

NOSTRADAMUS: PROPHET OF GOD OR MESSENGER OF SATAN? : PT 1

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The following is an updated, expanded version of an article which I originally wrote twenty-one years ago in the Spring of 1997. I trust that it will be a blessing to my brothers and sisters in the faith.

Many people today are familiar with the writings -- commonly known as the "Quatrains" -- of the noted sixteenth century French physician, Nostradamus. Michel Nostradamus -- who some people view as a psychic -- lived during the dangerous time of the Inquisition. This was a dark period in European history during which time the Roman Catholic Church resorted to every means possible -- including horrible practices of torture -- in order to supposedly exorcise the demons from those people who refused to embrace Roman Catholicism as the

so-called "one true faith", and the only religion ordained by, blessed by, and recognized by God. It was because of these conditions that Nostradamus shrouded his Quatrains in deep symbolism; thus making them just as mysterious and esoteric as the Revelation of Saint John the Divine.

According to what I have read, Michel Nostradamus was heavily involved with the occult, including astrology, as well as the theosophy of the Kabbalah. It has also been said that he took mind-enhancing drugs, for the explicit purpose of heightening his ability to make intimate contact with the Spirit World. It is this contact which is claimed to have resulted in what are said to be prophetic dreams and visions concerning the future. Originally written in French, the Quatrains, as well as various interpretations of their meanings, have now been translated into a variety of languages. Likewise, movies and videos have been made regarding Nostradamus' work. As of this current writing, the most highly acclaimed books which have been published regarding the interpretations of the Quatrains, is a series written by New Age author, Dolores Cannon. Using various so-called "channelers", who allegedly made contact with the spirit of Nostradamus, as well as with some of his contemporary associates, Dolores Cannon produced the series "Conversations With Nostradamus", which supposedly contains the proper interpretations of the Quatrains.

Now, being deeply interested in Bible prophecy and futuristic events, I invested some time in reading some of the original Quatrains, as well as various summaries of, and excerpts from, Cannon's "Conversations With Nostradamus". While I find Nostradamus' predictions interesting and quite intriguing, I must also confess that I have a few reservations which are difficult for me to simply ignore or dismiss. For the record, allow me to state that this impression was formed, not so much from reading an English translation of the Quatrains, as it was from the interpretations which were provided by Cannon and others.

If one were to go by those interpretations alone, it would appear that Michel Nostradamus was a false prophet. But the problem as I see it, is that we don't have the man here today to tell us exactly what he meant by his Quatrains. All we have are the interpretations of those people who have tried to understand them, and they vary widely in their opinions. In fact, some time ago, there was a rumor floating around on

the Internet whereby certain people were crediting Michel Nostradamus with having predicted the events of 9/11 in one of his Quatrains.

So, as I was saying, being as we don't have Nostradamus here with us today in order to explain his writings more clearly to us, calling him a false prophet may be unjustified, and perhaps even a bit premature. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that accusing a person of something based upon second-hand knowledge, or someone else's understanding of their work, is not really a fair practice.

While Michel Nostradamus did credit God for his prophetic ability -- and I've read where he is said to have relied in part upon the Holy Scriptures in order to better understand his visions -- nevertheless, I have also noticed that at the same time, in several places in his letters, he refers to "the gods", instead of to the one true God. While one may argue that the plural form of the Hebrew word "el" -- that is, "elohim" -- is used in the Old Testament when referring to God, the fact that Nostradamus would write "the gods", does make me wonder if perhaps he didn't find himself caught in a dilemma when it came to his personal beliefs.

In other words, I question whether Nostradamus was trying to maintain a balance in his faith in the one true God, while at the same time, he was not willing to forsake the works of darkness in which he had become involved; that is to say, witchcraft, drugs, the Kabbalah, etc. The Scriptures make it very clear that the Children of Light cannot be involved in the works of darkness. In fact, the Bible advises us to flee from them. Consider the following example verses:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on

the armour of light."

Romans 13:12, KJV

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light . . . And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Ephesians 5:8, 11, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7, KJV

"Neither give place to the devil."

Ephesians 4:27, KJV

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd."

John 3:19-20, KJV

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

Colossians 1:13, KJV

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"

1 John 1:6, KJV

The Bible also strongly advises us against becoming involved in witchcraft and divination; which is basically what Michel

Nostradamus was doing when he stared into a bowl of water he would place upon a three-legged stool, in order to allegedly concentrate his visionary powers. Is this not what fortune tellers do when they gaze into their crystal balls in order to supposedly divine the future? Again, following are some example verses for your consideration:

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God."

Leviticus 19:31, KJV

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people."

Leviticus 20:6, KJV

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer."

Deuteronomy 18:10-11, KJV

"And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger."

2 Chronicles 33:6, KJV

"Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the LORD."

2 Kings 23:24, KJV

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?"

Isaiah 8:19, KJV

"And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards."

Isaiah 19:3, KJV

"But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments . . . Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee."

Isaiah 47:9, 12-13, KJV

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Galatians 5:19-21, KJV

So as you can plainly see, the Lord is very much against his children becoming involved in witchcraft, divination, sorcery and other works of darkness, and there is clearly no place for them in the Kingdom of God either, because they are an abomination to Him.

As I was saying, I find these facts concerning Nostradamus rather disturbing, as there is no mention in the Bible of the Prophets of old having to rely upon any kind of outside catalyst or stimulus in order to receive their visions and prophecies. They usually say "I was in the spirit" or "I was caught up in the spirit", or they use similarly descriptive words. Exactly how the Prophets achieved this elevated state, we honestly don't know, but I seriously doubt that they took drugs, or stared into a bowl of water as Nostradamus is said to have done. My opinion is that if a person relies upon any

means, other than being overcome by the Spirit of God, then at the very least, we should investigate the source of their visions and prophecies, regardless of how accurate or factual they may prove to be. Let us not forget that Satan is a liar and a deceiver. The Bible also refers to him as a false angel of light. He is also well-versed in both the Bible and the future of the world; so it would be quite easy for him to pass on such knowledge to one of his servants. Consider the following verses:

". . . He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

Because of these questionable factors which are associated with Michel Nostradamus, I advise my readers to maintain a degree of caution, should they decide to actually read any of his works. How much more should this apply to any New Age interpretations of his Quatrains? Jesus' warnings regarding false prophets and false messiahs, that are found in Matthew twenty-four, as well as other warnings regarding spiritual deception that are found in the New Testament, should all be taken very seriously. Again, allow me to share the following verses with you for your prayerful consideration:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

1 Timothy 4:1, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"

2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Matthew 24:24, KJV

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"

Ephesians 4:14-15, KJV

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein."

Hebrews 13:9, KJV

Another point that's also disturbed me for quite some time, is the clear absence of any mention of Jesus Christ in the writings of Nostradamus. Perhaps he does mention the Lord somewhere in his Quatrains, but there is no such mention of Jesus in the interpretations of the man's work which I have read. If they are accurate interpretations -- and there is obviously room for doubt -- then it leads me to personally conclude that the predictions of Nostradamus are closely aligned with New Age beliefs.

As I point out in other articles and series, New Age beliefs tend to discuss soon-coming cataclysmic changes to the Earth, and to the people of Earth, which will be followed by a new Golden Age of peace. We are given the impression by the New Age interpretation of the Quatrains of Nostradamus that, just as humanity has brought the coming cataclysms upon ourselves through our own foolishness, in the same manner, through our own good works, and spiritual evolution -- or "ascension" to a higher spiritual vibration, as some New Agers refer to it -- we will be able to rectify our wrongs, and usher in the Golden Age.

As you can see, this is very much a humanistic approach to our problems, exactly as I describe in the series entitled "John Lennon's Imagine and Secular Humanism". Of course, as you may already know, certain New Agers also insist that we will receive some special assistance from our so-called alien

"Space Brothers", who according to New Age advocates, are even now intervening in the affairs of humankind from behind the scenes. In short, many people who embrace these New Age beliefs, promote alien intervention as the solution, and not Divine Intervention from God as the Bible indicates.

Clearly, this entire concept is contrary to the Scriptures, which plainly state that it is only by spiritual rebirth through faith in Jesus Christ, and the direct intervention of God Himself in the affairs of our world, which will serve as the necessary catalyst in order to bring about changes to the people of Planet Earth. In contrast, if I have properly understood the dubious interpretations of the Quatrains of Nostradamus by Dolores Cannon's team, then they attribute the downfall of the rise of evil in this world to military defeats and other earthly forces. There is nothing about God. It is all about human intervention, which is a very humanistic approach. As I said, this lack of any mention of Divine Intervention really sticks out like a sore thumb in my view, and it should serve as a strong warning to other believers in Christ.

Another factor which seems to cast a shadow of doubt upon the "prophecies" of Michel Nostradamus, are some blatant inaccuracies; at least according to the interpretations of his Quatrains which I have read. Accordingly, Pope John Paul II was to have died during the early part of 1996, slain by an assassin. As we all know, this did not happen, and Pope John Paul II died as a result of complications in his old age in 2005, nine years later.

According to the controversial prophecy of one St. Malachy, following John Paul II, there were only going to be two more Popes before the final collapse of the Roman Catholic Church occurs. According to online information I read several years ago, some RCC insiders were convinced that the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, was going to be next to sit on the so-called "chair of Saint Peter". It was likewise predicted, according to some interpretations, that Lustiger would also be assassinated. As we all know, this prediction also failed. Lustiger died at the age of eighty in 2007.

Not only that, but two years earlier, in April of 2005, then Cardinal, Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, became Pope Benedict XVI, following the death of Pope John Paul II. Please see my

article "Cardinal Ratzinger's Rebellion" for more information regarding this Pope. Benedict's pontificate endured for seven years until February of 2013, at which time he chose to step down, or abdicate.

In his prophecy. St. Malachy also states that the final Pope will be called Peter the Roman. His motto, in Latin, states as follows, according to the original 1595 text:

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"In psecutione extrema S.R.E. sedebit Petrus Romanus,
qui pascet oves in multis tribulationibus:
quibus transactis civitas septicollis diruetur,
et Iudex tremendus iudicabit populum suum.
Finis."

----- End Quote -----

The previous text can be loosely translated into English as meaning the following:

"In extreme persecution, the seat of the Holy Roman Church will be occupied by Peter the Roman, who will feed (lead) the sheep through many tribulations, at the term of which the city of seven hills will be destroyed, and the formidable Judge will judge his people. The End."

It is claimed in some Futurist corners -- which I personally no longer embrace -- that this Peter the Roman will totally compromise with the Endtime global leader known as the Beast. In fact, those people who have interpreted the Quatrains of Nostradamus, claim that this final Pope will be the False Prophet -- who is mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation -- who will work together with the Beast. Is there any truth to their claims? Not as far as I can tell. It seems to me that these New Age interpreters have had a rather poor track record. In my view, it certainly does not inspire much confidence in any of their other predictions or interpretations.

More to the point, following the abdication of Pope Benedict XVI, as we all know, in March of 2013, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was voted in by the College of Cardinals as Pope Francis. So today as I write this, he has been the Pope for exactly five

years. Now, obviously, his name is not Peter, so this is clearly yet another fail on the part of the interpreters of both the prophecies of Nostradamus and St. Malachy. Oddly enough, in recent years, I have come across certain online information where diehard believers in these "prophecies" have tried to find a way to relate Pope Francis to the name Peter. I think it is time for everyone to realize that all of this nonsense is simply bogus; unless you believe that Pope Francis is the final Pope, and that the Roman Catholic Church will soon be destroyed. I see no evidence of that happening any time soon, in spite of all of the pedophilia allegations. The RCC has weathered the storm for centuries, and they will probably continue to weather it.

Now, in case you are wondering how St. Malachy fits into our current discussion concerning the Quatrains of Nostradamus, allow me to offer a brief explanation. You see, some people are convinced that his prophecy, which involved one hundred and twelve papal mottoes written in Latin, was not written by St. Malachy at all. One of the theories is that this list of one hundred and twelve Popes, who were not named by name, but who were only described by their mottoes, was actually construed by Michel Nostradamus. They claim that Nostradamus purposely attributed the prophecy to Malachy, because he was afraid of being persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church, for having dared to foretell of the destruction of the Roman Catholic Church. Remember; this was during the time of the Inquisition. It is also interesting to note that prior to 1595, the prophecy of St. Malachy was unknown. Does this fact point to Nostradamus as being its true author?

Is there any truth to this Nostradamus/Malachy mystery? I honestly do not know. As I have already pointed out, the dilemma we face here is this: Should we forthrightly accuse Michel Nostradamus of being a false prophet, or should we attach this label to those people who have misinterpreted his works? If Nostradamus had not been so fearful of the Inquisition, perhaps we would have a better idea of what he actually meant, and we could thus make a better evaluation regarding the validity and accuracy of his work. For now, the best advice that I can offer you, in addition to the previous verses which I shared with you, would be the following:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's

clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

"And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them."

Ezekiel 33:33, KJV

"But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

Deuteronomy 18:20-22, KJV

You may also want to consider reading my article "Office of a Prophet", and similar articles which deal with the subject of spiritual deception.

If you stop to think about it, we find ourselves in somewhat of a similar position when it comes to the Bible. We English speakers are at a clear disadvantage here. Why? Because we were not personally or directly involved in the events which influenced and shaped the translation of each Book, nor in the decisions which resulted in which Books were accepted as a part of the Canon. In fact, we don't even have second-hand knowledge. As I point out in articles such as "History of the Authorized King James Bible", what we read today is the result of various collations, translations and, in fact, interpretations. In other words, the purity and accuracy of our modern Bible, in large part, has thus been determined by the original translators. These include Desiderius Erasmus, William Tyndale, Coverdale, et al, as well as the government authorities of that time, and the very powerful religious authorities of that time as well.

While it may surprise some of my readers that I would even say this -- as it may appear that I am detracting from the Bible -- it may very well be that as a result of the power and influence that each of these parties wielded during the translation process, the Scriptures and the prophecies that we have received today, may be heavily adulterated. In other words, some of them may no longer be as pure, and their true meanings may have been lost for intentional or unintentional reasons. As I explain in the aforementioned series, as well as in such articles as "The Lamb of God Was a Goat", "Is the KJV Bible the Inerrant Word of God?" and "In Defense of the KJV Bible", I feel that this may indeed be the case with the beloved KJV Bible, which I highly respect, and have used for about forty-seven years now.

In short, I suspect that the Bible may be a much more radical Book that we realize, but those people who were in power at the time -- both political and religious authorities -- had the interpretations of some areas toned down so-to-speak, so that they would not be quite so radical, so offensive, or so contradictory to the established beliefs which were dominant at that time in history in England, and also more acceptable to the general populace, as well as to King James.

As we conclude this discussion in part two, we will apply my previous comments to the Quatrains of Nostradamus, as well as more closely examine the practice of channeling. Also to be discussed will be true Prophets versus the inaccuracy of false prophets, America's generation of false shepherds, New Age influence on the American West Coast, charismatics and the practice of necromancy, possible motivations behind the omission of Jesus Christ in the Quatrains, seeing what we want to see, our hunger to know the unknown, controlling our own destinies, trusting God for the future, my personal position concerning the Quatrains, being persuaded in our minds, and a series of questions which can be applied as a litmus test. I trust that you will join me.

Please go to part two for the conclusion of this article.

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God's Truth Prevails In Spite Of Human Error And Manipulation, Using Hebrew And Greek Lexicons, 1611 Translators Didn't Claim Perfection Or Inerrancy, Controversial Practice Of Channeling Versus Godly Prophecy, True Prophets Versus The Inaccuracy Of False Prophets, America's Generation Of False Shepherds, New Age Influence On The West Coast, New Agers Charismatics And Damnable Necromancy, Some Possible Motivations Behind The Omission Of Jesus Christ In Cannon's Interpretations, New Age Adherents Reject Superiority And Sovereignty Of Jesus Christ, Seeing What We Each Want To See, Our Human Hunger To Know The Unknown, Controlling Our Own Destinies, Trusting God For The Future, My Personal Position, Be Led By God's Spirit And Be Persuaded In Our Own Minds, Conclusion, Suggested Reading List

Before moving on in our discussion, allow me to add a degree of balance to my previous statements, lest anyone reading this article form an erroneous opinion. As I also point out in my series "In Defense of the KJV Bible", while I am not ignorant of the fact that the KJV Bible has been the object of personal prejudice, as well as political and religious manipulation, I am also equally convinced that the purposes of God have not been defeated. Thus, in spite of man's much tampering with God's Holy Word, God still remains much more powerful than man, and He has preserved the most important essence of His Word. This, of course, includes the Message of Salvation, as well as the prophecies, for we modern-day readers.

As some of my readers will likewise know, it has also been my regular practice for many years now, that whenever I am in doubt, or just curious about something, I always refer to the

Hebrew and Greek lexicons, in order to better understand a certain passage or group of verses. More specifically, I use the Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon and Thayer's Greek English Lexicon with my "Online Bible" program. These have been my go-to tools for decades now. I don't always just take things at face value, because the translators of the KJV Bible, as God-fearing as they may have been, were still human beings who were prone to error, whether it was intentional or not.

In fact, allow me to point out that contrary to the belief of KJV extremists who are sometimes quick to condemn anyone who does not agree with them, nowhere in their "Epistle Dictatory" -- which is their dedication to King James I -- or in their lengthy and flowery "From the Translators to the Reader", do the 1611 translators make the claim that their translation is perfect and inerrant. This is an invention of KJV extremists.

So how do my previous remarks relate to the "prophecies" of Michel Nostradamus? Well, for one thing, many of us do not read French. In addition, we have never met the man, or read the original manuscripts. We are relying upon the honesty, integrity and accuracy of the interpreters, as well as that of those individuals who had power over the translators and interpreters. In this particular case, we are talking about Dolores Cannon's trilogy, "Conversations With Nostradamus"; and we are being asked to demonstrate great faith in the channeling abilities of several people who were under her direct supervision.

As you will already know, the concept of channeling itself is a highly controversial practice. We are asked by Ms. Cannon to believe that some of the channelers -- and one of them in particular -- spoke directly with Michel Nostradamus, or with his spirit, or actually took on the very essence of Michel Nostradamus. So should we just outright dismiss channeling as being a Satanic practice?

If we choose to adopt a liberal position, there does appear to be a similarity between channeling and prophesying. In the one case -- that is, channeling -- we're asked to believe that the channeler's body becomes a medium through which the spirit of a departed person can speak and convey some sort of knowledge. In most Biblical prophecies, as I mentioned before, the Prophet is either overcome by the Spirit of God,

or is taken up in the Spirit, or else someone -- usually an Angelic Messenger -- is chosen to bring the message to the Prophet in a dream or a vision. The Bible tends to be rather nebulous in the terminology it uses to describe these events.

So if we adhere to this liberal point of view, we could say that channeling might be considered the New Age term for prophesying. But is it really? Rather than embrace a liberal perspective, my view concerning such matters, is that it is wiser for us to err on the side of caution, and to adopt a more conservative view of the Scriptures. After all, for us Christians, God's Word is the only true, reliable standard for determining what is upright Christian living. As we saw in part one, true prophecy is inspired by the Spirit of God and bears good fruit in some way; and it will always come to pass. Can the same be said for channeled messages? Just studying some of the New Age information will quickly reveal that there are a lot of misses and failed predictions, as we also saw in part one. What does the Bible have to say about this? In addition to the many verses that we have already examined, consider the following ones as well:

"For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD."

Jeremiah 29:8-9, KJV

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Jeremiah 5:31, KJV

In summary, what all of these verses are telling us, is that, -- using an American cliché -- the proof is in the pudding. In other words, in most cases, frauds and charlatans will be easy to identify; because what they predict will not come to pass; at least not on a regular, consistent basis. Of course, due to random chance, they may get some predictions right on occasion; but if they are not one hundred per cent accurate all the time, then watch out! Sadly, as the previous verses also reveal, some people love being deceived by these false prophets and psychics. Just look at how popular these things are in such places as the West Coast of the United States,

where the New Age movement has a stronghold. Tragically, it seems that everybody and his brother has a personal psychic who is just a phone call away.

Sadly, as I explain in series such as "Modern False Prophets and Worldly Ecumenism", and in "Elijah: Where Are the True Prophets of God?", organized religion in America is plagued with the very same problem. There are "wannabe prophets" all over the place spreading all kinds of damnable heresies; and some people are foolish enough to fall under their spell. If you tend to visit a lot of websites and social networks, you will know exactly what I am talking about. Some of the stuff they spout is absolutely ridiculous. A verse which clearly describes these false shepherds within the Lord's Church is the following one, which was written by the Apostle Peter almost two thousand years ago:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."
2 Peter 2:1, KJV

While Peter, Paul and others were primarily referring to the false Jewish brethren who crept into their fellowships, with the intention of trying to bring the newly-won brethren back under the bondage of the Mosaic Law, such as through trying to enforce circumcision, today we have so-called Christian leaders who are doing the very same thing. Some of them say that a person is not even saved unless he or she speaks in tongues. Others promote being slain in the spirit. Some even go so far as to assert that certain parts of the Bible are outdated and no longer apply to our modern living. Thus, gay and lesbian "marriages", as well as gay and lesbian priests, ministers and pastors are acceptable in their churches. And, of course, preaching "financial blessings" is one of their all-time favorites, which many of them use in order to milk their flocks for all they can get. They are just like those false shepherds who the Lord thoroughly exposes in Ezekiel chapter thirty-four. I encourage you to read it when you have time.

Aside from the fact that channelers have a lot of hits and misses, much of the channeled information they receive is clearly contrary to Biblical teachings. This is particularly

true in regards to the unique status of Jesus Christ, and the central role which He holds in God's Redemptive Plan for humanity. As I point out in other articles, many New Agers soundly reject Jesus' Messiahship, and place Him on equal footing with other so-called "avatars", such as Muhammad, Buddha, Confucius, and the like. So, it seems to me that channeling has more in common with the Biblically-forbidden practices of divination, entertaining familiar spirits, and necromancy; that is, speaking with the dead. In her series, Cannon clearly states that one channeler not only spoke with Michel Nostradamus, but in fact supposedly allowed the very spirit of Michel Nostradamus to overcome him. That amounts to demonic possession, if you ask me.

Sadly, these New Age channelers are not the only people who have fallen for this demonic deception. I have read a number of accounts where certain Roman Catholic charismatics also allow dead nuns, relatives, saints, etc., to speak through their bodies. Let me remind you again of what the Bible has to say regarding necromancy. And let us not forget that when rebellious King Saul engaged in this evil practice, and went to the witch of Endor in order to call up the departed spirit of the Prophet Samuel, the king was slain by the Lord the very next day. Consider the following verses and be warned:

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer."

Deuteronomy 18:10-11, KJV

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?"

Isaiah 8:19, KJV

Returning to an issue that I discussed in part one, it could be that Jesus Christ is clearly mentioned in the Quatrains of Nostradamus, but that the interpretations -- as received by Dolores Cannon's channelers -- were subject to the personal religious beliefs which were held by Cannon's channelers. In other words, if those channelers were not even Christians, then it seems to me that a strong possibility exists that they

could have subconsciously siphoned out anything related to Christianity. In this way, the channeling sessions and/or the interpretations would thus be more in line with their own personal beliefs, or with the general belief system of New Age adherents.

If you stop to think about it, including all of the shocking cataclysmic events which are described in the pages of the Bible, while purposely omitting anything about Jesus Christ, would appeal to New Age adherents; because as I noted earlier in this article, coming cataclysms and major Earth changes, followed by a Golden Age of peace, is a central theme of New Age thought. You can easily locate this kind of material all over the Internet, in bookstores, etc.

Of course, this goes back to something which I stated before; and that is that New Age adherents do not recognize or accept the Messiahship and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ. They place all so-called "Ascended Masters" -- or Avatars -- on the same level. Thus, having Jesus Christ above these other so-called "Ascended Masters" would be totally contrary to their belief system. Within the world of New Age thought, such a concept is simply very politically incorrect language. It is far too Christian for them, and many of them reject such a notion.

Regardless of what I may personally believe as a Christian concerning the Quatrains of Nostradamus, the fact remains that some people -- and I honestly do not know how many -- are absolutely convinced of the truthfulness of Nostradamus' writings. Not only that, but some people are convinced that some of the Quatrains have been fulfilled to the letter. It occurs to me then that because of these facts, there exists the possibility that due to their own willingness to want to believe, Cannon's interpreters may have interpreted some of the Quatrains in such a manner, so that they would indeed appear to have been fulfilled, when in fact they were not. I would view this as a form of self-delusion or self-deception. As the old familiar saying goes, we each see what we want to see. Ironically, some Bible-mockers, atheists and skeptics accuse us Christians of doing the same thing. Naturally, we know that they are mistaken.

In addition to the previous point, there is the temptation to believe in the mystical, in the magical; to believe that we possess some hidden, esoteric, or perhaps even forbidden

knowledge. There is an element of risk and excitement to it which attracts certain people. Some people are very eager to understand their own future and destiny. This is precisely what has drawn so many people to the controversial "Bible Codes" in recent years. Everyone wants to find out what the codes have to say about them, if anything. But if you stop to think about it, even wanting to control our own futures through esoteric knowledge is a subtle attempt at playing God. Is it possible that the interpreters of the Quatrains of Michel Nostradamus have subconsciously, or perhaps even consciously, sought to fulfill this basic need of ours by sculpturing their interpretations to meet our expectations? It would be wise of us to remember the words of our Lord and Savior who said:

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Matthew 6:34, KJV

In conclusion, because of all of these different forces that have tried to affect our understanding of the Quatrains of Michel Nostradamus, we have to honestly recognize that there is no guarantee that what some people accept as accurate interpretations of his work -- in other words, the trilogy of Dolores Cannon, "Conversations With Nostradamus" -- are indeed one hundred per cent correct. We cannot ignore the possibility that in some cases, Nostradamus may have meant something entirely different from what we are being told. In other cases, perhaps some of his Quatrains have indeed been fulfilled to the letter. However, as a result of a poor interpretation by Cannon's team, the true fulfillment has been lost.

Now, while I have made this statement, please understand that I am not saying that I am personally convinced of the truthfulness, the godliness, or the accuracy of his work. As I have already made rather clear, as a Christian, I do not approve of, or agree with, some of the practices in which Michel Nostradamus engaged himself, in order to receive his so-called "prophecies". That is why you will notice that throughout this article, I have purposely placed the word "prophecies" in parentheses when necessary; because I am not yet convinced that they are truly of God. Satan can be very subtle in his deceptions.

If there is one thing I know, it is that we each have to seek the answers for ourselves, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the recorded Word. We must allow the light and truth of God's Word to penetrate our minds and hearts. If we do this, the darkness of deception, tradition and even superstition, will flee of itself. Once we are certain that we have discovered the truth, then we must stand fast in our convictions, come what may. As the Apostle Paul wisely wrote on one occasion when dealing with a particular situation:

". . . Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."
Romans 14:5, KJV

My purpose in writing this article, is simply to offer an admonition to those people who have an ear. It is the very same admonition which I have applied to other New Age prophets and seers before. If I were to sum it up, it would be the following:

Do not take anything at face value. Research it thoroughly. Compare it with the known standard; that is, the Bible. Is it one hundred per cent in agreement with God's Word? Are there any contradictions? Does it bear good fruit? Does it leave you with the right fruits of the Spirit; or does it make you feel down and condemned or fearful? Does it drive you away from, or towards God? And in the case of prophecies and predictions, do they come to pass exactly as predicted? That alone is the litmus test which will either condemn, or vindicate, the author/bearer of the message.

With these words, I will bring another article to a close. I trust that you have found it informative, and I hope that it has been a blessing in your life. If you have indeed enjoyed reading this article, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or with any other social network, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this article, or which are related to the topics which were discussed in this article. All of them are also

located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server:

Cardinal Ratzinger's Rebellion

Elijah: Where Are the True Prophets of God?

History of the Authorized King James Bible

In Defense of the KJV Bible

Is the KJV Bible the Inerrant Word of God?

John Lennon's "Imagine" and Secular Humanism

Modern False Prophets and Worldly Ecumenism

Nature of the Alien: ETs, Demons or a Government Plot

The Lamb of God Was a Goat

The Office of a Prophet

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