

# Occult Prophecies

## Ad hoc selection

### The future is now

After *The Vishnu-Purana*, 20 millennia ago

[They] will all be contemporary monarchs, reigning over the earth; kings or churlish spirit, violent temper, and ever addicted to falsehood and wickedness. They will inflict death on women, children, and cows; they will seize upon the property of their subjects; they will be of limited power, and will for the most part rapidly rise and fall; their lives will be short, their desires insatiable, and they will display but little piety. The people of the various countries intermingling with them will follow their example, and the barbarians being powerful in the patronage of the princes, whilst purer tribes are neglected, the people will perish. Wealth and piety will decrease day by day until the world will be wholly depraved. Then property alone will confer rank; wealth will be the only source of devotion; passion will be the sole bond of union between the sexes; falsehood will be the only means of success in litigation; and women will be objects merely of sensual gratification. Earth will be venerated but for its mineral treasures; . . . dishonesty will be the universal means of subsistence; weakness will be the cause of dependence; menace and presumption will be substituted for learning; liberality will be devotion; simple ablution will be purification; mutual assent will be marriage; fine clothes will be dignity; and water afar off will be esteemed a holy spring.<sup>1</sup>

Every text will be a scripture that people choose to think so: all gods will be gods to them that worship them . . . fasting, austerity, liberality, practised according to the pleasure of those by whom they are observed, will constitute righteousness. Pride of wealth will be inspired by very insignificant possessions. Pride of beauty will be prompted by (no other personal charm than fine) hair. . . . Wives will desert their husbands, when they lose their property; and they only who are wealthy will be considered by women as their lords. He who gives away much money will be the master of men; and family descent will no longer be a title of supremacy. Accumulated treasures will be expended on (ostentatious) dwellings. The minds of men will be wholly occupied in acquiring wealth; and wealth will be spent solely on selfish gratifications. Women will follow their inclinations, and be ever fond of pleasure. Men will fix their desires upon riches, even though dishonestly acquired. No man will part with the smallest fraction of the smallest coin, though entreated by a friend.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Wilson H.H. (*Tr. & Annot.*). *The Vishnu Purana: A System of Hindu Mythology and Tradition*. Vol. II (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1864); Delhi: Nag Publishers, 1980; Bk. IV, ch. xxiv, pp. 662-63

<sup>2</sup> *Vishnu Purana*, *ibid.*, Bk. VI, ch. i, pp. 867-68; [quoted in part in: *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. I, pp. 377-78.]



There is one thing peculiar to the present *Kali-Yuga* that may be used by the Student. All causes now bring about their effects much more rapidly than in any other or better age. A sincere lover of the race can accomplish more in three incarnations under *Kali-Yuga's* reign than he could in a much greater number in any other age. Thus by bearing all the manifold troubles of this Age and steadily triumphing, the object of his efforts will be more quickly realized, for, while the obstacles seem great, the powers to be invoked can be reached more quickly.<sup>3</sup>

## Might will be right, and Envy will run riot among men

After Hesiod's *Works and Days*, 2.7 millennia ago

Would that I were not then among the fifth men,<sup>4</sup> but either dead earlier or born later! For now it is a race of iron; and they will never cease from toil and misery by day or night, in constant distress, and the gods will give them harsh troubles. Nevertheless, even they shall have good mixed with ill. Yet Zeus will destroy this race of men also, when at birth they turn out grey at the temples. Nor will father be like children nor children to father, nor guest to host or comrade to comrade, nor will a brother be friendly as in former times. Soon they will cease to respect their ageing parents, and will rail at them with harsh words, the ruffians, in ignorance of the gods' punishment; nor are they likely to repay their ageing parents for their nurture. Fist-law men; one will sack another's town, and there will be no thanks for the man who abides by his oath or for the righteous or worthy man, but instead they will honour the miscreant and the criminal. Law and decency will be in fists. The villain will do his better down by telling crooked tales, and will swear his oath upon it. Men in their misery will everywhere be dogged by the evil commotions of that Envy who exults in misfortune with a face full of hate. Then verily off to Olympus from the wide-pathed earth, veiling their fair faces with white robes, Decency and Moral Disapproval will go to join the family of the immortals, abandoning mankind; those grim woes will remain for mortal men, and there will be no help against evil.

Now I will tell a fable to the lords, although they can think for themselves. Here is how the hawk addressed the dapple-throat nightingale as he carried her high in the

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<sup>3</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (CONVERSATIONS ON OCCULTISM) IX p. 102

<sup>4</sup> [Cf. "Fifth is the present race of iron [Kali-Yuga or Black Age], which is bad and becoming worse all the time. Never by day will they cease from weariness and woe, nor by night from wasting away, and the gods will give them grievous cares, a condition just the opposite to the ease and contentment of the Golden Age. Family-ties will become loose, guest-friendship and companionship will no longer be sacred, nor will brothers be friendly as formerly. Children will no longer respect their parents, but will reproach them with bitter words and refuse to support their old age. There will be no regard for the good and just man, nor for the man of his oath, but the evil-doer will be in honor. Might will be right and Envy will run riot among men. Finally Aidos (scruple to do wrong) and Nemesis (indignation at wrong-doing) will leave the earth and there will be no escape from evil (174-201).

The fable of the hawk and nightingale (202-12) illustrates the *δικη εν χειραι* (192) of the iron age: A hawk bore aloft among the clouds a nightingale, and she, pierced by his talons, wailed piteously; but he said sternly: Why do you shriek? Don't you see that a stronger holds you? You shall go whither I take you, and whether I eat you or let you go, depends on my pleasure. The singer of 208 is a manifest reference to the poet, while the hawk represents the princes who regard not the law of Zeus (276/9)." — Hays H.M. *Notes on the Works and Days of Hesiod*. Chicago, University of Chicago Libraries, 1918 (Private Edition of Ph.D. Dissertation); p. 11.

Also cf. "Aeschylus (*Suppl.* 226), after likening the Danaides to doves and the pursuing Aegyptians to hawks, asks: Can bird eat bird and be undefiled? In Archilochus the life of animals is thought of as influenced by *υβρις* and *δικη* . . . The helplessness of the nightingale in the talons of the hawk may be compared with the proverbial use of the fawn and lion in the same connection: See Theognis 949-50; Plato, *Charmides* 155d; Lucian, *Dial. Mort.* 8-1." *Ibid.*, p. 105. — ED. PHIL.]



clouds, grasping her in his claws; impaled on the curved talons, she was weeping piteously, but he addressed her sternly:

“Goodness, why are you screaming? You are in the power of one much superior, and you will go whichever way I take you, singer though you are. I will make you my dinner if I like, or let you go. He is a fool who seeks to compete against the stronger: he both loses the struggle and suffers injury on top of insult.”

So spoke the swift-flying hawk, the great winged bird.<sup>5</sup>

But you, Perses, must hearken to Right and not promote violence. For violence is bad for a lowly man; not even a man of worth can carry it easily, but he sinks under it when he runs into Blights. The road on the other side gives better passage, to righteousness: Right gets the upper hand over violence in the end. The fool learns only by experience. For Oath at once runs level with crooked judgments; there is angry murmuring when Right is dragged off wherever bribe-swallowers [ἄνδρες δωροφάγοι] choose to take her as they give judgment with crooked verdicts; and she follows weeping to those people’s town and territories clad in darkness, bringing ill to men who drive her out and do not dispense her straight.

As for those who give straight judgments to visitors and to their own people and do not deviate from what is just, their community flourishes, and the people blooms in it. Peace is about the land, fostering the young, and wide-seeing Zeus never marks out grievous war as their portion. Neither does Famine attend straight-judging men, nor Blight, and they feast on the crops they tend. For them Earth bears plentiful food, and on the mountains the oak carries acorns at its surface and bees at its centre.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> [Cf. early modern English translation by George Chapman, 1618:

“Why complain’st thou wretch?  
One holds thee now that is thy mightier far;  
Go as he guides, though ne’er so singular  
Thou art a singer; it lies now in me  
To make thee sup me, or to set thee free.  
Fool that thou art, whoever will contend  
With one whose faculties his own transcend  
Both fails of conquest, and is likewise sure  
Besides his wrong he shall bad words endure.”

Thus spake the swift and broad-wing’d bird of prey.]

<sup>6</sup> West M.L. (Tr. & Com.). *Hesiod: Theogony and Works and Days*. (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1988); Oxford: University Press, 1999 (Oxford World’s Classics). *Works and Days*, lines 175-234, pp. 42-43



## Heathen East will slay decadent West

After *Lucifer*, 1888

There is a prophecy in the heathen East about the Christian West, which, when rendered into comprehensible English, reads thus: “When the conquerors of all the ancient nations are in their turn conquered *by an army of black dragons begotten by their sins and born of decay*, then the hour of liberation for the former will strike.” Easy to see who are the “black dragons.” And these will in their turn see their power arrested and forcibly put to an end by the liberated legions. Then, perhaps, there will be a new invasion of an Attila from the far East. One day the millions of China and Mongolia, heathen and Mussulman, furnished with every murderous weapon invented by civilization, and forced upon the *Celestial* of the East, by the *infernal* spirit of trade and love of lucre of the West, drilled, moreover, to perfection by Christian man-slayers — will pour into and invade decaying Europe like an irresistible torrent. This will be the result of the work of the Jesuits, who will be its first victims, let us hope.<sup>7</sup>



Coast view with Apollo and the Cumaean Sibyl (1646) Claude Lorrain, Hermitage

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<sup>7</sup> *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THEOSOPHY OR JESUITISM?) IX pp. 306-7

