100 - Year Anniversary Conference OUR LADY OF FATIMA Conference 2 – "**The APPARITIONS of the Angel of Peace and The White Lady**"

As we now enter into a time of experiencing for ourselves <u>A TASTE of that which came to pass 100 years ago</u>, I want to set the stage for us by first of all, distinguishing what the difference is between the **EXPERIENCE OF APPARITIONS** and the **EXPERIENCE OF MYSTICISM**. For while both realms serve as channels through which Heaven speaks to human beings on earth, there are some fundamental differences that we need to be aware of so that we can gain an <u>EVEN DEEPER APPRECIATION</u> behind the Incredible Gift bestowed to humankind in the Apparitions of the Angel of Peace and Our Lady of Fatima.

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Mysticism is an experience whereby the human soul finds itself in DEEP UNION WITH THE DIVINE. Those who experience this Great Grace have <u>paid their dues in the Spiritual Life for many years before this Gift is</u> <u>bestowed upon them by means of the Living Spirit of God</u>. It's a Gift through which **God Infuses Supernatural Grace** to the experience of **Contemplative Prayer** and through that Grace, Mystics are given a **DEEPER KNOWLEDGE** of God – **one that goes WAY BEYOND the ordinary means of Prayer and Christian life**.

Just to give you an example, by far the **most profound Dr. of the Church** when it comes to theological writings and insights was **Thomas Aquinas**... by the time he was almost 50 years old, he'd composed well over 100 works. Commentaries on Scripture, Collections of Patristic Commentaries, Sermons, Philosophical Treatises, and let's not forget <u>a couple of Summas</u>. His most famous being: **The Summa Theologica**...

Those closest to him knew that *HE ALWAYS WORKED AT A FURIOUS PACE* – writing this <u>PROFOUND</u> <u>KNOWLEDGE</u> that seemed to just flow through his mind *like water cascades from a Mountaintop*. And then it happened, while lying on his deathbed – by now he was <u>dictating his works for another to write</u> when he experienced **SOMETHING SO PROFOUND** that he just flat out stopped dictating...

When pressed by his writer as to why he'd chosen TO GO SILENT, he responded with this answer:

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"I adjure you by the living Almighty God, and by the faith you have in our order, and by charity that you strictly promise me you will never reveal in my lifetime what I tell you. *EVERYTHING I HAVE EVER WRITTEN SEEMS LIKE STRAW TO ME* compared to those things that I have seen and that have been revealed to me..."

That's a MYSTICAL EXPERIENCE!

Apparitions on the other hand fall into the category of an INCREDIBLE GIFT granted by God <u>FOR A MUCH</u> <u>GREATER PURPOSE</u> than simply the benefit of the one who experiences the Apparition. Authentic apparitions are not hard-line proof concerning the sanctity of the recipient. Although history has shown that God will usually choose simple and good Christians. Often times, they are <u>children who will readily accept and</u> <u>do his will</u>.

Apparitions are understood as being External Visions that somehow grant the Visionary ACCESS to experiencing the **PRESENCE OF HEAVENLY BEINGS** through the channel of human senses – (that would be **seeing, hearing, touching**, and **smelling**).

In the case of what transpired some 100 years ago in Fátima, it's clear that something MUCH MORE PROFOUND than simply an **Intellectual Vision** took place. Our Blessed Mother's appearance to those three children was an **EXTERNAL APPARITION** accompanied by **INDICATIONS OF THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OF OUR LADY**!!!

So powerful was the presence of Our Blessed Mother in that land that to this day, <u>many continue to feel her</u> presence there...

In other words, Mary – **the Mother of God** – she who nearly 2000 years ago ascended into Heaven with her body and soul and now shares in the experience of the Resurrection with her Son – 100 YEARS AGO <u>she was sent by God the Father to earth</u> to **DELIVER A MESSAGE FOR MANKIND**.

And while it would take nearly 100 years for the Church and the world to even begin to understand the Message of Fatima, we need to stop and simply appreciate the fact that back in 1917, *WITH WORLD WAR I FLOODING the Judgment Seat of HEAVEN WITH SOULS of DEAD SOLDIERS and CIVILIANS – (over 38 Million People Died during that War) –* that's when God opted to INTERVENE THE NATURAL FLOW OF HUMAN HISTORY by the Miraculous Events of Fatima.

I mean, even before we start going through what took place, just **THIS FACT ALONE** should cause us to spend much time <u>in Prayer and Reflection</u>...

For Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta – it was just another Spring Day and like any normal child of the day, they were simply grateful for THE CHANCE OF BEING OUTDSIDE PLAYING WITH THE SHEEP. Halfway through the morning, it started drizzling rain and so they climbed up the hill followed by the sheep looking for a rock under which they could find some shelter.

They spent the day in that place. By lunchtime, the sun was shining and after they ate, *THEY PRAYED THE ROSARY*. Let's pause right there cause as far as I'm concerned, that's like a miracle in and of itself! These are three children below the age of 10 who following their lunch, **DECIDED TO PRAY THE ROSARY** – just that alone puts in an entire DIFFERENT REALM THAN ANY THREE CHILDREN IN NORTH AMERICA if not ALL First World Continents on earth!

Afterwards, <u>they started playing a game with little pebbles</u> – when suddenly a **STRONG WIND started shaking the trees** and so they looked up to see what was happening because it was calm everywhere else. And that's when they saw in the distance above the trees A LIGHT THAT WAS WHITER THAN SNOW in the form of a young man who stood there transparent – **AS BRILLIANT AS CRYSTAL IN THE RAYS OF THE SUN**... The young man started approaching the children who by now, were <u>completely captivated by</u> what they were experiencing.

"Do not be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me..."

The Angel then knelt and bent his forehead to the ground. Inspired by a SUPERNATURAL IMPULSE, all three children followed suit and began to repeat the words that they heard the Angel pray:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

After repeating this prayer THREE TIMES the Angel rose and said to children: "**Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to listen to you**..."

Those words spoken by the ANGEL OF PEACE to the three children of Fatima some 100 years ago <u>are not</u> words locked up in the past spoken for only a few people back in 1916 because whenever HOSTS OF HEAVEN manifest themselves on earth, their presence **crosses the effects of History and the Limits of Time**. The word spoken by the **ANGEL OF PEACE** are <u>addressed to each and every one of us today and are</u> <u>APPLICABLE throughout the whole of our lives!</u>

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"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

Later in years, Sr. Lucia spoke of the lingering effects that this <u>ONE Apparition from the Angel of Peace</u> had upon them as children.

"He left us in an ATMOSPHERE OF THE SUPERNATURAL that was so intense we were for a long time <u>unaware of our own existence</u>. His words sank so deeply into our minds that we never forgot them, and ever after we used to spend long periods on our knees repeating them, SOMETIMES UNTIL WE FELL DOWN EXHAUSTED..."

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A few months went by and then it happened in the summer of 1916 as three children were playing in the heat of day when the Angel appeared to them once again. This time, the Angel chastised the children for <u>their *lack of*</u> <u>Spiritual Seriousness</u>... IMAGINE THAT...

"What are you doing? You must pray! Pray! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you. You must offer your prayers and sacrifices to God, the Most High!"

"But how are we to sacrifice?" asked Lucia.

"In EVERY WAY you can offer sacrifice to God in <u>reparation for the sins by which He is offended</u>, and <u>in supplication for sinners</u>. In this way you will bring PEACE to our country, for I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, BEAR AND ACCEPT WITH PATIENCE the sufferings God will send you."

Lucia tells us that: "The Angels' words sank deeply into our souls LIKE A GLEAMING TORCH, showing us Who God is, what is His love for us, and how **He wants us to love Him too**! The value of sacrifice and how it pleases Him; how HE RECEIVES IT FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS.

That's why from that moment we began to offer Him whatever mortified us..."

Another FEW MONTHS OF REGULAR LIFE – now influenced by <u>an existing INNER IMPULSE to offer up</u> whatever **SACRIFICES** they could coupled with praying the PRAYER OF THE ANGEL to make **REPARATION FOR THE SINS OF HUMANITY**, the children found themselves once again tending the flocks in either late September or October 1916 and while kneeling to pray the prayer taught them by the Angel, they saw once again the shining light!

They lifted their heads and saw the following:

The Angel held a **CHALICE** in his left hand and over it, in the air, was a **HOST from which** <u>*DROPS OF*</u> <u>**BLOOD**</u> fell into the chalice. The Angel then left the Chalice and Host SUSPENDED IN THE AIR, knelt down with the 3 children and taught them the following prayer.

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

He had them pray this prayer **THREE TIMES**! After which, he rose towards the host and chalice. He then gave the Host to Lucia and presented Jacinta and Francisco with the contents of the chalice while saying:

"Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ <u>TERRIBLY OUTRAGED</u> by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God."

Afterwards, the Angel bowed back down to the ground and <u>repeated the aforementioned prayer three more times</u>... He then disappeared...

Once again, overwhelmed with a SUPERNATURAL ATMOSPHERE – the children knelt and prayed as they'd been taught.

Over the course of nearly 6 months time, they'd been <u>visited three times by an Angel from heaven</u>. And it was an Angel that *CATECHIZED THEM IN PRAYER*, taught them about the *IMPORTANCE OF OFFERING SACRIFICES* and the benefits of *REPARATIVE SUFFERING*. They learned about the *DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST* as food from Heaven and the <u>Incredible Gift</u> of what that is for hungering souls.

It's in this way that the Children of Fatima were SCHOOLED IN PREPARATION for that which was still to come: a Visitation from the **QUEEN OF HEAVEN** herself, **Mary, The New Eve, The Mother of God, Our Blessed Mother...**

Just as the children spent nearly 6 months in the classroom of the Angel in order to be prepared for that which was to follow – 6 apparitions to all three children happening on the 13th of every month from May 1917 onwards and a 7th and Final Apparition in 1920 to Sr. Lucia alone – just as the children were prepared in prayer, sacrifice, and suffering prior to the messages of our Lady of Fatima, likewise we are called to PRAY, to SACRIFICE, and to SUFFER in reparation for the sins of humanity and for the SALVATION OF SOULS!

PLEASE, please take with you the PRAYER OF THE ANGEL CARD that we've made available during this conference and pray those prayers every day! As I said before, when Heaven visits earth there's no such thing as TIME or HISTORY, there is simply the Eternal Moment of <u>NOW</u> – and Our Blessed Lord – He who according to the Angel of Peace is <u>Terribly Outraged by the ingratitude of men</u>, HE THIRSTS FOR OUR LOVE, our OBEDIENCE, and our PRAYERS from the Heart...

The ANGEL OF PEACE was sent to earth to awaken believers out of what has become '**ROUTINE SPIRITUALITY**' – THE IDEA that we go to church on Sundays because that's what we do and once that's over, we plug back into the <u>Modern-Day God of Sports</u>. THE IDEA that we have children baptized soon after their birth because that's just what we do and that <u>keeps Grandma from lecturing us about it over the next 10</u> <u>years</u>! It might look good on the surface, but as is evident in the Public Square, Faith is diminishing in many people's hearts.

The ANGEL OF PEACE is calling us to pray and to offer sacrifice – to SACRIFICE OURSELVES in order to reveal Christ's TRUTH and MERCIFUL LOVE! We must strive to live a <u>True Spirituality</u> for only those who are *PURE*, *HUMBLE*, and *FILLED WITH LOVE* sustain the world.

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Almost eight months passed since the LAST APPARITION OF THE ANGEL... Lucia was now 10 years old, Francisco was almost 9 and Jacinta had just turned 7 – they just kept on practicing with the Angel had taught them: **Praying and offering Sacrifices to the Lord**.

They entered *THE SCHOOL OF MARY* on May 13th, 1917. Once again, it happened when they were out pasturing the sheep. Just finished eating lunch, they *PRAYED A ROSARY* and then they were startled by what they later described as 'Lightening in a Clear Sky.' They assumed a storm was approaching and so they debated whether or not they should take the sheep and return home.

As they were preparing to do so, they were surprised by a STRANGE LIGHT. They saw another *FLASH OF LIGHTNING* strike by an Oak Tree and that's when it happened:

A LADY DRESSED IN WHITE, <u>shining brighter than the Sun</u>, EMANATING RAYS OF CLEAR AND INTENSE LIGHT, just like a **CRYSTAL GOBLET FULL OF PURE WATER** when the <u>*FIERY SUN*</u> passes through it.

They stood there mesmerized about 4 to 5 feet away from the Beautiful Lady In White...

DAY ONE and the First Lesson in the School of Mary

"Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you."

"*Where are you from*?" asked Lucia.

"I come from Heaven." The White Lady was wearing a PURE WHITE MANTLE, edged with Gold – it fell to her feet... In her hands *THE BEADS OF A ROSARY SHONE LIKE THE STARS*: the Crucifix was the MOST RADIANT GEM OF THEM ALL!

"And what do you want of me?"

"I want you to return here on the 13th of each month for the next six months, AND AT THE VERY SAME HOUR. Later I shall tell you who I am, and <u>what it is that I most desire</u>. And I shall return here yet a 7th time.

"<u>Will I go to Heaven</u>?"

"Yes, you will."

"<u>And Jacinta</u>?"

"She will go also."

"And Francisco?"

"**Francisco, too, my dear, but HE WILL FIRST HAVE MANY ROSARIES TO SAY**." For a few moments the White Lady looked at Francisco with compassion, <u>tinged with a little sadness</u>.

Lucia then remembered some friends who had died: "Is Maria Neves in Heaven?"

"Yes, she is."

"<u>And Amelia</u>?"

"She's in *PURGATORY*...Will you OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD, and <u>bear all the sufferings He</u> <u>sends you</u> in ATONEMENT for all the sins that offend Him? And for the CONVERSION of sinners?"

"Oh, we will, we will!"

"Then you will have a GREAT DEAL TO SUFFER, but the Grace of God will be with you and will strengthen you..." As the White Lady pronounce those words, she opened up her hands and the children were BATHED IN A HEAVENLY LIGHT that came directly out from her hands. The LIGHTS REALITY cut into their hearts and their souls and they knew that this Light <u>WAS GOD</u> for they could see themselves being embraced in it.

By an interior impulse, they fell to their knees and began to repeat within their hearts:

"Oh, Holy Trinity, we adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the Blessed Sacrament."

The White Lady spoke again: "Say the Rosary <u>EVERY DAY</u>, to bring Peace to the world and an end to the War!"

She then began rising slowly towards the East until she disappeared in the IMMENSE DISTANCE...

END OF THE FIRST CLASS... Now, as it is with children who come home from regular school, they usually like to tell their parents what they learned that day. Out of the three children, seven-year-old Jacinta couldn't help herself and *SHE TOLD HER MOM EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED*. Thus began what would prove to be a long persecution for all three children by those who loved them most. *Lucia would suffer greatly at the level of unbelief directed towards her by her own mother*.

While MANY OF US MIGHT BE LEFT WONDERING WHY THESE CHILDREN were put through so much at the hands a family, friends, the church – <u>it all worked out according to Heaven's plan</u> – recall the White Lady's words: "You will have a GREAT DEAL TO SUFFER, but the Grace of God will be with you and will strengthen you…" The sufferings and persecutions began IMMEDIATELY and so did the outpouring of God's Grace within the children's hearts.

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There next SCHEDULED CLASS at '**THE SCHOOL OF MARY**' was set for June 13th and the children waited anxiously for their <u>precious</u> 'Lesson on Heaven' with The White Lady. By now, word was getting around about the so-called apparitions, and so a small crowd of people were waiting for the children that day by the OAK TREE.

The three children and those gathered there prayed the rosary and afterwards, the children saw once again the reflection of light – the White Lady was on the Oak Tree just like the previous month.

Lucia was the first to speak: "Please tell me, Madam, what it is that you want of me?"

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month. I want you to continue saying the Rosary EVERY DAY. And after each one of the Mysteries, my children, I want you to pray in this way: "*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, SAVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL. Take all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need.*" I want you to learn to read and write, and later I will tell you what else I want of you."

"Will you take us to Heaven?"

"Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to <u>ESTABLISH DEVOTION in the world to</u> <u>my Immaculate Heart.</u>"

"Must I remain in the world alone?"

"Not alone, my child, and you must not be sad. <u>I will be with you always</u>, and my Immaculate Heart will be your comfort and the way which will lead you to God."

After saying those last words, she opened her hands once again and transmitted to the children THE REFLECTION OF THAT INTENSE LIGHT FROM HEAVEN. They found themselves submerged in God... They saw in the front of the palm of the White Lady's right hand a **HEART ENCIRCLED WITH THORNS that PIERCED IT**... They understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary: **OFFENDED BY THE SINS OF MANKIND** and <u>*CRAVING REPARATION*</u>.

The Apparition concluded in the same way as the First – with the White Lady going off toward the East and disappearing in the IMMENSITY OF HEAVEN. // END OF THE 2^{nd} Class

In TOMORROW'S CONFERENCE we're going to take in the 3rd Lecture from **THE SCHOOL OF MARY** and in order to prepare ourselves for that which is about <u>TO BE REVEALED</u> – I want to pull some threads together from everything we've learned so far from the **ANGEL OF PEACE** and the two lectures from **THE LADY IN WHITE**.

But before I do, I invite you all to just **STEP BACK OUTSIDE OF EVERYTHING WE'VE HEARD SO FAR** and call to mind everything you've ever known about Jesus – His Teachings, His Miracles, His Life, Death and Resurrection – everything you believe that just automatically happens whenever someone dies, and hold all of those thoughts at the forefront of your mind and then FOLLOW ME WITH what I Truly Believe would be a 'Modern Day Christians GUESS' as to what a MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN would be seeking to reveal to mankind during our Times.

Here's my take on the AVERAGE BELIEVERS IDEA about what God wants to say to us today:

"Knowing what I know about God and his Son Jesus, The Good Shepherd – if Heaven had a message to give to the world it would be that: 'Everything's going to be all right because I sent my Son to save the world and he has conquered DEATH! Therefore, EVERYONE GOES TO HEAVEN after they die because God is love – for just as no parent would ever punish a child they love forever – in the same way – God who is love would never punish us for we are His Children."

I'd say that the **MAJORITY OF BELIEVERS ON EARTH** live out their lives with this as the defining Message of Modern Day Christianity as a whole – there's a lot of people out there who really believe that if there is such a thing as a *MODERN-DAY MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN*, that THIS IS WHAT THE MESSAGE would be all about!!!

Now, let's see if this '**POPULAR WORLDVIEW**' matches up with the subtle hints concerning what's to come in *THE SCHOOL OF MARY* about the state of that which is the **reality of the TIMES in which we live and the reality that awaits MANY SOULS in the afterlife**...

Lesson from Class #1 with THE ANGEL OF PEACE: Pray in this way: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask PARDON for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

Lesson from Class #2 with THE ANGEL OF PEACE: "You must pray! Pray! In EVERY WAY you can offer sacrifice to God in <u>reparation for the sins by which He is offended</u>, and <u>in supplication for sinners</u>."

Lesson from Class #3 with THE ANGEL OF PEACE: "Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ <u>TERRIBLY OUTRAGED</u> by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God."

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Lesson from Class #1 with THE WHITE LADY: Will you OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD, and bear all the sufferings He sends you in ATONEMENT for all the sins that offend Him? And for the **CONVERSION of sinners?**"

"Say the Rosary EVERY DAY, to bring Peace to the world and an end to the War!"

Lesson from Class #2 with THE WHITE LADY: "I want you to continue saying the Rosary EVERY DAY. And after each one of the Mysteries, my children, I want you to pray in this way: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, SAVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL. Take all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most <mark>in need</mark>."

There's a THEME THAT'S DEVELOPING HERE and it's one that's very different from the average believers level of Understanding when it comes to that which happens simply by default of breathing out our last breath.

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And remember, because THIS IS A VISITATION FROM HEAVEN, every word or description of events and things to come that you will hear is one that TRANSCENDS TIME while being made present in every Time and Place.

These words are for us **TODAY** as they were for the world 100 years ago and as they will be for all of humanity until the end of time.

See you tomorrow at THE SCHOOL OF MARY ...