

# NOSTRADAMUS

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*Quatrains that Apply to Today*

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## *His Life and Prophecies*

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IT IS A trait in universal human nature, to want to know accurately what the future may consist of. People may not relish predictions of calamity, but they will return again and again to the knees of the seer who has proven his abilities to foretell the imminent.

Three hundred and eighty-six years ago this coming autumn, a queer-looking individual walked into the printshop of Bonhomme, the Publisher, in Lyons, France.

When Bonhomme, the Publisher, laid down his crude composing-stick and came to the front of his shop to see what the customer wanted, he saw a man 60 years old, in the garb of a cleric of the period, with locks hanging to his shoulders and a gleam in his eyes.

"I have a manuscript here," said the customer in the French of the time, "that I want to get published. It contains eight hundred quatrains, or four-line verses, each one containing a prophecy of some event to transpire in the four hundred years ahead."



La Bonhomme looked at the cascading ringlets, the ascetic face, the veiled lambent eyes. He had heard of this man.

¶ "You're Nostradamus?" he asked.

"Yes, I'm Nostradamus. And I want to put into printed form these eight hundred quatrains, dedicated to my son Caesar, in order to leave for future generations a prophetic record of what will occur in human society for the next dozen generations."

**B**ONHOMME had heard plenty about Nostradamus. He knew that the man was the grandson of the physician to the French King, who had been educated as a physician and mystic, married happily, had several sons, lost them in the Black Plague that swept southern France a generation before, gone wandering in his grief across the Mediterranean countries, and finally come back to take quarters in an attic in the vicinity, where he spent his nights in seclusion "communing with familiar spirits" as the superstitious citizens of the neighborhood whispered among themselves.

Bonhomme knew other things. He knew that when this man before him had first come back from his wanderings, he had walked down a certain Lyons street one day when a common parish priest approached him, striding between two lay companions. Nostradamus had waited till the priest got abreast of him, dropped to one knee in his path-way, made the priest halt, and kissed the edge of his cassock. The priest had demanded why the curious-looking doctor had done such a thing. "I kiss the robe of the next Pope!" the stranger had announced. The priest, not a little

terrified, had edged around the mystic and gone his way. ¶ Nevertheless, that young priest was *at this moment* Pope of the Roman Church—and this client before Bonhomme had divined it some twenty years before his induction to the papacy.

"Come in and sit down," Bonhomme invited.

He took the packet of manuscript and ran his thumb through it. The several hundred sheets that he held, when reduced to a volume, were to make his own name famous up fifteen generations.

**B**ONHOMME published Nostradamus's book of quatrains, copies of which originals are in the British Museum at this moment. Most of them were in rebus form. That is to say, Nostradamus feared for his life if he wrote too baldly of what was due to happen to the reigning monarchs of the period, and so he reduced names, dates, and places to a series of acrostics. In them he foretold what was to happen to the kings of France, three hundred years in future, even giving their names, describing their temperaments and weaknesses, spelling out the names of men who would betray them and work the ruin of the royal line. He foretold the independence of the United States from England, the opening of the World War, the rise of Hitler, the fate of Britain in World War Number Two.

Bonhomme took the manuscript upstairs with him that memorable night in 1555 and read carefully the introduction which the celebrated mystic had written, dedicated to



his son Caesar, at that moment only a few weeks old, progeny of the seer's second wife.

In that introduction, Nostradamus had told bluntly and candidly how he arrived at his unearthly predictions.

"A supernal Being from the higher octaves of Time and Space materializes in my attic under proper conditions," was the substance of what Bonhomme read. "He tells me what the future is to contain but leaves it to me to determine the precise time from my reckonings in Astrology."

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**M**ETAPHYSICIANS and all adept researchers in the profounder phases of Psychics will understand without difficulty what the seer-mystic, Nostradamus, was attempting to convey when he indicated that after going through certain formulas and incantations, he perfected contact with an extremely high order of Mentor—whom he mentions as "the god"—and that this Personage presented himself in quasi-materialized aspect in the seer's vicinity and aided him in exercising the prophetic traits with which the man was born.

Arriving accurately at the time element for each prophecy, or estimating the year, month or day when described events were expected to happen, seems to have been achieved by means of hundreds of numerological charts and astronomical diagrams with which his attic premises were discovered to be surfeited, following his death.

In other words, it might generally be said that Nostradamus received his descriptions of events more clairaudiently than clairvoyantly, and then was compelled to calculate the time periods for himself.

That this is more or less true, is seemingly borne out by the fact, long since determined, that whereas the seer found ways to depict the nature of events with necromantic accuracy, he continually erred in fixing the precise date on which a predicted event would occur.

What we are particularly interested in, however, as scholars in the Eternal Verities, is what Nostradamus himself has to say about the possession or exercise of his gifts, and what revelations he left for us concerning his methods of prophetic production.

**A**T THE end of Century VI of his book, appear four lines in Latin, distinguished by the curious title: "An Incantation in Arrest of Inept Critics." A translation of these lines gives us a cue to the spirituality and psychical sincerity of the writer—

"Let those who read these verses, meditate them seriously!  
Let the profane and ignorant vulgar not handle them!  
Let astrologers, fools and savages stand off! Who acts  
contrary to this, let him be cursed according to the rites  
of magic."

Then we come to the following necromantic formula—

"Gathered at night in study deep I sate,  
Alone, upon the tripod stool of brass,  
Exiguous flame came out of solitude,  
Promise of magic that may be Believed."



Interpreted, this seems to be the sense of the quatrain—  
“Being seated at night and wrapped in secret study, entirely alone, I placed myself upon the brazen rod of prophecy. A still, small flame came forth of solitude, helping me to realize successfully what it will not prove vain to have believed.”

WHAT we get here is curious, showing as it does that the borderland of the unseen world was actually contiguous with that of Nostradamus. They even overlapped, in his estimation, so as to form an intermediate neutral territory like the marches in the North, where the inhabitants of each district could meet and communicate. In Century I, Quatrain I, Nostradamus writes—

“The rod in hand set in the midst of the Branches,  
He moistens with water both the fringe and the foot;  
Fear, and a Voice, make me quake in my sleeves,  
Splendor divine! The God is seated near.”

It is easy to be positive that all this is illusive, superstitious, even demoniacal. But even so, we do have to concede that in some fashion or other it brought results whose validity no one has been able to challenge to the present. Another effect it undeniably produces. It unites man more closely to the universe and less to the material world. It makes death less strange and less cold, and furnishes to the soul, and the things of the soul, more nutriment than it exacts from modern life and the cult of the materialistic.

The general meaning seems to be that Nostradamus sat with some sort of wand, branch or divining rod of laurel, probably forked like the witch hazel rod of the waterfinders—one fork being held in each hand. This, in some way, had the power to invoke his Genius or higher mentor. To cause the appearance of the latter, Nostradamus, for ceremonial reasons known only to himself, moistened in the water in the brazier, the fringe of his robe and his feet. The rod, held as suggested, becoming electrified, and a voice being heard, caused fear, and a shuddering up to the elbows.

Then shone forth the fatidical splendor of a divine light, and a deity was present, ectoplasmic in his vicinity. M. le Pelletier, one of the biographers of Nostradamus, tells us that a pagan rite of the god Branchus was once practiced, corresponding to this aforesaid fatidical ceremony of the Lyons prophet. Calling it a pagan rite of course means little, except that it was a rite not known or practiced in the later Christian religion. It is coming to be commonly known that scores of cults of the ancients were based on the profoundest findings of modern psychical research.

If, however, there had been such a pagan rite to Branchus, certain it is that Nostradamus speaks here far too covertly for us to assume from his writing that he was discharging any special rite to an archaic deity. To suppose further that a pagan deity could ever be the guardian genius of a son of the Church of Rome, makes such a Renaissance-jumble of the early religions that nothing is gained in trying to dissect it.



Nostradamus seems to have been following out certain occult forms employed for establishing vaticinatory connection with the other world, or setting up the counter analogy between Mind and Spirit, according to that beautiful esoteric verse in Ecclesiasticus: "All things are double, one against the other; He hath made nothing imperfect."

Were such things never to interlink, men might well say—as they do now in the "wisdom" of Science—that Spirit and Intellect are not doubles, and that no knowledge can be reached save by physical experiment.

In this case there will be a particular link missing if Science be right. The sage will earnestly desire that such assumption will prove to be erroneous. He will readily formulate with St. Paul that the invisible things from creation may be known from the visible, likewise that the visible things can never be understood but by the invisible. The visible is not visible to the visible but to the invisible alone.

The eye is the machine of sight, but not sight itself.  
Who has seen the eye of the eye?

**T**HE INTERPRETATION of M. le Pelletier to the quatrain is as follows:

That Nostradamus, wand in hand, touched the branches of the tripod, like the priests of Branchus, and invoked his Genius-Mentor, which appeared to him in the vapour floating above a basin of water. This he had consecrated beforehand, according to prescribed esoteric rites, and in which he dipped the fringe of his garment and his feet. Thereat an involuntary shivering agitated his hand, when

about to write at the dictation of spirit. The fatidical light shone, and the "angel" was seated at his side.

The wand was conceivably a forked laurel branch that dipped forcibly, like the witch hazel rod, when Nostradamus held it over the water, that strained as the hazel rod does, almost to breaking, and at this invitation it is to be supposed that the mentor appeared.

The incantation being completed and successful, the operator or "seer" must be supposed to have set aside the laurel and assumed the pen, quaking with a solemn sense of the spiritual presence. That Nostradamus could invoke a mentor of such transcendent profundity and accuracy in foretelling coming event, was the man's good fortune and real claim to fame.

There is reported a further kind of vaticination by a basin, by means of which rustics frequently predict. Just as there is a mode of predicting by means of the air or leaves of trees, so there is said to be a kind of predictive power in the basin, known and practiced as far back as the Assyrians, which has a great similarity to this incantation or coupling of deva with matter.

Those about to prophesy take a basin full of water, which secures higher-octave attention and presents a medium through which phenomena may be transmitted.

The basin then, full of water, seems to breathe or move; the water appears agitated with circular ripples, as from sounds emitted below.

When the water begins to lend itself as the vehicle of sound, the motivating higher entity presently succeeds in producing a thin reedy note, but devoid of meaning. Close



upon that, whilst the water is undulating, certain weak and peeping sounds whisper forth predictions about the future. ¶ In the Latin translation of Psellus by Marsilius Finicus, is this comment: "A spirit of this kind is vagrant everywhere, for it is endowed with the solar pass—so that our terrestrial atmosphere lies everywhere open to it—and that order of spirits, in the work appointed to it, speaks at all times in a subdued voice, that by its indistinct obscurity it may be less easy to seize the falsehoods that it utters."

A HISTORIAN of the fourth century, and a man of veracity, Marcellinus has given us curious details of how prophetic tripods were considered by the Romans of his day. It comes out quite naturally in the judicial proofs investigating a conspiracy against the life of Valens the Emperor—what today we would designate as a State Trial. ¶ The conspirators were put to the torture and as an item in the indictment the figure of a little table becomes prominent, concerning which the accused were interrogated by the judges.

At least one of them, Hillarius, broken with pain, revealed the secret in these words—  
"Honored judges, we constructed this unfortunate little table that you see here after the fashion of the tripod—or more strictly the cauldron—at Delphi, with dark incantations, out of branches of laurel, and with imprecations of secret song, and numerous ceremonies repeated over daily. We consecrated it with magic rites, till at last we put it in motion. When it reached this capacity

of movement, as often as we wished to interrogate it by secret inquiry, we proceeded thus:

"It was placed in the middle of a room purified throughout by Arabian perfumes. A round dish was simply laid upon it, formed of a composite material of many metals. On the flange of its outer rim were skillfully engraved the scriptile forms of the alphabet, separated into as many accurately measured spaces.

"Over this basin a man stood, clothed in linen garments and shod with linen socks, his head bound around with a turban-like tuft of hair, and bearing a rod of vervain, the prospering plant. After we had favorably conciliated the deity, who is the giver of all presage, with duly formulated charms and ceremonial knowledge, he communicated a gentle movement to the ring suspended over the basin. This was hung on an exceedingly fine Carpathian thread, which too had been initiated with mystical observances. This ring, moved by little leaps and bounds—so as to alight upon the distinct intervals with the separate letters inscribed, each in the compartment unto itself—gave out answers in heroic verse suitable to the inquiries made, comprehended perfectly in number and measure. Such are called Pythic, or those delivered by the oracles of the Brachidae."

Interesting enough, but what we really are having described for us here is but a forerunner of the much derided modern ouija board. Only instead of a planchette, moved around by the hands of sitters, the ancient Romans suspended a ring on a thread which the communica-



ting entity moved from letter to letter around the rim of a bowl. However, to return to Nostradamus—

**T**HE MAN implies in a score of places that he was first of all born with a tendency toward natural Second Sight—just as thousands of Scottish and Irish persons are, at the present time. What this Second Sight may be, is extraneous to our theme of the moment.

This natural trait toward clairvoyance was fostered and developed by the metaphysical instruction received, while a youth, from his grandfather, Pierre. In his early manhood, he lost his first family by plague, which threw him into a lifelong mood of introspective melancholia. This mood was conducive to the profoundest psychical research, and somewhere along in his esoteric explorations he made contact with a fourth-dimensional entity that provenly had an infallible knowledge of all vicissitudes slated for human society up several hundred years of the future. In considering all of it, we are confronted by this—

It would be easy to rationalize and say that Nostradamus was simply lucky, in that he was able to secure the cooperation of a higher-octave mentor who in turn was endowed with a miraculous knowledge of the chart spread ahead for society's evolution.

For the Doctrine to be consistent, the two must have been compatriots, but with one functioning in mortality and the other out of it, that the combined effect of their efforts might render some service to the human race, of profit.

Nostradamus, in other words, must have been but one-half the equation, of which the predictive mentor was the other half; but the Nostradamus half, being physically rendered like ourselves, is prone to get earthly credit for the accomplishments of both.



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**A**S HAS been pointed out, Nostradamus was a highly educated man, well versed in modern languages, including Greek, Latin and Hebrew. At 26, after four years of study, he received his doctor's degree, following which he filled a professor's chair at Montpellier. It is worthy of note that he did not begin his important work of prognosticating the future until he was in his fifty-third year, so it must be observed that he had spent thirty years in getting an education, practicing his profession, and in studying all phases of the work which was later to make him famous and to earn him a noteworthy place in history.

Although many view him as a visionary, he was coldly practical in the terse brevity of the language in which he presented his prophecies. Words to him were vehicles for conveying ideas and in their use he was more practical than he was artistic. While his prophecies were written in the form of quatrains in the French, he did not strive for poetical effect. Not only did he use words to explain his meaning, but often as well to veil it.



Like so many men of genius, he had no illusions about the intelligence of the masses, and he well understood that the general public would understand neither his prophecies nor his motives in giving them to the world. Because he knew the hazards involved in embarking upon his career, he gave the matter long and sober consideration and conducted himself so expertly and discreetly that he was able to carry through to a conclusion of his career without suffering from the madness of the ignorant who are likely to crucify those advanced human beings they fail to understand.

Nostradamus knew, therefore, that men of sanity, sense and knowledge were to constitute his audience. He did not believe that the children of the cosmos were sufficiently developed to soar in stratospheric regions of prophecy.

An amusing anecdote is related by Garencieres, one of the interpreters of Nostradamus. In his capacity as physician he was called to attend Lord Florinville's mother at the Castle of Faim in Lorraine. Lord Florinville took Nostradamus for a stroll through the grounds. In one of the yards were two small pigs, one white and the other black. His lordship asked Nostradamus jestingly what would happen to those pigs. "We shall eat the black one, and the wolf shall eat the white," he said.

Lord Florinville gave secret orders to the cook to prepare the white one for supper. It was already spitted for roasting when the cook was called out of the kitchen. While he was absent, a young, tame wolf entered the kitchen, ate part of it, and so generally messed it up that it was unfit for roasting.

Thereupon the cook killed the black pig, and at the proper time it was served. His lordship, unaware of what had happened, said, "Well, sir, we are now eating the white pig; how shall the wolf get it?"

Nostradamus replied, "I do not believe it; it is the black one that is upon the table."

Whereupon the cook was summoned and he confessed what had occurred, much to the surprise of everyone at the table.

**N**EARLY every reader of his prophecies will raise the question as to why he used language so expertly to veil his meanings. That is explainable when it is understood that if his prophecies were easily understood by everyone, such knowledge might interfere with the "business of State." That is, the supernal entities from their vantage points in the unseen world are directing earthly affairs and they have an intricate program mapped out in all its multitudinous details. The "business of State" requires that certain sequences must follow through to their conclusions in definite and logical order. The more observant and intelligent beings now on earth can perceive that each sequence proceeds in its effects from a series of causes. By the same token, each historical period sets in motion other causes which in turn produce certain effects. Nostradamus accurately foretold the time and place of the French Revolution, and in his prophecy he foretold that the French tri-colored flag would have the colors reversed to symbolize the spirit of destructive revolution. Americans may think that the French Revolution happened



so long ago that it is no concern of ours, but when we see that symbol of the communistic 1789 revolution flaunted before our eyes by the WPA everywhere we go in our own land, it's obvious that we should come alive to realities, for it reminds us that the descendants of the plotters and planners in Europe during the eighteenth century are today working "to make America over" in the same way that they destroyed the then existing government in France.

**B**EAR IN mind that Nostradamus's book in entirety was published in 1555. Almost the first quatrain it contained was to lift the author into fame within four years, for accuracy of his predictions. This was the translation of the verse—

The young lion shall overcome the old  
On the field of war in single combat;  
He will pierce his eyes in a cage of gold;  
This is the first of two loppings, then he dies  
a cruel death!

The quatrain applied to Henry II, several years before it happened, and Nostradamus even announced it as a prediction to the monarch himself. The king seems to have had every confidence in Nostradamus for he let the seer draw the royal horoscope as well as that of his two children in 1556.

Henry II proclaimed a tournament, it seems, in the Rue St. Antoine, now site of the Bastille, but then open country, for July 1, 1559, in honor of the marriage of his

daughter Elizabeth of France with Philip II of Spain. He listed himself as one against all comers. The joust being nearly over and the sun setting, the Duc de Savoie begged him to quit the running, as their side was already victorious. But the king wanted to break another lance over it and commanded the young Comte de Montgomeri, Captain of his Scottish Guard, to run a tilt in conclusion. He excused himself but the king insisted and grew angry. Of course the young man then obeyed, put spurs to his horse, and struck the king upon the throat, below the vizor. His lance shivered, and the butt raising the vizor, a splinter wounded the king above the right eye, slashing open several veins. The king swooned. He lived on for ten days in terrible agony as foretold in the prophecy. Nostradamus had styled both of them lions, as they had fought under that device. The king wore a gilt helmet, so that the "cage" was literally fulfilled.

A second quatrain dealing with the same period proved to be equally reliable—

To him who in strife and armor in the warlike field  
Shall have carried away the prize from one greater than  
himself,  
By night in bed six men will stab him;  
Unprotected he will be surprised, naked and unarmed.

Some say that the dying king gave Montgomeri free pardon; others report that he fled to England to save himself; but at any rate, he did go to England where he embraced Protestantism. When he returned to France, he placed himself at the head of the revolted Huguenots in



Normandy and was besieged in Domfront by a large force under Marshal de Matignon, to which he was obliged to surrender.

The terms of this surrender guaranteed him his life, but by express command of Catherine he was arrested in his own castle of Domfront on the night of May 27, 1574 by six gentlemen of the royal army and carried to the Chateau of Caen, thence to the Conciergerie at Paris, and there immured, where the great tower still goes by his name.

Nostradamus had thus accurately predicted an event not to take place for 19 years. Combined with the prophecy about the accident to Henry II, it definitely established Nostradamus's infallibility as a seer.

**WE** COULD go on for a score of pages narrating similar accuracies of his predictions, having to do with those medieval times, but not of great moment to our distempers of today. Nostradamus foretold the extinction of the House of Valois, the Civil War of 1575-1576, the murder of Henry III in 1589, the death of the Guise in 1588, the burial at St. Denis of the last of the Valois in 1610, and even the Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24, 1572. The quatrain on the St. Bartholomew slaughter was—

The savage king, when he shall have tried

His bloodstained hand with fire, sword, and bows,

All the people shall be terrified

To see the great hung by the neck and feet.

One of the savage amusements of Charles IX in hunting was to cut off at a single blow the heads of any asses or pigs he came across on the way. During the massacre of St. Bartholomew, he placed himself at a window in the Louvre palace and took several shots with a long arquebus at the Huguenots who fled from the other side of the Seine in the Faubourg St. Germaine. The body of Coligny was dragged by the populace at the end of a rope through all the mud of the kennels and then hung up by one foot to the gibbet at Montfaucon.

More quatrains of Nostradamus's predicted the Civil War under Henry III, the Regency of Catherine de Medici, the Renunciation of Poland by Henry III and finally, the death of the monarch.

On through the whole of the seventeenth century, the quatrains continued to portray events. Most of them had to do with France. But suddenly we come to this—

You will see the British nation change seven times,

Stained with blood, in two hundred and ninety years;

But not so France, thanks to the strength of its Germanic kings.

The sign of the ram will not know the northern district.

Here Nostradamus was prognosticating for another nation, a century and a half still in future. And did England change her government seven times in the period that Nostradamus indicated? Here are those changes—

Elizabeth (Tudor) came to throne, Nov. 17, 1558.

James I (Stuart) followed Elizabeth, March 24, 1603.

Cromwell became Protector January 30, 1649.  
Restoration of Charles II (Stuart) on May 29, 1660.  
William and Mary (Orange) succeeded Nov. 5, 1668.  
George I began the Hanoverian succession May 21,  
1714.  
The Reform Bill of June 17, 1832, altered the British  
Empire to a constitutional monarchy.

The batting average for accuracy here was exactly one  
hundred percent.



IT WAS concerning the French Revolution of the eighteenth century, however, that Nostradamus really "went to town" in showing what feats of well-nigh necromancy an adept clairvoyant could perform. Seventy-three years was the time-period calculated that France would be in turmoil before the full effects of the Reign of Terror should have been erased. Of the revolution itself, the following quatrains scarcely need comment—

When the litter is turned topsy-turvy by the typhoon  
Men will mask their faces with the cloak of hypocrisy;  
The republic will be troubled by new-risen men;  
The white and red shall judge by contraries.

This means that the royalists, the Whites, and the republicans, the Reds, would judge of everything from utterly

opposite points of view. What was on top would become bottom, when the blast would eventually blow the whole litter over.

Songs, chants, and refrains of the slavish mob,  
Whilst the princes and king are captives in prison,  
Shall be received in the future as oracles divine  
By headless idiots deprived of judgment.

Songs—such as the *Marseillaise* while the king and princes were imprisoned in the Temple—songs of the mob, would be received by brainless fools for divine utterances; even today we find modern revolutionaries harking back to the excesses of the Reign of Terror as precedents for their own leveling of everything that makes for law and order. But probably the most amazing thing Nostradamus ever recorded was Quatrain 34, apropos of the revolutionary period, when he not only predicted the fate of the king, Louis XVI, but actually gave the names of men who were to perform his capture—

The husband alone afflicted will be mitred on his return.  
A conflict will take place at the Tuileries by five  
hundred men;  
One traitor will be titled Narbon, and the other Sauce;  
Grandfather oilman will hand him over to the soldiery.

As everybody familiar with the fate of Louis XVI knows, he tried to make his escape from the Terror in a coach, but was turned back at the French border. The man who recognized him was an inkeeper and oil merchant by the name of Sauce, and Narbonne, minister of war, gave the



orders to have the captured monarch brought back. When Louis had been returned to Paris, his head was decorated with the tri-colored cockade or "mitre" and after a general roughing-up at the hands of the mob, he was cast into prison. Five hundred men did attack the Tuileries, just as Nostradamus had predicted some 237 years before. When Nostradamus wrote his predictions, the castle itself had not even been thought of.

Nostradamus, in other words, knew by some higher-occultive phenomenon, that 200 years later two men would be born into life whose names were to be Narbonne and Sauce, and that their life roles would include the betrayal of their monarch. It stupefies one with wonder, conjecturing in turn if it is definitely known somewhere and somehow at this moment what persons will be in life 200 days from today, what their individual names will be, and what their lives will comprise . . .

Only a gifted seer could possibly foretell proper names of those who were later to figure in history. A partial list of those he anticipated were Lord of Monluc; Captain Charry; Lord de la Mole, Admiral of the Galleys to Henry II; Entragues, who was beheaded by Louis XIII; Clarepegne; Sinan, who was the Pasha who brought destruction to Hungary; Clement, the murderer of Henry III; the Attorney David and Captain Ampus; Rousseau, the Mayor of Puy; Louis, Prince of Conde; Sixtus V; Gabrielle d'Estree; Lord Mutonis; Anthony de Sourdis, Lord Chancellor of France; Queen Louise; Antony of Portugal; Narbonne, Minister of War; Sauce; Lethuille; Cromwell; Montmorency; and Henry le Grand.

Adept in the use of anagrams, he often referred to Paris as Rapis. He called Louis XVI, Esleu Cap, for Capet; he identified Elba as Aethalia, which was the ancient name given that island.

The accuracy with which Nostradamus forecast names and dates eliminates the element of chance.

**M**ANY PEOPLE think that the ideology manifesting today as Communism is something new. It is a new name for the political theories and ancient practices of the Antichrist. Nostradamus foresaw how the atheists would come to power in France during the French Revolution, just as later in the twentieth century the same kind of political vermin took over the government of Russia, and came close to succeeding in country after country on the European continent—until Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany and began rolling back the red tide of communism.

Writing of what would happen in France, the prophet said:

Alas! how great a people shall tormented be,

And holy law in utter ruin laid:

By newer laws all Christendom is vexed,

With a new mine of gold and silver found.

The New Dealers of the French Revolution destroyed the Catholic religion, promoted new laws and decrees, and corrupted the currency. The integrity of paper money rests upon the honesty of the political leaders, a trait of

character for which the leaders of the French Revolution were not distinguished.

The prophecy about the gold and silver Garenieres thinks was fulfilled by the discovery of the Spanish-American mines.

Another quatrain pertains to the religious situation during the French Revolution and is rendered as follows:

Hear from the ground the voice of Halidom,

A human flame pretending light divine.

The blood of sisters stains the earth to red,

And holy temples the impure destroy.

It was at this time in French history that the Rights of Man were offered as a substitute for faith and religion, somewhat in the same spirit as the mythical Four Freedoms and a fraudulent democracy are being presented today. Rousseau's gospel was compounded of sentimentality and dirt, and the superficial Voltaire substituted wit for wisdom. True leaders were laughed to scorn.

"Halidom" is equivalent to the English "holy" and "dome" and as Nostradamus's biographer Ward suggests, it may have been written *Halidame* in reference to the Virgin Mary. "The blood of sisters" came from wholesale slaughter of women during the Revolution, which was repeated by Communists in the recent civil war in Spain. In America today we are approaching the climax of identical pre-revolutionary conditions, so that *it could happen here!*

The altars of the churches were desecrated with nude women, and those lewd leaders of the French placed them

there to impersonate the Goddess of Reason. Everyone knows that the same kind of unprincipled leaders of communism made mock of religion and all things spiritual in Russia and in Spain after the turn of the twentieth century, and there is ample reason to believe their kind will do the same in America if given the opportunity to complete their program of anarchy and civil strife, which would produce, for a time, chaos and bloody revolution. While the prophecies of Nostradamus do not refer to America, it is easy, by applying those pertaining to the French Revolution, to this country, to see that the same basic set of spurious ideals animates our leaders of the present moment that motivated the false prophets of that New Deal in France—over a century and a half ago.

Of the coming of Napoleon who took charge, ending the Terror, Nostradamus wrote in these words—

An emperor shall be born near Italy,

Bought by the Empire at a bankrupt rate;  
You'd say the herd he gathers to himself

Denote him butcher rather than a prince.





HOWEVER, it is Britain more than it is France in which we Americans of the moment are interested. Nostradamus, being a Frenchman, did not overlike the English. He did admit, all the same, that Britain was to "rule the wave" for three hundred years—and he predicted it at a time when British sea power was nil, even had not been conceived. Here is the quatrain—

England the Pempotam will rule the great empire  
For more than three hundred years.  
Great armies will pass by sea and land;  
The Portuguese will not be satisfied.

"Pempotam" is an expressive word compounded of the Greek and Latin, and is translated as "all-powerful," showing how Nostradamus foresaw the might of the "great empire" would dominate the world through control of the seas. History attests the truth of this trenchant prophecy. The line: "The Portuguese will not be satisfied" lacked a clear meaning until the coming of the days in which we are now living. Today Portugal is isolated at a time when British naval power is waning and apparently to be driven from the Mediterranean. That means quite clearly that the Portuguese will be subject to the forces operating on the European continent and it seems entirely probable that Portugal will become a part of

the new order in Europe. Consider the following current news dispatch—

#### PORTUGAL MAKES PROTEST TO FDR

NEW YORK, June 10—Trustworthy advices tonight said Portugal had delivered a formal protest to the United States against President Roosevelt's reference to the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, in his broadcast speech of May 27. The protest was lodged immediately after the speech, it was asserted, but thus far no reply has been given. Meanwhile, dispatches from Lisbon reported a concerted Portuguese press campaign demanding a clarification of the President's remarks.

WHEN superiority of British sea power was definitely established in July, 1588, through the decisive defeat of the Spanish Armada, the beginning of the time-span was marked. Three hundred years later would bring the date to 1888, but Nostradamus obviously was speaking in round numbers else he would have been as exact in this item as in a hundred others. Only in the year 1941, or three hundred and fifty-three years after the defeat of the Spaniards, is British dominion of the seas being seriously disputed.

In early June of this year, a United Press dispatch from Berlin said that Britain lost forty-seven warships of all classes during the month of May and other fleet units were damaged enough to be put out of action. The British naval losses in May would not be so impressive were not some other figures examined. According



to naval authorities, Great Britain had 370 warships of all classes in February, 1941. In late May, Rep. Hamilton Fish stated on the floor of the House that members of the House Naval Affairs Committee had revealed to him that the British had filed requests for the repair of 132 warships in American shipyards.

Presumably all, or nearly all, of the 132 ships mentioned were damaged prior to May. Adding 75 warships sunk or put out of action in May, to the 132 awaiting repairs, shows that over half—or 207—of British naval vessels are either sunk or out of commission.

Nostradamus knew, of course, that the British Empire could maintain dominance of the seas only during the Piscean Age, or Water Era. He knew also that the era of the air—or the Aquarian Age—would succeed the Piscean and that in due time the British dominance of the oceans must come to an end.

**B**UT Nostradamus goes further with his modern predicting than merely saying that British sea power is to come to an end. The troubles of 1939-1941 overseas are quite clearly indicated by his quatrains.

Already the great seer had noted the American War of Independence. Commenting on the creation of the future United States, Nostradamus had set down this—

The West shall be free of the British Isles;  
The discovered shall pass low, then high.  
A Scottish pirate shall upon the sea rebel,  
On a rainy and hot night.

Looking back on American and English history now, we know that it was the young Scot, John Paul Jones—considered nothing better than a pirate by his English relatives—who broke the British control over American colonial sea power, capturing the British ships *Serapis* and *Drake*. Moreover, the great sea fight took place on “a rainy and hot night.”

With the American Civil War, the seer is not particularly concerned. Neither does he make many references to the First World War that are recognizable. As a cosmic development, apparently the entire sequence that opened in 1914, and which—at least to the France for which Nostradamus was writing—does not end until 1947, is looked upon as a single unit of upset. So it may prove in posterity’s perspective.

That Nostradamus glimpsed the abortive attempt to set up a League of Nations after the World War, is evidenced by the quatrain that reads—

The speeches from Lake Leman (Geneva) shall annoy,  
Days shall be reduced by weeks, then months, then  
years,  
Then all decay,  
The Magistrates shall condemn their vain laws.

Geneva in Nostradamus’s time was colloquially known as Lake Leman. That “all decayed” in respect to the efficacy of the League of Nations has now become proven by recent events. Even the statesmen who once propounded decrees for the League to execute are at present “condemning their vain laws,” most of them from some sort of



exile, admitting that the entire gesture was a sentimental mistake. Certainly the League did nothing to try to remedy the brutalities of the Treaty of Versailles, out of which grew World War Number Two.

In the year 1936, recorded Nostradamus, the period of final turmoil would begin with a series of great strikes in all industrial countries, but particularly in France. The franc would devalue. Simultaneously, in near-by Spain, civil war would break out—

Between Bayonne and St. Jean de Luz,

Mars, God of War, will make his appearance.

By sea, the Red will take and buccaneer;

In this way will peace be menaced.

Refer to your maps and you will observe that Nostradamus had pegged with necromantic accuracy where Franco's rebellion commenced.

Everywhere the peoples of the earth were going to square off and the classifications are unmistakable that Nostradamus saw them as Christian Gentiles against Jewish Communists.

"By sea, the Red will take, and buccaneer" can only refer to the Mediterranean submarining that went on so mysteriously during the closing days of the Spanish Civil War, now known to have been conducted by Communist Russia in the Luciferian gamble to draw reprisals of outside nations upon Franco and thus aid Bolshevia to overcome him.

The development of the present conflict is interesting:

That Nostradamus foresaw the installation of the Nazi

regime in Germany is set forth unmistakably in the quatrain which reads—

In Germany will spring up a new sect of philosophers,

Despising death, gold, honors, and riches;

They will not be confined to the mountains of Germany.

They will have the support of press and public.

The method by which Nostradamus tells of the appearance and rise of Hitler, together with his eviction of the predatory Jews from the German fatherland, is somewhat naive. He writes—

Of Trojan blood shall a Germanic heart be born,

Who shall attain to very high power:

He shall drive out a foreign Arabic people,

Returning the Church to her primitive preeminence.

The term "Trojan blood" undoubtedly refers to the warlike tendencies of this conqueror, or his proclivity to lead great hosts successfully through conflict, though the interests of his heart are with the Germans. That he should attain to very high power, we already know by observation. But that he shall drive out "a foreign Arabic people" is naught but a unique way of describing his treatment of the Semites, perhaps saving the seer from reprisals at the hands of powerful Jews of his day. That Hitler shall "return the Church to her primitive preeminence" however, is a piece of truth-telling in 1555 that by no means checks with kosher defamations of 1941. That Hitler has fostered instead of destroyed religion, is the attestation of most unbiased persons who visited Ger-

many prior to the outbreak of the war. One of his first acts upon succeeding to power was to put all classes and sects of clergymen—priests, ministers, and even rabbis—on State salary, so that they would no more be required to remain dependent on the slender purses of their congregations. But his stipulation was, that they forthwith cease meddling in practical politics. Their realm was the realm of the spirit, he declared, let the priests and parsons stay in it, and leave the running of the State to the Nazis. This sort of thing was unthinkable to certain classes of clergymen forever playing around for temporal power, principally at Jewish instigation, but it did resemble the "primitive preeminence" of the church in such spiritual functions.

That Great Britain is going down before this "new sect of philosophers" is apparent from this verse—

On the rocks shall one see blood rain,

When the Sun is in the East and Saturn in the West:  
Near Bouches-du-Rhone shall one see war, at Rome  
great evil,

Ships cast away, and Neptune (England) taken.

Now we come to truly devastating and significant information. *Over and over again, in at least twenty or more quatrains, Nostradamus definitely predicts the fall and destruction of England!*

Let American Lend-Leasers make of that what they will! Over and over again the Nostradamus quatrains identify England by the term "Neptune" on account of her sea empire and sea supremacy.

"When the Sun is in the east and Saturn in the west" is obviously an astrological key to the date of Britain's collapse. "On the rocks" where it is predicted that the world shall see blood rain, may be the chalk cliffs of Dover, where day and night bombardment has been kept up for months and where the slaughter must be heaviest when the actual invasion of England begins, whether by parachutists or barge-borne troops.

Everything mentioned has already come to pass in this second World War except the fulfillment of that prophecy that England will be taken.

OF the Germanic conquest of Europe, once it got under way, Nostradamus wrote several quatrains now easy to identify. He begins with one foretelling the internal state of Britain—at least that is the implication—just prior to England's involvement—

A kingdom in dispute, divided between the brothers,

Shall take the arms and the name of Britain:  
The title English shall be considered late,

Overcome he shall be led by night to the air of France.

What have we here but a direct reference to the renouncing of his throne by King Edward in order to marry the commoner of his heart? Into his place came his brother King George. Verily does it seem that "the kingdom in dispute"—as it certainly was during the Wally romance—became divided between the brothers. On the other hand, it may be entirely possible that if the British Isles are taken by the Nazis, that Hitler might consider the



restoration of Edward, or in the event that King George gave up and the seat of the British Empire were moved overseas, Edward might make the attempt to reorganize them on a basis not precisely hostile to the Nazis. This quatrain, we might say, is not yet wholly fulfilled. In the next quatrain, Nostradamus clearly has reference to the seizure of Denmark or Holland, in that he says—

By fraud a kingdom and forces shall be despoiled,

The fleet besieged, passages made by the spy.

Two pretended friends shall come to be allied together,

A hatred for a long time asleep shall be awakened.

"The two pretended friends" are patently Britain and France, for they certainly came to be allied together only to arouse a hatred that had been asleep ever since the close of the first World War, when Britain gave only a fraction of the help she had promised to stem the tide of the German Panzers. Today, in mid-1941, half of France is openly allied with Germany and turning its guns upon the British.

This would seem to be emphasized in the next quatrain predicting the fall of Paris—

In the city into which the wolf shall enter,

Quite near there shall the enemies be:

A foreign force shall lay waste a great country,

To the walls and Alps the friends shall pass.

Again and again in medieval literature, one runs across references to Paris as the City of the Wolf. "Quite near there shall the enemies be," indicates that Nostradamus

saw that the fighting would not go into the city itself. But the last line holds more than passing interest: "To the walls and Alps the friends shall pass." Could this be reference to the Maginot and Siegfried Lines calling them "walls" in the prophecy? We assume the "friends" must identify Hitler and Mussolini, and certainly today they are at the border of the Alps, with Switzerland keeping her neutrality with difficulty.

The next quatrain apparently foretells the defection of the Belgians and the capitulation of King Leopold—

Because of conflict a King shall abandon his kingdom,

The greatest chief shall fail in time of need,

Dead, slain, few shall escape,

All cut off, one shall be a witness of it.

In the next quatrain we have a repetition of the prophecy about "the two pretended friends" made clearer by referring to the Lion of England and the Cock of France—

The land of Italy shall quake near the mountains,

The Lion and the Cock shall be not

Well confederated, they shall help each other because of fear,

Only Liberty and the Celts shall be curbed.

The nightly raids on London now begin to appear in the predictions, together with reference to the evacuation of British children from metropolitan areas, something that has never happened in the history of any previous war.

Within the Isles the children shall be transported,  
Two out of seven shall be in despair:  
Those of the land shall be supported by it,  
The name "pelle" having been taken by the leagues,  
hope flees.

The "long running spark" in the heavens can have only the one meaning: that of the attacking bomber coming from the East to spread death and destruction among sleeping inhabitants:

After a great human exhaustion, a greater  
Is made ready, the great motor renews the ages;  
A plague of blood, milk, famine, iron and plague,  
In the heavens shall be seen fire, a long running spark.

WE MAY safely consider that the next three quatrains refer definitely to the ultimate fall and vanquishment of Britain. The first one is clear enough for any child to understand, with the exception, perhaps, of the terminating line—

The great Neptune (England?) from the depth of the sea,  
Of Punic blood and Gallic blood mixed,  
The Isles put to blood because of the slow rowing.  
He shall annoy them more than the ill-concealed occult.

That the British Isles will be "put to blood" is indicative of invasion, and the "slow rowing" could concern the difficulty of the Germans getting across the Channel in barges. The reference to "annoy" and "the ill-concealed occult" leaves one wondering if Hitler's alleged clairvoy-

ant powers, accounting for his uncanny ability to pick the time and place for his engagements, is here mentioned. The line reads, however, that he shall annoy them *more than* the ill-concealed occult. That Luciferians are of no small moment in the pursuit of this war, is something well recognized by psychical adepts. If Hitler is more of a thorn in the allied side than the Luciferians, the line would make the most excellent sense.

Of course, in the next quatrain, it is easy to assume that the persons mentioned might be Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin—

The well-to-do shall suddenly be cast down,  
The world put in trouble by the three brothers.  
Enemies shall seize a maritime city,

Famine, fire, blood, pestilence, and the doubt of all evils.

Take note that the foregoing predicts the seizure of a "maritime city" and we can only infer that this must be London. No other city has such maritime identity in all of Europe.

In the next quatrain we have recognizable reference made to the bombings of London. "Death hidden . . . inside the globes" is simple enough description. But evidently Nostradamus sees a fleet participating in the city's destruction—assuming we are correct in naming it London—and it calls up the wonder that if before the summer is over, the British fleet is going to be so crippled that it proves inadequate to defend London against the guns of the Italians or the French?



There shall be left live fire, death hidden,  
Horrible, frightful, inside the globes.  
By night a city reduced to power by a fleet,  
The city on fire, the enemy favorable.

Of the end of the war, Nostradamus provides in this wise:

Many shall come, and shall speak of peace,  
Between monarchs and very powerful lords:  
But it shall not be granted them so soon,  
Unless they show themselves more obedient.

The armies shall fight in the air a long time,  
The tree shall have fallen in the midst of the city,  
Vermin, mange, sword, firebrand in face,  
After the monarch of Adria (Italy) shall have  
succumbed.

For a long time a grey bird shall be seen in the heavens,  
Near Dole and the Tuscan land: holding in its beak  
A green branch, soon a great one shall die  
And the war shall end.

The conventional explanation to this last stanza would be that the offer of peace that is finally acted upon, comes from the direction of Italy, or something having to do with Italy. "Near Dole and the Tuscan land" would indicate that Italy is concerned in the first peace move, although who "the great one" is who shall die, is nowhere indicated.

Incidentally, nowhere can we find the slightest indication of the Nazis attempting any western-world invasion, as

our hectic warmongers of the present seem so certain is to happen.

Nostradamus does have a lot to say, however, about what happens in Europe after the war. Some of it seems a bit preposterous, but the seer has a batting average of at least 95 percent for accuracy over four hundred years, so at least we can acquaint ourselves with his predictions with respect and stand by to observe if those of the immediate future proceed to happen . . .



**O**F MUSSOLINI, Rome, and the Catholic Church, Nostradamus does not write with the camouflaged commendation that attends upon his predictions about the Nazis. Why this should be so, it is difficult to understand, since he could have had nothing to fear in the way of reprisals from Hitler's Gestapo back there in 1955 and everything to fear from the dignitaries of Catholicism. However, this is what the seer predicts—

Roman power will be brought completely low,

Italy will imitate the French (revolution?)  
Secret hatreds and civil discords will somewhat delay  
the stupidity of fools;

O great Rome, thy ruin approaches, not of thy walls but  
of thy blood and substance!"

Then the prophet seems to add these lines as after-word, though disturbing the quatrain composition—

The printed word will work terrible havoc,  
The pointed steel driven home to the hilt!

Maybe this after-word—indeed this whole quatrain—is concerned, not so much with our times as with the days of the Reformation.

Anyhow, all over Europe in the course and wake of this conflict, revolutions break out, throwing off the shackles of the Jews and Jewish money-power. Perhaps some of the Hitler conquests over countries outside of Germany proper, have already fulfilled these prophecies.

The city of Lyons, in France, for which Nostradamus was particularly writing, will be razed and pillaged. The war will be in its second to third year when two fearful earthquakes will cause untold destruction of human life among Orientals. One of these has already happened in Angora, Turkey, though its severity was somewhat mantled by the greater sensations of continental war. Nostradamus is of the opinion that the second will come in the Far East, and that it may easily leave the Gobi desert an inland sea.

**B**ECAUSE she goes to war to preserve the Jewish financial influence—which, it seems, is cursed of God Almighty—a bloody revolution will sweep the British Isles. The seer sets the date for this as late in the summer of 1941. But before this gigantic purge of Jews occurs, the English fleet will fight a major engagement in the Medi-

terranean, in which the Italians will be losers, but even the British fleet will never be the same again.

The Third Republic in France will collapse, says Nostradamus, somewhere around 1944, with a massacre (of Jews?) more terrible than that of St. Bartholomew in the time of Catherine de Medici.

After Paris has been captured by "fraud," three armies will attack her. The man who organizes the "fraud" will be guillotined, together with his followers. Then purged of her predatory element, France will enter upon a limited period of peace and prosperity.

But harken to this—

*A new sovereign is to arise in Europe who apparently at this date has not been heard from!*

**A** NEW King of France, to be known as Henri V, will sit upon the throne of a purified France. As a result, apparently, of Second World War peace treaties, he will likewise come to rule over Spain. This king will be the greatest of the Capet line and a direct descendant of Henri IV, although born illegitimately.

The seat of the new monarch's government following the war will be Avignon, according to Nostradamus, because Paris will, on the whole, be either a ruin or lost to the French.

Finally, in 1945, apparently with the passing of either Mussolini or Victor Emmanuel, this French king will extend his sovereignty to Italy. Whether this sort of arrangement is part of Hitler's program, effecting the so-called "New Order" in Europe, we can only conjecture.



Hence this Henri V will fulfil the prophecy of "reigning over three nations."

For some reason written in the stars, the present Pope will be succeeded by still another before 1945—a Frenchman—who shall take the name of Gregory XVII. The new King Henri shall ally himself with this pontiff and a period of peace and prosperity spread across Europe such as it has not known for hundreds of years. Indeed, so great will be the benign sagacity of Henri that the German Nazis, successful in their war against all Judaistic governments, will be guilty of no hesitancy in aligning themselves with him, and a coalition result that will underwrite Europe's peace for a score of generations.

**H**ENRY V and Gregory XVII are the only historical figures for this period whom Nostradamus specifically names. After 1947, Nostradamus skips a whole batch of years and picks up the thread of his prophecy in 1999. He states quite definitely that in that year—

A terrible monarch will sweep down from the sky.

He will speak a strange tongue, not derived from  
Greek or Latin,

He will wield weapons of great devastation;

Reindeer will be with him.

Interpreters believe that these "reindeer" are symbolic of certain northern tribes of Siberia or Mongolia, who may undergo a great racial rejuvenation until they approximate the strength and virility of the invading Mongols of the eleventh century under Genghis Khan.

The suggestion is that these tribes will constitute a deadly menace to an effete Europe, not altogether recovered from the racial and economic prostrations of the Second World War. Nostradamus's beloved France is to suffer particularly from these invaders, and during the period between March and October of 1999 will be practically destroyed.

A great flame will leap and spread everywhere,

They will be unable to extinguish the great flame.

The great city will be entirely waste,

Not one of its inhabitants will be left.

France herself will return to the utter wasteland by the year 3420, that Caesar found it under the name of Gaul. More than thirty-five quatrains deal with this final decline and utter perishment of the prophet's native country. Up to the summer of 1941, the predictions of Nostradamus have been 95 percent correct. Are they suddenly to go "haywire" and their accuracies end in the sequences now imminent?

**F**OR UPWARDS of forty years Nostradamus applied himself to the receiving and compiling of his prophecies. Then on the evening of July 1, 1566, his health beginning to fail at last, the mystic bade his faithful servant goodnight with the announcement: "At sunrise I shall no longer be here!"

He had foreseen his own end, for sure enough, the following day they found his haggard and lifeless body on the floor between his work-table and his bed.

The following epitaph was cut upon his tombstone—

*"Here repose the bones of the most illustrious Michel Nostradamus, alone, in the judgment of all mortals, worthy of recording with pen almost divine, in accord with stellar influences, the coming events of the entire world.*

After his burial, when relatives and friends came to clean up his famous attic quarters, they found the floor littered ankle-deep with thousands of discarded sheets of paper on which the seer had worked out his numerological and astrological time charts. Most of these are still in existence in France, where they have been guarded as part of the State archives. Hundreds upon hundreds of them have been reproduced.



WHAT are we to make out of the whole of it? Certainly only the bigoted or the ignorant scoff at Clairvoyance as being necromancy or lucky guessing. The people of every age and culture that the world has known have had their Seers and Prophets, their Soothsayers and Augurers. True, in decadent aspects, thousands of these have been mere frauds and sorcerers. But that there has been "something to" the acceptance of persons with gifts of reading the future, is attested by our documented evidence that monarchs and scholars up five thousand years of history have accredited them and shown them every confidence and respect.

Sometimes the people of whole races have the tendency to clairvoyance as an attribute of temperament. The Scotch are particularly noted in this respect, the popular term for such ability being Second Sight.

In the old Sumerian and Egyptian dynasties, the Court Seer was one of the most revered and adulated of men. All the old Biblical kings and patriarchs had similar retainers, on whose predictions they consummately relied. Surely, the profoundest men of every age—the kings and philosophers whose worldly achievements proved them to have been anything but fools—would not have placed reliance on these foretellers of the future, unless their prophecies turned out to be more accurate than the utterances that proved fallacious.

Now men and women of practical minds, admitting for the sake of argument that bona fide clairvoyance is a fact, ask themselves what physical process can be involved, or attested to, in a person thus gifted in the present being able to discern accurately what is to happen to a man, a group, or a nation, next month, next year, or next century. As has been briefly recorded in the case of Nostradamus's making his predictions regarding Louis XVI, we have to consider a man sitting in a French garret in or about the year 1550, writing down what he "saw" as happening to a specific king of France on a date, and in a situation not occurring till 241 years later. Not only did he give the correct forecast of events, but he recorded the name of the minister who would betray the king and the name of the seemingly inconsequential merchant at the edge of the province, who would recognize him in a



coach—disguised—and restrain and return him into the hands of the revolutionaries.

There is small chance for fraud or fabrication in these incidents. We have Nostradamus's quatrains, made into a book by Bonhomme, the Lyons printer, and authentically dated in the middle of the sixteenth century. We read the quatrain composed about 1550 regarding King Louis's fate, and the actual names of the men who were to betray him, and we are now far enough forward in time ourselves to see that what this occult scholar predicted in 1550 came true in 1791 on the nail. Moreover, this was merely one of several hundred prophecies that likewise have come true in the interim on the nail.

Coincidence, lucky guessing, imagination, cease to be sensible explanation!

Are all events that ever are to be, *already transpired*, and is the seer thus observing happenings that daily Consciousness "has not yet caught up with"? Or must we believe that no program of social conduct, no personal act, takes place in mortality that is not prearranged and cast to a definite time-and-circumstance matrix from which the least of us cannot escape?

In other words, is the whole drama of earth-life—from the planet's original integration in primordial ether till its ultimate arrival at disintegration—foreordained and predestined to its smallest particular, like a photoplay fixed on celluloid, and is the present moment in eternity also a "fixed" situation that cannot alter in the slightest particular, no matter how many times the reels are run through the divine projector? Or is the matrix of event prescribed

in advance, like a theatrical production that is written by a playwright, and spirit-souls given the choice of volunteering to fill certain roles or turn them down as the play is produced?

The problem, of course, will never have mortal-life solution. That is, as to how the accurate "seeing" and predicting is done. But it does leave us with queer feelings—considering the strain of imminent war that we are being called to suffer today—to contemplate that our western nation may be preparing itself to aid a Britain that according to the cosmic cards, is "all washed up" and due to pass from the international scene before this current conflict has run its bloody course.

At any rate, there seems to be no other conclusion to draw from Nostradamus's many quatrains. If the seer can be relied upon at all, we do not find him vouching for the success of Mr. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms, either. The United States does not seem to enter seriously or deeply into the real reconstruction of Europe that lies ahead. It might be well for New Deal Congressmen to probe Nostradamus—or at least his prophecies—pronto, and not allow so "un-American" a prophet and set of prophecies to augur against Mr. Roosevelt's world crusade!

ON THIS note we shall have to leave the Life and Quatrains of Nostradamus for the present. Another year may show how very right or utterly erroneous insofar as present applications are concerned, have been the predictions that concern our current fortunes.

There is one more quatrain that merits mention before

this sketch of Nostradamus and his work is closed. That is the following stanza which some moderns conjecture might have had application to the recent escapade of Rudolf Hess—

A captain of Great Germany shall come  
Through pretended aid to the King of Kings;  
Help of Hungary, so that his revolt  
Shall cause great shedding of blood.

It is only the first two lines of this quatrain, of course, that furnish cues that this verse may apply to Hess. "A captain of Great Germany" would identify Hess in one regard, and all Englishmen dearly love to refer to their monarch as the King of Kings, in that he is the nominal head of the greatest single empire on the globe's surface. But Hess didn't fly to Scotland to solicit aid for Hungary and it isn't his revolt—personally—that now causes great shedding of blood. The American newspapers of late have given this quatrain wide publicity, but apparently it means little more than a dramatic news paragraph, alongside other quatrains of the seer's whose efficacy has been shown in the prophetic way beyond all doubt. ❀ ❀



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