdomen like a gutted shark ☐ who had the body parts of the surfer ☐☐ it ate retrieved! That's then sewn back together with fishing wire while it feels like your vital organs are trying to escape! I mean sure, everything is 🌈 and 🌟 till the spinal wears off! After that it's like you've been hit by a bus 🚌 which then backed over you just to make sure it didn't miss you the first time! If you don't time the Endone exactly before the previous lot wore off then you will most certainly know you are alive (while wishing you were dead) 🤪 and worst of all you'll feel as if you'll spend your entire life wearing nanna 🤪 knickers up around your waist because the thought of anything settling in the canyon between your

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gut and pubic region is the stuff nightmares are made of 😬☐☐ Anyone who's ever had c section knows that you'll forever be dependant on your friends Nancy, Dr 90210 and Spanx because you cannot for the life of you get rise of the ditch that is left by the scar ☐ But for all the skin tight Kookai dresses I bought while pregnant ☐☐ that now make me look like I have a Kangaroo pouch - I wouldn't change it! Because if it wasn't for the ability to deliver my babies ☐☐ this way they might not be here today ☐☐ plus I recon getting cut from A to B sounds way worse 😬☐

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One popular blogger and mom Olivia White spoke out (<http://popculture.com/lifestyle/2017/07/20/mom-shares-honest-c-section-photo-/>) against those who say having a C-section is the "easy way out" when it comes to giving birth. In fact, she posted a selfie (<https://www.instagram.com/p/BT8rfsilGlg/>) just hours after giving birth via C-section, featuring her scar front and center while she was lying in her hospital bed.

"This is what you really look like a few hours post c-section," White wrote in the caption. "To anyone who thinks it's the easy way out, well try having a 6 inch gash in your abdomen like a gutted shark who had the body parts of the surfer it ate retrieved! [...] After [the medication wears off] it's like you've been hit by a bus which then backed over you just to make sure it didn't miss you the first time!"

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## End of the World as We Know It? Not on April 23

By DANIEL S. LEVINE - April 12, 2018

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The apocalypse has not been cancelled, just rescheduled, according to those who believe a rogue planet called Nibiru will crash into the earth on April 23.

The planet does not exist, and scientists are sure nothing will happen on that day.

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On Thursday, *The Daily Express* (<https://www.express.co.uk/news/weird/944211/end-of-the-world-rapture-april-23-prediction>) reported that conspiracy theorists believe passage 12:1-2 in the Book of Revelation hints at April 23, 2018 as the day the world ends.

“And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 star,” the passage reads. “She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.”

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The woman mentioned is thought to be Virgo. On April 23, the sun and moon will be inside the Virgo constellation. Jupiter, which some believe represents the Messiah, will also appear to be in the constellations.

However, this alignment happens every 12 years, so it is not exactly rare in astronomical terms. What makes this time special is there is a planetary alignment, which means the apocalypse is coming. David Meade, the leader behind this theory, thinks that Nibiru will also appear in the sky and will cause destruction on earth.

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All of this is bunk though. According to [Space.com \(https://www.space.com/40288-no-rapture-april-23-nibiru-doesnt-exist.html\)](https://www.space.com/40288-no-rapture-april-23-nibiru-doesnt-exist.html), Jupiter, the sun and the moon will be nowhere near the Virgo constellation on April 23. Jupiter will be in Libra all day and night on April 23, while the moon will be visible between Leo and Cancer.

Meade also predicted that the world would end on [Sept. 23, 2017 \(https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/09/20/the-christian-numerologist-whose-biblical-doomsday-claim-has-some-nervously-eyeing-sept-23/?utm\\_term=.f3e78ad23f4e\)](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/09/20/the-christian-numerologist-whose-biblical-doomsday-claim-has-some-nervously-eyeing-sept-23/?utm_term=.f3e78ad23f4e). Clearly, that did not happen.

The "Nibiru [Apocalypse \(/category/apocalypse\)](#)" conspiracy has been around for decades. Those who believe in it think there is a "[Planet X](#)" or "[Nibiru](#)" (<http://popculture.com/2017/02/23/evidence-points-to-terrifying-apocalypse-so-time-to-party/>) beyond Neptune's orbit. The idea is that Planet X's orbit will one day bring it crashing into the earth. However, [as NASA points out \(https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/hypothetical-planet-x/in-depth/\)](https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/hypothetical-planet-x/in-depth/), if there is a ninth planet, its orbit would not take it to earth. There could be a ninth planet that could create unique orbits for objects in the Kuiper Belt, but that is beyond Neptune.

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"The possibility of a new planet is certainly an exciting one for me as a planetary scientist and for all of us," Jim Green, director of NASA's Planetary Science Division, [said in a statement \(https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/hypothetical-planet-x/in-depth/\)](https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/hypothetical-planet-x/in-depth/). "This is not, however,

the detection or discovery of a new planet. It's too early to say with certainty there's a so-called Planet X. What we're seeing is an early prediction based on modeling from limited observations. It's the start of a process that could lead to an exciting result."

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Meade has stood by his claims. When the September apocalypse came and (/)went, he changed the date of the apocalypse to October. When the world did not end then, he said it would happen in November

(<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/871805/END-TIME-Earthquake-Armageddon-on-November-19-triggered-by-Nibiru-Planet-X>). Once again, the world did not end.

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## 'Jerry Springer' Ex-Producer Jill Blackstone Arrested for Murder

By ALLISON SCHONTER - April 12, 2018

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Jill Blackstone, a former producer on *Jerry Springer*, has been arrested and charged in connection to the 2015 death of her sister.

According to [TMZ](http://www.tmz.com/2018/04/12/jerry-springer-producer-jill-blackstone-arrested-murder/) (<http://www.tmz.com/2018/04/12/jerry-springer-producer-jill-blackstone-arrested-murder/>), Blackstone, who was a former producer on *Jerry Springer* and *Sally Jessy Raphael*, was arrested at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland on Tuesday, April 10, on a warrant for murder and three counts of animal cruelty.

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Blackstone's arrest stems from the March 2015 death of her sister, Wendy Blackstone, who died from a combination of carbon monoxide poisoning and Xanax.



It was originally believed that Wendy, who was blind and partially deaf, had committed suicide, as authorities had discovered her clutching a handwritten note in one hand and a barbecue grill placed at Wendy's feet, according to the [Daily Mail](#)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3009648/Hollywood-producer-suspected-murdering-sister-drowning-1-4million-debt-owed-sibling-122-000-lose-home-filed-bankruptcy.html>).

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When paramedics arrived to the scene, they discovered Wendy and three dogs dead in the garage. Jill, too, had suffered from severe carbon monoxide poisoning after the incident and had to spend two days recovering in a hospital.

After being discharged, Blackstone was charged with first-degree murder and held on \$1 million bail, though she was later released and all charges against her were dropped.

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The suicide note, however, is now believed to have been written by her sister, Jill Blackstone, and authorities have since begun to paint a much darker picture of the events that led to Wendy's death.

Law enforcement now reportedly believes that Jill had assisted her sister, not out of vengeance, but mercy for her condition, according to another report by [TMZ](#) (<http://www.tMZ.com/2015/10/06/jerry-springer-producer-jill-blackstone-sister-death-lied/>). It is also believed that there may have been a suicide pact that Jill had backed out of, leaving the enclosed garage before she, too, succumbed to the carbon monoxide being emitted from the grill.

“The police were here for 12 to 14 hours on Saturday. We were told they were investigating a double suicide, an attempt, and one of the people died. “[Jill and Wendy] were having a hard time finding a new home because the sister that died was very ill - she couldn't see, she couldn't hear, she was housebound, she was very ill.

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So she needed to find a house that could accommodate her sister with the illness and the dogs. Evidently the pressure was intense on them, but nobody expected this to happen,” Stephanie Cohen, who lived across the street from the sisters, said at the time of the incident.

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Following her arrest, Blackstone now faces extradition to Los Angeles for prosecution.

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