

specified time was confirmed, at least in a fashion, by the events ; and others, likewise, who have anticipated what they deem the Rise of a Personal Antichrist, who should be the Sovereign of Rome and the Chief of the restored French Empire ; *all* these strike me, whatever may be thought of the younger Napoleon, as having arrived at their conclusions from no legitimate and intelligible premises.

Hence, to whatever extent their anticipations may have been, or may be hereafter, verified, I cannot view such anticipations in any other light, than that of wholly unauthorised, and, therefore, mere *lucky*, specimens of pure guesswork. But, in truth, when sifted, they can scarcely be said to possess even *that* character. Not only are the grounds untenable, but the accomplishment of the guess is defective and imperfect. This, however, was only to be expected,