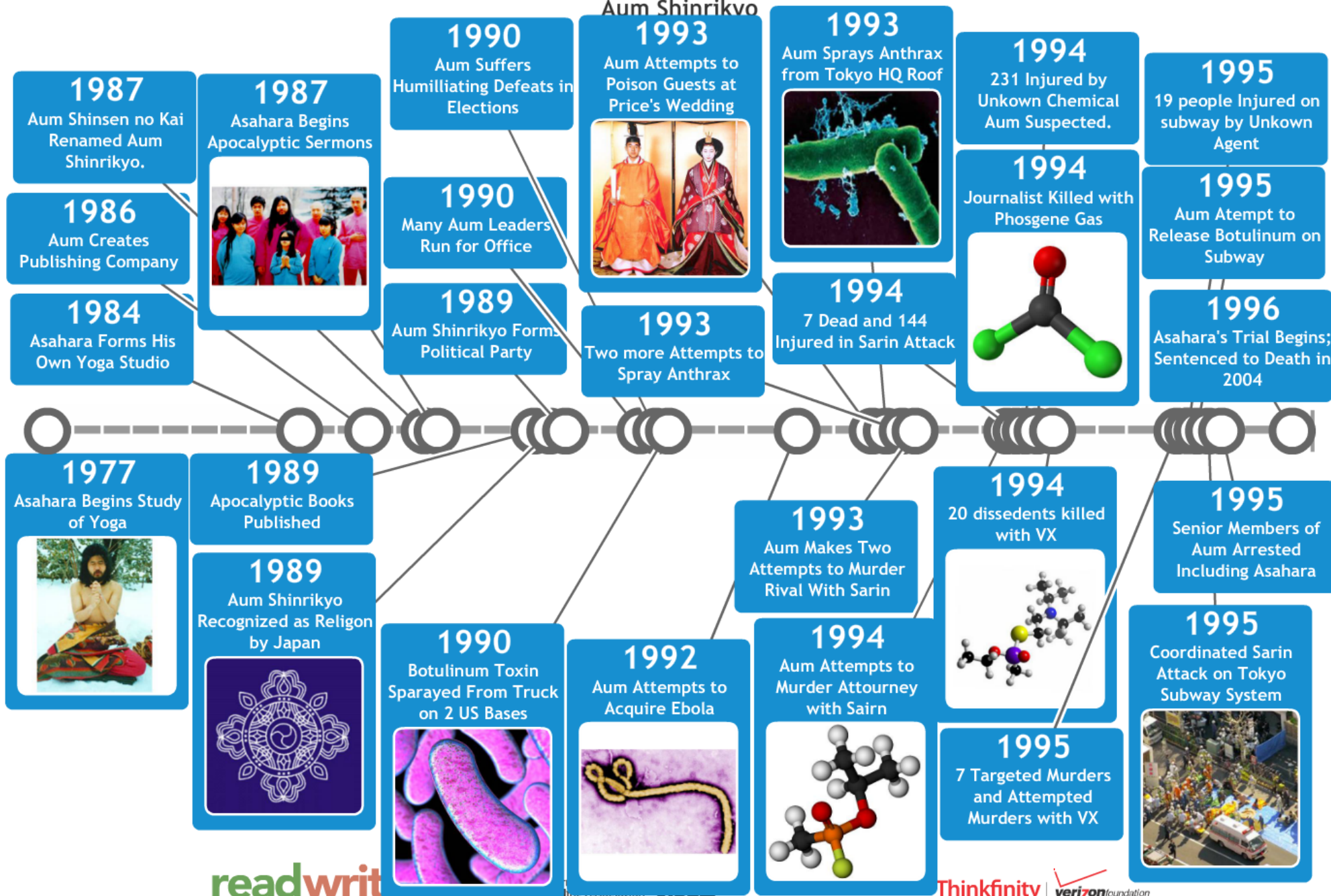


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Items:

- 1977
Unconfirmed reports by cult member claim that he traveled extensively in East Asia during this period. Whether true or not it becomes part of the legend surrounding Asahara
- 1984
Originally named Aum Shinsen no Kai with 15 followers.
- 1986
Asahara publishes his first book titled Chōnōryoku no kaihatsuhō which explains techniques in developing supernatural powers.
- 1987
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Asahara concerned with the world end due to bad karma causing an environmental and spiritual crisis. The solution was to enlighten 30,000 disciples.
- 1989
Metsubō no hi books warn of an impending apocalypse in which a universal salvation is not possible.
- 1989
Under a 1947 Japanese Law Heavily influenced by the US Occupation and persecution of some religions during WWII, minor religions are very protected and above much scrutiny from law enforcement.
- 1989
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- 1990
A key point in the radicalization of the group. From this point forward Aum takes steps to hasten coming of apocalypse and begins manufacturing weapons chemical/bio WMDs and launching attacks.
- 1990
For retaliation of defeat in elections and to hasten apocalypse Aum sprays botulinum, however the attack failed because the group did not actually produce botulinum toxin.
- 1992
Asahara led 40 followers to Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo) in attempt to gather samples of the ebola virus; they were unsuccessful.
- 1993
Attack Failed because Aum did not create the botulinum toxin.
- 1993
Aum sprayed Bacillus anthracis from the roof of their own Tokyo headquarters building. The attack failed because Aum had not acquired a usable strain of anthrax.
- 1993
Both failed due to equipment malfunctions and that Aum had created the vaccine strain of anthrax.
- 1993
Using a remote controlled helicopter Aum members tried to kill a rival religious leader. The 1st attempt was thwarted by unknown individuals and the 2nd failed due to equipment malfunction.
- 1994
An attorney who helped victims of Aum was injured by shrapnel that was applied to his windshield and ventilation system of his car.

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Aum uses a modified van with fan and heating 'pot' to vaporize sarin in Matsumoto, Japan. They targeted three judges involved with a fraud case against the group.
- 1994
231 people across seven towns in Nara Prefecture were affected by unknown agent that caused eye and skin irritation and smelled of rotten eggs.
- 1994
Aum members filled up a journalist's apartment with phosgene gas through her mail slot.
- 1994
Aum murders 20 of its own dissident members with VX, a nerve gas.
- 1995
Aum Members target dissidents or people litigating on behalf of dissidents, by squirting or injecting them with syringes filled with VX.
- 1995
19 people were injured by an unknown agent on a subway in Yokomama, Aum was suspected.
- 1995
Using modified briefcases Aum members attempted to release botulinum, however attack failed because a member sabotaged attempt by replacing botulinum with water. Also Aum had not created botulinum.
- 1995
An attack that killed 12 people and injured 1039 with an estimated 4460 victims. The most spectacular attack perpetrated by Aum Shinrikyo.
- 1995
Most senior members of Aum arrested in connection with March 20 1995 subway attack and other crimes. At this point Aum lost 80-90% of its members.
- 1996