REFUTATION

of the text “MILLENNIAL EXPECTATIONS IN THE GRAIL MOVEMENT”

by Zdenek Vojtisek

Throughout his life as a writer, Abd-ru-shin suffered numerous attacks from the most diverse social sectors, which could not recognise the depth of his writings and the blessings resulting from them. Almost 80 years after his death, these attacks continue, as if his legacy, strangely, caused discomfort to certain types of character.

It is hard to understand what motivates some people, even now, to denigrate Abd-ru-shin’s image; a personality who, through his texts, has granted, and always grants, relevant spiritual clarifications to those who delve deeper into the matter. The academic study entitled “Millennial Expectations in the Grail Movement”, by Zdenek Vojtisek, reference #3 on this Wikipedia page is part of this set of unprovoked attacks.

One cannot assume that honest and impartial research has not found elements that demonstrate the facts, the real events. From where it is inevitable to conclude that the work of Zdenek Vojtisek aims solely to denigrate, consciously or not, the image of Abd-ru-shin, resorting to an artful arrangement of words in various passages.

A few examples taken from the text demonstrate the intention to falsify the truth, with the manifest purpose of including Abd-ru-shin amongst the countless false apocalyptic prophets that infest the human race in contemporary times:

1. It is not true that “In the first issue Bernhardt joyfully welcomed the rise of the first communities of his followers.” On the contrary. In the dissertation “My Aim”, he precisely explains that he never thought of forming any community; however, as several people insisted on residing in his proximity, he ended up acceding to their desire, which gave rise to the “Grail Community” or “Grail Colony”.

2. It is not true that “Their house was declared to have been constructed exactly at the place where Abraham saw the ‘Mountain of Salvation.’”; if such a conception arose from some adherent’s fantasy, then one cannot attribute it to Abd-ru-shin without further analysis. For an impartial and neutral study, one must rely solely on Abd-ru-shin’s very texts.

3. It is not true that Community residents in Tirol “planned an immense Grail Castle of white marble and precious stones large enough to hold 12,000 people and a new temple for 10,000 visitors.” Abd-ru-shin and his loyal followers never had the remotest intention to build such a structure. But the tabloid press at the time even claimed that this castle already existed! Abd-ru-shin himself countered this stupidity, the product of degenerate brains, in his Grail Message, dissertation “The distorted tool”: “Newspapers in all countries published reports of the mysterious ‘castle’ on Vomperberg, of which I was supposed to be the owner! I was described as ‘the Messiah of the Tyrol’ or ‘the Prophet of Vomperberg’ with great and prominent headlines, even in the leading newspapers which wish to be taken seriously! There were weird and mysterious accounts of numerous underground tunnels, of temples, of knights both in black and silver armour, of an unheard-of cult, also of great parks, automobiles, stables, and whatever else could be invented by the diseased brains that can report such things. Details were quoted, some based on beautiful phantasy and others so disgustingly filthy that anyone giving a little thought to the matter could not fail immediately to recognise the lies and malevolence behind it! And there was not one word of truth in any of these reports!”

4. This passage, in particular, demonstrates Zdenek Vojtisek’s intention to vilify Abd-ru-shin’s image: “There were headlines alleging that Bernhardt was greedy for money. In March 1936 he was put under arrest for several months because of infractions against foreign-currency laws. It was revealed that he had previously been sentenced three times, mainly for cheating and falsification of documents.” Since when are sensationalist headlines worth as proof of whatever it may be? The Nazis indeed arrested Abd-ru-shin in 1936 on the grounds of illegal foreign exchange from Germany to Austria. It turns out that this operation was carried out in absentia, over his head, by two leaders of the Community. Therefore, he was unaware of anything and much less gave his consent to this action. Records confirm that Abd-ru-shin had given an express
order to his collaborators, that they should always strictly follow all legal requirements. Abd-ru-shin got arrested on that occasion without knowing anything about what was happening. Months later he was declared innocent, and he was released. And it’s simply not true that Abd-ru-shin “had previously been sentenced three times, mainly for cheating and falsification of documents.” Before settling in Tirol, Abd-ru-shin suffered a lawsuit by two usurers that had the goal of receiving the furniture from his home, pledged as loan security. For those who indeed want to know what happened in this episode, it suffices to read carefully the first version of the lecture “Human opinions and God’s Will in the Law of Reciprocal Action” published in “Grail Leaflets” (“Gralsblätter”), Series II, notebooks 1 and 2. In that text, it remains evident that Abd-ru-shin was not at fault in the episode, and that the two usurers acted out of manifest bad faith. If Zdenek Vojtisek knew the real story described in the Grail Leaflets and did not mention it, he attests, once again, the primary intention of defaming Abd-ru-shin’s personality. Abd-ru-shin never forged any documents and much less was the subject of an inquiry about it.

5. Vojtisek’s claim that “In order to calm the public and hide his messianic claims, in 1937 Bernhardt ordered that the ‘Conclusion’ be cut out of all unsold In the Light of Truth books.” is false. Every author does have the right to revise his work when he sees fit, and when circumstances indicate such a need. Back then, removing the “Conclusion” had no intention to “calm” anyone, much less to hide anything.

6. Vojtisek’s allegation that at the end of his life, Abd-ru-shin felt “lonely and discouraged”, as presented, is false. He was, yes, saddened by the spiritual inertia of humanity and the constant attacks of Darkness, but in no way “discouraged”. So much so that in his last years he completely revised his portentous work “In the Light of Truth”, adapting it to these contingencies. And of “solitude” he never complained either. In fact, in his book “Questions and Answers” he states verbatim that for him it is entirely indifferent how people follow his writings: “I am absolutely indifferent to what people say about my Message and my answers to questions. Indifferent as to whether they like them or not. I am just as little moved by the warmest acknowledgements as by wellmeaning letters of advice or even embittered attacks, whether they be of a decent or a contemptible nature.”

7. Zdenek Vojtisek’s claim that “Bernhardt died unexpectedly, without bringing the last judgment and the millennial kingdom for his followers.” is downright biased. If some adherents felt deluded in their imaginary hopes, believing the events related to the Last Judgment would take place on a specific date and happen the way they had imagined, it is their misinterpretation alone. One cannot attribute these wrong assumptions to direct teachings of Abd-ru-shin, who, by the way, also clarifies that it is not possible to know the times when the prophecies about the Judgment will come true on Earth, as recorded in this section of the lecture “World events”: “This circumstance enables many events to be foreseen, because the Laws of Nature or Creation never deviate in their urge to develop. Here millennia make no difference. Out of these clearly foreseen and final irrevocable goals come forth the great revelations shown to the specially blessed in spiritual pictures which, when passed on, come to the knowledge of mankind. One thing, however, cannot be accurately predicted – the earthly time at which these revelations and promises find their fulfilment!”

8. The statement “Of the omitted lectures, the fourth was probably unacceptable after the war due to ideas that might be considered racist.” is plain slanderous. Zdenek Vojtisek strives all the time to slander Abd-ru-shin, and here he reaches his peak. It is even difficult to have to refute such absurdity. Abd-ru-shin has always indicated that all peoples should progress on their own, without foreign interference. He specifically describes this concept in the lecture “The beauty of the peoples”. None of the dissertations taken from the original edition has the slightest racist nature; besides, they would be in direct contradiction to the previously mentioned lecture “The beauty of the peoples”.

9. The unkind mentions of the “Divine Triad” and the “rite of sealing” reflect only the intention to vilify the high spiritual concepts brought about by Abd-ru-shin, without any subject knowledge on the part of Zdenek Vojtisek.

10. This following allegation is downright false: “This tension reached its peak in the 1930s when Bernhardt expected the imminent end of the world, and the media reported on his group’s beliefs and activities.”. It never happened that Abd-ru-shin “waited for the end of the world” on a specific date. With this regard, besides the information in topic #7 of this refutation, we can also add this
excerpts from the lecture “Come down from the Cross!”, extracted from his Grail Message: “Yet
men are very well aware, as Christ the Son of God Himself already pointed out, that no one but
God the Father knows the hour in which the Judgment begins. Therefore if men now utter the
afore-mentioned words they express a double doubt! They doubt the Son of Man and doubt the
Son of God’s word! It is also a proof of their lack of understanding of the entire Creation, and of
their complete ignorance just in all those questions which it is so urgently necessary for every man
to know!”

11. Deplorable Zdenek Vojtisek’s attempt to link the rise of sects after Abd-ru-shin’s death as if they
were, in some way, the continuation of the Grail Movement. Unbalanced figures such as Jan
Dvorsky, who believes himself to be Imanuel’s reincarnation, can in no way be associated with
Abd-ru-shin’s teachings. Charlatans exist in all areas of human activity and at all times. They could
never support any thesis or hypothesis of previous doctrinal misalignments unless there is a
deliberate intention to distort the facts and drag the unwary to false conceptions.

Works like Zdenek Vojtisek’s have a far more destructive effect than their authors can imagine. In an era
marked by spiritual indolence and superficial research, such compendiums work like false signposts that
offer those who are still yearning for the Truth a completely twisted description of what they should find.
Abd-ru-shin, incidentally, mentions this situation in the dissertation in the dissertation “Modern psychic
science”, from the Grail Message: “When it is realised what wrong courses have been pursued, the
repercussions become sharp weapons in the hands of many enemies, who in the course of time are able to
instil such distrust in the minds of hundreds of thousands of people that, when the Truth emerges, these
unfortunates will no longer desire to examine it seriously for sheer fear of a new delusion! They close their
ears, which they would otherwise have opened, and so miss the last span of time that could still grant them
the opportunity to ascend to the Light.”

As can be seen, the raw material for making these deceptive signposts is available in abundance. It is the
lack of understanding of the human creature concerning its very essence, to its spirit. From this
misunderstanding, false conceptions, frustrated expectations, divergences and misinterpretations arise,
all acting as fertiliser for poisonous sowing.

With admirable dedication, this “scholars” skilfully merge fragments of truth with mistaken printed and
digital records, produced by other people. The result is astonishing and denotes a level of depth in analysis
and research that sometimes surpasses the very disposition of those who grope in search of the real path.
Instead of letting them continue towards the Truth, such misleading signposts offer them an illusory
shortcut. They offer a simulacrum of a doctrinal summary, twisted and riddled with falsehoods. It is a
sham that intends to pass for indisputable truth.

Here too, there is an attempt to attack Abd-ru-shin’s work in an indirect and cowardly manner, as always
happens in the case of the Grail Message In the Light of Truth. There is the intention of depreciating it
based on some of the followers’ behaviour and not for its content, making use of lies to demoralise the
author’s image. In the excerpts in which Zdenek Vojtisek describes concepts extracted from the work, the
attacks cease and both the mistakes and the inability to contest become evident.

It is sad, painful and repulsive to follow the attempts at demeaning of Abd-ru-shin and his work. It is
especially deplorable when there is an express intention to establish associations between merely earthly
events to create a context that tries to “explain” the motivations and inspirations that led Abd-ru-shin to
gather such a comprehensive knowledge about Creation. By doing so, it is evident that Zdenek Vojtisek
was unable to assimilate anything in his academic study, through which he testifies to all the narrowness
of his pretentious learnedness.

For those who sincerely want to know Abd-ru-shin’s legacy, the indication can only be one: to read his
writings and draw their conclusions for themselves.

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