

SECTS AND CULTS: A PLAGUE AGAINST INITIATION by Bruno Piaud, translated by JM Avril

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As indicated by the cover of this book, it is indeed 'a new look' that author of *Sectes Nouvelles* has; he endeavours to operate a 'selective incursion' into the world of the new religious movements, and this look is new in the sense that it is nuanced, balanced and honest. Using a precise style and agreeable as to the reading of it, Mayer, who dominates his subject, which fascinates him, carries out his investigation in clarity, examines without superficiality and exposes in a coherent manner and well argued in the form of a practical manual, full of advices, with a substantial bibliography and an address book. In short, *Sectes Nouvelle* is one of the rare works in French that one can advise as *initium* to the study of these phenomena located on the fringe of religions. After reading this book, the student, in order to broaden his investigation towards the higher strata, will have to consult the works of Evola and of Guenon dealing with spiritualism, Blavastky's Theosophy and contemporary neo-spiritual movements.

As to us, without the claim to bring anything new, we have thought that it would not be out of place to enunciate some useful observations to anyone who desires to read with some benefit the book that we have already mentioned.

THE CROWN BULL

'Crowned as a king, haloed like a messiah, Of an aureole of gold, of light and of blood.' (Xavier Privas)

In the section talking about the neo-oriental movement, Mayer quotes, after Aagaard, the 'astonishing and presumptuous words' of a speaker of the Hindu World Congress that would have occurred, in January 1979, in Allahabad: 'Our mission in the West has been crowned with a fantastic success. Hinduism again becomes a world religion, and the end of Christianity is near. One more generation and there will be only two religions in the world, Islam and Hinduism.'

To the esoteric initiate, these words are not extravagant. They prove that the speaker mentioned above has a good knowledge of the spiritual forces active in the world today. We have said elsewhere (1) that the remaining 'active' today are: Pisces, Aries and Taurus. And we said that the 'learned' would know, in seeing the table, which force has a future while the two others could only diminish as the cycle unfolds. It is of course Taurus that has a future. Now this influx expresses itself with some power right now only in the Muslim and Hindu traditions, and it by the way hardly dissociable from the myth of knowledge (Cancer), which Islam clearly expresses in sign of the moon crescent, both horns (Taurus) and Moon (Cancer), and so does the last Shivaism in the Linga, both stone (Cancer) and Taurus sex.

While the Taurus influx influences both Islam and Hinduism, it is the Aquarius influx that will be increasing in the next few hundred years; Taurus being its ally in the Plane of the Beautiful, one

will agree that the sign of the bull will be helping considerably in the coming of the Age of Aquarius.

The three planes – of the Fixed and the Beautiful; of the Mutable and of the Good; of the Cardinal and the True -, refer to the *Trimurti*, to the ‘three-headed’ god of the Celts, etc. The *triskel* symbolizes these three wheels or cosmic crosses in action. Here is, of the four esoteric factors, the universal factor that distributes the twelve structures in sets of four (2).

The correct mastery of this key, in particular, and of astrological esotericism, in general, allows one to classify all beliefs, traditions and philosophies; it permits one to turn them into a ‘formula’, so to speak. Admittedly, such a judgement, if it is not arbitrary, neglects somehow details and specifics at first sight but, precisely, what matters here is catching the overall spiritual nuance; details and specifics come after, if they occur.

Here are some examples: Leo prevails in Alexis Carrel’s thinking, Cancer dominates in Stephane Lupasco’s thought, Gemini/Taurus prevail in Roger Garaudy’s thinking and Pisces is the main astrological influence behind Karl Jaspers’ thought.

Here we read astrologically some symbols: the Bee is Leo/Aries; the Eagle is Scorpio/Aquarius when one-headed and Scorpio/Aquarius/Gemini when two-headed; the Dog is Gemini/Virgo (3); the Unicorn is Virgo/Sagittarius; Honey is Aries/Sun/Virgo; Thunder is Libra/Sun/Taurus.

Other instances: an idol like ‘Baphomet’ is Taurus/Sun; an ancient culture like Greece is Leo/Gemini a fiction like Equality/Fraternity is Libra/Gemini; an axiom like the motto of the bard chair of Morganwg ‘*Da’r Maen gyd ar Efengyl*’ is Cancer/Pisces; a god like Apollo is Sun/Gemini; a political movement like fascism is Leo/Aries/Sagittarius (4).

Here is the astrological reading of some aristocratic titles: the Knight has embodied Love (Pisces), the Prince has embodied hierarchy (Leo); the Baron has embodied Justice (Aries); the Duke has embodied Wisdom (Cancer); the Count has embodied Creation (Taurus); the Marques has embodied the Similar, the Semblance, the Likeness (Gemini).

When the Spirit withdraws from a traditional form, it does it in the reverse sense from where it has irradiated, that is to say, it withdraws from the periphery to the centre. The first to die is exotericism. Right now, even though it has withdrawn from their external forms, the Spirit still invigorates Christianity in some religious orders, Islam in some *Turuq* and Buddhism in some monastic communities, places still usable for the realization of oneself according to specific vocations.

It is Islam, the most recent form chosen by the Primordial Tradition in our cycle of humanity, which seems the most alive for now; yet, it already shows signs of deterioration. The kind of Islam that ‘invades’ Western Europe thanks to Pakistani, North African, Turkish and African immigration, is not the sort that Crusaders were confronting, that is to say, the fully alive and conquering Islam, the Islam of the Mosque of the fear of God *AT-TAQWA*, but the type that is

derived from a sum of rites of social communion, of practices intended to manifest a feeling of belonging to the same community, rather than the sort that opens the soul to a transcendence; what we have is the secularized Islam of the mosque of evil *ADH-DHIRAR* (5).

As to Hinduism, constituted of autonomous 'bits' and that has the talent to combine perspectives that are antagonistic to each other elsewhere, the best that we see in it is that it concentrates the Taurus influx; given that Shiva-worship is the sole of the three currents to manifest this influx without any hindrance, one will reach the conclusion that it is the only one that has a future for neither the Brahma current (Aries) nor the Vishnu current (Pisces) can only decline as the Age of Aquarius is advancing. While our dying age is lasting, only Shiva-worship will be maintained, and this tradition is one of the most direct ramifications of the Primordial Tradition, yet the former doesn't totally identify with the latter.

One can see that the words of this Allahabad congress attendant quoted by Mayer are neither 'astonishing' nor 'presumptuous'; they only express, perhaps with too much militant excitement, the knowledge of what is evident to the 'mythologist' and the esoteric adept.

THE COMFORT FURNISHED BY VICES

'Sages have foreseen, some poets have seen/
The collapse of our undermined ramparts;/
But the crowds, which believe in sorceresses, are feasting/
In calling the sole true soothsayers 'cranks'
(Fernand Gregh)

Can we 'narrow down', via astrological esotericism, the sects of the 'new religiosity'? In part, we can do it, for they are heterogeneous, they are aberrant fantasies and a conglomeration of extravagant ravings, and for that reason it is hard to extract something positive from this 'religious bric-a-brac'. Let's have a try though:

Krishna Consciousness is a Pisces/Taurus/Scorpio syncretism; the Soka Gakkai is Pisces and Sun; Eckhankar – a miserable parody of the *surat shabd yoga* is Pisces/Taurus; the *Raelien* movement is Gemini/Pisces; the Church of Scientology claims to be a 'Technological Buddhism' and is therefore Pisces; neo-paganism (neo-Druids, Odinism, Wicca, etc.) is Taurus/Gemini/Virgo.

It would too long to compile a list of all the astrological identities of those religious caricatures and, even if we attempting to do so, disgust would not be late in making us stop this compiling.

When the Spirit withdraws, faith goes away, and one cannot claim to love what one doesn't believe in anymore. Now, religious feeling is hungry for more food, and then there is a flourishing of sects and cults, after the atheistic interlude. 'Like in the coming out of a long fast, the convalescent rushes indiscriminately upon any kind of food, thus modern man, after having broken the starvation diet of ideal imposed upon him by atheism, tricks his hunger when he cannot satiate it and eats any junk food randomly encountered to fill the huge vacuum within (...) When the religious instinct cannot follow its normal course, it becomes accumulated in the hearts, it seethes there, ferments and pours out in unexpected and round-about ways. Thus,

genuine scientists have come out of materialism to embrace spiritualism, and positivists have resurrected Buddhism in the core of Paris' (6). There has been worse things than those horrors generated by the spiritualist reaction to rationalism that took place at the end of the 19th Century.

Mayer underlines the Universalist and resolutely world-wide perspective of many of those new movements. 'Couples blessed by Reverend Moon are almost always international and often ethnically mixed'. A secular mixing of ethnic and racial groups, a mixture of beliefs... It is in this sea of multiple confusions that a crepuscular world is drowning. The 'religiosity' is the last, ultimate stage of religious degeneration. One plunders traditions that are dead or moribund and one interprets debris and detritus in sentimental and irrational modes. Yet, in this deluge of fantasies, forgeries, hijackings and misappropriations, one can detect a common denominator. Evola wrote in the 1920s: '*Le christianisme, aujourd'hui, est en acte dans la structure de notre société, dans la science moderne, dans l'illusoire puissance mécanique*'. Christianity is in actuality in the structure of our society, in modern science and in the illusory mechanical might. More than 50 years later, Pro-Third-World neo-pagan Alain de Benoist was to notice: 'Never has the world been as *judeo-chretien* as today. Everywhere, on the entire planet, the average of the people is this 'fishy race of pallid, sickly and miserable creatures animated by the need to love, to believe, to give themselves up and to become lost, a race that the foe of itself, the enemy of the world, fanatic, levelling down, deadly for everything that is force, freedom, wisdom, aristocracy' (7). Such is the common denominator, what underlies and subtends the approach of society folks and sectarians is the ultimate deterioration of the Pisces influence so proper to our times. Transforming society, 'reconciling science and spirituality, improving the situation of the disadvantaged, promoting peace in the world and establishing, finally, this ideal and 'fraternal' society, ill-assorted and motley crucible in which everyone will be able to do for free flirty fishing with the *Pere David* and Alice Bailey, where the *Elohim* and the *Eck* will walk with us together with *Maitreya* the Christ and the reincarnated *Nichiren*. The new religiosity, which tends only to comfort and reinforce first of all the 'spineless root of optimism', works in the sense of a regression towards the collective and promiscuity. How could things be otherwise, given the inconsistency of the humans of the ultimate period? There is no even the need to refer to the degeneration of the Pisces influence; each Yuga has its own humanity and ours has the appropriate type. 'The main feature of this state of minds seems to be characterized by a general impulse towards escapism. In one of its aspects, neo-spirituality plays undoubtedly a role similar to the one of all frenzies, through which today's man tries the escape from the surrounding world, from the suffocating forms taken by the civilisation and the culture of the modern West, achieving its ends and in some extreme cases, using drugs and resorting to anarchic explosions or a sexual pandemonium under diffuse and various forms of neurotic compensations' (8).

What was only the prerogative of a fringe of the population at the end of the 19th Century is now shared by a majority. 'Sceptics question or mock the revolution that is taking place in people's minds (...). This conversion, it has been said, is only a perversion. Our time, sick and

getting old, becomes devout, like yesteryear's mad women in love were settling down in their return (...). Our over-tense nerves are more and more repelled by suffering; our over-active souls are disgusted by annihilation; one takes religion as one takes morphine, to change pain into ecstasy and terror into delight. This 'religious' attitude is only dilettantism, seeking new sensations and a kind of cheap orientalism! Our century is a big second hand ideas dealer and wants to add some mysticism to its collection. It's a fashion, a whim of eclecticism, similar to someone who fills one's house with objects and furniture of every kind of style' (9).

From now on, everything is drug and for everyone, for there is not a person who, in order to survive, doesn't some vice or shameful odd habit or some mania used as support. Some claim it again, but it's been a long time that this has been known, namely that sects belong to the domain of vice, those cults that reinforces the more or less successful integration of the individual within the collective. 'If we look a bit more closely at the development of some important sects, American ones in particular, we notice that the rules and regulations of human behaviour that they impose upon their members, (...), respond very accurately to the needs of life in an industrial society' (10).

In the terrible epoch in which *le democratisme* fulfils in monstrous way the function of the Holy Ghost, the majority of sects and cults are only the prelude to worse things to come and cannot bring any bliss and are unable to allow one to spiritually realized in a serious way; they first of all play the role of 'guardians' for persons who, without it, would be incapable to standing up: this broad mass of modern 'believers' who are more fallen that the Roman Empire's 'pagans'. Then, in the lunar times of quantity, of hatred addressed against any genuine hierarchy, the children of men become the devil's children. Admittedly, the vision of an evil must not make us forget its contingency; 'From a certain point of view, one must detest sin and not the sinner; but this viewpoint is relative and doesn't prevent that now and again one is compelled, through the interplay of circumstances, to show contempt towards the sinner to the extant insofar as the sinner identifies (himself) with his sin'. Finally, 'as one cannot be generous with the devil, as he cannot be converted, one cannot be so with men who share his spirit' (11). We mean to say that most people, in any period within the scope of the fall, is worked, 'tormented' by some passion; but in the last period, the baser instincts become the driving force behind deeds worth a confession.

Following after the fashion of the lower caste, Kali Yuga's mankind has originated from Brahma's anus. Its symbolic animal is the donkey. It cannot acts differently from the way it does. The Kali Yuga corresponds to the Iron Age, for which Hesiod considered, as the fate of the majority, 'the glory-less extinction within Hades'.

The way towards the heights, the realization of 'super-consciousness' or of the Self, is neither convenient not seductive for the many. 'It presupposes, in reality, behaviour totally opposed to the conduct of the enthusiasts of 'neo-spirituality' and new religious movements and of the folks who are only pushed by a vague impulsion towards escapism. It presupposes a will to asceticism, in the original sense of the term, completely distinct from the forms of confessional,

penitential and monastic order' (12).

The civilization of the Modern West possesses the double disadvantage of ignoring any metaphysical contemplation and of having a rationalistic pseudo-wisdom that carries man into truly infra-human abysses. Already, 'from the point of view of a sapiental and rigorous esotericism, common religion, that is to say, exotericism is a veil, and some have even said that in adhering to such and such a cult, the adorers adore themselves, their god being made in their image'. Today's common religion is made in the image of the pulverized self of latter-days man: it scatters in thousands of sects. Mayer says that spiritual seeking is a healthy approach. But at the stage at which we are, at what level spiritual seeking can be done? 'Spiritual quests takes place more and more outside the established frameworks, outside of traditional Christianity. Why? (...). In many cases, one can doubt whether the paths on offer from the great Churches have been explored in depth'. That is true, but concerning most of them, these paths are alive now in spite of some appearance, and the qualification of most people now is not enough to allow them to fathom the said paths. Let's take the Christian path: can we imagine the many of *pambeotie*, liking only nature's comforts and the devil's, dispensed by the very Church of Friday's ritual ichthyophagy, can we picture them 'hating themselves in holiness' (great maxim of Christian saints and their ordinary practice), detesting 'self-interest', claiming to be 'ground worms and the opprobrium of men', cultivating the spirit, the way of death and annihilation?

The 'new religiosity' is only a spiritual materialism, that is to say, a 'paganism': reduction of religion to a kind of utilitarianism. In the corpse of the Pisces influence, charlatans usurp the sacerdotal function. Mayer writes: 'The pope! To be photographed in his company seems to be the dream of many gurus – a kind of 'label' highly appreciated!' The big fiction of Equality-Fraternity has become a nightmare: the world of council estates and housing projects is the realm of brothers, but the kingdom of the robot. One understands that sensitive persons, frightened by the horror of the situation, seek outside the rationalized society something that justifies life and gives a reason for existence. In such times such as ours, it's not so much a god that people need, but an alibi, a goal, a reassurance. And all this, they find it in the 'god' that demands nothing of them. The one that doesn't request big sacrifices and that can be combined with all the vices and the circus' spectacles, the last victim of the reigning rationalism, and the last one to collectively outlive this reign of reason at the cost of every shady deal, is the ghost of Pisces; it is the less demanding, the most accessible, the one which benefits are not quite forgotten and which worship, of course, requires the least effort.

Sectarians, in their impatience to find a 'goat and cabbage' (*chevre et chou*) solution, confuse the future Golden Age with the past parousia. They reconstitute these laughable images of feudality, recreated little 'private kingdoms', in which everyone is the slave of a master, in which such and such a raving one – truly an impostor and a crafty character – thinks himself or manages to pass himself for a guru, and in which a bunch of cultists think of themselves as disciples. As the devil is the ape of God, so the new communities ape the ancient monastic communities.

Mayer writes that in 'the generalized anxiety before the evolution of today's world', is created 'the existence of an atmosphere of confused expectation, of muddled awaiting and not always clearly expressed'. He tells us that such an expectation can only lead to a response from Christ or the Antichrist.

This anxiety is quite old, this worried expectation has been noticed by lucid minds since the failure of the Enlightenment. 'Modern man has reduced so much religions and beliefs to the level of hygiene or political economy that he can only feel superficially the torments of pure consciousness and being afraid before Destiny. And yet, anxiety, getting more 'anxious' every day, has become widespread in the modern world' (13). 'Anxiety of the religious feeling, sensual idolatry and social misery and destitution, those are the characteristics of prophetic times and are encountered in our period. This awaiting, this expecting a new god destined to replace the one which people have stopped believing in make our generation suffer many worries and many uncertainties about it, and it experiences disappointments and deceptions related to this waiting. Today's people don't want the god of official religions. In the West, folks have turned away from Catholicism that has for so long carried society like a mother carries her child in the obscure warmth of her womb. Individuals were in the past held by the Church via organization links, via the entanglement of civil and religious laws, via their own weaknesses and the support given their hardly constituted lives by interior attaching. But one day has come out of the sacred envelope, and as soon as circulation was established, the former source of nourishment has become for it an obstacle. Those who had precipitated its deliverance have cut the last connection and have cried: 'modern man is born.' They were too hasty in rejoicing themselves. It was not yet a man, it was still a child. It still needed milk to replace mother's milk and it still needed spirit to make this heart work. But the Church was devoid of spirit and the child of this century has suckled in vain her arid nipple. Here is this child without nurse, free but exposed to cold air, free but hungry and directing his dry mouth towards all the objects to stave off its thirst' (...). 'Unable to find again its maternal home, the prodigal son of our times wanders in every road, stumbles over every rut, runs after every light, retraces its steps, muddles its traces, and finally defeated by fatigue, sleeps in a ditch afraid of prowlers, the fear of night ghosts and fearfully waiting for a good Samaritan. It doesn't believe in the soul's immortality but asks the spirits some questions, is concerned about haunted houses and consults tables, as the contemporaries of *Osee* were consulting their wooden bits. It doesn't obey the Church's commands and goes away from church squares, but borrows Her legends, plagiarizes Her litanies and goes to 'edify itself/himself' at Montmartre before a cut zinc-made crib. It/he gets back the faith that it/he has rejected, closes it down, turns it into poetry, literature, fashions it into a trinket, as if to hide itself/himself from the attraction that faith stills exercises upon it/him. Now going back in time, it/he goes to seek light from *Cakya-Mouni*; now it/he seeks the light in the present and wanders from Ibsen to Tolstoy; but the light is neither in India nor in Norway nor in Russia and man stops at the cross-roads exhausted and lost. This was prophesied by Amos 25 centuries ago, when he was saying of the young people of his days: *They will go from one sea to the other, they will run after the divine word and will not find it. On this day will perish pretty young women and handsome young men.*' (14)

To these lines written in the *poitinaire* style of their time of conception, there is hardly anything to change. As to the answer of Christ to this diffuse expectation, to this vague awaiting, we can affirm that having already talked a lot, He won't speak for a good while; on the other hand, the response of the Antichrist to quench this thirst will soon be felt.

THE EMPIRE OF THE ESCAPEES

'We are the Romans at the ending of their gods/And while outside our frontiers cracks,/Within the ideal blind with happiness,/The Hope of a new and paradise-like world/Eats away at the Empire, as a dark chancre, at the core. (Fernand GREGH)

The first false prophet has 'shone' during the Fascist era (15). The shadow of the 2nd Antichrist has started to spread over our world, carried by the wandering vapours of the '2nd religiosity', the occultist tide and the phenomenon of sects and cults: in so broad a field, there is a lot to collect, even after the passage of the scythe; and this *glanure* is worth some harvests. If from those 'congregations' rises a large-scope 'charismatic' leader focussing the 'confused expectation' of those multitudes – since, as remarked by Emile Poulat, the preface writer of the book of Mayer, those minorities are in the process of constituting the majority of 'believers' in the West – or if a head of a state suddenly starts playing this false-messiah role, i.e. the concentration of the diffuse energies of the 'muddled awaiting', in any case we will be in the open reign of spiritual materialism (coming after the reign and the failure of historical materialism and of biological materialism) that will incarnate not only in the person of this 2nd antichrist, but also in state structure, the 'Great State', that will be the most achieved forgery of the traditional conception relating to the 'Holy Empire'; this organization will be the expression, as excellently put by Guenon, of the counter-tradition in the social order. This 2nd antichrist will be the impostor who will claim to establish the 'Golden Age' (16).

One will see thus this nightmare: the coming of a state-controlled will to salvation. It is in the USA that this 'Great State' would have its centre. Perhaps political parties will have ceased to exist, replaced by a kind of 'parliament of religions', or maybe the parties will be the inevitable expression of the sects, as is already the case today with some instances (17). This 'Great State' will want itself to be 'saving' before anything else, using the Pisces energies become dissolvent; it will permit all the unessentials, for naturally it will claim to be 'super-liberal': alcohol, pederasty, drugs, parties, licentiousness, fantasies without repercussions or of no consequence will prevail; the result will be a false freedom in an 'equalitarian' world that will be also formalist and tremendously much more robotized than today.

Then the nightmare will deflate like a child's toy balloon. Then the third false prophet will replace the second one. This third antichrist will really be the evillest, the sickest and the most criminal. A kind of sages' commission constituted of the topmost scientists will assist him (18). These wicked people will keep for the outside a variant of the speech of *Mecene* to *Auguste* (19), and for their inner circle, they will have this narrative: 'As for what is left of modernity, I believe that the answer is easy to furnish: it is technological-scientific progress. And no one

ignores now why it is allowed to continue. Indeed, from now on, we see the veritable horizon upon which our destiny spreads: in four million and half years, it will be necessary to leave the Earth behind, for our Sun will have become a black nova. That is where we are at' (20). The grotesque failure of the second antichrist's project based upon the 'diffuse expectation' of sects and cults and nourished by the beyond 'belief gullibility' of the churchy people will be a big opportunity for scientist to take charge of human destiny: now that are finished occultist ravings, sectarian extravagances, circus games and drugs obtained via prescriptions, it is time to organize ourselves in order to be able to last before the Sun becomes a black nova and makes the Earth uninhabitable... Robotization will be hugely amplified in those latter-days where they will condition or program, as early as in the womb of the mother, poets, I.T. engineers, painters, artisans, researchers working for the state. 'Transcendence' will not be forgotten though. It will be claimed that Science has established a covenant with Tradition. 'Nirvana' will be accessible to all thanks to floatation tanks: people will lock themselves in those *caissons a isolation sensorielle*, afraid of evaporating because of the first shocks with the realities of life. But real 'invaders' will be there to upset the order of this hyper-artificial 'life'. For instance, the demographic tidal wave and all the environmental calamities caused by this very population explosion. Catastrophe will be daily in this Brave New World-like grand finale, and 'rationalistic coherence' of the 'sapiens' won't be able to stop it, they will only be able to aggravate it even they will want the total opposite!

Rene Guenon has written this: 'This reign of the 'counter-tradition' is indeed, very accurately what is named as the 'reign of the Antichrist': this one, whatever idea one has of it moreover, is in any case what will concentrate and synthesize in itself, for this final work, all the powers of the 'counter-initiation', be it considered as an individual or like a community; it can, in some way, be both the one and the other, for there will be the necessity for a collective group that will be [as] the 'exteriorization' of the 'counter-initiation' organization itself appearing in the open, and there will be the need for a character who, placed at the head of this community, will be the most complete expression and as the very 'embodiment' of what it represents, even if only as a 'support' of all the malevolent influences which, after having concentrated them in himself, he will have to project upon the world.'

AND ROME WILL BE DESTROYED

Vainly one would like to say 'stop' to history:/Destiny has rung, times are over./Julian sacrifices to his gods without any belief in it;/His mind gilds them again, and his heart doesn't want them.'
(Fernand Greghe)

'The currents of the new religiosity spread at present', so writes Mayer and he adds that we must expect the coming of new cults and sects, putting aside the likelihood of the fast and considerable transformation of the contemporary movements. It is likely that we're not over our surprise concerning this. All those sects and cults that proliferate like poisonous mushrooms on the traditions that lose their life force at the end of the age for which they had been conceived, all those new religious movements serve the purpose of fulfilling the same

subversive project, and those who pull the string behind the sects and the outer chiefs know how to modulate this diversity according to circumstances and the cyclical 'beat'. Thus, the majority of the sects and cults of the first generation – those that were to precipitate the first antichrist into the power of power – had a somewhat 'solar' tendency: movements of the second half of the 19th Century and of the first half of the 20th Century, including the lowest of the lows such as the Agni Yoga Society or *L'Ange de l'Eternel* (21). Nowadays, this 'elitist' aspect is glibed at and the tendency now is towards brotherhood, 'serving the world' (social welfare is a rationalised form of the religions of love), the establishment of an ideal society based on Peace and Happiness, the shaping of an united world, etc.

Let's repeat it, this 'new religiosity'- in concrete terms a vague sentimentality without any real significance or impact, ultimate stage of religious degeneration and transposed materialism – is not a new phenomenon; The same thing took place at the end of the Greco-Roman Antiquity; periodically, this occurrence starts again, identical under a new attire.

The impatience for the 'new Age' hastens the end of the old era. But an excessive haste explains the worst errors. Man cannot live without beliefs; however an insane mysticism is not better than atheism. An era is gone; a new age is coming, but has not yet arrived. The drawing near of a new age or a golden age demands in various degrees that humans feel the need for this new period, that everyone prepare its coming, unconsciously if necessary, by the least foreseeable roundabout ways and the weirdest manners. Meanwhile, this trouble climate is an opportunity for the counter-initiation that, thanks to the cycle's final crisis, uses the talents of fantasy dreamers to establish the reign of the counter-tradition. But God draws good from evil 'via some sublime manoeuvre that keeps truth and justice in the world, and the corrupt practices of the minds can never the reign and the torch of verity and righteousness. Evil plays its part, but it's a powerless part that alters the Divine-set order in order to reveal it better. Under the repairing hand of God, darkness illumines, blasphemy adores and all the army of spirits and minds acknowledge sooner or later in its their 'triumph' the victory of the Transcendental' (22). The agents of the counter-initiation 'delude themselves thinking they can oppose the very Spirit, but really nothing can go against the Spirit; but at the same time, in spite of them and without them knowing, they are subordinated to the Spirit and can never cease to be subjected to holy 'machinations', and likewise everything that exists is, even unconsciously and unwillingly, 'obeys' the divine will, from which nothing can be exempted. When all is said and done, the subversive agents are themselves used, even against their consent despite them thinking the total opposite, **to realize the divine plan in the human sphere**' (23).

In fact, God doesn't go away from a heaven, but withdraws from man's heart and way of life. In the middle of the 'new age' or of the Golden Age, some humans start to deny the *fleche nequentropique*, and this denial announces the collapse of the kingdom. Then, during a certain number of centuries – the one thousands of years that Satan is let out – humanity slowly becomes aware of its 'freedom', in an increasing refusal of gods, spirituality and Tradition, and the process gets livelier as it gets 'older'. In those atheistic materialistic times that gradually are established, the more men believe in themselves, the less they believe in the divine. During

hundreds of years, the human species will abandon itself to the randomness of its perversity: for human is at its most insane, at its divided and at its most murderous, when it convinces itself that gods don't exist.

Then, in the core of the god-less epochs (the 1260-lasting 'Times of the nations'), some humans return to the 'mystical impatience' and this return announces the end of the prevalence of rationalism. Then during a certain number of centuries, characterized by the collapse of civilizations and the death of technologies, humanity goes back, slowly, to the sense of divinity and to Tradition.

The process of going back up the abyss has now started, and the sects and cults phenomenon, among others, is a naïve and foolish expression of it. But this is only the beginning of the process. Humanity has to go through two antichrists; first is the second, which could be soon, and then the third, the most terrible of all, the great illusionist of techno-science (maximum deterioration of the Cancer revival): 'The antichrist is the man who, according to traditional doctrines, will establish the reign of the Moon, i.e. the prevalence of error, falsehood and illusion' (24), mankind has still to go through times of huge hecatombs and final catastrophes in which sink the eras of progress and entropy, guarantee of the fulfilment of the Promise, as they will wipe out the useless past (which is our present and our soon to be future).

Once this Horror had to be destroyed: Rome herself, fossilized in a paganism become too rationalist, attired with dead idols in a scene of vulgar debauchery and of bloody games (25). Tomorrow, if we want to live, we will have to destroy this new Horror: the future US empire. But first of all, the USSR as before Carthage was first destroyed. Each thing in its due time...

Evola has written: '(...) Every saturation of influences from 'down below' that, via these ways and others, occurs in life, in acting among the framework of consciousness, is at the present time a more genuine reason to be worried that it has ever been, for today, we almost completely have lost the counterpart of influences from the opposite direction, from above, i.e. properly supernatural, which the great traditions knew to attract and attach invisibly in our wishes, in our thoughts and in our deeds.'

ASHES AND DIAMONDS

(And in the misty sky appeared a break in the clouds/Through which the Sun showed itself red and shining.) Xavier Privas

Mayer concludes that one must not discourage spiritual seeking, since men and women have found in the path proposed by such and such a sect inner peace and meaning in their life, and that the acceptance of a monastic-like discipline by youths who were often drifting in an aimless existence, before their conversion, deserves respect; finally, 'no Church, no 'sect', no human society is immaculate'. All this is right in the sphere to which it belongs. In human, all too human level, one cannot condemn sects more than Swedish gymnastics. But whomever is endowed with a right perception sees how all those things converge, and equally finds the mean

to understand the direction and the effective sense: a cattle that is led to the abyss in the stinking decorum of a twilight civilization that is breaking down – but this civilization encompasses the entire planet the first time since a very long time (26)...

Aeons ago, huge masses of flesh and bones, both animal and human, were buried in the waters and in the depths of the earth, alongside with the great-size forests that covered mountains that were uprooted by the force of storms and earthquakes; all this heaped up and became a carbonic mass and naphtha deposit. Thousands of years later, the subtle essence of those putrefied substances is vitalizing, vanishing away with the spirit of evil. We are told that those resources will be soon exhausted. Good! For the Earth won't have to wait for long before similar masses are to be buried, to constitute the future deposits...

One would like to think that the passage from one age to the next, from one *manvantara* to the next, is painless, plague-free and without troubles: all that is required would be a purification of morals, the right type of regime or government, appropriate reconversions, a good medicine but not too much and the adaptation of the old god to the new times... But it is not like that. To the cancer-like disordered activity of the humanity of the 'Times of the nations', only the response of the shining swords of the Exterminating Angels is fitting. Hecatombs and purification follow.

This unavoidable scourge is the salvation of gods and the death of civilizations.

Almost nobody wants to listen to the 'pessimistic' disagreeable voices that say that this world dies in its revolting decay, that its doom was decreed long ago. Nobody, and especially not those 'headless' creatures that follow their junk gurus in the ashes of Time, traffickers of forged money of which one counterfeit comes from the East and the other from the West, the third being the rubbish mixture of the two firsts, offered by persons who are not remarkable but rather are the travelling centres for the diffusion of the putrid fumes of the counter-initiation. What will redeem the terrible nature of contemporary humanity can well be imagined, in concrete terms and based on 'comparative decadences study', but one will take care to look beyond the sinking, deeper than the ripples of the surface; all the proposed solutions lead to dead ends, but one: 'In reality, there is only one way for defending the personality, and this path is resuming the traditional vision of the world and life, combined with an inner revolt against the modern world' (Evola).

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FOOTNOTES

(Footnote 1 - See *Totalite* number 23, page 66.)

(Footnote 2 – The three cosmic crosses of the 'Trinitarian syncretism' are the following: the Mutable Cross - that encompasses Sagittarius, Gemini, Pisces, Virgo, the Good, Logic, the You, Dialectic, the Son, the Future, Quicksilver, Bhakti-Yoga, the same thing, Intensity, Acorn, Etc.;; the Cardinal Cross – that encompasses Aries, Libra, Cancer, Capricorn, the True, Ethics, The Me,

Grammar, the Father, the Past, Sulphur, Jnana-Yoga, the thing (in) itself, Mass, Walnut, Etc; and the Fixed Cross – that encompasses Leo, Aquarius, Scorpio, Taurus, the Beautiful, Aesthetics, The Him, Rhetoric, the Holy-Ghost, the Present, Salt, Karma-Yoga, the thing that is other, Potential, Apple (*), Etc. (*) The three sacred fruits of the Celtic tradition. The idea of the three divine forces refers also to the triangle; and it is said that man must adore God in his understanding, in his heart and in his works. The Zodiac is a key with multiple applications. Moreover, while no aspect is higher than the other, the scale or grid is still read vertically, in each plane. For instance, the formula of the Son, the formula of Christian tradition:

The Father, Sagittarius;
the Son, Pisces;
the Holy Ghost, Gemini/Virgo.

‘One was reading in the armorial bearings of the *Chartreux*, above a globe surmounted by a cross, this beautiful inscription: STAT CRUX DUM VOLVITUR ORBIS – the cross remains while the world turns. It was a happy image of Christianity’s stability in the middle of human revolutions, and it was also an invitation to the rest of solitude under the contemplative laws of Saint Bruno. But this image tells our duties only imperfectly. I liked better, in keeping the same symbol, this other inscription: INCEDIT CRUX DUM INCEDIT ORBIS – the cross ‘walks’ or works as fast as the world. It would remind us the parallel progress of good and evil, and the need to raise our virtues as high as God’s designs and higher than Hell’s jealous conspiracies. It would press us not to lose one day, for the enemy doesn’t lose an hour. It would tell us our ordeal, which is time; our goal, which is eternity; our history, which is fighting; our comfort, which is a constant advancing; and our rest, which is God alone.’ P. Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, *op.cit.*, below, footnote 22. The cross that remains while the world turns is the fixed cross while the cross that works/walks as fast as the world is the common cross, that is to say, the swastika...)

(Footnote 3 – Dogs are thought to be pariah animals in India as they eat their excrements. The proliferation of this beast in France and England (and the West in general) is well-known. In France, there are near 20,000,000 of dogs used as pets – and that gives food for thought – the many see themselves in the dog, for they wallow like dogs in the mire of their faeces that they lap with pleasure: the pollutions secreted by their frenetic industrial activity. If we apply animal symbolism to contemporary mankind, we obtain this: a pack of aggressive dogs rules by an ass.)

(Footnote 4 – If Italian fascism was purely Leo, and Nazism was solidly Aries, the other movements reveal an amalgamation of more heterogeneous influences, now and again connected with the national regions that are affected: the Spanish Falange was Sun/Sagittarius/Aries; *Rexisme* was Sun/Gemini/Aries; the *Croix Flechees* were Sun/Sagittarius/Pisces; the *Garde de Fer* (Iron Guard) was Sun/Pisces and French Fascism of the 1930s and 1940s was Sun/Aries/Virgo.)

(Footnote 5 – Black Gold (*aqua infernalis*) plays a corrupting role corresponding to its nature in traditional Arab societies specifically and in Islam in general. There would be many things to be

said concerning the 'backlash' that we are undergoing; one could mention 'destabilization' via terrorism, etc. But let's talk of something that has gone unnoticed or has been deliberately 'silenced', the fact that Islamic immigrants allow the coming to the West of 'controllers' of supports of influences that have gone 'sour' and turned into dissolvent: the *marabouts* that have been 'infecting' for a few years now the circles of popular, cheap, 'tabloid' occultism (*l'occultisme alimentaire*). They claim in their advertisement to come from the 'great centre of African magic', namely, from *Casamance*. Now, this famous – or we ought to say infamous – centre is an outer pole of radiation of one of the two 'Devil's towers' located in Africa, to the north of the Equator, devil's towers that Guenon had in his days taken great care to localize. A study of the implantation of the *marabouts* in France shows a 'grid' that reveals some information concerning this 'seizing' of the subtle powers attached to some local 'knots'. Similar phenomena occur elsewhere, via other 'agents' like Voodoo priests in the USA for instance. The process of total depersonalization of Western nations - ethnically, psychologically and spiritually – is, in the long term, irreversible.)

(Footnote 6 – Jean Honcey, *Souffles Nouveaux*, Paris, 1892.)

(Footnote 7 – It the mankind of the decaying Virgo/Pisces axis.)

(Footnote 8 – Julius Evola, *Masques et Visages du Spiritualisme contemporain*, Ottawa, 1972.)

(Footnote 9 – J. Honcey, *op. cit.*, see footnote 6.)

(Footnote 10 – Fortunat Strowski, *L'Homme Moderne*, Paris, 1931.)

(Footnote 11 – Frithjof Schuon, *L'Esoterisme comme Principe et comme Voie*, Paris, 1978.)

(Footnote 12 – Julious Evola, *op. cit.*, see footnote 8.)

(Footnote 13 – F. Strowski, *op. cit.*, see above footnote 10.)

(Footnote 14 – Honcey, *op. cit.*, see above footnote 6.)

(Footnote 15 – The first Antichrist was specifically incarnated in Adolf Hitler. But one can see it more amplified, and one can propose that the reign of this entity started in 1914 and finished in 1945. In his article *Notes et souvenirs sur Guillaume II*, Ferdinand Bac writes 'one has the tendency today (1916) to attribute to the German emperor *Guillaume II* a monstrous scope; one calls Antichrist, Nero, *Heliogabalus*, Attila; but one only aggrandizes him unreasonably by giving him so formidable characters'. However, we must distinguish the shadow from the official character, the power of which he is the temporary emanation. 'This specifically German god, which has chosen *Guillaume II* to execute his decrees, which has been the driving force behind the Krupp factory, the *West-Politik* and the submarines for the purification of the world, what is he made of and where does he come from? You will only find a grotesque assemblage of the old Germanic lore's *Wothan* and of Nietzsche's philosophy's superman, while he's waiting for the great socialist renovation predicted by Heine. When it comes to deeds, he plunders and

deports, he slaughters and there are still many things that we have to see: 'We have entered since yesterday, was writing the *Lokal Anzeiger* on the 2nd of January 1917, in the year of the jubilee of the Reformation, and every soul, fired up by the word of Luther, will be possessed by the *furor teutonicus*'. '*Le Saint-Siege et l'Autriche, par XXX*, in *Revue de Paris*, issue of the 17th of February 1917.)

(Footnote 16 – Rene Guenon, *Le Regne de la Quantite et les Signes des Temps*, Paris, 1945.)

(Footnote 17 – The *Komeito*, 'party for an honest government', emanation of the *Sokka Gakkai* in Japan.)

(Footnote 18 – It may be that this 'commission' will be headed by a feminine... A female Antichrist, as a theme, has been written by a few novelists in either baroque style in the 'erudite pornography' genre. For example, we have Jehan Sylvius and Pierre de Ruynes and their *Papesse du Diable*, Paris, 1966: 'Pius XIII had sat back in his chair. His elbows resting on the table and his head in his hands, he seemed to stare at something coming off the far end wall: 'There, there – he said – I see the unfolding of events to come very soon. The Old World collapses, bloodshed reigns, there is an accumulation of ruins. Desolation is everywhere and She appears, riding a great white horse. She has an upside down star on her forehead; in her right hand she holds a big sword which blade is crimson, and her left hand keeps a torch that emits a pale light. Her attire is green, and her head is adorned with golden diadem from rise two horns. Her feet are put in stirrups made of human tibias. She is sitting upright on her white horse that gallops with its red hooves upon gore corpses. The Spirit of the Evil One hovers above her and overshadows her with dark beams. Shouting Hordes follow her. Riders hold pikes upon which cut heads are stuck in. The torch burns everything she passes by, while her sword opens, in the mass of flesh, a bloody gap. And finally people prostrate themselves before her...' Christ's Vicar's eyes were rolled upward and his arms were stretching towards the vision: 'Look, look – he said – do you see her? Behind her is her sniggering and hideous master, reigning supreme.' The cardinal who was Secretary of State was motionless and was alternatively looking at the Pope and at the wall that remained white to his eyes. The Pope had collapsed on the table, in front of the small crucifix, and he was crying: 'Lord, Lord, won't your reign come?' And then the two religious men heard a raucous laugh in the room. The Pope stood up and taking the cardinal's arm said in resignation and softly: 'The Devil's She-Pope! It is Her, and She is coming...'

(Footnote 19 – 'Honour the gods everywhere and always, following the rites of the homeland, and force others to imitate you. Detest innovators and punish them, not only because of the gods, but also due to the fact that the introduction of new gods brings after it foreign habits. From that come associations, brotherhoods and secret meetings that are not pleasing the monarchy. Endure neither atheists nor seers who through their lies push people to adopt new things. And beware of philosophers. Don't trust them for they do as the godless and the soothsayers.' Dion Cassius, LII, 36.)

(Footnote 20 - Those words are from Jean-Francois Lyotard, author of *La Condition Postmoderne*, Paris, 1979.)

(Footnote 21 – Concerning Agni-Yoga/Yoni-Gaga (*sic*), who thought his winds were earth tremors ('Our inner fire is the main regulator of earthquakes'), see what Alain Danielou says about it, in *Le Chemin du Labyrinthe*, Paris, 1981.)

(Footnote 22 – P. Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, *Conferences de Notre-Dame de Paris*, in *Oeuvres Completes*, Paris, 1912.)

(Footnote 23 – Guenon, *op. cit.*, see above, footnote 16.)

(Footnote 24 – Hades, *Le Mythe de l'Antechrist*, Paris, 1979.)

(Footnote 25 – In some regions, in *Santonie* for instance, archaeologists are wondering about some facts which they can't explain: 'Why suddenly, all those sculptures (of Gallo-Roman deities) have been buried, piled up on top of the other or 'higgledy-piggledy' and in a confusion of divine tendencies, into pits? And this especially, why have they been beheaded? What seism, what upheaval, what rage, what disturbance or what fear, what rupture has been the cause of this repudiation, of this breaking, of this clean sweep, of this deliberate attempt at destruction?' The mystery remains a total enigma for the materialists, and all the more 'thick' since we know the 'occultation' of these objects has taken place long before the Christianization of Gallo-Roman folks. By the way, we will notice again the absurdity of the neo-Pagan approach that tries to revivify something that was already dead for their distant ancestors who were truly pagan. What was left of the 'archo-pagan sacredness' was then slain by Christianity, and now the Christian religion itself is dying. At the time in which these lines are being written, we have just received a document coming from a group of henchmen of Typhon, in which we are blandly told, in an erudite prose, of a 'third way' of the sacred beyond religions and traditions, be they dead or alive. Concerning this pseudo-sacred that 'goes beyond the religions which time can end once and for all, we quickly have a hunch of what is hidden by its 'polyphonic mobility'. We are also told that it is in the very core of what European modernity may possess that could be described as 'pagan' that new forms of sacredness could rise, given that the contemporary removal of the sacred is due to the 'Americano-Soviet civilization'. Let's rectify this mess: present-day civilization (i.e. the 'Euro-Americano-Soviet' one) is resulting from the removal of the sacred, it is not the cause behind the eclipse of the holy. This system is doomed to be annihilated, and besides manufacture the weapon of its future destruction. As written somewhere by Ernst Junger: *one doesn't make for nothing missiles of which the cost of only one is as dear as a bygone principality*. But what seems proper to the henchmen of Typhon is to have the *esprit faux*, or a wrong turn of mind, and to have a wrong turn of mind is an absolute disqualification when it comes to real initiation.)

(Footnote 26 – To be fair, we have to say that, among the movements registered by Mayer, only the Krishna movement (the *Association Internationale pour la Conscience de Krishna*) is wholly traditional, being part of the *vaisnava* current, via regular 'disciplique succession'.)

