

Providence's 2009

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In mid-November last year "Eleison Comments" recommended "fastening seat-belts" for the year 2008, because a couple of private revelations and above all "pressure building towards a third World War" together constituted "at least an orange alert." Was the alert justified? What about 2009?

As for the alert, WW III has still been postponed, but it is surely not cancelled. "The justice of God grinds slow," says the old proverb, "but it grinds exceeding small." In other words, the Lord God may take his time – "He dealeth patiently for your sake" says St. Peter, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should return to penance" (II Pet.III,9) – yet God does not miss the least little detail. The year 2008 has seen only the stepping up of the offences against him – indifference, blasphemy, immorality, etc, etc. At a given moment he is going to say, "Enough!" In 2009?

Possibly. In any case it is worth recalling that in 1917, under Pope Benedict XV, Our Lady said at Fatima that if Russia were not consecrated to her Immaculate Heart in the way she would come to ask, then another more terrible war than WW I, then raging, would break out "under the reign of the next pope." This would be Pius XI. Yet Pius XI died in February of 1939, whereas WW II was declared by England and France only in September of that year, under Pius XII. Had Our Lady made a mistake?

That is not likely. What happened was that in January of 1938, while Pius XI was still pope, exactly when the unusual red light foretold by Our Lady to be the warning sign of "the more terrible war" was seen all over Europe's night-sky, Stalin was being told in Russia how, by making an alliance with Hitler (the subsequent Ribbentrop Pact), he would enable Hitler to launch an exhausting war to the West (declared ten days after

the Pact!) which would open the way for Russia to take over all Europe from the East. In other words, WW II broke out in public under Pius XII only because it had been previously planned and decided in private under Pius XI. So Our Lady was not mistaken. And God knows how for well over a century his enemies have been planning WW III.

So as for the coming year, let souls still asleep in economics or politics wake up to how it is God's justice that is closing in, and let souls awake but who may be discouraged or frightened by what they see around them, take heart! Shortly before dying of a horribly painful tuberculosis, St Therese of Lisieux said, "I am more convinced than ever that Providence watches over the least little detail of our lives." How could it be otherwise?

Kyrie eleison.