

TRYING TO SEE THE UNKNOWN

NOSTRADAMUS, A GIFTED PSYCHIC WHO LIVED 450 YEARS AGO

It is not so difficult for a historian to uncover the past, but the future –until it comes– whether it comes in the immediate or the distant, is an illusion. As we start a new century and the new millennium, no man has brought more mystery and prophecy than the futurist-astrologer-physician from France, Michel de Notredame, French for Michael of Our Lady, after the mother of Jesus Christ. However, he is best known as Nostradamus. He is considered either a great mystic or the man who conjured up more fantastic prophecies than any symbolist.

He wrote more than 1000 quatrains of a prophetic nature, but only 1000 survive. We shall see what Nostradamus saw four centuries ago, as he is claimed to have foreseen things and events that would come long after he was buried. He wrote a famous work of predictions covering the period 1535 until the end of the world, which he prophesied to be the year 3797.

Nostradamus understood the ancient practice of Astrology. Even though some think of it as the secret darkside of witchcraft, we should not dismiss the existence of forces other than those of the physical world, and play them under slight of hand trickery. Some link astrology to the devil. Father Martin spoke a little bit about the relation between faith and astrology. According to him, in an interview with Art Bell in December 1997, he gave the impression “If you have Faith,” there is nothing inherently against Faith in astrology “providing that you see it all beneath the hands of God....[He] can manifest His will and tell you what to do in your life through various material happenings, and one of them is the astrology of the planets.”

Recently, millions of people were drawn to Nostradamus because of the nature of some of his prophecies interpreting the year 1999. We shall see what Nostradamus saw four centuries ago. His writings comprise 10 groups of approximately 100 verses or quatrains and are difficult to interpret. Although we dispense with Arithmancy, we