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Originally writing to only a few individuals in 1987, readership has grown to over 250,000 in the United States, with additional readers in over one hundred thirty foreign countries, who follow the spiritual insights and direction given through these writings.

The author, when asked why he signs only as “A Friend of Medjugorje,” stated:

“I have never had an ambition or desire to write. I do so only because God has shown me, through prayer, that He desires this of me. So from the beginning, when I was writing to only a few people, I prayed to God and promised I would not sign anything; that the writings would have to carry themselves and not be built on a personality. I prayed
that if it was God’s desire for these writings to be inspired and known, then He could do it by His Will and grace and that my will be abandoned to it.

“The Father has made these writings known and continues to spread them to the ends of the earth. These were Our Lord’s last words before ascending: “Be a witness to the ends of the earth.” These writings give testimony to that desire of Our Lord to be a witness with one’s life. It is not important to be known. It is important to do God’s Will.”

For those who require “ownership” of these writings by the author in seeing his name printed on this work in order to give it more credibility, we state that we cannot reconcile the fact that these writings are producing hundreds of thousands of conversions, if not millions through grace, and are requested worldwide from every corner of the earth. The author, therefore, will not take credit for a work that, by proof of the impact these writings have to lead hearts to conversion, have been Spirit-inspired with numbers increasing yearly, sweeping as a wave across the ocean. Indeed in this case, crossing every ocean of the earth. Our Lady gave this author a direct message for him through the visionary, Marija, of Medjugorje, in which Our Lady said to him to witness not with words but through humility. It is for this reason that he wishes to remain simply “A Friend of Medjugorje.”

— Caritas of Birmingham
Medjugorje

The Story in Brief

THE VILLAGE SEES THE LIGHT is the title of a story which “Reader’s Digest” published in February 1986. It was the first major news on a mass public scale that told of the Virgin Mary visiting the tiny village of Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina. At that time this village was populated by 400 families.

It was June 24, 1981, the Feast of John the Baptist, the proclaimer of the coming Messiah. In the evening, around 5:00 p.m., the Virgin Mary appeared to two young people, Mirjana Dragicevic* and Ivanka Ivankovic*. A little later, around 6:40 p.m. the same day, four more young people, Milka Pavlovic*, the little sister of Marija, Ivan Ivankovic, Vicka Ivankovic*, and Ivan Dragicevic saw the Virgin Mary. June 25, 1981, was the first day the six visionaries, Ivanka Ivankovic*, Mirjana Dragicevic*, Vicka Ivankovic*, Marija Pavlovic*, Ivan Dragicevic and Jakov Colo saw Our Lady, or the “Gospa,” on the hill. These six have become known as and remain “the visionaries.” These visionaries are not related to one another. Three of the six visionaries no longer see Our Lady on a daily basis. As of July 2009, the Virgin is still appearing everyday to the remaining three visionaries; that’s well over 12,820 apparitions. The supernatural event has survived all efforts of the Communists to put a stop to it,

* Names at the time of the apparitions, they are now married with last names changed.
many scientific studies, and even the condemnation by the local bishop; yet, the apparitions have survived, giving strong evidence that this is from God because nothing and no one has been able to stop it. For over twenty-eight years, the apparitions have proved themselves over and over and now credibility is so favorable around the world that the burden of proof that this is authentic has shifted from those who believe to the burden of proof that it is not happening by those opposed to it. Those against the apparitions are being crushed by the fruits of Medjugorje — millions and millions of conversions which are so powerful that they are changing and will continue to change the whole face of the earth.

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PLEASE READ BEFORE STARTING THE BOOKLET

It is very important to pray to the Holy Spirit before reading this booklet to understand it. This booklet says more than the words you’ll read. The author purposely left out certain things discerning that it would be better that you see them from the Holy Spirit rather than from words he had written. You’ll only be able to fully grasp what is written and what is not written and also the spirit of love in which this was written by praying.

Throughout this booklet the “bold” statements are the messages given by the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina on the dates shown.
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Upon founding Caritas,* one of the principal goals was to report on many religious happenings in the world. However, the more we prayed and understood the messages of Medjugorje, the more we realized Our Lady’s wish is for all of us to help Her fulfill Her plans revealed in Medjugorje.

You might think, “Yes, but Our Lady has appeared in many places. Medjugorje is just another.” Once you understand the messages being given in Medjugorje, you’ll realize what a seriously grave error it is to consider Medjugorje no different from other apparitions. Why? From Medjugorje, Our Lady has said:

April 4, 1985

“...I wish to keep on giving you messages as it has never been in history from the beginning of the world...”

A profound message, yes, but also Our Lady says:

May 2, 1982

“...I will not appear any more on this earth.”

* Caritas of Birmingham, a national and international center, is a non-profit organization dedicated to living, spreading, and prayerfully studying and archiving the messages of Medjugorje.
One might think, “What of other past apparitions? Do they not have any significance?” Yes, they do, but Medjugorje is the base for the plan of Our Lady—the plan in which Our Lady wishes to guide and help the whole world. On June 26, 1981, Our Lady said:

“I have come...I wish to be with you to convert and reconcile the whole world.”

The Medjugorje apparitions are a fulfillment of what other apparitions have led up to. God is giving us a period, an age — the age of Our Lady.

Starting with Guadalupe in 1531, Our Lady gave a sign and asked for a chapel to be built. On the surface, one might think that’s the extent of it. Our Lady did not come just to have a chapel built. There was another reason. God wanted Our Lady to be known to a mass of people and to gather a following. Mexico was a pagan nation when Our Lady appeared in Guadalupe. Millions converted to God and became loyal to the Virgin Mary who just before did not even know who the Virgin was. This following spilled over to other countries on the American continent. Many became devoted to Our Lady.

Then, on November 27, 1830, in Paris, France, Our Lady appeared to a nun, Catherine, showed her an image, and said:

“Have a medal struck according to this model. Those who wear it with faith will receive great
graces, especially if they wear it around the neck.”

On the surface, many of us know about the Miraculous Medal as the medal which has helped millions to convert. Usually that’s as far as we think. But it is very strange that Our Lady said to wear this medal “especially around the neck.” Why not just on the person? Why in such a visible place as the neck? This, again, shows God’s desire for Our Lady to amass a following of devotees. God said, through Our Lady, that the greatest grace will be received if it is worn around your neck. It is for us a grace, but perhaps for God a little billboard making Our Lady further known. Catherine also saw Our Lady standing on top of a globe and in Her hand, at the level of Her breast, was another globe. Our Lady told her, “This globe [in Her hands] which you see represents the entire world, particularly France.” (Of the seven apparitions from Guadalupe to Fatima, five of them took place in France. There is a significance to this for the whole world. France is the eldest daughter of the Church and a universal country.) Catherine was told to have inscribed on the medal: “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.” On the back was to appear an ‘M’ and two hearts, one with thorns and one with a sword piercing it, and all surrounded by twelve stars.

“O Mary, conceived without sin,” holds a tremendous significance because this was not the dogma of the Church yet. God
comes forth with a plan and reveals this hidden truth by advertising it on a medal — more evidence of His desire to make Our Lady known and to amass a following of devotees to Her. A following for what? Is it preparation for Medjugorje? This medal and the mystery of this medal has something for future apparitions to follow. Yes, Medjugorje also!

The sisters at the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal will admit that the apparition of St. Catherine led up to and paved the way for the next major apparition in Lourdes, France, in 1858. Bernadette says Our Lady appeared to her as She does on the Miraculous Medal and she saw Our Lady leave a miraculous sign for conversion and healing — a spring. This is what most of us know about Lourdes. Again, many perceive that Our Lady came and gave us a sign, a spring, because She is a good mother and She wanted to help us; rather, there is much more to it because in the end, when Bernadette asked, “Who are you?,” Our Lady said:

“I am the Immaculate Conception.”

The above is astounding because just four years before, Pope Pius IX had defined the “Dogma of the Immaculate Conception,” which largely came about as a result of the Miraculous Medal [O Mary, conceived without sin], 24 years earlier. This proves these apparitions led to the next apparitions. But still, why did God wait 1,854 years for this to be known on a massive scale? What is God saying? Is He preparing us for a time
in human history which would be Our Lady’s time — a time in which the whole world would be entrusted to Her? According to St. Louis de Montfort, during the nineteenth century, Our Lady would be forming the apostles of the latter days.

The next major apparition was in Fatima, Portugal. Here again, Our Lady came and, as we know, told us to repent. She revealed three secrets, and asked for prayers for the conversion of Russia, who would spread her errors throughout the world if she did not convert. Again, the facts remembered by most of us about the Fatima apparitions are the three children (Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco), the great miracle of the sun, and the few statements above. Yet, we have another sign that there was more to it than just apparitions telling news to the world. Our Lady gave three secrets, two of which were held for some time before being revealed. One of the secrets was the cause for great increase in devotion to Our Lady. It revealed the Five First Saturdays’ Devotion and the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was not revealed until Lucia was given instructions to make it known by Jesus, on December 17, 1927, while she was before the Blessed Sacrament. What to make known was told to Lucia ten years earlier. In Lucia’s own words, she relates:

*The Blessed Mother said, “Jesus wishes to use you (Lucia) to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my*
Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it and these souls will be loved by God like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge.” As She spoke the words, She opened Her hands and from them streamed a light that penetrated to our inmost hearts. I think from that day forward the main purpose of this light was to infuse within us a special knowledge and love for the most Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Just before going to the hospital, Jacinta said to Lucia:

I am going to Heaven but Jesus wishes for you to remain and establish “world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.” Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at His side. Pray to the Immaculate Heart for peace. God has entrusted it to Her.

Upon looking deeper, we see again God placing before us a pattern of ever-increasing use of and devotion to Our Lady. In 1830, we have two hearts on a medal (prophesying the message of Jacinta that Jesus wanted the two Hearts together) placed side by side. Eighty-seven years later, we have the realization by Jesus Himself of what this means. There is more overwhelming evidence of God’s plan showing that Fatima leads to Medjugorje. We have Jacinta’s words, “Pray to the
Immaculate Heart [of Mary] for peace. God has entrusted it to Her.” This statement is linked by the following:

October 25, 1988 — Our Lady of Medjugorje:

“Dear children…I want to draw you closer to the Heart of Jesus. Therefore, little children, I am calling you today to the prayer of Consecration to Jesus, my dear Son, so that each of your hearts may be His. And then I am calling you to Consecration to my Immaculate Heart. I want you to consecrate yourselves as individuals, families, and parishes so that all belongs to God through my hands…by constant prayer press tightly to my Motherly heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

St. Louis de Montfort said that the Consecration to Her Heart is essential.

May 5, 1917

Pope Benedict XV wrote to all the world’s bishops eight days before the apparitions started in Fatima:

“…Accordingly we ordain that beginning with the first day of June this year, there be placed in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin the invocation, “Queen of Peace, pray for us.”
This adds still more evidence of ties between Our Lady’s apparitions. A month after Our Lady started appearing in Medjugorje, She identifies Herself to the visionaries with Pope Benedict’s prophetic invocation:

August 6, 1981

“I am the Queen of Peace.”

As June was stated by Pope Benedict XV to begin this title, it also is the month that the Queen of Peace began Her apparitions in Medjugorje!

The threads that join these apparitions always appear on the surface to be for certain reasons, while the underlying reason from Heaven seems to be a constant increase in importance of Our Lady and Her role. For what? A battle? St. Louis De Montfort said, “Before the Second Coming, Our Lady will gather a huge army to prepare for it.” Is this the reason? Our Lady says:

August 2, 1981

“…A great struggle is about to unfold. A struggle between My Son and satan. Human souls are at stake.”

There is a direct relationship between all these apparitions. Some followers of certain apparitions see other apparitions as
competition. Some Fatima followers do not like Medjugorje. One has to look at the whole picture before it becomes clear. How does Medjugorje fit in?

June 24, 1981. Of all the days of the year to appear in Medjugorje, Our Lady first comes on the Feast of John the Baptist, no unlikely accident since he was the one who prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah. Also emphasizing Jesus being presented again into the world, Our Lady had Baby Jesus in Her arms. To further point the way to Jesus, Our Lady beckons the children to Jesus by taking a blanket off and on His little face.

The apparitions have continued and, as of August 25, 2008, it was the 10,227th day that Our Lady has appeared in Medjugorje. At times, She has appeared twice a day. Medjugorje is part of a great plan by God’s design, a plan in which you are chosen to help save mankind, a plan for which these other previous apparitions have helped prepare the stage for.

January 25, 1987

“...God has chosen each of you, in order to use you in a great plan for the salvation of mankind...”
Medjugorje is the implementation of the plan. Did not Our Lady of Fatima ask for the conversion of Russia? Ivan himself, one of the visionaries, now says one of Our Lady’s secret intentions [not one of the ten secrets] from the beginning was the changes in Eastern Europe. Fatima called for it. Medjugorje is the fulfillment of it. Medjugorje is the motor that actually produced the millions of prayers and sacrifices that have pushed Communism out. One might say, “Yes, but what about the prayers of the Fatima devotees? Don’t cheat them out of the victory!” No one is. Their decades of prayers were the battery that started this mammoth motor of prayers in Medjugorje, which would not be without Fatima preparing the way for it. Fatima devotees would not see the fruit of Communism vanishing without the prayers generated in Medjugorje by Our Lady. These apparitions have worked together as a battery would crank a motor. One without the other is incomplete. The building of this battery (Fatima) and this mammoth motor (Medjugorje) took centuries to put together. Our Lady says:

May 1984

“Our Lady says:

“Throughout the centuries, I have given myself completely to you…”

The builders of the battery and machine were Guadalupe, the Miraculous Medal, Lourdes, and other past and recent apparitions. These were built piece by piece, apparition by appari-
tion, each making Our Lady more known and unfolding Her plan. Without these builders throughout the centuries, Our Lady’s voice in Fatima and in Medjugorje would be weaker, and Her listeners would be fewer. Medjugorje would not be what it is. All of Our Lady’s appearances are working together toward Her plan. These are not isolated apparitions. God has made Our Lady known for the day and the time when the whole world would be given to Her. Our Lady tells us that She has labored tirelessly for us and now God has entrusted the world to Her during this time.*

November 15, 1981

“The world is on the point of receiving great favors from me and my Son…”

Saint Catherine saw Our Lady holding the whole world in Her hands. This is Medjugorje. In Medjugorje, Our Lady wants to save the whole world. Our Lady is coming as a mother whose children are in a house which is on fire. How does the Miraculous Medal fit in? There are twelve stars around the medal. These twelve stars have been seen by the visionaries in Medjugorje to this day at every apparition. In the beginning, little Jakov said, “She has twelve stars around her head. The stars are just as in Church except Hers don’t have wires hold-

* Since this booklet was first written, the Church has officially done the same on October 8, 2000, with the greatest gathering of bishops since Vatican II in Rome with Pope John Paul II.
ing them up.” The significance of the stars is Biblical and, in themselves, a great sign.

Revelation, Chapter 12:1

A “Great” sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon about Her feet and on Her head, a crown of twelve stars.

In Medjugorje, Our Lady appears on the mountain to one or two of the visionaries most Monday and Friday nights. Many times on Her returning to Heaven, they describe Our Lady as leaving in the light of the sun. One could describe it as Revelation does, “clothed with the sun.”

Saint Catherine said the globe she saw in Our Lady’s hands represented the earth. The globe Her feet rested on was described only as a globe of which only one half could be seen. Is this the moon about Her feet which Revelation describes? It is hard to deny. Even in France, the statue that depicts what St. Catherine saw looks like the moon underneath Our Lady’s feet.

To begin to understand Medjugorje and know the greatness of the plan, it is necessary to know all these things of which Medjugorje is the fulfillment. It is an end of and beginning of

* Psalm 84:12 states, “For a sun and a shield is the Lord God; grace and glory He bestows; the Lord withholds no good thing from those who walk in sincerity.” One could say that Our Lady is clothed with God’s gifts.
an era. Medjugorje is the main event to which all other apparitions have led. The following are three main reasons why it is said that it is a gross error to think that Medjugorje is just another apparition:

1. Our Lady will give messages in Medjugorje like never before in history.
2. They are the longest and most frequent apparitions ever.
3. They are the last on earth.

Our Lady’s own words tell us this place was chosen, and She loves it more than any of the other places She has been.

March 21, 1985

“…I have chosen this parish, one more dear to me than the others, in which I have gladly remained when the Almighty sent me…”

Some are disturbed by the above message — that Our Lady would say Medjugorje is more dear to Her than all the others. Perhaps it’s because this is Our Lady’s last time, Her last effort, Her last opportunity to call us in this way (apparitions).

February 21, 1985

“…Today I am calling you for the last time!…”
If, indeed, we interpret this to be Our Lady’s last period of apparitions on earth, it is only natural She would love this place and hold it dear to Her Immaculate Heart. Indeed, it will be very sad for those who could have been a part of it but answered, “No.” For those who were able to go to Medjugorje but did not, and for those who missed the time of grace, it will indeed be a sad occasion.

December 25, 1989

“…accept with seriousness and live the messages for your soul not to be sad when I will not be with you anymore and when I will not guide you anymore like an insecure child in his first steps…”

It is impossible not to realize that Medjugorje is so important that several distractions will happen to divert many from Medjugorje. The following chapter is written to keep you abreast of these tactics.

**FALSE APPARITIONS, EXAGGERATED SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES AND ILLUSIONS**

In Fatima and Lourdes, there sprang up many false visionaries. Many were distracted from the real Fatima and Lourdes. Some may have even been based on some real spiritual experience, but they suddenly exaggerate their experience, just
as people do today. We have a mission to save the world, but not through illusion and falsehood, only through humility and abandonment to God. Our Lady has said:

1984–1985

“…Many pretend to see Jesus and me and to understand our words, but they are, in fact, lying. It is a very grave sin, and it is necessary to pray very much for them…”

Many today, as during the Fatima and Lourdes apparitions, are claiming that they receive their own messages to save the world. If these messages take away from, detract, or dilute* the Medjugorje messages, they must be reviewed as suspect because, when you really understand, Medjugorje is so big the devil will do all he can to destroy or de-emphasize this powerful plan of God. Even messages that seem to support Medjugorje can divert your attention away from the plan and keep you from contemplating on Our Lady’s messages given from Medjugorje. As in the days of Lourdes and Fatima, many are becoming more and more distracted by other messages. Even in their own prayer groups, many are placing more importance on messages which they receive. We must realize, in Medjugorje, God is sending these messages. Our Lady said:

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November 8, 1984

“…you are not conscious of the messages which God is sending you through me…”

These messages are from God Himself. He is telling Our Lady what to convey.

July 25, 1985

“…listen to my messages. Then you will be able to live everything that God tells me to convey to you…”

These messages are not interpreted by the visionaries. They repeat what they hear directly from Our Lady who is physically there. They are the highest, purest messages with the lowest degree of human contamination there can be. They are to be so pure that Our Lady “warns” us about contaminating the messages.

June 9, 1984

“…pray for the Spirit of Truth! …to be able to convey the messages just the way they are, neither adding anything to them, nor taking anything whatsoever away from them, but just the way I said them…”
The devil will go to great lengths to discredit or dilute these messages from Medjugorje. he’ll create illusions or more messages, even messages that are in line with Medjugorje to divert your interest. One cannot understand these things until one really knows and understands Medjugorje through prayer. It is **THE PLAN**. It is what all other previous Marian apparitions have led to for the purpose of giving Our Lady Her time to do battle with the dragon (Revelation, chapter 12).

**DO BATTLE WITH THE DRAGON? BUT WHY OUR LADY?**

Throughout the centuries, God’s genius has been shown. The mighty Goliath was slain by little David. In the Book of Judges, an army of 300 men, headed by Gideon, defeated 15,000 men. In France, in parallel with Our Lady’s battle against satan and against all odds, a seventeen-year-old virgin, a humble peasant, weak by the ways of the world, rose up and saved France. Joan of Arc defeated the English who over and over again, for a hundred years, had defeated the French. The saints and the Scriptures show God’s delight in the small, the
weak, the humble being victorious over the proud and the mighty.

Two creatures were created by God, and they are as opposite as can be. satan,* one of the greatest creatures, harbors the most pride. So full of pride is he, that he rebels against God. If God fought him directly, satan could still boast. He might say, “I was defeated but I fought God Himself. I, satan, was so mighty that God fought me.” satan could be proud even in his defeat. Anyone could boast when someone bigger and mightier battles him.

God, in His genius, deals the best blow against satan. God fights him through the meek. He inflicts the greatest injury to his pride. He sends the furthest creature ever created, the Virgin Mary, the opposite of satan, to rally His people to battle satan. For satan, it is the greatest insult because he has to battle one who admits humbly that She can do nothing on Her own and that She, by Herself, has no power.

* satan does not deserve respect or honor when references are made to him. Most of you have probably noticed for years we have not capitalized his name because we refuse to give him this honor or recognition. Why should the application of grammar rules apply to him who has an insatiable desire to be exalted, even above God? We refrain in our references and writings from giving him the same stature afforded even a dog’s name. We are not radical in that we don’t tell others they must do the same. It’s up to each individual to decide for themselves. For the harm he has done to man, whom he despises, we will not grant him that which is even reserved for man.
August 29, 1982

“...I cannot do anything without the help of God. I, too, must pray like you...”

satan will be defeated by one who obtains everything by simply praying. Our Lady said on August 31, 1982:

“...I receive from God what I obtain through prayer. God has placed His complete trust in me...”

Goliath saw David and was insulted having to battle with one so little. satan is enraged at having to battle this Woman and, even worse, this Woman, with those consecrated to Her, is pulling many out of his [satan’s] own ranks, through love, to join Her. Our Lady tells us that satan is on a rampage, looking to defeat each individual.

September 4, 1986

“...satan is lurking for each individual...”

Our Lady will defeat satan with the help of those consecrated to Her, all of whom are helpless without God’s grace. This will be a most crushing defeat for satan: being defeated by the meek, the humble. It will be a great horror to the devil, who is the essence of pride, to be defeated by one who is the essence of humility. History has foretold the future: David and Goli-
ath, a Gideon army, and Joan of Arc. These results show what Our Lady and we, helpless creatures, can do against satan. It will be a great victory for God and a great joy for those who fervently try to live Our Lady’s messages.

It is for this reason that we at Caritas focus on Medjugorje alone, even though we fully believe in other recent apparitions.* Our Lady even confirmed to the visionaries of Medjugorje the apparitions in nearby Izbicno.

Spring, 1982

“…It is necessary to awaken the faith. It is a gift from God…”

Yes, there are other apparitions, but one must understand the context in which God allows them to happen. The Ukraine, Kibeho in Africa, Akita in Japan — all are to awaken the faith of a people toward what Our Lady is saying, but She is guiding us from Medjugorje:

January 25, 1987

“…in a great plan for the salvation of mankind…”

* We do not speak of “believing” in the proliferation of apparitions which so many alleged visionaries presently claim. The absurdity of such claims can be shown through the example in Lourdes where fifty other visionaries claimed to be having apparitions just after Bernadette’s visions. Every single one of these claims of visionaries were shown as a fraud with the exception of Bernadette. We write, rather, of Fatima, Lourdes, Akita, Japan, etc. Our Lady of Medjugorje said in 1984–85, as already quoted: “…Many pretend to see Jesus and me, and to understand our words, but they are, in fact, lying. It is a very grave sin, and it is necessary to pray very much for them….”
Indeed, it may even be dangerous* for you to be caught up in all apparitions, real or illusionary, “if” they distract from the main plan which is Medjugorje — a place where 2,000 years after Our Lady walked the earth, She again spiritually walks, comforts, battles for us, and gives us messages to live as has not happened since the time of Adam and Eve. You will never comprehend it without prayer, but once you do, it becomes easy to change the direction of your life and walk away from the ways of the world.

We pray that this booklet has helped you to see that we are on the verge of something which we still do not know enough about yet. But we do know enough about this event to know that we are on the threshold of a great and wondrous age; the age foretold of the Woman; a reuniting of all people on the earth to one mother, to one brother. It is enough to make one want, with all their heart, to change the way we all live. The earth is about to be recreated. He who prays can feel it in his soul — pray, pray, pray.

A Friend of Medjugorje

* We use dangerous in the sense that once you realize the grace and strength available through the plan of Our Lady in Medjugorje, your soul is nourished in a special way and satan, wishing to keep you weak, will do everything to keep you from discovering this plan by putting obstacles in your way, or even by using other real apparitions of Our Lady. For example, some Fatima devotees see Medjugorje as competition and will have nothing to do with Medjugorje, thereby losing a great source of grace for themselves. This jealousy is dangerous. By no means do we say that the Fatima or other real apparitions are dangerous. Devotion to these can be good if they help you to grow, but they can also be bad if this devotion stops you from growing spiritually and keeps you from discovering where Our Lady has led us (which is Her coming to teach and save the whole world through the parish of Medjugorje).
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