

Mercenary Medjugorje

Why Mary is not Appearing There

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In the light of the fact that Medjugorje and the three days a week fasting its apparition demands while it gives us loads of detailed visions we can think of Colossians 2:18 to 19: "Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions".

The Setting

The apparitions of the Virgin Mary to six youngsters in the village of Medjugorje in the former Yugoslavia, in Bosnia, are the main force in the strength of Catholic style devotion in modern times. I say Catholic style deliberately because whatever the Medjugorje Lady leads people to it is not real Roman Catholicism. The apparitions and their divine origin can be refuted and refuted conclusively and this is the task which I lay out for myself now. These apparitions resulted in independence for Croatia (page 190, The Medjugorje Deception) and the support of Croatian nationalism may have been one of the main objectives that motivated the seers to fabricate the visions.

The Vatican decreed in November 2013 that attendance at anything that assumes the visions are from God is forbidden. Yet on 2 December 2013 the apparition supposedly tells Mirjana that she is really appearing.

"Dear children; with a motherly love and a motherly patience I am looking at your ceaseless wandering and how lost you are. That is why I am with you. I desire to help you to first find and come to know yourself, so that, then, you would be able to recognize and to admit everything that does not permit you to get to know the love of the Heavenly Father, honestly and wholeheartedly. My children, the Father comes to be known through the cross. Therefore, do not reject the cross. Strive to comprehend and accept it with my help. When you will be able to accept the cross you will also understand the love of the Heavenly Father; you will walk with my Son and with me; you will differ from those who have not come to know the love of the Heavenly Father, those who listen to Him but do not understand Him, those who do not walk with Him - who have not come to know Him. I desire for you to come to know the truth of my Son and to be my apostles; that, as children of God, you may rise above the human way of thinking and always, and in everything, seek God's way of thinking, anew. My children, pray and fast that you may be able to recognize all of this which I am seeking of you. Pray for your shepherds and long to come to know the love of your Heavenly Father, in union with them. Thank you."

What are we aiming to refute?

In 1981, on June 24th, a strange report heralded the beginning of the Medjugorje industry. Six children reported seeing a shape standing up a hill. The next day four of these with a few others went back to the hill and they got a closer look at the figure who said she was the Virgin Mary. Soon the Lady began to appear to them in the parish Church of Medjugorje. The seers are: Vicka Ivankovic, Mirjana Dragicevic, Marija Pavlovic, Ivan Dragicevic, Ivanka Ivankovic and Jakov Colo. She gave them ten secrets which prophesy the future. Only some of the visionaries report seeing the Lady on a daily basis. The Lady stopped appearing to the rest except on special occasions. The visions have been condemned by two diocesan bishops, bishops of Mostar who alone have been declared by Rome and "infallible" Catholic tradition to have the authority to pronounce upon the vision. The bishop in the Catholic system is the successor of the apostles while the pope is the successor of the apostles and also one specific apostle, Peter. The authority of the apostles to run the Church both in discipline and in caring for the faith has been transmitted to the bishops in an apostolic succession that can be traced back to the apostles which is why laypeople cannot ordain bishops.

Medjugorians make out that the bishops are acting in bad faith which justifies their ignoring them. But even then they have to be obeyed for that is what the rule about obedience is for: making you do what you are told even if you think the bishop is wrong or in bad faith for the sake of unity and order in the Church. If you keep thinking the bishop is wrong or deceiving and that entitles you to disobey, there is no point in him asking for your obedience. Jesus would then have been a fool for setting up the apostles and bishops to lead the flock.

The fact that the Virgin has revealed ten secrets some of which are scary and predicted war and chastisements from God if her message is unheeded is adequate proof that the visions are heretical. The Church says that apparitions are not to add to the gospel message which was delivered once and for all by the apostles to the Church hundreds of years ago. So they do

not add to revelation which is why, in Catholic dogma, you are not bound to believe in them. But an apparition that makes threats of natural disasters and plagues and wars is stating very serious stuff. Information like that has to come from a totally reputable source. And if it comes from such a source the source has to make it clear that it is not enough for it to be honest and knowledgeable but it has also to be able to prove to the people that it is such a source.

The Medjugorje Virgin with her dislike of scientific investigation which she stated was not necessary is obviously either not aware of this or she does not care or she does not exist. The visions then by making threats are claiming to have as much authority as scripture which the Church says they cannot have for scripture cannot be added to and therefore they are heretical. The Church has tolerated many apparitions similar to Medjugorje which made violent threats and evoked much terror which indicates that the Church has no competence in judging if an apparition is supernatural or not. How could it manage that when it cannot even judge if it is heretical or not?

Vego and Prusina

In 1980, Zanic made a parish in Mostar by taking away most of those parishes run by the Franciscans. The Franciscans rebelled viciously against the bishop and the two worst recalcitrants were Fathers Vego and Prusina. They were suspended in 1980 and were told to leave Mostar the next year. The Vatican even sent a delegate to tell them that if they did not obey the bishop they would have to be thrown out of the order (page 74, *The Medjugorje Deception*). The Virgin told Vicka that the bishop was wrong about them (page 97). Vego was delighted to hear this message and because of it he went back to Mostar (page 99). The Vatican expelled the pair in 1982 (100). The Virgin and the visionaries welcomed them to Medjugorje to hear confessions and say Mass in spite of the prohibitions (118). There is a video of Vego asking praying children if they can see the Virgin and using techniques to try and make them see her. The real Virgin would be able to appear without the visionary being prepared so it shows there were people who were expert at ways of inducing visions which would at best be psychic illusions. It also shows Vego making a boy lying on his stomach write down the message the way it is done in automatic writing. He felt the boy's limbs to make sure the boy was okay (page 119). We have a case of a vision being induced somehow that can even cause physical harm. Mediums in spiritualism are all developed more or less the same way. Perhaps if one read up on it and devised new techniques one could create somebody with a brain like a medium's but which would baffle the experts. If there is anything baffling about the Med Six and I am not sure there is then that could be the explanation.

The Virgin told the children in January 1982 that Vego and Prusina should stay in their ministry at Mostar (page 41, *Medjugorje After Fifteen Years*). She repeated herself in April that same year. Vicka said on tape that the Virgin said all this and she never went back on that (page 42). The Virgin has no right to cause trouble in a Church that says apparitions are not a substitute for Church authority but are optional for belief. The Med Virgin should be honest and claim that her utterances are new scripture.

Other Problems

Fr Vlasic sent a report to Pope John Paul II and Bishop Zanic on the 2nd of December 1983 that relates Mirjana's account of what the Virgin told her about Satan one day in a vision. The Virgin started off by saying, "Excuse me for this, but you must know that Satan exists". But why would the Virgin have to apologise for something that needs to be told and which Mirjana already believed? The mother of God does not need to apologise for she is full of the power and protection of God.

St Paul wrote that Christians must respect and obey and pay taxes to the Roman Empire for God gave it political power even though it is pagan and brutal and unjust (Romans 13). The children of Medjugorje had visions and promoted them in spite of governmental prohibitions as did the children of Fatima and Bernadette of Lourdes. Bernadette went to the grotto to have her vision because she had the supernatural feeling that the lady was planning to appear meaning Mary called her to the grotto despite her parents forbidding it. The Med six risked their safety for the apparitions which is foolish for when apparitions have been made subject to the Church and are under Church authority it is dangerous to take risks for them. The apparitions put them in unlawful danger for most apparitions according to the Church are not supernatural and are not from God if they are supernatural and only the Church is in a position to decide. The apparitions encouraged disobedience to political authority so they cannot be really from God for the Bible and commonsense cannot condone their action.

Mirjana said that the Devil did not know that Mary would often appear during the twentieth century to warn, that God would give more grace than ever before, and would send chosen people whose loyalty to him could never be shaken (page 11, *Fall 1995*). As if the Devil wouldn't know what God was like and would do something cataclysmic to counteract the satanic influence even if God gave him more influence and power.

Does Satan know that Mary is appearing in Medjugorje if she is? He might be intelligent but that doesn't mean he knows. He might have no explanation for the visions either. He might not use God as an explanation. Attacks on Medjugorje are blamed on Satan. But those who blame the attacks on him are doing wrong to him for they have no reason to think he knows what or who is appearing in Medjugorje. Apparitions always lead to slander even against the Devil.

The Virgin told Mirjana in the second year of the apparitions that anybody who has an abortion has to do penance for it all their life (Queen of Peace, Fall 1995, page 17). Rationally and theologically, abortion cannot be the worst sin. Most abortions are done when it is believed the baby has not become a person yet.

The Queen of Peace newspaper prints all sorts of material from discredited stigmatists and visionaries and ones who have not been checked properly. It shows no regard for scientific or even religious honesty. Yet among its directors is Medjugorje apostles, Fr Rene Laurentin and Fr Michael O Carroll. Their names appeared in an ad for it in the edition for spring 1997 which listed them as advisers and directors.

The Virgin of Medjugorje claims that she was 2000 on 5th August 1985. A celebration of prayer was held in Medjugorje at the time to mark this occasion. But since the Matthew gospel says that Jesus was born before 4BC the year Herod died and this is accepted as being right by nearly all believers in the existence of Jesus it is undeniable that the lady has made a fatal mistake and inferred that she got pregnant at 10 or younger. That is too young. The lady contradicts the gospels.

No apparition can be true because Jesus said God comes first and he claimed to be the way and the truth and the life meaning that we should investigate Jesus and see who he is and get the facts right about what he stood for above all things. It is only natural if God comes first that you will put truth first and keep it pure and check that it is pure. Apparitions call us away from this for we can't investigate everything and they call out for investigation. It takes a vast amount of money to investigate them and Jesus was the one that wrecked the Temple money area and was more concerned about money going to the poor. All apparitions since the New Testament was completed should be treated as false and satanic no matter how thrilling or edifying they seem to be.

Fr Vlasic's interview with Mirjana shows that she is a bit mentally disturbed despite what the psychiatrists who have proclaimed all the children normal have been saying.

Ivan wants people to fast on bread and water three days a week according to the Virgin's command. But he is not doing it himself for he is very heavy and I would add the following: his example is a poor one for he lives in a mansion and drives a Mercedes. The visionaries make the excuse that this does not mean that his heart is not with God alone. But Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount stated that we must not hide our light under a bushel which is what Ivan would be doing then. If we start accepting excuses like that we will never know when a religious nut is taking us for a ride for a nut rolling in cash and donations is most likely to be a confidence trickster. It is interesting that Mary does not correct her visionaries' errors when it comes to money and glory.

Fr Vego had been trying to make young people have visions of Mary before the apparitions took place and there is a video to prove it. He was believed to have had a lot to do with the entire hoax.

Vicka's lie about not being aware of her surroundings when having a vision – a lie which was backed up by some scientists who tested her – and Mirjana's lie about the Virgin going to appear for the last time in three days in 1981 and years later she is still appearing are mentioned. Mirjana was stated by her schoolmates to show signs of very bizarre and even crazy behaviour.

Despite the fact that the visionaries say that God will overthrow all things and send a terrible disaster over the whole world they have built opulent houses for themselves. They are not very trusting of their Virgin when they feel they should enjoy their lives so greedily while the poor starve. Why not give the money to them when their houses will soon be in ruins? The site exposes the lies of Fr Rene Laurentin, the main instigator in the respectability that the cult has got, who has apparently resorted to getting people to forge and lie to cover up the blunders made by the so-called Virgin Mary. Laurentin asked Bishop Zanic in 1983 not to publish the fact that the visionaries said the Lady had been speaking against the bishop.

Belief in miracles, when you see how fake miracles such as those of the US televangelists, Hindu "holy" men and Medjugorje and so on are the most popular, has mostly bad fruits. Religion, in its duplicity, ignores this in order to pretend that some miracle sites such as Lourdes are good. They say we are throwing out the baby with the bath water. We are not. There is not enough good coming from belief in miracles to make the propagation of that belief acceptable.

Conclusion

The feet of the Virgin Mary have never touched Medjugorje.

The logic in this book should be applied to similar cases. Let it stand as a warning that people can be so persuasive and seem sincere and still be leading you astray. It shows the madness of letting religious figures like Jesus and Mary have the final say in what you decide to do.

It is easier to prove that an apparition is false for only one mistake tells the tale than to prove that it is true and has the hallmarks of a divine origin for faith itself demands complicated evidence.

Medjugorje offends the Catholic faith and refutes it if it is genuine for it demands belief and if the Catholic faith is true then Medjugorje is false. The Bible says that Jesus is the only mediator between God and man. It says that Jesus was the perfect man and intercessor and saviour and there is no need for the Med Virgin to be another mediator. Medjugorje is certainly more convincing than the gospel accounts of the risen Jesus appearing to the disciples. Hoax or not, it is clearly proof that something that is without authority from Jesus though it uses his name has done better than he ever could. Evangelicals cannot use the gospels to prove or give convincing evidence for Christianity when something has went into competition with their Jesus and won.

When one analyzes many of the alleged miracles that accompany Marian apparitions, they seem to be of a different kind than those found in Scripture. This is true of biblical miracles as a whole, as well as the miracles in Jesus' public ministry. When did Jesus ever make the sun dance or crosses spin? All of His miracles were done in the context of ministry. Biblical miracles had a strong practical aspect. Many of the miracles associated with Marian apparitions seem dramatic and sensational; attention-getting if you will -- the kind of miracles that Jesus consistently refused to perform (Matt. 12:38-39). This is a good reason to at least suspect the source of these miracles.