

## **BOOK REVIEW Christmas edition**

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Natasha and Anthony O’Hear are to be congratulated for their unique exposition of the book of Revelation, **Picturing the Apocalypse** (O.U.P 2015. £14.99). Its visionary character leads the authors to explore its message through art, music and poetry. The text contains nearly sixty pictures; some, dramatic, some thoughtful and a few terrifying. There are, in addition, fifty three coloured plates at the centre the book.

The authors reflect on the pictures of angels, the lamb, the four horsemen, the seven seals, the woman clothed with the sun, the satanic trinity, Armageddon, the Last Judgement and the New Jerusalem.

In this 300 page book we are taken on exciting journey from the early middle ages to Hollywood disaster movies, from Durer to D.H. Lawrence, from Blake to Vaughan Williams from Memling to Metallica. The final chapters examine the Apocalypse in the light of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century events.

Here is a book which anyone, whether Christian or not, will want to own, look at and read. Its message is clear. Gentle resistance can and will ultimately dethrone all the malign powers.

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