

CATHOLIC PROPHECY

The Catholic publishing company TAN, published an extraordinary book on Catholic forecasts of the future. Written by Yves Dupont, the book is called Catholic Prophecy, the Coming Chastisement (Illinois, 1973).

Mother Shipton, astrology and Nostradamus are all in favour in this book which makes it so unusual. It is hard to imagine a true Catholic having this view.

The whole book can be refuted in one paragraph if Christ's scriptural prophecy that he would come back when it was least expected is true. The prophecies describe the reign of fake popes, the counterfeit Catholic Church, persecution and the near decimation of the true Church and the murder of holy popes. This tells us we can be sure that Jesus will not come back yet when they have not come to pass yet.

Saints who made this blunder were St John of the Cleft Rock, Pope Pius IX, St Thomas Beckett, St Hildegard, St Vincent Ferrer (alleged worker of 40,000 miracles), Blessed Johannes Amadeus de Sylva, St Francis of Paola, St Anthony of the Desert, St Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort and St Margaret Mary. And the important mystic, Augustinian nun and stigmatist, Blessed Anna-Katharina Emmerick (1744-1824) cannot be omitted.

Page 29: St Vincent Ferrer said that Christians will eventually believe that the sacrament of confirmation is unnecessary and that these will all leave the faith to follow Antichrist's false religion. The implication is that the sacrament is necessary for preserving you in the faith.

Such a doctrine is an insult to Protestant martyrs who were never confirmed validly in the eyes of Rome. The doctrine is false – even according to Rome - and so is the prediction.

Page 32: St Margaret Mary who had visions of the Sacred Heart said that the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was the final effort of Jesus to make people love him in the last days.

This at a stroke denies the authenticity of any subsequent apparition including Lourdes which is more likely to be real and genuine than hers. The Church says that the other apparitions were a help in the effort and so her visions do not exclude further ones. Wrong. This one promoted a devotion that was not furthered by our Lady of Lourdes for example. Many other devotions have been established since.

Page 52, Jeanne le Roye, a sister of the Nativity, had revelations which she burned during a fit of doubt. Her revelations were written down by her spiritual director thirty years later. This was in 1790 and she died eight years later. She did not have to burn the prophecies at all. It is a bizarre thing to do. This is a classic excuse for making a new book full of prophecies made after the event or prophecies that are good guesses that look better if they were allegedly made years before the indications of where things are going today came about.

None of the prophecies listed in the Dupont book have been inexplicably fulfilled.

Page 69, Emmerick says that one day the Church will all into total immorality and the true faith will exist only in a few places and be reduced to handful of families. Obedience is not due to heretical bishops or even heretical popes so schism would be the result.

Jesus would not tell her such a thing for it would lead only to schism and indeed has led to the formation of many dissident Catholic Churches today – eg the formation of the True Catholic Church and the Society of St Pius V. Dupont neglected to inform us that this Lady's revelations have been altered by her secretary Clemens Brentano (Twenty Questions about Medjugorje, page 18). Obviously, if she really had received visions from God, God would have been able to preserve them.

Chapter 4 is on Nostradamus and it approves of the astrology he used to develop his prophetic quatrains. Dupont says that a verse saying that America will reign under the sign of Libra and shall have power in the sky and land and shall stand against Asian enemy nations until seven popes have died. He assumes that the Hesperides in the original means America but there is no basis for this but Greek mythology and America wasn't even discovered when the Greeks wrote. And the prophecy has failed for the seven pontificates have passed and America still reigns.

He says that the prophecies are extremely hard to make sense of until the events are past (page 99). So you could make

them mean any number of things.

Nostradamus used symbolism a lot which confuses things further.

Nostradamus was alleged to have meant by, “at forty-five and others from forty-one, forty-two and thirty-seven” (page 99) the degrees of latitude where the Anglo-Americans went to when they landed at Salerno and Naples. But in Dupont’s comment he changes the order. Forty-five is put last. Nostradamus, if he was a prophet, would have put them in chronological order. Why do well when it only takes a few seconds to do better? The “and others” proves he was intending to be chronological. If he had given the latitudes he would have given the longitudes too. Dupont says he named Sicily but under a symbol. If he did that what would he give the latitude for?

The 41 and 42 cannot stand for latitude when they landed at Naples and Salerno which are between the two lines and not on them. Nostradamus would have said he did not mean the lines but between them.

If there are strange coincidences it does not take a miracle to explain them.

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