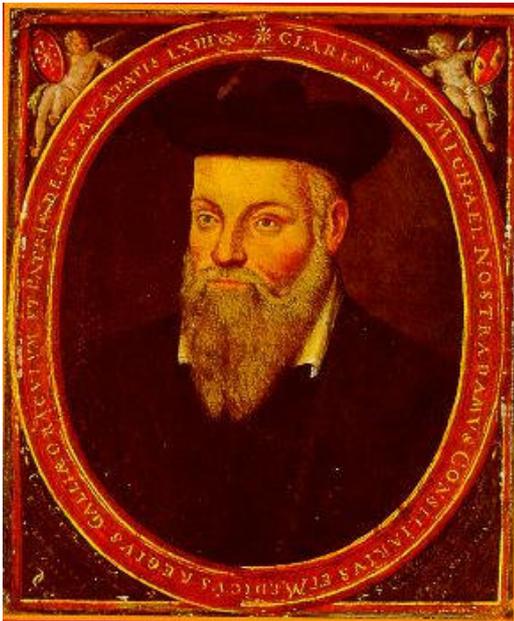


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The astrologer Nostradamus is born.



*Michel de Nostredame (usually Latinized to Nostradamus), was a French apothecary and reputed seer who published collections of prophecies that have since become famous world-wide. He is best known for his book *Les Propheties*, the first edition of which appeared in 1555. Since the publication of this book, which has rarely been out of print since his death, Nostradamus has attracted an almost cult following. His many enthusiasts, as well as the popular press, credit him with predicting numerous major world events.*