

SYNOPSIS OF "THE SAVANTS"
a screenplay

Dr. Stephen Pevnick, a renowned behavioral scientist and national advisor on disaster planning, has gathered the world's most prodigious savants to study their behavior in a group setting. The savants are some of the world's best and brilliant minds but they are perceived to be mentally challenged and unable to adapt socially. Dr. Pevnick's goal is to see if the savants can work together on a common project, overcoming their personal inabilities and producing, together, something they could not produce individually.

Shortly after their arrival at his behavioral institute a catastrophic event occurs threatening the entire eastern seaboard of the United States. A nuclear device, thought to be lost from fifty years ago has detonated and caused a shift in the earth's crust at a critical area off of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. The result is an impending tidal wave that will kill millions of people and destroy the country's oldest cities and infrastructure, as well as topple the U.S. economy. The world's greatest scientists meet with the nation's political leaders but fail to devise a plan to stop the destruction of the disaster.

The savants ask if they might have the opportunity to work on the problem. Unbound by conventional thinking, they work feverishly, with only days left to find a solution to stop the impending doom. However, there are hidden factions and political machinations of which they are not aware. Internal terrorism has infiltrated the highest offices of the United States. The savants face the problem of not only stopping a cataclysmic disaster but must also find a way to avert the threat of a political coup backed by an armed militia led by one of the most powerful and vicious men in the United States.

"The Savants" could be considered a techno-thriller on the surface but the underlying storyline revolves around faith. Faith in people whom few others would lend credibility and faith in those elements of nature and spirit that we all wonder about.