

Summary

Contemporary Catholic apocalypics. New perspective on private revelations.

This paper shows that the area of private revelations and Marian devotion hit especially in the second half of the twentieth century wave of apocalypics, which culminated at the turn of the millennium.

It appears by the analysis of texts, messages and prophecies of modern Marian apparitions, which report close to second coming of Christ. The author focuses on the biblical foundations of modern apocalypics and analyzes the existence of such expectations in the history of the Church. The historical overview shows that current expectations, which are mainly millenaristic, have their prototypes in the Middle Ages and the early church, even though the Church has never accepted them.

It attempts to affect the structure of eschatology of these revelations and interpretations, noting the changing role of the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit in the contemporary apocalypics and in events of the End Times. It points out the eschatological nature of some of the writings of Pope John Paul II.

The theological chapter examines the relationship of private revelations to the unique and constitutive revelation and on the basis of the arguments of some theologians considers obligatory nature with which are private revelations submitted to the faith, and notes the tension between the Magisterium and the charismatic element in the Church.

The final section discusses the transformation of popular piety, tied to the so-called eschatological communities, movements that are in expectation of near end of history, and which are aimed Marian and traditionalist.