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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-Herzegovina. 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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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-Herzegovina on the dates shown.

CHANGING HISTORY

WESTERN CIVILIZATION HAS TWO CHOICES: HUMBLE ITSELF OR BE HUMBLLED!

On October 15, 1990, Marija Pavlovic* left Medjugorje on her first trip to Russia. She traveled with her pastor, Father Leonard and a bishop from Czechoslovakia. Marija met several of the Russian people. After visiting with these people and seeing how strong in faith they were, Marija not only came to be impressed with them but also left their country very enthusiastic about the Russian people. After talking to Marija about her trip, Father Jozo** said:

November 1, 1990

“Marija went to Russia with a Bishop from Czechoslovakia. She told me that faith is awakening itself there on a very large scale. During 70 years, the Communists tried to kill Jesus in us, but they couldn’t do it because grandparents, parents gave us to Jesus and He was alive in us, no matter what persecutions we had to go through.”

The border guards searched Marija’s belongings prior to her checking in. She was concerned because she had packed some

* Marija has since married. Her name is now Marija Lunetti.

** Father Jozo was the Pastor of the parish in Medjugorje in the beginning days of the apparitions. He was imprisoned for his belief in and assistance to the visionaries.

religious items and she was not sure what the reaction would be. Her pastor told them she was a visionary who sees Our Lady. The guards then begged Marija to pray for them and everywhere she went, she was asked for rosaries, medals, or anything religious. Marija said:

October, 1990

“In Russia, where I spent ten days, to be a Christian really means something. Even Soviet border guards were asking for religious articles and prayers. People reopen old churches that were movie theaters or barns for forty years, for seventy years. They give all their money for that. They buy carpets, icons, religious articles with all the money they have. They want to give the best to God. Russians are very pious. During one Apparition in a Moscow Church everybody was crying in the church - like the first days in Medjugorje. I met Russian Orthodox priests. This made a great impression on me. They are deep people. When Russians asked me for prayers, they never asked for physical healings. Pilgrims in Medjugorje, on the contrary, only ask for that. [They say,] ‘Ask Our Lady to heal me!’ Russians told me, ‘Ask Our Lady to convert Russia! Ask Our Lady to give me profound love, faith, and hope! Ask Our Lady to convert my family.’ I went

*to Lenin's Mausoleum and I could see that now
Jesus will replace Lenin in Russia!"*

Marija's enthusiasm at the strength of faith of the Russian people shows that while they may not be completely aware of Our Lady's messages, they, through the Holy Spirit, put them into action. Our Lady said:

February 17, 1989

"...Dear children, I seek your action, not your words!..."

Marija made a statement with love, not criticizing but showing just how much the above message of Our Lady is in her (Marija's) heart.

October, 1990

"I wrote a letter to President Reagan and he sent me a postcard. After that, I wrote to Gorbachev, but he never answered. But I feel he has answered by his acts. He put into practice what Our Lady wanted. This is even better than a postcard."

It is evident that seventy years of oppression bring with it a strong purification and desire for God. Russia has voted in favor of prayer and religious functions in their schools. In the West, we have forbidden what Russia now allows. For us in

the West, this should strike horror and terror in our hearts to see how this was brought about - through more than a generation of immense suffering by the Russian people. For the West, separation of Church and State has become nothing more than a statement of FREEDOM “FROM” RELIGION. This cannot be. We cannot expect to enjoy the blessings from God which we have all experienced and reject God. Our Lady says:

October, 1981

“The Russian people will be the people who will glorify God the most. Regarding the West: the West has made civilization progress, but without God, as if they were their own creators.”

God is the sovereign God over every government on earth and our refusal to recognize this by saying God cannot be part of government or our schools, etc. because there is a separation of Church and State will bring our ruin. The government cannot meddle in religion but religion has to be throughout government. This is difficult to achieve and when man becomes blind through sin, governments only see that there should be a separation, a freedom from God rather than God leading governments. Many complain about the sins of this nation (USA). We have all brought about the sins of our nation through our own unholiness. We do not have to be great sinners to breed an environment of great sins. The lack of holiness has allowed the great sins. When people become holy, they suppress sin. What

swearer swears in the presence of a nun in a habit? What sinner would not be encouraged to be good in the presence of the Pope or Mother Teresa before she died? Holiness suppresses evil and drives it away. Who has been in the presence of a holy person and not acted pious while in that person's presence? Holiness breeds holiness. Holiness is light. Darkness will not dwell in light. We all are at fault. What can we do to change our situation? Our Lady gives us many words but they are just words unless we transform them into action. Our Lady says:

March 14, 1985

“Dear children, in your life you have all experienced light and darkness. God grants to every person to recognize good and evil. I am calling you to the light, which you should carry to all the people who are in darkness. People who are in darkness daily come into your homes. Dear children, give them the light! Thank you for having responded to my call.”

The Book of Jonah gives a solution that is very simple. Jonah went to the wicked city of Nineveh and told them what God instructed him to say, which was forty days more and their city would be destroyed because of their sin. To the surprise of Jonah, the wicked city listened and repented immediately. The king and his nobles put out a decree to be obeyed by all from the least in the Kingdom to the king himself. The king

laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and further humiliated himself with ashes. He put out a proclamation which went throughout Nineveh:

Jonah 3:7-8

“...by decree of his king and nobles: ‘Neither man nor beast, neither cattle nor sheep, shall taste anything; they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water. Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God...’”

God heard and saw these actions of repentance and did not carry out the chastisement against them. Jonah grew angry at this because what he had proclaimed for the wicked sinners did not occur.

What would happen if the President and Congress of the United States did as the King of Nineveh did in the Fifth-Century Old Testament Writings. One might think this laughable! Absurd! Yet, the Government of the United States of America might not be in existence today if it were not for a similar decree by a U.S. President and Congress. The proclamation on the following page might surely shock many who think God has nothing to do with the running of government and its people.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of National Humiliation
Fasting and Prayer

March 30, 1863

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and Just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for national prayer and humiliation:

And whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord:

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisement in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful and of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and pros-

perity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting, and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and restoration of our now divided and suffering country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirtieth day of
March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the
United States the eighty-seventh.

Signed by the President: Abraham Lincoln

Secretary of State: William H. Seward

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This proclamation is preserved in the Library of Congress as
Appendix No. 19 in Volume 12 of the United States Statutes
At Large. It was initiated by a resolution of the United States
Senate, and was made official by Abraham Lincoln, as Presi-
dent, on March 30, 1863.

Its message contains two related themes which challenge our
careful consideration.

First, the proclamation acknowledges the unique blessings
enjoyed by the United States, but suggests that these very
blessings have brought about an attitude of pride and self-
sufficiency which are the root causes of a grave national crisis.
Some of the phrases used could apply with equal force to the
condition of the nation today: *“We have grown in numbers,
wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown . . .”*

The repentance called for by the King of Nineveh saved his
land. Who can say that the repentance called for by Presi-

dent Lincoln and his Congress did not save the Nation of the United States of America from turning into two nations.

Many feel that not only the United States but also the West in general is in for a reckoning with God. Many wish to see sinners punished but we should all pray for repentance. If God forgives we must not be as Jonah was, angry with God because his predictions were robbed of their fulfillment. It is very easy for us to fall into the same trap as Jonah by saying, “*God is going to punish this wicked group or that wicked group.*” Instead, we should be praying for conversions and asking for God’s mercy on all. God told Jeremiah:

***“If that nation which I have threatened turns from its evil, I will also repent (have compassion) of the evil which I threatened to do.”
(Jeremiah 18:8)***

We are on the threshold, the very door is about to be opened. The cleansing brought about through this nation’s civil war of the 1860’s has been approaching towards the latter part and beginning of the millennium. Whether it will be the internal purification of the heart of past sins by a grace of enlightenment or the physical purification of past sins, or both, everyone, that is everyone, must be encouraged to pray, pray pray, as never before. Cry out to Heaven before the time of reckoning brings us too close to annihilation, Abraham Lincoln’s words will be granted.

“...Let us rest then, rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teaching that the united cry of the nation will be heard on High and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins and restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy country of unity and peace...”

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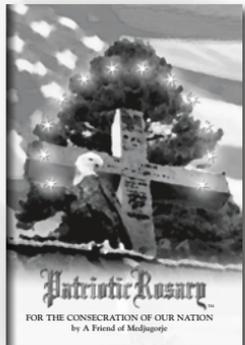
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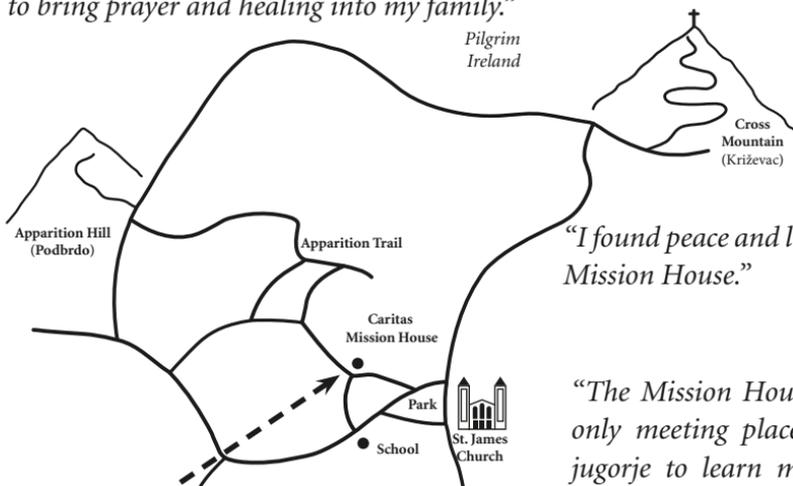
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“MANY COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SINS OF THIS NATION (USA). We have all brought about the sins of our nation through our own unholiness. We do not have to be great sinners to breed an environment of great sins. The lack of holiness has allowed the great sins.” Holiness suppresses evil and drives it away. Throughout the history of our great Nation, many of our past leaders have encouraged us to humble ourselves before God, to acknowledge His blessing upon our nation, and to pray for His continued blessings. Men like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln understood that pride and arrogance would be our fall as a Nation, and as our leaders, they are and continue to be our conscience in remembering that it is from God that all blessings flow. How much we are in need of this reminder today! Many of our present leaders are shamefully silent in regard to remembering God with gratitude for His gifts. How fortunate we are to be living in the time when God sends His own Mother to be our conscience to teach us humility, and to seek His blessings on our behalf. *Changing History* will inspire you to want to pray for our Nation.



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