THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND THE WALLS OF JERICHO



- □ The Ark of the Covenant was carried by the Israelite army led by Joshua (Joshua 6:1-27)
- The Ark contained "the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant." (Hebrews 9:4; Exodus 16:33-34, 25:16; Numbers 17:8)
- \Box The Shekinah Glory, the visible Presence of God, "overshadowed" the Ark <u>ἐπισκιάζω</u> (to overshadow; envelope). (Exodus 40:34-35). This Greek word is rarely used in the Bible, but is again used in the biblical Annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:35).
- The Ark was carried around Jericho once a day for 7 days; on the 7th day the Israelites made a mighty shout and the walls of Jericho came down (circa 1400 BC)



Blessed Virgin Mary: The new ark of The CoVenanT

- The Old Testament Ark is a "Type" or "Prefiguration" of the True Ark the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you [Satan] and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." It is THE WOMAN'S seed – very unusual, and a reference to Mary.
- The old Ark had manna, Aaron's rod, and the 10 Commandments.
 The New Ark has the Living Bread from heaven, the Eternal High Priest, and the Living Word of God
- The Shekinah Glory of God, "overshadowed" the Ark <u>ἐπισκιάζω</u> (to overshadow; envelope). The same biblical word is used at the Annunciation when the Glory of God "overshadows" Mary.
- King David leaps for joy when the Ark is found and delivered back to Jerusalem. He cries out "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" (2 Sam 6:9,14). When Mary visits Elizabeth, Elizabeth cries out "Why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" and the baby in her womb, John the Baptist, leaps for joy (Luke 1:42-3).
- The Old Testament Ark stayed in the House of Obed-edom for 3 months; Mary stays in Elizabeth's house 3 months (2 Sam 6:11; Luke 1:56)
- □ Revelation 11:19; 12:1-10 "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm. A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. "





<u>The Rosary in Battle</u>

1. "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." -Saint Padre Pio

2. "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." - Blessed Pope Pius IX

3. "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." – Saint Francis de Sales

4. "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." -St. Padre Pio

5. "Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!" -St. Padre Pio

6. "The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." -St. Josemaria Escriva 7. "Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!" -St. Josemaria Escriva

8. "For those who use their intelligence and their study as a weapon, the Rosary is most effective. Because that apparently monotonous way of beseeching Our Lady as children do their Mother, can destroy every seed of vainglory and pride." – St. JosemariaEscriva

9. "You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God." – St. Josemaria Escriva 10. "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin…If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." – Pope Pius XI

11. "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description." – Archbishop Fulton Sheen

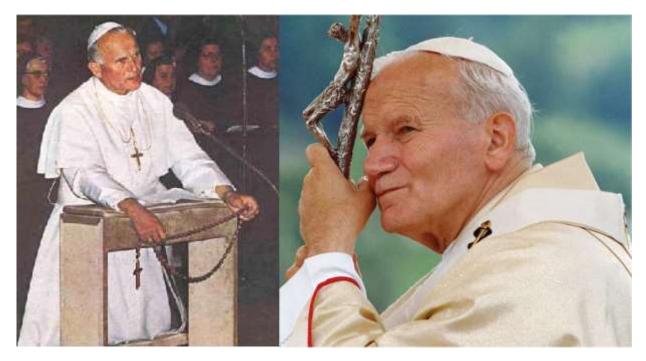
12. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." Pope Leo XIII

13. "No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary" –Bishop Hugh Doyle

14. "The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." -Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima

15. "The ways of God are entirely different from our ways. To us it seems necessary to employ powerful means in order to produce great effects. This is not God's method; quite the contrary. He likes to choose the weakest instruments that He may confound the strong: "God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong — Infirma mundi elegit ut confundat fortia" (1 Cor 1:27). https://catholicgentleman.com/2014/10/powerful-weapon-15-quotes-holy-rosary/





"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history." Pope John Paul II



1981 attempted assassination bullet now in crown of Fatima Virgin Statue

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"We were still in the period of the so-called "Cold War": together, we prayed to avert the great threat of a conflict which seemed to menace humanity ... God heard his children's supplication. Even if we had to note the outbreak of dangerous local and regional conflicts, we were nonetheless spared the great world conflict which had loomed on the horizon ... This is why, with greater awareness, we wish one another peace as we cross the threshold of the new century Every person's history is written first of all in his own mother's heart."

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The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer!

Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth."

"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain.

Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises toward ever wider horizons!"

St. Pope John Paul II

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15 REASONS TO BELIEVE IN LIFE

1. I accept biologic, genetic, and embryologic reality that when 23 chromosomes of the mother join 23 chromosomes of the father, a unique new biologic being, with 46 chromosomes and a gender, is formed. The zygote is the conception of a new human being that had previously simply not existed

2. I believe in the Hippocratic Oath which explicitly forbids abortion.

3. Abortion is worse than "simple murder" because of the sacred uniqueness of the vocations of motherhood and medicine.

4. No embryo or fetus that has survived an abortion attempt on their lives is ever "pro-choice."

5. The Nuremberg trials after WWII condemned abortion as a "crime against humanity" and an "activity marking a criminal organization" against which judgments were made.

6. All medical declarations immediately following the Trials, including the Geneva Declaration, unanimously affirmed protection for unborn human life. Furthermore, this "protection of the law" for unborn human life was mandated to be codified into the International Bill of Rights by United Nations Resolution, as the Nuremberg judgments had required this inclusion into the International Bill of Rights.

7. Mother Teresa explicitly equated American violence with abortion. She said, "If we accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill each other?"

8. Totalitarian regimes in the last century embraced abortion, including Communism and Naziism.

9. The racist and eugenic origins of Planned Parenthood are exemplified by its founder, Margaret Sanger, who enthusiastically promoted population control for "undesirables." Her "Negro Project" was explicitly promoted to Black ministers for religious appeal as a precaution, saying "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population." She enthusiastically spoke to the KKK and among her publications was that written by a founder of Naziracialhygiene.

10. The seminal founders of abortion advocacy in the US reversed their views. The "Roe" of "Roe v Wade" denounced her involvement in the landmark abortion case. She became a Catholic and outspoken pro-life advocate. The "Doe" of "Doe v Bolton" similarly denounced her involvement and became vocally pro-life. The abortionist founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, after seeing ultrasounds of his abortions, renounced his abortion advocacy and became Catholic.

11. The American Medical Association (AMA) and the preponderance of state medical organizations condemned abortion, including the California Medical Association (CMA). Abortionists were labeled as "educated assassin[s]...who cling to a noble profession only to dishonor it..." and lamented the "immense number of living children...intentionally destroyed...the evil to society of this crime."

12. Happy people value life and is reason enough to believe in life.

13. Authentic radical feminism and civil rights activism embraced the dignity of the unborn. Innumerable examples of such pioneering women include the first female US presidential candidate who said, "No woman can practice this crime [abortion] without in part destroying her own life."

14. The disingenuity of the professional abortion organizations is evident in illicit semantic gymnastics separating "conception" and "pregnancy" from "fertilization" to obfuscate the moral quandary of early abortion.

15. The ramifications of our acceptance or rejection of "Truth" affects not only the issue of abortion, but every aspect of our lives. Healthy philosophy based on Truth forms a healthy psychology and a healthy society.

15 REASONS TO BELIEVE IN LIFE

A new human being: singlecell zygote with 46 chromos-



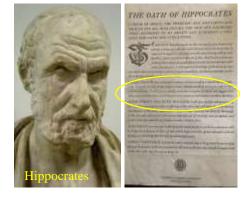
no more pivotal a moment in the growth and development of a human person than when 23 chromosomes of the mother join 23 of the father to form a unique new biologic entity - with a gender - that had previously simply not existed.

1. I am a physician who simply accepts biological reality, namely, that there is

2. I am a physician who took the Hippocratic Oath upon graduating from UCLA School of Medicine. The Oath we were given states: "I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; furthermore, I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce abortion. With purity and holiness I will pass my life and practice my art." As a physician, I believe in the tenets of the Hippocratic Oath



3. The profession of motherhood and the profession of medicine are both uniquely sacred. This is what makes abortion even worse than "simple" murder it distorts the nobility and beauty of motherhood and medicine into something unrecognizable and horrific.

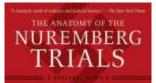






4. Every child has a right to live. No fetus that has survived abortion to grow to adulthood - and there are multiple - is ever "prochoice." These abortion survivors who lived through their attempted murders are in a national registry of such victims.







5. After WWII, the Nuremberg Trials of 1945-49 judged medical atrocities related to experimental research crimes as well as nonexperimental crimes of mass killings, euthanasia, and abortion. The chief prosecutor at the doctors' trial made special mention that this was "no mere murder trial." as the defendants were physicians sworn to the Hippocratic Oath. The prosecution at the Nuremberg trials cited Nazi abortion policy as a "crime against humanity" and an "activity marking a criminal organization." Nazis were indicted for "performance of abortions," "encouraging...abortions," and denying "protection of the law...to unborn children." Aside from affirming the criminal nature of abortion per se, the trials asserted that the mere denial of protection of the law to the unborn constituted a criminal offense. The prosecution expressly argued that abortion is a "crime against the unborn child" and summarized that abortion is an "inhuman act," an "act of extermination," and a "crime against humanity." Nazi directives to decriminalize and promote abortion in propaganda were used as evidence, as was a letter urging that women should get to know abortion "as a simple and pleasant affair." A Nazi requisite for abortion clinics was that they be "competently operated" and that "doctors must be able to help out, there being any question of this being a breach of their professional ethics." Indeed, as with criminal research in concentration camps, some conscientious objectors refused to do abortions. A Nazi document introduced as evidence noted the "objections on the part of a minority of reactionary Catholic physicians." (Tuomala JC 2011, Nuremberg and the Crime of Abortion. Liberty University Faculty Publications and Presentations. University of Toledo Law Review 42: 334-340; 358; 360; 371-372)

1948 Geneva Declaration of the World Medical Association

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6a. All medical declarations immediately following the Nuremberg Trials, including the Geneva Declaration, British Medical Association, and International Code of Medical Ethics unanimously affirmed respect and protection for unborn human life. The 1948 Geneva Declaration of the World Medical Association stated: "I will maintain the utmost respect for human life, from the time of its conception; even under threat, I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity."The 1947 British Medical Association War Crimes and Medicine Statement affirmed the requisite that doctors have "the duty of curing, the greatest crime being cooperation in the destruction of life by murder, suicide and abortion."

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6b. As part of the Nuremberg judgments, protection of the law for unborn human life was mandated to be codified into the International Bill of Rights by a United Nations Resolution. The Nuremberg judgments required that unborn lives be given "protection of the law" and codified in the International Bill of Rights to become a foundation of modern international human rights law (UN Resolution 95(I)).

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, United Nations 1959 states: "...the child...needs special safeguards and care, including...legal protection, before as well as after birth...[and] the need for such special safeguards has been...recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights..."



7. Mother Teresa prophetically said, "If we accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill each other? ...Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." The words of Mother Teresa are being fulfilled before our very eyes in our culture.





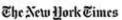
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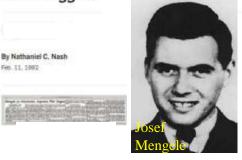
8. In 1920, the Communism under Lenin was the first government in Europe to legalize abortion on request.

Adolf Hitler was the first major Western European leader to allow for abortion even for the reason of psychological stress of the mother. Specifically, the Berlin Chamber of Physicians in 1933 loosened the Nazi's abortion policy in 1933. Hitler was the first to institute free-standing abortion clinics in Poland in 1943.

Josef Mengele, the "Angel of Death" at the Auschwitz concentration camp, was notorious in his brutality and barbaric medical experiments, most famously on twins. He escaped at the end of WWII, avoiding the Nuremberg Trials, and worked in medicine - most notably in abortion - in Argentina in the 1950's. As the NY Times reported, Mengele "had a reputation as a specialist in abortions." Mengele was a baptized Catholic, but did not practice. When one young mother died from an abortion by Mengele, he was detained briefly before a Buenos Aires judge. but released. In his post-WWII journal, Mengele remained unrepentant for his Auschwitz and abortion atrocities. Despite being a baptized Catholic, he wrote: "We have to liberate Germanic history from Roman and Catholic influences."



Mengele an Abortionist, Argentine Files Suggest



Feb 18, 1944 Nazi SS document used as evidence in the Nuremberg trials directing abortions in Eastern Europe, describing "...terminations of pregnancy are to be undertaken only on a voluntary basis...the physicians designated for the termination can be authorized to perform it as quickly as possible. The termination must proceed as flawlessly as possible, and the female Ostarbeiter or Polish woman must be treated charitably during this time, so that word gets about among all the female Ostarbeiter and Polish women that this matter is a simple and pleasant one."



9. The staggering racist and eugeics roots of Planned Parenthood. Margaret Sanger founded the future Planned Parenthood. She was a eugenicist, birth control promotor, and in her "Pivot of Civilization" dehumanized the poor, calling for the elimination of "human weeds," and calling for the segregation and compulsory sterilization of "morons, misfits, and maladjusted" and "genetically inferior races," inlcuding Blacks, Hispanics, poor Whites, and Catholics. Sanger said "Eugenics…reestablish[es] the balance between the 'fit' and the 'unfit." She proudly gave an address to the KKK in 1926. For Sanger, the marriage bed was desribed as "the most degenerating influence to the social order." Sanger said "the most merciful thing a large family can do to one of its infant members is to kill it." Sanger's plan for the Black community was clear in 1939: "the most successful approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal.

We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister...can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their rebellious members." Sanger's journal "Birth Control Review" editorial policy endorsed Blacks, southern Europeans as mentally inferiour and "dead weight of human waste" and a "menace to the race." American and British eugenics ideology helped form Nazi ideology regarding race hygeine programs. The April 1933 Birth Control Review published Ernst Rudin's "Eugenic Sterilization: an Ugent Need." Rudin was the founder of psychiatric genetics and a founder of the Nazi racial hygiene movement. He played a major role in promoting eugenics and helped formulate the 1933 Nazi eugenic sterilization law. Planned Parenthood continues its work today, and 40% of abortions in America are leveled on Black babies, despite Blacks only comprising 14% of the population. In New York City, more Black babies are aborted each year than born alive.

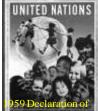


Dec 10, 1939 Letter from Sanger to Dr. Gamble regarding startup of "The Negro Project" of Planned Parenthood



10. Norma McCorvey ("Roe" of Roe v Wade) regretted her involvement in legalizing abortion. She became an active prolife activist and became Catholic. Sandra Cano ("Doe" of Doe v Bolton), as a Christian, bitterly regretted her involvement in expanding abortion. She spent the rest of her life trying to reverse the decision, including her appeal in 2003, which was rejected. Dr. Bernard Nathasan co-founded NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) and performed 70,000 abortions. With the introduction of ultrasound, he was horrified at seeing what abortion did to the unborn child. He became a vocal prolife advocate and made the documentary "The Silent Scream", which deeply affected Pope John Paul II. Dr. Nathasan became Catholic.





11. The American Medical Association (AMA) condemned

destruction of a child within its parent...the child is alive from the moment of

abortion. The AMA's Report on Criminal Abortion was unanimously accepted and published in their 1859 Transactions of the American Medical Association. The AMA officially notified congress and all state legislatures, calling for strengthening laws to criminalize abortion, and called on all State Medical Societies to reinforce this to their state governments. This secured the stringent laws against abortion passed over the next few decades, most of which remained until overruled by the 1973 Roe v. Wade. The AMA mentioned the "immense number of living children…intentionally destroyed ….[and] the serious injury thereby inflicted on public morals…it is the intentional

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In 1871, the Transcripts of the AMA published their Report on Criminal Abortion, calling abortionists "educated assassin[s]" "who cling to a noble profession only to dishonor it; men who seek not to save, but to destroy; men known...as abortionists." "And woman, whose high destiny was to be instrumental in...the human family; who ought to be the appropriate representative of a refined age, a model of purity, the centre of honor and affection – she descends from her high position, associates with these degraded characters, and becomes a participant in the destruction of her own offspring...with the stain of blood upon her soul...such is not the character of her high destiny...Why, too, should the natural instincts of women be so changed in regard to offspring? Why should so low an estimate be placed upon the value of human life?...where the very sources of life are invaded by the rude hands of the...abortionist, the paid assassin, who, being capable of taking the life of her offspring, can have little sympathy or regard for the well-being of the mother..."

"Indeed, no other doctrine appears to be consonant with reason or physiology but that which admits the embryo to possess vitality from the very moment of conception. It is a remarkable fact that the further we advance in civilization...the further do we recede from the main object which should be the end and aim of ... all good governments – the well-being of the human family and the preservation of human life."

"[Abortionists] seem impatient for the sacrifice...Mark the monster as he approaches his work!...Does he measure the extent of the foul deed he is about to commit?...it is a murder, a foul, unprovoked murder; and its blood...will cry from earth to Heaven for vengeance...this crime in all its hideous deformity...the horrid crime of foeticide...an enemy to the human family, as dark and as malignant as the spirit that sent it" "We have heard...much of barbarous nations where human victims were offered in sacrifice...we seldom...think of the sacrifices offered by our modern high-priests, the abortionists...is there anything done towards breaking up these wholesale shambles where human victims are daily sacrificed, or...arresting the principals or their accessories in their guilt?" "..." these monsters of iniquity...men, who, with corrupt hearts and blood-stained hands, destroy what they cannot reinstate, corrupt souls, and destroy the fairest fabric that God has ever created, and yet all this is done...under the cloak, of that profession."

"...thus a race formerly strong and vigorous must soon degenerate...Imagine the effect of such a course on a people, kept up for several successive generations...we see in that fact the seeds of decay...If the root become diseased, that disease must sooner or later extend to the branches." "...the establishment and the spread of [abortion] - the greatest curse which could befall the human family...if this curse cannot be controlled now, it is not likely ever to be reached hereafter. It becomes a national sin, and national sins merit and may receive national punishments." "The future of the profession of medicine in this country, and the character of that profession, will depend on the course pursued by...teachers of the present day." "But to turn out on the public young doctors without principle, without a sense of moral responsibility...is to entail a curse on society, which does not die with their natural lives, but may descend to other times and to other generations."

Many other state and local medical associations condemned abortion following the AMA's recommendations. As late as 1970, the California Medical Association (CMA) editorialized in their official journal that despite the popularization of abortion, the old ethic of "intrinsic and equal value" of human life had not yet been fully displaced, making "semantic gymnastics" necessary to "separate the idea of abortion from the idea of killing." The result was a "curious avoidance of the scientific fact which everyone really knows, that human life begins at

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12. Happy people value life. A civilized nation destined for survival does not kill its own children. The nobility of a nation hinges on the way it treats the most vulnerable. I am a member of the human race, a human person. Without compassion for an innocent child, what would make life bearable or worth living? Compassion for the helpless innocents and those who depend on us give meaning and purpose to our lives. Without this compassion, we are joyless, as we see so much of in our society. It is compassion and seeing our rightful place in the universe that gives us lasting joy. Being happy is reason enough to be "pro-life."



13. True radical feminism and civil rights activism embraced the dignity of the unborn.



Feminists for Life of America commemorates the 2020 Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment, led by the <u>original</u> feminists for life! These original founders of radical feminism were women artists, writers, poets, journal editors, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners, physicians, book authors (including the classics "Little Women" and "Frankenstein"), lawyers, and politicians (including the first woman to run for president). Their pioneering work includes the right of women to vote, 19th Amendment, origins of the Equal Rights Amendment, and ushering in the Black civil rights movement. They championed the abolition of slavery and equality in education. They embraced the dignity and worth of the unborn as an extension of the unique dignity of all women. They viewed abortion as a murderous offspring of male patriarchy, an affront to the uniqueness of the feminine genius.



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Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, is outspoken in her defense of human life. Like the women who founded feminism and spearheaded women's rights, she condemned abortion. Alveda King said: "Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness." "Abortion and racism are evil twins, born of the same lie. Where racism now hides its face in public, abortion is accomplishing the goals of which racism only once dreamed. Together, abortionists are destroying humanity at large and the black community in particular." "Abortion is an attack on the family and the humanity that unites us all." "When we said we will no longer sit on the back of the bus, a place was being reserved for us down at the abortion clinic."

Susan B. Anthony was instrumental in achieving women's suffrage culminating in the 19th Amendment in 1920 allowing women to vote. She said on abortion: "I deplore the horrible crime as child murder...no matter what the motive, love of ease, or desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed..." She was the proprietor of the women's newspaper "The Revolution" and spurned lucrative ads for patent-medicine abortifacients.

Alice Paul, the original 1923 author of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), said: ``Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women."

Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman physician to graduate from an US Medical School, said, "The gross perversion and destruction of motherhood by the abortionist filled me with indignation, and awakened active antagonism...it was an utter degradation of what might and should become a noble position for women..."

Dr. Alice Stockham: "Life must be present from the very moment of conception...[abortion] can be denominated by no more mild term than murder....the highest crime in the calendar for she takes the life of her own child. She defrauds the child of the right to its existence."

Dr. Maria Montessori: "Our attitude toward the newborn child should not be one of compassion but rather of reverence before the mystery of creation, that a spiritual being has been confined within limits perceptible to us ... everything is disposed to welcome, and nothing to harm it ..."

Dr. Rachel Gleason, the 4th female physician in the US, had an abortion. She wrote a book on what is now known as "post-abortion syndrome." ("The Mental and Physical Misery Entailed/Intentional Abortion" in "Talks to My Patients", 1870)

Estelle Pankhurst: "It is grievous indeed that the social collectivity should feel itself obliged to assist in so ugly an expedient as abortion in order to mitigate its crudest evils."

Angelina Grimke: "If anything can make all women sisters beneath their skin, it is motherhood." Her writings graphic portrayals of abortion as a horrible tool to exploit women of color. "There is a time coming [when] no colored woman – no colored child, born or unborn – will be safe..." She considered unborn children a source of hope and growth, especially for people of color, and considered the taking of unborn life a sign of terrible injustice and oppression.

Fannie Lou Hamer, African-American activist forcibly sterilized by an obstetrician, denounced abortion as "legal murder" and advocated for single mothers whom society tried to coerce to abort: "I think these children have aright to live...We are dealing with human beings."

Pearl Buck gave birth to a retarded child from phenylketonuria. She was the first woman to win Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes for literature. "Since the fetus is a creature already alive...to kill it is to choose death over life. At what point shall we allow this choice?... At no point, I repeat, either as life begins or as it ends." "For this gift bestowed upon me by a helpless child, I give my thanks."

Mary Wollstonecraft claimed male sexual exploitation rendered some women of "not sufficient strength to discharge the first duty of a mother" leading them to "destroy the embryo in the womb…Nature in everything demands respect..." She called abortifacient medication "infernal potion." Her daughter, Mary Godwin Shelley, like her mother, was an authentic feminist and best known for her classic novel "Frankenstein" – a warning of the consequences of unbridled tampering with nature.

Louisa May Alcott believed that true feminism does not pit women against their children, but benefits both women and children. Even as a 10-year-old, she wrote, "Father asked me what was God's noblest work. Anna said men, but I said babies. Men are often bad; babies never are." She went on to write her classic novel "Little Women."

Mattie Brinkerhoff saw abortion as a violation of the natural dignity of womanhood. With the husband choosing life or death for the fetus, his "absolute control of the wife's person…force[s] her to not only violate physical law, but to outrage the holiest instincts of her being to maintain even a semblance of that freedom which by nature belongs to every human soul."

Victoria Woodhull was Wallstreet's first woman stockholder and the first woman to run for president. She said, "The truth of the matter is that it is just as much a murder to destroy life in its embryonic condition as it is to destroy it after the fully developed form is attained, for it is the self-same life that is taken. No woman can practice this crime without in part destroying her own life." "The rights of children...begin while yet they remain the foetus." "Every woman knows that if she were free, she would never...think of murdering [a child] before its birth." "...many women attempt to excuse themselves for procuring abortions, upon the ground that it is not murder. But so weak an argument only shows the more palpably that they full realize the enormity of the crime...deliberately murder them while yet in their wombs. Can there be a more demoralizing condition than this?"

Dr. Anna Densmore, physician and hospital reformer, lamented "the growing crime of infanticide...the brain reels – that the mother ceases for a time to be human because of our inhumanity...a little life is so often immolated...the crime of abortion now become one of the most demoralizing features in American life." "...every instance that conception takes place – at no period can it be interfered with, from the first to the last moment of ultrauterine life, without tampering with a life that only God alone can give." "It is only through ignorance that it has become such a widespread evil." "Society has dishonored the holy office of maternity by degrading its entire significance."

Elizabeth Edson Evans, artist and writer, documented abortion experiences in her book "The Abuse of Maternity." The emotions of the women described in her book include: "I was almost insane with unavailing sorrow." Another: "I began to appreciate my unrepairable loss, my thoughts were filled with imaginings as to what might have been the worth of that child's individuality..." Another: "I had an idea that I had lost, through that unnatural deed, the normal powers and qualities of a human being...through that sin against my motherhood." Another: "I envy a mother who goes to weep beside her baby's grave; because she knows where it is laid, and remembers how it looked in life, and is not ashamed to say, 'I have lost a child.""

Eliza Bisbee Duffey: "Abortion, intentionally accomplished, is criminal in the first degree, and should be regarded as murder."

Abigail Scott Duniway: "If mothers only knew the natural consequences of abortion, as they are felt by their helpless victims...they would stop awestruck before committing the awful act..." "American fathers everywhere, the responsibility for this crime rests not with the mother, but with you...how dare you chide them, when in their ignorance terror, suffering, and desperation they commit the blackest crime known in the psychological catalogue?"

Matilda Joslyn Gage, a true radical feminist, wanted to be a physician, but, as a woman, was spurned from medical school. She considered abortion to be the products of a patriarchal legacy: "...most of this crime of child murder, abortion, infanticide, lies at the door of the male sex."

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Terms Used in Reference to The Fetus

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Physician Desk Reference, for the past several decades until now, on the mechanism of all oral/implant contraceptives:

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Combination oral contraceptives act by suppression of gonadotropins. Although the primary mechanism of this action is inhibition of ovulation, other alterations include changes in the cervical mucus (which increase the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus) and the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation).

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Oral contraceptives are indicated for the prevention of prognancy in women who elect to use this product as a method of contraception.

Oral contraceptives are highly effective. Table 1 lists the typical accidental pregnancy rates for users of combination oral contraceptives and other methods of contraception. The efficacy of these contraceptive methods, except sterilization and the IUD, depends upon the reliability with which they



14. Illicit semantic gymnastics separating "conception" and "pregnancy" from "fertilization"

Embryologically, genetically, and by every yardstick of science, conception and the beginning of pregnancy begin at fertilization. At this moment, a new unique individual with 46 chromosomes and a gender is formed. Every textbook of embryology recognizes this.

However, in 1965, this scientific and intuitive definition of "conception" was changed by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) away from "fertilization" to mean "implantation" of the early embryo onto the uterine wall, occurring 1-2 weeks after fertilization.

Why would ACOG have changed the definition of conception from fertilization to implantation? The chilling answer was suggested by Dr. Richard Sosnowski in his 1984 obstetrics and gynecology presidential address:

"I do not deem it excellent to play semantic gymnastics in a profession...It is equally troublesome to me that, with no scientific evidence to validate the change, the definition of conception as the successful spermatic penetration of an ovum was redefined as the implantation of a fertilized ovum. It appears to me that the only reason for this was the dilemma produced by the possibility that the intrauterine contraceptive device might function as an abortifacient."

The 1965 ACOG redefinition was inspired with ideas from the Planned Parenthood-Population Control 1959 meeting suggesting the word "conception" should be associated with implantation rather than fertilization, saying "whether [abortifacient contraceptives] can be ... considered to prevent conception rather than to destroy an established pregnancy could depend upon something so simple as a prudent habit of speech." (Boving B, Implantation Mechanisms, in Mechanisms Concerned with Conception, 1963). In 1964, Dr Samuel Wishik, at the Population Council Symposium, said that whether birth control is accepted or rejected by society depends on whether it causes early abortion. Dr. C. Tietze at the 1964 International Conference Intra-Uterine Contraception suggested from a public relations standpoint, "not to disturb those people for whom this is a question of major importance" and "if a medical consensus develops and is maintained that pregnancy, and therefore life, begins at implantation, eventually our brethren from the other faculties [theologians and legislators] will listen." ACOG changed their definition of conception the same year. In the 1969 book "Second Genesis. The Coming Control of Life, Rosenfeld A, ed, it states that chemical contraceptives do not necessarily "prevent the sperm from...fertilizing the ovum - the classic definition of conception - they are not strictly contraceptives." Since these contraceptives act "after conception, some hold that such practice constitutes abortion. A way around this impasse [is to] Equate conception with the time of implantation rather than the time of fertilization..."

No legitimate embryology or genetics textbook ascribes to anything other than conception being the moment of fertilization. Nonetheless, today, ACOG's definition of conception is routinely used to justify Plan B contraceptives, human embryonic stem cell research, and the production of hundreds of thousands of frozen spare human embryos from in-vitro fertilization. Even with all "routine" hormonal contraceptives, the Physician Desk Reference (PDR) has detailed for decades that they "act by suppression of gonadotropins. Although the primary mechanism of this action is inhibition of ovulation, other alterations include changes in...the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation). Thus, embryologically, the hormonal contraceptive has altered the endometrium and the embryo cannot implant, and a chemical abortion occurs. The mind-boggling implication is that if we accept fertilization as the moment of conception and use a conservative estimate of a 5 percent contraceptive breakthrough ovulation rate, then "the Pill" must be inducing millions of chemical abortions per year in the USA.

15. The Ramifications of "What is Truth?"



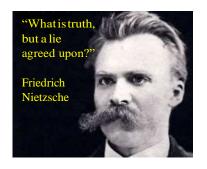
"Pilate said to Jesus, 'So you are a king, are you?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate's question:

"What is Truth?"

World Economic Forum announced a "leadership role" with "best practices and governance principles" in their initiative "Defining and Building the Metaverse." The metaverse is claimed to be "an extension of reality itself."



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15. Healthy philosophy based on Truth forms healthy psychology. A disordered philosophy rejecting Truth forms an unhealthy psychology, the self-defense of which mandates irrational argument, violence, and demented behavior. Truth as a non-negotiable authority must be the moral default interpretation of a sane modern society.



Debate has descended from rational, truth-oriented discussion to the rule of might. Does truth, reality, and objectivity have preeminence over feelings and emotion? The answer affects profoundly every aspect of our lives. The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) radically questioned the value of truth. For Nietzsche, there is no absolute truth; truth depends on our interpretation and this depends on our viewpoint. Thus, there is no "single Truth," but many "truths" that depend on our perspective. Hence, "your truth" and "my truth." Nietzsche lost a sense that anything mattered, falling into nihilism and despair. He sustained a total mental collapse at age 35 and was confined to an asylum till his death.

What happens when Truth and healthy philosophy is no longer the societal default? What happens when the societal default is an irrational construct masquerading as "truth," when what is accepted as "truth" is a lie? What does that do to the psychology of an entire generation?

Nietzsche claimed: "There are no facts, only interpretations"; "The world itself is the will to power – and nothing else! And you yourself are the will to power – and nothing else!"; "In the consciousness of the truth he has perceived, man now sees everywhere only the awfulness or the absurdity of existence and loathing seizes him"; "Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies"; "There are no eternal facts, as there are no absolute truths"; "All truth is crooked, time itself is a circle"; "All things are subject to interpretation whichever interpretation prevails at a given time is a function of power and not truth."; "What is the truth, but a lie agreed upon?"; "Words are but symbols for the relations of things…nowhere do they touch upon absolute truth"; "You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way…it does not exist"

"Each word of Heraclitus expresses the pride and the majesty of truth, but of truth grasped in intuitions rather than attained by the rope ladder of logic." (Heraclitus of Ephesus 500 BC postulated that opposite things are identical, so that everything "is" and "is not" at the same time. Hence, a fetus can be both a human being to be cherished and at the same time a "non-person" to be killed at will. Totalitarian regimes of the 20th century have used the philosophy to justify atrocities, vis a vis Nazi and Communist extermination of subhuman "Untermenschen" and the Communist extermination of "enemies of the state." Heraclitus was condemned by Plato and Aristotle for violating "non-contradiction."

"Truth is a mobile army of metaphors...truths are illusions of which we have forgotten that they are illusions...Yet we still no not know where the drive to truth comes from, for so far we have only heard about the obligation to be truthful which society imposes in order to exist." (This suggests that truth can be optional if the only reason for truth is to allow civilization to exist. Thus, denial of "Truth" regarding abortion and the overall dignity of man in relation to God is permissible, if the only reason for these "Truths" is that it permits the existence of civilization. The absolute evil of even nuclear war would be thus questioned. While the premise seems farcical, modern day bioethical journals abound with such conjecture. Thus, the ultimate endpoint from a rejection of God and man's relation with God is that man does not have moral primacy over animals or machines. (Romans I:18-32 describes well the consequences of this).

Nietzsche's contempt for Christianity was apparent: "Two great European narcotics, alcohol and Christianity"; "Mystical explanations are thought to be deep...[but] they are not even shallow"; "God is dead...and we have killed him..."; "In Christianity neither morality nor religion come into contact with reality at any point"; "Faith: not wanting to know what the truth is." (In actuality, the emotional vitriolic "faith" of violent abortion activists without reference to "truth" differs starkly from, for example, the "Faith and Reason" coexistence rooted in reality and Truth in Catholicism)



When one knows the "Truth" but constructs a framework of existing outside of "Truth", mental illness is the inevitable outcome for anyone attempting to reconcile the paradox. Meaninglessness and nihilism are the fruits of this contradiction of Truth, manifesting as many various psychopathologies. Senseless mass murders are ultimate manifestations of the disorder.

To justify this framework of "reality", independent of Truth, requires a neo-religious fanaticism. Hence, modern day satanism and occultism fanatically support abortion, even elevating it to the level of a "sacrament." The same neo-religious fervor was evident in the Nazi and Communist parties, and are evident in America, also. Just as post-war Nazis, for example, unhinged from reality, denied and reacted violently to the reality of concentration camp victims, the responses of many "prochoice" enthusiasts is the same when confronted with the horror and illogic of abortion. Naziism and Communism were, and abortion fanaticism is, often a "religion" where "faith" in their false religion unhinges from reason. With the realization that truth is not "on their side" often comes the psychological phenomena of denial, rage, and entrenchment into further extremism.





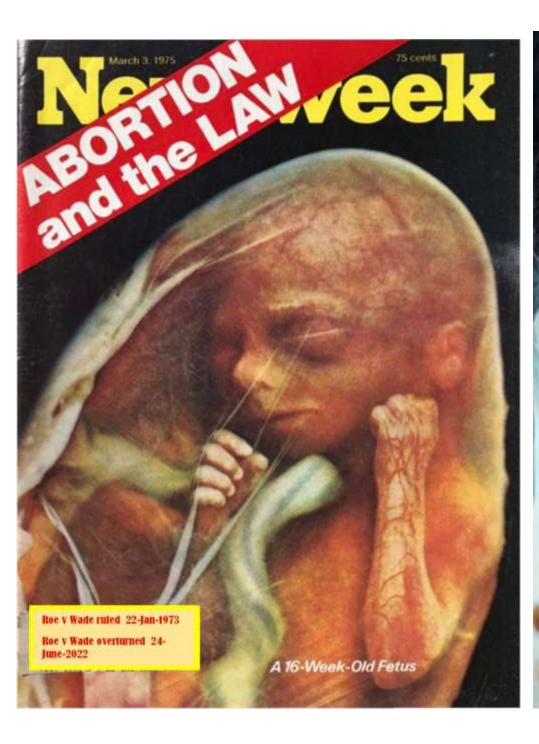




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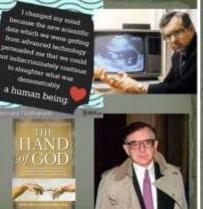
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Norma McCorvey ("Roe v. Wade")







Hippocrates and the vulnerable extremes of life

FATIMA, PORTUGAL 1917

"The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family ... this is the decisive issue."

Sr. Lucia dos Santos, Fatima Seer (1984 letter now in Archives of Pontifical Institute for Marriage and Family)



Lucia dos Santos Francisco Marto Jacinta Marto

From May to October, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to 3 illiterate shepherd children ages 7-10, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and his sister Jacinta, in the fields outside of Fatima, Portugal. The visions had a message of love, mercy, but also a message of dire warning and urgency, and was a prophecy of what would transpire in the coming century if the world did not heed the message. Among the startling prophecies were predictions of the end of WWI, the start of a far worse war (WWII) if mankind did not ammend, the spread of the errors of Russia unless the country underwent consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a direct vision of Hell, a prediction of a miracle to occur on the 13th of October, as well as other "secrets" which were not to be revealed until later. The imminent deaths of 2 of the children were among the predictions. On October 13, 1917, the predicted miracle occurred – the "Miracle of the Sun" – witnessed by a crowd of 70,000 witnesses.

The historical context of 1917 was one of a world in turmoil. WWI was ravaging Europe. Then student Maximillian Kolbe was in Rome witnessing sacriligious 200th anniversary celebration parades of Freemasonry. The 1917 Russian Revolution transpired as two revolutions. The first, in March, overthrew Tsar Nicholas II and the imperial Romanov dynasty; the second from October-November, spearheaded by the return of exiled Vladimir Lenin, ushered the Bolshevik regime into power. The 1917 apparitions at Fatima nearly exactly framed this time period of the Russian Revolution, and the date of the Miracle of the Sun was precisely the October 13, 1917 date that the Marxist revoltionary Leon Trotsky described as a seminal day of the October Revolution and Russian Communism. Indeed, our Lady predicted the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abanoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism.



FATIMA, PORTUGAL 1917 (cOnTInUed)





It was in this context of history that extraordinary events and prophecies were manifest to 3 shepherd children, ages 10, 9, and 7, who could neither read nor write. The events occurred in the Cova da Iria fields outside of Fatima, Portugal, in the municipality of <u>Ourém</u>, in Portugal. The town of Fatima was named for the beloved 12th century Moorish-Muslim Princess, Fatima <u>Oureana</u>, who freely converted to Catholicism and married a Christian knight. Princess Fatima in turn was named after one of Muhammad's daughters, Fatimah.



What happened to the 3 children in 1917? The story actually began in 1916, when an angel appeared to the 3 children on 3 occasions.

<u>1" Apparition of the Angel</u> In spring, 1916, the 3 children in the fields with their flock were struck, as Lucia says, by "a light whiter than the snow in the form a young man, quite transparent, and as brilliant as crystal in the rays of the sun." The angel bent prostrate saying to the children, "Pray with me. My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

<u>2nd Apparition of the Angel</u> In summer, 1916, the Angel suddenly appeared again to the children, chastising them for their spiritual laxity: "What are you doing? You must pray! Pray! ... In every way you can, offer sacrifice to God in reparation for the sins by which He is offended and in supplication for sinners. In this way you will bring peace"

<u>3rd Apparition of the Angel</u> The Angel appeared for the last time in Fall, 1916, with a chalice in his left hand above which was suspended a host "from which drops of blood fell into the chalice." He instructs the children to repeat: "Most Haly Trinity, Father, Son, and Haly Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners." The Angel then gave the host to Lucia and the chalice to Francisco and Jacinta as Holy Communion.



hing of these angelic apparitions to anyone, but continued to do as the Angel ing and offering sacrifices to God. Eight months possed until May, 2017, when peared to the children. In all the apparitions, Lucia could hear and speak, , and Francisco could not hear or speak, only see.

1st Apparition of Our Lady, May 13, 1917 The 3 children were tending their sheep when a sudden flashes of "lightning in a clear sky" came upon then, and they saw atop an oak tree "a lady dressed in white, shing brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light ... [wearing] a white mantle, edged with gold and which fell to her feet. In her hands, the beads of a rosary shone like stars, with its crucifix the most radiant gem of all." The Lady made her request to the children: "I want you to return here on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months, and at the very same hour. Later I will tell you who I am, and what it is that I most desire." When asked about 2 of their deceased girlfriends, Our Lady said that one was in heaven and the other in purgatory "until the end of the world", and then asked the children, "Will you offer yourselves to God, and bear al the sufferings He sends you? In atonement for all the sins that offend Him? And for the conversion of sinners?" Lucia enthusiastically agreed, and the Lady opened her hands from which emanated a heavenly light in which the children were bathed. The Lady spoke again, "Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She then rose slowly into the east until she disappeared.

The dumbfounded children were filled with joy, but Lucia told Francisco and Jacinta to keep all this just to themselves. However, the jubilant Jacinta could not keep quiet for long and told her family, who considered Jacinta and Francisco's explanation little more than a fantasy or prank. Lucia's mother was quite irritated and the most intolerant.

Fatima, Portugal 1917 (Continued)



2nd Apparition of Our Lady, June 13, 1917 After the fantastical stories of the 3 children, both sets of parents in any event, were looking forward to the June 13th feast of St Anthony of Lisbon [Padua], a great celebration eagerly awaited by the children of the town. Surely the 3 children would want to go to this children's feast of feasts rather than go to the Cova do <u>(rig</u>, But the children went again, and Our Lady again appeared, again asking them to "continue saying the Rosary every day. And after each one of the mysteries ... I want you to pray in this way: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell. Take all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need." The Lady told them to learn to read and write, and said when asked if they would go to Heaven, she said she would "take Jacinta and Francisco soon," but that Lucia needed to stay "to establish devation in the world to my Immaculate Heart." The intense light again emanated from the Lady's hands, bathing the children. The Lady left again to the East, the children returned home, and the horified parents watched helplessly as the stories of the events among the townspeople spread.

3rd Apparition of Our Lady, July 13, 1917 and the Secret. So distraught was Lucio's mother that she brought her to the parish priest, who questioned whether the devil might be behind the apparitions. This so greatly disturbed Lucio that she intended not to go further to the Cova. This saddened Jacinta, and Lucio succumbed to go yet again. On this 3rd apparition, the Lady again asked "to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it." Lucio asked for a miracle to convince her incredulous family and town, and the Lady said that in "October I will tell you who I am and what I wont. I will then perform a miracle so that all may believe." The Lady then revealed to the children 3 "Secrets" which were to be told to no one except to Francisco (who could not hear the Lady).

The Lady again reiterated, "When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us, save us fram the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need."

The possession of these "secrets" was a great trial for the 3 children, as family, neighbors, clergy, the faithful and the curious, all tried without success to extract it from them. And in August, even the secular anti-Catholic government was eager to wrestle the secrets from the children, whose fame had the authorities worried.



4th Apparition of Our Lady, August 19, 1917 Under the pretext of providing a personal automobile to transport the children to the Cordova on August 13, an apostate Catholic and high Mason, instead abducted them. The 3 children were sent to the district headquarters, and the mayor attempted first to bribe, then threaten them to divulge their secret and recant their story. He interrogated each of them individually. They were thrown in prison and threatened with death and being boiled in oil. Their testimonies, however, remained steadfast, and, exasperated, the mayor gave up after 2 days, and the children were returned to their town. The Lady then appeared to the three children again on August 19th



She asked the children to use the money offerings from the people to pay for 2 litters to carry statues for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and to use the remaining for the construction of a chapel to be built there. She told the children sadly, "Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice." Our Lady later said, "If they [Mayor Santos] had not taken you...the miracle would have been even greater."

5th Apparition of Our Lady, September 13, 1917 The secular press mocked the children, yet despite this over 30,000 gathered in the Cova with the children, praying the rosary. Our Lady appeared, and instructed the 3 children "Continue the Rosary ... Say it every day that the war may end. In October Our Lord will come as well as Our Lady of sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. St Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world ... In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."

FATIMA, PORTUGAL 1917 (cOnTInUed)

<u>6th Apparition of Our Lady, Miracle of the Sun, October 13, 1917</u> Rain poured down the night of October 12-13, and yet pilgrims continued to come, with 70,000 present to witness the prophesied event of which the 3 children had spoken. A little past noon the rain, which had drenched the region, suddenly stopped. The clouds parted and a miraculous solar miracle occurred which defied all cosmic laws. The objective realities included:

- The time and place of the event were predicted in advance.
- A solar event of extraordinary power was seen over a radius of 25 miles, with the sun spinning, dancing, observable directly without damage to the eyes.
- The sun seemed to detach and plumet toward the earth, convincing many it was the end of the world
- The sun then stopped its descent and returned to the sky
- The hilly area where this occurred, having been drenched with rain, suddenly dried,
- 70,000 witnesses believers of various creeds, atheists, scientists, journalists, teachers, families and their children all universally attest to the Miracle over a radius of 25 miles

Typical among the eyewitness accounts: "I was only 9 years old at this time, and I went to the local village school. At about midday we were surprised by the shouts and cries of some men and women who were passing in the street in front of the school...Outside, the people were shouting and weeping and pointing to the sun... the Miracle of the sun, accompanied by all its extraordinary phenomena. I feel incapable of describing what I saw and felt. I looked fixedly at the sun, which seemed pale and did not hurt the eyes...revolving on itself, it suddenly seemed to come down in a zigzag, menacing the earth. Terrified, I ran and hid myself among the people, who were weeping and expecting the end of the world at any moment. Near us was an unbeliever who had spent the morning mocking at the simpletons who had gone off to Fatima just to see an ordinary girl. He now seemed to be paralyzed, his eyes fixed on the sun. Afterwards he trembled from head to foot and lifting his arms fell on his knees in the mud, crying out to our Lady. Meanwhile the people continued to cry out and to weep, asking God to pardon their sins. We all ran to the two chapels in the village...objects around us turned all the colors of the rainbow. We saw ourselves blue, yellow, red, etc. After about 10 minutes the sun, now dull and pallid, returned to its place." Fr. Ignacio Lorenco (Alburitel, 11 miles from Fatima)



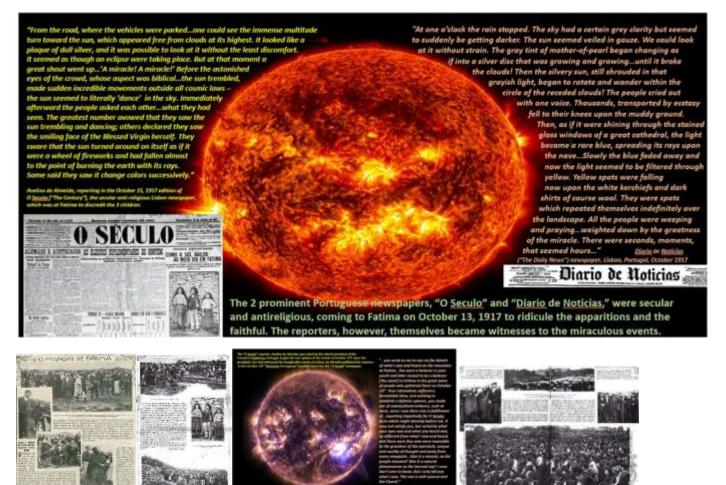


During the time of the solar miracle, the children saw three scenes followed in succession, symbolizing first the joyful mysteries of the rosary, then the sorrowful mysteries, and, finally, the glorious mysteries. Lucia alone saw the three scenes; Francisco and Jacinta saw only the first.

The first scene: Saint Joseph appeared beside the sun with the Child Jesus and Our Lady of the Rosary. It was the Holy Family. The Virgin was dressed in white with a blue mantle. Saint Joseph was also dressed in white, and the Child Jesus in light red. Saint Joseph blessed the crowd, making the Sign of the Cross three times. The Child Jesus did the same. The second scene: A vision of Our Lady of Sorrows, without the sword in her breast, and of Our Lord overwhelmed with sorrow on the way to Calvary. Our Lord made the Sign of the Cross to bless the people. The third scene: Finally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned queen of heaven and earth, appeared in a glorious vision holding the Child Jesus near her heart.

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"We looked easily at the sun, which ...did not blind us. It seemed to flicker on and off, first one way then another. It... painted everything in different colors – the trees, the people, the air and the ground. But what was most extraordinary...was that the sun did not hurt our eyes. Everything was still and quiet...then at a certain moment, the sun appeared to stop spinning. It then began to move and to dance in the sky until it seemed to detach itself from its place and fall upon us. It was a terrible moment." Ti Marto, father of Francisco and Jacinta

"It was a remarkable fact that one could fix one's eyes on this brazier of heat and light...lasted about ten minutes...it spun round on itself in a mad whirl. Then, suddenly, one heard a clamor, a cry of anguish breaking from all the people. The sun, whirling wildly, seemed to loosen itself from the firmament and advance threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge and fiery weight. The sensation...was terrible. During the solar phenomenon...there were changes of color in the atmosphere...everything, both near and far, had changed, taking on the color of old yellow damask." Dr. Almeida Garrett, PhD, Professor Natural Science, Coimbra University

The sun, at one moment surrounded with scarlet flame, at another aureoled in yellow and deep purple, seemed to be in an exceedingly fast and whirling movement, at times appearing to be loosened from the sky and to be approaching the earth, strongly radiating heat." Dr. Domingos Coelho (reported in the newspaper "Ordem")

"The sun...came down as if to the height of the clouds and began to whirl giddily upon itself like a captive ball of fire. With some interruptions, this lasted about eight minutes...Everyone knelt even in the mud..." Fr. Manuel Pereira da Silva

"I can hardly find words to describe what followed. The sun began to move, and at a certain moment appeared to be detached from the sky and about to hurtle upon us like a wheel of flame. My wife...fainted, and I was too upset to attend to her...I fell on my knees, oblivious of everything...An old man with a white beard began to attack the atheists aloud and challenged them to say whether or not something supernatural had occurred." Senhor Alfredo da Silva Santos, Lisbon

Fatima October 13, 1917: an event so Unreal that only a parade oF witnesses can help Us begin to Understand

"I expected that all was a fancy of the poor children and that we would see nothing...The sun began to spin with circles of every color. It was like a wheel of fireworks, and coming down to the ground...stupefied..." Maria Celeste da Camara e Vasconcelos, Sister of Baron of Alvaiazere

"I did not have the slightest idea of what might happen...I saw the sun, as if it were a ball of fire, begin to move in the louds...crushingly pressing down upon us all...An indescribable moment!...it is not possible to describe it...[then Lucia] as if under the inspiration and fulfillment of an order she had received...cried out: 'Our Lady wants the people to pray and do penance!' She said it over and over, adding, 'If this is done, the war will end'...the great message of Fatima was announced to an awe-struck sea of witnesses." Carlos de Azevedo Mendes, Lawyer from Torres Novas

"...suddenly the clouds opened. The sun seemed to coming down from the sky and looked like a wheel of fireworks, shooting off all colors of the rainbow." Antonio Rosa, Farmer near Fatima

"On that day of October 13, 1917, without remembering the predictions of the children, I was enchanted by a remarkable spectacle in the sky of a kind I had never seen before." Alfonso Lopes Vieira (as seen 25 miles from Fatima)

"I saw the sun coming down, feeling that it was falling to the ground. At that moment I collapsed, and when I awoke all was over...My clothes had been wet because it rained much, but quicky I was dry." Maria Candida da Silva of Leiria

"I saw the sun getting dark and descending toward the tree. The sun became of several colors...It was wet, and after this it became dry." Manuel Antonio Rainho, Farmer from Amoreira

"I saw the sun turning very quickly and changing with several colors, and then coming down. We looked at it as though it were the moon...My clothes were wet, but suddenly they dried." Maria Jose Monteiro, from Leira

"Suddenly the cloud opened and the sun...began spinning, coming so low...The sun was spinning and there were clouds of different colors like those of the rainbow. Near me a man fell on his knees and exclaimed, 'My God, forgive me...My clothes were wet, and then...they were dry." Joaquim Vicente, Quarry man from Chainca

"... the clouds began to open and the sun shone clearly and moved..." Manuel da Silva Fatima resident

"...suddenly the clouds tore away and the sun appeared as if trembling. It seemed to come down, gave a great heave, began rolling in a circle...It stopped, and then spun and then spun again, as though it were a wheel of fireworks, coloring everything with various colors. And we could look at it as we do the moon...[felt] frightened...I was happy, when it was over, to have escaped that danger." Antonio Marques, Carpenter from Chainca

"Surprised, I looked and saw that the people were in various colors – yellow, white, blue. At the same time I beheld the sun spinning at great speed and very near me. I at once thought: 'I am going to die!' I knelt down on some stones and raised my hand, begging the pardon of God for every fault I might have committed. A few moments later the sun ceased to spin and went back into its place. I looked at the place and saw a truck beside me in which a man in an overcoat stood crying aloud the word of the creed..." Fr. Joao Gomes Mentra, Priest from Reguengo do Fetal.

"...sun appeared with its circumference well defined...It came down as if to the height of the clouds and began to whirl upon itself. The crowd looked yellow, and most people knelt down, even in the mud...." Fr. Manuel Pereira da Silva

"I saw the sun turn upon itself; it seemed to fall from the sky...I knew that something extraordinary and mysterious had happened. I was sure that the children had spoken to someone extraordinary, who was not of this world...Moreover, the little shepherds had announced in advance that there would be a miracle in October so that everyone would believe." Maria dos Prazeres, widow near Fatima

"I sow a dark cloud coming from the sky and then there opened a firework of sun that was coming from the East...Suddenly the ground was blue...I was all wet and afterward my clothes were quite dry...I thought it was the end of the world. Farmer from Leiria

"Suddenly the sun appeared so that we could look at it as though it were the moon. It began spinning like a firework wheel, making us turn into the colors of the rainbow, even the ground itself. Maria do Carmo Menezes

"I saw the sun rolling and it seemed as though it were coming down, like the wheel of a bicycle. Then it went back to its place...I heard others crying out: 'Oh, we are going to die!"...Our clothes were dry in a moment." Joao Carreira

"The sun seemed to become a spin-wheel, rolling very fast and it turned to many colors...Many people were converted...Of course, it showed the Power of God." Antonio dos Reis Novo, Moimenta near Fatima

"The sun began to come down until it seemed we were almost near it, and it threw beams of light. It was getting dark and all the people screamed...I was so afflicted that I came home weeping...My heart was afflicted. I could not help crying." Manuel Francisco, Farmer of Serra d'Aire Mountains

"I...did not believe in the apparitions. So I sat inside my car. Then all at once...everybody looked at the sky...I got out of the car and looked at the sky, too. I saw...the very sun. It was like a disc of smoked glass illuminated behind and turning over itself, giving us the impression that it was coming down over our heads. I could then see the sun more easily than I can see the moon on a full moon night...And then I believed. I was sure I had not been the victim of suggestion. I saw that sun as I never saw it again." Mario Godinho, Engineer from Vila do Paco

"We distinctly saw the sun, without harm to the eyes. The sun came down, turning on itself, and throwing beams of several colors...I thought we were all to die..." Dona Maria Teresa Charters, Leiria

"I saw the sun coming sown, spinning...my clothes were first wet, and then dry." Augusto Pereira dos Reis, Amoreira

"I looked at the sun. It did not hurt my eyes...There were many people kneeling in the mud, and I was with them...I looked at the sun and saw it spinning like a disc, rolling on itself. I saw the people changing color... with the colors of the rainbow. The sun seemed to fall down from the sky...that the world was going to end...They were afraid and screaming...I thought it was a great miracle." Antonio Antunes de Oliveira, Ameixeira

"Of the historic reality of this event there can be no doubt whatsoever...it was outside and against known laws...Given the indubitable reference to God, and the general context of the event, it seems that we must attribute to Him alone the most obvious and colossal miracle..." Pio Sciatizzi, S.J. Scientist, Rome

FATIMA, PORTUGAL 1917 - THE "SECRET"

3-PART SECRET REVEALED AT FATIMA BY OUR LADY TO LUCIA DOS SANTOS and FRANCISCO AND JACINTO MARTA on July 13, 1917:

First Part of the Secret – the Vision of Hell, as revealed by Sister Lucia August 31, 1941.



"Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now following back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear."

Second Part of the Secret – World War II and the Consecration of Russia, as revealed by Sister Lucia August 31, 1941.



You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.

This war will end, but if men do not refrain from offending God, another and more terrible war will begin during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night that is lit by a strange and unknown light [later known to be Jan 25-26, 1938], you will know it is a sign God gives you that He is about to punish the world with war and with hunger, and by the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father.

To prevent this, I shall come to the world to ask that Russia be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, and I shall ask that on the First Saturday of every month Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world. If my wishes are fulfilled, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, then Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, bringing new wars and persecution of the Church; the good will be martyred and the Holy Father will have much to suffer; certain nations will be annihilated. But in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and the world will enjoy a period of peace. In Portugal, the faith will always be preserved"

Third Part of the Secret – Persecution of the Church, as written by Sr. Lucia on January 3, 1944, by order of the Bishop of Leiria and Our Lady, and kept sealed in the Secret Archives of the Vatican April 4, 1957. Popes John XXIII and Paul VI read the secret, but did not make it public. Shortly after surviving his assassination attempt in May 1981, Pope St. John Paul II read the secret. It was revealed to the public June 26, 2000.



3rd Secret: A vision of an Angel with flaming sword saying "Penance," Our Lady protecting the world, and the persecution and violence against Pope and Church

"After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand; pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance, Penance, Penance!'. And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in white 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross, he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels, each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God."

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"The third part of the secret refers to Our Lady's words: [that if Russia is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart and if the First Saturday Communion of reparation for sin be done, Russia will be converted and there will be peace.] If not [Russia] will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated' (13-July-1917).

The third part of the secret is a symbolic revelation, referring to this part of the Message, conditioned by whether we accept or not what the Message itself asks of us: 'If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not she will spread her errors throughout the world, etc.'.

Since we did not heed this appeal of the Message, we see that it has been fulfilled, Russia has invaded the world with her errors. And if we have not yet seen the complete fulfilment of the final part of this prophecy, we are going toward it little by little with great strides. If we do not reject the path of sin, hatred, revenge, injustice, violations of the rights of the human person, immorality and violence, etc.

And let us not say it is God who is punishing us in this way; on the contrary it is people themselves who are preparing their own punishment. In his kindness God warns us and calls us to the right path, while respecting the freedom he has given us; hence people are responsible."

Sr. Lucia in letter to Pope St. John Paul II, May 12, 1982.

- In the 1930's and 1940, Sr. Lucia informed Pope Pius XI and Pius XII of the need for the consecration of Russia and propagation of the First Saturdays of reparation. This was not done.
- Thus, on Oct 22, 1940, Jesus tells Lucia "I will punish the nations for their crimes by war, famine, and persecutions of my Church."
- Finally, in 1942, Pope Pius XII, seeing the destruction of WWII, consecrates the Church and humanity (not explicitly Russia) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- WWII ends in 1945, but explicit consecration of Russia not done and Communism spreads its errors globally.
- Finally, in 1952, Pius XII consecrates the Russian people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Pope John Paul II survives the assassination attempt of May 13, 1981. He reads the 3rd part of the "Secret" of Fatima, and recognizes himself in the "Secret." The assassin's bullet is placed in the crown of Our Lady of Fatima statue.
- One year later, Pope John Paul II consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and again in 1984.
- The USSR dissolves in 1988-1991.
- The complete "Secret" of Fatima revealed in 2000 with the beatification of the children of Fatima, Jacinta and Francisco

"... another key expression of the 'secret'...has become justly famous: 'my Immaculate Heart will triumph'. What does this mean? The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Savior into the world - because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: 'In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world' (Jn 16:33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise." Joseph Card. Ratzinger Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (future Pope Benedict XVI) June 26, 2000

St. MaxiMillian Kolbe 1894–1941



The Polish Franciscan Maximillian Kolbe felt called to be a soldier, but a soldier with a different type of weapon. In 1917, the appearances of Our Lady of Fatima were concurrent with the Russian Revolution. Also that year, Freemasonry's 200th anniversary was celebrated in Rome with mocking parades before St. Peter's Basilica. Banners and flags depicted Lucifer defeating St. Michael the Archangel, trampling him underfoot. Young theology student Maximillian Kolbe, in Rome at the time, witnessed the blasphemy. He wrote: "Is it possible that our enemies should make such a display of force in order to defeat us while we fold our hands ... and do nothing? After all, do we not have much more powerful weapons; can we not count on all of heaven, and especially on the Immaculata?" Kolbe felt compelled to found the Knighthood of the Immaculata (Virgin Mary) on October 16, 1917 - 3 days after the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, during the October Russian Revolution.



In Poland, Kolbe used the printing press to expose freemasonry and the Nazis, and his magazine "Knight of the Immaculata" became the most popular magazine in Poland at the time. He traveled to Japan and established a new friary for his missionary work in Nagasaki. Fr. Kolbe left Japan to go back to Poland, and in 1939 his monastery hid 3,000 refugees from the Nazis, of which more than 1,500 were Jews. Because of his anti-Nazi sentiment and publications, Kolbe was arrested and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp. One day, as punishment for a prison outbreak, the camp commandant forced the other prisoners to line up and randomly chose 10 of them for execution. One chosen man, Franciszek Gajowniczek, fell to the ground, screaming that he had a wife and children. St. Maximillian Kolbe, who was nearby, stepped forward and asked the commandant to take the place of the condemned man. First enraged and then baffled, the commandant agreed. St. Maximillian and the other chosen prisoners were put in a bunker for starvation. Maximillian, the last to die, was finally given lethal injection. His last words were "Ave Maria."

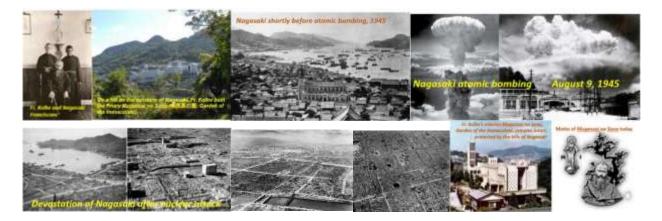


former prisoner whom Kolbe saved, Franciszek Gajowniczek, attended Kolbe's canonization to sainthood in 1982 – along with his wife, children and grandchildren. He said, "I want to express my thanks, for the gift of life."

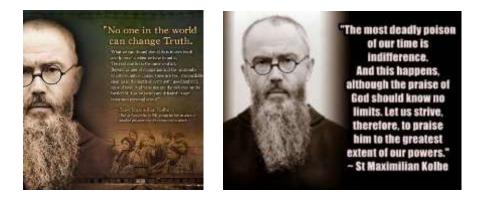
St. MaxiMillian Kolbe 1894–1941 (continued.)



St. Maximillian Kolbe traveled to Japan in 1930 to establish a new friary for his missionary work in Nagasaki. On arrival, he met the bishop at Oura church to plan his monastery mission. Kolbe built his mission, Mugenzai no Sono, behind a hill on the outskirts of Nagasaki, apparently told in a vision or dream by the Virgin Mary to build there. The friars complained of the distance from the town itself, but Kolbey persisted. The monastery produced the Catholic newspaper, Knight of the Immaculata, in Japanese. In 1936, Kolbe returned to Poland to continue his work there, but wrote letters back to Nagasaki, in Japanese, of his love for its people.



In 1945, four years after Fr. Kolbe's death, Nagasaki was annihilated by a nuclear bomb. However, the monastery he built on the city's outskirts, behind a hill, was completely spared, and continues its work today.



"The spotless Virgin, vanquisher of all heresies, will not retreat before the enemy who raises his head against Her. When She finds faithful servants who obey Her command, She will win new victories, greater than we can ever imagine." St. Maximillian Kolbe

"It was not the Church that imposed Fatima, but it was Fatima that imposed itself on the Church." D. Manuel Goncalves Cerejeira, Cardinal of Lisbon, 1942

The Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917 stunned the witnesses and all Portugal during the ensuing weeks. In 1919 the first "Chapel of Apparitions" is built at the site of the site, and the first statue of Our Lady of Fatima is placed therein. In 1922, an official Church inquiry is opened into the events of Fatima.

On Oct 13, 1930 the apparitions of Fatima are officially approved as "worthy of belief" by the Bishop of Leiria (Fatima), D. Jose Alves Correia da Silva, representing the Holy Catholic Church: "Thousands upon thousands of persons...saw all the manifestations of the sun...a phenomenon which no astronomical observatory registered and thus was not natural, was witnessed by persons of every category and social class, believers and unbelievers, journalists of the principal Portuguese newspapers, and even persons some miles away. Facts which annul any explanation of collective illusion."

Fate of the children:



The deaths of Francisco and Jacinta had been prophesized by the Virgin Mary in the 2nd apparition. Francisco died in 1919 at age 11 of influenza pneumonia, receiving his "first" earthly Communion immediately prior. Jacinta died in 1920, less than a year later, at age 9, also of pneumonia. She had an apparition prior asking if she would be willing to accept her sufferings in reparation for sin, which she accepted. "Our Lady wants me to go to two hospitals but it is not to cure me. It is to suffer more for the lave of God, the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary" She underwent surgical drainage of her empyema with resection of 2 ribs, leaving a fist-sized hole on the left side of he chest. She died alone in the hospital, as she had also predicted. Her body was exhumed in 1935 to a new tomb in Fatima, and her body was found to be incorrupt. Sr. Lucia, whom the Virgin Mary had instructed to learn to read and write, died in 2005.





Lucia – Our Lady appeared to Lucia again, for the 7th time, in Fatima in 1921, telling her to follow the path her bishop wants her to take. She departs to a school in Porto run by the <u>Dorothean</u> Sisters. In 1925, Lucia joined the <u>Dorothean</u> Sisters of Spain, professed her final vows in 1934, and in 1948 enters the Carmelites of Coimbra, Portugal.

Dec 10, 1925: In the convent chapel, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appear to Sr. Lucia to request propagation of the Five First Saturday Communions of Reparation for blasphemies and ingratitude against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Confession, Communion, Rosary, and 15 minutes of meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary)

February 15, 1926: The Child Jesus appears to Sr. Lucia to ask what is being done to spread the First Saturday devotion





June 13, 1929: Sr. Lucia in the chapel has a vision of the Holy Trinity and Virgin Mary. "The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means."

Early 1930: Jesus makes 2 requests to Lucia to transmit to the Pope Pius XI the request to consecrate Russia and promote devotion to Five First Saturdays. The requests are transmitted to Pius XI by Sr. Lucia's superior, Monseigneur da Silva.

May 29, 1930: Jesus again asks for devotion to Five First Saturdays and promises to end Bolshevik persecution against Catholic Church if Pope makes a solemn consecration of Russia and propagates devotion to Five First Saturdays.

August 1930: Jesus appears to Sr. Lucia and says: "Make it known to My ministers, that given they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My request, that they will follow him into misfortune. Like the King of France, they will repent and will do as I have requested, but it will be very late. Russia will already have spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions against the Church. The Holy Father will have much to suffer! But it will never be too late to have recourse to Jesus and Marv."



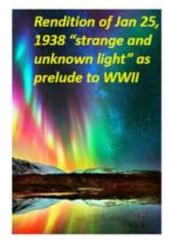
Oct 13, 1930: Fatima apparitions declared "worthy of belief" by the Bishop of Leiria, with the authority of the Catholic Church.



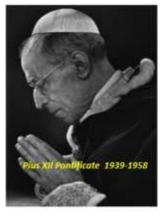
- May 1936: Jesus appears to Sr Lucia, who asks Jesus why it was so necessary for the Pope in union with the bishops to consecrate Russia, to which Jesus replied: "Because I want my whole Church to acknowledge the Consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its devotion later, and put the Devotion to My Mother's Immaculate Heart beside the Devotion to My Sacred Heart." Sr Lucia persisted and said "But the Holy Father [Pius XI] will never believe me, Lord, unless You, Yourself, move him with a special inspiration!" Jesus answered, "The Holy Father! Pray very much for the Holy Father He will do the Consecration, but it will be very late! Nevertheless, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save Russia which has been entrusted to her."

 1937: Bishop of Leiria informs Pope Pius XI of the request for the Consecration of Russia.

- Jan 25,1938 "strange and unknown light" in night sky, foretold in 3rd Fatima apparition by the Virgin Mary, as the imminent sign of World War II during pontificate of Pius XI. Two weeks later, German troops invade Austria.



- March 1939: Apparition of Jesus to Sr. Lucia again insisting on the Five First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as the "time is near when the rigor of My justice will punish the crime of many nations."
- Sept 13, 1939: Finally, the Bishop of Leiria promotes the Five First Saturday Devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (10 years after Sr. Lucia had originally requested it)
- Jan 21, 1940: Sr. Lucia writes: "I regret that despite the motion of the Holy Spirit, nobody took advantage of that opportunity [squandered consecration requests of 1930 and 1937 to Pius XI]. Our Lord also regrets it. By this act He would have appeared His justice and forgiven the world the scourge of war that Russia is promoting among the nations...May God grant that this moment (the Consecration of Russia) be hastened. God is so good that He is always ready to exercise His Mercy with us...Unless this act intervenes, through which intervention we would obtain peace, the war will only end when the blood spilled by the martyrs is enough to appease the Divine Justice."
- In another 1940 letter of Sr. Lucia to the Bishop of Leiria: "Oh! If the world only knew what a moment of grace was granted to it and did penance!" [Referring to the squandered opportunities to Consecrate Russia and fulfill Five First Saturday Devotions]
- Spring 1940: Sr. Lucia requests, by letter penned by her superiors, addressed to Pius XII, for the Consecration of Russia
- Sep 13, 1940: The first Saturday devotion requested by the Virgin Mary is made public by the bishop of Leiria (Fatima)
- Pius XII does not fulfill request for Consecration of Russia and Sr Lucia writes that sometimes the Lord "becomes annoyed not only at grave sins, but also at our laxity and negligence in attending to His requests...In this respect I am greatly to blame because of my shyness and reserve...there are many crimes but above all there is much more negligence now on the part of the souls, whom he expected to do His work with fervor...The worst part is that I'm in that group of lukewarm people, after the efforts that He has made to incorporate me in the group of those more fervent."



- July 15, 1940: Sr. Lucia writes: "As for the consecration of Russia it was not done in the month of May...It will be done, but not right away. God wants it this way for now to punish the world for its crimes. We deserve it. Afterwards He will listen to our humble prayer. I am really sorry that it was not done. In the mean-time so many souls are being lost!... How Our Good Lord likes sacrifice! How He likes the souls who always say 'Yes' to Him!"

- Another 1940 letter Sr. Lucia: "the proof that He gives us is the special protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary over Portugal, due to its consecration to Her...there are many crimes and sins...now is the hour of God's justice over the world."

- Oct 22, 1940: Sr. Lucia receives order from her superior to write to the Pope personally and to reveal the "Secret" of Fatima. The same day, Jesus says to Sr. Lucia: "Pray for the Holy Father; sacrifice yourself so that his heart will not succumb to the bitterness that oppresses him. The persecutions will increase; I will punish the nations with wars and famine: the persecution against My Church will weigh heavily upon my Vicar on earth. His Holiness will be able to shorten these times of tribulation if he fulfills my desire of consecrating the whole world, and of Russia in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

- On Dec 2, 1940, Sr. Lucia writes to Pius XII requesting the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in union with all the bishops of the world. The request is not heeded until nearly 2 years later, and even then without explicit mention of Russia.
- June 22, 1941: Germany invades Russia; 3 months later US and Britain provide military support to Russia and President Roosevelt writes to Pope Pius XII in September 1941: "I believe that this Russian dictatorship is less dangerous to the safety of other nations than is the German...dictatorship."
- Aug 31, 1941: The first 2 parts of the Secret of Fatima are revealed by Sr. Lucia, describing the vision of Hell, the end of World War I, the chastisement of WWII, and the persecution of the Church.
- Oct 31, 1942: On seeing the destruction of WWII, Pope Pius XII consecrates the Church and the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He does not explicitly mention Russia. The bishops of Portugal had separately and explicitly consecrated their own country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, thus sparing their country.



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Sr. Lucia, on the Oct 1942 consecration by Pius XII: "Our Lord has accepted the consecration of the world of October, 1942, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and promises to put a rapid end to the war. Furthermore, as the consecration was not done fully as He requested, the conversion of Russia will not take place for now."

- In 1943, the Bishop of Leiria orders Sr. Lucia to write the 3rd part of the secret, fearing she was dying. On Jan 3, 1944, the Virgin Mary appears to Sr. Lucia giving permission to write the 3rd part of the Secret. The contents, unread, are delivered to the bishop for safekeeping, and ultimately transferred to the Vatican Secret Archives in 1957.

- 1944-5: German and Japanese cities destroyed by Allied bombing. Concentration camps annihilate Jews and Catholic priests. WWII ends, but only after nuclear destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The explicit consecration of Russia not yet done and Russia spreads its errors.
- July 15, 1946: Sr. Lucia: "What Our Lady wants is for the Holy Father and all the Bishops to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart, in a special ceremony. If this consecration <u>ismade</u>, the Blessed Virgin will convert Russia and peace will reign in the world. Otherwise, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world."
- May 1952, Virgin Mary tells Sr. Lucia; "Make it known to the Holy Father that I continue to wait for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. Without this consecration, Russia will not convert and the world will not enjoy peace."
- On July 7, 1952, Pope Pius XII consecrates Russian people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



On August 17, 1959, Pope St. John XXIII reads the contents of the 3rd part of the Secret, but returns it to the Archives and does not publish it. On Nov 1, 1964, Pope Paul VI confides the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary On March 27, 1965, Pope Paul VI reads the contents of the 3rd part of the Secret and does not publish it. Three years later, he publishes "Humane Vitae," affirming the Church's perennial teaching forbidding contraception and predicting the its effect on the world.



- On May 13, 1981 exactly 64 years after the first Marian Fatima apparition an assassination attempt was made on Pope John Paul II, who credits the saving of his life to the Virgin Mary.
- In July-Aug 1981, John Paul II reads the 3rd part of the Secret of Fatima, recognizing himself in the contents of the Secret



- March 25, 1984: Pope St. John Paul II consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with the Catholic bishops of the world and some Orthodox bishops.
- May 13, 1984: Exactly 67 years after first Fatima apparition of Virgin Mary, a fire outbreak at the USSR Severomorsk Naval Base ultimately destroyed 2/3 of the missiles of the Northern fleet and its nuclear support structures, killing hundreds of top Soviet nuclear missile specialists, setting back the nuclear weapon advancement by decades. In 1993 Sr. Lucia said of this that the consecration of 1984, occurring 2 months earlier, prevented an atomic war that would have occurred the following year.

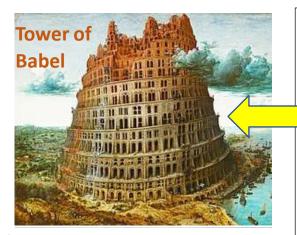






- Pope John Paul II declares Jacinta and Francisco "Venerable" on May 13, 1989
- The Vatican establishes diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union in March 1990 following a meeting between John Paul II and Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev.
- 1989-1991 Communist USSR dissolved. Completely unpredicted, Communism falls in its satellites Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria. Soon thereafter, USSR itself dissolves from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. In 1992 Sr. Lucia says "The news speaks for itself."
- May 13, 1991 Pope John Paul II thanks the Virgin Mary in Fatima for the fruits of the 1984 consecration which he believes led to the dissolution of Communist USSR, and reconsecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Oct 11, 1993: Sr. Lucia states that "the consecration of 1984 prevented an atomic war that would have occurred in 1985" and that the triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart had begun but was an "ongoing process."
- May 13, 2000 Pope John Paul II beatifies Francisco and Jacinta, and makes public the 3rd part of the Secret of Fatima.
- Feb 12, 2005 Sr. Lucia dies, and a year later her body is transferred to the Shrine in Fatima with Francisco and Jacinta.
- May 13, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI, on the 90th anniversary of the apparitions, entrusts to Our Lady of Fatima "in a special way...those people and nations that are in particular need."
- Oct 13, 2013 Pope Francis consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Feb 24, 2022–Russia invades Ukraine.
- Mar 25, 2022. Pope Francis explicitly consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary in union with the bishops of the world.





"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

"Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."

Romans I

"Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a City and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. Genesis 11: "The Tower of Babel"

- "God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end...
- You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting...
- Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."
- Daniel 5: "The Writing on the Wall"

"First we overlook evil. Then we permit evil. Then we legalize evil. Then we promote evil. Then we celebrate evil. Then we persecute those who still call it evil."

Fr. Dwight Longenecker, 2019

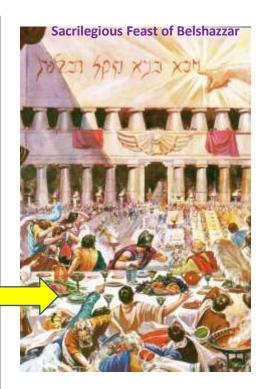
"An increasingly unchurched generation finds itself not liberated, but rather shacked to...a ship that is storm-tossed by waves of opinion and swamped by rumors of phony science."

Scott Hahn, Angeles May 19, 2023

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes..." Isaiah 5

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.'

- Pope John Paul II



"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of

godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected...their folly will be clear to everyone."

2 Timothy 3