

# Fatima and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart

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## Leading up to the Key to the Fatima Message

The central core of the Message of Fatima is devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is seen in the first part of the Secret of Fatima. On July 13th, the Blessed Virgin opened Her hands, as She had done on the other two occasions. On May 13th when She opened Her hands, a light fell on the children and the children could see themselves in God, and they had a foretaste of Heaven.

On June 13th, when Our Lady opened Her hands, She showed Her Immaculate Heart and the light again fell on the children, but the light from one hand fell on Lucy and went down to the earth. The light from the other hand fell on Jacinta and Francisco and went up to Heaven. And in this light they understood their vocations.

They understood that Jacinta and Francisco would soon die and go to Heaven. But they also understood that Lucy would stay longer on earth in order to promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

And of course we know that's exactly what happened to the three children, that Jacinta and Francisco died, one in 1919 and one in 1920, and both have been beatified by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. Lucy lived another 89 years, until 2005, and she spent her life promoting devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On July 13th, when She opened Her hands, the light this time did not fall on the children, but fell on the ground in front of the children.

And in this light the children could see the fires of hell. And Lucy describes, in both her third and fourth memoirs, what she saw. She said, "We saw as it were a sea of fire. 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 falling 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."

And Lucy tells us that had not Our Lady promised in May to take them to Heaven, that they would have died of fright themselves. Also because the vision was only very brief, they looked up at Our Lady, pleading for mercy. And the Blessed Virgin said to them, "You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wills to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart."

In that sentence you have the key to the whole Fatima Message – “[in order] to save souls, God wills to establish devotion to My Immaculate Heart.” I have read that message many times and it was years before I understood that that was the key to the whole Fatima Message. Pope John Paul II, when he went to Fatima, said, “To understand the message of Our Lady, you have to understand it as a message coming from Our Mother, that She sees Her children in danger and She comes to help them and to warn them.”

So we have to understand the whole Message in the key of Our Lady’s love, of Her motherly love for us. And not only understand why She says what She says but also understand that the solution is Her Immaculate Heart. So it is both for the motive of Her love that She comes as well as She offers the solution — or more exactly, God offers the solution. God Himself wills to establish in the world devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

### **The Larger Context**

To understand this or to put it in context, I understand things from seeing things in their bigger picture. Certainly the Blessed Virgin is not more important than God, nor are the Sacraments more important than God. And yet it is defined by the Council of Trent that these Sacramental signs, the seven Sacraments, are necessary for salvation. We are told that the Church is necessary for salvation. That has been defined by the Third Lateran Council in 1215; defined again by Pope Boniface VIII, in 1302, in the bull *Unam Sanctam*; and defined again by the Council of Florence in 1441 by Eugene IV in his bull *Cantate Domino*.

And yet if the Sacraments are necessary for salvation, and if the Church is necessary for salvation, and if belief in God is necessary for salvation – we are told in Sacred Scripture that a person who comes to God must believe that God exists and rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6) And belief in the name of Jesus is also necessary for salvation, as we were told in the Act of the Apostles that there is no other name under Heaven in which someone is saved, except in the name of Jesus. (Acts 16:31)

So what is the context of all this, are they all equal? No, certainly not, but all necessary! And Leo XIII points out to us, in one of his seventeen encyclicals on the Rosary, that all grace comes to us from God the Father, through the Sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ, through the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the Church, to us. And this is the order that God has established, God, Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, then the Church, and then the Sacraments.

### **The Apparitions of Fatima in Context**

And this truth about the Blessed Virgin Mary’s role in salvation is the one that is least understood today. And that is why God sent His Mother to Fatima, to tell us that God wills to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart; because it is this truth that needs to be reaffirmed, reestablished and, in fact, to flourish more than ever before in the history of the Church.

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, devotion to Her Immaculate Heart, is necessary for salvation, as has been proven in the book of St. Alphonsus, *The Glories of Mary*. There is a little chapter in there in which he points out that devotion to the Blessed Virgin is necessary for salvation.

It is this truth that God wishes to reaffirm at Fatima, that all graces come to us through the hands of the Blessed Virgin, as the Popes have taught us for more than two hundred years. How does God plan to do this? God has a simple plan. The whole Message of Fatima is very simple. And because it's simple, I believe that many people have not paid enough attention to it.

Fatima has often been portrayed as a story for children and certainly it is a story for children as well, but it is also with deep theological meaning, and most profound.

So what is God's plan to bring about devotion in the world to the Immaculate Heart? Well first of all, we must realize that Fatima comes at the end of a long series of rebellions against God starting, we can say, in modern times with Martin Luther in 1517. After which you see the rebellion of the Masons in 1717, and then the Marxists in 1917.

As Pope Pius XII points out, in 1517 Martin Luther pinned his 95 theses to the door in Wittenberg, Germany, in which he said, basically, "Yes" to God, "Yes" to Christ, and "No" to the Church, and "No" to the Pope.

In 1717, two hundred years later to the year, in London, England, the Masons became public and they declared, "Yes" to God – although they didn't mean it, they did make the declaration they believed in God, but they said, "No" to Christ, "No" to the Church and, of course, "No" to the Pope.

And in 1917, two hundred years later again to the year, the same year as Our Lady of Fatima, Lenin said, "No" to God, "No" to Christ, "No" to the Church and, of course, "No" to the Pope.

And each of these movements has declared war on the Church. Although today they have a much more subtle approach, their declaration of war against the Church and against the salvation of souls has not changed, fundamentally.

And so God has sent His Mother at Fatima to overturn, to reply to, and to defeat these apostasies against God, and against Christ, and against the Church, and against the Pope. And so with one very simple gesture, one very simple act of obedience on the part of the Pope, all the enemies of the Church and of Christ, and of God Himself, will be defeated.

But He wants the credit to be given to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He wants the whole world to recognize that it is not Father Gruner, and not any of you, not the Pope, but really and only the Blessed Virgin Mary who wins this victory for God.

As we read in the liturgy time and again, "Thou alone, O Virgin Mary, hath crushed all heresies in the whole world." And we will see that not just with the eyes of Faith, but we will see it with our own physical eyes, when the victory is given to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## **God's Profound Love for Our Sinful Generation!**

How is God going to establish this victory? First of all, as St. Augustine points out to us, God loves us so much that He wants to give us favors and graces that He knows we do not deserve. God wants to give to the world peace, universal peace, the peace that He promised in Sacred Scripture, the peace you can read about in Isaias when it says the lion will lie down with the lamb and the lamb will be unhurt. (Isaias 11:6)

The peace that He describes in other places in Scripture: "They shall turn their swords into ploughshares" (Isaias 2:4), that is, they will turn their instruments of war into methods for producing food. In Micheas it is prophesied that a time will come in which the nations will not learn war any more (Micheas 4:3). That even the art of war will not be taught to the next generation. In the whole six thousand years of recorded history, we've had more than 14,400 wars. That is more than two wars every year for the whole history of mankind.

At Fatima we were promised that era would come to an end, completely. Our Lady told us that war is a punishment for sin and certainly sin has increased in our time more than any other age of history. Pope Pius XII tells us, in 1951, that the world today (that's more than fifty years ago), is worse than before the flood – before the deluge in which God punished the whole world and there were only eight survivors in the Ark of Noah. The world today, he said, is worse than before the flood.

So how is it that God can promise to our time universal peace, when war is a punishment for sin? As I said, God in His love for this generation has made this promise to us, but on one condition: that we give the credit to the Blessed Virgin Mary; that we cannot get it any other way.

And if we refuse to accept the helping hand He offers us, this age will be punished in a way worse than the flood. If we wish to survive and if we wish to save as many souls as possible, we only have one choice: to listen to and obey Our Lady of Fatima. And that is not only for me, or for each of you, but it is also for the bishops, the Cardinals, and above all, the Pope himself.

Whether he be Benedict, or whether he be John Paul, or whether he be Pius, or any other name, that is the ultimatum and the offer that God has given to us in the Fatima Message.

## **The Consecration of Russia – in Perspective**

You see, when Moses was leading the people out of Egypt, and the Egyptians had, first of all, given them their freedom to go and then changed their mind, the people of God at that time, under the direction of Moses, were at the Red Sea. And behind them was the Egyptians army, with their swords

drawn and ready to kill them all. And God put the physical salvation of those whole people into the hands of one man, into the hands of Moses.

And he told Moses to hold his rod over the Red Sea, and by Moses' obedience they were led through the Red Sea by none other than the Virgin Mary – that is the Virgin Miriam – the sister of Moses. And so they were saved through the obedience of the God-sent leader. And that is a picture of a very dramatic event in which they can recognize the authority of Moses, and also recognize the mercy of God.

That is a real event but it also symbolizes the Catholic Church and the Catholic Faithful today. Most of us do not recognize that we are surrounded by enemies who have their swords drawn, ready to kill the Catholic Church, physically.

And we will be delivered, ultimately, by the obedience of the Pope to the command given to him by God, to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart. Our Lady tells us that in the end the Holy Father (we don't know his name) will obey. She said, "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to My Immaculate Heart. Russia will be converted and a period of peace will be given to mankind."

### **Some Objections Answered**

Now I recognize that if I read the daily newspapers, if I watch daily television, this Message seems so foreign to what is being presented to you by the secular media. As one bishop in this country said to me, "Father, I understand what you are saying, but I am not sure the bishops will agree with you." I said, "Your Excellency, I am not a dumb man, I'm not blind, however I do believe the words of Our Lady of Fatima, that, 'In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph'."

Now the Blessed Virgin could appear to the Pope and to the Cardinals to bring this about, if She wanted to, but She chooses Her own methods to bring about Her victory. I don't know why She has chosen me to do my little piece, but each of us are chosen to let the Blessed Virgin work through us to bring about Her triumph.

I have come to realize, more and more, that it really is in the hands of the priests, more than the bishops and more than the Pope, at least at this stage of Our Lady's triumph.

### **The Three Stages of Our Lady's Triumph in the Light of St. John Bosco's Dramatic Vision**

Her triumph is in three stages: the first stage is "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me." That is the first stage. We have been at this stage for ninety years.

When Russia is consecrated, then Russia will be converted. That is the second stage. That will take less than a couple of years. And then when Russia is converted, peace will be given to the world shortly after that.

In the prophetic visions of St. John Bosco, we see that the Pope will not consecrate Russia until Russia invades the West. St. John Bosco had a vision of the Russian armies in France, and they have not been there yet this century (for the last one hundred years). They will bring with them a black standard or a black flag. While they are in France, their standard will turn from black to white. That moment will be when Russia has been consecrated and it has converted. The Russian armies then will stay in France and Western Europe, not as enemies but as friends, to defend Europe from the invasion from the South.

As St. John Bosco summarizes his dream, "Salvation is from the North danger is from the South", meaning the Islamic armies that are marching into Europe. The Russians stay there, when they are converted, and defeat the Islamic armies and save Europe. So the promise of peace is not instantaneous after the Consecration of Russia, but it will come shortly after.

### **God's Dilemma and His Own Wonderful Solution to It**

As St. Augustine tells us, God wills to give us special graces and favors but He knows that we do not deserve them. God still wants to give them to us, but He knows if He gives them to us, simply, that we will become even more proud and we will say to ourselves "We deserve that. We did that. God gave it to us because we are so holy." And God knows that would be a big mistake, it would even make us worse than we were before.

So God has reserved certain graces to the intercession and the merits of the Saints. The grace of world peace, that the world has never seen, has been reserved entirely to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. That is why, when Lucy asked Our Lord in 1936 why He would not convert Russia without the Pope making that Consecration, Jesus answered and said:

"Because I want My whole Church to recognize that consecration as a Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that later on My Church will place devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart."

God wants to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He wants everyone to see that. And so He wants this public event, this public victory to be seen to come from the hands of the Blessed Virgin.

## **Further Objections Answered**

### **The Great Significance of King David's Consecration**

People have asked, over the years, "Why Russia? Why not the United States? Why not China? Or some other place?" "Why not simply consecrate the world, as the Popes have done many times?" And Lucy has answered, "Because Russia is a very well-determined territory (as I'm sure is Brazil and the United States) and when the country and the people of Russia are converted because the Pope and the bishops have consecrated specifically Russia, then the people will make the connection that the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart is what caused the conversion of that people."

It is that singular grace that will be seen to come by the obedience of the Pope and the bishops, but through the merits and intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. That will strike the whole world in a way that we will not forget for centuries.

Again and again, various people said, "With the consecration of the world, and since Russia is part of the world, we therefore have the Consecration of Russia." They confuse a general consecration with a particular consecration.

Let's take the example of King David, in the Old Testament, the prophet said to David's father, "Bring your sons here. I must consecrate one of them." So David's seven older brothers were brought by Jesse, his father. The first one came, and the prophet said, "No"; the second one, "No"; the third one, "No", the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, "No".

The prophet asked David's father, "Do you have any more sons?" He said, "I have one more; he's at home taking care of the sheep." "Bring him here." When David was brought to him, the prophet recognized that David was the one chosen by God.

So David was consecrated, not his brothers, just David.

David was a man of slight build. He was not a big man and yet he killed a bear singlehandedly, he also killed a lion by himself. ...

The king gave David his armor but it was too big for him; it was too heavy. So he went out to meet Goliath unarmed, except [for] one single slingshot with a stone. And with that he killed Goliath – first of all by stunning him, by knocking him out, and then taking Goliath's own sword and cutting off his head.

Now why could David do that? It was because David had been consecrated to God. God give him the power to kill the lion, to kill the bear, and to kill Goliath. He had been consecrated.

And so for Russia to be consecrated, it serves two purposes. Often the first purpose of an exorcism is to get rid of the demons of Satan, of various "isms" that had been imported there. But there is a second

purpose to this Consecration, which is to dedicate it to the service of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And because it becomes Her possession, they will overcome the beasts of the world that are fighting against God to this day.

So it is not to be anti-Russian to ask for the Consecration of Russia. It is a great honor for the Russians. But it is God's choice, as it is Our Lady's choice, and it is for us to accept Their choices and work for Her Triumph, in any way we know how.

### **The Third Stage of Our Lady's Triumph Explained**

And, again, it will be seen that by their conversion they will become a powerhouse of evangelization at the service of the Blessed Virgin, so that the whole world becomes converted. It is implicit in the Fatima Message that not only is peace given to the world, but the whole world becomes Catholic, shortly after this Consecration.

And we see that predicted also in Sacred Scripture, in the second chapter in Isaias in which it is said: "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of God, and He will teach us His ways." And all the nations come flooding into the Lord's house, the Catholic Church.

How do I deduce that from the Message of Fatima? You get it from the third part of Our Lady's victory when She says, "A period of peace will be given to mankind".

There have been enemies of the Church who have pretended to be opposed to each other, but are really friends with each other. We have seen that with so-called war between Communism and Capitalism. This war between Communism and Capitalism is a complete fake. They are friends with each other, and had been from the beginning. In the meantime they have been squeezing us and our faithful for all the taxes they can get out of them, and putting them in their armies and killing them, whether it's Iraq or some other place, all in the name of a fake war so they can dominate the world in the New World Order.

### **The Third Stage in the Light of Material Wealth and its Four Components**

How hard is it to understand that? It isn't really hard when you start thinking of things in simplest terms. All material wealth is composed of four things. Whether it's East or West, whether it's North or South, or whether it's Communism or Capitalism, all material wealth comes from four elements.

The first element is natural resources. We either grow it or we dig out of the ground or we take it from the air, it's something that God has made.

The second element to make material wealth is human labor. Whatever it is that people find wealthy [in the] use of material goods, has been worked upon in some way by a man or woman.

The third element of wealth – except for the most primitive economy – is some sort of machinery, some sort of tool. Today, even the simplest economy has at least a hoe or a rake or a shovel. That instrument is a machine.

But you cannot have machinery without the fourth element, which is savings. Usually people understand savings in terms in money, but saving can be any kind of saving. In a Robinson Crusoe economy, if the first person on the island goes fishing with his hands, it's very hard to catch fish. But if the second person is fed by the first, he can make a net, that net is a machine. But to make the net, there had to be some savings, in order to let the second person make the machine.

So, all human wealth comes from these four basic elements: natural resources, human labor, machinery and savings. Now if you take all the natural resources with your right hand, and all the savings and machinery in your left hand, and you disinherit the people so that they do not own these means of production, all they have is their labor to sell.

So if Mr. Rockefeller and his types can grab – by legal and illegal means – all the natural resources and all the machinery, then everyone becomes his slave. But that's not quite successful enough, so you organize your own opposition, you organize the proletariat and say, "we want the people to have material wealth, so we organized the Communist revolution." Now that sounds very good in theory perhaps but what has exactly happened in history? Well that's exactly what has happened in history.

First of all, when Trotsky came to New York, in March of 1917, he had \$25 in his pocket. He left six months later, in October, and he had \$25,000,000 in gold. Where did he get \$25,000,000 in gold in six months? (That's worth maybe half a billion dollars today.) He got it from East Side New York, from the financiers of the world located in New York City.

And what did he do with that \$25,000,000 in gold? He paid for the Russian Revolution and for the revolt of the Russian army.

The Russian Revolution, as Pius XI points out, is not Russian, and came from outside. He was financed from outside, he was controlled from outside. There were three hundred and some men on that ship with Trotsky, they were all criminals. They were captured by the Canadian Navy (it is the one thing I know that was a notable act of Canadian Navy).

The Canadian government wasn't quite as good, but the Canadian Navy actually captured this ship off the coast of Halifax and these men (and their gold) were put in jail for two or three days. But the British Government and the American Government pressured the Canadian Government to release them, and that gold was sent to Russia to pay for the Russian Revolution.

That's because of the myth that Capitalism is for everybody – this is not to distinguish between Capitalism and the rights of private property. As Hilaire Belloc pointed out in his book in 1909, *The*

*Servile State*, as private property is widely defused among the many, then the institution of slavery diminishes. But, as the private property comes to be in the hands of the few, then the institution of slavery increases. That is because we cannot have political freedom without economic freedom. It's because most people are afraid to stand up for their rights if they don't know where the next piece of bread is coming from, the next day. Understandably so!

Unless we have economic freedom, we cannot have political freedom. And if I do not have control of the means of production for what I need, then I can't stand up to my master who says "You can't say that. You can't do that." I want to eat tomorrow. And for people with families, they want their families to eat tomorrow, and so they don't.

But the answer is not the Russian Revolution, because that's just all part of the same trick – because it's controlled from the top by the same people. And that is historically established, if you want to look at it in great detail.

Our Lady says at Fatima, on July 13th, "Only I can help you." You won't get help from the United Nations, you won't get help from the Communists, you won't get help from the Capitalists, and you won't get help from anywhere. "Only I can help you."

### **The Ultimate Solution and Our Part in It**

We are surrounded and we are being crushed little by little, and most of us don't see it. And the only solution is to obey Our Lady of Fatima in a manner that God has dictated, which is [by] the Consecration of Russia and the devotion of the First Saturdays of the month[s].

God wills to establish that devotion in the world and either this generation will prove to the rest of the generations that we were the most stupid of all because we did not accept the clear prophetic Message of Fatima, or we will be thanked by the generations succeeding us for finally getting it, for finally understanding, for finally obeying.

And although none of us are the Pope, none of us are Cardinals, (I am not sure if we have bishops here) but most of us are not bishops, nevertheless much is the number of souls that may be saved by your hands. As Pope Pius XII pointed out, it's a great mystery but the number of souls saved depends on how well Catholics cooperate with God's grace.

Our Lady of Fatima put it another way, much more personal, when She said, "Many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray for them and make sacrifices for them." And so even though we don't see the result of our prayers every day, we don't see the results of encouraging our parishioners and people that listen to us to pray the Rosary every day, the fact is primarily this is a spiritual battle. And this battle will be won by the forces of grace, when we use the means of grace, when we use prayer and the Sacraments in the right spirit that God gave them to us.

We all need to pray for the Pope and the bishops to consecrate Russia. This is not about being against the Pope or against the bishops. Ultimately, it is in their hands. Ultimately, they must obey if we are going to be delivered. And they must obey Our Lady of Fatima, and they must consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. But in the meantime, to obtain those graces we need to have a crusade of rosaries. As Sister Lucy has told us, there is no problem in the world, either national or international, either physical or moral, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.

She tells us that God has given greater power to the Rosary today, because the times are so evil. But who is going to teach them that, if not you, Fathers? Who is going to teach them the full meaning of the Message of Fatima, if not yourselves first?

We have a number of books that explain many things that we will not have time to explain here. We will be glad to give them to you.

God wills to establish in the world, devotion to the Immaculate Heart. The devotion to the Blessed Virgin is central to the Message of Fatima and the Consecration of Russia is central to that triumph of the Blessed Virgin. The other request is for the Communions of Reparation on the First Saturdays.

Thank you.

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