

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY APPARITIONS AT MEDJUGORJE YUGOSLAVIA

By: Guy Murphy 12/1989 (Letter #1)

Allegedly the Blessed Mother of Jesus has been appearing to six visionaries almost every day for the last 8 1/2 years. She is saying that God exists and that he loves you. "I invite all of you to start living in God's love...I want to lead all of you to perfect holiness..." She is calling the world to complete conversion. The sinners are to be good and the good to be better. Mary says we can obtain conversion through prayer, fasting, confession, the bible, and the Eucharist. It is a very urgent message.

During the apparitions, Mary tells the kids several messages. Some personal and some for the world. Presently she gives a message to the world on the 25th of each month. There has been well over 100 of them. For example:

- 1. Pray with the heart, don't pray with vain repetitions.**
- 2. God gave us free will, don't give it up through material preoccupation.**
- 3. Through prayers and fasting, we can stop wars and alter the laws of nature.**
- 4. Abortion is a great sin. Upon conception, God puts a soul into the fetus. God does not blame the innocent baby for being killed, and the undeveloped soul goes to heaven as a little angel. The people involved in making the decision, will be held responsible for their actions.**
- 5. Fast with the gratitude of God in your heart.**
- 6. Surrender yourselves completely to God.**
- 7. We are all very busy but we must make time to pray together with our family.**
- 8. People of high tech. countries think they deserve the credit for success, but they are wrong it is God's works.**
- 9. This is the last time Mary will ever appear on earth.**

Mary is giving the visionaries 10 secrets. One is regarding a permanent sign that God will leave for the whole world to see to prove she was here. The sign is for the atheist. Too little time will remain for them to convert. Three secrets are of grave matters regarding the chastisements of the world. One of them has been reduced because of all the prayers and fasting, the others will take place because there will not be 100% conversion. The events are to take place during the life-times of the visionaries.

Mary has taken most of the visionaries to see heaven, hell, and purgatory. Heaven is described as a endless space, and there is a light there that does not exist anywhere on the earth. The people there walk, sing, pray. There are little angels above the heads of the people. The people in heaven are very happy. Purgatory is also an endless place, but you do not see people there, only darkness, something as gray as ashes. People are shivering and hitting each other. The people need our prayers to get out of purgatory.

In hell there is a huge fire. The visionaries saw the people before and after they went into the fire. The people look like animals (never human). They curse God as they get deeper into the fire. People are in hell because they wanted to be there. People on the earth who do everything against God's will are a ready living hell, and they just continue after they die. Most people think that when we die it is the end of everything, but we are only the passer's by on earth. The largest amount of people go to purgatory after death, the second largest go to hell, and the least amount go to heaven. However there are more people in heaven than in hell. The devil is real, active and is pure evil. God gave the devil a 100 year period to test the church, the time is running out and he is getting desperate. A visionary Mirijana gave an example of how he works. She stated that at dinner her little brother asked her to cut his steak. Mirijana knows he can cut it himself, and out of frustration she yells at him, soon her mother yells at her and then her father yells at her mother. The blessed Virgin says that blessed objects are an armor against Satan.

Medjugorje is a small town with good people that were converted to very good people(although the devil has a hold of a small part of the town). They are Catholic- Croatia people in an atheistic communist country. They lead a simple lifestyle and they have deep faith. There were 400 families living in the town, yet the church was built for 2000 people. In 1933 they put up a 19 ton cross on top of Mount Krizevac. The mountain has no easy access, and all the materials had to be taken up by hand. They had purchased a large statue of Mary from Italy.

The government stopped shipment on the statue and put heavy taxes on it , the cost was more than the entire cost of the church. The entire parish made big sacrifices to get the money to pay for the statue.

Apparitions are not only happening in Medjugorje, they are also happening in Ireland, Japan, Africa, and yes even the United States. Medjugorje has been on Twenty Minutes & The Oprah Winfrey show but the intensity of the messages is lacking.

Many miracles have been reported at Medjugorje by the 10-15 million people that has traveled there. Several sick people are healed. Many see the sun dancing, spinning, turning colors. They look at it for long period of times without hurting their eyes. Several people see the 19 ton cross spinning or portions of it disappearing. Several pictures show Jesus or Mary's image. Many people have portions of their rosaries turn into gold.

People are being converted to living out God's will. I went to Medjugorje from 12/4-12/11/89, and I tried to remain objective about my observations. The town is the only place I traveled to that felt like home. Many people in our group of 22 had their rosaries turn into gold. Almost everyone saw the sun dancing. Personally I did not see this but I really do believe it was happening. I witnessed 50 people looking directly into the sun for 20 minutes and describing the colors, movement, etc. Three people including myself could not look at the sun for 2 seconds. Even with my sunglasses on, I could see the sun with some pain, but all that I saw was the sun. Even two semi hyperactive 10 year olds in our group dropped to their knees and saw the sun dancing.

I was very happy to see people of all ages from all over the world, USA, RUSSIA, KOREA, ITALY, IRELAND, GERMANY come to Medjugorje and I knew they were there because of the truth of Jesus Christ. I am very disappointed with the Church's position of "Let us do or say nothing until it is over." According to the messages it will probably be too late to convert when it is over. According to some books, all of the secrets will come to pass WITHIN 9 YEARS. I strongly recommend to everyone to read up on the events and messages that Mary is giving to us and use our free will to decide what to do if anything about it.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY APPARITIONS AT MEDJUGORJE II (Letter #4)

By: Guy Murphy 01/27/90

Based on my first paper of Medjugorje dated 12/89, I hear the question; "What in the world made you go to Yugoslavia?" I heard about the events in 1982/83 and I thought it would be an interesting place to go but I never got around to it. I was one of the Catholics who thought that people prayed too much to Mary and not enough directly to God, anyway. 15 years ago my grandmother told me about Our Lady of Fatima and that it took place when she was a girl. In 1989 I recalled our conversation. I told her in disbelief, "Grandma the Mother of God came to the earth for six months and you did not go to see her?" She explained to me how travelling back then was not as easy as today. I still had a hard time believing she did not go. All of our faith was based on things that happened thousands of years ago, before the modern scientist. Upon remembering this I asked myself, "What excuse am I going to give my grandkids when they ask me?" Since I could not come up with any good excuses, I decided to go. I also wanted to try and get closer to God and in doing so I hoped I could gain some understanding about several concepts that were not clear to me.

I was surprised at what a good time I had in Medjugorje. It was more fun than Hawaii. Upon returning back home many asked if I had been converted. This question always made me smile and I usually replied ; No I did not shave my head! I said no, but then I found myself talking to people about God, sending Medjugorje papers with my Christmas cards, praying the rosary, fasting, writing a letter to the Pope, talking with priests, passing out pictures, and in general doing things I have never done before in my life. Before I went to Medjugorje, I would be too embarrassed to even think of doing such things.

The next question that comes to mind is; Why am I writing papers and passing them out? The answer is simply I KNOW FOR SURE that the events out in Medjugorje are TRUE and I think GOD WANTS TO GIVE HIS LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING TO ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN. I am worried that there has been so much corruption related to religion, that many people have developed an instinctive reaction of " if there are claims of a miracle, then someone is trying to pick my pocket." In doing so we are blinding ourselves to an obvious truth that is present today. I am hoping that if EDUCATED PEOPLE LOOK AT THE FACTS, THE TRUTH WILL COME OUT.

I would like for people to do three things.

1. Do not part with one penny regarding this matter.
2. Just give an effort and use your education and scientific background to decide if the events are legitimate.
- 3A If you conclude it is a hoax, please tell me why. I would consider this as very valuable information.
- 3B If you conclude that it is true, follow Mary's messages and pray for understanding of why each one is important.

I will be more than happy to lend to anyone books, video tapes, pictures, audio tapes, copies of Mary's messages, and any other information that might make your decision easier.

To the question of; Do I belong to a group? or is someone telling me to do this? The answer is; No, I am all alone on this one, although I do feel inspired!

Please remember:

1. Your free will is one of the greatest gifts you have.
2. If you love someone, you can always find time for them.
3. If you can't find time for something, at least ask yourself if it is worth it.

MIRACLES AT MEDJUGORJE YUGOSLAVIA III (Letter #5)

By: Guy Murphy 01/31/90

Medjugorje is not about miracles, the visionaries say God provides them to get our attention so we may believe more easily. The most amazing part about Medjugorje is the people and Mary's messages.

Since I have written Medjugorje papers I and II, people have asked me if I was hearing voices or having visions. The answer is No. I did not even see the sun dancing, the big cross spinning and my rosary did not turn into gold. Before I describe to you the miracles out there, I would like to tell you about myself. I have been always fascinated by science. The first two years in college I was a physics major and then I graduated as a chemical engineer. One trait I had was that I wanted to understand things that were important to me. This was more important than what grades I got in school. Although many professors from college and bosses from business considered me to be a pain in the butt, I felt confident about my perception and understanding of many things. I heard about many modern day miracles, there has not been one that I felt could not be explained by a logical scientific explanation. I knew that many miracles can be disproved with a few simple scientific tests. Most of the time, the people promoting the miracles would refuse the scientific intervention. This just confirmed to me that a particular event was a hoax. Although I believe in God, sometimes I wish I could have put my hand under the basket that Jesus was pulling the fish and bread out of to feed the thousands of people. Then I went to Medjugorje.

"MIRACLE OF THE SUN"

A very interesting miracle is the dancing of the sun. Many people claim to look directly into the sun and see it move, pulsate, emit colors, spin, change into Mary's image, cross image, the host, doves, etc. I heard about the theory of mass hysteria. I did not expect this to be the culprit, because from what I know about mass hysteria, it is short lived, a group of people can temporarily see things, but at Medjugorje, millions of people witness it and it has been going on for 8 1/2 years. Besides that, I know that several people claim to have it show up on their videos etc. However, since I thought if holy people pray hard enough, they could probably see anything, I decided not to rule the possibility out. I thought that someone might be providing a high tech laser show. To test this theory out, I had a plan of scouting out the area to find possible projection areas. When the light show would start, I would simply look for the source.

A couple days after arriving at Medjugorje, our group of twenty was leaving daily Mass and we were going to walk over to the home of one of the visionaries. About thirty people were outside looking up and taking pictures of the sun. Just about every one in our group saw the sun do its thing. From what I observed, three people could not see it. One of them was me. I looked up and the sun was so bright, I could not look at it for two seconds. Even with my sun glasses on, I experienced some pain, but all that I saw was the sun. I moved to see if I was in a bad spot. I looked directly into peoples eyes to see if they were squinting, but I noticed some persons eyes were wide open and others squinted only a little. This went on for at least 10 minutes. Most of the group did not want to leave to go see the visionary. I left with a couple others and I kept on walking off of the road and nearly falling down because I was seeing black spots. For a while I was very frightened that my eyes were going to be permanently damaged. Why did my eyes hurt so much and others did not when I only looked a fraction of the time? How could I be so stupid as to look directly into the sun? This experience along with the fact that many cameras do not detect any thing unusual happening to the sun, shot my laser projection theory out the window. Modern day scientists examined the eyes of people who have looked at the sun for long periods of time. Although scientists claim that there is nothing anyone can do to prevent the naked eye from getting solar burns, the tests show negative. This seems to shoot the theory of mass hysteria out the window also. In addition to this many young people who are interested in "Normal" things like football, sex, drugs, rock & roll, etc. see the miracle of the sun also.

RESULT: MEDJUGORJE = 1 , GUY = 0.

" ROSARIES TURN TO GOLD!"

A vision is one thing, bringing home something concrete is another. I heard that some people have their rosaries analyzed and find out it is real gold. I have not yet found this documented. My rosary did not turn gold or I would have had it analyzed. As an engineer, I know that it is impossible for silver, tin, plastic, etc. to turn into gold. The only alternative explanation for this besides supernatural intervention is unknown scientific techniques, or blatant lying by people with gold rosaries. In the airport on the way to Medjugorje, one had claimed that his rosary turned to gold. The rosary did not look impressive, it looked like a nice gold rosary. This guy could of pulled the old switch on us when nobody was looking. When I was at Medjugorje, about 25 - 35 % of the people who I got to know had theirs turn into gold. Four points worth noting include:

1. If my experience represents typical Medjugorje happenings, there are over 4 million gold rosary"s out there. This is almost too great of a number to be a lie.
2. Most people seem to take the gold rosary as a personal sign. They do not shout and tell everyone, just their friends.
3. Most rosaries only partially turn into gold. Looking at these rosaries is amazing. I would not know where anyone could buy such a rosary to switch it with.
4. Some rosaries turn into gold instantly, others take days, some weeks, looking at these are likewise amazing.

RESULT: MEDJUGORJE = 2 , GUY = 0.

"16 TON CROSS SPINNING";

Many people claim to see a large 16 ton cross spinning or disappearing at Medjugorje. No one that I know of saw this while I was out there. I have seen some pictures of this but I have no explanation.

"MIRACLE PICTURES"

Many people who take pictures at Medjugorje, have images of Mary or Jesus appear on them. The strangest part about this is the large number of pictures and the wide variety of images that appear. I saw several of these pictures but I did not see two exactly alike. None of the pictures I took had a supernatural image on them. I do have a couple of copies of other peoples pictures. I can"t believe so many people would go to the effort of fixing these pictures.

RESULT: MEDJUGORJE = 3 , GUY = 0.

"MIRACLE HEALINGS"

There are several documented cases of sick persons of various afflictions to be miraculously cured. I think this is amazing, but too many evangelists have exploited this before. I don"t think too many people are impressed with this besides the actual persons involved. What is incredible is that many people go out there with the condition of; If I am healed, then I will believe. Many have a change in heart. I can only say that the love and understanding seems so powerful out there that most people seem to leave with the attitude of : I would like to be healed but not let "my will be done" but "thy will be done".

"APPARITIONS"

Every day the 6 visionaries talk to Mary (Only four still have daily apparitions). During this time, they reach a state of ecstasy. Several people theorize that they were on drugs, or hallucinating, lying, catalepsy, auto-suggestion, dreams, hysteria, or being manipulated by priests. Experts in psychology, psychotherapy, medicine and spiritual theology testify that the visionaries are perfectly normal and balanced. They were able to rule out every possible explanation. The modern day scientist even used the tools of electro-encephalogram (for brain activity), electrocardiogram(heart), electro-oculogram(eyes), and sharp pins to test out the visionaries. The specialists from the prestigious Milan and Montpellier Universities in France said the apparitions were scientifically inexplicable.

RESULT: MEDJUGORJE = 4 , SCIENCE = 0.

"MIRACLE OF THE FREE PRESS"

One of the most puzzling facts is ; How can these events take place for 8 1/2 years and millions of people who live in countries with "freedom of the press" have absolutely no idea of what is going on?

"SPIRITUAL ENERGY OR NUCLEAR ENERGY?"

This one is little known, but it seems to be specially designed for the engineer/scientist. An Electroscope model BT Biotech Canada, is used to measure radiation in the field of nuclear energy. The unit measures milli rads per hour on a logarithmic scale that ranges from 0-1,000,000. Normal background readings are from 0-15 mR/Hr. Unusual readings are found at Medjugorje, the readings get significantly higher as people pray. Some call this spiritual energy. Some facts regarding this matter include.

1. Extremely high recordings were taken during certain prayers. (100,000 mR/Hr)
2. The rapid disappearance after prayers indicate a non nuclear origin.
3. The maximum permitted nuclear dose is .1 rad/day. The people who frequently attend mass are being subjected to 100 rad/hr and they should be dead from post radiation sickness. Instead, people are being healed.
4. Measurements taken at churches in USA and at hockey games show readings of 20 to 70 mR.

How can anybody fool this device? Why would anybody want to? It seems like this had to be taken out of "Ghost Busters". Scientists have no explanation for this. I think this is a key scientific tool that can be used to help explain what is going on. If I go to Medjugorje again, I would like to take this instrument with me.

RESULT: MEDJUGORJE = 5 , GUY = AMAZED

"FUTURE SIGN"

One of the secrets is; there will be a permanent sign left on Apparition Hill for all to see but no one can destroy. This sign will convince everyone for sure that Mary was here. If this is a hoax, how can someone promise something this bold. How can the above miracles be significantly topped. I guess the point is that now we have a choice to use our Faith, Effort, and Minds to decide. Once the permanent sign is given, the choice will be made for you.

Who can be behind this? The messages of Mejugorje are NOT shave your head, sell candels, or send your money, or even change your religion. The main message is convert your heart. After trying to stop the events for a couple of years, the Yugoslavian government is making money off of the pilgrims. I think if someone was smart enough to pull this off, they would not be wasting their time with nickel and dime stuff.

WHAT IS YOUR THEORY?

HAPPENINGS TODAY IN MEDJUGORJE (Letter #6)

By: Guy Murphy 2/11/90

The questions that frequently come up include; 1. "Guy are you making all this up?" The answer is no, these events are actually happening. 2. "Who are these so called scientists? Are they in on the scam?" Attached to this note is a section taken out of the book Medjugorje Facts, Documents, and Theology. I chose this article because the Medical Faculty of Montpellier is a reputable one. Medjugorje does baffle ALL of the scientists who go there and look at the facts. After 8 1/2 years, there is not one logical explanation that support anything but the Mother of God is talking to the 6 young adults in Medjugorje. Also attached to this note is an article titled The Facts About Medjugorje. This article provides general information about the events taking place. The back of the article shows a list of books, and videos. Please note that there is not only one book or one author describing the situation, but several. What makes Medjugorje different from other miracles is:

1. It is happening today.
2. Modern day scientists and theologians are welcome to examine the events.
3. People from all over the world are welcome to go there.
4. The Mother of God is talking, giving us information, and allowing us to ask questions.

I would also like to tell you a little more about myself. When I was twenty five, I decided to try and read the entire bible. I tried to rationalize my actions by thinking that it is the best selling book of all times. I thought that if I did not read it now, I probably would never get around to it. Anyway, I thought the Bible told a very interesting story. When I got to the part about the time Jesus came, I had a hard time understanding why the Pharisees did not recognize Him. I thought it was ironically funny that the Jews went through endless rituals for thousands of years to prepare themselves for the coming of the Messiah. When the Messiah did come they **COULD NOT EVEN ACCEPT HIM**. In my laughter, I remember thinking: It deserves those pompous Jews right.

After I got back from Medjugorje, I no longer thought this was funny.

THE BISHOP'S DOUBT (Letter #7)

6/01/90 By Guy Murphy

There are pro's and con's to every side of the story. One question I heard is: What do the unbelieving/skeptics say about the authenticity of the events at Medjugorje? Ironically, besides a group who say it is the devil disguising himself as an angel of light, the local bishop Pavao Zanic is the only one I found to have made negative written statements about the events. His arguments are summarized into four points.

1. There are too many apparitions, over 3,000 of them.
2. There are some apparent contradictions in what the visionaries say.

Example; Are the chastisements irreversible?

3. Unnecessary proliferation of luminous and extra ordinary signs.
4. Private revelation to contest the legitimate authority of the local Bishop regarding the parish. "The Mother of God would not interfere with the Bishop's duties".

Some noted theologians including a world renowned mariologist Fr Rene Laurentin address the bishops points as follows.

1. God decides how many apparitions there will be.
2. Considering there have been over 3,000 apparitions, the agreement among the visionaries is remarkable.
3. The signs are given by God so more people will believe, and there is a stress on urgency.
4. To explain the fourth part, a brief history of Yugoslavia is required.

The Bishop claims the Hercegovina case is the fraudulent cause behind Medjugorje. This case came about because of Franciscans ministry under centuries of Turkish - Moslem domination from 1684-1878. In the early 1900's, the land became territory of Austria and the Roman Catholic Church came back. Many local people resisted the secular clergy. A problem came about when two franciscans would not leave their parish after the bishop ordered them to leave. The people involved with this case, had the visionaries ask Mary on 16 different occasions who was right in regards to this matter. The local Bishop was originally for the apparitions. When Mary did not take his side regarding the local squabble, the Bishop became convinced that she was not appearing. The Bishop said that the apparitions were orchestrated by the Franciscans in an attempt to take his authority away. The local squabble has nothing to do with Medjugorje, but the Bishop tries to associate them.

The Bishop has strong opinions and suspicions but no facts to back it up. He does not even address the scientific test performed which has disproved his theory. The determination that my rosary was brass with silver plating is very small but the only piece of factual information that I have seen that would indicate a possibility of something other than supernatural occurrences were the cause of some of the events at Medjugorje.

A prophet scares people. Looking at several occasions in the bible, I think that the fear is caused by the requirements of the prophet to change unhappy but complacent lifestyles. Maybe this is why so many people try to discredit the events with absolutely no facts or reasons.

Everyone may have a different opinion about Medjugorje, I agree strongly with Rev. O'Carroll's statement about the historic good fruit. Based upon the questions and comments I hear, there are several people that are not very familiar with Medjugorje and claim the event is a money making hoax. I say that if a group of people were to welcome the world and trick everyone for one month, shame on them. If they could trick the world for 9 years, SHAME ON US.

Medjugorje 8 (Letter #8)

7/26/90 By: Guy Murphy

Many intelligent people have told me; "The odds are that the supernatural events at Medjugorje are not authentic."

To help clarify a point, three definitions were obtained from Webster's Dictionary:

1. REASON - Power of understanding; Deduce from facts or premise.
2. INTELLECT - The facility of reasoning and thinking.
3. FOOLISH - Weak in intellect.

Since there have been countless hoaxes in our society, I agree 100% with the above reasoning based on premise. However, facts do exist to show this premise does not apply accurately to Medjugorje.

It is common practice for engineers to use "The Odds" as a starting point upon investigating a new task. As time proceeds, facts are discovered and analyzed to better understand the task. In many cases, the facts prove the initial starting point to be incorrect.

For example: The earth is populated with more than 3 billion people. A mathematician can show that in our society, the odds of any two particular individuals to meet and then get married is very, very small. The odds of your parents getting married, when combined with both sets of your grandparents getting married are even smaller. A mathematician can use these odds to prove that for all practical purposes " You Do Not Exist ".

The mathematician's numbers are true but several facts indicate that the premise does not apply to your case and obviously, we both know that you do exist. I can assure you, it is the same case for Medjugorje.

Therefore;

* Don't only base your reason on premise, use facts also.

* I have access to facts and information about Medjugorje, just ask a specific question and I would be glad get the information for you.

* I believe it is much to your benefit to understand this event.

Graces Necessary for Salvation (Letter #9) 9/04/1990

9/04/90 By: Guy Murphy

Someone has asked the question: Are the visionaries in Medjugorje imitating the events of other Marian apparitions that have been reported in Lourdes France and Fatima Portugal?

First of all, scientist of Montpellier determined the visionaries were not hallucinating or lying. Second of all, God is utilizing Mary (Mother of The Church) to complete a series of instructions and prophecy for the church and the world.

During the last 2000 years, there have been over 200 series of Marian apparitions recorded. Approximately 18 apparitions have been approved by the Catholic Church. Medjugorje has not yet been approved by the church as authentic Marian apparitions. The Church has approved of the apparitions in Fatima, Portugal that took place in 1917. The miracles and events were quite dramatic. The following is the actual statements that Mary gave.

1. " The Devil and Hell exist, and you can go there. To save poor sinners, God wishes to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If requests are made, souls will be saved and there will be peace."

* Many people laughed at this. Some U.S. opinion polls taken today show that only 50% of people believe there is a Devil. It is common to hear: "The devil was made up by religious people to scare followers into performing tasks. All I can say about this is, the New Testament makes it very clear that there is a Devil, and Jesus always tells the truth.

2. " The war will end soon" (WWI). " If men do not cease to offend God, another worse one will begin in the reign of Pius XI. When you see a light illumined by an unknown light, know that it is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions against the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this, I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays of the month. If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."

* Many people laughed at this. In 1917, the Bolshevik revolution had not yet taken place, Russia was considered to be no threat at all.

* Pope Pius XI was notified of these request in 1930, 1937, and by the collective petition of the Portuguese bishops in 1938. The Pope decided to ignore the request. Note: (The mysterious light came in 1938, then came WWII, and we all know what happened to Russia.)

3. The third message was to be sealed in an envelope and opened in 1960. The Church never revealed its contents. Note: (In 1961, Mary appeared for four years in Garabandal, Spain and gave shocking revelations. This was not approved by the church.)

4. "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will Consecrate Russia to me, which will be converted, some time of peace will be granted to the world."

Mary has been appearing in Medjugorje from 1981 to the present. Two statements that she made in 1981 include:

1. This will be the last series of apparitions that will take place on the earth.

2. Russia will be the new leaders in the Church.

* Many people laughed at this. In 1981, Russia was very strong and very atheistic and nobody thought they would change. Between 1983 - Present, remarkable and unthinkable changes have taken place. In 1989, Russia has reopened its Churches and they can not get enough bibles in their country. Please look and you will see a miracle in action.

As stated in Fatima's message number 2; "I will come to ask..."

In 1925, Mary and the Child Jesus came to Lucy, the original visionary, and said: I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all graces necessary for **salvation** to all those who on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months shall.

1. Go to confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Recite 5 decades of the Rosary.
4. Keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries with an intention of making reparation to me. Note:(This is due to many ungrateful people who pierce Her heart.)

* This is not very popular, but it is very simple. I **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** for everyone to make this Communion of Reparation with fervor in the near future. The total time required is less than 10 hours. Only 2 hours a month for five months. It will be a great investment of time.

If you think the above sounds too wild, please check your history books or ask a priest. You will find out it is the TRUTH.

The entire event of Fatima was remarkable. One of the most famous miracles took place during an apparition. Before the miracle, many people did not believe that the children saw "Mary". The government viciously interrogated the children and accused them of lying and arousing the public. Mary promised to give them a sign on October 13, 1917. Approximately 70,000 believers and non believers showed up on that date to see for themselves what would happen. They saw the sun spin, move around and then become dislodged from its orbit and thrown towards the earth. Many people thought it was the end of the world. The sun stopped before it hit the earth, and returned back to its normal place. This is known as "The Day the Sun Danced". Fatima has never been the same since.

Mary, The Mother of God (Letter 10)

9/29/90 By Guy Murphy

Often I hear the statement: "We should not pray to Mary or the Saints, we should pray directly to God". The bible clearly states "Do not worship other gods before me". To tell you the truth, before I went to Medjugorje, this was my opinion. Almost all the churches that split from the Catholic Church, seem to acquire the above philosophy. It seems like an endless flood of thoughts and words come out of many churches and society to drown out Mary's importance in the church.

My opinion has changed. I think that Mary and all the Saints get a "Bum-Rap" from society. The key to this is the difference between "pray" and "worship". To pray as defined by Webster's Dictionary is "to ask earnestly". Almost all Christian religions agree that when you have something important that you request from God, you can ask other people to pray for your cause". The theory behind praying to Mary and the Saints is: "They are alive in Heaven and you are requesting of them to pray to God for your cause. In either case, this request does not replace praying to God. On the contrary, it should enhance your prayers. This topic seem the source of confusion for so many people.

A similar statement frequently made is: "Why do Catholics make such a fuss about Mary anyway? The Bible does not promote her". Typically, I do not quote the Bible, but for future references, I would like you to note five statements taken from the King James Version.

LUKE 1:28 - Angel Gabriel was sent by God to notify Mary of the Immaculate Conception. The angel said;

(1) "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

Note: A more classic Catholic version Bible states; "Hail Mary, full of Grace . . ."

Grace is defined as Highly Divine Favor. Either way one must conclude that Mary was doing something right.

LUKE 1:41,42 - After the Immaculate Conception, Mary went to visit her cousin Elisabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist.

(2) "and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among woman, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

Note: The Bible did not say; "Elisabeth, the silly old woman."

The Bible did say; "Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost"

John 19:26,27 - Jesus was nailed to the cross. Before he died, he looked at Mary and a disciple whom he loved and said;

(3) "Woman, behold thy son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold thy Mother!"

Note: Many people who interpret this make it sound like Jesus was a delirious man who wanted the disciple to take care of his earthly mother.

I can assure you that when a Man-God is dying on the Cross. Any words that he speaks are extremely important. This is one statement that Jesus made to appoint Mary as the "Mother of The Church".

Revelations 12:1

(4) "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Note: This woman is Mary. Chapter 12 reveals the Devil trying to persecute her. Many children (visionaries) throughout history have reported 12 stars around her head.

Revelations 12:15 - The book of Revelations is difficult to understand. However please read chapter 12 to try to understand what is going on today.

(5) "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."

Note: Mary revealed that this "water" is "words".

CONCLUSION: God appointed Mary as a prophet to give us important instructions to follow for our own good. Do not let the flood of persecutions against Mary prevent you from hearing her request. Please always remember what Jesus said; "Behold thy Mother"

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11/01/1990 (Letter #11) First Saturdays - Act of Reparation

By Guy Murphy

A frequent question that the visionaries are asked is "Why do so many people disregard Mary's requests of peace, conversion, fasting, penance, and prayer?" "Why do they continue to sin and do not even try to listen to the messages?"

Mary states that one problem is we believe, as proven by our lifestyles, that life on earth is the only thing that is important. When we die, it is the end of everything. Mary explains things in such a loving way that it is not frightful. (My condensed explanation is a little more crude.) Human beings have immortal souls. The just souls will be very happy in heaven and the unjust souls will continue to reject and curse God, and be very unhappy in the eternal fire of hell. The term "Just souls" is just in God's eyes and not necessarily man's eyes. The road to being "Just" is so simple and we have the free will to choose it. Follow the 10 commandments in your daily life. If you break one, sincerely repent and try that much harder next time.

Most people do not even try to comprehend how long eternity is in comparison to our lives on earth. Below is a picture that I find useful in grasping an understanding of the relative length of life on earth to life after earth.

Imagine that your entire life represents a journey. Imagine that your life on earth (avg. 74 years) consists of a walk from downtown Elgin to Lake Michigan(37 miles --- 2 years for 1 mile).

Jesus and Mary's request of the "Act of Reparation" on 5 consecutive first Saturdays" take a total of 10 hours to complete. In comparison this distance will be 3 FEET! This is less than a trip from the kitchen table to the refrigerator!

The journey will continue during "Life after Earth" across Lake Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, etc., and reach the east coast. It will continue across the Atlantic Ocean, beyond France, Germany, Poland, Russia, China, Korea, Japan, the Pacific Ocean, and back to the United States. This distance will be over 18,000 miles, and the journey of our souls will not stop there. It will continue beyond the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, and even Pluto (over 3 billion miles). The journey will not end even after reaching distant stars and galaxies (100's of billions of miles) because it will have no end. I recommend to invest the "3 feet" that They ask for to ensure a pleasant journey. The paper Medjugorje 9 shows how history proves that Mary's requests are too accurate to be taken lightly.

God's promise of "Eternal Life in Heaven" is by far the most valuable gift you have. Though it is so easy to lose sight of this, don't ever let anyone take this gift away.

Keep in mind what Jesus once said; "But remember: of what avail will it be to conquer the whole world, if he loses his soul?"

The Adventures of Jesus Christ through a Visionaries Eyes (Letter #12)

12/19/90 Guy Murphy

During my visit to Medjugorje, a young man asked a visionary; "Did Mary say that the book (POEM OF THE MAN GOD) is accurate? I remember thinking "This guy has a chance to ask about anything on life and he is asking about a book!" To my surprise, the visionary replied; "The Blessed Mother mentioned that those books were good to read." The young man insisted; "Yes it is good to read, but is it accurate?" The visionary replied; "Believe me, when the Blessed Mother says it is good, it is very accurate!"

I obtained a copy of Maria Valtorta's "Poem of the Man God", and read it. It is a very exciting story about Jesus life. At first I thought "How dare she say this or that. I don't think she is correct about this or that point." After a few stories illustrated my errors, I thought; "this Maria Valtorta is pretty smart." Then; "She is a genius." Finally I realized, after the first volume answered every question I ever had about life; "No person or group of people could have put this masterpiece together, Jesus Christ and Mary our Mother came and actually gave Maria Valtorta these visions and Valtorta acted as a secretary.

I guarantee to anyone that reads this book will understand that statement to be correct.

I can try to tell you, but I will only botch it up. Read it yourself.

In the book, Jesus tells us. First God gave man the Law, but he would not follow it. Then I came down to explain the law with my doctrine; but man would not listen. Now man is tired of words. I am not giving up, now I give man my visions so he may understand.

The books have the Supreme Pontifical Imprimatur. Pope Pius XII read it in 1948 and declared < Publish this work as it is. There is no need to give an opinion about its origin, whether it be extraordinary or not. Who reads it will understand.> After reading it, I tell you to believe Pope Pius XII, read it and you will understand.

I know an orthodontist who went to college for ten years, he also falls asleep during sermons at mass sometimes. After reading the book, he stated:

1. It is the best book I have ever read in my life!
2. I have no doubt, it comes from God.

Even people who do not like to read, say similar things. The stories that make up The Story are very interesting and mentally challenging.

The books can be found in a Christian book store for \$35 each. The "Book Lady", Gertrude Mergen of Glen Ellen, IL. went to Medjugorje. She was impressed and now distributes this book at cost \$25.50.

I think life is like putting together a complicated Christmas toy. Many times when I tackle this task, the first thing I do is to set aside the instructions and try to figure it out by myself. When I fail, I look at the instructions and then say "These instructions are too complicated to understand." Today Jesus has replied . . ." In all fairness, the Gospel and the Church is all you need to understand. I love you so much, I will even give you the "Poem of The Man God" to make it easy for everyone to understand."

The Second Coming of Jesus (Letter #13)

1/29/1991 Guy Murphy

Many Medjugorje letters were intended to provide background information for upcoming events. A page is turning in human history. Biblically speaking, these are very exciting times. Christians have been praying for the second coming of Jesus Christ for 2000 years, and now it is about to happen. After He comes, there will be 1000 years of peace on earth. Unfortunately, there is a massive purification period that will take place prior to His coming. This news is not intended to scare anybody. So many of us wait to the last minute to accomplish things that we should have been working on all along. Mary, Our Mother, has revealed this so even us last minute people can be prepared.

What is different about this news is; God's prophet has not only revealed it to visionaries in Medjugorje, Fatima Portugal, Akita Japan, Scottsdale Arizona, Hurshiv Ukraine, Naju Korea, Kibeho Africa, Cuapa Nicaragua, but she is telling it to priests also. Mary has formed the Marian Movement of priests to strengthen the church and the world for these times. For the past 19 years She has gathered over 60,000 priests and 300 bishops. They all know what is happening.

Mary's messages are recorded in a diary. For the first time in history there is a book that has the Official Catholic Imprimatur stamp and contains specific information about the preparation for Jesus coming, when the Anti-Christ will take his throne. Mary explains who are the beasts and other symbolic information in the "Book of Revelation". To see this information that is printed from one of the most conservative organizations in the world is "Mind Boggling".

In the next few years, everyone and his brother are going to tell you the second coming of Christ is near. Some of them will be good people and sincere, others will be the Anti-Christ's or semi-good people that are misled and will point out the Anti-Christ as the Christ. It will be very confusing. Most of the world will be fooled, including many of us last minute converters.

I think you deserve the right to know. When a weatherman predicts an approaching hurricane, he does not tell the people in order to scare them. He notifies them so they may take the proper precautions and not be caught off guard. One may ask, What should we do about it? The simplest and most certain mode of protection is to go to Mary and ask Her to take you to Jesus. Since I know most of us are "Too Smart" for this advice, I recommend that you know the basics. Do not shave your head or sell candles, but you must know;

1. The 10 Commandments. Not 4, 6, or 8, but 10 out of 10.
2. The 7 virtues and 7 evils.
3. Why did God create you? At least what does your church say?
4. How did the Devil come into being?
5. What was Eve's mistake?
6. What was Judas Iscariot's mistake?
7. What are the 7 sacraments? How do they strengthen us?
8. What are your baptismal vows?
9. What was Jesus criterion for judgement upon his coming?
10. What are 15 mysteries of salvation as meditated on in the Rosary?

Even the most brilliant people of science, religion, or other occupations have occasionally gotten away from the basics and became confused or lost. Please know the basics well. Life is complicated now, and it will get more confusing in the next few years. Jesus does not want us to fail, He did His part but we have to do ours.

Medjugorje 14 (Letter #14)

3/26/91 G.M.

Enclosed is Jesus explanation of the first portion of the First Commandment as described in "The Poem of the Man-God". This is an effort to know "the basics" so we do not get fooled by upcoming prophesied events. God is eternal. Man's soul is immortal. The relationship between God and man will last forever. The 10 commandments will always be! Jesus explained the 10 commandments as the Law of True Love. The first three are based on the love of God. The remaining seven are based on Love of your neighbor.

The Bible makes it very clear that you do not get rewarded for pride of your intelligence, but you must be obedient. God is God and we are creatures. Shouldn't we love Him enough to put forth the effort to know His commandments?

Imagine how embarrassing it will be on your judgement day, if you do not know what they are.

1. I am the Lord your God, have no Gods besides Me.
2. Don't use My name in vain.
3. Keep Holy the Sabbath.
4. Honor father and mother.
5. Don't kill.
6. Don't Fornicate.
7. Don't steal.
8. Don't lie.
9. Don't lust after neighbor's wife.
10. Don't covet anything of neighbor's.

Jesus wants us to understand these things with our hearts so we can protect ourselves more effectively.

My reasons for writing this are; not only are the Ten Commandments important, but they seem to get overlooked. A short while ago I only knew about six.

An Engineer's Conversion (Letter #15)

6/28/91 Guy Murphy.

I went back to Medjugorje in April 1991. My second trip was just as enjoyable as the first. A chemical engineer friend of mine decided to go with. He heard me rambling on about the events. He was somewhat familiar with the prophecies of our time, but I think he wanted to see for himself if I were nuts or not.

When he saw the schedule for the week, he made a comment;

Day one . . . Church, then climb a mountain

Day two . . . Church, then talk with a visionary

Day three . . . Church then . . .

"No way, this is too much church! This will be more church than I went to in three years. I will be bored out of my mind!"

"Its not what you think, it is different out there, I just can't explain it." I replied.

Eventually we made a deal. If he did not want to stay after three days, we would take a train to Munich Germany and visit the museums there.

We both had a good time and stayed in Medjugorje for the entire week.

During my last visit(12/89), I did not see any phenomena. However, I witnessed 40+ people look directly into the sun at 1:30 p.m. and claim to see it dance, etc. They looked directly at it for over 10 minutes. The sun burned my eyes in 2 seconds, just like it does at home. I went out there with a high tech laser theory to challenge "Our Lady" and She gently humbled me back in my place.

This time, while an apparition was taking place, I saw a miracle of the sun. It looked like a total eclipse of the sun. Instead of the moon blocking the sun, it was the Eucharist. Both of us saw the phenomena and were able to look at for 15 minutes without harming our eyes.

Later that evening, my friend stated that he was not so sure we saw a miracle. He said our eyes got adjusted to the sun and it just looked like the Eucharist. "We never try looking at the sun at home, so we did not notice it before." "I would have to look at the sun at the same time of day and have it burn my eyes before I can believe."

The next day I stayed in Church during the apparition, while my friend left to look at the sun. I met him later and he was holding his eyes. He quietly mumbled, "O.K. I believe now."

God must have some sense of humor to put up with us engineers. I have seen many scientist and even the Universities of Montpelier and Milan get humbled out there.

The real miracle is; Medjugorje is a place where you can go to church and it is fun, learn information about the faith and it is fun, you go to Mary the "Magnificat" and you see Jesus. This has been going on for over 10 years! What a gift from heaven!

If anyone would like a video tape explaining these events, just call me at 630-279-8424 and I will be glad to give you one.

Our Lady's Apparitions in a Local Cemetery

8/15/1991 Guy Murphy (Letter #16)

A finger of Medjugorje comes to Hillside, IL.

The Mother of God is appearing in several places all over the world to turn people back to God. She has been appearing inside the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. Mary appeared to 81 year old Joe Reinholtz, who was cured of blindness in Medjugorje.

These events made the 10:00 news and the newspapers in the Chicagoland area, the week of July 24, 1991. (10 year anniversary of Medjugorje). Enclosed is an article from the Chicago Tribune. The T.V. news reported 10,000 - 12,000 people came to the site on the Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15 1991).

In Medjugorje, most people see miracles and only a few camera's capture it on film. Some skeptics do not read any of the scientific reports and yet say people are hallucinating. The incredible part about this series of apparitions is; Only a few people see miracles, but most camera's capture it on film.

Now these silly cameras are hallucinating!

Heavenly images including Jesus, Mary, bleeding crucifix, golden corpus, doorway to heaven, the Eucharist, became present on photos taken there. Some people don't want to get accused of tampering with the film, so they use a Polaroid instant sx-70 instead of a 35mm camera. When a picture of the cross, or the sun, or the trinity tree is taken, it is fun to see a heavenly image appear right before your eyes. I saw more miracles in one hour at Hillside than in 2 days at Medjugorje.

The miracles get people's attention so they will listen to the messages of:

1. Convert back to God.
2. Pray with your heart.
3. Fast out of Love for God.
4. Do penance to make reparations for sins.
5. Pray for peace in your hearts.
6. Go to Mass often.

Go There! See it for yourself and make up your own mind. It may be a special gift from God. It is a rare historic event when compared to the last 2,000 years. In advance I leave the final judgment of the authenticity of these events to the Holy See in Rome.

The Queen of Heaven Cemetery is on Wolf Rd. South of Roosevelt and north of 22nd street. Once you get in the entrance, turn left. Go one block and you will see the orange fence and hundreds of people. Joe goes there between 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. every day. Miracles and the crowds are present all day long.

Amend 8/9/1992 Joe is there 9:00 am every day but Tuesday, Sunday at 10:30 am.

Amend 3/27/2007 Joe has passed away, however the prayers go on at the above times.

WHO IS GOD?

9/27/1991 By Guy Murphy (Letter #18)

If the Eucharist is the most difficult doctrine, what is the easiest? The beginning of the basics consist of "Who is God?". According to Christians, Jews, and Moslems, God is the Creator of everything. The eternal God is all powerful, "always was and always will be." Even atheist's acknowledge that due to scientific principles of conservation of mass and energy, something has to be "always was and always will be."

All major denominations of Christians believe that God is comprised of the mystery of the Trinity. Three persons in one God. The Father, The Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. Also called the Thought, the Word, and the Love. The mystery is like a three leaf clover. Three leaves but one flower. No man can fully understand this mystery, but it is good to contemplate it often.

God created every single star and every single blade of grass. God is full of love, justice and mercy. His power, knowledge, and perfection is infinite. God created man also. In addition to a body, God gave man a soul. The soul of a man is a spirit that will live forever. The soul has understanding and free will.

The Faith is not totally blind faith, it is based on many good reasons why we think God is God. We have our minds, our bodies, the earth, wisdom of the Bible, the Church, our history, and countless miracles.

Jesus Christ has told the Church that "Man is obliged to acknowledge God out of gratitude and respect for one's intelligence." Even a savage would look at creation and say " This did not happen all by itself."

Do you sometimes say? "God sounds like a fairy tale!"

If you ever have a doubt about God, Do the following:

1. Look at what you are made of.
2. Look at your capabilities.
3. Meditate on how the materials of (1) can do the capabilities in (2).

For example: Over 95% of our bodies consist of the elements hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon. Put the insides of a pencil (carbon) in a glass jar. Add some water, and put on the cover. Inside that jar, you have air, water and carbon. This is hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon. The same things you are made of! If I told you that those atoms can be put together in such a way to create a being that can think, feel, walk, talk, love, hate, obey God or disobey God; Doesn't that sound like a fairy tale? Check the encyclopedia, IT IS YOU! Out of all mankind, Scientist will not have any excuses for neglecting God.

Please acknowledge God! Endeavor to know Him, use the minds He gave you and contemplate Him with good will. Ask Him for help! You will see, it won't be so bad. It can be very mentally challenging. Forever is such a long time. There is no treasure as great as your soul. God is the boss! When you die, you will have no one else to answer to but Him.

MEDJUGORJE 19 - WHY DID GOD MAKE US?

(Letter #19) 10/21/91 G.M.

If God is all powerful, and nothing is hard for Him: If God is infinitely perfect and nothing can increase His perfection: If God is infinitely happy, and has no needs, Why did He Create us?

First of all, if you do not know the basics of why God created you or your purpose in life, you are totally lost. Before I went to Medjugorje, I did not know this. What I find amazing is a large percentage of the people under forty years old, and even with the best education, do not know this answer. Yet a grandmother will tell you she learned that in the 2nd grade. Even a proud bible bopper, that will through quotes around to justify his philosophy, is lost if he does not know this answer. He would be as ridiculous as a teacher trying to explain calculus if he does not understand addition or subtraction.

God is so infinitely good that He made creatures because He wanted to share His happiness with others.

God loves us and He wants us to love Him. He cannot force us to love Him, or it would not be love. This is why God gave us free will. Meditate often on love and free will and you will see that love can't exist without free will. If we had no free will, we would automatically do what God wants but we would be like a computer program or a robot. (Actions but no love.) Think about this so you can use your free will to your advantage.

Our purpose in life is to know God, love Him and serve Him in this world, so we can be happy with Him forever in the next.

Use your free will to make time to get to know Him. You can do this by reading the Holy Bible, praying, using the Church, imitating the Saints, and listening to the Blessed Virgin Mary whom God has chosen to be the ultimate Prophetess for our time. Once you really know God, you can't help but love Him and want to serve Him. You serve God by doing the will of the Father. You will see that in the end, that every law He gives us is not for His benefit, but to help us. The problem is we creatures do not understand this.

A good parent will command their children to go to school. It doesn't help the parent, but they love the children and the parents know their minds will get developed there. They know it will be very rewarding for them later in life if the children make a few sacrifices now. God gives us commandments. It doesn't help God, but God loves His children and He knows their souls will get developed if they listen to Him. God knows it will be very rewarding for us in Heaven, if we make a few sacrifices now.

WHO IS THE DEVIL?

(Letter #20) 11/91 By Guy Murphy

How often have you heard? "If God is so good and so infinitely perfect, why did He make the Devil?" Polls taken in America show that 95-98% of the people believe there is a God. Although all Christians, Moslems and Jews officially believe there is a Devil, polls show that only 50% of the people actually believe there is a Devil. I observe that many people who don't believe in the Devil have a very kindergarten view of who he is. Some think he is the bogey man with a pitch fork. Just mention the word Devil and even smart people act totally irrational.

Who is the Devil/Satan? Why do most priests in the last 25 years rarely give a sermon about him? What power does he have? How do we protect ourselves from him?

First of all, God did not create the Devil as we know him. God created Lucifer the archangel. Just like humans have souls with free will, so do the angels. Humans have the hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, nitrogen casing around their souls, but the angels do not. The angels are created perfect but limited in their potential to love. The archangels are perfect also, but they have more potential to love (described as more beautiful) than the angels. Kind of like a 7 oz glass compared to a 12 oz glass. Both can be perfectly full, but one holds more than the other.

Lucifer was the most beautiful of all the angels. When he found out that others were going to be made more beautiful than he, a vapor of pride broke out. Instead of scattering it, he used his free will to choose to condense it and incubate it. He did not want to believe that the level of glory in which he was placed was good. He rebelled and attempted to assail the unreachable throne of God. Through his pride, pessimism, and lack of faith in God's goodness, Lucifer misused his free will and destroyed his soul thus turning himself into the Devil. His actions were similar to the way a 4 year old can get mad at his mother for having another baby. Instead of being grateful that he has a new family member, he unjustly thinks that baby will take all the love away from him. Through the same pessimism as Lucifer, many angels fell also and God separated the Light from the Dark, thus creating Heaven and Hell. Be assured that you can destroy your own soul like Lucifer did.

The Devil can not create anything. Not even a single blade of grass. However, he is allowed to tempt us. The Devil/Satan tempts us with his seven tricks which are known as the seven evils or seven deadly sins. These are Pride, Lust, Avarice, Wrath, Envy, Gluttony, and Sloth. It is a good idea to be able to recognize these seven tricks, because he will use them on you often. Read the Bible and you will see that Satan is very clever. He has taken these seven tricks and has been making a total monkey out of man for 6,000 years. Satan is the "Father of Lies" who destroyed his soul. The bible gives testimony that man is the "Eternal Knucklehead" because with the same seven tricks, we often let Satan fool us into giving him our immortal soul.

Often times, Satan tries to make us think situations are more complicated than they really are so he can cause confusion, lack of discipline, division, persecution and disobedience to God. For an example of how tricky the Devil is, read Matthew chapter 4 where Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan. "then the Devil took him up into the holy city, and set him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him: If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down for it is written: That he hath given his angels charge over thee, and in their hands shall they bear thee up, lest perhaps thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Look at this! the Devil is not using his pitch fork to knock Jesus off the temple. He is quoting the Bible (Psalm 90:11) to trick Jesus into killing Himself. How many Sola Scripture followers would say: It must be true, your quote is in the Bible, I will jump. Read Jesus' response to see how he exposes Satan's trick as an action of pride. Note: Jesus has just fasted for forty days and forty nights. He was tired, hungry, and cold. The Devil strikes hardest when you are vulnerable. God gives us this history so we don't follow people who quote the Bible out of context. This is a very scary thought considering all the Bible boppers in our society today.

Many Christians think that the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapter 5) was one of Jesus most awesome teachings. Often we hear preachers talk about the eight beatitudes that are at the beginning of the chapter.

These are eight things we can do to enjoy the rewards of Heaven. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy..." At the end of chapter 5, Jesus says ; Turn the other cheek; Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you. Read the whole chapter, you will see that the middle is quite shocking. Jesus tells us eight things that will send us to the everlasting fire of Hell.

Don't think of the Lord's judgement as: you were bad, I hate you, you go to hell. Think of it as: You were bad, I loved you so much that I would die for you so you might not destroy your soul. You did it anyway. I can not let you contaminate heaven, go to the master you chose.

The Devil can approach us with his seven tricks in two ways. Physically as he did with Jesus, and spiritually. The most common way is spiritually. In this way you don't see Satan, but your heart gets a whisper, a tickle or a bite. A whisper like "Take it, you deserved it anyway, if you don't somebody else will!" = Avarice. A tickle like "You are far too smart to do what God wants, that is for the weak and ignorant." = Pride. A bite like " How dare he strike me, strike him back twice as hard so he learns the next time." = Wrath. Everybody gets tempted in this way several times a day. You may think it is your own thoughts and ideas, but it is him! If you practice examining your heart, it gets easy to recognize a temptation so that you can avoid the trick in an intelligent fashion. He can use people, radio, TV, movies, as pawns to get his message across. If you are an honest soul with good will who wants to love, you naturally reject the temptations. Many times when a scientist observe a person with a personality disorder, they usually attribute it to troubles in their childhood, or some type of unknown chemical imbalance. I think that in many cases you will see that the person is being tempted, but does not know how to say "Get Lost" to Satan.

When Satan approaches us physically, he usually tries and disguise himself as an angel of light. This has happened several times in the last 2,000 years. One documented case can be found in the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther's diary. The false angel tells Luther to downplay the Most Holy Eucharist. Martin Luther uses a sacramental by splashing holy water on him. The Devil was exposed and then fled. Ask a Protestant if he uses sacramentals, or what the Eucharist means to him today. Compare that to what the Devil tried to get Martin Luther to practice it as. You will see that the Devil is very persistent. (He knows what is important also.) See attached for Luther's doctrine.

You do not have to be afraid of the Devil, but you better be smart enough to listen to God's advice so Satan can not do you any harm. If you ignore God's advice, it would be as smart as stepping into a boxing ring with your guard down thinking your opponent is not going to hit you. Blessed Mary says "The Rosary is the strongest weapon against Satan." Other advice includes "Create an active conscience for yourself. Pray in the morning, read a passage from the Gospel. Impress it on your mind and in your heart and carry it within you through the day. In moments of crisis, meditate on it again and pray to God to strengthen that word within you." In summary:

1. Satan is cunning - he even quotes the Bible.
2. He can tempt everyone several times a day.
3. He appears friendly, and strikes when you are vulnerable.
4. Makes himself look like a ridiculous myth to get our guard down.
5. Uses 7 tricks of Pride, Lust, Avarice, Wrath, Envy, Gluttony, and Sloth.
6. Always makes things more complicated than they actually are.
7. Mary, God's prophet says that Satan is very, very active these days.
8. Your protection is: Strive to Love, pray(especially the Rosary), listen and meditate to God & His messengers, use sacramentals like blessed objects and holy water. Just ask Luther.

If your life was a train ride to Heaven, the Devil is always doing what he can to derail your caboose!!! On a positive note, no matter how much damage you did to your soul on earth, God's mercy is so great that as long as you are alive on earth, He will forgive you and grant you the graces necessary to improve. However, you

must humbly ask Him for help. His Mother will show you the way.

If you are one of the 50% that believes in God, but not the Devil, I challenge you to think of your death. Explain your case to Jesus. What if he hands you a crucifix and says, "Look what I did for you. If you did not believe me about the Devil and hell, what did you think I was saving you from?"

MEDJUGORJE 23 - POSTCARD FROM HEAVEN!!!

(Letter #23) 7/92 GM

There has been one claim throughout history that we have received a portrait from heaven. This image (Tilma), came to America almost 500 years ago and is still with us today. The United States government along with American Universities have examined the Tilma with Infra- Red studies. Their findings proved that it is not of human origin. Neither brush strokes nor pigments give the picture color. Scientists who study it confirm that it is a "Postcard from Heaven."(Note:See "Wonders of Guadalupe" by Francis Johnston, 1981 Tan Books, Rockford, IL.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of the first major apparitions where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to lay people. Medjugorje is said to be the last one.

Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492. Christians tried to spread the good news of Jesus to the Aztecs. The Aztecs, who had many pagan gods, resisted strongly. Their greatest god was the "Old Stone Serpent". They also worshiped the sun and the moon. The Aztecs gave live human sacrifices to their gods. Sometimes 1,000 people in a single day would be killed. Many historians agree that they had the most demonic culture in history.

In December, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared near Mexico City to Juan Diego, a humble Indian. She told him ". . . I am the Mother of the True God, through whom everything lives, the Lord of all things, who is master of heaven and earth. I ardently desire a temple be built here for me where I will show and offer all my love . . ." Juan went to the Bishop and told him what happened, but the Bishop did not believe him. Eventually, the Bishop asked for a sign. Upon returning to Our Lady, She arranged flowers in his frail cloak and told Juan to take them to the Bishop. When Juan stood before the Bishop, he dropped the flowers to the floor and the miraculous image appeared on his tilma.

The Tilma was made of cactus fibre. The natural life of which is only 20 years. The fact that the Image on the cloak has been preserved for so long is a miracle in itself. Some details are astonishing. Under magnification, scientists were amazed to find images of people as reflections in the eyes of the Blessed Virgin.

Other details of the miraculous image bear a remarkable resemblance to the prophecy in Revelations/Apocalypse chapter 12:1. "And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars: And being with child, she cried traveling in birth, and was in pain to be delivered."

The Aztecs looked at the Tilma and said, "Wow! This great woman is standing in front of our god the sun." (She is clothed with the sun's rays). "Wow! This great woman has our god the moon under her feet. She is wearing a crown on Her head." Every aztec knew the woman was with child because Our Lady was wearing a maternity bow.

For Aztecs, the big question became: -- "Who is the God that this Woman is praying to?" In a period of 9 years, 8 million pagans found Jesus Christ through Mary. It is one of the greatest conversion events in Christianity. Today, 20 million people visit the chapel in Guadalupe annually to venerate the image. Examine the Tilma for yourself and meditate.

Note -- The Holy Spirit revealed to the Church that it is God who crowned Mary, thus Catholics call Her "Queen of Heaven". ". . . He that is mighty has done great things to Me; and Holy is His name." - Mary - (Luke 1:49) . . . She always reflects praises, perfectly, back to God.

Since Revelation Chapter 12 is distorted by many, God sent us a postcard from heaven to help us understand. Her message on this postcard is vital for us today.

". . . Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your mother? . . ."

There are numerous additional lessons and miracles associated with this Sacred Image. If you look at the scientific studies done on the Tilma, you will discover that all people, scientists included, have no excuse for neglecting God!

COMMENTS ON THE BIBLE'S APOCALYPSE - CHAPTER 12

7/92 G.M.

Who wrote Revelation? The Holy Bible contains information inspired by God. Many texts have multiple levels and meanings to them. The Apocalypse includes inspired prophetic visions that describe the future church, including the awaited second coming of Jesus.

The Apostle St. John Zebedee wrote the "Apocalypse" (Book of Revelations) in approximately 97 A.D. Before he became one of Jesus followers, St. John was a disciple of John the Baptist. St. John is referred to in his Gospel as the disciple whom Jesus loved. He was the only apostle to remain with Jesus at Calvary. St. John Zebedee wrote the Gospel of John and other letters in the New Testament. For his beliefs, he was put into a caldron of boiling oil at Rome, under Domitian. To the astonishment of the Romans, God protected John from harm. The frustrated Romans banished John to the Island of Patmos.

This paper will examine the role of Mary in John's writings.

1. vs. 1 "...Behold a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars:" -- Look at the POSTCARD from heaven Guadalupe's Tilma and meditate. Also, there are hundreds of reported Marian apparitions, many little children who see Her describe a Woman with 12 stars around her head.

2. vs. 5 " And she brought forth a man child..." The man child, to rule all nations with iron rod, is Jesus (Messiah) as described in the Bible. Therefore, His Mother, the Woman, is Mary.

3. vs. 7 Mary and Michael the Angel are on the same side. They are against the dragon.

4. vs. 9 The dragon who seduced the whole world is Satan.

5. vs. 12 "Woe to the earth... the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time." I feel sorry for the earth when this time comes. The Blessed Mother says this time is now.

6. vs. 15 The Devil could not harm The Blessed Virgin, so he cast a flood out of his mouth to sweep Her away. Mother Mary has told priests that what comes out of the Devils mouth is blasphemy. A flood is much blasphemy directed at Mary to get Her out of the Church & our hearts. What can we possibly say against God's Mother? Everybody in our society would know better than to insult anybody's mother, let alone God's. Though the Holy Catholic Church teaches that when dying on the cross, Jesus appointed Mary as Our Mother(John 19:27) and Her soul does magnify the Lord (Luke 1:46), there is a flood of words that say she is an obstacle to the Lord. {Imagine my embarrassment to realize part of the flood came from me!!}

7. vs. 16 The earth helped Her. How many times has She asked us to help by living the messages, fortunately for everyone, a few do listen and respond. How about you?

8. vs. 17 The devil made war with Her seed, the Children of God going to Heaven. Whose side do you want to be on? For more information on Mary's role, read letters; "The Mother of the Redeemer"; John Paul II 3/25/87; and "Behold Your Mother"; National Conference of Catholic Bishops 11/21/73. These letters can be obtained from Christian bookstores.

Note: Two of Her most prominent counsels to keep us on the right side are:

1. No matter what sin you have committed in the past, Jesus forgives, but you must convert and stop persisting in error. If you let Her, she will ask God to send you the graces necessary to improve.

2. Pray for peace in your heart and peace in your family. This is a gift that can only come from God. We must have peace during these times.

Medjugorje 24 - 'The Trip'

(Letter #24) 12/25/92 G.M.

On October 4, 1992, I embarked on my third trip to Medjugorje. The 15 day trip was the most exciting one so far. As the front page of the 11/9/92 Wall Street Journal phrased it: "When fighting erupts in foreign Lands, Americans are the first to cancel their travel plans. But in war-torn Bosnia, faith has proved stronger than fear. A few pilgrims still visit Medjugorje to watch and speak with its visionaries; and to hear from them a heavenly message that is strikingly at odds with the slaughter and strife all around." (See enclosed).

Listening to visionaries talk, as machine gun fire and exploding bombs echoed from the surrounding mountains, had a powerful impact on us. Notwithstanding this, we all had peace and knew that we would be safe.

Joseph Reinholtz, the 82 year old visionary who visits the Chicago Archdiocese's Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside Illinois and his assistant went on the trip, also. These people along with the other fellow "Medj Heads" were a lot of fun. Joseph has explained that Medjugorje visionaries asked him to pray at a cross which he found at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. I was able to see first hand how the visionaries in Medjugorje backed up what Joseph said. They all treated him like their long lost brother.

I believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary is appearing to Joseph "At The Cross" and that the visionaries from Medjugorje sent him to pray there, but I wanted to see first hand how the Medjugorje visionaries treated Joseph. So, on the first day at Medjugorje, I eavesdropped on Vicka's and Joseph's conversation. During the very friendly conversation, Vicka warned Joseph "tell the group not to go up the mountain tonight, it is too dangerous." I thought she was concerned because the rain that had fallen would make the rocky climb very slippery. Later Joseph told the group, "We are not going up the mountain tonight, it is too dangerous." However, the six young adults from the "Our Lady of Victory" prayer group in Chicago talked it over and decided that because it was such a beautiful night, it would be great to go up the mountain to pray. We figured that when Joseph said "the group" he meant the people on our pilgrimage who were not in their twenties and thirties and would have difficulty handling a climb on slippery rocks. Just in case, we decided to let him know we were planning to go up the mountain to see if he really meant for us not to go also. I told him at dinner about our plans for the night. Joseph did not give a verbal response, he just looked kind of sad.

Because the six of us did not hear a "NO", we prepared to climb up Mount Krisvec. After we left, Joseph and the rest of the group prayed the rosary in his room. During this time, he had an apparition of the Blessed Mother. She came dressed in blue and crying. She said Satan and his demons were going to go after those of us on the mountain. She said: Because we were doing it for Her, if they pray for us, She would protect us. Meanwhile, as we were headed toward the hill, growling dogs encouraged us to pray several St. Michael prayers.

The climb itself took about 1 1/2 hours. On the way up, we were getting very short tempered and upset with each other for no apparent reason. I figured it was due to jet lag. One guy became so bothered at the top of the hill, he had to leave. He left, all alone, at 11:30 P.M. The rest of us said a few more prayers, then decided to leave, too.

Half way down the mountain very heavy dew started to fall. The footing was even more slippery and dangerous. Dan, walking, in front of me, lost his balance and fell backwards onto a large jagged rock. I did not reach Dan in time to catch him. I saw his head bounce as if it had hit the rock. I heard the awful sound of flesh and bone being crushed by rock. My heart felt as if it was going to come out of my mouth. Disturbing thoughts followed: "His head is cracked open. . . We will have to carry him down the mountain, find a doctor in the middle of the night. . . Why did we have to go up the mountain tonight?" Just then we realized Dan bounced back up onto his feet without a scratch. He said he felt like electricity went through his body to brace his back, and arms caught him and flipped him back up. I have never seen anything like this before in my life. WHAT A LESSON IN OBEDIENCE FOR ME. After this we managed to get down safely, though I was shaken for a couple of days.

Following that eventful first day, the remainder of the trip was filled with good speakers, powerful prayers, peaceful times, scary times, occasional miracles, and of course a lot of fun. Our group had the run of Medjugorje. Vicka said a few times, "Joseph could have anything he wants." Often times we were able to go up into the choir loft during an apparition. On the 75th anniversary of the last apparition of Fatima, the person who fell on the mountain, and myself, had a private interview with Vicka in her apparition room. My mind went blank, I could not think of anything to ask her. We did learn from Vicka that the Blessed Mother's favorite prayer is the Apostles Creed and Her favorite song is the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Upon returning to America, a priest told me that Medjugorje is a remarkable place resulting in incredible conversions over the past 11 years. However, he asked, "Don't you think it is crazy and dangerous to go there now?" I replied, "if I didn't know for sure that it is the Blessed Mother appearing, and that She would protect us, it would be a crazy thing to do."

Serbians have destroyed several cities in former Yugoslavia. These cities include the famous Dubrovnic, which survived WWI and WWII; and Mostar, which is only 20 miles from Medjugorje. The second article includes a picture of a cluster bomb in front of St. James church. These types of bombs are outlawed by the United Nations. This article comes from the front page of a Croatia newspaper. The "Gospa" headline, translated into english reads: "Blessed Mother stands by the Cross." Once during the summer, the Serbians bombed Medjugorje. Fortunately only one of the bombs exploded in an open field and killed a cow. The remainder of the bombs did not go off. Numerous stories are told about what happened to the bomber planes. Whatever did happen, they have never attempted to bomb the town again.

When we asked what message can we tell the people back home, visionary Mirijana from Medjugorje stated, "Tell them to remember that God is their Father, Mary is their Mother, do not worry about anything, and pray for the unbelievers."

By the way, the Blessed Mother welcomes all of you to go out there to visit. She says you will be protected.

Medjugorje 25 - 'The Sign'

(Letter #25) 6/25/93 G.M.

Someone asked me, "Why are you going to Medjugorje again? You have been there before, what is the big deal?" My eyes would light up as I replied, "I can't wait to see what happens next!" Trip number four to Medjugorje departed on March 29, 1993. This 3 week trip took place during the Easter holidays. Upon arrival, our group of 20 including the visionary from Queen of Heaven cemetery (Joe Reinholtz) and his assistant were virtually the only group of pilgrims in Medjugorje.

All the Medjugorje visionaries were in town. Though the water and electricity would turn off every other day, it was good to have Medjugorje all to ourselves for the beginning of the trip. Over one thousand pilgrims from all over the world came for Palm Sunday and then Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, the youngest visionary Jacov Colo was married.

Once again in Medjugorje, we did much praying, hiking, climbing, scripture reading, and listening to the message of peace as you can hear occasional gun fire and exploding bombs echoing in the mountains. The Blessed Mother appeared for approximately 5 to 10 minutes at 6:40 p.m. in the choir loft at St. James church. She would appear to Joseph at a home at 8:30 p.m. This was very special. It seemed that just about every group had their own visionary with them. I had the opportunity to talk with both Denise (Morgan) Estrada from Sacramento California and Gianna Talone of Scottsdale Arizona. I have heard about these people, but it was a pleasure to meet them and to get to know that they are regular real people.

Some events include: A man named James, in our group from Chicago, could barely walk. He would say, my hips are completely shot, and knees very stiff. One visionary from America who seemed the most "flaky", told our group to go to Apparition Hill at 2:00 p.m. and there was going to be a miracle there. Our group was very skeptical, but we decided to go any way. Going back to get the video camera, caused me to run late. I took a cab and invited James along. I told him "Even though you cannot climb up these rocks, you might see the miracle from down below. Besides, there is a coffee shop for you to sit in." When James got out of the cab, the pain left him. He said, "I'm cured, I can even climb Apparition Hill." Since it was almost 2:00, I ran ahead of James to get a picture of the miracle. Upon arriving at the top, the rest of the group were found praying. Everyone started murmuring about us being on a wild goose chase. I told them "Maybe not, James was cured at the bottom of the hill and he is on the way up here." They replied; "James climbing up here? No way!" We prayed some more looking for a miracle. James did make it up the hill and prayed with us. At 3:15 p.m., we all said, James we are glad you are feeling better, but we are on a wild goose chase from that "flaky" visionary, we were up here for 1 1/2 hours and we did not see any spectacular miracles. (We expected to see the sun dance or the cross spin.) We all left grumbling and in all honesty I don't think we praised God hardly at all for James cure. When the group climbed back down to the base of the hill, the pain came back to James. During Joseph's evening apparition, the Blessed Mother did thank us for climbing the hill. A few days later, James was at the base of Apparition Hill again. The pain left him and his mobility returned. He could climb up the hill. He prayed and again, when he came back down, the pain returned. A third time he had a premonition to go to church and then climb the hill one more time. I was very sad to see him stuck, only 100 feet up the hill sitting on a rock praying. This time the pain did not leave him. Unfortunately he is still like this today.

There was a young man named Ken in our group who had a severe case of leukemia. In August 1992, the doctor gave him one year to live. Ken also went on the trip to Medjugorje in October, but his condition became progressively worse. Joseph Reinholtz and the others prayed for him often. Ken was at total peace about dying. Half way through the trip, Ken ran out of Morphine. He stopped eating. I thought he was going to die. Ken was in such bad shape, I did not even pray that he would get cured, only that he would not die on our trip. I remember thinking about his mother and how painful it must be for a mother to watch her son die. You seem to think about these things more often when one prays the Rosary. Finally, the church was able to locate some pain killers for him. This seemed to revive Ken and he started to eat again. When Ken returned home, the doctor said the Leukemia was gone and his bone marrow was regenerating itself. Ken has stopped taking

morphine since the trip and has gained about 30 lbs. PRAISE GOD!!! Ken asked his doctor if he would document this as a miraculous cure. The doctor said, No. The medicine just happened to kick in at that time.

One day Gianna Talone, the visionary from Scottsdale Arizona, was going to have an apparition of the Blessed Mother at the Blue Cross on Apparition Hill at 9:00 p.m. Those of us in our group decided not to go because Joseph's apparition started at 8:30 p.m. The Blessed Mother appeared to Joseph and prayed with us. After a while She said; "I must go now, but I will come back for the Divine Mercy prayer." I checked my watch, it was five minutes before 9:00 when She left, and five minutes after when She came back. The next day, I saw Gianna and her fiancée Mike outside church and I asked them what time was her apparition. We all laughed when we realized the time was identical to when the Blessed Mother left Joseph.

We are very blessed at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Mary usually appears for 5-10 minutes to the kids in Medjugorje and most of the other visionaries. She stays with us for approximately an hour every day.

One day I was running (climbing fast) down Mount Krisvec because St. James church held the Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00 p.m. This gal was ahead of me going down the mountain very fast also. So fast, that I could not catch her. Realizing that my male ego was at stake, I kicked it into high gear at the expense of personal safety. Upon catching up with her, I realized that it was Denise (Morgan) Estrada, the locutionist (one that hears Jesus) from Sacramento. We exchanged a few words, and went on our way. I cannot judge her experiences, but she seemed like a very nice person and she could really move down that mountain.

Early in the trip, the Blessed Mother told Joseph that She was going to be very close to us while we were in Medjugorje. On 3/31, She said: "Those who see Me is God's gift to all of you." When nobody volunteered to share this experience with us, I went around the room in my typical diplomatic fashion and said to many, "All right fess up, is it you?" It turned out to be Carol Ross from Michigan. She could see the Blessed Mother when Joseph could, although she could not hear Her. I could tell by the expression on Carol's face whether Mary was happy or sad during each apparition, even before Joseph would tell us. This was quite convincing.

There is a visionary from Kentucky named "L" who wishes to remain anonymous. Many of us who pray "At The Cross" know that "Things" just seem to happen around "L". One day "L" and two other people from her group and I climbed Mount Krisvec. We prayed and on the way down, "L" says "Oh look at the gold rocks." The other two ladies saw the gold rocks also, but I could not. I believe firmly in "L's" experiences, but they were getting so giddy that I could not help but think - "OK ladies, time for your medicine!". Many times when other people have experiences, it can be a real challenge to your intellect to believe. Following them as the three hurried down the mountain along this golden trail, they described a vision of a golden silhouette of the Blessed Mother. All three pointed and said, "She is right there Guy don't you see Her." I waved and said "Hello Mary I don't see you, but I know you are there." She disappeared and then another gold path caused the three to run like little kids down the hill. We passed a group from England coming up the hill and many girls in their group were seeing the golden rocks also. There was a guy in their group who could not see the gold either. We looked at each other and we were both reduced to silence by the overwhelming evidence. As that group passed by, I remembered that during the Fatima apparitions in 1917, Francisco could not see the Blessed Mother at first either, until Mary told Lucy to "Tell Francisco to pray the Rosary and he will see Me." Following this advice, I started to pray the Rosary. Less than 5 minutes later "L" and the other two ladies excitedly ran over to a shepherd woman who was tending her sheep. All three started hugging and kissing her. "L" tells me "This is the Blessed Mother." I asked her, "How can you tell?" (I was expecting her to say that she is glowing or all in gold or something). "L" replies, "I can tell by Her eyes. Aren't these the eyes of the Blessed Mother?" I looked into her eyes and saw the eyes of a shepherd woman. I replied with an Ugghh! I was thinking (Even though I did not see it, I believe those rocks were gold back there, and the gold silhouette was the Blessed Mother. These people are getting carried away now. There is no way this shepherd woman is the Blessed Mother.) I have been wrong before, so I held my breath and gave the shepherd woman a kiss on the cheek. As we departed, I gave her a buck for putting up with us.

A couple of days later I climbed up Apparition Hill with "L" and two members from my group. We prayed at the top of the hill. On the way down, "L" said, "Oh, look at the gold rocks!" The two people from the Chicago group could see the gold rocks also. They excitedly ran down the gold path, and at least two of them saw the gold

silhouette of the Blessed Mother. "She is right there Guy, don't you see Her?"

A couple of days later, just "L" and I went up Mount Krisvec. We prayed at the top and decided to climb down the back side of the mountain. This third time "L" said, "Oh, look at all the gold rocks." Once again I could not see anything unusual. All three times when this happened, the group would cry out, "Please God let Guy see it just this once and we will never have to see it again." After "L" said this she said "Ask for yourself Guy." I prayed, "Mary I want to see you too." Less than five minutes later we met that same shepherd woman again. "L" says "Oh, look it is the Blessed Mother!" "L" left the trail to go hug and kiss her. I thought (there is no way I am going over there and kiss that old shepherd lady again. I did it once this trip, that is enough.) Staying on the trail, I ignored them. Upon looking down upon a 100 lb rock, I thought (Oh look someone is doing vandalism out here by spray-painting a gold patch on this rock.) Upon looking at it closer, I noticed that the gold was moving in a slight back and forth motion. I wondered if this could have been caused by something in my eyes, so I started to shake my head from side to side, to see if the image would move with my focal point. The gold image surprisingly stayed where it was and I became fascinated by it. During this observation, I pushed my face closer and then farther away, and then observed it from several different angles. Finally, I pushed my nose against the rock and started to roll my head left and right while observing the gold image. While the image was right in my face, it went "puff" and disappeared. To another engineer, it would have been obvious that I was gathering observational field data, but "L" and the shepherd woman looked at me as if I were a nut kissing this rock. Enthusiastically, I yelled out "I have seen it!" "A Sign!"

Medjugorje 26 - 'Who has the Keys'

(Letter #26) 9/8/93 G.M.

How can we be sure that visions and messages are from Heaven? Are new private revelations dangerous? Can we get sucked into a cult? Yes! They can be dangerous. However Roman Catholics are at a great advantage when it comes to exploring new things. We must be prudent, but we have no reason at all to be afraid. We just have to keep in mind that if anything is taught against what the Pope is teaching, it is wrong. It is that simple. Many things in the Catholic Faith are so simple fishermen can understand it. When we make things more complicated than they really are, we often get in trouble.

In the real world, every organization has a visible leader who is put in charge and has the authority to make decisions. Does not a school have a principal? A company has a boss - A ship has a captain - Does not our country have a president? Show me a group that does not have a leader with authority, and I will show you one that is full of chaos.

The same thing is true for religion. Father Abraham led God's people and then passed the responsibility on to Isaac who passed it on to Jacob. God chose Moses to lead God's people, and he passed it on to Joshua. King David passed it on to Solomon. Throughout the history of the Bible, there was always one man leading the people of God. Several of the stories in the Bible show what happens to those who do not follow the one man leading God's people.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, showed no less prudence when He started His Church. He passed the authority to Simon Peter. Read it for yourself. Jesus said to the disciples:

"But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then Jesus answered and said, "Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but My Father in Heaven. And I say to thee thou art Peter, and upon this rock (Cephas) I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:16-20)

Would you give your keys to your house or car to just anybody? Jesus Christ is not giving Peter the keys to His car, but the "Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." There is the authority. I challenge anybody who may think that Jesus Christ is not giving the authority to a visible head of His Church, to rewrite Matthew chapter 16 over in such a way that Jesus could of made it more clear. Go ahead and try and you will see it is already very clear.

Read chapter one of the Acts of the Apostles, to see the first thing that Peter binds. "All were persevering with one mind in prayer with the woman, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with His brethren". (Acts 1:14) Peter describes that Judas betrayed Jesus and then killed himself. Peter quotes the Psalms and said that even though Judas was bad, his office is still good. "...And his office (bishopric) let another take." Acts(1:20) Jesus did not pick the replacement Apostle, but allowed the early Church to select Matthias, and they've been doing it ever since.

The Pope is a man that Jesus Christ's Church selects under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to hold the "Chair of Peter". Pope John Paul II is the 264th successor of Peter in an unbroken line of men leading God's people. Based on holiness as a person and his great influence on the collapse of communism and by his strong leadership in these tough times, John Paul II will go down as one of the greatest saints in history.

Jesus did not give us a Bible and say "here, figure it out for yourself." He gave us the Church based on twelve apostles with Peter as the leader. It is this Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that gave us the Bible and the Church has the authority to interpret it. Just before Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, Jesus told the Church, "All power is given to Me in Heaven and in Earth." (Matthew 28:18) "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (John 20:21) Jesus commanded these disciples to "Go and teach all Nations" . . . "Teach them to observe all things I commanded you. And behold, I am with you all days to the consummation of the world." (Matthew 28:19-20)

As Christians, we are part of Jesus' Church and we must respect the authority that God has implemented. In real life when our boss leaves the office, doesn't he put someone in charge to make decisions? Will not the boss punish us if we do not cooperate with the ones he left in charge? We should give Jesus the same respect.

Look it up in the encyclopedia. For over 1000 years every Christian was a Roman Catholic and under the guidance of the Pope. Did Jesus come back after the first 150 popes held the chair of Peter and say "I changed My mind give Me back the keys"? No way. The problems in the Holy Catholic Church do not come from the Pope, or from the Dogmas that the Holy Spirit revealed to the Church. The problems come from the way the "faithful" execute. God allows us to screw up. God does His part and He expects us to do ours.

God wants His children to be one holy family. Look at the division and confusion we have here in America. There are over 300 "Christian" churches and they all believe in the Bible, but they all interpret it their own way. Jesus Christ wants us to be united. "Persevering in one mind." The word "catholic" means universal. Jesus made it clear that "Every kingdom divided against itself shall be made desolate, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand". (Matthew 12:25) As intelligent people, we should know better than to have all this chaos. Scientists and of all people, engineers, should appreciate the importance of the "Chair of Peter". I can assure you that each Christian is called to stand up for the Pope. How many senseless arguments, bickering and loss of souls can be avoided if Christians were united in the truth. If the prophesied Anti-Christ were to come now, he would have a field day with all of us. See (Matthew 24), (Mark 13), (Luke 21), (1 John 2), (Rev 13). That is why I will always implore you to know and live the basics of your faith.

If you do not want to be fed confusion, keep in mind that Jesus said ". . . there shall be one fold and one shepherd". (John 10:17) Then He told Peter three times to "Feed My sheep" (John 21:17) As a practical way to be fed with good information, I would highly recommend to read some of the Popes Encyclical Letters. You can get these for about 50 cents each from the Daughters of St. Paul bookstore located on 172 North Michigan in Chicago. Some of the many good ones include; "TO THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD" - 3/31/85

"RICH IN MERCY" - 11/30/1980 * "ON RELIGIOUS LIFE" - 5/31/83

"BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER"-Holy Thursday, 1988 * "THE MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER"- 3/87 "MYSTERY AND WORSHIP OF THE EUCHARIST" - 2/24/80 *

"PERMANENT VALIDITY OF THE CHURCH'S MISSIONARY MANDATE" - 12/7/90 *

"ON SOCIAL CONCERNS" - 12/30/87 * "EVANGELIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES" - 3/89 "HUMANAE VITAE (OF HUMAN LIFE)- 7/25/68.* "PROMOTION OF BIBLICAL STUDIES" - 9/43

If I ever state something that is contrary to what the Pope teaches, which includes the Scriptures and the Dogmas of the faith that has been passed on by the Faith of our Fathers, you know in advance, that I am wrong. This certainty that the Holy Spirit is guaranteed to guide the Church on MATTERS OF FAITH AND MORALS gives one a very solid foundation to rest one's faith on. Once you have confidence in the Magisterium of the Church, you can explore private revelations such as Medjugorje without any fear. You will not get sucked into a cult if you know that once something is taught against the Faith and Morals, You say NO to that part and stay away from it. However if private revelations are compatible with Faith and Morals, much grace can be obtained and they can be very exciting and educational experiences. It is simple, just know who has the keys.

Medjugorje 26A - "Denver-93 Pope visit"

9/8/93 G.M.

On August 10, 1993 two bus loads of pilgrims travelled to Denver to take part in the eighth World Youth Day. The motto for the event was "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). A World Youth Day is where young adults from all over the world gather with the Vicar of Christ (Pope) and several Cardinals and Bishops to worship God, learn about their Faith, share with people of various nationalities, sing, pray, talk and listen. Pope John Paul II said that unless a country, even one as great as ours, does not listen to the voice of the young people, it is destined to crumble. The gathering is meant to be a first step and a proposal of a new unity, that will enlighten political order. It's based on awareness that only the

Creator of the human heart can adequately satisfy its deepest needs.

President Clinton greeted the Pope at the airport and said "All Americans without regard to their religious faith are grateful to you, your holiness, for your moral leadership, for we know that you were the force to light the spark of freedom over communism in your native Poland and throughout eastern Europe."

Electricity filled the air as the Pope entered Mile High Stadium on Thursday Aug. 12. The enthusiastic crowd started the "wave". In a football game, if the wave goes around the stadium three times, you are doing pretty good. This wave did not want to stop and went around about ten times. Each country had their own flags and stood up to yell. It was inspiring to see the Cardinals in their black clothes and red caps standing up to cheer. The nuns in their habits were not going to be out done either.

It was an awesome experience to see the Pope who is the successor of Peter come to pray, listen and talk with us. Pope John Paul II who can speak some 20 languages greeted the various nations. USA, Mexico, Canada, Spain, Italy, Korea, Japan, Ireland, Brazil, Australia, Etc. Literally people came from all over the world. Song writer "Dana" sang the inspiring theme song centered on the chorus. "We are one Body, one Body in Christ and we do not stand alone! We are one Body one Body in Christ and He came that we might have Life". A rainbow appeared in the sky as the Pope concluded his talk.

On Saturday, many walked 14 miles from Denver into Cherry Creek State Park. Saturday evening from 7:30 till 11:00 p.m. the Pope took part in the evening prayer vigil. Pope John Paul II is very gifted at diplomatically challenging young people to live the gospel life to be lights for the world. He explained how existence outside of Jesus and His Gospel leads to violence, emptiness, misery and death.

Dear young people, you ask a question that many of your friends often put you to; How and where can we come to know this life? How and where can we live it? You can find the answers by yourself if you really try to live faithfully in the love of Christ.(John 15:9). Then you will personally experience the truth of those words of His. "I am the way, the truth, the life". (John 14:6) and you will be able to bring this joyful message of hope to everyone. Christ has made you ambassadors, the primary evangelizers of your contemporaries. Proclaim Christ who died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who for their sakes died and was raised up" (2 Cor 5:15).

After prayers and songs, the Pope addressed the people sleeping in the fields of Cherry Creek. "Dear young people, have a good time tonight and see you tomorrow." He was leaving, but then turned around with a smile and said "Dear young people, have a sacred and holy time tonight and we will see you tomorrow." The crowd cheered "John Paul II. . . We love you!" The crowd of 230,000 people in their sleeping bags looked like seals on a beach, stacked together as far as you could see.

Over 500,000 people attended the Mass on Sunday Aug. 15, from 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. This is the feast day of the "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary". The readings include Revelations chapter 12. (See Medjugorje 23 - "Postcard from Heaven") And Luke 1:46-56 which is called Mary's canticle "The Magnificat". In his homily Pope John Paul II brought out that as we imitate the Blessed Mother's example of Faith in Jesus, Love for Jesus and deep humility, what was said about Mary in Luke 1:49 will apply to us. "He that is mighty will do great things to you, each of you, young people, and holy is His Name." The crowd cheered once again. The Pope parted saying "We will see you in Manilla in '95."

This was truly a historic event that can give our society some hope for the future. As we walked three miles back to the bus, a very large and most beautiful rainbow I ever saw in my life covered the sky.

WHO HAS THE KEYS?

(Matthew 16)

In the real world, every organization has a visible leader who is put in charge and has the authority to make decisions. Does not a school have a principal? Companies have a boss, Does not our country have a president? A group that does not have a leader with authority is one that is full of chaos.

The same thing is true for religion. Father Abraham lead God's people and then passed the responsibility on to Isaac who passed it on to Jacob. God chose Moses to lead God's people, and he passed it on to Joshua. King David passed it on to Solomon. Throughout the history of the Bible, there was always one man leading the people of God. Several of the stories in the Bible show what happens to those who do not follow the one man leading God's people.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, showed no less prudence when He started His Church. He passed the authority to Simon Peter. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then Jesus answered and said, "Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but My Father in Heaven. And I say to thee thou art Peter, and upon this rock (Cephas) I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:16-20)

Would you give your keys to your house or car to just anybody? Jesus Christ is not giving Peter the keys to His car, but the "Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." There is the authority. If you don't think so, try to rewrite Matthew chapter 16 over in such a way that Jesus could of made it more clear. Go ahead and try and you will see it is already very clear.

Read chapter one of the Acts of the Apostles, to see the first thing that Peter binds. Peter describes that Judas betrayed Jesus and then killed himself. Peter quotes the Psalms and said that even though Judas was bad, his office is still good. "...And his office (bishopric) let another take." Acts(1:20) Jesus did not pick the replacement Apostle, but allowed the early Church to select Matthias, and they've been doing it ever since.

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The Pope is a man that Jesus Christ's Church selects under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to hold the "Chair of Peter". Pope John Paul II is the 264th successor of Peter in an unbroken line of men leading God's people.

Medjugorje 27 - 'The Trip'

(Letter #27) 11/25/93 G.M.

The gift of beautiful weather was well received during our whole trip in Medjugorje that started on October 4, 1993. Two groups of 20 people came from Chicago. Channel 2 news came along with the pilgrims. Their report aired on the 10:00 news on November 13 & 15. The first day, the channel 2 guys did see the miracle of the sun, and they filmed a few people describing what they saw. Some people see the sun dancing. What I witness looks similar to a total eclipse of the sun, but instead of a black moon, it is the white Host, the Eucharist or Holy Communion which blocks the powerful and potentially damaging rays of the sun.

The next day, I asked a priest from Chicago named Father Jim if he saw the miracle. Father Jim said he stayed in church to pray when the rest of us were observing the miracle. Actually, I find that priests are almost as bad as engineers when it comes to being open to the possibility of a supernatural event. However, later he confided: "What if I don't get to see it?" I replied don't worry, I did not get to see it on my first trip when everyone else saw it. I did observe that their naked eyes were not getting damaged by the sun and that is a miracle in itself. Later that day, with video camera in hand, we saw the miracle of the sun. Father Jim described seeing a shadow of a person in the sky and the sun was right at the heart. A tear came down Father Jim's eye. He said he was not sure if the tear was from the bright sun or the emotionally moving vision. The sound of his voice made me think it was not the bright sun that was causing tears.

Once again. it was very special to partake in evening prayer groups as Joseph Reinholtz has apparitions of the Blessed Mother. On October 13th, the 76th anniversary of the last apparition of Fatima, I think I was let out of the Blessed Mother's doghouse. Recall last year as described in the letter Medjugorje 24 "The trip". Viska Ivankavich and Joseph Reinholtz said "Don't go up the mountain tonight, it is too dangerous!" After speculation and interpretation, I replied to the group: "Did you hear that? The people who are not in there twenty and thirties can't go up the mountain with us tonight, it is too dangerous." Six of us went and my friend Dan almost got killed and I received an earful the next day. Anyways, on this trip on October 13th we were planning to spend the night on the mountain. The Blessed Mother said to Joseph: "Ask (Guy) to lead the people up the hill. Go slow: Be careful: She will watch over us. Stop at each station of the cross and pray. Stay together. You will be back in time for mass in the morning." We did just that and had a great time. The following evening, after praying the Rosary, our Lady said, "Tell the people who went up the mountain that they received a big blessing. Tell (Guy) he was obedient." Joseph said that "Our Lady, Saint Michael, and two angels were with us last night."

During the trip, we went to a refugee camp about 5 miles outside of Medjugorje. The camps were filled with woman and children who had to flee their homes when Muslims came in to Massacre the town. Many of them told us horrifying stories about their husbands and or sons who were brutally murdered. The conditions of the camps were pretty pathetic. It seems that everyone in Croatia agreed that the United States could stop this aggression in three days if they wanted to. Many of them were saying that the united nation have been doing nothing but bringing in drugs and selling arms to the highest bidder. The other Arab countries are sending in money and the Mushadines fighters. These people think it is a good deed to kill a Christian.

The war can be summed up as follows: the Croatians (Christians), Muslims, and Serbians (Communist - Atheist), made up Yugoslavia. As the communist party collapsed, the Serbs who had the military decided they could get more choice lands if they exterminated the people who lived there. Many Muslims and Christians were brutally killed. The Croatian army held the Serbs at the city Mostar. Many Muslims had to live in Croatian towns. In the last year, the other Arab countries sent thousands of Mushadine warriors in to wipe out Croatian towns so the refugees can live there. It seemed like everyone in Croatia knows that the Muslims were going to keep on wiping out their towns one after another until they get down to the Adriatic Sea. The Croations are saying the United Nations have been payed off by the Arab countries and are not doing anything to stop this aggression. They also say the media is payed off also because what is being shown in the news like CNN is severely distorted. Even though many are making money on this, it is at the expense of the innocent victims

blood.

America should stop the aggression for justice sake. Also this could expand and lead into a third world war.

Some of the video tapes were very touching. Even though the people lost everything, they were not bitter. They would cry, but you could see the faith and strength in these people. Many of us cried as the children in the camps sang for us. "Glory, Glory Halleluia, his truth is marching on" during the song Battle Hymn of the Republic.

My advice is to: 1. Pray to the almighty God that He gives us the gift of peace in our hearts and our family and the world.

2. Don't believe everything the media world tells you. Look at some things for yourself.

3. Inform our congressmen to stop the aggression now. In a Democracy we have that responsibility.

On the last evening in Medjugorje, we joined 100 people from a Philadelphia group on top of apparition hill singing until midnight. The sky was clear and the temperature comfortable.

After Medjugorje, six of us went on a side trip to Italy. The visionary "L" from Kentucky was with in Italy. Just before we departed, Joseph told "L" that the Blessed Mother was going to be with us as we toured Italy. Upon arriving at Split, we realized that all of us misread our tickets. We thought our flight did not leave until 4:30 p.m. but it actually arrived at 3:50 p.m. We arrived at 3:40 p.m. and the Airlines told us; "Too late we sold your tickets, the plane is full, come back tomorrow." Upon protesting, the policeman silenced us. Fortunately, a woman who spoke Croatian rode with us in the van to Split. This woman starts chewing out the Airlines, and we started praying the Rosary. After five minutes, the Airlines came up with five first class tickets and said; "The plane is completely full! The sixth one must come back tomorrow." The woman starts chewing out the Airlines again and once again we started praying the Rosary. After five minutes they said: "OK, Tim, you can fly in the cockpit."

Our Lady's Message to Joseph Reinholtz

(Letter #28) 3/26/1994 By Guy Murphy

In two days we will depart for a month trip to both Medjugorje and Italy, and if the pilgrims are game we will finish with France and Spain.

For many years heaven has been pleading for repentance and amendment of lives so our will conforms with the Divine Will. It is a call for peace in our hearts, our families, and after we achieve that peace, we can get peace in the world. It is a call to love God with our whole hearts, minds, and souls. Prayer means to elevate our hearts and minds to God. Jesus, the Blessed Mother Mary, Saint Joseph, and Saint Michael have repeatedly asked us to pray, pray, pray. Start with the peace rosary which consists of the Apostles creed, 7 Our Fathers, 7 Hail Marys, and 7 Glory Be"s. God will grant you the graces from these prayers to improve spiritually.

For 4 1/2 years I've described the events. This time I will let the Blessed Mother do the talking. This message was given to the visionary Joseph Reinholtz of the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in the Chicago archdiocese of Hillside IL.

Find enclosed an article written by Joseph Reinholtz" spiritual director who was appointed by the Cardinal. He invited Joe to his parish for a healing mass. He stated that "He (Joseph) is a man of deep faith and gentle spirit, and those who come to him for prayer will be brought to know the Blessed Mother." He also stated, "...and his (Jesus) Blessed Mother who brings us to Jesus."

Find also enclosed an article published in the Los Angeles times in which Mother Teresa tells Clinton our country has become selfish. Note the similarity of messages between Mother Teresa and Our Lady.

3-25-94 2:20 a.m. Our Lady to Joseph Reinholtz

Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. My children, to begin with, family life is in jeopardy. More than fifty percent of marriages fail within two years. Many children have only one recognized parent. There is violence almost everywhere among families: parents murder their children: children murder their parents. There is child abuse and spouse abuse. To make matters worse there are cults who believe the biblical adage: "Spare the rod and spoil the child". I ask you to see Proverbs 13 to 24, for one example is to be taken literally and so they reverse the saying and children are beaten into submission. Just about every segment of society has finally come to realize that the family is under assault. But no one wants to believe the cause is anything more than natural. But the intensity of these assaults indicates a truly diabolical attack: confuse family members and destroy the backbone of society. It is true that family life as we have known it over the years has changed radically. Violence is the end product of many of these changes. Even within many families with both parents present and caring for and about their children, there is seldom a daily meal wherein every one is present. Conversation and education are therefore almost impossible. There is so much bickering, anger and even hatred at times in the household that it all but destroys family life. In this environment it is impossible for parents to have any significant influence with their children. It is not surprising that as soon as children reach their teens family activities are out for the most part. For all practical purposes the family is disintegrating at a rapid pace. Many things have caused this sad situation to exist among which we can easily find materialism, greed and selfishness.

I am your Mother, The Queen of Peace.

Medjugorje 32 - Heaven Knocks

(Letter #32) 12/1994 By Guy Murphy

On Sept 6, a group of 23 pilgrims flew out of Chicago to Ireland. The flu bug hit me on the way over and my usual ambitious/obnoxious self was reduced to silence for the whole trip. At one of the stops, some of my cookies were even missing.

The main pilgrimage attraction was the Our Lady of Knock shrine. In 1879, eight people had a vision on the back of "The Gable Wall". This apparition sight was approved by the Church. In 1979, on the 100th anniversary of the vision, Pope John Paul II visited the shrine and presented Our Lady with a "Golden Rose". The ambition level was too low to check if the Rose was made out of real gold.

As with most shrines, many miraculous cures are documented here of both mind, soul & body. No Heavenly words were spoken at this apparition sight. Sometimes "silence" is part of the message. The eight visionaries from the ages of eight to eighty all described the same thing. Statues positioned in the original location at the shrine, represent the vision. Looking from left to right, Saint Joseph was farthest on the left, Our Lady wearing a crown was next, Saint John the Evangelist was along side of her holding an open Bible making a gesture of proclaiming the "Good News". Saint John was the one who wrote the Gospel according to John, three letters in the new testament and the Book of Revelations. Next to Saint John was an alter table with a lamb above it surrounded by angels.

Visitors may look at the vision and pray for inspiration to its meaning. I think the vision is a gift from God to console the persecuted people of Ireland and for a message to the whole world by pointing out parts of Revelations, chapter 12:1-18, 13:5-10, 14:10-13, 17:14, 19:6-9, 21:1-8, 22:16-21. Anyway, it talks about a corrupt world with persecution of people who follow Jesus, but God wins in the end and every one gets his just reward.

Since the early 1500's as King Henry VIII started persecutions, the English tried to take away their Catholic Faith and impose a State religion on the Irish. When one tells Catholics, "You can't partake in the new covenant with God (Luke 22:20) and you can't have the bread of life to eat and live for ever," (John 6:52), they will die fighting for it. As can be seen by the example set by us in America, and even in the later years in Ireland, if you leave Catholics alone, many of them get lazy, corrupt themselves, and don't bother getting to know about or receive the gifts that were promised to them. The name I give to this mystery is "Ingratitude".

The rest of Ireland is very beautiful, everything truly is very green. If you ever go there, be prepared for misty rain. The rural green setting had a certain quietness about it. The view of the cliffs by the ocean was most awe inspiring.

Achille Island was the second prominent place to visit. This is home to the modern day Mystic/ Stigmatist Christine Gallegger and the "House of Prayer". In other words, she sees and talks with Jesus, Our Lady, and many saints in Heaven and has the wounds of Jesus. We met with Christine, but she did not say much. Her spiritual director, Father McGinity did most of the talking. Father McGinity can be seen on Mother Angelica's EWTN shows. He is a fascinating speaker, and he held our attention for hours as he told us about the angels who visit the House of Prayer, the path the world is on, the conversions of people and encouragement to live the Gospel.

One story included a vision of Saint Raphael taking a sash and striking the holy water at Achille. This holy water has many cures associated with it. Father said this vision points us to the scripture passage (John 5:1-9) that describes the movement of the water at the Pool of Bethesda in which many Jews were miraculously cured. Many Chicagoans filled up water containers and brought them home. For you cynics out there, don't worry, the water is free.

Two other ways in which Heaven channels graces includes;

1. The "House of Prayer", This place is a special channel of grace. The angels and saints who Christine sees, reside in the house of prayer. St. Patrick, St. Teresa, St. Joseph, St Michael and Padre Pio are frequent visitors to the house.

2. The "Matrix metal" is for conversion and protection. In 1988 Our Lady told Christine: "I would like my Son's cross on it, with me on my knees praying for my children: on the other side the two hearts weeping tears of blood."

The metal and other messages from Christine are available from 101 Foundation Inc., Dr. Rosalie A. Turton, Director, P.O. Box 151, Asbury, N.J. 08802-0151. Tel 908-689-8792.

When you do receive a miracle by means of a channel of grace, there is no mistaking its origin. The person can give glory and thanks to God. If a visible channel of grace is not used, sometimes a person may be deluded to think the power comes from somewhere else than God.

History

09/08/1995 - By Guy Murphy (Letter #33)

On May 6th 1995, we set out for a 24 day trip to Fatima Portugal, Italy, and then the Holy Land. The historic and holy places were inspiring.

800,000 people participated on the May 13th prayer service for the anniversary of the 1st apparition in Fatima, Portugal. Fatima plays a special role in fulfilling the battle described in the Book of Revelations chapter 12. In this chapter, God sends the woman clothed with the sun and Saint Michael the archangel to wage war with the devil and all evil.

In 1917, Our Lady and Saint Michael appeared to three shepherd children and asked us to:

1. Lead good gospel lives.
2. Practice the Five First Saturday devotion.
3. The Pope in union with all the Bishops in the world to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
4. A secret message to be opened by the Pope in 1960.

On October 13, 1917, 70,000 people witnessed the miracle of the sun as a sign of authenticity to the apparitions. This is known as; "The day the sun danced." (Acts 2:19)

Our Lady said if we did not follow her requests, Russia would become a superpower, annihilate many nations and persecute the Church. At the time Russia was a third world country and no threat at all. Soon after, the Bolchevec revolution took place. Russia became a superpower. Pope John XXIII in 1960, Pope Paul VI in '63, and Pope John Paul II all read the secret of Fatima and put it back into the safe. On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot. The bullet penetrated his body and was headed for his heart. Without striking a bone, the bullet turned and left his body, without damaging vital organs. While he was recovering, he called for the Fatima secret. On May 13, 1982, Pope John Paul II went to Fatima and presented our Lady with the bullet and said that it was her intercession with God that spared his life. The bullet rests in the crown of the statue today.

On March 1984, Pope John Paul II in Union with the bishops fulfilled the request from Heaven and consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In 1985 Gorbachev became president in Russia.

In 1989 the Berlin wall came down.

To look at the Fatima events over the last 78 years causes even engineers to see the power of God at work.

Today in Chicago's Archdiocese Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Our Lady and Saint Michael the archangel are appearing daily. Our Lady is giving us 100 good reasons to practice the Five First Saturday devotion. She assures us that God can fix the many problems in today's society if we respond.

The second week of the trip was spent in Italy. The history of Christianity is marked everywhere by shrines dedicated to lives of the Saints. Along with many shrines in Rome, we visited the Holy House of Loreto, Saint Margaret of Castello, Saint Peregrine the cancer saint, saint Gema Galgani, Saint Catherine of Sienna, Saint Frances of Assisi, and Saint Rita of Cascia.

The Colosseum in Rome had a powerful impact on me. The Romans fed Christians to the lions as a sport 2000 years ago.

After Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, God empowered the disciples with the Holy Spirit to carry on His work. They taught, sanctified, and performed several miracles. One of the Jews named Gamaliel said in the acts of the apostles, "Leave them alone, if it is from man it will fail. If it is from God, we can not fight (Christianity) without fighting God Himself." (Acts 5:39)

Contemplate a carpenter teaching fisherman for three years, then the group suffers hundreds of years of bloody persecutions, yet the Church grew steadily. Even Rome, the superpower of the time, which openly killed the Christians were eventually converted by them. This success under persecution proves it is God's work and not man's. We could not teach a handful of fishermen to run a successful Walgreen's, yet the Church is over a billion people strong and growing.

The third week was spent in the Holy Land, to walk the steps that Jesus walked. I recommend that everyone should go there at least once in their lifetime. The Holy Land is split up by Moslems, Jews, and Christians. The first thing that surprised me was that 80% of the shrine sites are the 15 mysteries of the Rosary. In the church of the Annunciation an altar marks the spot where the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to be the mother of God. (Theotokos) The writings under the altar say; "THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH HERE!"

Chills ran through me, upon seeing the street sign "To Potters Field". Remember that Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver and when he realized that the Jews used him, he threw the money back into the temple and hung himself. The Jews discussed among themselves what to do with the money. Because it was blood money, they could not put it back into the temple treasury.

(Matthew 27:7-8) "They bought with the money potters field, to be a burying place for strangers. For this cause that field was called Haceldama, that is, the field of blood, even to this day."

When you see potters field there today, the scriptures seem to come alive.

Many historic events in the Old Testament are a foreshadowing of what is to be fulfilled in the New Testament. The Gospels are said to be a fulfillment or a full flowering of its roots and stem of the Old Testament.

For example, meditating on the mysteries of the passion:

Abraham willing to sacrifice his only son Isaac to prove his love, is a foreshadowing of "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be saved by it." (John 3:16)

Often times one is amazed about the similarities between Isaac carrying the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, and to the fulfillment of Jesus carrying the cross. He laid the wood on his son,,,,,Abraham said; "God Himself will provide a victim for the sacrifice",,,, and then found a ram with his head caught in the thorns. (Genesis 22:6,8,13) Jesus, the lamb of God is crowned with thorns. Upon arriving at Jerusalem, overlooking the city shows a multitude of brown buildings with one large gold dome. This gold dome was a Moslem mosque. The Moslem marked this spot as the location where Abraham offered up his son Isaac. I was in awe to find out that it is only three blocks from the spot on Mount Calvary where Jesus was crucified. An overwhelming sense of the greatness of God came over me to learn that the Romans who thought they were in total control to kill innocent people were just pawns, they only thought they were choosing the Hill of execution, but it is already laid out in the Divine Plan.

Pray the Rosary and meditate on its mysteries, many supernatural truths about life will be made known to you where ever you go.

From U.S.A. to the Philippines

12/21/1995 - By Guy Murphy (Letter 34)

This is an update on a tough year that the 84 year old Joseph Reinholtz had. Recall that Joseph is the visionary from Chicago's archdiocese Queen of Heaven Cemetery. On Tuesday, February 7th, I went to pick up Joseph for a prayer group. For those of you who know me, promptness is not one of my better qualities. On the other hand, Joseph is the kind of guy who would wait outside in his driveway at the appointed time, no matter how cold it was. On this day, however, I went brain dead and thought prayers started at 6:40 pm, instead of 5:40 pm. Joseph was left out in the cold.

On Friday, February 10th, enthused about the chance to redeem myself, I was on time, but upon driving up, a fire-truck pulled in front of me. They went to Joseph's house. Seeing his mouth droop down on the left side gave me a startling feeling. Joseph had suffered a stroke. The stroke paralyzed his left side.

Recovery has been very slow and painful. All visionaries seem to have to suffer, and get persecuted. Since the stroke, it seemed like "open season" on Joseph with regards to persecutions. Over the summer during a particular tough time, Mother Theresa of Calcutta send Joseph a hand written note with a Miraculous metal. In the note she said, "Jesus must love you very much to let you suffer this much for Him."

In early November, Joseph went back into the hospital with what the doctors thought was Gout, but turned out to be a painful infection in his right wrist.

On November 6th, I went to the hospital, and asked Joseph some questions.

"Did Our Lady visit you?"

"Yes", he replied, "she appeared by the foot of the bed, where the nurse is working."

The nurse finished her work and walked by me to leave the room, I said hello, she did not respond but had a blank look on her face, as if she had seen a ghost. After she left, I asked Joseph;

"Did Our Lady say anything?"

"Yes", he replied, "Our Lady told me to pray for the nurses" sister who is in the Philippines."

With that, three doctors came in to examine Joseph and asked to be alone. Moving out in the hall, I saw the nurse sitting at her desk and said;

"Excuse me, I have just gotta know, do you have a sister?"

"Yes", she replied, "I have one sister and she lives in the Philippines."

"Did you tell that to Joseph?"

She just shook her head no and said, "I believe in miracles, but I am not Catholic."

"May I ask; what are you?"

"7th Day Adventist" she replied. "I have friends from Darian who are always trying to get me to see miracles, but I tell them, I am not Catholic."

"Where are they trying to take you to see miracles?"

"Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside," she replied.

"Tell your friends that Joseph Reinholtz is your patient, and that he had a message about your sister. He is the visionary at Queen of Heaven."

Joseph's doctors said he was going to be alright, but then I went back in his room to look at his eyes because of an irritation. As they shined their light into Joseph's eyes, they asked him what the white dots were in his eyeballs. Joseph in turn explained how he was blind and went to Medjugorje where Viska, one of the visionaries prayed over him. He regained his sight and now sees the Blessed Mother, Saint Michael, several angels, and at times Jesus.

The doctors were somewhat dumbfounded and asked; "Did you see an Optometrist?" "Yes", Joseph replied, "but they tell me I still must be blind."

Anyway, a couple weeks later I went to Joseph's house to bring him Holy Communion. His son told me that they needed more books of messages. Upon asking why, they told me that the nurses' sister in the Philippines was cured and now many of the hospital's staff who came over for home health care are asking for them. Thank you Jesus, and Merry Christmas

Fasting

By Guy Murphy 01/28/1990 (Letter 35)

Before I went to Medjugorje, I thought that fasting was one of those ridiculous Catholic rituals that was designed for senseless self infliction. The only

positive aspects of fasting could be brought about by taking the money that I would of spent on food and giving it to the poor. Needless to say I did not

do either. When lent came around and I had to fast, I would fast but in my heart I would say, why do Catholics make us follow all these dumb rules.

When I was in Medjugorje, I saw and felt many amazing things. I have enough confidence in my perception to know for sure that the events were not a hoax but an act of God. Since I thought this was true, I felt that I was obligated to look at fasting objectively one more time. I had to humble myself to try it.

Mary's message was "By prayer and fasting you can alter the laws of nature."

Mary wants us to fast on bread and water on Wednesdays and Fridays. This seemed so radical that I chose to start with Wednesdays only. If I did not die of suffering, I might try Fridays in the future.

Mary had also said that when you fast, fast with the gratitude of God in your heart. This was different from what I had tried before.

I tried my best to do just that, and in my heart I told God I was doing it in an attempt to get closer to Him.

The first thing I noticed when I fast was : There was millions of people in the world that share the hunger pain, I was so lucky that tomorrow I can eat again. I could not help but feel sorry for all the people that were not so lucky. Somehow I felt like I could put a lot more things in perspective.

After several weeks of this I became to understand, that by trusting God I have disciplined and started to gain CONTROL over my instincts. With this control, I felt more wise and aware of more things. I feel that with this skill, I can enjoy food if I want, or concentrate on something else if it is more important. Before I started fasting, my stomach made the rules, now I do.

Eating is the strongest human need, I think all other materialistic goods can be controlled by the skills you develop from fasting. With this skill, I

think I can be more open to what God is telling me, and I can learn at a faster rate. I do not claim to be even close to gaining total control over my instincts, but I think I have a taste of the direction I am going.

An example of how I interpret fasting is similar to teachers disciplining 1st graders. If the children have control, they will choose to play tiddley-winks all day long. The teacher is present to discipline them so they can be brought to learn new things and develop their minds. With a developed mind, the person can eventually choose if they want to spend time doing math, science, art, medicine, sports, or even playing tiddley winks. Without the original discipline, the person loses many opportunities. Our society forces the children to go to school, even though the kids may think it is ridiculous. Society does this because they have wisdom and know the truth that in the long run it is much better for the children. In the same way God has the wisdom and knowledge that fasting is an important tool. If one believes in God, one should also believe that he is smart enough to know what the heck he is talking about. If you do not believe this, I recommend that you humble yourself and try to listen to God at least one more time.

SUMMARY

1. Modern day scientists agree that fasting on bread and water for a twenty four hour period is good for you.
2. The bible states in several sections that fasting is a good way to get closer to God.
3. Mary is highly recommending that we do this now.
4. I know that God has his reasons for telling us to fast. If we do not understand, we should fast anyway and pray for understanding.

Whispering Words of Wisdom

By: Guy Murphy 02/25/1990 (Letter 36)

A question regarding Medjugorje papers I-IV is; " OK, allegedly the Blessed Mother of God is talking to visionaries giving them messages for the world and secrets about events that will happen, and several hard to explain "miracles" occur that baffle some reputable scientists. So what is Mary saying that is so important? To answer this, I first have to apologize for a portion of my first paper of Medjugorje dated 12/89. I wanted to give a summary of the highlights to people. As an instinctive reaction, I highlighted all of the negative and scary parts about the messages. There are disturbing messages, but I dwelled on them to the point where I forgot the most important part. Mary is the Queen of Peace. She is trying to point us in the direction where we can find peace in our hearts and in the world. Medjugorje is not a scary place, it is very peaceful. All Mary's messages are given with love. Attached to this note are the specific messages She has given to the world in 1989. Mary has been giving many messages since 1981, I think it is worth while to read all of them in an attempt to understand what She is saying.

Mary's main messages are Prayer, Conversion, Fasting, Penance, and Peace. At first I said " Oh no! Not this again!" But now these words not only seem more important, but they are starting to actually make sense. I am the type of person that changes his mind when the hard facts and logic persuade me. If a professor, boss, a priest, or even Einstein told me something, I instinctively will reply; " Oh, that is very interesting, what facts and/or logic do you base your opinion on? If they would tell me and if it made sense to me, I would accept their opinion. If they would not tell me and if I had an opposing opinion that was based on facts/logic, I usually would not change my mind. I will write another paper on an example of one of Mary's messages that describes my opinion before I went to Medjugorje and how it is changed now.

If anybody has a problem listening to words that claim to come from Mary, I would recommend for that person:

1. To find out WHAT she is doing there, listen to the words that Paul McCartney sings in "Let it be". I think that: A woman that is "Whispering Words of Wisdom", describes the events well.
2. To find out what WE should DO and WHY, listen to the words that Michael Jackson uses in "The Man in the Mirror". The song describes a very clear message. I think that the phrase "if you want to make the world a better place you have to look at yourself and make that change. You have to get it right while you got the time because when you close your heart you can close your mind", likewise describes what we should do and why also. Michael uses a few more ooohhs than Mary, but my interpretation of these things is very similar. Mary goes into more detail on not only what needs to be done and why, but she also explains HOW TO DO IT.

One opinion of mine that has changed is:

I thought God and religion were private matters, one could only talk about these things in church. I use to make fun of people who were too religious and who openly talked to people about God. Some friends and I sometimes referred to these people as "The God Squad". Since I could see some flaws with their character, motive, or with the way they presented their opinion, I often referred to this type of people as "Out of touch with reality". Ironically, I am writing papers about a religious event. I know that I am now open to the same kind of judgments that I was dishing out. I think it is worth it for two reasons.

1. It helps me to understand when people give comments and ask questions.
2. If what Mary is saying is true, I do not think it would be fair for the events.

to take place without people even suspecting something might happen.

I hope that if people see the information, they will understand.

For all the people whom I laughed at that had pure motives and tried to share information about God, please accept my apology.

CONVERSION

By Guy Murphy Sept. 8, 1999 (Letter 39)

The first week in August, 1999, a small group of nine went to Medjugorje during youth week. 30,000 young adults from all over the world came, and the week was quite impressive. Father Francis Budovic S.J., the founder of the Angels of the Last Days, pilgrimaged with our group. At dinner time, we would read one of the 13 biblical stories of angels that make up the Angel constitution (www.Medj1.com, or <http://home.att.net/~totally.yours/>). These stories help us to learn how to meditate. The trip was very inspiring.

The day after returning home, I went on a job at a Pulp and Paper mill in Minnesota. The mill transforms trees into clean paper. After three weeks, I talked with Father Francis on the phone, and he asked; "Did you come up with a meditation about your work?" "No!" I replied; "but I am renewing my angel vow every day, by begging God for the grace that the three powers of my soul, my memory, my intellect, and my will, will be for the greater glory of God."

Shortly after that, one of the Blessed Virgin Mary's messages was filling my MEMORY.

Our Lady talked about the Bible. She said; "Pray so that the printed words that are on the paper can be written on your hearts." Prayer makes our conversion possible. I looked at a page in the Bible and then the INTELLECT started to work.

The piece of paper has the Word of God written on it. My goal is to have the Word of God written on my heart. How can I do this? How did the paper do this? The paper itself was not always capable of receiving words, it had to go through a conversion. Can you write all the words of the Bible on a tree? No. Maybe a little graffiti carved into the wood, but that is all. Similarly, I have to go through a conversion.

First of all, the whole tree is not converted all at once. The tree is chopped up into little wood chips so it can be transformed one little piece at a time. Also our conversions take place step by step, by doing one prayer at a time.

The wood chips are cooked at high temperature. This dissolves the lignin which holds the wood fibres together like glue. The hard wood is changed into a soft pulp. Chemicals are added to make the heating process less intense.

Similarly, when we pray, we are transformed by the fire of God's love upon receiving the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. This breaks down our pride that makes us rigid, and softens us up so we can be molded into children of God. Our Lady's messages are like the chemicals that are added to make the process easier.

Before the soft pulp is molded into clean paper, it is washed to remove impurities. A number of years ago, the Pulp and Paper mills dumped the washings into the river, causing pollution "Junk left behind". Our equipment takes the washings, which contains dissolved wood, and boils off the water so the concentrated liquor can be used for fuel in a boiler. Actually, enough steam and electricity is generated to power the entire mill, and excess electricity is sold to the community.

A number of years ago, as people were converted, they would not talk about the junk left behind. Today, at the Marian conferences, many people talk about their conversion stories. Much enthusiasm is generated by hearing of the mercy and power of Jesus Christ and it produces many more conversions.

THE WILL:

The next time you look at a page in the Bible, ask yourself; "Is the Word of God written on my heart, or is there only some graffiti there like an unconverted tree?"

Don't be afraid, the tree did not convert itself into the paper, it had help. Similarly, you will receive help when you respond to Our Lady's message of "pray, pray, pray, and thank you for having responded to my call."

Where did all the money go? (Letter #43)

01/06/2013 Guy Murphy

Where did all the money go? A visit to Palm Tree Island.

01/06/13 Feast of the Three Kings (Wise Men) by Guy Murphy.

THE BOTTOM LINE: When our country can print our own new money for ourselves at almost no cost, as long as we practice the crooked deal of paying private banks as the Federal Reserve (Fed) more than a trillion dollars each time they print a trillion new dollars for us, the debt problem will only get worse.

When an industrial chemical plant or a power plant has troubles with their production, they call a chemical engineer in to calculate a heat and mass balance on their system to find out “where all the chemicals were going” or “where all the energy was going.” The task can be very intimidating with many alarms sounding and many people presenting complicated ideas to fix the problem. Eventually, the engineer compares the new calculations with the original design and looks for differences between the two. Once a difference is found, it is much easier to find the “mysterious drain” or “hole in the tank” that is making all the chemicals or energy disappear. Then the problem can be fixed and the company can start making production at a profit again.

If you apply this method to the USA's fiscal cliff, the first question pops up, “Where did all the money go?”

When most of the USA citizens are in debt, most of the States are in debt and the Government is over 16 Trillion in debt, the question is worth repeating. Where did all the money go?

To grasp the concept of a trillion dollars, imagine that there are \$1000 bills available. If you held your hand out and stacked up a million dollars' worth, it would be about 4 inches high. A trillion dollars will be about 65 miles high. That is a lot of money.

On October 17, 2012, the Washington Post article “Who Owns US debt,” showed the top ten foreign countries that own our debt. China owned 1.2 trillion. Japan owned 1.1 trillion. As it turns out when you add up all the foreign ownership, it comes out to a total of 5.3 trillion dollars. That is astronomical, but who owns the other 11 trillion in debt? An article in Main Street, Feb 28, 2011 titled “Who owns the US?” also described the US debt. This article also revealed that “most of the country's debt is held by private banks.”

I think we found the “mysterious drain” or “hole in the tank” that is making all the money disappear.

What did the private bankers do to earn all that money? As you look closer, the mystery becomes obvious. The key is seen when the United States increases their money supply, and they print more money. They create new dollars. The problem is the United States government itself does not create new dollars; the Federal Reserve does it and asks us to pay them back in full plus interest. For example, the latest QE3 and QE4 that enables the Federal Reserve to create an additional trillion dollars a year, has to be paid back plus interest by the United States government to the Federal Reserve Banks. Where did the Federal Reserve get the new money? They get it out of thin air. They just have to add zeros to their balance sheet and tell the treasury department what percentage of the money (usually very small) they want printed in cash.

The deception is that most people think the new money that the Federal Reserve Bank or (Fed) is creating belongs to the United States government. The “Fed” is actually a group of private bankers. Similar to a private company called “Federal Express.” This is the Fed's 100 year anniversary of printing our money for us.

Money itself is a social contract. The money gets its value because the United States says that it will back it. For example imagine three families were in a place called Palm Tree Island. The Smith family owned a farm and grew food. The Jones family owned a boat and caught fish. The Washington family owned an inn where people could stay. Trading eggs for fish was a little messy so they decided to print their own money as a social contract. They estimated the wealth of each family and each gave themselves 100,000 Palm Tree dollars. Everything was going well, but as their families grew they converted more farm land, had more chickens, and built more inns, so they needed more money in circulation. They knew as their Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

grew, they needed more money in circulation so they printed more Palm Tree dollars at no cost to themselves. The Smith, Jones, and Washington families were discussing how to divide the newly created money. They wisely set up a simple government consisting of family members and used the money to hire people to build better roads and convert more ground into farmland in order to meet the needs for the common good of the people. When new people wanted to move to the Island, they could borrow some Palm Tree dollars from the local bank to build their house etc. and then pay the amount back with interest. Over the years, everything was flourishing on Palm Tree Island.

One day an in-law to the Smith family named Rob, asked to do the job of printing the new money. He was from a different place called Date Tree Island. The new money was called Date Tree Dollars. When he printed off 100,000 Date Tree Dollars, he said they would have to pay him back plus a small interest. The one in charge of the government belonged to Rob's secret club and received a special bonus for agreeing to the crooked deal. He told everyone else that it would work just like before. A few years later as their GDP grew; they needed more money in circulation on Palm Tree Island. Rob said; "You need another 100,000, but you already owe me 100,000 plus 10,000 in interest. Therefore I will print off 200,000 new Date Tree Dollars and give you 100,000 and use the rest to pay off some of the loan. Don't worry, I will give you time to pay it back."

In a few years their GDP grew, and they needed more dollars in circulation. Rob said; "You need another 100,000, but you already owe me 200,000 plus 20,000 in interest. Therefore I will print off 300,000 new Date Tree Dollars and give you 100,000 and use the rest to pay off some of the loan. Do not worry, I will give you time to pay it back." Rob used some money to buy all the media stations on the Island; he used this to confuse people about his banking methods. He made printing money more complicated than it needed to be.

One hundred years went by and Rob's great grandchild named Robber Jr. said; "You need another 100,000, but you already owe 16 trillion. You guys are a bad investment. I do not want to give you any more of my money. I want your Island instead. I will use you as slaves to do my work for me."

The great grandchildren of the Smith, Jones and Washington families were very distressed and did not know what to do. Money had become a big problem. One of the little ones said, "Look at our money! There is a message from our forefathers on it and it says 'In God We Trust'. Let us stop doing the things we know are wrong and turn to God and ask for help." Since they had nowhere else to turn, they humbled themselves and asked God's help. As they prayed, they were inspired to make their own Palm Tree Island dollars again and not use the Date Tree Dollars any more. They collected all the Date Tree Dollars and gave them back to Robber and gave everyone on the Island their own Palm Tree Dollars. They gave glory to God and lived happily ever after.

Why doesn't our government just do the same thing and print our own money? If you look at a US Dollar, it will say "Federal Reserve Note" on the top of it. President John F. Kennedy saw the country's deficit rise and did start printing our own money again in 1963. These dollars say "United States Notes" at the top.

To see this money for yourself, Google, using images, "United States Notes" – You will see various size bills usually from "series 1963" that say "United States Notes" on it and not "Federal Reserve Notes". Unfortunately, John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963 and the succeeding government officials stopped making the "United States Notes" and let the Federal Reserve make our money for us so we can pay them back in full plus interest.

Once it is understood that money is a social contract, the crooked deal gets easier to see. Another example is "Sam's Raffle Tickets." Your uncle named Sam made raffle tickets to raise money. He designed ten of them to fit on an 8 ½ x 11 page. He planned to print them off and cut them out himself. Each raffle ticket was to be sold for \$10 each. He went to the 'Copy Store' and they charged him 10 cents to print off an 8 ½ x 11 sheet. Since each sheet had 10 raffle tickets at \$10 each, Sam had the potential to sell the 10 tickets for \$100. Since it only cost him 10 cents to print it off, he could be ahead by \$99.90.

Let us say Sam went to the crooked copy store. They printed his raffle sheet and said; "Here is your \$100 worth of raffle tickets. I am not charging you 10 cents; I am charging you \$100. Don't worry; I will make an 'IOU' so you have time to pay me back." Now Uncle Sam will lose money no matter how many raffles he does. This is

the crooked deal the Federal Reserve has with printing the USA dollars. The 'IOU' is called a 'Treasury Bond.'

The concept of the "Gold Standard" and "reckless spending" are secondary issues to printing our own money.

THE BOTTOM LINE: When our country can print our own new money for ourselves at almost no cost, as long as we practice the crooked deal of paying private banks as the Federal Reserve (Fed) more than a trillion dollars each time they print a trillion new dollars for us, the debt problem will only get worse. For more info, see Congressman Louis McFadden's speech on June 10, 1932. Congressional record #12595-12603.

Remember our slogan on the United States Dollar, "In God We Trust." "Peace on earth to people of good will." (Luke 2:14) Pray and tell your representatives to stop giving the FED trillions of dollars to print our money.