

Does "Revelation" Really FORETELL OUR FUTURE?

Since the beginning of time, men have searched incessantly for the secrets of God's vast unknown.

Through instinct and logic... through signs and omens and even crystal balls... they have sought to unveil the mysteries of the infinite, hoping for a positive "revelation" concerning their own ultimate destiny.

Even deeply religious people are often troubled by this instinctive urge to know "the unknowable," and in their quest they sometimes draw unwarranted conclusions even from sacred writings. This is notably true of the Book of Revelation, or the Apocalypse of St. John the Divine.

The purpose of Revelation is not, as some seem to think, to reveal a detailed panorama of the future. It is not a magic key to unlock a door that God has seen fit to leave closed. It is, indeed, a book of prophecy... and God's Own promise... but it relates to the past and the present as well as the future. Like the other Scriptures, it is a book which must be understood in its fullness, and with a knowledge of its precise purpose and the circumstances under which it was written.

The precise purpose of Revelation is to manifest the triumph of Christ. With reference to the past, it points to Our Lord's triumph over sin and death by His life, crucifixion and resurrection. As to the present, Revelation makes clear that this triumph is complete only to the extent that men accept Christ's salvation and live by it. For the future, Revelation, and other Scriptures too, leave no doubt that there will be



a final triumph, well described in the words of St. Paul: "Then comes the end, when he delivers the Kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power."

St. John addressed his Apocalypse to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor, which were, of course, the Catholic Church. Making frequent use of symbolisms, he warned the Church against enemies whom he likened to a beast, a dragon and an anti-Christ. The meaning of these symbols is often misunderstood.

Revelation is, indeed, a powerful message to all who look wonderingly and hopefully into the great unknown. But to gain the true spiritual comfort which this God-given book offers, its precise meaning should be clearly understood. If you would like to read a highly interesting and helpful pamphlet on the subject, write today and we will send it free and without obligation. It will be mailed in a plain wrapper and nobody will call on you. Ask for Pamphlet No. FM-51.

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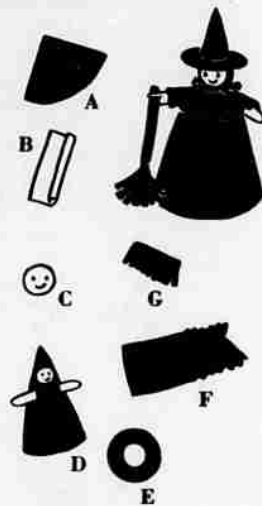
By Nancy Clinton

Halloween I like the most; then I dress up like a witch or a tall peaked, and a pussy. Then all of us and make a creepy sort of noise tapping or a though we are not scared at all, then duck for when it's night and light. It's hard to wait till it's begun for Halloween is lots of fun!

Halloween Favors - By Denise Giraud

Get some white paper, black paper, scissors, string, and paste, and you are all set to make your wicked witch and grisly ghost for Halloween. First, to make the witch, form a cone from the black paper "A." Make the arms and face from white paper "B" and "C." Paste the face on the cone and make two slits for the arms to pass through "D." Cut "E" for the hat and "F" for the collar. Gather "F" and tie around the neck.

Now a witch must have a broom to ride on, so cut "B" and "G" out of black paper, wrap "G" around one end of "B," and tie.



Now, how about a mask for you? Cut "K" from heavy black construction paper. Cut "L" for the nose. Slit along the wide edge and fold. Paste the nose onto "K" and tie a piece of string on either side of the mask to tie in back of the head. If you wish, you may paste slit black crepe paper on the string to look like hair "M."



To make the grisly ghost, cut "H" from white paper and cut slits along the top. Form a cone and fold and paste the flaps over each other on top "I." Cut "J" and pass through slits on opposite sides of the cone for arms. Paint eyes, and he's all ready to go a-haunting.



Let's Draw a Kinkajou By Ann Davidow



This creature called the kinkajou Has owly eyes that blink at you,

The body of a tiny bear, With monkey tail—but I'm aware

That nobody can think it true Who hasn't seen a kinkajou!