Facts About Nostradamus and His Prophecies

... Truth based on the evidence should be your only consideration when evaluating this man and his ability to foretell events. The following quotes primarily come from the book entitled, The Prophecies of Nostradamus by Erika Cheetham published by G. P. Putnam’s Sons of New York, New York, copyrighted in 1973, hereafter abbreviated PON and The Nostradamus Encyclopedia by Peter Lemesurier published by St. Martin's Press of New York, New York, copyrighted in 1997, hereafter abbreviated NE. [All bold emphasis is my own.]

Nostradamus was the Latinized form of Michel de Nostredame, the French astrologer, who lived from 1503 to 1566. His great popularity is apparent when his predictions are considered. In fact, Nostradamus seems to have come into his own during the latter part of his life as his prophecies became more widely known and appreciated.

Nostradamus had accurate predictive abilities in knowing a future Pope:

Erika Cheetham comments on his divination:

Both this and the following quatrains describe Nostradamus’ method of divination, as was done by an Apollonian false prophetess. At such a time he be-obliged to open the mind to divine inspiration not merely through the use of judicial astrology, but with the ritual aid of lymphe and exigue flamme ... Almost in the same breath, however, he speaks his infant son never to dabble in such practices of for, he says, they desiccate the body, disturb the mind, and send the soul to perdition. For that reason he has reduced to ashes the ancient books in which he first discovered the techniques involved. They burned, he says, with an unnatural brilliance (NE, p. 64).

But there is more you need to know about him and his prophecies which might surprise you. Let’s note the following quatrains:

The wand in the hand is placed in the middle of the tripod’s legs. With water he sprinkles both the hem of his garment and his foot. A voice, fear; he trembles in his robes. Divine splendour [sic]; the god sits nearby.

Cheetham gives her interpretation:

But I think that Nostradamus is here describing the sensation of ‘bodily lessness’ which he experiences when in a predictive trance, when his mind and intellect are used by the heavenly beings for their own purposes. The prayers of the last line are the invocations to the spirits made by Nostradamus. As they finish, he is possessed (PON, p. 177).
tions of JFK and RFK 400 years in advance, but did he really make such a prediction or are his fans trying to make his prophecies fit history and thereby unduly exalt his Nostradamus as an occultist! predictive powers? Dear reader, carefully ponder the following for yourself. This is supposed to be the Kennedy assassination predictions:

The great man will be struck down in the day by a thunderbolt. An evil deed, foretold by the bearer of a petition. According to the prediction another falls at night time. Conflict at Reims, London, and pestilence in Tuscany (PON, p. 33).

Please note that the facts reveal that there was no specific mention of the name Kennedy as you might have thought, or of his time frame or century, neither was it stated that it would be the brother or even a relative who would “fall at night time.” Furthermore, as we look back into history, how did the Kennedy assassinations trigger pestilence in Tuscany? In spite of all of this, however, one of his devotees wishes to understand this quatrain as meaning:

The first three lines here may apply to the assassinations of the two Kennedy brothers. John F. Kennedy was shot down (thunderbolt) in broad daylight at Dallas, Texas on 22nd November 1963 by the psychopath, Lee Harvey Oswald. The other man linked with him who is killed at night, was his brother Robert F. Kennedy who was shot down on 5th June 1968 in the early morning while celebrating his victory in the presidential primary elections at a hotel. Line 2, the fact that the assassination had been told by the bearer of a petition may refer to the many death threats John F. Kennedy and his brother received during their terms of office. The troubles in France, England and Italy would refer to the world repercussions of these assassinations (PON, p. 33).

Dear reader, isn’t it clear from the evidence that the predictions that Nostradamus allegedly made about the Kennedy assassinations are contrived! If you stopped someone at random on the sidewalk who never heard of Nostradamus and gave him this actual quatrain, do you sincerely think he would say it predicted the Kennedy assassinations? Never! Furthermore, if RFK was to be the other man who falls at night time, why does the record instead show he was shot in the early morning? In the actual quatrain written by Nostradamus we do not read of “Hitler” but instead of a different person or thing called Hister. This fact is concealed in this English translation of this famous quatrain:

Beasts wild with hunger will cross the rivers, the greater part of the battlefield will be against Hitler. He will drag the leader in a cage of iron, when the child of Germany observes no law (PON, p. 82).

This is what that supposedly means:

One of Nostradamus’ most remarkable series of quatrains, with the name Hitler given in anagram as Hister. There can be little doubt that Hitler is implied; who else could be so well described by the last line, the German who observed no law? In 16th-Century handwriting the resemblance is even closer with the use of the long s, Hitler. Commentators before 1930 understood the Hister to be the river Danube, from its latin name Ister. But Hitler recognized himself in these quatrains by the mid 1930s and Goebbels made great propaganda out of them in the pre-war party years. Evidence of this is found in many sources, chiefly Ellie Howe’s book ‘Nostradamus and the Nazis’. During the first year of the Second World War the development of the war was to a great extent dependent upon the rivers crossed by the Germans who came into Europe in a never-ending stream looting and pillaging (farouches de faim) (PON, p. 82).

Notice: it is admitted that before 1930 it was understood that Hister (not Hitler) was the subject of the quatrain! Without a doubt, at least some of the times Nostradamus failed in his prophecies. This is candidly admitted by a devotee:

He believed himself to possess certain powers, although there is reason to believe he could not draw on these to order. They certainly sometimes let him down in the Prophecies (PON, p. 14).

That last sentence is very important for it factually declares that Nostradamus made false prophecies! But the author admits to more:

I can dismiss ninety-five per cent of Nostradamus’ predictions as historical coincidence (PON, p. 14).

Though many of Nostradamus’ prophecies were vague and obscure, at least the following one was exact as to the timing of a major event which was supposed to occur in July 1999:

In the year 1999, and seven months, from the sky will come the great King of Terror. He will bring back to life the great king of the Mongols. Before and after War reigns happily (PON, p. 417).

That was understood in 1973 and earlier to mean the following:

In his gloomy prediction Nostradamus seems to foresee the end of the world at the Millennium, the year 2000. He was greatly influenced in this by medieval thinking which held all millenniums in great dread. From the verse it appears that first we must suffer the Asian antichrist ‘the King of Mongols’ before the advent of this new and terrifying figure. Note that Nostradamus expects war both before and after his coming (PON, p. 417).

Time is the enemy of false prophets. This is no exception with Nostradamus and his failed prophecy of July 1999. Clearly, Nostradamus was a proven false prophet, and not “the prophet” as Peter Lemesurier calls him (NE, p. 43), because he made at least one false prophecy. But even Lemesurier unwittingly admits to one of Nostradamus’ false prophecies:

Indeed, the seer predicts that the Pope’s flight from Rome in the year 2000... will be accompanied by the appearance of just such a comet as this verse seems to describe (NE, p. 152).

But this prophecy is also false. Nostradamus is further indicted by the facts that he was an occultist who used divination for his prophecies and was himself demon possessed. Regarding the latter and the gift of fortune-telling, please ponder the following Scripture:

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone... (Acts 16:16-19, NRSV).

From the above Scripture, it should be clear that demon spirits can predict the future to some degree of accuracy or that demon possessed slave girl couldn’t have made a great deal of money for her owners. We should remember this as we evaluate Nostradamus and his predictive powers, which came from spirit beings. Moreover, remember this: a false prophet can make true prophecies (Dt. 18:11-12), but when a false prophecy is made, that person is always a false prophet (Dt. 18:21-22):

You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?” If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him (Dt. 18:21,22).

Also, remember that the “prophet” Nostradamus claimed his own revelations were of Divine origin:

His revelations, he [Nostradamus] constantly claimed, were of Divine, not human, origin let alone the product of mere magic. Indeed, only such Divine revelations, he repeatedly pointed out in his dedicatory letters... could possibly hope to foretell the future (NE, p. 114).

But Nostradamus was correct about one thing—he himself was hell-bound, as is anyone involved in the occult. Besides Dt. 18:10-12 other Scriptures apply:

All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. (Isa 47:13,14)

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. (Rev 21:8)

Dear reader, if you or someone you know is involved in the occult, repent from this evil and turn to Jesus Christ. Prove your repentance by your deeds, including the destroying of your sorcery materials (Acts 19:19).

Also, if the reader wants to read the future before it happens, he/she should go to the Bible (God’s word), the only reliable source from God that mankind has, and carefully ponder its pages as to the coming of the antichrist, the Lord’s return, Judgment Day and other events. There they will find 100% accurate information about anything the Scriptures speak out upon, unlike the prophecies of Nostradamus! Of utmost importance, the reader should examine what the Bible declares about how to find forgiveness of sins and salvation. For more information on this please view our other related articles.