

# The Prophecies of Fatima Are Happening Now

**W**E live in times in which Biblical prophecies, and prophecies made in former years, are now being fulfilled. These are dangerous, difficult, but also exciting times, in which heavenly decrees and prophecies will be fulfilled to the letter. We can even see some divinely pre-ordained events happening right now.

At the end of the 16th century, Our Lady appeared to a Conceptionist sister from Quito, Ecuador, then colony of the Spanish Crown, under the title of Our Lady of Good Success, and commanded that a statue be made. She desired this to do a great good not only for the convent and the Ecuadorian nation, but for the entire West, and even the whole world. She desired this because the convent would stand in special need of her protection in those early days of the Colony. Our Lady also desired to intervene during a great crisis in the Church and society, that would occur in the 20th century.

The image of Our Lady of Good Success, with its stately majesty and supernatural air, is no ordinary statue. It was miraculously completed by the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael in the year 1611. It also tells the amazing story of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres (1563-1635) who offered her sufferings and life for the crisis in the Church she was given to see that would occur in the 20th century. Mother Mariana was a Conceptionist sister who traveled from Spain to the New World at age 13 to help to found the Royal Convent of the Immaculate Conception (a Franciscan branch) in Quito. Favored with many singular gifts from heaven, this chosen soul was given to know many future events, especially the situation of the Church in our days.

Some of the prophecies revealed to her concern our own times. They harmonize perfectly with the better-known prophecies that Our Lady made at Fatima in 1917.

Our Lady told Mother Mariana that in our lamentable times, heresies would abound, the corruption of manners and customs would be almost complete, and the light of the Faith would be nearly extinguished. To atone for the many blasphemies and abuses and to hasten the day of the triumphant restoration, this 17th-century religious was asked to become an expiatory victim for our times. Thus, in a special way, the vocation of Mother Mariana links her to the crisis in the Church and society, that we are witnessing today.

There is absolutely no way that a Spanish religious in the 1600s could have

had any idea of what would be occurring in our century. But there it all was: Our Lady warned Mother Mariana that the Sacraments would be abused and set aside, that vocations would perish because of poor formation and education in Catholic schools and monasteries. She warned that impurity would inundate the streets like filthy ocean waters, so that "there would be almost no virgin souls."

There is an even more profound link to the Fatima message. Our Lady told Mother Mariana that her name would only become known at the end of the 20th century. The 3rd secret of Fatima was supposed to be revealed to the world in 1960. Mysteriously, it was not. In 1960 Pope John XXIII gave the incomprehensible message, in direct contradiction to the command of the Mother of God: "Questo non è per i nostri tempi." ["This matter is not for our times."] For "the good of the Church and the welfare of mankind," until now the three popes who followed him have continued his example, rather than submitting to the command from the Heavenly Queen.

The message of Our Lady of Quito warns repeatedly of a crisis in the Church and the clergy – both secular and regular. Could this be the third part of the message of 1917, still not revealed today: the apostasy in the clergy, the general extinguishing of the light of Faith, a conspiracy against the Church, the dominion of Satan?

## Need of Victims and Love of the Cross

**W**E are approaching the end of the 20th century, the century of man, who has embraced every pleasure and adopted the maxim of the Revolution of the 60s: It is only forbidden to forbid. The messages of Fatima and Quito speak to man of the need for expiatory victims, and the love of the Cross.

In the very first apparition at Fatima, Our Lady asked the children, "Do you want to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings He may choose to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and as a supplication for the conversion of sinners?" She requested man's cooperation in the divine plan. The children agreed. Lucia said, "Yes, we do." "Then you are going to suffer a great deal, but the grace of God will be your comfort."

In 1582, when Mother Mariana was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, for the first time she was given to see the heresy, blasphemy and impurity that would inundate the world as punishment in the 20th century. Our Lady asked her: "My daughter, will you sacrifice yourself for the people of this time?" Mother Mariana replied, "I am willing." From the violence of the shock of previewing the horrors of our day, Mother Mariana fell dead. Historic and documented evidence records that this holy religious truly died in 1582 and resurrected. Before the divine tribunal, she was given the choice to remain in heaven or return to suffer in the world. Following the example of Our Lady, who left the glories of heaven to protect her children during those difficult

first years of the fledgling Church, Mother Mariana chose to return to life to expiate for the great sins of our times.

There is also a special message for us, in the way the children of Fatima and Mother Mariana accepted and embraced the cross. The mystery of the cross is a special grace. Eternal Wisdom only bestows it on His best friends. "It is a greater happiness for St. Peter" writes St. John Chrysostom, "to be imprisoned for Jesus Christ than to be with Him in His glory on Mt. Thabor; it is a greater glory for him to wear his prisoner's chains, than to bear in his hands the keys to Paradise."

Eternal Wisdom tells us that the number of fools is infinite. That is, St. Louis de Montfort says, because the number of those who do not know the value of the Cross is infinite, and they carry it despite themselves. You should thrill with joy, he says, because the cross you carry is a gift so precious, it would arouse the envy of the Blessed, if they were capable of envy. (*Love of Eternal Wisdom*, p. 97).

## The Existence of Hell

**T**HE First Secret of Fatima breaks the myth, the lie of 20th century, that hell does not exist. On July 13, 1917, Our Lady told three children, ages 10, 8, 7, to "pray, pray very much because many souls go to Hell." Then she opened Her hands and showed the three children a hole in the ground, a place. That hole, said Lucy, "was like a sea of fire in which we saw the souls of human forms, men and women, burning, shouting, and crying in despair." Mary said to the children: "You have seen Hell, where sinners go when they do not repent." A Roman Catholic dogma: The existence of Hell.

During her life, Mother Mariana begged Our Lord to save the soul of an insubordinate sister in the convent. He agreed that this rebellious sister would be saved, although she would be required to remain in purgatory until the end of the world. In recompense, Mother Mariana had to suffer five years on earth the pains of hell. For five years, she suffered all the tortures of the senses reserved for souls in that terrible place, and the most intense suffering of the sense of the loss of God.

Our Lady wanted 20th century man to realize, in face of the "theories" of universal salvation of von Balthasar - who had great influence on the post conciliar Popes and John Paul II - that hell exists: it is a place, and it is not empty.

## The almost complete breakdown of customs

**D**URING Jacinta's stay at the orphanage of Our Lady of Miracles in Lisbon in 1920, Our Lady told her, "The sins that lead more souls to hell are the sins of the flesh." There were other prophecies She revealed to the little girl: "Styles will come that will offend Our Lord very much. Persons who serve God should not follow the styles. The Church does not have styles. Our Lord is always the same." She said that the sins of impurity would be so great there would be almost no virgin souls. She said that many marriages are

not good, that they do not please Our Lord and are not of God. Finally, Jacinta repeated continually to Lucia and Mother Godinho: "Pray much for priests and religious. Priests should be pure, very pure!"

Our Lady continued, describing the abuses that would attack each of the Sacraments: "Woe to the children of these times, because it will be difficult to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and also that of Confirmation." She warned that the devil would assiduously try to destroy the sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion. She lamented the many sacrileges and abuses of the Blessed Sacrament that would occur. The Sacrament of Extreme Unction would be little esteemed, and many people would die without receiving it, thus denied assistance they would need for that "great leap from time to Eternity."

The Sacred Sacrament of Holy Orders would be ridiculed, oppressed and despised. The demon would labor unceasingly to corrupt the clergy and would succeed with many of them. And these "depraved priests, who will scandalize the Christian people, will incite the hatred of the bad Christians and the enemies of the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Church to fall upon all priests. This apparent triumph of Satan will bring enormous sufferings upon the good pastors of the Church."

About the Sacrament of Matrimony, which symbolizes the union of Christ with His Church, she said this: "Masonry, which will then be in power, will enact iniquitous laws with the objective of doing away with this Sacrament, making it easy for everyone to live in sin. ... The Christian spirit will rapidly decay, extinguishing the precious light of Faith, until it reaches the point that there will be an almost total and general corruption of customs.

In these unhappy times, there will be unbridled luxury that will conquer innumerable frivolous souls, who will be lost. Innocence will almost no longer be found in children, nor modesty in women. In this supreme moment of need of the Church, those who should speak will fall silent."

This forewarning resounds loudly in the ears of those who have followed the Fatima apparitions: "In this supreme moment of need of the Church, those who should speak will fall silent." It is impossible not to ask: Why was the third secret of Fatima not revealed in 1960, according to the mandate of the Queen of Heaven? Why have the conciliar and post-conciliar popes remained silent in face of the command of Heaven? Further, in face of so many blasphemies and blatant abuses, why have so many persons in places of authority remained silent?

Our Lady then explained the five meanings of the Tabernacle light that had been extinguished before her eyes. The first meaning: "At the end of the 19th century and into the 20th century, various heresies will be propagated in this land. ... As these heresies spread and dominate, the precious light of Faith will be extinguished in souls by the almost total corruption of customs. During this period, there will be great physical and moral calamities, both public and private."

However, there would be souls, She promised, who would remain faithful and would preserve the treasure of the Faith and virtues. But these would suffer a cruel, unspeakable and prolonged martyrdom. "In order to free men from bondage to these heresies, those chosen by my Most Holy Son to effect the restoration will need great strength of will, constancy, valor and confidence in God. To test this faith and confidence of the just, there will be occasions where all will seem to be lost and paralyzed. This, then, will be the happy beginning of the complete restoration."

These chosen souls, who will restore the health of the Church, seem to be very similar to the apostles of the latter times predicted by St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort.

Our Lady said, "The fifth reason that the lamp was extinguished is due to the laxity and the negligence of those who possess great wealth, who will indifferently stand by and witness the Church being oppressed, virtue being persecuted, and the triumph of the demon, without piously employing their riches for the destruction of this evil and the restoration of the Faith." The Queen of Heaven also noted that this quenching of the Tabernacle light was due to the indifference of the people in allowing the Name of God to be gradually extinguished, and in adhering to the spirit of evil, freely delivering themselves to vices and passions.

## **Our Lady of Fatima Confirms Our Lady of Good Success: A Message of Hope and Triumph**

**T**HE message of Our Lady of Good Success is, like that of Our Lady at Fatima, a message of great hope. She promised a band of stalwart souls filled with confidence, who would help to effect the happy Restoration. She promised Her intercession at the very moment when the evil will appear triumphant, and when authority abuses its power. This would mark, She said, "the arrival of my hour, when, in a marvelous way, I will dethrone the proud and accursed Satan, trampling him under my feet and fettering him in the infernal abyss." These words harmonize perfectly with the message of hope Our Lady delivered to the three children at Fatima in July 1917: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph, and a certain period of peace will be given to the world."

This is the secret for success of the Counter-revolution: to be convinced of the victory Our Lady promised. It is not sufficient to merely maintain a firm resolution to suffer. It is necessary to maintain the conviction that in the end things will end up succeeding.

To become worthy of the victory that Our Lady predicted, we need a supernatural confidence. We need to be entirely convinced of that victory: the promise of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917: "In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph." We need to be completely convinced of the happy restoration: the words of Our Lady at Quito in 1634: "To test this faith and confidence of the just, there will be occasions where all will seem to be lost and paralyzed. This, then, will be the happy beginning of the complete restoration."

At Fatima, Our Lady looked down with great mercy, but also a profound sadness, on a suffering humanity, an agonizing mankind. Lucia recounts that by the 3rd apparition, Our Lady had begun to reveal the sadness in her soul. In the last apparition, Lucia recounted, She said, with an even sadder expression, "Let them offend Our Lord no more, for He is already much offended." She was like a mother who is sad, because the foolish actions of her children would bring upon them great humiliations and punishments.

## Our Lady Promised Her Triumph

**O**UR Lady of Good Success appears maternal but triumphant. She is Mother and Queen. Her gaze assures us of the final victory and triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Jesus and Mary, the "happy restoration" when they will rule again as King and Queen in the spiritual and temporal spheres. She assures us in the moment of the great trial, the chastisement, but also of Her victory. She enheartens us that although it may be difficult, our way is the correct way. She enlivens us to pray and to fight, with unshakable confidence, that peace, and that victory will come in our days. She invites us to fulfill the prophetic role, however small it may be, that She has for us in the achievement of this victory.

All these prophecies should be made known now, not only to satisfy our desire of knowledge, but especially to fortify us and prepare us for the spiritual battle that we are now facing, so that we may suffer, as voluntary cross-bearers, with hope. We need a promise of victory, not only to succeed, but even to survive.

This story of Our Lady of Good Success and Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres should be become better known. Our Lady of Good Success promised "consolation and preservation to those faithful souls" who foster this devotion to her during the 20th century. It is Her desire and that of Her Divine Son, that She be known now under this invocation, so filled with promise: Our Lady of Good Success.