

THE POPE KNOWS!

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..Our Lady showed the word "ENCYCLICALS" in the air...

A few years ago a startling book was published in Paris called "The Woman of All Peoples". It revealed the possibility of extraordinary aids which the Pope may be receiving in these times. Written by Raoul Auclair, the book contains messages transmitted by a Dominican confessor to Pope Pius XII which a woman in Holland claimed to have received from the Blessed Virgin.

Exact Time Foretold

She foretold the exact time of the Holy Father's death. She foretold Vatican Council II. She asked that the Eucharistic fast be abolished six years before Pope Pius XII did it. She asked for the Feast of Mary's Queenship and the coronation which the Pope accomplished in 1954. All in all, fifty-six visions are recounted in detail from 1945 over a period of twelve years, touching on such subjects as:

Whites And Blacks

The need for white persons to accept the black with love and into the unity of the faith; to see the Church as a Community; need for the United Nations; a United Europe; gradual return of faith to England and that Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury would meet the Pope; need for greater social apostolate in the Church; need for changes in seminaries; changes in religious communities; danger of over-extension of American political action in the Orient; and many other counsels, especially unity.

Are we to conclude that because of these messages Pope Paul decided to visit the United Nations, tried to contain military action in Vietnam, etc.?

By no means.

The Holy Father would not be likely to follow the words of a

visionary any more than you or I might.

But these recently published messages indicate the contact with God which the Holy Father enjoys as head of God's Church and Shepherd of His People.

These messages from Amsterdam are only a small part of the light that flows to the chair of Peter. They are merely a few rays of all the brilliance of the saints of God of whom a few (like Father Pio de Pietriconia) are known, but most of whom are unknown to the world in general.

Almost Daily Visions

During the Council in Rome I knew a Monsignor who was a confidant of the Pope and who was confessor of a person who had almost daily visions. Shocking? Maybe to those who have never really known to what degree some persons progress in love of God as the saints do. But actual union with God, to a very intimate and high degree which would make even "visions" a disturbing superfluity, is common to many persons in this world at this moment.

Take the case of Alexandrina, who died in Portugal in 1957. Ever hear of her? Probably not, but she sent communications to the Pope, too. And the Pope had reason to believe her because Alexandrina was a victim soul whose Bishop had personally investigated her and found that she lived for almost thirteen years solely on the Eucharist.

"Truth Is Within"

Holiness is in the Church. It sustains the head of the Church in these difficult times. It is therefore particularly interesting to note one of the prophecies and warnings ascribed to Our Lady in Holland as recounted in this recent book by Raoul Auclair:

"The time of Our Lord is coming. But before will come a time of trouble. Humanism. Paganism. The atheists and serpents will come first to try once more to govern the world. I have come to tell you this and that a great action must commence... Those outside must seek justice. If it is not found the world will again be lost... Truth is within, but not outside..." and then written in the air appeared the word ENCYCLICALS and the Lady added:

Right Road!

"Behold the right road!"

Then, becoming very sad she added: "But they are not lived."

But again the thought immediately comes to our mind: Do we need visions to know this? Does not common sense tell us that Christ keeps His promise to abide with His church? Are His own words not still valid, that He built the Church on the rock (Peter) and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it?

Instead of following what "experts" say, does it not make sense to follow ONLY what the Holy Father chooses... *out of the fullness of his knowledge and light*... to tell us? In these days should we not cling to his every word, knowing that the holiness of the Church and the promise of Christ sustain him?

By the accident of work which takes me to many countries, and aided with knowledge of several languages, I hear perhaps more than the average person about "supernatural intervention" in our day: I have talked personally with some of the recognized "saints" like Lucia of Fatima and Father Pio, and I know about "apparitions" and "miracles" of which most persons have never heard. And one great message comes from all authentic sources to the people of our times:

"Follow the Holy Father!"