

Marie-Paule Speaks to Us

“A TIME, AND TIMES, AND HALF A TIME”

“THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES”

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus, *“and to test him they asked him if he would show them a sign from heaven. He replied, ‘In the evening you say, “It will be fine; there is a red sky”, and in the morning, “Stormy weather today; the sky is red and overcast.” You know how to read the face of the sky, but you cannot read the signs of the times. It is an evil and unfaithful generation that asks for a sign! The only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah!’ And leaving them standing there, he went away.”* (Mt 16:1-4)

Are we open to the signs of the times? And the precursors whom God gives to our generation, how are they welcomed? The purpose of the signs which heaven gives is to arouse reflection, conversion and contrition.

A great sign was announced by Saint John in the Apocalypse: *“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a Woman... Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red Dragon which had seven heads and ten horns...”* (Apoc 12:1,3)

Are we not eyewitnesses to and participants in the titanic combat that is being waged between Mary and the Dragon?

It was with a full knowledge of the Mystery that the Apostle John wrote the Apocalypse, that time foretold for our time, the END OF THE TIMES, which is not the END OF THE WORLD.

Thanks to Raoul Auclair, a Marian and eschatological author, we have found ourselves taken by the “sense of history”, and in a very special manner, by the Apocalypse, through reading his works which open us to an understanding of the precise signs given by Saint John. Raoul Auclair writes:

“But, then, what we must do is open the Book, breaking, one by one, the seals which seal it. And this will be to see, hear and understand.

“– And so, see, hear and understand what?

“– Why, that which rends our ears, leaps into our eyes and numbs our understanding!

“For it is today as it was in former times.

“As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes.... People were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark... and the flood came and swept all away.’ (Mt 24:37-39)

“It will be the same as it was in Lot’s day: people were eating and drinking, selling, planting and building, but the day Lot left Sodom, God rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

“It will be the same when the day comes for the Son of Man to be REVEALED.’ (Lk 17:28-30)

“And it is that day which is the subject of the Book of REVELATION (APOCALYPSIS).” (Raoul Auclair, *L’Apocalypse*, Quebec,

Éditions Stella, 1984, vol. 1, p. 17)

THE DAY OF YAHWEH

That Day is the Day of Yahweh. The Bible speaks of it as being a “day of wrath and day of joy”. “Day of wrath” – we are in it. “And we see a great confusion, universal disaggregation, profound darkness and perils of all sorts, proving the extremely eschatological character of our time.” (the cover of the book *Le Jour de Yahvé* by Raoul Auclair)

More than that, in the evening “of the times”, the shadow of the great apostasy has fallen over the earth and, in the face of the generality of disorders which stain the spheres of society and even the Church, the words of Pope Paul VI come to mind: *“We have the impression that, through some fissure, the smoke of Satan has entered the Temple of God.”* (June 29, 1972, during the ninth anniversary celebration of his coronation)

“DAY OF WRATH”

Now, this “time of wrath” in which we are living was also foretold by the prophet Daniel who lived six hundred years before Jesus Christ. Daniel, who was having visions, lived with King Nebuchadnezzar, to whom he explained these latter’s dreams, one of which was that of *“the statue with a head of fine gold and feet of iron and earthenware.”*

Daniel declared, *“But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries and who has shown... what is to take place at the end of the days.”* (Dn 2:28) After a vision of horror, Daniel recounts the following: *“After that, I, Daniel, lost consciousness; I was ill for several days. Then I got up to discharge my duties in the king’s service, keeping the vision a secret and not understanding what it meant.”* (Dn 8:27)

In a single lifetime, to how many massacres have we not been horrified witnesses, how many wars, revolutions, famines, earthquakes? We are living in the time of an accelerating history, for we are very close to the term of “THE END OF THE TIMES” – not “THE END OF THE WORLD”, of which *“no one knows either the day or the hour”*.

Could this also be the case for the phrase quoted by Daniel, coming from a vision concerning the duration of the revelations received: *“A time, and times, and half a time”?* (Dn 12:7) What does this mean? No one knows or will know until the day when, in the phase of accomplishment – and we are in it –, it will please the Lord to permit someone to interpret the premonitory signs, as was the case in the time of Raoul Auclair, contemporarily of France, who died in Quebec City, January 8, 1997, at the age of ninety years.

“The riches enclosed in the treasures of Revelation often

open out through humble Christians to whom charisma are granted during the evolution of history.” (Father André Richard’s preface to *Le Jour de Yahvé* by Raoul Auclair)

“DAY OF JOY”

We know that the “Day of Yahweh” is at one and the same time a “day of wrath and day of joy”. After the day of wrath, the day of joy and glory will come. In the meantime, the Prophets have warned us: “The anger of Yahweh will not turn aside until he has performed and has carried out the decision of his heart. You will understand this clearly AT THE END OF THE TIMES. (Jer 23:20)” (*Le Jour de Yahvé*, p. 183)

Now, the day of wrath will precede the day of joy which will come to us through Mary, “the WOMAN clothed with the sun”, Mother of Mercy and not of Justice.

Just as it was for Daniel, Saint John did not understand what he wrote in the Apocalypse, which is the revelation of the evils we are enduring. A prophet does not usually understand what he writes or says, because what he is foretelling precedes, sometimes by a long time, sometimes by centuries and even millennia, the painful events that take place in time, not because they are willed by God, but because humanity will have prepared the way for them by turning from its Creator, who, nevertheless, “created man to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him on earth and to be happy with Him in heaven.”

Now we know that Satan – the Dragon, according to the Apocalypse –, has been unleashed on earth. Our television screens show us, every day, the diabolical works directed by the men who have forgotten or renounced God, for Lucifer, as God does, uses men to realize his designs.

The Apocalypse was a closed book, sealed, because twenty centuries ago was not the era of the END, nor THE END OF THE TIMES, which does not mean the end of the world.

THE CLOSED, SEALED BOOK

Now, on October 12, 1947, an important event took place in the grotto of Three Fountains, at the gates of Rome, some kilometers from the Vatican. Bruno Cornacchiola was there with his three children who were playing about while he was preparing a conference against the Blessed Virgin. He had begun by writing this: “The Madonna is not Virgin, she is not Immaculate, she did not ascend into heaven, she is neither here nor elsewhere.”

This man, a “slave of Satan”, was preparing to commit an irreparable act: he had bought a dagger with the intention of plunging it into the heart of Pope Pius XII, for he had been told that in the Apocalypse there is question of the “Beast”, and that “Beast is the Pope”, to whom was imputed all the evils that existed in the world. He had even engraved on the dagger’s blade the words, “Death to the Pope”.

Now, his children were looking for their ball and called upon their father to help them find it. They, the children, entered a filthy grotto, and there, suddenly, the Virgin Mary manifested herself to them, holding in her hands a closed book. The apparition overawed them and they fell to their knees, in ecstasy, before the “Beautiful Lady”. Their father, who was looking for them, entered the grotto, and seeing them, wanted to bring them back home. But incapable of lifting them up, he believed that there was a sorcerer or a priest hidden in the grotto who had hypnotized his children who were repeating, “Beautiful Lady! Beautiful Lady!” Unable to get his children out, the desperate father emerged weeping and calling for help. Then he

returned near his children, and raising his arms to heaven, he cried out, “You, my God, save us!”

Hardly had he uttered that cry, when, in the darkness, he saw a little light that grew and grew, illuminating the grotto, and then he, in his turn, saw the “Beautiful Lady”. Suddenly, a voice from Paradise sounded in his ears, marking the beginning of a long talk. So taking the portfolio (containing the sheets on which he had begun to write the theme of his conference against the Virgin), he noted down everything that had impressed itself on him, declaring at the end, “Mary is the Virgin, the Mother, the Mother of God.”

In the space of an hour, this Protestant man, openly at war with the Church, Mary and the Pope, had been transformed to his very roots. (The details of Bruno’s conversion are recounted in the book, *La Vierge de la Révélation* [The Virgin of the Revelation] written by G. Tomaselli and published in France by Téqui in 1985.)

“THE SENSE OF HISTORY”

Thus it was that Mary drew attention to the Book sealed for two thousand years. To do this, she raises up persons open to eschatology. She inspires anyone she wills to, in order to lay bare the sense of history.

“The sense of history? Yes, but on the condition of restoring to those words their twofold acceptance of direction and signification – and that is eschatology. Underneath the seeming chaos of history, there reigns a profound order. On the one hand the determinism of men’s acts, but on the other hand, the inflexible axis of divine Determination. From the confrontation of the one with the other emerges the evidence of the cyclical laws, expressed, moreover, symbolically and numerically in Sacred Scripture. But this synoptic overview becomes possible only when history arrives at a term. And we are at one of these terms, the most solemn and most decisive of terms: the end of the times. The end of the world? No; the end of a world.

“Each one, more or less confusedly, experiences this anguish, has a sense of this mystery; but it is possible to perceive what supernatural exactitude reigns beneath this human chaos, what clarity there is in the darkness, what hope raises it head above so many threats.” (Raoul Auclair, *La Fin des Temps*, Fayard, 1973, the book’s cover)

Raoul wrote three volumes on the Apocalypse; his illness and death left a fourth volume unfinished....

Thus it is that Raoul Auclair, so familiar with the Apocalypse, has over more than twenty years, brought us to an awareness of eschatology, and his books, with such a large circulation in France, have, at the same time and in French Canada, introduced the members of the Army of Mary to the sense of history.

THE HOUR IS AT HAND...

Let us leave to Mary the task of achieving her victory over the Dragon. Her hour is at hand. This is the time of the coming to birth of the Kingdom. Mary is the moon in the night: “[She had] the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” (Apoc 12:2)

Jesus came in all lowliness. He will return in glory. Such also will be the coming of Mary who will precede Him in order to give to Him the Kingdom in which He will reign for a thousand years – that seventh day so impatiently awaited. “Thy kingdom come [on earth] as in heaven!”

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