



ROSICRUCIAN ORDER

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*"The most useful of prophecies is the one
that announces a better world".*

ROSICRUCIAN PROPHECIES

As you know, most prophecies issued up until now have announced and continue to announce events that are negative and dramatic for humanity. The generalised crisis that it has been faced with for several years now seems to substantiate these, thereby giving rise to fears and anxieties that some are quick to fuel and exploit for a variety of purposes. Rosicrucians, for their part, have always considered that they should not be interpreted literally and that many of them had, at best, a symbolic or allegorical value only. Whatever may be said about them, the world's future will be that which humans make of it individually and collectively, which involves above all their free will and their short and medium term choices. Furthermore, we think that they possess all the requisite physical, mental, psychic and spiritual faculties in order to make it positive and thus allow everyone, without distinction, to be happy and fulfilled on all fronts.

Since we have just made reference to negative prophecies, we would like to take this opportunity to say that we do not in any way subscribe to the relatively recent one that announces that the end of the world will take place in 2012. Unfortunately this rumour, which is nothing but manipulation that certain media have helped to spread, has sown doubt and confusion in people's minds. Numerous fragile and easily influenced people have thus begun to worry, and even expect the worst. As you are probably aware, those who are behind this prophecy base it on the Mayan calendar, which is said to end on December 21 2012. Be assured however that, like all those that have been put forward until now in relation to the "Apocalypse" (1967, 1984, 1993, 2000, to quote only those from most recent years), this date will come and go without the world disappearing in the meantime due to some or other planetary cataclysm. Hence there will be a January 1 2013.

Does this mean to say that all the prophecies of the past were fanciful, and that all those concerning the future are ill-founded? No, indeed some have been fulfilled. Among some of the better known ones were the births of Moses, Jesus and other Avatars, the downfall of the Egyptian, Greek and Roman civilisations, the declaration of the First and Second World Wars, the socio-cultural revolutions of the 1960s, the emergence of the European Community etc. It should be noted that, for the most part, they have involved events that have more or less deeply

influenced the evolution of morals, mentalities and consciences. This being so, we would be wrong to think that they were of an unavoidable nature. As regards those with a negative connotation, they were more of a warning or a word of caution, so that they could have been avoided if humans had acted accordingly.

The ongoing question surrounding these prophecies concerns the principle on which they are based. Whether we accept it or not, the universe is not limited to a group of stars, planets and other celestial bodies in an infinite space. It is endowed with a consciousness that integrates the past, the present and the future of everything that constitutes its existence and evolution. Furthermore, it is possible to harmonise with this universal consciousness and obtain impressions of the future of humanity, which supposes of course that one knows how to proceed. We would also point out that such impressions become prophetic only from the moment they are fulfilled. This is why, as we have said before, prophecies, including those with a positive connotation, do not correspond to unavoidable events and do not imply the denial of human free will.

Independently of the prophecies founded on revelations obtained by harmonising with the universal consciousness, humans are capable of having premonitory dreams and foreseeing the future through them, if only secretly. They can also anticipate it by means of reasoning and imagination at its most intuitive. Indeed, it is by combining these two faculties that certain great visionaries of the past were able to predict what the future held for humanity in different domains. Let us recall that Leonardo da Vinci worked on projects that were considerably in advance of their time. This was also the case for Jules Verne, who had predicted that humans would journey into space and to the bottom of the ocean. There is also no doubt that certain futuristic novels and films anticipate the state of the world in the decades and centuries to come.

Rosicrucians have always devoted themselves to anticipating the future and prophesying what it holds best for humanity if it acts wisely and leads the existence for which it is destined. We believe that humankind is not simply here by chance or due to an accident of time and place, no more so than the universe itself. If it lives on Earth, it is to evolve spiritually, that is to say to gradually become aware of its divine nature and to express this through its thoughts, words and actions. Beyond the trials and tribulations of existence, it is in this quest for meaning that the key to the happiness it aspires to may be found. By extension, humanity as a whole is destined to establish the ideal society that many wise men of the past have called for, and which many individuals more or less consciously hope for.

In the light of our teachings and our philosophy, we are optimistic about the future, even if the current situation leads us to fear the worst. Below the surface, the troubled times that we are crossing constitute a "necessary transition", which should enable humanity to transcend itself and be reborn, provided it takes on a humanistic and spiritualistic direction. This requires it to definitively break with the individualism and materialism that prevail today in the majority of so-called "developed" countries. Until this happens, the problems it is confronted with today will only get worse, with all the resulting consequences in terms of suffering and ill-being for many people. Without yielding to "apocalypticism", we presume that if it persists in its thoughtlessness it will end up largely, if not completely, disappearing.

Our conception of humanism is that there is an urgent need for humankind to be placed back at the centre of economic and social life. In particular, this means that it must wherever possible be reinstated in place of machines, which were supposed to relieve people of the more arduous tasks and not replace them for the purpose of achieving better profitability. But we think that such re-humanisation may not begin until every human being has understood that he has a soul, and that the aim of life is to awaken to the virtues of this soul, which include humility, generosity, integrity, tolerance, non-violence etc. In our opinion, it is in this awakening that reside the foundations of the spirituality that each of us should live and carry out on a daily basis. Seen from this perspective, one can be spiritualistic without belonging to any particular religion, particularly since none of them has the monopoly over faith and truth.

Let us recall if needs be that, contrary to common belief, the word "*apocalypse*" does not mean "end of the world" but "*revelation*". In this regard, we think that the time will come when humanity, after having revealed its worst side, will go on to reveal its better side and create a world in which happiness will no longer be an ideal to be attained, but a reality lived by the majority of people. This slow mutation will be accompanied by major changes that will reflect the degree of evolution reached by humanity. Thus, we prophesy that the day will come when the Earth will have:

A world government

The 21st century will see the advent of a world government, of which the United Nations (U.N.) is just an embryo. It will be composed of leaders from all nations who will be elected democratically in each country. Each member of this planetary government will have the same powers, the same rights and the same duties, it being understood that it will not replace national governments nor undermine their authority. Its main objective will be to guarantee peace between peoples and ensure that economic globalisation be a factor of prosperity for all. From then on, politics will draw its inspiration from philosophy or, put literally, the "*love of wisdom*". It will as such be a vector for humanism.

A single currency

Although economic globalisation is today a factor of social inequality and indeed impoverishment in many countries, the time will come when it will allow every nation to meet the economic needs of their fellow citizens and ensure their happiness on a practical level. By then there will be a single world currency, which will not be used for speculation purposes but will solely serve to sell and buy different goods. Having money will no longer be an end in itself, but a means for each person to obtain what they need for their day-to-day wellbeing. Everyone will have understood that the happiness they aspire to lies in inner wealth. Rather than seeking out material possessions, they will focus on the quest for wisdom.

A universal code of ethics

Associated for centuries with religion and its own specific dogmas and once-rejected, moral philosophy will return in the form of a code of ethics that will be accepted and practised freely all over the world. Founded on respect for oneself, for others and for nature, it will enable

each person to be good company both for themselves and others. This code gives as much importance to the duties of every citizen as it does to the rights granted to them by the State, and encourages social peace and what some term as "*living in harmony*". Human beings will endeavour to express the best of themselves in the interests of each and every person, so that division, competition and exclusion will definitively give way to unity, cooperation and sharing.

Global citizenship

As a result of ethnic-racial and cultural mixing and international exchange, collective consciousness will eventually replace individual consciousness. Henceforth, human beings will truly begin to think and behave like global citizens. The problem of racism will no longer arise, nor shall nationalism, for all human beings will have accepted the fact that they belong to a common entity, namely the Human Race. Better still, they will be fully conscious of being kindred spirits stemming from the same spiritual source: the Universal Soul. The word "*fraternity*" will thus take on its real meaning, so that humanity will be the living expression of unity through diversity.

A common language

From one country to another, all humans will come to speak the same language. It will not be one that exists today, not even English, which is known these days as the "international language". Like Esperanto, the future universal language will be a human creation and will express the desire for unity that will prevail between nations and individuals. It will be a vector of mutual understanding, and will be more the language of the soul and of the body, encouraging exchanges between all, irrespective of nationality. In its written form, it will add an international dimension to literature, which will then be seen to be part of humanity's heritage and will integrate the major works that have punctuated the history of peoples and civilisations.

An androgynous gender

From its very beginnings, humankind has taken the form of the male gender and the female gender, which includes men and women respectively. Even today these two genders display very different psychological traits, in the sense that there are ways of thinking and feeling that tend to be more masculine and others that are more feminine. Men and women will evolve to eventually live in tune with common thoughts and emotions. In other words, what Jung termed as "*animus*" and "*anima*" will balance out in human beings through an androgynous gender. This androgyny will not be of an anatomic nature for, as long as they live on Earth, men will be male and women will be female.

A planetary ecology

After years of mistreating nature (different types of pollution, excessive deforestation, greenhouse gases, destruction of ecosystems etc.), humankind will re-establish a relationship with it and work towards its preservation for the benefit of current and future generations. Having understood and assimilated that it is not only a masterpiece of Creation but also the environment to which they owe their existence, they will work across borders to make its protection an

international cause. Whereas they once wanted to control and master it, without really succeeding in doing so, so they will strive to cooperate with it and draw inspiration from its laws. Better still, they will see in it the presence and the influence of an absolute and transcendental Intelligence.

A universal religion

Religions, which we respect for the best they have to offer believers in order to live their faith, will gradually disappear and give rise to a universal religion that will teach the esoteric principles that are known today by too few Initiates. Devoid of all dogma and sectarianism, this universal religion, founded on the willingness for improved self-awareness and understanding of the profound meaning of existence, will mark the definitive passage from religiosity to spirituality, in that aspiration to knowledge will supplant belief. In other words, the desire to understand the divine laws, in terms of natural, universal and spiritual laws, will replace the need to believe in God, who will be regarded as the Energy-Consciousness that is at the origin of Creation.

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Some will view these prophecies as the "mystic ranting" of a group of utopians. Others will attribute them to pseudo-visionaries. There will also be those who question their justification and very much hope that they will not be fulfilled, because they do not relish the prospect of a world government, a single currency, a universal religion etc. Our motto being "*The greatest tolerance within the strictest independence*", we naturally allow everyone the freedom to think what they like. Faithful to our tradition, we have decided that the time has come to let people know how we envisage the future, so as to maybe point the way forward in order to bring humanity out of the impasse it has fallen into through repeated errors in its political, economic and diplomatic choices etc.

As you will have noted, what we prophesy for the future of humanity moves in the direction of universality and unity. This may initially come as a surprise for, as a result of the crisis it is experiencing in many domains, we have for some time been witnessing a tendency towards individualism, communitarianism and nationalism. This is explained by the fact that when confronted with existential difficulties, the human being tends lay the blame for them on others, particularly those who are "foreign" to him. This tendency only worsens the situation, for it leads to increased selfishness and creates further division, opposition, discrimination and exclusion. Moreover, it runs counter to history, for globalisation is an inevitable process and it is useless to fight it. It was indeed in the natural order of things that all countries would come to establish cooperative economic, political, cultural and other relationships. Rather than opposing or slowing down this process, we must accelerate it and make it a vector of peace and prosperity for all peoples.

Granted, it will be a long time before these prophecies are fulfilled, but if they are in keeping with the future of humanity that you wish for, you may bring them to the attention of others and join us now in order to lay its foundations: Firstly, regularly visualise their

accomplishment. Be assured that thought is creative, for when it is used for positive purposes it enables us to create thought forms, which are thoughts that take shape when the conditions are right. Secondly, be humanist and support projects that move towards cooperation and union between the peoples. Not only does the survival of humanity depend on it, but it is the duty of every citizen of the world. Lastly, and if it is not already the case, be spiritualistic in the mystical, not religious, sense of the term. In other words, see in yourself an evolving soul and waken up to its own particular virtues.

To conclude, we invite you to work individually and collectively so that our vision of the future may be fulfilled, all the more so if you accept the principle of reincarnation, for you will be actors and witnesses to it in a future life. If not, do it for your descendants and for future generations in general.

Whatever your ideas, convictions or beliefs may be, we wish you all the happiness and Peace Profound that is so dear to Rosicrucians.

Fraternally,

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