

Our Lady of America and Our Lady of Fatima

Messages of Eschatological Proportion

**The condition of the world into which Mary comes...
Blessed John Paul II named the 20th century the most evil
in the history of mankind. Why?**

In retrospect, we see how the **Scientific and Industrial Revolution of the 1800's led to a new age of "enlightenment" and the "glorification of man" and of the human will and reason**, producing profound changes in human life. People were forced out of a rural, agricultural and simple lifestyle, respectful of God and compassionate to the community, into high pressured, dehumanizing and isolated factory work in cities ill prepared to handle a sudden increase in population, resulting in the formation of ghettos and the breakdown of the extended family and leading to a growing sense of alienation from one another and from God. Relationships demand time! As people were increasingly replaced by the machine, the dignity of the human person got mangled in the demand for productivity. People became mere cogs in the wheel of the "machinery of progress" and the previous respect for the Will of God and the sacredness of human life waned in the face of the increasing glorification of pseudoscience and mankind's dehumanization. As rapidly produced goods had to be sold quickly, pressure was exerted on people to buy the products, resulting in a materialism that runs the economy of the nation. The increased hours demanded by production quotas drained the person of his deeper sense of the soul and inner well being, of time just **to be**, both with God and with family.

All things human are like a two-edged sword and can be good or bad depending on how they are used. For those who deify science, **Nietzsche's "death of God" and nihilistic philosophy, which denies that life has any objective meaning, purpose and intrinsic value and denies that morality is objective and inherent**, was easily wedded as they proclaimed their "**coming of age**" and "**self sufficiency**"-- that they no longer had need of God to explain their existence or to achieve their human potential and happiness in the **secular city**. Although God has made man the steward of the earth, man has often raped the earth for his own greed and indulgence while depriving so many poor of a taste of its bounty while they lie starving. The intellectual pride of this "**new age of enlightenment**" led many to the false conclusion that they answer to no one but themselves, and many nations began to choose a path of self destruction in their refusal to acknowledge a Higher Authority over all the earth and every person and Nation. A misuse of psychology often robs people of any genuine sense of responsibility for their actions and of a healthy guilt for their sins, which are dismissed as mere immature or bad choices. Power struggles bring one war upon another. Without God and a sense of the soul which together define man's true dignity and noble nature, the baser drives within that nature

erupt in all kinds of demonic and evil behaviors, sins against Nature itself and against the Moral Law given us from Heaven, both of which are objective and inherent.

The first half of the 20th century saw the rise of **Communism, Fascism, Naziism and Nationalism**, genocides and holocausts of millions of innocent people, atomic bombs that wiped out whole cities of civilians and left thousands more to die of radiation poisoning, massive destruction of the earth, an exodus of women from the home to keep the “machinery” in production while men were at war, and a demonic persecution of the Church and those who remained faithful to it. The world has gone mad with self-worship, declaring war even on God in its “**declaration of independence from the Creator**,” the very One Who gave it life and sustains it in existence. **Atheism** peaked its ugly head in this muck of self destructive human egoism, proclaimed with an intensity never known before, as it sought to rob God of His dwelling place in the hearts and minds of His creatures. Today those bound to the errors of atheism attempt to strip God’s Holy Name from public view and hearing and to confine the exercise of true religion, the most primal instinct in man, to the underground of private communication. While every faction of society is given freedom of speech, it is increasingly denied to those who profess faith in God and in Jesus Christ. **The cultures of death, of apostasy and of the flesh have run rampant following the sexual revolution of the 1960’s.** Evil people behind the abortion and homosexual agendas prosper on the backs of those seduced by their lies about “healthcare” and “human rights.” Decent people are subjected to parades of obscene exposure and perversion, some even arrogantly called “**slut parades**,” which in previous years common sense alone would have judged criminal and unworthy of mature human beings. These false notions of freedom and intrinsic rights are expressed in a style of life grievously insulting to a God of Infinite Purity and Holiness, a God so loving that, instead of striking us with the just judgment our sinful actions deserve, sends us His Immaculate Mother to plead with us to listen to her and reform our lives, before it is too late, as she strains to hold back the arm of Divine Justice from falling upon our sinful generation.

This is an era of **massive dehumanization, especially of the weak, the poor, the sick and the elderly.** The “**brave New World**” of **Secular Humanism, Relativism, Subjectivism, Individualism, Atheism and Agnosticism, which deny the reality of God and the objective, permanent, universal and unchanging nature of God’s Truth revealed in His Word, in Jesus Christ, is upon us.** When we deny God’s Truth we become easy conduits of the lies of Satan, the Prince of the world of darkness, and deny the reality of sin, final judgment, and hell for those who refuse God’s Infinite love and mercy. **God does not force Himself on us; He always honors our free will.** God does not send anyone to hell; each sends himself there by the choices he or she makes, which God sadly but lovingly honors as the exercise of our free will. This battle with evil is as old as the battle between Michael and Lucifer, and since that battle, Lucifer is forever at war with God, with Christ and His Church, but the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. God always wins precisely because He and He alone truly **IS** God.

Why is Our Lady's appearance at Fatima so important?

Already in 1910 the monarchy of Portugal had been overthrown by atheistic Marxist-leaning anarchists and freemasons who proceeded to persecute the Church, driving priests abroad or into jail, closing monasteries, forbidding clerical garb, abolishing the religious oath in court, secularizing Holy Days and declaring marriage a mere civil contract. While Our Lady had already appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France, in 1858, revealing herself as The Immaculate Conception and offering healing to the sick in the spring waters, it was here at Fatima that Our Lady boldly takes on Satan in a battle against evil she is guaranteed to win as She fulfills the prophecy of Eden, that a woman would crush the ugly head of the ancient serpent. Here at Fatima Mary likewise manifests herself as the Woman of the Apocalypse as she personally announces the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. Our Lady comes to earth when error abounds and when her children have need of her divine intervention and protection against the evils of the day. With evil reaching new heights in the 20th century as seen in the spread of atheism and its errors (as predicted at Fatima), two World Wars and the continuing danger of another global war with unimaginable destruction of human life and of the earth, Our Lady responded to our need for her help with an unprecedented number of apparitions in countries around the world, calling all her children to prayer, penance and amendment of life, promising victory through devotion to her Immaculate Heart which is so pleasing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our One Mediator before the throne of God. **Fatima is the first apparition of Mary to address so profoundly the storms of error afflicting the modern Church and God's people with its message of eschatological importance in confirming Church teaching on the four (4) last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell, and proclaiming anew the supreme authority of God over the works of His hands with the solar miracle that puts science in its proper relationship to God.** Our Lady confirms her essential role in the Church and in the work of salvation. She warns us human civilization is endangered by these atheistic errors which attack God, the Church, the virtue of purity and the sacredness of life itself, and that many souls are in danger of the eternal loss of their souls.

The solar miracle of Fatima is the first time in human history that a physical miracle of such magnitude, witnessed by thousands, defying all human reason and science to explain it, was ever performed by God after having been *preannounced as to the day, the time and the location where it would happen.* It is deemed comparable to the biblical dimensions of Joshua making the sun stop and to Moses' parting of the Red Sea. It was a confirmation not only of God's existence but of His omnipotence. It was a reminder that God reveals His wonders to the little ones and confounds the wise of this world. It was a reaffirmation of the Church's teaching on sin, judgment, God's perfect justice as well as His infinite mercy and love, and the reality of hell--with the vision of hell the children saw--as well as of the reality of heaven--where Our Lady promised to take Francisco and Jacinta soon. It was a confirmation of the Real Presence in the Eucharist, of the existence of angels and guardian angels for people and

nations, of the need for repentance and reparation for sin. It addressed the power of the sin of one to affect the whole body--for the solar miracle was diminished because of the town administrator's evil treatment of the children--as well as of the holiness of one to procure the salvation of many within the Mystical Body of Christ. We can only guess how many souls were saved by the prayers and sacrifices of the Fatima children and what favor was won in return for their devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her rosary. It is the will of God that we come to Jesus through Mary, for when we honor her we honor Him. Thousands saw the solar miracle and the testimony of God against an atheistic, impure and arrogant world denying Him His Lordship, honor and dominion. Fatima was the beginning of a chain of visits from heaven, visits of Our Blessed Mother to help us battle a sea of errors in a storm of heresy, division, impurity and apostasy, leading us safely home in the saving Ark of Christ's Church. **Mary is the Star of the Sea on our journey. She is our Esther, our Queen who comes to save us from destruction on the 13th of the month, just as Esther saved the Chosen People, slated for destruction on the 13th day of the 12th month. Both names, Mary and Esther, mean "star." Our Lady of Fatima's gown has a single star on its hem, symbolizing Our Lady's role as Queen in our salvation, even greater than Queen Esther's in saving the Hebrew people of old.**

Fatima and other apparitions of Our Lady in the 20th century

Our Lady appeared in **Fatima, Portugal**, on the 13th of six consecutive months, beginning with May 13 and ending with the solar miracle on October 13, 1917. World War I had begun already in 1914. In 1917-1933 Our Lady appeared to 5 children in **Beaurang, Belgium** and identified herself as our Queen and Merciful Mother, Mediatrix of Grace, calling for repentance and the conversion of sinners. In 1933 Our Lady appeared to a young girl at **Banneaux, Belgium** and identified herself as the Virgin of the Poor. She provided a spring for the healing of people from all nations in these sick times. In 1968-1970 Our Lady appeared above the dome of St. Mary's Church in **Zeitoun, Egypt**, to her children of all nations who gazed upon her under various images. She was silent, speaking only with the intensity of her presence. In 1971 Our Lady appeared to a nun in **Akita, Japan**. The eyes of her statue wept tears of blood as she called again for repentance and warned of chastisements worse than the deluge if we did not repent of our sins. Always, these apparitions reaffirm and enhance the eschatological message and call of Fatima. In 1976 Our Lady appeared to the crowds in **Betania, Venezuela**, again begging for conversion through her intercession. In 1981 – 1989 she appeared in **Kibeho, Rwanda**, a country soaked in blood as brother killed brother in the pursuit of power. Her appearances always carry a sense of urgency for conversion and repentance in preparation for the coming of Jesus. In 1987 she appeared in the **Ukraine, Russia**, above the Church of the Three Holy Persons of the Trinity on the anniversary of the nuclear accident in Chernobyl. The Ukrainian people had been persecuted for the Faith for 80 years but kept it alive in an "underground" church. Our Lady showed her love for these devoted people.

In 1956 Our Lady appeared, not in one but many different locations right here in the United States of America, to Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, calling herself “Our Lady of America®.” Again Our Lady called for repentance and conversion with a sense of grave urgency:

**“What I ask, have asked, and will continue to ask is reformation of life.”
“My sweet child, unless my children reform their lives, they will suffer great persecution.”**

“Tell the Bishops of the United States, my loyal sons, of my desires and how I wish them to be carried out.”

“If my desires are not fulfilled much suffering will come to this Land. My child, I come again for men have not changed their lives. Their sins cry to heaven for punishment. I hold out help, they will not receive it. I show them the way to peace but they only spurn the efforts of my love. It is late sweet child, oh how late! ...Dear child, the danger is imminent; there is no time to lose. Tell my faithful ones who are working so diligently for my cause that I am most grateful but urge them to do all in their power to continue even in the midst of sacrifice and suffering. They will not be alone in their struggle. Myself, with the holy angels, will be always with them to help, fight and encourage. Get this message to them quickly as the time is shorter than ever.”

“O my children, you still aren’t listening. I see the destruction coming but you do not believe me. You can stem this tide of suffering if you at last do as I’ve been asking of you for so long. Renew your hearts, your spirits, by seeking and following the light of the Holy Spirit within yourselves and in the teachings of Holy Church.”

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA®, Fostoria, Ohio, Pgs. 18, 17, 15, 36, 39, and 44 respectively.)

With Our Lady’s latest appearance in mind, let us explore the deep connection between Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of America and their importance for the Church, for America and for the whole world.

The role of Angels in both apparitions

In the spring of 1916 while the three children, Lucia (10), and her cousins, Francisco (9), and Jacinta (7), were tending their sheep, a globe of light came toward them, then resolved itself into the form of a young man of about 14. He said he was the Angel of Peace (a title for the Archangel Michael) and invited them to pray with him: **My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love Thee.**

(Francis Johnston, FATIMA, THE GREAT SIGN, AMI Press, Washington, NJ, Pg. 24.)

In the summer of that same year the angel appeared again and asked them to pray a great deal and to offer up prayer and sacrifice constantly to the Most High. When Lucia asked how to do that, he answered:

“Make everything you do a sacrifice and offer it to God in reparation for the countless sins by which He is offended and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. In this way you will bring peace to your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission all the sufferings that the Lord may send you.” (Johnston, Pg. 25.)

Three months later the angel appeared a third time, holding a chalice with a Host above it and from which drops of blood fell into the cup. Leaving the host and chalice suspended in air, he prostrated himself on the ground and prayed three times:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, really and truly present in every tabernacle of the world in reparation for the countless outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg Thee to convert poor sinners. [He then gave Lucia the Host and Francisco and Jacinta to drink from the chalice. Lucia was forbidden by her superiors to relate these visions until she wrote her second memoirs in 1937, presumably to allow Our Lady’s message to be accepted first.] (Johnston, Pg. 25.)

Similar to the angelic visits to the children of Fatima, we see the Archangels Michael and Gabriel visit Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil prior to Our Lady’s appearance as well. Sister states that in the fall of 1954 she was sitting in a room near the kitchen, saying prayers, when the angel came, clothed in white in the midst of darkness, holding the palm of victory and a sword which he offered to her. Sister resisted the palm but accepted the sword, to which the Angel replied.

“Then you will accept the palm and the sword. With the sword the saints conquered themselves, the world, and the devil. I am the Angel of Peace. I come to those whose hearts are attuned to the Voice of God. To such as these I remain a perpetual light through blinding darkness. I was sent by Him Who said, “I am the Light of the world.” [It was later made known to Sister that the Angel of Peace is St. Michael. (Diary, Pg. 8.) [It was the Angel of Peace who also called himself the Angel of Portugal.]

On November 20, 1955 Sister describes feeling like she was half-sleeping and half-awake, like being in two worlds, as she entered a small room unknown to her. In the doorway was an Angel in white with arms extended and fingers pointing upward. A supernatural dread came over her. “Who are you?” she asked, to which he replied:

“I am the Angel Gabriel. I have come to tell you that Our Lord is pleased with your effort to do good. He asks that you go to His Mother and learn great purity of heart.” (Diary, Pg. 9.)

Then, on the eve of the feast of the North American martyrs, September 25, 1956, Our Lady made her first appearance to Sister under the image of Our Lady of Lourdes and

promised that **“greater miracles than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima would be granted here in America, the United States in particular, if we would do as she desires.”** (Diary, Pg. 9.) [Mary thanked us for the honor we give her under the title of her unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception and promised miracles of grace.] **“I do not promise miracles of the body, but of the soul.”** (Diary, Pg. 10.) The following day Our Lady again appeared under the image we know as Our Lady of America.®



“I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives. ... [Later that day, Our Lady spoke further.] My child, I entrust you with this message that you must make known to my children in America. I wish it to be the country dedicated to my purity. The wonders I will work will be the wonders of the soul. They must have faith and believe firmly in my love for them. I desire that they be the children of my Pure Heart. I desire, through my children of America, to further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and nations. Let them come to me with confidence and simplicity, and I, their Mother, will teach them to become pure like to my Heart that their own hearts may be more pleasing to the Heart of my Son.” (Diary, Pgs. 10-11.)

While the visits of Our Lady of America® continued and her message of the Divine Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity as the source of holiness and peace unfolded, it was on May 8, 1957 that the Archangel Michael again appeared to Sister Mildred and said:

“Write! I am Michael, Angel Captain of the Lord God of Hosts. I come to announce the coming of the kingdom, the kingdom of peace. The time is at hand. Repent, bestir yourselves, O sons of men, repent and make ready your hearts that the King may establish His Kingdom within you. Do not delay, or the time of grace will pass and with it the peace you seek.

Behold, the Queen of angels and of men comes beforehand to make all things ready for her King-Son. My little sister, the message is a clear one, there is no doubt. Make it known, do not hesitate. I, Michael, have spoken.” (Diary, Pg. 17.)

On February 11, 1958, after Our Lady repeated the promise of Fatima that **“My Immaculate Heart will win in the end,”** and told Sister Mildred that **“nothing is accomplished without pain,”** and that she should **“prepare to suffer much,”** the same exhortation given to the children of Fatima, Our Lady spoke of the sword and wound in her Heart as the sword of grief caused by her **“children who refuse to let me teach them the true way”** to the Father and eternal union, the **“way of the divine humanity.”** [At Fatima she also appeared as Our Lady of Sorrows.] Our Lady called herself the **“Mother of the sacred humanity”** and lamented our refusal to listen. She then spoke of her particular interest in the **youth** of our nation and all nations and urged that they be taught the knowledge of and the living of the Divine Indwelling and **“it is to the youth of America that she is holding out this challenge.”**

A medal which Our Lady asked to be made is to be their shield against evil, the picture or statue of Our Lady, the protection of the home, the statue at the Shrine in Washington, D.C., a safeguard for our country. America, the United

States in particular, is being given the tremendous, yet privileged, opportunity to lead all nations in a spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital. (Diary, Pgs. 24-25.) [Again we understand the sense of urgency!]

Shortly thereafter St. Michael came to Sister Mildred again, holding an immense flaming torch and said:

“My little sister, you must carry this torch through the world.” The next day it was made known to Sister that those, particularly the youth, who are willing wholeheartedly to follow Our Lady in her great battle against evil would bear the special title of “Torchbearers of the Queen®.” This torch, of course, is Divine Love, for it is Love alone that will conquer hate and all that hate brings with it. (Diary, Pg. 25.)

Saint Michael would continue to assist Sister against the attacks of Satan. Those close to Sister spoke often of finding her in her room, surrounded by angels. Oh those precious angels ever at our side! Sister Mildred would send the angels with anyone who left her presence.

On August 22, 1981 Sister was visited by an angel who identified himself as Archangel Sardus, the Protector, Guardian and Defender of America whose soil is saturated with martyrs' blood and honors so highly the Queen of Heaven and Her holy Spouse who work only to further the Kingdom of Jesus. Is it any wonder that Our Lady chose the feast of the North American martyrs for her first appearance?

“Listen to the words and warnings of the Queen of Heaven and you will experience my protection and I will fight in your defense that with the people of all Nations you can at last come to the peace of the Kingdom within you.”(Diary, Pg. 42.)

That same day another angel visited Sister, identifying himself as the Angel Sultra, Guardian and Protector of the United States of America, whose people honor the Immaculate Virgin, the Queen of Angels and have dedicated their land to her.

“If the people of this Land carry out faithfully the instructions and pleadings of the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mother then they will be following me to the hour of peace. ...This Nation and all who follow in the pursuit of peace will know the protection of God and the destruction of those who fight and seek to destroy them through the evil powers of the infernal spirits of darkness and hate.” (Diary, Pg. 41.)

On January 3, 1984, Sister Mildred asked Our Lady if there would be a nuclear war as everyone was so afraid. Our Lady gave this answer:

“My faithful one, if my warnings are taken seriously and enough of my children strive constantly and faithfully to renew and reform themselves in their inward and outward lives, then there will be no nuclear war. What happens to the world depends upon those who live in it. There must be much more good than evil prevailing in order to prevent the holocaust that is so near approaching.

Yet I tell you, my daughter, even should such a destruction happen because there were not enough souls who took my warnings seriously, there will remain a remnant—untouched by the chaos who, having been faithful in following and spreading my warnings, will gradually inhabit the earth again with their dedicated and holy lives. These will renew the earth in the power and light of the Holy Spirit. These faithful ones of my children will be under my protection and that of the Holy Angels, and they will partake of the life of the Divine Trinity in a most remarkable way. Let my dear children know this, precious daughter, so that they will have no excuse if they fail to heed my warnings.” (Diary, Pg. 45.)

Interestingly, the 1917 request of Our Lady of Fatima for the Pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart was finally done in complete accord with Our Lady’s requests by Blessed John Paul II on March 25, 1984. **Sr. Lucia confirmed that Our Lady accepted this consecration as fulfillment of her request.** Russia’s conversion quickly took place as promised, but due to the delays in fulfilling Our Lady’s requests, the errors of atheism have spread all around the world. In 1956 **Our Lady of America®** asked her beloved sons, the bishops of the United States, to enthrone a statue of her image, after being carried in solemn procession, in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. **[The one we were building when Our Lady first appeared to Sister Mildred], and to honor her there under the title “Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin®.”** What chastisements have we been experiencing here in America for our delay in fulfilling Our Lady’s request? And what grace does Our Lady have in store for us, grace we need so desperately from on high, if we hasten to fulfill that request? We can only imagine!

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