

A Startling Revelation

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Sister Lucia, who with her cousins Jacinta and Francisco, saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, kept a journal until her death in 2005. Without her, we would not have the First Saturdays devotion, explained in the Promises and Prayers section of this website.

Her convent in Coimbra, Portugal, in 2015 published *A Pathway Under the Gaze of Mary*. The English version is available at www.bluearmy.com.

The following even startled a religious writer like myself. As World War II was coming near the end in 1944, Sister Lucia looked up and saw the beloved Mother from Heaven, Our Lady of Fatima.

She wrote what God and Our Lady ordered, but not her own opinion. These are the alarming, amazing words:

The tip of the spear as a flame unlatches and touches the axis of the earth. It shudders.

Mountains, cities, towns and villages with their

inhabitants are buried. The sea, the rivers and the clouds emerge from their limits, overflowing and bringing with them in a whirlwind houses and people in numbers that are not possible to count. It is the purification of the world, because of sin which the world has plunged into. Hatred and ambition cause the destructive war!

Then I felt the rapid beating of my heart and in my mind the echo of a gentle voice saying: In time, one faith, one baptism, one church, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. In eternity, Heaven!

Sister Lucia further wrote with sorrow:

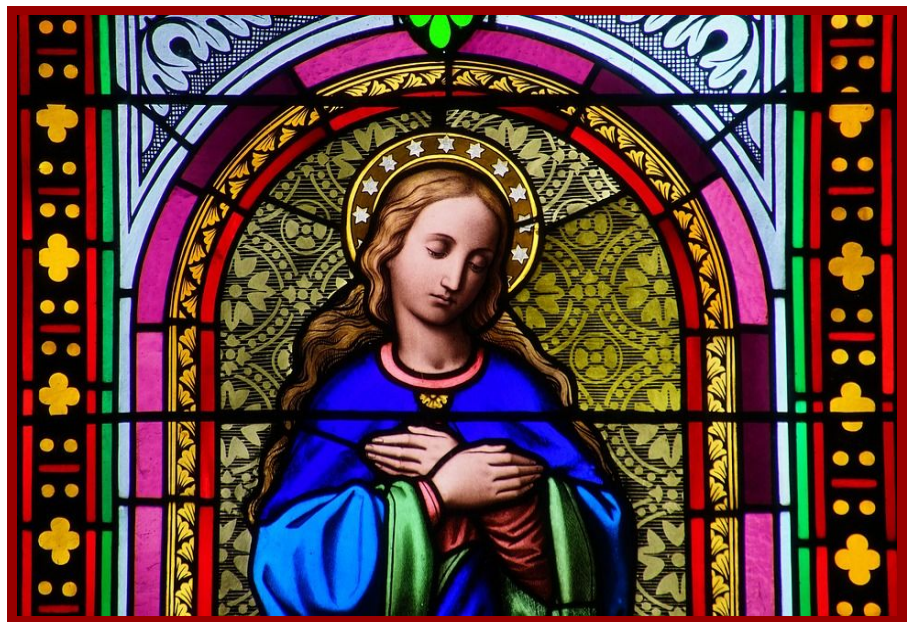
“It is therefore alarming to see in today’s world the disorder which prevails in this respect, and the ease with which people plunge into immorality. To remedy the situation, there is only

one solution: that people should repent, reform their lives and do penance. The Lord now asks and demands: prayer and penance, public and collective prayer,” Sister Lucia wrote.

She further said, “God does not punish man. It is man himself who with his intemperance causes punishments.”

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady of Fatima again appeared to Sister Lucia and said:
“Look, my daughter, at my Heart surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite... the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

By spending time with Mary in meditation, inspired by her love, one’s heart will slowly grow in the desire to live every day in the spirit of the First Saturday, in self-denial and avoiding sin. Those who practice this devotion will inevitably desire more and more to be like Mary, imitating Jesus and pleasing to the Father. Then one’s focus on the benefit of the Promise changes to an inward focus on living life as an act of reparation to the heart of the Mother because it pleases God.



On another occasion when Jesus appeared to her, she asked him that if some people cannot go to confession on First Saturday, would He permit that a confession within eight days be valid?
Jesus replied:

“Yes, and it can be longer provided that when they receive Me on the First Saturday they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

The proof of Fatima was witnessed by 70,000 religious men and women, and even some atheists, on October 13, 1917. It had been raining heavy that day, the date of the miracle promised by Our Lady after five previous months of apparitions which began May 13, 1917.

Say to yourself, how could 70,000 witnesses be wrong! With God, nothing is impossible. The people were all drenched from the rain, then the clouds disappeared and Lucia, then 10 years old, yelled “look at the sun”. The people did look up, some not hearing Lucia but seeing others look up. The sun was not bright as usual and could be looked at. Various colors streamed from it on the crowd of 70,000, bathed in yellow, then other colors. Then the sun plunged toward the earth. People knelt in the muddy ground, caused by the heavy rains earlier. They thought it was the end of the world. This, and more, was all reported by a secular worldly newspaper in Lisbon, Portugal. The people prayed on their knees, some confessed their sins aloud. Then the sun returned to its usual place in the sky.

The 70,000 found the following: All the mud was turned to dry ground; their clothes, without exception, were dry and looked like they had just come from the dry cleaners. All of this is impossible, but with God nothing is impossible. However, for those who have no faith, like some who walked in the time of Jesus, no explanation is possible. Today, Fatima and Lourdes in France are the two most famous sites in Europe where the Blessed Virgin Mary came from Heaven to earth to lead many souls to her Son, Jesus Christ, and belief in the Holy Trinity--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Yes, three distinct persons, but only one God. Scholars cannot explain this, so if you don't understand, neither do most of the world's great minds. God had no beginning, nor end. We do! But we are given two choices here, depending on the life we live. Heaven forever with God, or hell with Satan and the fallen angels, the only place God cannot be, filled with hate, anguish and fire forever torturing souls whom by their actions, words and deliberate evil thoughts coupled with refusing Christ's grace and forgiveness, chose hell. How terrible!
