



The history of faith is intertwined with a profound longing: to see God’s truth face to face, to contemplate His Mystery, to understand the sacred past, and to prepare for the eternal future. It is within this horizon that one of the most fascinating, mysterious, and debated stories arises: that of the **Chronovisor**, a device allegedly developed in secret by Catholic monks and scientists in the 20th century to witness events from the past, including episodes from the life of Jesus Christ.

Today, more than asking whether the Chronovisor truly existed, we can approach its story as a gateway to fundamental questions of our faith: the relationship between time and eternity, God’s revelation in history, and the profound human longing to “see in order to believe.” Join me on this journey that weaves together history, theology, and spirituality.

The Chronovisor: Between Myth and Possibility

The term “Chronovisor” was popularized by Father **Marcello Pellegrino Ernetti**, a Benedictine monk and expert in ancient music, who in 1972 revealed to the world the existence of a device capable of capturing images and sounds from past events. According to Ernetti, the Chronovisor had been created in collaboration with a secret group of elite scientists, allegedly including Nobel Prize winner Enrico Fermi.

The device, Ernetti claimed, was not a time machine capable of transporting people to the past, but rather a kind of “screen” that captured the residual waves of historical events that, somehow, still floated in the fabric of the universe.

Among the episodes Ernetti claimed to have witnessed was the **Crucifixion of Christ**. A photograph even circulated, which was later debunked as a fraud, apparently being a reproduction from a stage performance. Yet the fascination with the Chronovisor never fully disappeared.

Truth or Invention?

From a historical standpoint, there is no conclusive evidence for the actual existence of the Chronovisor. According to some accounts, the Vatican itself allegedly ordered it to be dismantled to protect humanity from the dangers of manipulating history. Others regard the entire story as an elaborate fabrication.

But beyond the question of whether the device physically existed, the idea behind the



Chronovisor invites us to a profound theological reflection: **what does it mean for us to “see” the mysteries of faith?**

The Human Desire to See God: An Eternal Need

From the Old Testament onwards, the desire to see God has been central to the spiritual life:

“*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and behold the face of God?*” (Psalm 42:2)

This cry expresses the deepest longing of the human heart: not just to believe by hearing, but **to behold the truth**.

The **Chronovisor** symbolizes this longing: what if we could truly see Christ’s Passion? What if we could hear His voice at the Last Supper? Would our faith be strengthened? Or, paradoxically, would our trust in the invisible be weakened?

After His Resurrection, Jesus Himself said to Thomas, the doubting apostle:

“*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*”
(John 20:29)

This passage reveals that **authentic faith** is not based on sensory vision but on the spiritual gift received by an open heart.

Time, Eternity, and the Face of Christ

The potential existence of the Chronovisor raises a fascinating theological question: **can time fully contain the mysteries of God?**



The answer is that **human time is only a pale reflection of divine eternity**. For God, every moment — Creation, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection — **is always present**. God does not “look back” at the past as we do: He **dwells in an eternal present**.

Saint Augustine expressed this masterfully:

“In Your eternity, You see all that passes in time, because for You everything is present.” (Confessions XI, 13)

Thus, even though we are bound by the flow of time, in the Eucharist, in deep prayer, **we can touch eternity**. Each Mass does not simply “remember” the Cross: **it makes it present**.

Rather than a technological Chronovisor, the Christian already possesses a “spiritual chronovisor”: **the Liturgy**, where Christ’s mystery breaks into our present and transforms our history.

Practical Applications: How to “See” the Mystery of Christ Today

Although we do not have a device that visually displays the life of Jesus, **we do have spiritual means to “see.”** Here are some practical keys:

1. Participate in the Mass with Conscious Faith

Each Eucharist is **the very same sacrifice of Christ on Calvary**, made present sacramentally. Attending Mass is not simply attending a symbolic ceremony but entering the living Mystery.

2. Meditate on the Word of God

Sacred Scripture is a spiritual “chronovisor”: it introduces us into the saving events. When reading the Gospels, we do not merely recall events; **we become contemporaries of Christ**.



3. Contemplate the Face of Christ in the Needy

Jesus Himself taught:

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Every authentic act of charity is a way to see and touch Christ in our time.

4. Eucharistic Adoration: Contemplating the Invisible

In silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, **we see without seeing**, like Thomas invited to touch the wounds. It is not a sensory vision but **a real communion with His living presence**.

Final Reflection: The True Chronovisor Is in Your Heart

The Chronovisor, whether real or not, reminds us that Christianity is not just a memory of the past but a living encounter with God’s eternal present. Christian faith does not require machines; **it requires hearts ready to see with the eyes of the soul**.

When you live the Eucharist, when you meditate on the Word, when you serve those in need, **you are using the true Chronovisor God has placed in your hands**: living faith, illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

Thus, you can walk the roads of Galilee, behold the Cross at Calvary, and hear the echo of “He is risen!” on Easter morning — **without leaving your present**, because where Christ is, there the entire history of salvation is alive and active.

Will you dare to turn on your “spiritual chronovisor” today?