

The Third Secret Predicts:

The Impending World Crisis

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Scripture foretells that the impending world crisis is the coming of the Antichrist to subject all people to his ruthless tyranny, in an attempt to eliminate the Catholic religion.

Sister Lucy of Fatima had stated that Our Lady had made her see clearly that these are the last days and had revealed that the Third Secret is in the Gospels and the Apocalypse – indicating Chapters 8-13 of the latter. Chapter 13 deals with the coming of Antichrist.

Also Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI), who has read the Third Secret, has disclosed three of its elements: namely, that it concerns the last days, dangers to the faith and life of Christians and thus of the world, and that it corresponds to what is foretold in Scripture (interview in the Italian journal *Jesus*, November 1984).

Pope John Paul II also made significant disclosures on this

subject. Thus when he was asked about the Third Secret he stated that *we must be prepared to undergo great trials in the not too distant future, trials that will require us to be ready to give up our lives, and a total gift of self to Christ and for Christ* (German journal *Stimme des Glaubens*, November 1980).

By trials, he clearly implied a time of persecution. But in a speech to the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia in 1976 he had made this warning:

We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think the wide circle of the Christian community realizes this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, the Gospel and the anti-Gospel, the Christ and the anti-Christ. This confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence, it is a trial which the

Church must take up (Wall Street Journal, September 11, 1978).

But as he spoke of trials – meaning a time of persecution – both in reference to the Third Secret and to the final confrontation, is it not logical to suppose that they refer to the same thing?

What is the Role of Russia in the Coming Persecution?

If we read the Message of Fatima correctly, Russia must precipitate the great trials foretold in the Third Secret. For Our Lady revealed that unless people stopped offending God, Russia would spread errors and provoke wars and persecutions of the Church, but that following the punishment foretold in the Third Secret, Her Immaculate Heart would triumph, the Pope would consecrate Russia and it would be converted, and a period of peace would be granted to the world.

For Russia to be the object of the Consecration implies that it originates the crisis revealed in the Third Secret. Significantly, too, the above profile of Russia correlates with what Apocalypse Chapter 13 reveals about a

beast which dominates the whole world and persecutes the saints. Later in that chapter, a second beast emerges, servant to the first, who imposes the worship of a statue of the first beast on all people and is thus clearly Antichrist.

But surely Russia has changed for the better? Many consider these changes to be deceptive. The Consecration has never been made and so the end-point has not been reached.

The First Beast

We read in the Apocalypse that the first beast had seven heads ... and that one of its heads had a fatal wound but then healed, and after that the whole world had marveled and followed the beast. (13: 3-4) This correlates perfectly with events in Russia. When Hitler invaded it in 1941, the country was almost defeated in the first weeks. The nation rallied because Stalin, realizing its value in promoting propaganda, liberated the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) and gave it a role in inspiring patriotism. Because of its support in the war, the Russian Church was turned into an instrument of propaganda directed at the Catholic

Church, whose effects will be described shortly.

Does that imply that the foundations for the Third Secret are being laid in the events of today?

Sister Lucy has revealed that the punishment of the Third Secret is already taking place. Furthermore we can ascertain its starting point. In 1929 Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucy and announced that the moment had come when God asks the Pope and all his bishops to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. Since She had stated in 1917 that unless they complied, Russia would persecute the Church in events leading to the Third Secret, and as they failed to comply, what this moment indicated was the starting-point of events leading to the Third Secret.

Chain of Events

Our Lady's apparition in 1929 coincided with Stalin's ruthless persecution of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC). While thousands were martyred, one Bishop, Metropolitan Sergei, became a tool of the Communist State. He effectively apostatized, declaring that there was no persecution. Stalin al-

lowed Sergei to lead the ROC and by so doing was able to subjugate it to his purposes. As already stated, during the war the ROC played a key role in Russia in promoting patriotism and as a result of this success Khrushchev gave it a role in spreading propaganda to the West through a front named Christian Peace Conference, linked to the World Council of Churches (WCC).

This has culminated in a member of the above front launching a plan to unite churches in Scotland, which has led to pressure on its Catholic bishops to allow intercommunion and accept Protestant Orders. This poses implicit dangers to the Mass and could bring about its effective subversion and thus a grave crisis. So there is a chain of causation from what took place in Russia in 1929 to the setting up of the Scottish unity plan today.

Is the Mass the Target?

Scripture provides various accounts of the coming of Antichrist: in Daniel Chapter 9, St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 24, St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians, St. John's letters, and Apocalypse

Chapter 13. As they all deal with the same events, they must all correlate to form a full picture of events.

In fact, each prophecy poses questions which are then answered by the next one. As for the name Antichrist, it was first introduced by St. John when he wrote "*Children, these are the last days: you were told then an Antichrist must come.*" (1 John 2:18)

Daniel Chapter 9 reveals that in the last days a pagan leader, implying Antichrist, will abolish the sacrifice of the sanctuary and set up an abomination of desolation there. As this does refer to the last days, and as the Jewish sacrifices are long abolished, this must refer to the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Many of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church reached the same conclusion. For example, the Doctor of the Church St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "*The devil has always managed to get rid of the Mass by means of heretics, making them the precursors of the Antichrist, who, above all else, will succeed in abolishing, as a punishment for the sins of men, the Holy Sacrifice of the altar, precisely as Daniel had*

predicted." (*La Messa e l'Officio Strapazatti in Opere Ascetiche*)

When you consider it, for Satan to make war on the Church, it is essential that the Mass be removed, for it is Christ on the altar who currently holds back his power. The Mass is the *logical target of attack.*

By What Means Could Satan Achieve This?

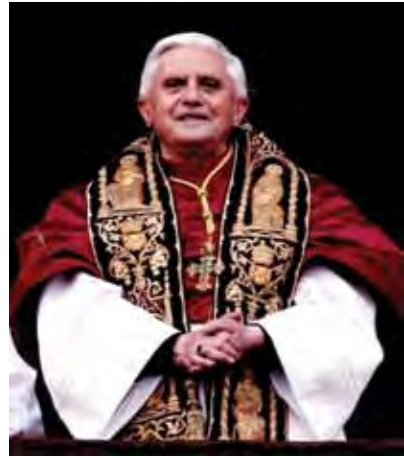
This is the question that is raised by Daniel's prophecy. And it is answered in the account of the persecution by the Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanes in 167 B.C. (as recorded in the first Book of Maccabees, Chapter 1). He invaded the Temple and set up an idol on its altar and forced the Jews to worship it on pain of death, in an attempt to exterminate them.

This is why the idol was termed the abomination of desolation. The Fathers of the Church held that this attack was a foreshadowing of the attack by Antichrist.

So how does it answer our question? Because it illustrates a kind of strategy. By setting up an idol in the Jewish Temple, Antiochus' plan was to use the Jews' religion against them; it was



Pope John Paul II and Ali Agca



Pope Benedict XVI

In June 2000, the Vatican released a “vision” of a “Bishop dressed in white” assassinated amongst other clergy by a band of soldiers – and would have us believe that vision described the assassination attempt on John Paul II which was not successful, no one was killed, and the attempt was by one man.

But does this mean that ill fate is a prophecy to be fulfilled by the assassination of Pope Benedict XVI? It could be highly likely if Pope Benedict does not do the Consecration of Russia soon; and so, as Our Lady told us: “We must pray, pray for the Holy Father.”

a strategy of subversion. Clearly Antichrist will deploy the same strategy – substituting an idol at the central point of the Church’s worship; that is, the Mass.

The account of Antichrist’s attack in St. Matthew’s Gospel lends new weight to this hypothesis. It starts when the disciples ask Our Lord for a sign that His return in the last days is imminent. In an-

swer He stated: When you see the abomination of desolation of which the prophet Daniel spoke, set up in the Holy Place (let the reader understand) ... then there will be great distress such as there never has been. (Mt. 24:15)

We have identified the abomination with an idol. Clearly this idol will be set up to desolate the Church. But note that Our Lord states that

it will be set up in the Holy Place.

Remember, He is giving them a sign that His coming is imminent. Yet by then, the Jewish Temple would be destroyed and its Holy Place would be no more. So what did He mean by referring to the Holy Place? It must hold an important meaning, for St. Matthew adds, as if to emphasize this to let the reader understand. All we need is a moment's research. In the Book of Leviticus we read how God told Moses to institute an offering of bread in the Temple:

You are to bake twelve loaves [and] set them in two rows of six on a pure table that stands before the Lord. They will be the food offered as a memorial, a burnt offering before the Lord. The sons of Israel shall provide them by unending covenant. They will belong to Aaron and his sons, who shall eat them in the holy place, for they are the most holy portion for him of the Lord's burnt offerings. (Lev. 24:5-9; see also Hebrews 9:1-28)

Hence, the derivation of the Holy Place. It was situated in the Temple next to the Holy of Holies. The bread symbol-

ized a covenant between the twelve tribes of Israel and God; and so when Christ came, He used the same sign of bread in instituting a new and eternal covenant, in the Sacrifice of the Mass. That bread now stands for the offering of His Church, and is offered no longer in the Holy Place of the Temple but wherever Mass is being celebrated. So by referring to the Holy Place, Christ signified its fulfillment on the altar of the Roman Catholic Church.

But the more we delve into the matter, the more questions it raises. How could someone set up an idol on the Church's altar? Surely not by force, or he would be rejected. How does he gain entrance? Does St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians provide the answer? The letter was written because many of his readers thought the return of Christ in glory was imminent.

St. Paul explained: *First there must come an apostasy and the rebel must be revealed, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he sits in the sanctuary of God and reveals himself as if he were God. Surely you remember*

me telling you about this when I was with you? And you know too what is holding him back from appearing before the appointed time? Iniquity is at work already, but in secret, and the one holding it back has first to be removed before the Rebel appears openly. (2 Thess. 2:3-7)

Does This Tell Us How Antichrist Will Appear?

Note straight away that the Rebel, clearly referring to Antichrist, will enter the sanctuary. What defines the sanctuary in the Christian era? It is the place where a priest or priests say Mass. St. Paul tells us that he sits there, as if by right.

Surely the implication is that he appears in clerical guise? Note that he *exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped*, so that he sits in the sanctuary of God and reveals himself as if he were God. As the Mass is the *supreme act of worship*, what this implies is that he will assert himself *above the Mass*. St. Paul next states that *iniquity is at work already – but the one that holds it back must first be removed before the Rebel appears openly.*

Clearly this passage is crucial. By iniquity is meant the power of evil, satan. We are told that someone (the one) is holding it back and so must be removed before Antichrist appears openly. But *who* in the sanctuary is currently restraining the power of satan? Surely Christ in the Mass. It is through the re-presentation of His sacrificial death on Calvary that He holds back satan's power. Logically then by his actions at the altar Antichrist will *remove Christ from the Mass*, in order to appear openly.

Then St. Paul states:

When the Rebel comes, satan will set to work: there will be all kinds of miracles and a deceptive show of signs and portents, and everything evil that can deceive those who are bound for destruction because they would not grasp the love of truth which could have saved them. (2 Thess. 2:9,10)

The clear inference from the fact that the Rebel will sit unchallenged in the sanctuary is that he presents himself in some way with priestly credentials. This begs the question: How could he achieve such a deception, if he were unordained?

I then realized that this was the end-point of the plan to unite churches. If at the climax of such a plan, someone unordained was allowed to take the main part in a “Mass”, when he came to the words of consecration, the bread and wine would be unchanged. If under ecumenical pressure the Catholic bishops of Scotland invited an Anglican minister to take part in such a Mass to demonstrate their acceptance of his orders, they would end up worshipping not Christ, but material objects, forming an idol – on the altar. This would abolish the Mass and at the same time set up an idol enabling satan to break out in new powers. As for Antichrist being a Protestant minister, St. John tells us he will come from out of our own number but ... never really belonged.

This could apply to someone in ministerial guise, but lacking true ordination.

And surely the ecumenical movement blurs the essential distinction between Catholic and Protestant clergy, so that as the pressure increases it is feasible for some Catholic bishops to ignore papal instructions and, so as to launch a national united church, in-

vite a Protestant minister to conduct a “Mass” service (which is not really a Mass because he is not ordained with the Catholic Sacrament of Holy Orders) in order to demonstrate their acceptance of his orders.

What Further Information Does Apocalypse Supply?

What we need now are some pointers to the circumstances of the attack. As stated, Chapter 13 reveals the coming of a beast which signifies a nation which persecutes the Church (verses 1-10). Then appears a second beast, also known as the false prophet, which makes the world and all its people worship the first beast, by setting up a statue of that beast and forcing everybody to worship it under pain of death. Clearly this signifies Antichrist.

St. John states that the second beast had two horns like a lamb, but made a noise like a dragon. (Ap. 13:11) This signifies that he comes with Christian externals – but speaks satan’s message.

Note how the account repeatedly links his coming with the healing of the fatal wound that is Russia’s strategy of deception by means of

its church in the ecumenical movement. It implies that he brings that strategy to its conclusion.

As stated, the strategy began when the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) entered the World Council of Churches (WCC) and then a member of a Soviet front set up a plan to unite Protestantism and Catholicism in Britain. His name? Canon Kenyon Edward Wright, who is both an Anglican and a Methodist minister.

We are told that Antichrist will make the world and all its people worship the first beast. (Ap. 13:12) But what kind of person makes us worship? Surely a religious minister?

So it is by presenting himself as such that Antichrist will enter the sanctuary: one of our number but who never really belonged. The next verses complete the account – revealing that his aim is to force all to worship the statue (clearly the idol on the altar) under pain of death.

Antichrist's strategy is thus revealed: he will come in ministerial guise into the sanctuary and by usurping a priest's role will set up an idol as the focus for satanic miracles whose aim is to mis-

lead all into following him as Christ, and then Russia will then progressively invade the world forcing all its inhabitants to worship his idol on pain of death. Lastly, the Apocalypse enables us to identify Antichrist: he is someone in Christian ministerial guise who spearheads Russia's subversion of the Church and whose name contains 3 sets of sixes.

Note the correlation between what was foretold by Our Lady of Fatima, and the events revealed in Apocalypse Chapters 12 and 13. Our Lady appeared in 1917 with a message whose Divine origin was confirmed by a miracle of the sun. Apocalypse Chapter 12 starts with the appearance of a Woman adorned with the sun, etc., Who gives birth to a Son who is to rule all nations with an iron rod. This is to be understood not as Her giving birth to Christ at Bethlehem but as Her bearing news of His imminent return as Judge. Immediately the Woman has appeared, satan seeks to attack Her children, that is the Catholic Church. (Ap. 12:3-13)

He inspires a beast – a nation – as his instrument. (Ap. 13:1-10) Immediately

after Our Lady appeared at Fatima came the Russian Revolution, following which came Russia's attacks on the Church. That very correlation implies that the events of our time are leading towards the fulfilment of the later verses of Apocalypse Chapter 13, namely the coming of Antichrist.

Note that in the conclusion of Her message, Our Lady promised that in the end Her Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Pope will consecrate Russia and it will be converted and a period of peace will be given to the world. This logically must follow after the Third Secret: so what Our Lady's words imply is that the Consecration of Russia will end its persecution of the Church, a persecution that reaches its final climax as described in the Third Secret. So, in effect, by consecrating Russia to the Immaculate Heart, satan will be banished from it, and decisively defeated through Our Lady's intercessory power.

Surely this will be a fulfilment of the prophecy of Genesis 3:15, of the victory of a Woman and Her offspring – over the serpent. Mary is the new Eve foretold by this

prophecy: it is through Her offspring that She will defeat satan. And the key is the Immaculate Heart, which signifies Her freedom from original sin through God's foreknowledge of Christ's redemptive death on Calvary, and Her loving acceptance of God's redemptive plan.

Through Mary, Christ Defeated Satan

It is therefore appropriate that Her role in our redemption should be acknowledged by all. On the Cross, Christ defeated satan *decisively*, but that victory awaits its final fulfillment at the end of time.

The triumph of the Immaculate Heart through the miraculous conversion of Russia, will indeed reveal Our Lady's role in our redemption. It will show that Christ has defeated satan through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother, and so be a sign of the Son of Man in the heavens (Matt. 24:30) – that great sign we are to await before His coming in glory; a sign that the prophecy of Genesis has been fulfilled.

In Conclusion

The Third Secret reveals a danger to salvation, and so enables us to take appropri-

ate action. It is a message of salvation. In His discourse Christ also forewarned of these dangers. You would think this would be the Vatican's priority but instead it has published an account of the Secret which consigns it to the dustbin of history, claiming it is all fulfilled! By thus ignoring a threat to our salvation, this poses an obstacle to salvation. And since these trials concern us all, then surely all of us should be made aware of the dangers. Since Christ came to save all, surely He would want to forewarn all.

One last point, the dangers revealed above are objective dangers, and the evidence indicates that the attack will originate in Britain. In this case, I have a civic right to forewarn people. In fact, I have a duty to reveal that the plan to unite churches, set up by the BCC and its counterpart in Scotland, the SCC, from 1984 onwards, depended on papal approval, which it received following the Pope's visit in 1982 – the information is revealed on my website.

In effect therefore, the Pope has compromised his position *viz-a-viz* the Third

Secret, which may account for the publication of a version of it, which consigns it to history. A version moreover which makes total nonsense of all Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) had said, linking the Secret with the end-time scenario revealed in Scripture.

There are implications in this for those who have misled the faithful over the Third Secret. For if by concealing these dangers they render the Church more vulnerable to attack, then surely God will hold them responsible for the consequences. What right will they have to salvation when they have effectively obstructed that of those they were ordained to serve? **FC**

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