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PART ONE
BEGINNINGS

PREFACE

“I cannot guarantee you happiness in this life, but I can in the next.”—*Mary, through Bernadette Soubirous, Lourdes (France), 1858.*

“I want to take you by the hand and accompany you on the threshold of this decade, which you are beginning precisely on this day. It is a very important decade. It is a period of time particularly marked by the strong presence of the Lord among you. During the last decade of your century, the events which I have foretold to you will have reached their completion. Therefore it is necessary that you allow yourselves to be formed, one and all, by My motherly action.

“During these years I am preparing you, by My motherly action, to receive the Lord Who is coming. This is why I have asked you for the consecration to My Immaculate Heart: to form all of you in that interior docility which is necessary for Me in order that I may be able to work in each of you, bringing you to a profound transformation which should prepare you to receive the Lord worthily.

“I am the Mother of the Second Advent. I am preparing you for His new coming. I am opening the way to Jesus who is returning to you in glory.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), January 1, 1990.*

“I am speaking directly to your soul. This is by no ordinary means. God has given Me this power.”—*Mary, through Maria-mante, Midwestern U.S., no date.*

“I did not come here to prepare you for the Feast of My Assumption but to prepare you for the coming of My Son—for the final Judgment. My dear children, listen to Me, your Mother.”—*Mary, through three adults, Lubbock (Texas), July 11, 1988.*

“The great suffering which awaits you is to prepare you for the birth of the new era, which is coming upon the world. Live

this new year in My Immaculate Heart. It is the refuge which I have prepared for you for these times . . . I am the announcement of the new era. In the deep darkness of this, your time, if you live with Me, you can already glimpse the glimmer of the new times which are awaiting you.”—*Mary, through Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), January 1, 1991.*

“You are entering into the last decade of this century of yours, when the events of which I have foretold you will come to completion and when My secrets will be revealed to you. You are entering into the time of the triumph of My Immaculate Heart. You are now close to the Second Pentecost. The Second Pentecost will come like a river of grace and mercy which will purify the Church and make her poor and chaste, humble and strong, without a spot or wrinkle, all beautiful, in imitation of your heavenly Mother. You are here to be molded by Me in order to become the new heart of this Church, completely renewed by the Spirit.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 28, 1990.*

“Today, Satan is successfully conquering everything with the spirit of pride and rebellion against God, and he is terrified by those who follow your heavenly Mother.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), October 7, 1983.*

“I was chosen by the Most Holy Trinity to become the Mother of the Word, who became incarnate in My virginal Womb, and thus I have given you My Son Jesus. His first coming among you took place in poverty, in humility and in suffering, because Jesus wanted to assume the limitations, the misery and the weakness of our human nature. And so My motherly action was carried out in silence, in prayer, in hiddenness and in humility.

“I was chosen by the Most Holy Trinity to become the Mother of the Second Advent, and thus My motherly task is that of preparing the Church and all humanity to receive Jesus, who is returning to you in glory.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1990.*

“In the Second Coming of the Lord, Mary will be made known in a special way by the Holy Spirit so that through Her, Jesus may be better known and served . . . Mary will shine forth higher than ever in these latter days to bring back poor sinners who have strayed from the family of God . . . However, souls hardened

by impiety will provoke terrible rebellion against God, attempting to lead all souls astray (even those who oppose their revolt), and they will cause many to fall by their threats, snares and alluring promises . . . Satan, knowing that he has little time left, will redouble his efforts and his combats. He will conjure up cruel persecutions and put terrible snares in the path of the faithful . . . Mary will raise up apostles of the latter times to make war against the evil one . . . They shall be little and poor in the world's esteem and will even be persecuted by other members of the Body of Christ.”—*Saint Louis de Montfort (1673-1716), no date.*

“These are times of the great chastisement. The cup of divine justice is full, is more than full, is flowing over. Iniquity covers the whole earth; the Church is darkened by the spread of apostasy and sin. The Lord, for the triumph of His mercy, must as of now purify with His strong action of justice and of love. The most painful, most bloody hours are in preparation for you. These times are closer than you think. Already during this Marian Year, certain great events will take place, concerning what I predicted at Fatima [1917] and have told, under secrecy, to the children to whom I am appearing at Medjugorje . . . These are the times of the great return. Yes, after the time of the great suffering there will be the time of the great rebirth and all will blossom again. Humanity will again be a new garden of life and beauty and the Church a family enlightened by truth, nourished by grace, consoled by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will restore His glorious reign. He will dwell with you and you will know the new times, the new era. You will at last see a new earth and new heavens.”—*The Virgin Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), July 3, 1987.*

“When My sweet Jesus comes a second time on earth in His glory, as it is most certain He will do, to reign there, He will choose no other way for His journey than Mary, by whom He came the first time, so surely and so perfectly. But there will be a difference between His first and last coming. The first time He came secretly and hiddenly; the second time He will have come perfectly, because both times He will have come by Mary. Alas! Here is a mystery which is not understood. Let all tongues be mute.”—*Saint Louis de Montfort, 19th Century, no date.*

“My Immaculate Mother will be victorious over sin with Her

power as Queen. The lily represents the cleansing of the world, the coming age of paradise, when humanity will live as if without sin. This will be a new world and a new age. This will be the age when mankind will get back what it lost in paradise. When My Immaculate Mother will step on the neck of the serpent, the gates of hell will be closed. The hosts of angels will be part of this flight. I have sealed My own with My seal that they shall not be lost in this flight.”—*Christ Child, through Sister Natalia, Hungary (visions in 1940s), no date.*

“Allow yourselves to be drawn by the enchantment of your heavenly Mother and follow Me, in the wake of My sweet fragrance, in order to go down with Me to meet the Holy City, which will come down out of heaven, at the end of the painful purification and of the great tribulation in which you are living in these last times.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1992.*

“Pray very much the prayers of the rosary. I alone am able still to save you from calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in Me will be saved.”—*Mary, through Sister Agnes Sasagawa, Akita (Japan), October 13, 1973.*

INTRODUCTION

The following conversation occurred on December 3, 1988, at the Immaculate Heart Church in Phoenix, Arizona. The one reporting it is Estela Ruiz, a wife and mother of seven, who has been regularly receiving visions and instructions from the “Virgin Mary” since that date.

“This is My reign—this is the time of My reign. I am here to bring My children back to My Son. The one who sent me is God, Our Father.”

“I then asked Her who She was, and She said:

“I am the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but I am the same one that has appeared all over the world.”

“Then She told me,

“Look around this church and see all the different forms in which I have appeared.”

Estela then looked around, and saw the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows, which the church members worshiped. Nearby was the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, another image which is routinely venerated. Not far off was the icon of Our Lady of Fatima, a much-revered object of devotion.

Then, in front of her, the vision spoke again:

“Yes, I am the Mother of God, and I have appeared in different places. There is only one and that is I and I am all of these. But I come today, at this time, as the Immaculate Heart of Mary as this is the reign of My Immaculate Heart. And I’ve come to call My children back to God.”

With this announcement, Mrs. Ruiz became one more of the thousand or so worshipers of Mary who are said to be receiving visions and instruction from Her.

Yet, before December 3, 1988, she was just an ordinary housewife. She cared little about the growing excitement in the Catholic Church, and thought her husband’s avid reading of monthly reports of new instructions, published in independent Catholic journals, to be nonsense.

But then, in September of that year, her husband spent some of their savings on a trip to Medjugorje, a little village in the Croatian section of the former Yugoslavia, where, since June 24, 1981, Mary has been appearing almost daily to several individuals.

While he was in Medjugorje, he felt the spirits there doing something to him.—But the presence also reached her before he returned.

One day as she was walking through their home, she passed a picture her husband had tried to paint of Our Lady of Guadalupe;—she heard a voice from the picture!

She later said it sounded like the voice of a beautiful woman.
“*Good morning, daughter.*”

Surely, she thought, it was her imagination; she was hearing things.

Two days later, it happened again! Could it be real? Estela was beginning to wonder.

Upon her husband’s return, she could see the difference in him. She was feeling different too. She began saying her rosary to Mary more often.

A little over two months later, on December 3, something calling itself the “*Blessed Virgin*” appeared to her, and said:

“I have come to ask you to be My messenger, and I want to know if you will do it? I’m going to help you and your children make many changes. There will be a period of time where I will prepare the family and I will send many messages to the family.”

Estela Ruiz dutifully knelt and yielded herself to the spirit. Her life has not been the same since.

This is the story of the apparitions of Mary and Her messages. In this book you will find a wide-ranging summary of final events on our planet, as presented by the spirits to faithful Roman Catholics worldwide. We will analyze each major event, in order to determine why this scenario of coming events has been presented.

We will learn that Satan is desperate to maintain control of Roman Catholics. He urgently needs their help in carrying out his part in the true order of final events.

Priest Paul Trinchard, in his book, Apostasy Within, men-

tions a 1981 McCready opinion poll, which surveyed 4,000 U.S. and Canadian Catholics from 14 to 30 years of age. It found that 75 percent do not believe in papal infallibility; 90 percent reject the church's position on birth control; 80 percent believe that premarital sex is not wrong; and 89 percent believe it is all right for divorced people to remarry without the church's sanction. Since then, conditions among Catholics have worsened.

Satan knows that, if he does not do something to stir up Roman Catholics, he will not have anyone to help him carry out the machinations outlined in chapter 35 of *Great Controversy*.

There are several things we can learn from Satan's end-time scenario:

First, *as already, noted, we learn how desperate Satan is to maintain his hold on Catholics.*

Second, we learn the key ingredients in the almost hypnotic hold which the Vatican and its priests have over the minds of their adherents. The worship (yes, worship) of statues of Mary; endless rote prayers to Mary on the beads; and the other special activities used to grip the Catholic mind. The activities are of the type to enable the spirits to take over a human mind.

Third, we discover how central Mary is to Roman Catholic theology: She lacks only one divine attribute—that of creatorship—keeping Her from being a full member of the Godhead. Yet, for practical purposes, the Catholic pantheon is not a Trinity, but a Quarterernity. You will find in the quotations in this book, that Mary says She has all power, is present everywhere, and able to command whatever She wants from the Father, Son, and angels. Most important, She is shown to have more kindness, compassion, and sheer gumption than anyone else in heaven. Having made the atonement, She intercedes for sinners, orders the angels about, receives and forgives transgressors, directs last-day events, and is the primary channel of communication between heaven and earth. She fights the battle with the evil forces, and the victory is wholly Her own. She is already the Queen of heaven, and will soon be the ruler of the New Jerusalem and the whole earth. Everyone in heaven are shown as shadowy figures; they enter the picture once in a while, but usually stay away.

It is clear, from what you will read, that Mary is presented as

Herself God, the commander of the Godhead, the leading representative of the Godhead, and the primary saviour of the world.

Fourth, we see how Satan announces, a little in advance, events about to burst into the headlines. For example, in the mid 1980s, he knew that Saddam Hussein, who took office in July 1979, was feverishly laying plans for a nuclear war. This is reflected in some of the Marian predictions made at that time about the coming Antichrist.

Fifth, we find that Satan is on top of weather conditions. He not only can influence it, he can predict forthcoming weather patterns. By the end of the 1980s, he knew that the greenhouse effect was going to produce more severe storms. He was well aware of the elimination of El Nino in the Pacific and the increased moisture in the Sahel of North Africa, which is now sending mammoth hurricanes westward.

Sixth, we learn how well he has studied the Spirit of Prophecy. Repeatedly, you will come upon little points which closely paraphrase Spirit of Prophecy descriptions of small details in final events.

Seventh,—and perhaps most important of all—*we find that Satan believes that the world will probably come to an end within a very few years*. Not only do all the signs in the world around us point to it, as well as indications in Scripture, but even Satan believes it and is predicting it. Indeed, he is trying to prepare a people to cooperate with him just before time ends.

For centuries, the devil has been preparing for the final climactic years. In our time the messages have swelled to a great crescendo, transmitted through humans scattered all over the planet, to faithful Roman Catholics who now hang on every word. —How could such a gigantic web of spirit seances begin?

It took hundreds of years to lay the groundwork.

First, the people were taught to look to men for guidance and accept their words in preference to the Holy Scriptures. Whenever a person does that, he imperils his soul.

Second, the faithful were told to bow down to statues and pray to departed spirits (known as “saints”). Efforts to communicate with the dead always lead the soul into the grip of spiritualism!

Third, Roman Catholics were commanded to pray to their angels, try to make contact with them, and unreservedly accept whatever they said. This is another form of communication with supernatural spirits. We are to pray to God—not to angels, and not to dead people!

The future Pope Paul I said, when he was bishop of Venato:
 “It is necessary to speak much more about them [the angels] . . . [and to] develop an intimate relationship with them.”

Vatican II reminded the faithful, in the Dogmatic Constitution, that the Church always venerated angels, along with the Virgin and the saints.

All the modern popes, from Pius XI to John Paul II, have been known for developing a relationship with their guardian angels and urging the church to do the same.

Speaking to the faithful through Mariamante, Mary said:
 “When they [the angels] speak to you, listen to them . . . Pray to the Holy Angels often for guidance and wisdom.”

In another message through Pastor Gobbi, on September 29, 1981, She said:

“You must let yourself be guided docilely by them [the angels] . . . Entrust yourselves more and more to the angels of the Lord. Have an affectionate intimacy with them . . . [They] take you by the hand and lead you gently along the road I have pointed out for you. Pray to your guardian angels.”

—We are to pray to God, not to angels or departed souls! We may have in mind the right prayers, but praying them to the wrong ones—can bring capture by demons. We must strictly follow God’s plan as outlined in His Inspired Writings.

Satan’s objective is to keep Roman Catholics from drifting out into the lax agnosticism and rank atheism which Catholic teachings eventually lead to. In fulfillment of this plan, through the Marian messages, he seeks constantly to keep Roman Catholic believers in suspense. Always some new little tidbit, ever a new secret soon to be disclosed—but not quite yet; a little while later. This pattern has gone on for over a century.

At this point, we need to define a few words:

One is “apparition.” In America today, this means something ghostlike, something unpleasant which is seen. But the word

comes from the Latin, and means “something which appears to view.” The Roman Church uses it in that sense. They speak of an “apparition of Mary”; by this, they mean an appearance of Mary. She has appeared to view.

“*Christ Child*” refers to Baby Jesus. Most of the apparitions are of Mary, but some are of the infant, Jesus, speaking about His Mother. This is obviously done to give the faithful the impression that He is just a baby, and His Mother is the one to look to for guidance and help.

Those receiving the message are termed “*visionaries*” by the church. This would be correct, for they both see and hear supernatural things during the event. Apparitions apparently never occur while people are asleep.

Throughout this study, the word, “*church*,” when undefined, refers to the Roman Catholic Church.

The word, “*faithful*,” by itself, means those Roman Catholics who are concerned that the church stand by its historic beliefs, and not veer off into modernism or liberalism. It does not refer to Protestants.

Unless otherwise stated, each quotation is generally a statement supposedly made by the Virgin, through a visionary, to Catholic church members. When it is the visionary speaking his or her own comments about statements made by the supernatural being, this is clearly stated.

We try to avoid duplication of quotations, but in certain instances clarification of a topic requires that part of a quotation be again repeated.

The quotation references provide as much information as is available. Sometimes this is less, sometimes more.

Sources are given in the *Bibliography* at the back of this book.

Titles applied by Roman Catholics to various individuals are retained (such as “*Sister*,” “*Bishop*,” “*Cardinal*,” “*Saint*,” and “*Blessed*”). Yet the words, “*Reverend*,” “*Father*,” and “*His Holiness*” are not. Everyone can be blessed of God or a brother and sister in the faith, and there is a universal priesthood of believers; but no man is to be revered or declared to be our spiritual father or “*His holiness*.”

It should be understood that, when Mary speaks of “*prayer*,” She means saying the rosary.

You may wonder why some people have the title, “*Blessed*,”

and others are called “*Saint*.” Many of those in the past, who have had communications with the spirits, were later beatified (receiving the title, “Blessed” or canonized, “Saint”).

Throughout this entire compilation, you will notice that the spirits present evidences to the senses (pictures, scenes, conversations, etc.) rather than principles and Bible truths.

In connection with this, note three interesting factors:

First, weeping statues. There have been weeping statues in Catholic churches for centuries; but, in recent years, they sometimes weep blood. In Her apparitions Mary occasionally does also. She says they are tears of sorrow for the chastisements soon to come upon the world.

Second, the odor of roses. Catholics tend to liken Mary to the rose. (This is why their cathedrals have circular “rose” windows.) Frequently, visionaries smell roses when Mary appears.

Third, the stigmata. Some Catholics down through the centuries, including some of the visionaries, miraculously receive the “*stigmata*” (“marks”)—the “five wounds” of Christ. They are considered extra holy when this occurs.

It is of the highest significance that a special pattern underlay all the apparition messages: Down through the centuries, occasionally an appearance would be made or a message communicated through angels or departed saints—which would hint at what was coming in the last days.

But, just after 1844—everything changed!

It is of special interest that the modern apparitions of Mary, containing detailed information about last-day events, began at LaSalette, France, in September 1846—only nine months after Satan discovered, to his dismay, that, after a lapse of 1750 years, God had sent another prophet into the world: a young girl, who would very likely live a long time and give the people of God immense amounts of instruction.

In the *List of Apparitions*, at the back of this book, you will find appearances, in which Mary (or sometimes, the Christ Child) especially explained final events. On that list, three come before December 1844, when the Spirit of Prophecy began, and 74 started after that date.

I say “started,” because many of the appearances to a given person or group since 1844 have been ongoing. Some have lasted

for years. Literally thousands of individual appearances have occurred.

Since Fatima, more than 300 different individuals, receiving single or multiple apparitions, have been significant enough to merit attention and investigation by Church officials.

Of the three major appearances before 1844, one that was especially important was the apparition at LaSalette, France, in 1830. Keep in mind that William Miller had been convicted by the Holy Spirit since 1818 to explain his findings to others, and in 1830 he began doing so.

Looking more closely at that time, we find that Miller began publicly speaking in August of that year. Then, on November 27, 1830, a significant apparition occurred in Rue de Bac, Paris (France), when Catherine Laboure (later sainted) was given a message, by Mary, about the final crisis.

It was not until December 1844, that young Ellen White was visiting in the home of women friends, when the Holy Spirit fell on her—and she was taken off in vision. This had not happened in over 17 centuries.

Then, on September 19, the second significant apparition occurred in LaSalette, France. The timing was exquisite. Since then, hundreds of apparitions have occurred. Read the list at the back of the book!

The devil knows that he hath but a short time (Revelation 12:12), and he surely is busy, at work.

Let us briefly overview the high points of several leading apparitional experiences:

LaSalette, France, September 19, 1846—*This was the first really important last-day event apparition. Two children, Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, were given a vision in which Mary told them that apostasy would come upon the church, due to the inroads of modernism.*

One might wonder why the spirits would start giving such a message as this! Indeed, it came as such a shocker to the authorities at the Vatican, that they never gave official approval to this vision.

But Satan spent some time, after December 1844, thinking through the matter. It was becoming quite clear that young Ellen was going to receive continuing visions. So the devil decided to

slant his messages to the church from this standpoint:

Mary is trying to protect Her people from modernism, and they must draw together, return more strictly to the ancient practices and faith of the church in the Dark Ages, and be prepared—at a moment's notice from Mary—to oppose whatever enemies of the faith She will point them to.

Thus his objective was to keep the church purely Catholic, and gradually build it into a state of intense excitement—so that, when Mary gave the order, the priests and members could rise up as one man and crush the enemy.

Understanding the plan of action, you can better understand the visions. However, because of this negative talk about growing apostasy in the church, the Vatican has been slow to approve the apparitions in recent years. In fact, very few have been approved since 1933.

Another intriguing point, about all the apparitions, is that they are myopic. They are concerned with the Roman Catholic Church, its beliefs, practices, dangers, and future—but not much of anything else! The concern is to hold Catholics in the faith, and little else.

An almost overwhelming concern of the apparitions is to praise Mary! This occurs repeatedly!

It is also of interest that one of the objectives of Mary is to receive the title, “*Co-Redemptrix*” (“co-Redeemer”). She tells Her visionaries that, when this occurs (and a few other conditions are met), a great time of peace will come to all the world.

But this need come as no surprise, for She also claims to have offered Christ as a sacrifice on Calvary and mediated as a priest in heaven afterward!

“With My Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood . . . Prayer, penance and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger.”—*Mary, through Agnes Sasagawa, Akita (Japan), August 3, 1973.*

Another interesting aspect of the Marian messages is the reference to “*victim souls*” by the apparitions and Her devotees. Victim souls are Catholics who sacrifice themselves physically by going on extended fasts, praying the rosary for long hours, and mortifying their bodies, in order to appease an angry God or

obtain other favors. (Flagellation and self-whipping continues on down to the present time.)

“There are many victim souls on the earth. Through their prayers and sacrifices, and especially through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, many postponements [of punishment from heaven] have been granted. Through this the whole purification process has been significantly extended, but because of this, the great catastrophe will not be as severe as prophesied.”—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), May 31, 1976.*

Lourdes, France, February 11, 1858—Another major apparition occurred that year. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, received 18 visions. Although this is hailed as a great event in church history, Lourdes is not an important vision for us in the present book—for it did not deal with final events. Mary talked to this young girl who had no acquaintance with theology and had never heard the phrase, “*I am the Immaculate Conception.*” Only four years before, the Pope had officially declared that to be a new dogma of the church the Vatican was thrilled with Lourdes.

Fatima, Portugal, 1916—This was the next major apparition. Between spring 1916 and September 13, 1917, Mary spoke with one or more of three children (Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta). A number of details about the final crisis were revealed.

At the September 13, apparition, Lucia asked for a miracle, and Mary said She would give one right there (at the Cova da Iria) on October 13. On that day, an immense storm was clearing from the skies and the ground was water-soaked and muddy. Approximately 70,000 people gathered, in the hope of seeing the Virgin Mary. At this gathering, Mary appeared; She told Lucia that World War I was soon to end and that a chapel should be built there in honor of the Virgin.

Then, as Mary ascended, the sun appeared to spin wildly. To the bewitched eyes of the vast multitude, the sun seemed to hurtle down toward the earth—and then back again.

As you might guess, ever since, when the crowds gather at the site of an earlier apparition, many of them look upward and damage their eyes, staring at the sun in hopes it will start spin-

ning.

But that is not the whole story of Fatima; here is part of it:

Although the other two children died soon after, Lucia continued on (she is in her 90s now). In her *Third Memoir* (memories of those apparitional conversations), written by command of the church on August 31, 1941, she said that a “secret” which the children had been told not to reveal actually consisted of three parts—and that she could disclose two of them (one was a vision of hell, and the other was a request to pray more frequently for the conversion of Russia).

But there remained a “*third secret*” which she was not, at the time, to reveal. Years passed, and the excitement over that third secret intensified among the faithful. What could it possibly be?

Eventually she gave the third secret, in written form, to Bishop da Silva so he could read it. But he did not want the responsibility, and the Holy Office in Rome said they did not want to see it. (Very likely, all concerned knew what was in it.) It was then agreed that, if da Silva died, the enveloped would be given to Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, to keep on file.

In 1957, the Holy Office said they wanted the envelope, containing the third secret. Bishop Venancio was given the envelope and told to hand it to Bishop Cento, Apostolic Nuncio to Lisbon.

On April 16, it arrived in Rome—and was immediately placed in a little chest in the office of Pope Pius XII, with a little note attached: “*Secret of the Holy Office.*”

It is said that Pius XII decided to not read it until 1960, but then died on October 9, 1958.

In 1957, Lucia told her priest, Pastor Fuentes:

“The Most Holy Virgin has told me that the devil is about to engage in a decisive battle against the Virgin . . .”

On December 26, 1957, she told him that Mary was saddened because the leadership of the church was ignoring the third secret.

In late August 1959, Pope John XXIII opened and read the secret. But he did not disclose it, saying it did not pertain to his reign.

What was the problem? It was the fact that the paper disclosed, somewhat more clearly, that which other unapproved apparitions from Mary also revealed: Punishment was promised to come upon the church, unless leaders and members strove to

return to the strict beliefs and practices of earlier centuries.

As you might imagine, these unfolding developments have deeply aroused the most conservative in the church to say the rosary more faithfully, attend mass more regularly, urge fellow Catholics to do likewise, and learn all they can about the latest apparitions.

But, before returning to the aftermath of Fatima, let us briefly turn our attention to two other major apparitions:

Garabandal, Spain, 1961—Between 1961 and 1965, Mary spoke to four children (Conchita Gonzales (age 12), Jacinta Gonzalez (12), Mari Cruz Gonzalez (11), none of whom are closely related, and Mari-Loli Mazon (12). Garabandal is a small village of about 300 people in the Cantabrian mountains of northwestern Spain. About a fourth of a mile north of town is a high ridge with nine pine trees, easily seen for miles. Over the next four years, Mary appeared over 2,000 times in the area. A variety of miracles accompanied the events, and many spectators were frequently present.

Messages about end-time events were conveyed to the children (especially Conchita), and the content included in them, what is believed to be in the third secret of Fatima. The warning, miracle and chastisement were discussed in some detail.

Later in this book, we will return to key points in the Garabandal disclosures.

Don Stefano Gobbi, 1972—From May 8, 1972, on down to the present time, this local priest in Milan, Italy, has received an astounding number of messages from Mary. He later compiled them into the book, *Our Lady Speaks to Her Beloved Priests*. A later edition was titled, *To the Priests: Our Lady's Beloved Sons*. But, he says that these messages of Mary are for the entire church, not just the priests.

On May 8, 1972, he was taking part in a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. A voice seemed to speak to him that, somehow, the Virgin would solve all mankind's problems. In July 1973, he began receiving regular apparitions of Mary, and he was instructed that he must write them down. Is it safe to go on pilgrimages to Mary's shrines?

He was instructed that he must publish his writings and or-

ganize a company of priests who would be obedient to the commands of Mary, which were being given worldwide. So, in 1973, Gobbi started the *Marian Movement of Priests*, a loose-knit organization, which now numbers over 300 bishops and cardinals, and over 60,000 priests worldwide.

Medjugorje, Croatia, 1981—This has been the most massive of the apparitions. They began on June 24, 1981, in a tiny village of, what was then, Yugoslavia (now Croatia).

Since that time, each of six children has had thousands of meetings with Mary! They are: Mirjana Dragicevic (16) and Ivanka Ivankovic (15), who have stopped receiving messages; and Ivan Dragicevic (16), Jacov Colo (10), Vicka Ivankovic (17), and Milka Pavlovic (14), who still see Mary daily. (Those were their ages in the summer of 1981).

By 1991, *Life* magazine estimated that over 15 million people had journeyed to Medjugorje. A worldwide sensation among Roman Catholics was being created (and a lot of eye injuries, as the tourists, there, stared for a time at the sun, hoping to see it spin).

Based on figures supplied by priest Richard Foley, S.J., editor of the quarterly magazine, *Medjugorje Messenger*, nearly 16,000 priests have already traveled to that small town.

Gradually, a number of “secrets” were given to the young people. This, of course, only heightened the excitement of the faithful throughout the world.

Fortunately, enough information has been released, at Medjugorje and elsewhere, that we have a fairly good idea of the coming scheme of events. According to Vlasic’s letter (referred to below), Mirjana said that the secrets concern future tribulations on the church and the world.

The local priest, Tomislav Vlasic, in a letter to Pope John Paul II on December 2, 1983, said:

“These apparitions are the last apparitions of the Blessed Virgin on earth. That is why they are lasting so long and occurring so frequently.”

“I will give you messages like never before in all of history.”—*Mary, through the visionaries at Medjugorje.*

“For your conversion I give you the gift of Medjugorje. In the gift of Medjugorje you possess all the messages which the Immaculate Mother brings you. They are the only methods for you

to eliminate the Shining Darkness from your lives.”—*Mary, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), a native of Croatia, January 1, 1990.*

More aftermath of Fatima.—An event of major importance to the Marian movement occurred in 1981, which again brought the Fatima message into prominence. On May 13, Pope John Paul II was seriously wounded by an assassin’s bullets. But, just before the gun was fired, John Paul’s attention was momentarily diverted. A young girl in the crowd had a picture of the Virgin of Fatima pinned to her, and the Pope turned to look at it. As he did so, the shot aimed at his head missed. The assassin shot twice more, striking the Pope in the abdomen.

As John Paul convalesced in his hospital bed, he became a full-fledged convert to the Marian messages. From his hospital room, he spoke by phone with Lucia (the only surviving recipient of the Fatima visions who had received additional ones since then), and read everything he could find on Fatima. He also re-read the third secret. He then set about to try and be as faithful as he could to the Marian revelations. But many bishops and cardinals held back. They did not like the negative tone of some of Mary’s messages.

On December 8, 1983, John Paul II said:

“Precisely at the end of the second millennium there accumulates on the horizon of all mankind enormously threatening clouds, and darkness falls upon human souls.”

John Paul had been studying the Marian messages.

In August 1984, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger published this statement:

“[The third secret concerns] the dangers which threaten the faith and life of Christians.”

He also wrote in his *Ratzinger Report* that the third secret of Fatima has to do with what he called “*de novissimis*” (“dealing with the end times”).

In that same report, he said this:

“One of the signs of our times is that the announcements of ‘Marian Apparitions’ are multiplying all over the world.”

In April 1989, Bishop Paul Hnilica, S.J., Auxiliary Bishop of Rome, was returning from a meeting in Moscow on behalf of the Pope. On the 21st of that month, he reported that, upon meeting

him after his return, John Paul II was upset that Hnilica had not stopped off in Medjugorje. "If I wasn't the Pope, I'd be in Medjugorje already!" said the Pope.

We will conclude this chapter with a few additional quotations from the apparitions:

"My Mother must be accepted. My Mother must be heard in the totality of Her messages. Souls will come to Me through the means of Her Immaculate Heart."—*Christ Child, speaking through a visionary at San Nicolas (Argentina), November 19, 1987.*

"I am the Mother of God . . . The mission which has been entrusted to Me by the Most Holy Trinity should now be acknowledged by the whole Church. I am the dawn which is arising to announce the great day of the Lord."—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), January 1, 1987.*

"Preserve Sunday for prayer."—*Mary, through Tom Cliffe, Melleray Grotto, County Waterford (Ireland), 1985.*

"The children of light, the few who can see, the true disciples of the living God, the true followers of Christ, the faithful of the last days: Come out and fill the world with light, and fight. For now is the time of all times, the end of all ends."—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, LaSalette (France), September, 19, 1846.*

"You will know My Second Coming is at hand when you see the outbreak of religious wars. Then, know that I am on the way."—*Christ Child, through six visionaries (Alphonsine, Emmanuel, Anathalie, Mari-Claire, Stephanie, Agnes, and Vestine), Kibeho, Rwanda (Africa), November 1981.*

"God wants to renew the covenant with His people through Mary, His Ark of the Covenant."—*Mary, through Gladys Quiroga de Motta, San Nicolas (Argentina), one of 1,800 messages received between October 13, 1983, and February 11, 1990.*

"My child, I am your Mother, Mother of God. You cannot know the wrath of God. God is very, very angry because of the sins of the world. I cannot hold back any longer. I cannot save the world. The people must save the world. The people must come to the

grotto, to pray, fast, and do penance before the chastisements start.”—*Mary, through Beulah Lynch, Bessbrook Grotto (Northern Ireland), November 11, 1987.*

“When Divine Innocence triumphs in us, then Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart will also triumph. This grace has been won by Our Lady’s Mystical Wounds.”—*Statement by one of the visionaries, Patricia [surname withheld], Surrey (England), 1985.*

“During these years, the Church and all of humanity will be left stupefied before the great events of grace and salvation which the Immaculate Heart of your heavenly Mother will bring to you.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), January 1, 1987.*

[In answer to the question, “People are surprised that you are appearing in so many places!”] “If it is necessary, I will appear in each home.”—*Mary, through Rene Laurentin (France), 1992.*

“Mary will raise up apostles of the latter times to make war against the evil one . . . They shall be little and poor in the world’s esteem and will even be persecuted by other members of the Body of Christ. But they shall be rich in grace and Mary will bless them abundantly . . . They will have recourse to Mary in all things and they will know the shortest and most perfect way of going to Jesus and they will belong entirely to Him.”—*Saint Louis de Montfort, (1673-1716).*

“I am your Mother. I love you. The world must behave. The world must change. A great catastrophe will happen to the world. Tell them to hurry. This is a command from God. The messages here are the messages in Medjugorje. The children in Medjugorje are the children here.”—*Mary, through Beulah Lynch and Mark Treanor, Bessbrook Grotto (Northern Ireland), June 11, 1987.*

“My child, the messages are not to be taken foolishly. They are serious. They are from God. The world is in great danger. God is not pleased. You have been given a gift from God [in My appearance]. Tell the people to come and to pray. Pray and fast and do penance.”—*Mary, through Beulah Lynch, Bessbrook Grotto (Northern Ireland), July 10, 1987.*

“Do not be surprised, beloved sons, that My Adversary does everything he can to obstruct this Work of mine. His favorite

weapon is to sow doubts and perplexity about what I am doing in the Church. He tries to base these doubts on reasons which are seemingly solid and justifiable. Thus he instills a critical attitude toward whatever I tell you, even before you have received and understood My words.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), October 29, 1977.*

“My daughter, in this time, I am the Ark, for all your brethren! I am the Ark of peace, the Ark of Salvation, the Ark where My children must enter, if they wish to live in the Kingdom of God.”—*Mary, through Gladys of Argentina, February 6, 1987.*

“Constantly say the rosary. The rosary is the weapon against Satan. He fears the rosary. Say the rosary everyday, constantly at any gathering of people.”—*Mary, to Maria Kyzyn, Hrushiv (Ukraine), April 26, 1987.*

“In the Second Coming of the Lord, Mary will be made known in a special way by the Holy Spirit so that through Her, Jesus may be better known and served . . . Mary will shine forth higher than ever in these latter days to bring back poor sinners who have strayed from the Family of God.”—*Saint Louis de Montfort, (1673-1716).*

PART TWO
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Satan knows the order of final events, for he has carefully studied the Bible and *Great Controversy*. His concern is to maintain the loyalty of Roman Catholics to their historic beliefs, for far too many are veering off into religious liberalism and practical atheism.

The objective of the Marian visions is to keep the faithful in a continual state of suspense, so they will be ready to fulfill his objectives when the true final crisis begins.

A TERRIBLE CRISIS IS NEARING

My manifestations will become more frequent.

“The time has come when I will make Myself more manifest in the Church, through increasingly greater signs.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), October 30, 1975.*

Only a little time remains.

“Tell the pilgrims that I do not need flowers and candles, that I need prayers because the time left before the catastrophe is very short.”—*Mary, through Tarcisio, one of twelve boy visionaries, in Oliveto Citra (Italy, south of Naples), December 15, 1985.*

We are on the verge of a great crisis.

“My dear children, God sends Me on earth to come because the whole world is in danger. I come among you to bring peace to your hearts.”—*Mary, through Mafalda, Oliveto Citra (Italy), January 10, 1986.*

Terrible events are about to occur.

“Therefore, My dear children, pray, pray, pray; if you do not pray, you will receive nothing. The time that you have left is short; there will be earthquakes, disasters, and famines for the inhabitants of the earth . . . I will pray that God will not punish you. God says, Save yourselves, pray much, and do penance, and be converted, with prayer you can obtain everything . . . I will engage in

the final struggle against Satan which will conclude with the triumph of My Immaculate Heart and with the coming of the kingdom of God in the world.”—*Mary, through Mafalda, Oliveto Citra (Italy), January 10, 1986.*

Fire will fall from heaven.

“A chastisement worse than the Flood is about to come upon this poor and perverted humanity. Fire will descend from Heaven and this will be the sign . . . The Beast will enter into the holy temple of God.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 15, 1987.*

I have been given the message which can solve your problems.

“Those who refuse God today will go far from Him tomorrow into hell. I have presented Myself to you as the Immaculate Virgin Mother of Jesus, and I will come to you, dear children. Mercy, forgiveness, and peace in the name of God the Father.

“Have this message read to priests, and I want it to be communicated to everyone as soon as possible. Do not be ashamed of My message, but say it to everyone you meet. For the spreading of My message is a great apostolic work, because with information about the apparitions and with knowledge of the messages, many people will pray more.”—*Mary, through Mafalda, Oliveto Citra (Italy), January 10, 1986.*

On the edge of the abyss.

“I asked Our Lady if there is danger of a third world war. Our Lady answered me with this message: ‘I, Mary, will not leave you, but I want you to understand once and for all that the world is at the edge of the abyss. Mankind is sliding toward a frightening precipice; therefore, My children pray, pray, pray; be converted and do penance. The three-fold way to save yourselves from sin and punishment is: prayer, conversion, and penance.’”—*Mafalda, Oliveto Citra (Italy), letter about a vision received in April 1986.*

APOSTASY HAS ENTERED THE CHURCH

As we know, the Vatican is laying its plans to destroy the faithful, who keep the Bible Sabbath and honor the Law of God. But, as it prepares for the coming battle, it has problems keeping its own ranks in line. Frankly, modernism and affluence is

weakening, not only other denominations, but the Catholic Church also. Many Catholics in Western lands no longer accept the decrees of the Pope.

You will recall the McReady opinion poll taken in 1981, mentioned in the *Introduction*, which revealed the shocking fact that U.S. Catholics, between 14 and 30, are drifting away from faith, in the ancient beliefs and obedience to the Pope. Since then, the situation has become even more difficult.

In order to offset this growing laxity, the spirits have been giving messages, purportedly through Mary, to arouse the people to be more loyal to the Pope and to the ancient practices of the church.

The spirits declare that the people need to rally to the defense of the church against the enemies. For decades, these enemies have been declared to be Masonry and communism.

It will be easy—when the National Sunday Law goes into effect—to switch the target from Masonry and communism—to Sabbathkeepers.

In anticipation of coming events, as outlined in *Great Controversy*, Satan has been sending messages to faithful Catholics, that they must arouse and come to the defense of the church—because the “enemies” are trying to take over the church!

The warning is given:

“Where are My shepherds to lead My flock? My flock is crying out for shepherds! . . . You, My people who serve the flesh and its desires before My Mercy, I will cut you down in the light of My Justice. Oh you say to yourselves. This will not be. I tell you, it is close! The clock, its alarm is set. It cannot be turned back. Your cries will be heard now, if you throw yourselves under My mercy and turn from sin and your evil ways.”—*Mary, through Christian Gallagher, Cortnadreha (Ireland), no date.*

Almost the entire church will slide into apostasy.

“The apostasy will be as of then generalized, because almost all will follow the false christ and the false church.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 17, 1989.*

Liberal priests and worshipers are destroying the church.

“Error is being taught and propagated beneath the ambiguous formulas of a new cultural interpretation of the truth; the

spirit of the world finds welcome; it spreads its malignant influence and leads so many souls to accept sin, to justify it and to live in it; loss of faith is becoming a deluge, and in many places of worship the images of the saints have been removed, even those of your heavenly Mother. The apostasy has now been spread into every part of the Church betrayed even by some of its bishops, abandoned by many of its priests, deserted by so many children, and violated by My Adversary.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), August 26, 1983.*

A PREDICTED 100-YEAR SLIDE INTO APOSTASY

The impending crisis for the church is said to be the last segment of a hundred-year apostasy the church will have endured at the hand of Satan. Scepticism and atheism have infiltrated the church. The only solution is to return to the teachings and practices of the Dark Ages.

Over a century ago, Satan was given permission to tempt and try the church with modernism.

“You must realize that Satan exists. One day he appeared before the throne of God and asked permission to submit the Church to a period of trial. God gave him permission to try the Church for one century. This century is under the power of the devil, but when the secrets confided to you come to pass, his power will be destroyed. Even now he is beginning to lose his power and become aggressive. He is destroying marriages, creating division among priests, and is responsible for obsessions and murder. You must protect yourselves against these things through fasting and prayer, especially community prayer. Carry blessed objects with you. Put them in your house and restore the use of holy water.”—*Priest Tomislav Vlastic, letter to John Paul II, December 2, 1983. (Vlastic is a priest who frequently conferred with the visionaries at Medejourie who have, for years, received messages from Mary.)*

It is said that Pope Leo XIII had contact with spirits in 1884, and was told this:

“On October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had just finished Holy Mass when he heard a deep and guttural voice say: ‘I can destroy your Church . . . to do so I need more time and more power?’ . . .

The guttural voice responded: 'Seventy-five to one hundred years and a greater power over those who will give themselves to My service.' The gentle voice replied: 'You have the time.' —*Soul Magazine, May-June 1984.*

This was supposed to be in fulfillment of a prediction made in 1846 to Melanie Calvat and Maximim Giraud.

"In the year 1864, Lucifer together with a large number of demons will be unloosed from hell; they will put an end to faith little by little, even in those dedicated to God. Woe to the princes of the Church who think only of piling riches upon riches to protect their authority and dominate with pride. The Vicar of My Son will suffer a great deal, because for a while the Church will yield to large persecution, a time of darkness, and the Church will witness a frightful crisis . . . Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of the Antichrist. For now is the time of all times, the end of all ends. The Church will be in eclipse, the world in dismay . . . Now is the time; the abyss is opening. Here is the king of kings of darkness, here is the Beast and his subjects, calling himself the savior of the world."—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat, LaSalette (France), September 19, 1846.*

It was predicted that the apostasy would in great measure start by the beginning of the 20th century.

"The monster shall arrive at the end of this nineteenth century, or at latest, at the commencement of the twentieth . . . For behold, the age of ages, the end, the extremity is at hand! The Church passes into darkness! The world will be in a state of consternation, perplexity and confusion."—*Mary, through Maximin Giraud, LaSalette (France), September 19, 1846.*

The apostasy became more rapid in 1963, when Paul VI ascended the papal throne.

"My child, I tell you that the final times are near. My children, you are on the threshold of the day of judgment . . . And again I ask devout Christians to pray; to pray constantly for the Pope that God might give him the wisdom and strength to lead the Church to its triumph and to the glory that He has predestined for her. The destruction in the Church began during the pontificate of Pope Paul VI. They began destroying the Church from within.

" . . . His authority as Pope is being eroded in disastrous fash-

ion. But God has given the Church strength even here, notwithstanding the internal shortcomings brought about by apostates. The faith of Christians throughout the entire world is being renewed and strengthened through the pilgrimages of the Pope.”—*Mary, through Josyp Terelya, Ukraine, September 13, 1992.*

**THE HOLY MASS IN DANGER
OF BEING ABOLISHED BY THE ENEMY**

In earlier centuries, the people of France were stirred up to destroy the Huguenots. The pretext used was that the Protestants had blasphemed the holy mass. Once again, Roman Catholics are being roused to be ready for an attack against an enemy. At the right time, this attack can be switched from Masonry and communism—to the commandment-keeping people of God.

The devil is trying to abolish the mass.

“Pray a great deal for humanity; the world is growing from bad to worse. The devil is making every effort to abolish the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Divine Justice is prepared to act with My eyes fixed on Heaven. It will be terribly frightful as if it were the end of the world. But the end has not arrived.”—*The Christ Child, through Sister Anna Ali, Kenya, September 23, 1987.*

“Pray for the many lost souls and many of My Own consecrated ones. The devil is using them in order to abolish the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.”—*The Christ Child, through Sister Anna Ali (Kenya), November 1, 1987.*

“These times are My difficult hours when the devil is making every effort to abolish the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass . . . Pray, pray for those who ridicule, abuse, condemn and, more than in the past, step on Me in order to abolish My presence in the Sacrament of Love.”—*The Christ Child, through Sister Anna Ali (Kenya), December 5, 1987.*

The church will be devastated and sacked.

“Time is approaching when My church will be devastated and sacked. My Own . . . have become like enraged lions. There are many sacrileges committed against My Presence in the tabernacles. Many have lost their dignity and light of reason. The devil has chained their hearts. Led by him they labor hard to abolish the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The chalice is filled.”—*The Christ Child, through Sister Anna Ali (Kenya), January 18, 1988.*

Freemasons within the church are trying to destroy it.

“The Freemasons are abusing Me in the tabernacles and in My very Gospel. The iniquity is repugnant. Unite your heart to My tears of blood. These are the moments they are laboring hard to abolish My Holy Sacrifice of the Mass . . . Evil concerns are in the hands of the Freemasons. They have all agreed to abolish the Mass.”—*The Christ Child, through Sister Anna Ali (Kenya), January 19, 1988.*

A TERRIBLE SCHISM WILL RESULT

Historically, in Catholic history, “schism” means not only a split in the church, it also includes two antagonistic popes ruling at the same time and fighting one another (see *Great Controversy*, pp. 86-87, 103-104). Here is a statement by a Roman Catholic regarding this:

“There have been at least thirty-seven Antipopes in history. The *Great Western Schism* came about after the election of Pope Urban VI, April 8, 1378. On August 2, 1378 the Cardinals issued a statement that the election was invalid, claiming they were pressured into electing him out of fear. They demanded that Urban VI resign his office. He refused so they elected another Pope, who called himself Clement VII, who went to Avignon [France]. Each Pope excommunicated the other and claimed him to be schismatic and deposed. Both appeared to be validly elected. Countries, saints of the Church, and religious orders were split by this. The Franciscans elected two Master generals of their order. One supported one Pope, the other the other Pope. Confusion reigned. Who to follow? A Council was called in Constance in 1414 to resolve this.”—*Richard Langley, Signs of the Times, June 24, 1992. [This journal has nothing to do with ours, published by Pacific Press.]*

According to the visions, because not all want to cling to ancient Catholic beliefs, worldly leaders will elect a second Pope, and another schism will occur in the church. But the faithful will arise—and Mary, who is in charge of the battle, will gain the victory.

Twenty-four years before 1844, an Augustinian nun, and stigmatist, had a series of visions about the coming crisis within the church.

A strange church being built in Rome.

“I saw a strange church building being built against every rule . . . No angels were supervising the building operations. In that church nothing came from high above . . . There was only division and chaos. It’s probably a church of human creation, following the latest fashion, as well as the new heterodos church of Rome, which seems of the same kind . . . I saw again the strange big church that was being built there [in Rome]. There was nothing holy about it . . . Everything was being done according to human reason. I saw all sorts of people, things, doctrines, and opinions. There was something proud, presumptuous, and violent about it, and they seemed to be very successful. I did not see a single angel nor a single saint helping in the work. But far away in the background, I saw the seat of a cruel people armed with spears, and I saw a laughing figure which said: ‘Do build it as solid as you can; we will pull it to the ground.’”—*Vision, given to Anna-Katarina Emmerick, September 12, 1820.*

Dangerous errors are creeping into the church.

“I saw that many pastors allowed themselves to be taken up with ideas that were dangerous to the Church. They were building a great, strange, and extravagant Church. Everyone was to be admitted in it in order to be united and have equal rights: Evangelicals, Catholics, sects of every description. Such was to be the new Church . . . But God had other designs.”—*Anna-Katarina Emmerick, April 22, 1823.*

The church is splitting into two camps.

“I had another vision of the great tribulation. It seems to me that a concession was demanded from the clergy which could not be granted. I saw many older priests, especially one, who wept bitterly. A few younger ones were also weeping. But others, and the lukewarm among them, readily did what was demanded. It was as if people were splitting into two camps.”—*Anna-Katarina Emmerick, April 20, 1820.*

There will be two popes.

“I also saw the relationship between the two popes . . . I saw how baleful would be the consequences of this false church. I saw it increase in size; heretics of every kind came into the city [of Rome]. The local clergy grew lukewarm, and I saw a great darkness . . . Once more I saw that the Church of Peter was under-

mined by a plan evolved by the secret sect, while storms were damaging it.

“But I saw also that help was coming when distress had reached its peak. I saw again the Blessed Virgin ascend on the Church and spread Her mantle [over it]. I saw a Pope who was at once gentle, and very firm . . . I saw a great renewal, and the Church rode high in the sky.”—*Anna-Katarina Emmerick, May 13, 1820.*

At that time, the Antichrist will arise.

“I see that when the Second Coming of Christ approaches, a bad priest will do much harm to the Church. When the time of the reign of Antichrist is near, a false religion will appear which will be opposed to the unity of God and His Church. This will cause the greatest schism the world has ever known. The nearer the time of the end, the more the darkness of Satan will spread on earth, the greater will be the number of the children of corruption, and the number of the just will correspondingly diminish.”—*Anna-Katarina Emmerick, April 22, 1823.*

Here are more recent visions concerning this schism:

It will arise from an immense split within the church.

“The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate Me will be scorned and opposed by their own confreres . . . The Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord.”—*Mary, through Sister Agnes Sasagawa, Akita (Japan), October 13, 1973.*

Another schism (in which there are more than one pope) could soon occur.

“How great is your responsibility, O Pastors of the holy Church of God! You continue along the path of division from the Pope and the rejection of Magisterium; indeed, in a hidden way, there is in preparation a true schism which could soon become open and proclaimed. And then, there will remain only a small faithful remnant, over which I will keep watch in the garden of My Immaculate Heart. The great trial has arrived for all humanity. The chastisement, predicted by me at Fatima [Portugal, 1917] and contained in that part of the secret which as not yet been revealed, is about to take place. The great moment of divine justice

and mercy has come upon the world.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 15, 1990.*

Some are already preparing for this to occur.

“I am beneath the cross being carried today by the bishops who remain faithful, while the number of those who prefer to go their own way grows ever greater, heedless of and refusing to follow the Holy Father, whom Jesus has placed at the very foundation of His Church. They are preparing another Church, one separated from the Pope, and this will cause a further scandal, that of a sorrowful division.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 15, 1983.*

But some are remaining faithful. Satan's attacks will bring Mary Her greatest victory.

“Our Blessed Mother told of war being waged with Her adversary. She stated: “Satan is battling against the apostles of these last times, who have been chosen to combat courageously against the power of him who places himself in opposition to Christ, in order to obtain, in the end, My greatest victory.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 15, 1990.*

Masonry and atheism are being increasingly accepted by both priests and church members.

“There has also entered into the church disunity, division, strife and antagonism. The forces of atheism and Masonry, have infiltrated within it, are on the point of breaking up its interior unity and of darkening the splendor of its sanctity. These are the times, foretold by me, when cardinals will be set against cardinals, bishops against bishops, and priests against priests, and the flock of Christ will then be torn to pieces by rapacious wolves, who have found their way in under the clothing of defenseless and meek lambs. Among them there are even some who occupy posts of great responsibility and, by means of them, Satan has succeeded in entering and in operating at the very summit of the Church. Bishops and priests of the holy Church of God, how great today is your responsibility! The Lord is about to demand of you an account of how you have administered His vineyard. Repent, seek pardon, make amends and, above all, be once again faithful to the task which has been entrusted to you.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 6, 1986.*

**THE ANTICHRIST WILL ARISE
DURING THIS SCHISM**

We know that the Antichrist is the Pope of Rome. But, according to the Catholic visionaries, the Antichrist will be an antipope, who will, during a final schism in the church in the last days, take the throne of Peter in Rome.

Statements predicting this began to be made long ago. The spirits feared final events on Planet Earth (the events outlined in the book of Revelation); so centuries ago they began preparing Roman Catholics to be faithful in the last days.

Antichrist will overthrow the Pope.

“Toward the end of the world, Antichrist will overthrow the Pope and usurp his See.”—*Joachim (d. 1202)*.

The Pope will leave Rome.

“Religion shall be persecuted, and priests massacred. Churches shall be closed, but only for a short time. The Holy Father shall be obliged to leave Rome.”—*Anna-maria Taiga (19th century)*.

Rome will become the seat of Antichrist.

“Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of Antichrist. The Church will be in eclipse, the world will be in dismay.”—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, La Salette (France), 1846*.

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICHRIST

In order to divert attention from the true Antichrist, a comic picture of a man, with a black mustache, gnashing his teeth, is presented to the faithful.

Satan is the ultimate Antichrist.

“Lucifer, the ancient serpent, the devil or Satan, the Red Dragon, becomes, in these last times, the Antichrist.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 17, 1989*.

The human Antichrist will be an illegitimate Jew.

“The world will be faithless and degenerate after the birth of the Antichrist. Antichrist will be possessed by Satan and be the illegitimate son of a Jewish woman from the East.”—*John Chrysostom (d. 407)*.

The devil will be his father.

“It will be during that time that the Antichrist will be born of a Hebrew nun, a false virgin who will communicate with the old serpent, the master of impurity, his father will be B. At Birth, he will spew out blasphemy; he will have teeth, in a word, he will be the devil incarnate. He will scream horribly, he will perform wonders, he will feed on nothing but impurity. He will have brothers who, although not devils incarnate like him, will be children of evil. At age twelve, they will draw attention upon themselves by the gallant victories they will have won; soon they will lead armies, aided by the legions of hell.”—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, LaSalette (France), September 19, 1846.*

He will not arise until the end of time, and will briefly rule the world.

“He will be known as Antichrist who shall come about at the end of the world. His mother will proclaim she gave birth to him while remaining a virgin. He will reign from ocean to ocean. Antichrist shall be an illegitimate child, under the complete power of Satan, and God, knowing his incredible future perversity, will allow the devil to take a full and perpetual possession of him from his very sinful conception.”—*John Damascene (d. 770).*

He will rule for three years.

“At the end of this age, the Antichrist will be born. As Christ was born from the highest type of womanhood [Virgin] so Antichrist will be born from the lowest [prostitute]. He will be a child-wonder at birth. His mother will be an accursed woman, who will pretend to be well-informed in spiritual things, and his father will be an accursed man, from the seed of whom the devil shall form his work. The time of this Antichrist, well-known to Me, will come when iniquity and impiety shall above measure abound, when injustice shall have filled immeasurable proportions . . . He will reign during three years, and shall have dominion over the whole earth . . . In the year 1980 the wicked shall prevail.”—*Saint Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373).*

**THE SHINING DARKNESS
WILL TRY TO DESOLATE THE WORLD**

Without naming him as such, it is apparent that the “shining darkness” is supposed to be Satan. This “Shining Darkness” is frequently mentioned. But it is not always clear whether the term refers to Satan, the Antichrist, or a communist or Masonic leader.

The purpose of the spirits is to keep the faithful mystified. They are frequently told about secret things they will learn shortly, or are given terms which are ambiguous.

The mysterious malefactor.

“The Shining Darkness, that malefactor, is drawing your attention to the great evil which he threatens you with—the sort of catastrophe that your minds cannot begin to imagine, while he, in the meantime, is multiplying his evils in other parts of the world. From the beginning you have been warned through this, My child, that these two years are the decisive years for all My children. Through your conversion all of you have been called into My secure embrace of love. More than half of that time has passed, but your hearts remain enslaved in thorns of evil. Today you have the choice of what kind of world you will have after these three days. The evils to which you will soon be witnesses because of your disobedience and hard hearts towards Me will multiply among you. You have already been warned about them. In your apprehension of evil you have taken all the steps to protect yourselves from the horrors. But few are My children among you who have recognized the malefactor’s hand among you.”—*Christ Child, through Jim Singer Ontario (Canada), January 12, 1991.*

THE UNITED NATIONS IS A DANGEROUS POWER

Casting about for evil organizations to put the blame on, the United Nations is selected as one of them.

The United Nations is said to be the “dead head”—the head mortally wounded in Revelation 13, which was later healed.

“Out of His mercy and grace, the Father has gifted you the Queen of Peace, yet nations prostitute themselves in the United Nations, and My children continue to pay deep homage to the dead head which now lives again in that city by the ocean.

“Know that it is . . . Satan’s own servants who toil tirelessly to deliver My children into his clutches. Just as they contaminate and poison so much in your lives, they are the ones also who are overseeing the aims of that organization—the UN. Know that all their aims, each one of their moves and actions, are always preplanned. In their labors of deceit, even truth has become a sweet bait to be exploited by Satan and his earthly stewards. They lure away even your shepherds, My apostles, along with the entire flocks of My children.”—*The Christ Child, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), May 27, 1993.*

In a vision given to Josyp Terelya (Marmora, Ontario; c. 1992) this term, “dead head,” was also applied to the UN.

Satan is trying to destroy mankind through the United Nations.

“For some time I have been speaking across the globe about the imminent coming of God’s kingdom under Christ, that this kingdom is the hope of the world. This is why the devil is in such a frenzy to drag all the nations of the world into a great war, in order that he might destroy God’s creation. This is why the Organization of the United Nations was established through the agency of the devil, that through this diabolic exchange he might change God’s kingdom, which is the hope of the world.”—*Mary, through Josyp Terelya, Ukraine, September 18, 1992.*

“It is Satan himself who speaks through the false prophet of the Organization of the United Nations using the corpse of the Organization of the United Nations to deceive mankind.”—*Mary, through Josyp Terelya, Ukraine, September 18, 1992.*

RUSSIA IS ANOTHER POWER TO FEAR

The spirits frequently know what is about to happen, for they hear the most secret councils of men. On December 14, 1989, Jim Singer, a native of Zagreb, Croatia, now living in Canada, began receiving apparitions. He was told that soon war would begin in his homeland—Yugoslavia. This came to pass.

The war would receive worldwide attention.

“Our Lord warned us that difficult and tragic times threaten our ancestral homeland. Out of the vicious aggression of the Shining Darkness our ancestral homeland shall be on the front news of the media.”—*Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), December*

14, 1989.

On January 1, 1990, Singer, a Croatian from Zagreb, was told that Russian communism would totally collapse.

“The future two years [1990-1991] are decisive for all My children . . . This malefactor shall multiply his evil powers . . . By the power of My presence you will soon be rewarded with the first victory in this final battle. Communism shall crumble before your eyes, but many of My children will not recognize My hand among you. Many of My children among you will be deceived and seduced . . . Dear children, be alert, for you are now entering into the age of the great viciousness by the Shining Darkness. Constantly keep in mind that he uses all possible deceptions and evil powers . . . These next two years (1990 and 1991) are of particular significance to you. The consequences of your earthly decisions shall be permanent. Do not rejoice in the disintegration of the evil powers too soon.”—*Mary, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), January 1, 1990.*

Wars within Russia itself were predicted in 1990.

“The Shining Darkness is preparing for you great bloodshed in the Eastern world, especially the USSR. In the Western world My children shall meet with great injustices, violence, oppression, and an ever deeper and greater loss of dignity with which I gifted you. Because of your conversion, the Shining Darkness shall lose this battle.”—*Mary, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), January 1, 1990.*

Predictions are frequently given that, if the faithful do not pray for Russia's full conversion to the faith, it will once again become a terribly evil nation, persecuting Roman Catholics.

“Do you not remember that I have warned you about the particular aggression that the Shining Darkness desires to unleash among My children of the Soviet Union? I invite you all—evict the malefactor from your midst. Fill your hearts with My love. I call you again, return to My embrace, use your hearts with My love. I call you again, return to My embrace, use My gifts. I will protect you. Satan aggressively wants to bring his hell into the Soviet Union. Not only will his fury be unleashed upon My children in that land, but the malefactor will utilize all his powers from hell to spill his rage from that land, through his earthly servants, to other lands as well.”—*Christ Child, through Jim Singer, Ontario*

(Canada), September 23, 1991.

Russia will cause trouble in the nations of the East.

“But, precisely because of their faith in Me, these children will also not be spared from the renewed vicious satanic attempt with which the malefactor will endeavor to flood, from the USSR, all the countries of the East. While they are convinced that they are enjoying liberty and freedom, Satan’s rage will not spare My children of the Western world, either. Never have My children delighted in sin as now. In Noah’s age, I cleansed the world of sins much lesser than these in which My children now take delight.”—*Christ Child, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), September 23, 1991.*

Revolutionary activities, that will involve the world, are again being planned in Russia.

“In Russia preparations are under way for a world-wide revolution; the forces of hell that control the world will continue to say that everything they are doing is for the sake of peace and the welfare of the people, but at the same time they will continue to take away the freedom and free will from the people. They will continue to persecute the Church, but in another way. The overseer leaders of the Red Dragon are so sure that they have defeated the nations. And as their dictatorial power throttles the throats of the people it says ‘Now you have peace and security,’ ‘but there will be no security.’”—*Mary, through Josyp Terelya, Ukraine, September 18, 1992.*

SIGNS THAT THE END IS DRAWING NEAR

Warning signs of the coming crisis are promised to the faithful. These are fairly general in nature.

Mary promises to send signs—and interpret them to Her visionaries—so the faithful can know that the end is near.

“With the same familiarity that a mother has for her children, I will reveal to you the cares, the anxieties and the deep wounds of My Immaculate Heart and, at the same time, I will help you to understand and to interpret the signs of your times. Thus you can cooperate in the plan of salvation, which the Lord has for you and which He wishes to carry out in the course of the new days which await you.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1984.*

Four signs within the church itself were given to Don Stefano Gobbi between January and March 1979. Here are excerpted the four signs:

“Beloved children, take refuge in My Immaculate Heart. The glorious reign of Christ will be preceded by a great suffering which will serve to purify the Church and the world and to lead them to their complete renewal. Jesus has already begun His merciful work of renewal with the Church, His spouse. Various signs indicate to you that the time of purification has come for the Church: the *first* of these is the confusion that reigns there. This in fact is the time of the greatest confusion. Confusion is spreading within the Church, where everything in the field of dogma, liturgy, and discipline is being subverted . . .

“Thus, lack of discipline is spreading in the Church and reaping victims, even from among her very pastors. This is the *second sign* which indicates that, for the Church, the final time of purification has come: a lack of discipline which has spread throughout all levels, especially among the clergy . . .

“Today, My Immaculate heart trembles and is anguished to see the divisions throughout the Church. These divisions . . . are the *third sign* which indicates to you with certainty that the final moment of her painful purification has come . . .

“The *fourth sign*, which indicates to you that the culminating period of the Church’s painful purification has come, is persecution . . . She is persecuted in a subtle and painless manner.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), January to March 1979.*

A world war is hinted at.

“The signs the Lord sends are neither understood nor accepted; the dangers pointed out by ‘My Pope’ who courageously and anxiously is predicting the storm awaiting you, are not believed. The message which I give, through simple and little souls chosen by me in every part of the world, are not taken into consideration. The appearances which I am still making, often in faraway and dangerous places, are ignored. And yet you are only inches from your ruin. When all will be shouting for peace, a new world war could suddenly fall upon you, spreading death and destruction everywhere.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1983. [The reference to “My Pope” is to John Paul II, for whom Mary expresses great affection.]*

Three years later, Priest Gobbi received a set of five signs which are to occur in the world.

“I have announced to you many times that the end of the times and the coming of Jesus in glory is very near. Now, I want to help you understand the signs described in the Holy Scriptures, which indicate that His glorious return is now close.

“These signs are clearly indicated in the Gospels, in the letters of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and they are becoming a reality during these years.

“The *first sign* is the spread of errors, which lead to the loss of faith and to the apostasy.

“The *second sign* is the outbreak of wars and fratricidal struggles, which lead to the prevalence of violence and hatred and a general slackening off of charity, while natural catastrophes, such as epidemics, famines, floods, and earthquakes become more and more frequent. When you hear of reports of wars, close at hand or far away, see that you are not alarmed; for these things must happen.

“The *third sign* is the bloody persecution of those who remain faithful to Jesus and His Gospel and who stand fast in the true faith.

“The *fourth sign* is the horrible sacrilege, perpetrated by him who sets himself against Christ, that is, the Antichrist. He will enter into the holy temple of God and will sit on his throne, and have himself adored as God. One day, you will see in the holy place he who commits the horrible sacrilege. The prophet Daniel spoke of this. Let the reader seek to understand . . .

“The *fifth sign* consists in extraordinary phenomena, which occur in the skies. ‘The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; and the stars will fall from the sky; and the powers in the heavens will be shaken’ (Matthew 24:29).

“I am always with you, to tell you that the coming about of these signs indicates to you with certainty that the end of the times, with the return of Jesus in glory, is close at hand.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1992.*

The great tribulation is drawing near.

“Just as the buds which sprout forth on the trees tell you that Spring has now arrived, so also these great signs which are taking place in your time are telling you that even now there has come to you the Great Tribulation, which is preparing you for

the new era which I have promised you with the Triumph of My Immaculate Heart in the world.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1987.*

Lots of signs are to be seen.

“First of all, a great apostasy is spreading in every part of the Church, through the lack of faith which is flooding even among its very pastors. Satan has succeeded in spreading everywhere the great apostasy, by means of his subtle work of seduction, which has brought many to be alienated from the truth of the Gospel to follow the fables of the new theological theories and to take delight in evil and in sin, sought after as an actual good.

“Then, in your time, overturning of the order of nature is multiplying, such as earthquakes, droughts, floods, and disasters which cause the unforeseen death of thousands of persons, followed by epidemics and incurable diseases which are spreading everywhere. Moreover, your days are marked by continual rumors of wars which are multiplying and are reaping, each day, innumerable victims. Conflicts and dissensions within countries are increasing; bloody wars are continuing to extend themselves, not withstanding all the efforts which are being made to attain peace.

“Finally, in your time, there are occurring great signs in the sun, on the moon, and in the stars. The miracle of the sun which took place at Fatima [Portugal, October 13, 1917] was a sign which I gave you to warn you that the times of these extraordinary phenomena which are taking place in the heavens have now arrived. And how many times during My present apparitions have you yourselves been able to contemplate the great prodigies that are taking place in the sun?”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1987.*

Note: Mary frequently likens Herself to the sun, its warm rays, its power, etc. The papacy has always exalted the Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Mary the one who is like the shining sun. In contrast to Her own glory (which She often refers admiringly to, She speaks of the “Shining Darkness,” which is the epitome of evil.

THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH
THIS GREAT CRISIS WILL OCCUR

We have here the guesswork of the spirits as to when the true final crisis will occur. But, remember, the Bible calls them “lying spirits.”

It will come after the 19th century.

“Many precursors, false prophets, and members of the infernal secret societies, worshippers of Satan, shall impugn the most sacred dogmas and doctrines of our holy religion, shall persecute the faithful, shall commit abominable actions; but the real and extreme abomination and desolation shall more fully be accomplished during the reign of Antichrist, which shall last about three years and a half. Woe, woe, woe to the last century which is descending! What tribulations precede its commencements. Out of this mighty voice I recognized that these woeful tribulations will make their appearance in the age before the judgment. And I pondered over and weighed, in God, the century, I saw, that which begins with 1800 will not yet be the last. I see that when the Second Coming of Christ approaches, a bad priest will do much harm to the Church.”—*Jeanne Le Royer (also known as Sister Mary of the Nativity) (d. 1798).*

It will come during or immediately upon the death of John Paul II.

“After Pope John XXIII died, Our Lady told me, ‘After Pope John, there will be three more popes, one will reign only a short time, and then it will be the end of times.’ When Pope Paul VI became Pope, Our Lady mentioned this to me again. She said, ‘Now there will be two more popes and then it will be the end of times, but not the end of the world.’—*Statement by Conchita Gonzalez, Garabandal (Spain), 1962.*

“There would be only two more popes after Pope Paul VI and that one of the popes would have a very short reign. But this does not mean that the world will come to an end.”—*Mary, through Conchita, Garabandal (Spain), 1962.*

Note: The popes after Paul VI (1963-1978) have been John Paul I (34 days, 1978) and John Paul II (1978-). As we will learn later, the Marian view is that life on earth continues on when Christ returns.

In 1373, it was predicted that he would arise near the end

of the millennium.

“He will reign during three years, and shall have dominion over the whole earth . . . In the year 1980 the wicked shall prevail.”—*Saint Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373).*

It will come at about the end of the millennium.

“Precisely at the end of the second millennium there accumulates on the horizon of all mankind enormously threatening clouds, and darkness falls upon human souls.”—*Pope John Paul II, December 8, 1983.*

It will begin during a ten-year period, beginning in 1985.

“I have a message. My message is peace and prayer: tell the people that the water [in this grotto] is blessed . . . God is angry with the world. The people will have to improve and pray. My message is for all the people of God’s Church. The people have ten years to improve and pray, and if not, then this is what will happen . . . [She then told them about terrible tragedies which would occur.]”—*Mary, through Tom Cliffe and Barry Buckley, Melleray Grotto, County Waterford (Ireland), 1985.*

It will begin at some point within 1988 and 1998.

“In this period of ten years [1988 to 1998] there will come to completion that fullness of time which was pointed out to you by Me, beginning with LaSalette [France, 1846] all the way to My most recent and present apparitions . . . In the period of ten years the mystery of iniquity, prepared for by the ever increasing spread of apostasy, will become manifest.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 18, 1988.*

Between 1990 and 1999.

Eileen George claims to have been given revelations through Mary. In her book, *Conversations with God*, she says a precursor Antichrist is due to arrive in the Middle East between 1990 and 1999. This will be followed by the rise of the final Antichrist who is already living and comes from Syria.

1998 will be an important date.

“Lucifer, the ancient serpent, the devil or Satan, the Red Dragon, becomes, in these last times, the Antichrist. The Apostle John already affirmed that whoever denies that Jesus Christ is God, that person is the Antichrist. The statue or idol, built in honor of the Beast to be adored by all men, is the Antichrist . . .

666 indicated thrice, that is to say, for the third time, expresses the year 1998, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight. In this period of history, Freemasonry, assisted by its ecclesiastical form, will succeed in its great design: that of setting up an idol to be put in the place of Christ and his Church, a false christ and a false church. Consequently, the statue built in the honor of the first Beast, to be adored by all the inhabitants of the earth and which will seal with its mark all those who want to buy or sell, is that of the Antichrist. You will have thus arrived at the peak of purification, of the great tribulation and of apostasy . . . almost all will follow the false christ and the false church. Then the door will be opened for the appearance of . . . the very person of the Antichrist.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 17, 1989.*

THE DURATION OF THE CRISIS

The length of time that the crisis will occur is generally based on a day-by-day interpretation of the 1290 years. More on the three days and seven years later.

It will continue for 25 months or more.

“The Pope will change his residence and the Church will not be defended for twenty-five months or more because, during all that time there will be no Pope in Rome . . . After many tribulations, a Pope shall be elected out of those who survived the persecutions.”—*John of Vitiguerro (13th century).*

It will continue for 1290 days.

The Antichrist, predicted in Scripture, is about to arise. He will do terrible sacrilege by abolishing the Holy Mass for 1290 days.

“The Holy Mass is the daily sacrifice, the pure oblation which is offered to the Lord everywhere, from the rising of the sun to its going down. The sacrifice of the Mass renews that which was accomplished by Jesus on Calvary. By accepting protestant doctrine, people will hold that the sacrifice of the Mass is not a sacrifice but only a sacred meal, that is to say, a remembrance of that which Jesus did at His Last Supper. And thus the celebration of Holy Mass will be suppressed. In this abolition of the daily sacrifice consists the horrible sacrilege accomplished by the Antichrist, which will last about three-and-a-half years, namely, 1,290

days.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1992.*

“In order to understand in what this horrible sacrilege consists, read what has been predicted by the prophet Daniel: ‘Go, Daniel; these words are to remain secret and sealed until the end of time. Many will be cleansed, made white and upright, but the wicked will persist in doing wrong. Not one of the wicked will understand these things, but the wise will comprehend.

“ ‘Now, from the moment that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the horrible abomination is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and thirty-five days.’ ”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1992.*

Following three days, there will be seven years of oppression.

“But few are My children among you who have recognized the malefactor’s hand among you. Three days remain for you, by your free will, to consecrate your hearts to Me, to enjoy My rewards and victory over the malefactor. Three days remain for you to allow the malefactor seven years of his particular aggression and oppression among you. Through the ages you have been warned what the malefactor is preparing for you during these final times. Only by your conversion and sincere love will you be protected.”—*Christ Child, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), January 12, 1991.*

THE THIRD SECRET OF FATIMA WILL BE REVEALED AT THIS TIME

In the section on Fatima in the *Introduction*, we discussed the background of this “third secret of Fatima,” which is so frequently discussed among the faithful. It appears to be another means of keeping them in continual suspense, so they will not drift away from the ancient faith and practices of Rome.

The third secret of Fatima is to be revealed in this, the last ten years of the 20th century.

“Now you are beginning the last decade of this century of yours . . . I am coming down from Heaven, so that the final secrets may be revealed to you and that I may be able thus to prepare you for what, as of now, you must live through, for the purification of the earth . . . My third secret, which I revealed here to three little chil-

dren to whom I appeared and which up to the present has not yet been revealed to you, will be made manifest to all by the very occurrence of events . . . The Church will know the hour of its greatest apostasy . . . The man of iniquity will penetrate into its interior and will sit in the very temple of God, while the little remnant which will remain faithful will be subjected to the greatest trials and persecutions.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 13, 1990.*

“You are already about to reach the most painful and bloody conclusion of the purification which will take place in these years, before the great triumph of My Immaculate Heart in the coming to you of the glorious reign of Jesus. This is the plan which embraces this century: In 1917 at Fatima, I anticipated it, as in a prophetic announcement, at the moment when the great struggle between the Woman clothed with the sun and the Red Dragon became evident, a struggle which was to last throughout the whole century, as a proud challenge to God on the part of My Adversary, who was certain that he would succeed in destroying the Church and in bringing all humanity to a universal rejection of God.

“The Lord has granted him this space of time, because in the end the pride of the Red Dragon will be broken and conquered by the humility, the littleness, and the power of your heavenly Mother, the Woman clothed with the sun, who is now gathering all Her little children into Her army, drawn up for battle.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 9, 1984.*

GREAT PROPHETS WILL BE SENT FROM GOD DURING THIS FINAL CRISIS

We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that, during the Sunday Law crisis, spirits will impersonate religious leaders of earlier centuries. In anticipation of that event, Satan is preparing men to eagerly receive their messages.

Enoch and Elijah will be sent.

“Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of Antichrist. The Church will be in eclipse, the world will be in dismay. But now Enoch and Eli will come, filled with the spirit of God. They will preach the might of God, and men of good will believe in God, and many souls will be comforted. They will make great steps forward through the virtue of the Holy Spirit and will con-

demn the devilish lapses of the Antichrist. There will be bloody wars and famines, plagues and infectious diseases. It will rain a fearful hail of animals. There will be thunderstorms which will shake cities, earthquakes which will swallow up countries. Voices will be heard in the air. Men will beat their heads against walls, call for their death, and on another side death will be their torment. Blood will flow on all sides. Who will be the victor if God does not shorten the length of the test.”—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, La Salette (France), 1846.*

Both will be slain by the Antichrist.

“All the blood, the tears, and the prayers of the righteous, God will relent. Enoch and Eli will be put to death. Pagan Rome will disappear. It is time; the sun is darkening; only faith will survive. Now is the time; the abyss is opening. Here is the king of kings of darkness, here is the Beast with his subjects, calling himself the Savior of the world.”—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, La Salette (France), 1846.*

Then Enoch and Elijah will ascend to heaven.

“Antichrist will kill the Pope, probably by crucifixion. As a child of ten he will know more than anyone else in the world and when he is thirty he will begin his real work. Fifteen days after the ascension of Enoch and Elias into Heaven, terrible catastrophes will come upon the earth: most severe earthquakes, tidal waves inundating much of the earth’s surface, culminating in a thick darkness over the entire earth.”—*Jeanne Le Royer (also known as Sister Mary of the Nativity) (d. 1798).*

ALL THE REVELATIONS OF MARY WILL BE FULFILLED IN THIS COMING CRISIS

The apparitions of Mary are swelling to an immense crescendo. Visions, voices, and messages are being transmitted to the faithful all over the world. But, according to the spirits,—all the events predicted will be fulfilled in the next few years!

All the messages will come to completion.

“There will come to completion that fullness of time beginning with [the revelations at] LaSalette all the way to my most recent and present apparitions; the purification will come to its culmination; there will come to completion the time of the great tribulation, foretold in Holy Scripture, before the Second Com-

ing of Christ; the mystery of iniquity, prepared for by the ever-increasing spread of apostasy, will become manifest; all the secrets which I have revealed to some of my children will come to pass and all the events which have been foretold will take place.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 18, 1988.*

**ONLY BY THE HELP OF MARY
CAN THE FAITHFUL BE DELIVERED**

It is an intriguing fact that the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy continually point us to Jesus and the Inspired Writings as the source of strength and the means of salvation; whereas, Mary always points mankind to Herself as the way, the truth, and the pathway to eternal life. Here is but a brief sampling. You will find more in the *Preface and Introduction*, at the front of this book.

Her continual intercession is vital.

“Without My intervention you can no longer completely triumph over the evil one, for My earthly children are surrounded with traitors. Even among those who enjoy the confidence of My earthly children, there are those who are in the service of Satan. They consciously victimize My Flock—their own brothers and sisters.”—*Mary, through Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), April 22, 1991.*

She has a fullness of mercy for mankind.

“I desire that priests proclaim this great Mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me. The flames of Mercy are burning Me—clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them upon these souls, distrust on the part of souls is tearing at My insides. The distrust of a chosen soul causes Me even greater pain; despite My inexhaustible love for them they do not trust Me. Even My death is not enough for them. Woe to the soul that abuses these gifts.”—*Mary, as recorded in diary of Sister Faustina, Cracow (Poland), 1938 (Faustina was beatified in Rome, April 18, 1993).*

She has infinitely greater power.

“The wickedness of men would destroy My plan if possible but My power, given to Me by God Himself, is infinitely greater than all the wickedness in the world.”—*Mary, through Maria-mante (mid-west U.S.), February 22, 1987.*

**WHAT THE FAITHFUL MUST DO
TO FORESTALL THIS CRISIS**

Rather consistently, Mary counsels Roman Catholics that they need to pray the rosary, attend the mass, make weekly confession, respect the priests, obey the Pope and magisterium of the church, fast, meditate on the crucifix, burn candles, and wear the scapular. *But, above all, they should trust in Mary and say the rosary. (Whenever prayer is mentioned, it means to say the rosary.)*

They need to totally surrender their minds to Mary's messages.

“My Mother wishes to continue speaking to you. Listen carefully to everything She tells you. She will employ many of Her faithful followers in accomplishing this wonderful task. You must be prepared to give completely of yourselves now especially, as the time is so crucial. Hold back nothing for yourselves in service to Her and the cause for which She inspires you, that is the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. This will facilitate the reign of My Sacred Heart. As Mary was a foreshadow of My glory when I came to earth, so She will again be the precursor to My age of love and peace which She foretold at Fatima [Portugal, 1917].”—*Christ Child, through Mariamante (mid-west U.S.), no date.*

They need to hold their rosaries, so they can remember Jesus.

“May the love of God be always in you, because without it, you cannot be fully converted. Let the rosary in your hands make you think of Jesus.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 1, 1984.*

They need to hold their rosaries, so Satan will know they belong to Mary.

“Pray and let the rosary always be in your hands as a sign to Satan that you belong to Me.”—*Mary, through Jakov, Medjugorje (Croatia), September 27, 1984.*

They need to say the rosary (until a mesmeric effect grips their minds).

“Through all the messages, the Virgin Mary stressed the power of the rosary, and constantly asks that the rosary be prayed . . . In

one of the first messages, Our Lady advised people who found it difficult to 'accept My message and those of My Son; pray the rosary from your heart, all three mysteries, for nine days. Offer up these prayers to My Son's Heart and to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment. If you can do that, you will understand.' Our Lady has said to Me to tell people to arm themselves with Her rosary, and never to let it be out of their hearts. It will protect them during the times of trial and suffering."—*Statement by Christina Gallagher, no date.*

"Pray very much the prayers of the rosary. I alone am able still to save you from calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in Me will be saved."—*Mary, through Sister Agnes Sasagawa, Akita (Japan), October 13, 1973.*

"I urge you to ask everyone to pray the rosary. With the rosary you will overcome all the troubles which Satan is trying to inflict on the Catholic Church. Let all priests pray the rosary. Give time to the rosary."—*Mary, through Jelena, Medjugorje (Croatia), June 25, 1985.*

They need to fast.

"My dear children, I wish you knew the power of prayers . . . the power of fasting. For when you pray and fast, My Son and our Father in heaven hears your prayers."—*Mary, through three adults, Lubbock (Texas), June 20, 1988.*

Great wonders can be done through fasting and prayer.

"Through fasting and prayer one can stop wars; one can suspend the laws of nature."—*Mary, through the visionaries at Medjugorje (Croatia), July 21, 1982.*

They need to attend mass and receive the wafer at the Eucharist.

"My little ones, My graces are poured out to you constantly as I pray for you, but special times of graces and blessings are in the Sacrifice of the Mass."—*Mary, through three adults, Lubbock (Texas), December 25, 1988.*

"I am calling you to more attentive prayer, and to greater participation in the Mass! . . . come in love and accept the Holy Mass! . . . Let Holy Mass be your life! . . . Adore continually the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I always am present when the faithful are in adoration."—*Mary, to the visionaries at Medjugorje (Croatia), May 25, 1987.*

They need to pray for the Pope.

“My child, I tell you that the final times are near. My children, you are on the threshold of the day of judgment . . . And again I ask devout Christians to pray; to pray constantly for the Pope that God might give him the wisdom and strength to lead the Church to its triumph and to the glory that He has predestined for her.”—*Mary, through Josyp Terelya, Ukraine, September 13, 1992.*

They need to pray for the bishops and priests in the church.

“Pray constantly for the Pope and for the bishops and priests of the Church.”—*Mary, through Julia Kim, Naju (Korea), August 11, 1985.*

They need to pray constantly for Russia.

“Pray constantly for Russia, for these people will suffer again exceedingly and will perish in their sins without grace and repentance. Pray in this chapel for peace and for love in this country of Canada. People are not aware that the prophesied times are upon them. My heart grieves; I weep with maternal tears for all sinners, but what of this . . . People have torn themselves loose of all restraints. There is no authority; there is no peace; there is no truth nor justice. There is no true piety.”—*Mary, through Josyp Terelya, Ukraine, September 13, 1992.*

“If my children do not live evangelical lives, heed my messages and do all they can to alleviate my tears and anguish, they will . . . have no way of escaping the sufferings caused by all kinds of evil disasters.”—*Mary, through Julia Kim, Naju (Korea), October 14, 1990.*

They need to pray for souls in purgatory.

“Pray every day for the souls in purgatory. They are waiting for your prayers and sacrifices [offerings].”—*Mary, through the visionaries, Medjugorje (Croatia), no date.*

They need to use holy water and carry blessed objects.

“Protect yourselves . . . Restore the use of holy water . . . Today I invite you to put more blessed objects in your homes, and may every person carry blessed objects . . . because you are armored against Satan, he will tempt you less.”—*Mary, through the visionaries, Medjugorje (Croatia), July 18, 1985.*

They need to pray before the crucifix.

“Renew your prayer before the cross. Dear children, I am giving you special graces, and Jesus is giving you special gifts from the cross. Take them and live!”—*Mary, through the visionaries, Medjugorje (Croatia), February 20, 1986.*

They need to adore the crucifix.

“Dear children, I wish to tell you these days to put the cross at the center of your life. Pray especially before the cross, which is the origin of great graces. In your homes make a special consecration to the cross of the Lord.”—*Mary, through the visionaries, Medjugorje (Croatia), September 12, 1985.*

They need to unmask dangerous heresies.

“As apostles of the last times, you must announce with courage the truths of the Catholic faith . . . and unmask dangerous heresies.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 8, 1991.*

They need to crush the heretics.

“I have said that this would come to pass, particularly at the end of the world and indeed presently, because the Most High and His most holy Mother have to form for themselves great saints, who shall surpass most of the other saints in sanctify . . . These great souls, full of grace and zeal, shall be chosen to match themselves against the enemies of God, who shall rage on all sides; and they shall be singularly devout to our Blessed Lady, illuminated by Her light, strengthened by Her nourishment, led by Her spirit, supported by Her arm and sheltered under Her protection, so that they shall fight with one hand and build with the other.

“With the one hand they shall fight, overthrow and crush the heretics with their heresies, the schismatics with the schisms . . . By their words and examples they shall draw the whole world to true devotion to Mary. This shall bring upon them many enemies, but shall also bring many victories and much glory for God.”—*Saint Louis de Montfort, (1673-1716), no date.*

PART THREE
END OF TIME

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WHEN THE SPECIAL WARNING WILL BE GIVEN

Immediately preceding the devastating destruction comes the “warning” (or “warnings”); to be followed by the “miracle.”

According to the visionaries of Medjugorje, the apparitions at that town will be Mary’s last before the new age begins.

They tell us that, very soon, three “warnings” are supposed to be given to the world. Each will be a special event which will occur on the earth.

Mirjana, of the Medjugorie visionaries, is supposed to be shown two of them three days beforehand. At that time, she is to immediately tell them to a local priest, who will relay the news to Rome so it can be told to the world. According to Mary, that advance confirmation will cause many to return obediently to the faith. All three warnings will occur very close to one another. During that interval will be nearly the last opportunity for salvation.

After the first warning has been given, a visible sign of some kind will appear on the site of the apparitions in Medjugorje (Croatia) for all the world to see. It will also appear in the little village of Garabandal (Spain).

After the visible sign appears, there will be little opportunity for conversion to the Roman faith.

In apparitions at Garabandal, Mary predicted one “warning,” to be followed by two other major events. They explained that three great events would occur: the warning, the miracle, and the punishment. It was said that the miracle would come within a year of the warning.

One visionary at Garabandal (Mari-Loli) is said to know the date of the warning, and another (Conchita) is said to know the date of the miracle. This provides us with more secrets, to keep the faithful in suspense—while precious probationary time passes away.

Both the warning and the miracle are said to be worldwide in

their influence, and will affect everyone living.

When the miracle occurs, it is said that millions will journey to see it and will be converted.

“Conversion,” of course, means they will begin saying the rosary, wearing the scapular, confessing to the priest, buying medals of the Virgin, and obeying the Pope. Never is there a hint that priests or people should stop smoking cigarettes, drinking liquor, or enjoying worldly entertainments and fashions.

All that is needed is repentance, trust in Mary, more rosaries, and holding crucifixes.

People will sense an impression.

“There will come a sign, when everyone in the world will experience an inner awareness, and will know that this is of God, and see themselves as they really are. It is up to those who believe to pray, so that our prayers will be used, to allow everyone to respond to that Sign, and be saved for God. Our Lady is relying on those of us who do believe to pray that others who are in darkness will receive the grace to come back.”—*Christina Gallagher, Cortnadreha (Ireland), letter, no date.*

The warning should cause the faithful to flee to Mary, for no one is greater or more loving.

“Those in My grace have nothing to fear when the warning comes. When will you learn that there is nothing greater than My love? Don’t you feel the warmth of My love? Is there anyone greater than I? Why are you looking anywhere else? Come into My Arms!”—*Mary, through anonymous visionary in northeastern U.S., c. 1991-1992.*

Mary can forgive sinners and help them.

“This will be the one time, as never before in the history of mankind, when man will be given the same realization that is given at the hour of his death. This will be My greatest act of mercy! When man is confronted with the sins of his life, the moment belongs to him. I will repair all, but he must ask. I will forgive all, but he must repent. I will take everyone back to My Heart, but they must do the returning.”—*Christ Child, through northeastern U.S. anonymous visionary, c. 1991-1992.*

**THIS WARNING WILL BE
THE SECOND CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST**

It will not be a pointing out of sin and a call to forsake it. Instead, it will be a gigantic passion play in the skies.

Read Hebrews 9:25-28 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 411, 417-418. Leave it to the spirits to do things contrary to Scripture.

There will be a long moment of silence.

“The warning, Our Lady calls the moment of silence. And in the moment of silence our internal selves will be revealed.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

Christ will hang there, while they think.

“This is about the warning. Let Me tell you about the warning. It will happen at 2 o’clock in the afternoon. You know the date.

“The sky will become very, very dark. The earth will shake. The whole world will be in turmoil. The greatest destruction will be in man’s heart. People will think the world is coming to an end. The fear will be in proportion to their guilt.

“I will give them the time they need. I will hang there patiently. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will begin at the very moment they see Me. This will be man’s moment. He can clear all his sins away [in repentance] or he can bring them to his ruin.”—*Christ Child, through anonymous U.S. visionary, c. 1991-1992.*

This will be the sign of the cross. [At a later time in final events, there may be another sign of the cross in the skies, when only a cross will appear.]

“Those who follow the cross willingly now, will not fear the last judgment. When the Lord comes to judge, the Sign of the Cross will be in the heavens.”—*Saint Louis de Montfort, (1673-1716), no date.*

“I give unto ye your sign. Wait on this, for it [a cross] shall illuminate the skies. Be at peace, for thou art My chosen and beloved.”—*Mary, visions given three adults at Lubbock (Texas), July 4, 1988.*

Christ will be crucified a second time.

“The Divine Majesty is standing alone in anticipation of the glorification of My Passion. By that, I mean that very soon the

whole human race will witness My Crucifixion once again. At that time, everyone will understand the great offense My Father suffered.”—*Christ Child, to anonymous U.S. visionary, c. 1991-1992.*

“My Arms will be outstretched. My Mercy will be overflowing. It’s going to be the end.”—*Christ Child, to anonymous U.S. visionary, c. 1991-1992.*

This portrayal, without any appeals to forsake specific sins, will be enough.

“The warning will happen. Don’t have any misgivings. When you least expect it—I have already said it—you will see the Cross in the sky. What I have promised, I will carry out. Then all of you will say, ‘Truly, this is the Son of God.’ ”—*Christ Child, to anonymous U.S. visionary, c. 1991-1992.*

Immense lights will shine from the wounds in His hands and feet.

“Before I come as the just judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: ‘All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Saviour were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day.’ ”—*Christ Child, to Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), Cracow (Poland), no date.*

The appearance of the cross in the skies will be a sign that Jesus is very soon to return. It is the sign of the Son of man.

“I tell you, this young generation will not pass before all this happens. But do not be afraid, for behold in the heavens the Sign of the Son of Man which Madaleine saw shining from the East to the West. You, Heads of Churches, in truth I tell you, it is by this Cross set up over the world, that nations shall be saved. My Father has sent Me to save, and the moment has come when I must pour My Mercy into human hearts.”—*Mary, through Madaleine, Normandy (France), March 1, 1974.*

“The Glorious Cross, or the Sign of the Son of man, is the announcement of the approaching return in glory of the risen Jesus.”—*Mary, through Madaleine, Normandy (France), May*

3, 1974.

THE SPECIAL MIRACLE WILL OCCUR

In 1961, in Garabandal, Spain, four children were given Marian visions. It was there disclosed that a miracle would be given within a year after the warning occurred.

The exact date of the miracle is said to be known by one of the four children (Conchita Gonzalez, who now lives in New York). Mary is said to have instructed her not to tell it to anyone until Mary says to—which is to be eight days before it occurs. That is supposed to give the world enough time to board ships, planes, etc., and journey to Garabandal, Spain, in time to personally witness the miracle—so they can be saved. The purpose is that the excitement of seeing it may convert them. If the excitement of a crucifixion in the skies does not convert them, this follow-up miracle is supposed to accomplish it.

Garabandal is set on a hillside, with an immense area within viewing distance of it. The apparitions occurred in a grove of nine pine trees, located on the top of a rocky hill where they can easily be seen for a great distance.

There is something remarkably shallow about everything the spirits say and do. Whether in the world or in the religions, it is always tinsel and fluff—never the solid and practical depths of Christian experience one finds in the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the lives of the true saints.

The nature of the miracle is not yet revealed. It is another secret.

“The miracle will be the miracle of the presence of God. How this will happen, I can’t tell you. Our Lady refers to it as a sign in the presence of God. This will be experienced within the Church as is Our Lady’s entire plan. It is to spark us and bring us to Her Son in the Church, through the sacraments, through receiving the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

The following statement gives very specific information: (1) These final events will immediately follow the proclamation by the Pope of Mary as co-redemptrix [co-Redeemer] with Christ. (2) Human probation will end as soon as the miracle is given.

(But, later in the same apparition, we are told that more probationary time will be given later. The spirits always want you to think there will be another chance later on.) (3) The chastisements will follow; more on them later.

“The miracle will have two purposes: to reveal the presence of God and the renewal of the Church. Our Lady has said these secrets will come about by proclamation of Her last title. Once the miracle occurs the time of grace will end. It has an ending date. Chastisements will follow.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

Note: In the visions given to the children at Garabandal, Spain, it was revealed that the miracle will take place at 8:30 on a Thursday evening; and, on the day of the miracle, the Church will be celebrating the feast of a young martyr of the Eucharist. It was also revealed that those who most often pray the rosary and receive the wafer at the Eucharist will be among those protected in these final climatic experiences. Mary has said that the sign will be visible, remain forever, be able to be photographed, televised, but not touchable, and not scientifically explainable. There is speculation that it will be a pillar of cloud and fire.

Conchita, one of the visionaries at Garabandal, said that Russia would be converted as a result of the miracle, and that the Pope would be able to see it from wherever he might be at the time.—*Information in letter by Cochita Gonzalez, Garabandal (Spain), dated June 2, 1965.*

In addition to the great forthcoming miracle, Mary has promised to leave another visible sign at the site of the apparitions, in Medjugorje.

“Our Lady has promised to leave a visible sign for all humanity at the site of the apparitions of Medjugorje.”—*Priest Tomislav Vlasic, Medjugorje (Croatia), letter to John Paul II, December 2, 1983.*

It is now believed that John Paul II journeyed to Denver, Colorado, in the hope that an apparition, seen by millions, would appear in the Rocky Mountains during that climb. Apparently, word was given him that this would occur. But it did not happen.

That mountain area near Denver has been earmarked as one of several sites for the viewing of the same or a similar

great miracle when it eventually is seen at Garabandal and Medjugorje.

“Will Denver get a permanent sign and is that the same one as in Medjugorje? I don’t know if it has to do with any apparitions anywhere else. Our Lady has only told me about the significance of Her apparitions in Denver. I cannot say it is a link with anything going on anywhere else. But this permanent sign is a sign of conversion, and it’s a sign of Our Lady. It is to stir you to conversion and cause the thrust into the Church.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

Mary has promised to place a miraculous sign at every place She has ever appeared in the past—which are a lot of places.

“Children, I give you the blessing of the all-powerful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Come always to visit Me. Never abandon Me, little ones, because I love you so much. At the end of all the apparitions in the world, I will leave a great sign in this place and in all those where I have been.”—*Mary, through Patricia of Cuenca (Ecuador), March 3, 1990.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE Poured OUT

Having seen the spectacular sight in the skies, people will repent, and that will be sufficient for the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon them. The pattern is see, be impressed, receive the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit is to be poured out immediately after the warning—as soon as the miracle is seen in the skies.

“I will give them the time they need. I will hang there patiently. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will begin at the very moment they see Me. This will be man’s moment.”—*Christ Child, through anonymous U.S. visionary, c. 1991-1992.*

It will be as great as the first Pentecost.

“The outpouring of My Spirit, after the warning occurs, will be as great as it was on the first Pentecost . . . Tell the people to recite the rosary. That is so important. The people will have to help Me. They will have to do another fast.”—*Christ Child, through anonymous Eastern U.S. visionary, 1991-1992.*

**MANY CONVERSIONS
WILL OCCUR**

The spirits always promise us extension of probationary time. In the apparitions, more probationary time keeps being added.

Probation ends when the miracle occurs.

“Once the miracle occurs the time of grace will end. It has an ending date. Chastisements will follow.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

During the chastisement, which follows the miracle, there will be more opportunity to be saved.

“Our Lady has said, those who live a virtuous life have no fear of chastisements. Even after all these chastisements come to pass, even then, there will be one hour of grace remaining. And in that hour of grace, even the worst of the worst that have undergone the chastisements, will be given the last opportunity for conversion.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

This statement, indicates universal salvation.

“At the hour when all will seem lost, all will be saved through the merciful love of the Father, which will be made visible through the greatest manifestation of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), Milan (Italy), December 8, 1980.*

When the sign occurs in the heavens, there will be instantaneous mass conversions.

“The wickedness of men would destroy My plan if possible but My power given to Me by God Himself is infinitely greater than all the wickedness in the world . . . Remember this always. It will give you great heart to know and reflect upon this. Satan and his legions cannot prevent My Triumph—as hard as they may try, because God Himself has preordained that this should occur in this time. You are fortunate to be living in this time, this era of mercy and love. Not all have been given so great a chance to repent from so much evil. You will know by the sign in the heavens, which is I Myself, that the time is at hand for the instantaneous conversion of the multitude. This will be accomplished through a tremendous outpouring of grace upon the earth given

at the hands of God to Me for this purpose. This will be the Triumph of My Immaculate Heart of which I spoke at Fatima [Portugal, 1917].”—*Mary, through Mariamante (mid-west U.S.), February 22, 1987. [This quote indicated that a sign in the skies would be Mary “herself.”]*

The miracle will bring about the conversion of Russia.

“The miracle is not only for the conversion of Russia, but for the conversion of the whole world. Thus all will love Our hearts [the hearts of Jesus and Mary].”—*Christ Child, to Conchita Gonzalez, Garabandal (Spain), 1961.*

Russia would be converted as a result of the miracle.—*Information in letter by Cochita Gonzalez, Garabandal (Spain), dated June 2, 1965.*

THE SEALING

All those who are converted by having kept up their rosaries or by seeing the miracles will be sealed. Notice that it is the seal of Mary, not of God, and it is also the sign of the cross.

The seal of Mary’s love.

“You are thus signed with the seal of My love, which distinguishes you from those who have allowed themselves to be seduced by the Beast and bear his imprinted blasphemous number. The Dragon and the Beast can do nothing against those who have been signed with My seal.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 12, 1981.*

The sign of the cross.

“All My children will receive and carry the sign of the cross on their foreheads. This sign only My chosen ones will see. These chosen ones will be instructed by My angels how to conduct themselves.”—*Mary, through Matous Losuta, Turzovka (Czechoslovakia), 1958.*

The image of Mary.

“The Star of the Abyss [Satan] will persecute all those who are signed with My seal, but nothing will be able to harm the souls upon whom I myself have impressed My image. By the blood which many of them will have to shed, divine justice will be appeased and the time of My victory will be hastened.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 12, 1981.*

Mary's heavenly seal imprinted on foreheads and hands.

"If My Adversary is signing, with his mark, all his followers, the time has come when I also, your heavenly leader, am signing, with My heavenly seal, all those who have consecrated themselves to my Immaculate Heart and have formed part of My army. I am imprinting my seal on your foreheads with the most holy sign of the Cross of My Son Jesus . . . Against those signed on the forehead with the blasphemous mark, I am opposing My children signed with the Cross of Jesus Christ . . . For this, I am imprinting upon your hands My seal which is the sign of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit . . . Allow yourselves all to be signed on the forehead and on the hand of My motherly seal."—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 8, 1989.*

Mary's angels place Her seal.

"The Angels of Light of My Immaculate Heart are now actually gathering from everywhere the elect, called to form part of My victorious cohort. They are signing you with My seal. They are reclothing you with sturdy armor for the battle. They are covering you again with My shield. They are giving you the crucifix and the rosary as the weapons to be used for the great victory. The time for the decisive struggle has come. For this, the angels of the Lord are intervening in an extraordinary way and placing themselves, each day, at the side of each one of you to guide you, to protect and to comfort you."—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 29, 1987.*

Fed by spirits during the chastisement.

"My faithful will be without any kind of fear during the most difficult hours. They will be protected by the good spirits and will be fed by heaven from where they will receive further instructions."—*Mary, through Matous Losuta, Turzovka (Czechoslovakia), 1958.*

THE CHASTISEMENTS

Also called the "tribulation," this is the final great punishment of the living. For the church, it is a punishment for having accepted non-Catholic error and having drifted away from the practices of the Dark Ages. For the world, it is a punishment meted out to all who have not repented at the sight of Christ's crucifixion in the skies.

We earlier mentioned that increasing natural disasters, and even a great war, had been predicted by Mary. At some point, those terrible experiences will meld into the final great “chastisement.” These will be disasters on an immense scale, which are sent as punishment for man’s sins in not returning to Mary. There are speculations by the faithful that the holocaust may be caused by a passing comet.

Words used to describe it include earthquakes, famines, fire from heaven, hurricanes, social and financial upheavals, three days of darkness, and at least two thirds of mankind being slain.

It should be noted that the graven images of Mary have occasionally wept tears. But in recent years some of the statues are said to have wept blood. In addition, visionaries are said to occasionally see Her weeping blood. Mary tells the visionaries that this is because She is thinking of the terrible chastisement, soon to begin.

“The tears of blood which have been flowing from My eyes foretell that the Great Chastisement will befall the whole world.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.*

SIGNS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHASTISEMENT

As we have noted, for the great miracle, a large cross is supposed to appear in the skies, with Christ hanging upon it for a time; to be seen by a silent world.

Then the sealing will occur, and this will be crosses marked on the foreheads and hands of the faithful.

This is immediately followed by more crosses! Crosses will appear in the skies, as the great chastisement begins.

Quite consistently, throughout this entire end-time scenario, we find evidences which appeal to the senses, rather than principles of conduct based on Scripture.

A great red cross.

“Before the great tribulation, there is going to be a sign. We will see in the sky one great red cross on a day of blue sky without clouds. The color red signifies the blood of Jesus Who redeemed us and the blood of the martyrs selected by God in the days of atheists, etc., as well as all the prepared ones who will be guided by God in the way of Christ. They will receive grace to

interpret the significance of the cross.”—*Mary, through Brother David Lopez, El Ranchilo (Texas), September 11, 1987.*

Ten claps of thunder.

“A strong warm wind will come from the south. It will seize upon the whole globe and cause dreadful storms. After this, about ten claps of thunder at once will strike the earth with such force that it will shudder throughout. This is a sign that the great tribulation and the black darkness are beginning.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), c. 1975.*

EVENTS DURING THE CHASTISEMENT

One of the two children at LaSalette, France, was given the following summary by Mary of final events. It was the first of the modern predictions by Mary of last-day events, and was given nine months after Satan discovered that God had sent another true prophet to mankind.

With a true prophet again active, and Rome sliding into lax agnosticism, efforts began to be made to arouse the people to return to the faith and practices of the Dark Ages.

Apostasy and the Antichrist looming on the horizon.

“Lucifer and a large number of demons will . . . put an end to the [Catholic] faith little by little, evil books will be abundant on earth, churches will be built to serve these spirits, Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of the Antichrist, the Church will be in eclipse, the world will be in dismay, wars, earthquakes, fire from Heaven, plagues, infectious diseases, famine and other calamities will strike the earth, the Antichrist will be born who will perform wonders, the seasons will be altered, the earth will produce nothing but bad fruit, the stars will lose their regular motion, the moon will reflect a faint reddish glow, water and fire will give the earth convulsions, voices will be heard in the air.”—*Mary, through Melanie Cavat, LaSalette (France), September 19, 1846.*

The purpose is to save, not the world, but Catholics.

“It’s a very critical time for the Church . . . This is the hour of the Father. He’s coming to His people to save the Church, for the evil one, himself, is walking the earth to devour God’s people.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, May 23,*

1982.

Darkness and lightning bolts.

“Be not afraid. My peace I freely give you. Tell all humanity to prepare themselves; the time has come for the cleansing of all humanity. A great darkness will come upon the world. The heavens will shake . . . The lightning bolts will flash like nothing the world has ever seen. My hand will come over the world more swiftly than the wind.”—*Mary, through Christina Gallagher, January 30, 1991.*

A great chastisement is coming.

“In order that the world might know His anger, the heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind.”—*Mary, through Sister Agnes Sasagawa, Akita (Japan), August 3, 1973.*

It is about to begin.

“You are living the painful times of the chastisement. You are living the dark hour of the victory of My Adversary, who is the Prince of the Night. You are living the most difficult moments of the purification.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1987.*

A world war is approaching.

“Children, there is so much sorrow in My heart, for many natural catastrophes and others created by man are coming. Hard times are already taking place, a short decade filled with suffering. Children the third world war is near . . . Children the time is very short, very short. Conversion must be faithful . . . In these last days in which I will be present, because My leave is near, you must fill your hearts with the light of My Son, so that a desolation of faith will not exist.”—*Mary, through Patricia Talbott, Cuenca (Ecuador), January 6, 1990.*

Disasters of all kinds.

“Understand this well: In the days which preceded the deluge, people didn’t expect anything until the arrival of the flood which carried them off. But today you have been warned, you are living in the times of which I said: ‘On this earth there will be disasters of all kinds: Iniquity is the cause of misery and famine, nations will be in anguish, there will be portents and phenomena in Heaven and on the earth.’ So, be ready because great tribula-

tion is near, such as has never been seen since the beginning of the world until today, and which will never be again.”—*Mary, through Madaleine, Normandy (France), July 4, 1975.*

San Francisco will be swallowed up.

“There will be a great famine all over the world. Nothing will grow. The whole world will be hungry. All will be lacking in food. The atmosphere will be changing and cause great disaster upon the earth. A terrible earthquake . . .”

At this point Eileen asked, “Is that San Francisco?” The reply was given:

“It will be opened up and swallowed. You can give warnings to man so they can pray and change things around . . . It will be written that God has spoken to His people through one of His little ones, one whom He loved and trusted to reveal His word.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, February 28, 1982. [Short afterward, in this same conversation, Eileen was told that New York City would also be destroyed.]*

Fire will fall from heaven.

“A chastisement worse than the Flood is about to come upon this poor and perverted humanity. Fire will descend from Heaven and this will be the sign . . . The Beast will enter into the holy temple of God.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 15, 1987.*

It will last 72 hours [3 days and 3 nights].

“Clouds with lightning rays of fire and a tempest of fire will pass over the whole world and the punishment will be the most terrible ever known in the history of mankind. It will last seventy-two hours. The wicked will be crushed and eliminated. Many will be lost because they will have stubbornly remained in their sins. Then they will feel the force of light over darkness. The hours of darkness are near.”—*Mary, through Sister Elena Aiello, Calabria (Italy), no date.*

ANTICHRIST WILL APPEAR

A description of the Catholic Antichrist was given in an earlier section of this book. The description recalls to mind Saddam Hussein. The spirits knew that, in the early 1980s, he was laying plans for a massive war, including long-range rockets and nuclear

warheads.

The Antichrist will be a Moslem, and will start the third world war.

“There will be a World War III and it will be started by a man who wears the turban of the faith, a Moslem. He will be an Antichrist put on earth by Lucifer. Yet there is a more powerful one to rise in Syria, when this one has accomplished his work. He will cause destruction and pain. He will cause heartbreak and tears, and a great persecution of Christians. The earth will tremble with earthquakes. He will be a great ruler of Satan.

“After . . . fifteen years [of battle] there will be a great peace, a great peace.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, February 20, 1982.*

He will fire rockets at America, and will have nuclear warheads.

“There will be nothing to eat; a great shortage of oil. No heat. The war is not going to be fought till later, because we are going to be fighting about oil. Then the Antichrist is going to arise from the Mohammedan race, a Moslem. He is going to have a turban. He is young. The famine comes first, sometime between 1990 and 1999. Then he is going to start a great war.

“My Father said he is already planning it. They are building up arms . . . He will be connected with the Russians, the communists. He’ll be an Antichrist . . . He will be very intelligent and well equipped for nuclear war . . . He is going to be worse than Hitler. This Moslem is going to fire rockets at us. Our radar will pick them up, and our rockets will intercept them. But some are going to get through and hit New York City.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, February 28, 1982.*

The Antichrist, predicted in Scripture, is about to arise. He will do terrible sacrilege by abolishing the Holy Mass for 1290 days.

“The Holy Mass is the daily sacrifice, the pure oblation which is offered to the Lord everywhere, from the rising of the sun to its going down. The sacrifice of the Mass renews that which was accomplished by Jesus on Calvary. By accepting the protestant doctrine, people will hold that the Mass is not a sacrifice but only a sacred meal, that is to say, a remembrance of that which Jesus did at His Last Supper. And thus, the celebration of Holy Mass

will be suppressed. In this abolition of the daily sacrifice consists the horrible sacrilege accomplished by the Antichrist, which will last about three-and-a-half years, namely, 1,290 days.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 31, 1992.*

THE ANTICHRIST WILL DRIVE THE POPE FROM ROME

The historicist view is that the Antichrist is spiritual leader of Rome who, for long centuries, led out in the a concerted drive to destroy Bible-believing Christians. The Marian (and papal) view is that he will be someone in the last days who hates the Pope.

Antichrist will overthrow the pope.

“Toward the end of the world, Antichrist will overthrow the Pope and usurp his See.”—*Joachim (d. 1202).*

The Pope will leave Rome.

“Religion shall be persecuted, and priest massacred. Churches shall be closed, but only for a short time. The Holy Father shall be obliged to leave Rome.”—*Anna-maria Taiga (19th century).*

Rome will become the seat of Antichrist.

“Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of Antichrist. The Church will be in eclipse, the world will be in dismay.”—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, La Salette (France), 1846.*

Freemasonry will take control of the church.

—See the Appendix: *Comments on Revelation*, at the back of this book.

WORLD WAR III WILL OCCUR

A great world war will begin.

“Little children, know that all you do benefits the world. Your prayers, penances, and fasts are helping to deter the determination of the third World War. Everything is as I have said before. It is in your hands. It depends on you whether the chastisement be as strong as the sorrow that My Son feels or that it [the chastisement] be appeased with prayer . . . Great catastrophes are coming upon humanity; the third World War threatens the world. Catas-

trophes by man are coming.”—*Mary, through Patricia Talbott, Cuenca (Ecuador), January 6, 1990.*

It will begin with false peace treaties.

“The war is near. It will be started with false peace treaties, treaties, treaties in which we should not place our trust. Many countries would be involved, among them China, Rumania, Russia, and the United States. Initially Poland will be involved also, but when the Holy Father leaves Rome, going first to France and then to Poland. Poland would then be protected.”—*Mary, through Patricia Talbott, Cuenca (Ecuador), January 6, 1990.*

Physical disasters will occur during the war.

“The Third World War threatens the world . . . earthquakes will come, hurricanes, the sky will shower fire, all this will come from the Father, the Son, and the Spirit of God.”—*Mary, through Patricia (“Pachi”) Talbott, Cuenca (Ecuador), January 1, 1989.*

San Francisco will be destroyed by an earthquake during this war.

“The earthquakes are horrible. I saw big, big buildings falling down. San Francisco is going to be swallowed up. The earthquake will start on the floor of the ocean. My Father said the floods are going to be terrible. There will be no holding them back. They’ll take down buildings and streets and everything. The war will be in progress, which will make it twice as bad.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, February 28, 1982.*

America will experience defeat.

“The great trial has arrived for your country [U.S.] . . . The moment of divine justice and of great mercy has not arrived. You will know the hour of suffering and defeat.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 15, 1990.*

Two thirds of earth’s inhabitants will die.

“In all the land, two thirds of them will be die.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 22, 1992.*

The earth will be out of orbit for 72 hours.

“The earth would go out of its orbit for three days. At that time the Second Coming of Jesus will be near. The devil will take over the world.”—*Mary, through Patricia Talbott, Cuenca (Ecuador), October 1988.*

TIMING OF THE ANTICHRIST AND THE WAR

As usual, time setters paint themselves into a corner. The time for this prediction to begin is nearly past. We should already be in the great famine.

Starvation and famine immediately before.

“Immediately preceding Antichrist there will be starvation and earthquakes.”—*Saint Hildegard (d. 1179).*

When World War III will begin was answered in a message to Eileen George:

“There will be a World War III and it will be started by . . . an antichrist put on earth by Lucifer. Yet there is a more powerful one to rise in Syria, when this one has accomplished his work. He will cause destruction and pain. He will cause heartbreak and tears, and a great persecution of Christians. The earth will tremble with earthquakes. He will be a great ruler of Satan. After many years of battle . . .”

Eileen then asked: “How many years?” The reply was:

“Fifteen. After fifteen years there will be a great peace, a great peace.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, February 20, 1982.*

Eileen George asked Mary how long World War III would be. The reply also told what would follow it:

“Fifteen. After fifteen years there will be a great peace, a great peace. The land of terror will fall at the knees of Mary. Her blue mantle will overshadow them, and the red will flow into the sea, covered by the mantle of blue, they will join the free world in peace and harmony. And then there will be a long, long peace, longer than has ever fallen on the earth.”—*Christ Child, through Eileen George, Massachusetts, February 20, 1982.*

THE THREE DAYS OF DARKNESS

According to the Marian apparitions, it is at this time that the wicked are all slain.

Demons will invade the earth, and you must keep your doors closed so they cannot enter. (Wouldn't it be nice if we could keep the devils out simply by shutting doors?)

“A strong warm wind will come from the south. It will seize upon the whole globe and cause dreadful storms. After this, about ten claps of thunder at once will strike the earth with such force that it will shudder throughout. This is a sign that the great tribulation and the black darkness are beginning. These will last three days and three nights. On this account people should go into their houses, close them up well, darken the windows, bless themselves and the house with holy water, and light blessed candles. Outside such dreadful things will be happening, that those who venture to look will die. All the devils will be let loose on earth, so that they can destroy their prey themselves.

“The demons will howl upon the earth and call many, in order to destroy them. What? They will imitate the voices of relations and acquaintances, who have not reached a safer place. Once the horror commences, do not open your door to anyone at all!”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.*

Only candles blessed by the priest will burn.

“In many places, several people will gather together in fear. From the same group, some will perish, others remain alive for this Day and moment, and for that darkness, many will have prepared the blessed candles, but they will not burn . . . Others will even be unable to light them for fear. But, for those who believe, although they have but a stub of the blessed candle, it will burn for these three days and nights without going out. Some people will fall into a deep sleep granted by Me, so as not to see what is happening on the earth.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), c. 1976.*

Keep the doors shut!

“During these three days of darkness, there is not going to be one demon left in hell. All are going to be on earth. Those three days are going to be so dark that we will not be able to see our own hands before our faces.

“In those days, the ones who are not in the state of grace are going to die of fright because of the horrible demons that they will see. Close all the doors and windows and do not respond to anyone who calls from the outside. The biggest temptation we will have is the devil who is going to imitate the voices of our loved ones.”—*Mary, through Brother David Lopez, El Ranchilo (Texas), no date.*

The faithful who trust in Mary will be warned ahead of time.

“Do not be afraid about the three days of darkness that will come over the earth, because those who are living my messages and have a life of interior prayer will be alerted by an interior voice three days to one week before the occurrence. My Children must continue with repentance for their sins, and pray more as I have recommended. They should get holy water, and blessed articles, and have special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, having always a vigil light in front of Him.”—*Mary, through Brother David Lopez, El Ranchilo (Texas), September 11, 1987.*

Candles blessed by the priest will burn for days. Even lightning strikes cannot extinguish them.

“There will come three days of complete darkness. Only blessed candles made of wax will give some light during this horrible darkness. One candle will last for three days, but they will not give light in the houses of the godless. Lightning will penetrate your houses, but it will not put out the blessed candles. Red clouds, like blood, will cross the sky, and the crash of thunder will shake the earth to its very core. The ocean will cast its foaming waves over the land, and earth will be turned into a huge graveyard.”—*Mary, through Marie de la Fraudais, 19th century, no date.*

Nothing electrical will work, not even battery clocks!

“She told me that the hours will be exactly seventy-two, and the only way to count them is with mechanical clocks, because there will not be any electricity. After this purification, there will be spring. Everything will be green, and everything will be clean. The water will be crystal clear, even the water from the faucets in houses. There will be no contamination in the water, nor the air, nor the river.”—*Mary, through Brother David Lopez El Ranchilo (Texas) September 11, 1987.*

Satan will be destroyed at this time.

“Now is the time. The abyss is opening. Here is the king of king of darkness, here is the Beast with his subjects, calling himself the savior of the world. He will rise proudly into the air to go to Heaven. He will be smothered by the breath of the Archangel Saint Michael. He will fall, and the earth, which will have been in a continuous series of evolutions for three days, will open up its

fiery bowels; and he will have plunged for eternity with all his followers into the everlasting chasms of hell. And water and fire will purge the earth and consume all the works of men's pride and all will be renewed. God will be served and glorified."—*Mary, through Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, LaSalette (France), October 1988.*

There will be two types of punishments.

"God will send two punishments; one will be in the form of wars, revolutions and other evils; it shall originate on earth. The other will be sent from Heaven. There shall come over the whole earth an intense darkness lasting three days and three nights. Nothing can be seen, and the air will be laden with pestilence which will claim mainly, but not only, the enemies of religion. It will be impossible to use any man-made lighting during this darkness, except blessed candles. He, who out of curiosity, opens his window to look out, or leaves his home, will fall dead on the spot. During these three days, people should remain in their homes, pray the rosary and beg God for mercy . . .

"All the enemies of the Church, whether known or unknown, will perish over the whole earth during that universal darkness with the exception of a few whom God will soon convert. The air shall be infected by demons who will appear under all sorts of hideous forms. Religion shall be persecuted, and priests massacred. Churches shall be closed, but only for a short time. The Holy Father shall be obliged to leave Rome."—*Mary, through Anna Maria Taiga.*

The time of justice will be ended.

"The reign of the Father's mission was complete with the deluge of the Flood; the reign of the Son's mission was complete with the deluge of blood on the Cross; the reign of the Holy Spirit's mission will be complete with the deluge of 'fire and love and justice' in the latter days."—*Saint Louis de Montfort (1673-1716), no date.*

WHEN THE DARKNESS ENDS FEW REMAIN ALIVE

Some statements indicate that, after the chastisement, none are alive; others say a few are left. Some statements say that all the good people will be protected others say that many of them

will also die.

No one will remain alive.

“But after the darkness the earth remained waste. The beautiful warm sun rose to shine upon the earth and all living things upon it, but only here and there was any human being alive. Nature created by God remained empty—without human beings.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), 1945.*

A great part of humanity will have been destroyed.

“An unforeseen fire will descend over the whole earth, and a great part of humanity will be destroyed. This will be a time of despair for the impious: with shouts and satanic blasphemy, they will beg to be covered by the mountains, and they will try to seek refuge in caverns, but to no avail. Those who remain will find God’s mercy in My power and protection, while all who refuse to repent of their sins will perish in a sea of fire!”—*Mary, through Sister Elena Leonardi, no date.*

Only a fourth of mankind will survive.

“During a darkness lasting three days the people given to evil will perish so that only one fourth of mankind will survive.”—*Mary, through Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified, Pau (d. 1878).*

The persecutors of the church will all be dead.

“The death of the impenitent persecutors of the Church will take place during the three days of darkness. He who outlives the darkness and the fear of these three days will think that he is alone on earth because the whole world will be covered by carcasses.”—*Mary, through Gaspar del Bufalo, 19th century, no date.*

Both wicked and righteous will have been slain.

“The bodies of the wicked and the righteous will cover the face of the earth. The famine that follows will be severe. All plant-life will be destroyed as well as three-fourths of the human race. This crisis will be sudden and the punishment will be worldwide.”—*Mary, through Marie de la Fraudais, 19th century, no date.*

Hardly anyone still alive, but the good ones will be all right.

“An angel came from heaven inviting the seeress: ‘Come with Me!’ And they flew above the earth for a long time in a southerly direction. When they landed on the ground, the Angel left and the

Lord Jesus appeared. He wore a white robe and a blue cloak. The Lord said: 'Julka, I shall measure the Earth with My Yardstick and shall arrange it according to My Plan as I intended it.' One could see neither a house nor a hut. The Lord replied: "We are in a region after the great chastisement . . . The chastisement is over!" The seeress: 'O Lord, I cannot see any people!' The Lord Jesus only smiled.

"Then Julka noticed an old man in the south. He came closer with heavy steps. When He suddenly saw living people, He was surprised and stopped. He recognized the Lord Jesus, come closer to Him and said: 'I adore You, Lord Jesus Christ, My God! I thank you that You found it worthy to be here! I am alone and exhausted. I do not know where to go to find anyone, and You Yourself have come to make Me happy!'

"Lord Jesus came very close to him, caressed and comforted him: You will find people who are still alive. However, before you meet, you must walk a distance of one hundred or even two hundred kilometers. Be reassured you will find them! I warn you through My chosen ones and prophets, yet I have but few zealous priests and monks, who call dead souls, with a strong voice, to awake from their deadly sleep before My Second Coming. Those who do not believe that I Am, will see Me on the Day of Judgment, when I come in Glory as God of Heaven and earth, and all creation.

"To the good I shall then be all joy, but to the wicked, fear and affliction. Loud crying will come from the earth and there will be no more time for anything. The way you are at that moment you will remain. Some will die, others will survive, in accordance with God's will. It will be terrible! That is why I appeared with Tears of Blood as a sign of the arrival of the chastisement in the world."—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), October 1975.*

Those who remain will live forever with Mary.

"Though many shall perish, those who are worthy of My new world shall therefore flourish in it. And bring forth a new life which shall rekindle that which has been lost. The chastisements are just. Rejoice in My 'Fire of Love.' For it is in being that those who remain faithful unto Me shall have everlasting life."—*Mary, through three adults, Lubbock (Texas), June 13, 1988.*

All who have repented will be saved.

“Tell the Church that she must renew Her message to peace to the whole world, because the hour is grave. Satan is directing the world, he seduces minds . . . All those who come to repentance . . . will be saved. Satan will be destroyed; thereafter it will be only Peace and Joy.”—*Mary, through Madaleine, Normandy (France), March 1, 1974.*

Everyone will either be slain or remain on earth.

“And there is a great myth that the so-called good people will be taken from the earth and the so-called bad people remain. Everyone will remain. The so-called “good people” will have their focus on Heaven. They will be in what Our Lady calls eternal adoration. And you will have the heavenly gaze as your focus and will no longer be earthly because you will be completely focused on God. You may be aware of your surroundings but you won’t have despair or worry, fright, or any of the human emotions. You will be wrapped in a state of eternal adoration. For those who did not choose to convert, they will retain an earthly view because they will be of the earth and they will feel the despair and agony of the chastisements.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

Yet another cross will be seen in the air.

“The Glorious Cross, or the Sign of the Son of man, is the announcement of the approaching return in glory of the risen Jesus.”—*Mary, through Madaleine, Normandy (France), May 3, 1974.*

Yet, when He returns there will still be wicked people on the earth.

“His Second Coming, beloved children, will be like the first. As was His first . . . there will be a denial of God, and obstinate rejection of Him.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 24, 1978.*

THE COMING OF CHRIST AND MARY’S NEW JERUSALEM

There will be no resurrection, and no one will be taken to heaven. Christ will return to the earth, and the New Jerusalem, future home of Mary and Her children, will come to earth.

The apparitions give the impression that, after renewing the

earth, Christ will again leave—and Mary will rule this world and be worshiped by Her children.

Jesus and Mary descend to the earth.

“Our Lord Jesus and His heavenly Mother descended to their previous position . . . The earth appeared reborn.”—*Julka, statements, with quotations from Christ Child, Zagreb (Croatia), May 31, 1976.*

There will be one shepherd—and it will be the pope.

“The unbelievers say that I do not exist, and deny Me, since I cannot be seen anywhere. As you have seen, so it will be. I shall come quickly and in splendor. All My creatures who survive the Great Tribulation will see Me. No one will then be able to say that I do not exist, because I shall be near the earth; and all the creatures of the earth will hear My Voice. They will see Me present then, and, for the second time, at the Final Judgment.

“This will be the Little Flock and I shall hover over it. In those days there will be one Shepherd and one Faith, that of the Roman Catholic Church, which I established when I walked visibly on the earth. After the distresses, which I am now permitting to come upon My obstinate people on earth, there will arise a fair and pure race and the earth will abound with My gifts.”—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zabreb (Croatia), no date.*

The New Jerusalem will alight on the earth.

“Even after all these chastisements come to pass, even then, there will be one hour of grace remaining. And in that hour of grace, even the worst of the worst that have undergone the chastisements will be given the last opportunity for conversion. The New Jerusalem will settle upon the earth. All evil will no longer exist and we will be in perpetual paradise, just as God planned in the beginning.”—*Theresa Lopez, Denver (Colorado), question-and-answer period at end of a speech by this visionary, November 11, 1992.*

The faithful ones, who have trusted Mary, will be led by Her into the Holy City.

“Allow yourselves to be drawn by the enchantment of your heavenly Mother and follow Me, in the wake of my sweet fragrance, in order to go down with Me to meet the Holy City, which will come down out of heaven, at the end of the painful purification and of the great tribulation in which you are living in these

last times.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1992.*

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CONTINUES ON

After the “new era” begins—the Roman Catholic Church will continue on. It will be business as usual: The city of Rome, the cathedrals, the cardinals, bishops, and priests. The monasteries and nunneries. The daily masses, burning of candles, making medals, and saying rosaries. The worship before crucifixes and statues. —It will continue on forever!

Saint Peter and Saint Paul will be sent down to earth to preach to the people, and then elect a new Pope.

“Churches shall be closed, but only for a short time. The Pope shall be obliged to leave Rome. After the three days of darkness, Saint Peter and Saint Paul, having come down from Heaven, shall preach in the whole world and designate a new Pope. A great light will flash from their bodies and will settle upon the cardinal who is to become Pope. Christianity, then, will spread throughout the world. He is the Holy Pontiff, chosen by God to withstand the storm. At the end, he will have the gift of miracles, and his name shall be praised over the whole earth. Whole nations will come back to the Church and the face of the whole earth will be renewed. Russia, England, and China will come into the Church.”—*Mary, through Anna Maria Taiga.*

The Church will be bigger and more magnificent than ever.

“I saw in the distance great legions approaching. In the foreground I saw a Man on a white horse. Prisoners were set free and joined them. All the enemies were pursued. Then I saw that the Church was being promptly rebuilt, and she was more magnificent than ever before.”—*Mary, Sister Anna-Katarina Emmerick, (19th century Augustinian nun), May 13, 1820.*

The Roman Catholic faith will be the only one in the entire world. The pope will be the one true shepherd.

“This will be the Little Flock and I shall hover over it. In those days there will be one Shepherd and one Faith, that of the Roman Catholic Church, which I established when I walked visibly on the earth. After the distresses, which I am now permitting to come upon My obstinate people on earth, there will arise a fair and pure race and the earth will abound with My gifts.”—*Christ*

Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.

The sacrifice of the mass will continue to be the center of worship.

“His glorious reign will shine forth above all in the triumph of His Eucharistic Person, because the Eucharist will once again be the heart and center of the whole life of the Church.”—Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 14, 1979.

The faith and practice of everyone—will be that which was done back in the Dark Ages.

“Life in the world will change. Afterwards men will believe like in ancient times. These few words imply a lot about extraordinary events, that lie ahead and for which Our Lady came to prepare the world at Medjugorje.”—Letter from Tomislav Vlasic, Medjugorje (Croatia), August 15, 1983.

A WORLD MADE NEW

Christ will renew the world in purity. Then life in cities, ships, planes, and politics will continue on forever.

Christ will be present, but it will be the kingdom of His dear Mother.

“After a certain amount of time, Our Lord Jesus commanded the great trial to cease. Thereupon the terrible darkness receded from the earth and, along with all the demons, disappeared into the horrible abyss. The Earth’s surface was rent asunder and filled with craters. It was as if it had experienced a dreadful bombardment. Only here and there some small areas were preserved.

“Our Lord Jesus and His heavenly Mother descended to their previous position. Our Lord said ‘I have removed the living earth from the dead earth. To the living earth I have given Grace of My Wisdom that it may live in My Spirit.’ God the Father and the Holy Spirit commanded that the sun should shine with renewed strength upon the Earth. The air became crystal clear and the earth appeared newborn.

“I shall fashion and renew it, and it will be more beautiful than it is now. My laws will be different from what they are now, because My Divinity will be present in everything. I shall go amongst My creatures so that many will see Me and countless numbers will hear Me and they will recognize that I am the Living God from Heaven. I shall descend visibly amongst the Commu-

nities of the Little Flock which will be the Kingdom of My Most Holy Mother.”—*Statements, with quotations by Christ Child, by Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), May 31, 1976.*

Everything will be clean and pure.

“She told me . . . after this purification, there will be spring. Everything will be green, and everything will be clean. The water will be crystal clear, even the water from the faucets in houses. There will be no contamination in the water, nor the air, nor the river.”—*Statement by Brother David Lopez, El Ranchilo (Texas), no date.*

GREAT PEACE FOR A TIME

At last, the “new era” of peace comes to the faithful who have trusted in Mary. But, oddly enough, we will learn that it does not last very long.

Only through Mary can the faithful have peace.

“If people do as I ask, there will be peace.”—*Mary, through Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta, Fatima (Portugal), 1917.*

It will be called the “Second Pentecost.” It is because of Mary’s victory that the faithful receive it.

“You are entering into the last decade of this century of yours, when the events of which I have foretold you will come to completion and when My secrets will be revealed to you. You are entering into the time of the triumph of My Immaculate Heart. You are now close to the Second Pentecost. The Second Pentecost will come like a river of grace and mercy which will purify the Church and make her poor and chaste, humble and strong, without a spot or wrinkle, all beautiful, in imitation of your heavenly Mother. You are here to be molded by Me in order to become the new heart of this Church, completely renewed by the Spirit.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 28, 1990.*

The face of the earth is renewed.

“The time is coming, when the face of the Earth will be renewed. After the great catastrophe, all regions of the world will be transformed.”—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), October 1975.*

Everything was beautiful.

“The Earth was transformed into a most beautiful garden

full of flowers. It was soaked in bright sun-beams and veiled in gleaming purity. Everything seemed transparent, orderly and pure. No mountains were seen, only plains and hills.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), October 21, 1974.*

Everything is new.

“I will transform the Earth and it will be new . . . The people whose lives I spare will revere My Holy Name. The hearts will be shaken by My Voice, which they will hear after the Great Tribulation.”—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.*

Mary says it will be a new age. —But it will come because Mary conquered Satan (Genesis 3:15).

“My Immaculate Mother will be victorious over sin with Her power as Queen. The lily represents the cleansing of the world, the coming age of paradise, when humanity will live as if without sin. This will be a new world and a new age. This will be the age when mankind will get back what it lost in paradise. When My Immaculate Mother will step on the neck of the serpent, the gates of hell will be closed. The hosts of angels will be part of this flight. I have sealed My own with My seal that they shall not be lost in this flight.”—*Christ Child, through Sister Natalia, Hungary, (visions in 1940s), no date.*

The redemption will achieve its perfect fulfillment.

“Jesus Christ is King, because it pertains to His divine mission to bring the created universe back to the perfect glorification of the Father, purifying it with the burning fire of the Holy Spirit, in such a way that it may become completely freed of every spirit of evil, of every shadow of sin, and thus be able to open itself to the enchantment of a new earthly paradise . . . In this creation, renewed by a perfect communion of life with the Father, Jesus Christ will restore His reign of glory, so that the work of His divine redemption may attain its perfect fulfillment.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), November 22, 1992.*

They will continue to keep the sacrifice of the mass.

“His glorious reign will shine forth above all in the triumph of His Eucharistic Person, because the Eucharist will once again be the heart and center of the whole life of the Church.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 14, 1979.*

We were earlier told that Satan was destroyed during the

three-day darkness. Now we are told that he will be shut up and cannot get to us.

“The new era, which I am preparing for you, coincides with the defeat of Satan and of his universal reign. All his power is destroyed. He is bound, with all the wicked spirits, and shut up in hell from which he will not be able to get out to do harm in the world. Herein, Christ reigns in the splendor of His glorified body, and the Immaculate Heart of your heavenly Mother triumphs in the light of her body, assumed into the glory of paradise.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), August 15, 1991.*

THEN SIN WILL AGAIN ARISE

Yet, with Satan out of the way—sin will still arise again! This concept would agree with Satan’s, told from the beginning, that no one can really keep the law of God and stop sinning.

According to Mary, for a time the faithful will not do so. That which, for a time, will keep them pure will be journeying to Europe by ship or boat—and gazing again upon the miracle, displayed at those nine pine trees on the rocky hill near Garabandal. Seeing the miracle anew will keep them faithful to God. The glory of the miracle purifies them. No obedience necessary.

Purification of heart by returning to Garabandal.

“These children and their children in turn will be able to go to Garabandal to gaze upon the sign—a testimony against the sins of past generations, an explanation of why the old world had to end and why there is now peace and unity, and a warning for the future, that never again must men and women offend our Lord so much. The children of today’s generation will return home chastened by the sight of the permanent sign and by its power, for somehow it will enlighten their minds and fire their hearts to know their own sinfulness, and call them to repentance too, purifying them as they come near its glory.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 19, 1991.*

This sinless state will not last more than thirty years! Then a new cycle of sinning will begin again. The point being taught here is that the law of God cannot be obeyed.

“After the distresses, which I am now permitting to come upon my obstinate people on earth, there will arise a fair and pure race and the earth will abound with My gifts. My sons and My

daughters will keep My Commandments, thus everything will live and grow with My Blessing for thirty years. Later on My people will again tend to evil and to sin. I shall then send My messengers, Elijah and Enoch, from Heaven to instruct the people in the true faith.”—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.*

PART FOUR
SPECIAL
TEACHINGS

COMMENTS ON REVELATION

You will notice three facts about these interpretations: (1) They all begin in the future. (2) Mary is the only one opposing the wicked and gaining all the victories. (3) Nearly everything is a great, glowing self-praise report on how glorious and wonderful the speaker, Mary, is.

THE ONE WHO OPENS THE SEALED BOOK

Mary does, of course.

“The Lord is sending Me to you that I might bring to fulfillment the task which the Most Holy Trinity has entrusted to Me in these times of yours.

“I am opening for you the sealed book, that the secrets contained in it may be revealed. I have gathered you from all sides and you have been formed by Me in order to be ready for the great events which are awaiting you. Only in this way are you able to carry out your important mission.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), October 13, 1988.*

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IS ABOUT THE VICTORY OF MARY**

Mary will explain it to you.

“I will bring you to the full understanding of Sacred Scripture. Above all, I will read to you the pages of its last book, which you are living. In it, everything is already predicted, even that which must still come to pass. The battle to which I am calling you is clearly described, and My great victory is foretold.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), April 24, 1980.*

THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN

Mary is the pure woman in Revelation Twelve.

Pope Paul VI, in his 1967 encyclical, *Signum Magnum*, identified the Lady of Fatima as the Woman clothed with the sun.

“I am the Virgin of Revelation.”—*Mary, through Bruno Cornacchiola, at Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), Rome, Italy, April 12, 1947.*

Mary is always quite willing to praise Herself.

“I am the Virgin of Revelation. In Me, the masterpiece of the Father is realized in such a perfect manner, that He can shed on Me the light of His predilection. The Word assumes His human nature in My virginal womb, and thus can come to you by means of My true function as Mother. The Holy Spirit draws Me, like a magnet, into the depths of the life of love between the Father and the Son, and I become interiorly transformed and so assimilated to Him as to be His spouse.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), April 24, 1980.*

THE CROWN OF TWELVE STARS

The crown shows She is the Queen.

“At the end, I am seen as the Woman clothed with the sun . . . About My head there is therefore a crown of twelve stars. The crown is the sign of royalty. It is composed of twelve stars because it becomes the symbol of My material and royal presence in the very heart of the people of God.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1989.*

THE TWELVE STARS

The stars are her followers.

“The Apocalypse sees Me as a great sign in heaven: the Woman clothed with the sun who does battle with the dragon and his powerful army of evil. And so the stars about My head indicate those who consecrate themselves to My Immaculate Heart.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1989.*

THE WOMAN WITH CHILD

Mary conquers the enemy.

“I saw the wreckers enter the Church with the Beast. There, they met a Woman of noble carriage who seemed to be with child because she walked slowly. At this sight, the enemies were terrorized, and the Beast could not take but another step forward. It projected its neck towards the Woman as if to devour her, but the Woman turned about and bowed down [towards the Altar], her head touching the ground. Thereupon I saw the Beast taking to flight towards the sea again and the enemies were fleeing in

the greatest confusion. Then, I saw in the distance great legions approaching. In the foreground I saw a man on a white horse. Prisoners were set free and joined them. All the enemies were pursued. Then, I saw that the Church was being promptly rebuilt, and she was more magnificent than ever before.”—*Mary, Sister Anna-Katarina Emmerick, (Augustinian nun in the 19th century), May 13, 1820.*

THE TWO OPPOSING FORCES

The Godhead obviously does everything through Mary.

“I have come from heaven to reveal to you My plan in this struggle which involves everyone, marshaled together at the orders of two opposing leaders: the Woman clothed with the sun and the Red Dragon.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 13, 1979.*

THE FINAL BATTLE

Mary will fight it for the universe.

“I am now announcing to you that this is the time of the decisive battle. During these years, I myself am intervening, as the Woman clothed with the sun, in order to bring to fulfillment the Triumph of My Immaculate Heart which I have already begun through you, My beloved sons.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), October 13, 1988.*

THE GREAT RED DRAGON

Atheistic communism.

“The huge Red Dragon is atheistic communism which has spread everywhere the error of the denial and of the obstinate rejection of God.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 14, 1989.*

Marxist atheism.

“The Red Dragon is Marxist atheism, which has now conquered the whole world, and which has induced humanity to build a new civilization of its own, without God. In consequence, the world has become a cold and barren desert, immersed in the ice of hatred and in the darkness of sin and impurity. The black Beast is also Masonry which has infiltrated the Church and at-

tacks it, wounds it, and seeks by its subtle tactics to demolish it.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 29, 1983.*

THE SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS

Look to the West; don't look toward Rome!

“In one of my conversations with the Lord, I asked the Lord to explain Revelation. The Lord’s answer to this question was that the dragon with seven heads and ten horns now dwells in our world. The Lord said, ‘Look to the West.’ ”—*Jim Singer, Ontario (Canada), no date.*

THE DRAGON'S TEN HORNS

Marxist atheism.

“The huge Red Dragon is Marxist atheism, which appears with ten horns, namely with the power of its means of communication.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 14, 1989.*

THE DRAGON'S SEVEN HEADS

Communist nations.

“[The Red Dragon has] seven heads, upon each of which there is a crown, signs of authority and royalty. The crowned heads indicate the nations in which atheistic communism is established and rules with the force of its ideological, political and military power.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 14, 1989.*

THE COLOR OF THE DRAGON

It conquers through warfare.

“Its color is red because it uses wars and blood as instruments of its numerous conquests.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), May 14, 1989.*

THE CONQUEROR OF THE RED DRAGON

Mary fights with him, conquers him, drives him off, and binds him.

“At the end, I am seen as the Woman clothed with the sun, who has the task of fighting against the Red Dragon and his powerful army, to conquer him, to bind him and to drive him away into his kingdom of death . . . Behold Me, then, presented by Sacred Scripture in the splendor of My material royalty.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 8, 1989.*

THE LEOPARD-LIKE BEAST

The leopard-like Beast.

“The Black Beast like a leopard . . .”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 13, 1989.*

Freemasonry.

“If the Red Dragon is Marxist atheism, the Black Beast is Freemasonry. The Dragon manifests himself in the force of his power; the black Beast on the other hand acts in the shadow, keeps out of sight and hides himself in such a way as to enter everywhere. He has the claws of a bear and the mouth of a lion, because he works everywhere with cunning and with the means of social communication, that is to say through propaganda. The seven heads indicate the various Masonic lodges, which act everywhere in a subtle and dangerous way.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 3, 1989.*

THE LEOPARD'S HORNS AND HEADS

Masonry.

“This Black Beast has ten horns and, on the horns, ten crowns, which are signs of dominion and royalty. Masonry rules govern throughout the whole world by means of the ten horns.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 3, 1989.*

Masonry.

“The task of the Black Beast, namely of Masonry, is that of fighting, in a subtle way, to obstruct souls . . . The aim of Masonry is not to deny God, but blaspheme Him.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 3, 1989.*

THE CONQUEROR OF THE LEOPARD BEAST

Mary totally defeats him.

“My Immaculate Heart becomes your refuge and the sure road

which brings you to God. In My Immaculate Heart there is delineated the tactic made by your heavenly Mother, to fight back against and to defeat the subtle plot made use of by the Black Beast.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 3, 1989.*

THE LAMB-LIKE BEAST

Ecclesiastical Masonry.

“The Black Beast like a leopard indicates Freemasonry; the Beast with two horns like a lamb indicates Freemasonry infiltrated into the interior of the Church, that is to say, Ecclesiastical Masonry . . . This Masonic infiltration, in the interior of the Church, was already foretold to you by me at Fatima, when I announced to you that Satan would enter in even to the summit of the Church.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 13, 1989.*

VICTORY OVER THE LAMB-LIKE BEAST

Mary protects the church and conquers the lamb-like Beast.

“Once more I saw that the Church of Peter was undermined by a plan evolved by the secret sect [Masonry], while storms were damaging it. But I saw also that help was coming when distress had reached its peak. I saw again the Blessed Virgin ascend on the Church and spread Her mantle [over it]. I saw a Pope who was at once gentle, and very firm . . . I saw a great renewal, and the Church rose high in the sky.”—*Mary, through Sister Anna-Katarina Emmerick, (19 century Augustinian nun), May 13, 1820.*

THE ANTICHRIST

He has the number, 666.

“With intelligence, illumined by the light of divine Wisdom, one can succeed in deciphering from the number, 666, the name of a man and this name, indicated by such a number, is that of the Antichrist.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 17, 1989.*

THE NAME AND NUMBER OF THE BEAST

The one who tries to put himself above God.

“Calculate now its number, 666, to understand how it indicates the name of a man. The number, 333, indicates the divinity. Lucifer rebels against God through pride, because he wants to put himself above God. 333 is the number which indicates the mystery of God. He who wants to put himself above God bears the sign 666, and consequently this number indicates the name of Lucifer, Satan, that is to say, of him who sets himself against Christ, of the Antichrist.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 17, 1989.*

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

It is received by all who refuse to submit to the rule of Mary.

“Allow yourselves to be nourished and formed by Me; allow yourselves to be led by Me with docility; allow yourselves to be signed by Me with My motherly seal. These are the times when the followers of him who opposes himself to Christ are being signed with his mark on the forehead and on the hand.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 8, 1989.*

It is received by those who are enemies of Christ.

“The mark on the forehead and on the hand is an expression of a total dependency on the part of these who are designated by that sign. The sign indicates him who is a enemy of Christ, that is to say, the sign of the Antichrist.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 8, 1989.*

WHEN THE MARK IS PLACED

By means of numerical double-talk, it means the mark will be placed in 1998.

“666 indicated thrice, that is to say, for the third time, expresses the year 1998. In this period of history, Freemasonry, assisted by its ecclesiastical form, will succeed in its great design: that of setting up an idol to put in the place of Christ and of His Church. A false christ and false church. Consequently, the statue built in honor of the first Beast, to be adored by all the inhabitants of the earth and which will seal with its mark all those who want to buy or sell, is that of the Antichrist.”—*Mary,*

through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), June 17, 1989.

THE SEAL OF GOD

Those who surrender to Mary receive the seal.

“If My Adversary is signing, with his mark, all his followers, the time has come when I also, your heavenly Leader, am signing, with My motherly seal, all those who have consecrated themselves to My Immaculate Heart and have formed part of My army.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), September 8, 1989.*

THE SEAL ON THE FOREHEAD

They will be the ones who have let the spirits guide them.

“All My children will receive and carry the sign of the cross on their foreheads. This sign only My chosen ones will see. These chosen ones will be without any kind of fear during the most difficult hours. They will be protected by the good spirits and will be fed by Heaven from where they will receive further instructions. They will fall into a deathlike steep, but they will be instructed by My angels how to conduct themselves. My faithful will be protected by angels. When they awake they will be like those newly born. Their bodies will be beautiful and their souls will be steeped in God. The earth will be beautiful and My chosen ones will see how God takes care of them.”—*Mary, through Matous Losuta, Turzovka (Czechoslovakia), 1958.*

See the section, “*The Seal*,” for a more complete identification of this seal, which belongs to Mary, is applied by Her angels, and identifies the possessor as Her people.

WHO BINDS SATAN WITH THE CHAIN?

Mary, of course. She does just about everything!

“Satan is the uncontested ruler of the world and the master of all humanity. Soon his reign will be reduced to a heap of ruins and his power will be destroyed, because I myself will bind him with a chain and will shut him up in his pool of eternal fire and death, from which he will be no longer able to get out . . . I announce to you that your liberation is near.”—*Mary, through Don*

Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), January 1, 1992.

WHAT WILL BE USED TO BIND HIM?

The rosary, of course.

“Satan’s pride will again be conquered by the humility of little ones, and the Red Dragon will find himself decisively humiliated and defeated when I bind him not by a great chain but by a frail cord: the holy rosary.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), October 7, 1983.*

CHANGED LAWS AND SABBATHS

The apparitions contain some special teachings about the law and the weekly rest day. These clearly reflect Satan’s teaching that the law of God is defective, must be changed every so often, and cannot be kept by anyone very long.

In the last days, the wicked will be in rebellion against God’s law (which, of course, includes Sunday worship).

“[When Christ returns the second time] The world will be completely covered in the darkness of the denial of God, of its obstinate rejection of Him and of rebellion against His law of love.”—*Mary, through Don Stefano Gobbi, Milan (Italy), December 24, 1978.*

We are to obey God, by implicitly obeying the priests.

“My novice, you who wish to belong without reserve to the Lord, to become the spouse worthy of the Spouse, make your vows knowing that you must be fastened to the Cross with three nails. These three nails are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Of the tree, obedience is the foundation. In total abandon, let yourself be led by your superior. He will know how to understand you and to direct you.”—*Mary, through Sister Agnes Sasagawa, Akita (Japan), August 3, 1973.*

In these last days, it is important that Sunday be sacredly kept.

“Preserve Sunday for prayer.”—*Mary, through Tom Cliffe, Melleray Grotto, County Waterford (Ireland), 1985.*

Mary is the Ark of the Covenant, so She is the standard of what is in the law of God.

“God wants to renew the covenant with His people through Mary, His Ark of the Covenant.”—*Mary, through Gladys Quiroga de Motta, San Nicolas (Argentina), one of 1,800 messages received between October 13, 1983 and February 11, 1990.*

Mary has changed the teaching of Matthew 24:20.

“She [Mary] insists that we pray to the Lord that those days will not come in the winter and that there were not pregnant women about to give birth; because if they come in winter, the cold will be intense; there won’t be any artificial heat.”—*Mary, through Brother David Lopez, El Ranchilo (Texas), no date. 347:5*

It is Mary’s commandments, which should be kept.

“[During the three days of darkness, the candles] will not burn, if the people have not lived in accordance with My Commandments.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.*

The laws of God will be changed into something different, when Christ returns. (Apparently they were not worth much if they have to be changed again. The Roman Church changed them, and soon they will be changed again.)

“[When Jesus makes the earth and heavens new at His second coming,] I shall fashion and renew it, and it will be more beautiful than it is now. My laws will be different from what they are now, because My Divinity will be present in everything.”—*Christ Child, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), May 31, 1976.*

When Christ returns, He will give us a new Sabbath. (This will be the third one: the first with the Bible Sabbath; the second the Sunday, which the Roman Church made.)

“I, the Lord God, shall make a new . . . a new moon . . . a new dawning and so forth. A new Sabbath. The old shall pass away as [will] their offenses against Me. Again the peoples will call Me their God and I shall have them as My people. It is in this that

praise and glory shall be given unto Me again . . . and worship, once more.”—*Christ Child, through three adults, Lubbock (Texas), August 1, 1988.*

Because the law of God cannot be kept, after Christ’s return to purify the earth, the people will again fall into sin. Even the newly changed law cannot be obeyed.)

“[After Christ’s second coming] My sons and My daughters will keep My commandments. Later on My people will again tend to evil and to sin. I shall then send My Messengers, Elijah and Enoch, from heaven to instruct the people in the true Faith.”—*Mary, through Julka, Zagreb (Croatia), no date.*

APPENDIX

APPARITION SITES

This list of apparition sites includes only some of the most important ones. Hundreds more are not included. Those which the Roman Catholic hierarchy considers the most important are in full caps. The most important last-day event apparitions are included in this book, and are listed below in bold face. Those not in bold face are not mentioned in this book. The most crucial of the last-day event apparitions have been placed in bold italic. All dates indicate time of first apparition only. Many, especially since 1970, have continued for years.

BEFORE 1844

1531—GUADALUPE, Mexico, 1531: Juan Diego

1634—Quito, Ecuador, 1634: Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres

1820s—Sister Anna Katerina Emmerick, Augustinian nun

1830—Rue de Bac, Paris: Catherine Laboure

AFTER 1844

1846—LaSalette, France: Melanie Calvat and Maximin Guiraud

1858—LOURDES, France: Bernadette Soubirous

1871—Pontmain, France: Eugene and Joseph Barbadette

1879—Knock, Ireland: Fifteen People

1904—Poland: Father Maximilian Kolbe

1914—Hrushiv: 22 peasants

1917—FATIMA, Portugal: Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta (children)

1932—Beuraing, Belgium: Voisin and Degeimbre (children)

Banneux, Belgium: Mariette Beco

1937—Poland: Sister Faustina (Cracow)

1938—Belgium: Bertha Petit

1940s—Hungary: Sister Marie Natalia

1945—Zagreb, Yugoslavia: Julka

- 1945—Holland, Amsterdam: Ida Perleman
 1947—Marienfried, Germany: Barbara Reuss
 1947—Montichiari, Italy: Pierina Gilli
1947—Tre Fontane, Italy: Bruno Cornacchiola
 1951—Poland: Barbara Klosowna
 1953—Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico: Three Children
 1954—Seredne, Ukraine: Anna Hanya
 1954—Fostoria, Ohio: Sister Mildred Mary
 1954—Calabria, Italy: Mother Elena Aiello
 1954—Windy Gap, N. Ireland: Seamus Quail
1958—Turzovka, Czechoslovakia: Matous Losuta
1961—Garabandal, Spain: Four Children
 1962—Skiemonys, Lithuania
 1963—Vietnam: Rosa Maria
 1964—San Damiano, Italy: Mama Rosa Quattrini
 1965—Belgium: Maguerite
 1966—Porto San Stefano, Italy: Enzo Alocci
 1968—Italy: Mama Carmela Carabelli
 1968—Zeitoun, Egypt: Hundreds of thousands

SINCE 1970

- 1972—Milan, Italy: Father Stefano Gobbi**
 (He started the Marian Movement of Priests in 1973.)
1972—Dozule, France: Madaleine
1973—Akita, Japan: Sister Agnes Sasagawa
 1974—Binh Loi, Vietnam: Stephen Ho-Ngoc-Anh
 1974—Canada: Brother Joseph Francis
 1974—Rome, Italy: Mother Elena Patriarca Leonardi
 1976—Betania, Venezuela: Maria Esperanza and Others

SINCE 1980

- 1980—Cuapa, Nicaragua: Bernardo Martinez
 1980—El Escorial, Spain: Amparo Cuevas
 1980—Taiwan: Five People
 1981—Kibeho/Rwanda, Africa: Seven Children
1981—Medjugorje, Yugoslavia: Six Children

- 1982—Eisenberg, Austria: Aloisa Lex
 1982—Damascus, Syria: Mirna Nazzour
 1983—Penablanca, Chile: Miguel Angel Poblete
 1983—San Nicolas, Argentina: Gladys Quiroga de Motta
1985—Melleray Grotto, Ireland: Several People (County Waterford)
 1985—Ballinspittle, Ireland
 1985—Switzerland: Vassula Ryden
1985—Surrey, England: Patricia
1985—Oliveto Citra, Italy (south of Naples): 12 boys
 1985—Inchigeela, Ireland: Three Children
1985—Naju, Korea: Julia Kim
 1986—Shoubra, Egypt: Thousands
 1986—Manila, Philippines: Soldiers
**1987—Bessbrook, Northern Ireland: Beulah Lynch
 and Mark Treanor**
 1987—Hrushiv, Ukraine: Marina Kizyn
 1987—Mayfield, Ireland: Sally Ann
 and Judy Considine
 1987—Conyers, Georgia: Nancy Fowler
1987—Cuenca, Ecuador: Patricia Talbot
 1987—Grushevo, Ukraine: Thousands
1988—Cortnadreha, Ireland: Christina Gallagher
 1988—Scottsdale, Arizona: Several People
1988—Phoenix, Arizona: Estela Ruiz
1988—Lubbock, Texas: Three Adults
 1989—Ontario, Canada: Jim Singer
 1989—Marlboro, New Jersey: Joseph Januszkiewicz
 1989—Kettle River, Minnesota: Steve Marino
 1990—Ontario, Canada: Jim Singer
1990—Canada: Josyp Terelya
1990—Denver, Colorado: Theresa Lopez
 1990—Litmanova, Czechoslovakia: Two Children
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HOW AN ADVENT BELIEVER WAS CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM

Beware, beware! It can happen. The following experience occurred in Rome. The Italian Union of SDA, with headquarters in Rome, includes Italy, Malta, San Marino, and Vatican City:

“You think that an Adventist cannot be captured? Prepare yourself! I have been to Rome a number of times. On one visit there I had an unforgettable experience. My wife and I were being taxied around town by one of the ministers from the Union Conference office. We went to many places of interest. One time the pastor pulled his car to the curb and ushered us into a garden. A sign at the entrance indicated that the garden had been dedicated as a sacred shrine a few years ago by one of the popes. Here is the story:

“Several years before, an Adventist brother, a convert from Catholicism, was walking in this garden on a Sabbath afternoon. He was spending time with his two little daughters. In the garden there was a cave. The girls playfully ran into the cave. They lingered there for awhile; then ran out. They came to their father and said, ‘Daddy, come and see the beautiful lady.’ The father paid no attention.

“Then the girls ran back into the cave. When they came out again they were more insistent. ‘Daddy, you must come and see the beautiful lady.’ They dragged him by the hand. To humor them he went along. He was not prepared for what he saw. There was a visible luminous apparition of the Virgin Mary. She smiled at him and talked to him. She told him that she loved him and missed him, and wanted him to come back to her.

“Totally captivated, this brother instantly left the Adventist Church and returned to Rome.”—*Northwest*.

MARY HONORED IN THE KORAN THE SACRED BOOK OF ISLAM

“Whenever Zacharias [the father of John the Baptist] visited her in the Shrine he found that she had food with her. ‘Mary,’ he said, ‘where is this food from?’ ‘It is from God,’ she answered. ‘God gives without stint to whom He will.’ Thereupon Zacharias prayed to his Lord, saying: ‘Lord, grant me upright descendants. You hear all prayers.’ And as he stood praying in the Shrine, the angels called out to him, . . .

“Remember the angels’ words to Mary.’ They said: ‘God has chosen you. He has made you pure and exalted you above womankind. Mary, be obedient to your Lord; bow down and worship with the worshippers.

“This is an account of a divine secret. We reveal it to you. You were not present when they cast lots to see which of them should have charge of Mary; nor were you present when they argued about her.’ ”—*The Koran, Section titled The ‘Imrans, English translation, p. 46.*

What great crisis is coming on the Roman Catholic Church?

Will there be another World War?

Will the United States ever suffer defeat?

What race will the Antichrist belong to?

What will he look like?

What is the first plague?

What part will China and France play in the coming crisis?

Why did John Paul go to Denver?

What great sign in the sky will everyone on earth see?

What can the faithful do to postpone the coming disasters?

What are the Beasts of Revelation 13?

What is the third secret of Fatima?

Within which years will the final crisis occur?

How long will it last?

What event resulted in the immense number of last-day apparitions?

The conversion of what nation can stop the coming crisis?

Why does John Paul especially believe in the apparitions?

What one person has been appointed to protect the faithful during the coming crisis?

What will happen to the Catholic Church after Christ returns?

Who will be ruler of the New Jerusalem?

What great tragedy will occur later in eternity, after Satan and the wicked are all destroyed?