

The voice of the false prophet

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In the last days, unclean teachings will come out of the mouth of the false prophet, the papacy. One way in which this happens is through the broadcasts of Vatican Radio.

IN REVELATION 16 it is written, “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty” (vv. 13,14).

The “unclean spirits like frogs” represent humanistic and socialist teachings in the last days which have reverberated around the world since the French Revolution. One of the mouths from which these teachings emanate is that of the “false prophet”. Even in the first century, there were many false prophets: “many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 Jno. 4:1). That they were “gone out” shows that they had originated in the ecclesia. A few centuries later, a “falling away” from the Truth would lead to one particular false prophet emerging, referred to by Paul as the “man of sin” (2 Thess. 2:3). This false prophet is the papacy.

Vatican Radio

One of the means the papacy uses to spread its message is radio. It has its own radio station, known as Vatican Radio. This has been in the news recently because, for the first time, it is allowing advertising.¹ The radio station has annual costs of around £17 million. The global recession has led to a decrease in money being donated to the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church hopes the advertising will make up some of the deficit in its funding. Enol, an Italian gas and electricity company, has been the first company to advertise on the radio station.

Vatican Radio was founded in 1931 by Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor renowned for his work on radio technology. It currently broadcasts in forty-five languages on FM and on the internet. According to its website, the aims of Vatican Radio are, first, to diffuse “the voice and the teachings of the Roman Pontiff”; secondly, to inform “about the activities of the Holy See”; thirdly, to give “infor-

mation about the life and the activities of the Catholic Church in the world”. Finally, it aims to help “the faithful to evaluate today’s problems in the light of the Teachings of the Church”.² In

addition, “Vatican Radio has also the institutional task to record, amplify, and distribute the sound of all the official Vatican activities of the Holy Father and to exercise and protect, in an exclusive way, the copyright and intellectual property rights over the voice recordings of the Roman Pontiffs”. As such, Vatican Radio is a significant means by which teachings emanate from the mouth of the papacy. As is declared on each page of its website, Vatican Radio is “The voice of the Pope and the Church in dialogue with the world”.



Pope Pius XI and Eugenio Pacelli at the inauguration of Vatican Radio in 1931, with Guglielmo Marconi in the background.

The website lists extracts from its broadcasts using fourteen categories. With categories including “Charity and Solidarity”, “Ecumenism” and “Justice and Peace”, it is not difficult to see the humanistic, froglike character of the broadcasts. Nor is its influence limited to its broadcasts. For example, the radio station is a founder member of the European Broadcasting Union. This “is the largest association of national broadcasters in the world”, and seeks to “promote cooperation between broadcasters and facilitate the exchange of audiovisual content”. The EBU also “works to ensure that the crucial role of public service

1. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/8135753.stm>.
2. <http://www.radiovaticana.org/inglese/enindex.html>.

broadcasters is recognised and taken into consideration by decision-makers".³ Far from being a minor, peripheral, local radio station, Vatican Radio is a major player in broadcasting.

In reporting the placing of an advertisement by Enol on Vatican Radio, the BBC stated: "Enol says it is an honour to be chosen as the first advertiser on Vatican Radio as, it says, the company has some of the shared values of the Catholic Church". Whilst it does not specify what these shared values are, it is an example of the way in which the unclean teachings of the Catholic Church are influencing the commercial sector. As it is written: "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev. 18:3).

Conclusion

When Christ returns, the political air will be targeted: "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done" (16:17). When this takes place, the Vatican Radio transmitters will be silenced and the



Picture: Joshua Sherurci

Vatican Radio building and transmitter.

airwaves will no longer be pervaded by the voice emanating from the mouth of the false prophet.

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3. <http://www.ebu.ch/en/about/index.php>.