



2011

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Last century, at the beginning of the 70s, a group called “the Club of Rome” became much appreciated. To the Third World and Eastern Europe, this group seemed to be exotic and attractive since it tackled forbidden subjects, somehow subtly connected to the conspiracy theory and occult movements. Also, it was the first time when some materialistic scientists were suggesting that the theories about uninterrupted progress were not true.

Aurelio Peccei, an Italian erudite and business man, and Alexander King, a Scottish scientist, founded “The Club of Rome” in 1968. The Club warned that the oil reserves would end one day and we cannot expect to see an infinite economic progress of mankind. We do not want to go into details, but we will say that this Club’s members were influential people from all around the world, covering various fields (financial, political, industrial, etc.), which is why the Club was used as an illustration of the conspiracy theory.

The first question in such cases is who finances this type of association. Only naïve people could believe that such groups, clubs, or organizations have an altruistic agenda. In fact, they contribute to the action of manipulating crowds, an action that has been taking place for some time under different forms. This manipulation is what René Guénon called the “power of suggestion” exercised by the counter-initiatory forces. The Club of Rome subtly tried to suggest a calamity in the year 2000.

Today we see the same scenario. The “Peak Oil” groups are warning people – again – about the exhaustion of oil reserves. These “Peak Oil” groups gather politicians, scientists, business men, etc., who connect the oil crisis with 9/11, with the invasion of Iraq, and consider the year 2011 as the year when a worldwide disaster will take place, when the economy will collapse and a terrible regression will follow. These groups are less subtle than the Club of Rome, their arguments are more contestable and, again, it would be interesting to know who finances these groups.

On January 18, this year, another group composed of scientists from all over the world announced that the “Doomsday Clock” moved with two minutes closer to the end of time.

At the same time, the occultist and pseudo-religious circles have advertised the idea that the end of times will occur in 2011, or that this particular year will bring a terrible fall. It is almost comical to see how two opposing “camps,” the one of rationalists, materialists and scientists, and the one of pseudo-spiritualists and occultists, meet each other, finding agreement with respect to the final date. There is no coincidence, but another illustration of the “power of suggestion” that continues to manipulate the crowds, and which, after trying to induce the “millennium fear” (the fear for the year 2000), it now strives to introduce a new closing term.

It is equally remarkable to watch how the same type of people, with the same profane mentality, scientific and materialistic education, after contributing, wittingly or not, to promote Darwin’s theory and the theory of unlimited progress, now try to sell to the public at large the idea of regression, of inexorable decadence, of finality. The ridicule is at its maximum, especially since the justifications are taken from the same foolish dictionary of democratic atheism.

There is no doubt that the end of times will come. The signs are everywhere. Someone must be really badly confused to think that it is normal for humans to be mortal, and the world to last forever.

The problem is that nothing happens chaotically, and, in the case of man, if there is no accident, he follows a cycle obeying precise laws, which allow him to pass from age to age, reaching old age when various signs will indicate the end approaching. Things happen similarly with the world. The end of this world is the normal conclusion of a series of events that exhaust the last possibilities, and the great art of the adversary is to produce confusion after confusion, manipulating the crowds, and so facilitating the exhaustion of the cycle.

The suggestion about the year 2011 belongs to this scenario. It is just a small component of an extremely intricate operation, in which two apparent contradictory actions can often be seen, but that in fact have the same goal.

It is well-known, or it should be, that, as emphasized in genuine traditional doctrines, regarding the cosmic cycles and their duration, the final date is not known and it should not be known by the people at large. The Christian tradition also insists on this issue. When St. Paul announced that the Second Coming is near, some of the new Christians considered that they have already been redeemed and they could do whatever they wanted, or better, they could do nothing. Consequently, St. Paul had to stress that we do not know the final date, and moreover, even if the end is near or because the end is near, we have to prepare ourselves spiritually more than ever.

Today as always, qualified individuals need time to accomplish the rites, meditation, and spiritual efforts. The end of times should not affect their initiatory endeavour. It is wrong to think that the time has come and nothing else can be done, or that the end is near and we have to rush through our spiritual process.

One of the purposes of these “scary” scenarios about 2011 is exactly to paralyze any spiritual activity. The other one is to advance some specific dates to inflict confusion and panic, so that the humankind will respond better to other suggestions. And then, there is fear.

This fear is twofold: on one hand it is suggested to the crowds, and on the other hand the adversary itself is mastered by fear.

Oriens was criticized immediately after being born. How stupid or evil could someone be to criticize a newborn child without giving it time to develop. These critics are driven by fear. Herod tried to kill the newborn Jesus, compelled by fear. Fear was why Moses was almost killed. Various traditions tell how fear was born at the same time with the world; fear is the token of duality. But fear is also the emblem of many “vices” belonging to the adversary. For this reason, the adversary suggests this fear into the crowds.

It is acceptable that common people are influenced and scared by all kinds of suggestions. But it is inadmissible that individuals, who are concerned with Tradition and the spiritual process, can be deceived by them and could actually contribute to this disarray. They should focus on the one and only objective and forget about 2011 or any other fatal year.