

# FATIMA, ISLAM &

## OUR LADY'S COMING TRIUMPH



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**Notice to Readers:** In her maternal concern for the good of souls, Holy Mother Church generally warns the faithful against reading non-Catholic religious texts in order to safeguard sound doctrine and morals. One exception to this rule is when the purpose of such reading is to refute errors and defend Church teaching, which presupposes a thorough knowledge and understanding of Church teaching. This booklet contains some brief quotations from the Quran for the sole purpose of exposing the heretical, blasphemous, and violent nature of Islam. Unnecessary further reading of the Quran or other non-Catholic texts is neither advised nor encouraged by the author or publisher.

## Preface: The Truth About Islam

In the years following the Second Vatican Council, Sister Lucia of Fatima began making reference to “the diabolical wave sweeping over the world,”<sup>1</sup> as well as “a diabolical disorientation invading the world and misleading souls!”<sup>2</sup> And although she was specifically addressing attacks on the Rosary, which were being spread by Modernist-minded clergy at the time, her words can certainly also be applied to the unprecedented campaign of deception regarding the true nature of Islam, a deception that was enshrined in certain Vatican II documents<sup>3</sup> and is perpetuated to this day by means of those texts.<sup>4</sup>

From churchmen and statesmen alike, we are incessantly told that Islam is a “religion of peace,” even while ardent Muslims around the globe routinely commit atrocities in the name of Islam. Most recently, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, president of Donnelly College in Kansas City, Kansas, stated during a debate with Islam expert Robert Spencer<sup>5</sup> that any Catholic who refuses to tout the “Islam is peace” party line is “a dissenter from the Papal magisterium.”<sup>6</sup> One can only imagine what Bl. Pope Urban II (r. 1088-1099), who called for the

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1 Letter to her nephew, Fr. Jose Valinho, dated 13 April 1971 (see Frere Michel de la Sainte Trinite, *The Whole Truth About Fatima* Vol. III [Buffalo: Immaculate Heart Publications, 2001 ed.], p. 753).

2 Letter to a friend, Dona Maria Teresa de Cunha, dated 12 April 1970 (see *ibid.*, p. 755).

3 Both *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, art. 16) and *Nostra Aetate* (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, art. 3) erroneously portray Islam as being a legitimate Abrahamic faith whose adherents worship the same God as Jews and Christians, despite the fact that the Quran explicitly rejects the Holy Trinity and the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This contradiction is roundly condemned by St. John the Apostle in his First Epistle: “Who is a liar, but he who denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **This is Antichrist, who denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.**” (1 John 2:22-23) In other words, anyone who claims to worship the one true God yet denies the only-begotten Son of God is a liar!

4 For example, the post-conciliar *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes exclusively from *Lumen Gentium* in reference to “The Church’s relationship with the Muslims” (para. 841).

5 The debate was broadcast on Relevant Radio’s Drew Mariani Show on Aug. 10, 2016. The recording is available for listening on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVTneiqt3kA>).

6 See Robert Spencer, “Is there room in the Catholic Church for those who don’t believe Islam is a religion of peace?” online article published 13 Aug. 2016 (<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2016/08/is-there-room-in-the-catholic-church-for-those-who-dont-believe-islam-is-a-religion-of-peace>). In an attempt to support his outrageous claim, Msgr. Swetland had recourse to *Lumen Gentium*, which is quite ironic since the *Nota Praevia* attached to that document states: “Taking conciliar custom into consideration and also the pastoral purpose of the present Council, **the sacred Council defines as binding on the Church only those things in matters of faith and morals which it shall openly declare to be binding.**” ([http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19641121\\_lumen-gentium\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html)) Coincidentally, the conciliar teachings about Islam were *never* openly declared as binding on the Church by the Council!

First Crusade to defend Christians and recover the Holy Land from Muslim aggressors, would say to such nonsense!

The purpose of this booklet is thus to equip readers with the truth about Islam, which is so desperately needed in our times. Far from being peaceful, Islam has been intrinsically violent and perverse since its beginnings in Seventh century Arabia. Mohammad himself was the first to spread his false religion by the sword, and his disciples faithfully followed his own words and example when they began to expand and conquer lands beyond the Arabian Peninsula. The members of modern-day *jihad* groups such as ISIS, Boko Haram, Hezbollah, Hamas, al-Qaeda, and the Muslim Brotherhood are simply doing the same.

In addition to learning the truth about Islam, readers will also discover how God has responded to the threat of Islam by promising its ultimate demise, specifically, through the intercession of Our Lady. Just as She obtained victory for the Christian armies against invading Muslim forces throughout the medieval *Reconquista* of Spain, as well as at the Battles of Lepanto (1571), Vienna (1683), and Belgrade (1716), so also will She conquer many souls from among the Mohammadans for Her Divine Son and bring an end to the scourge of the Crescent Moon (symbol of Islam). For the Blessed Virgin Mary is truly the “woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Apoc. 12:1). In due time, She will usher in the reign of Christ the King, “who was to rule all nations with an iron rod,” (Apoc. 12:5) “till the moon be taken away” (Ps. 71:7). May it be so very soon! *Immaculate Heart of Mary, may Thy triumph come!*

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## Fatima, Not Politics, Is Our Only Hope

We have gathered together to build one another up in our “most holy faith” (Jude 20) by reminding ourselves that the Message of Fatima is truly “The World’s Only Hope.” You may recall that, in advertising for this conference, The Fatima Center summarized our theme as follows:

As politicians gather to bicker and bargain and choose their candidates for the next presidential election this summer, Our Lady’s Army of Advocates will be holding its own convention in St. Louis. There, we will pledge ourselves to the only plan that can save us from the false promises and failed leadership of those who think the world can be governed without God: the plan given by Our Lady of Fatima. No political platforms, no hollow speeches by ambitious men, will deliver us from the growing chaos and violence. Heaven’s plan is our only hope.<sup>7</sup>

Those of us who watched coverage of the 2016 Republican and Democratic national conventions heard numerous speeches given by ambitious candidates and their supporters, each side assuring the American people that they alone can fix our country and ensure our safety. But we know the truth: Only Our Lady can help us, as She Herself told the three shepherd children at Fatima.<sup>8</sup>

### Our Lady and the Threat of Islam

It is crucial for us to proclaim this simple truth in light of the ever-growing threat of Islam, the so-called “religion of peace” whose adherents are responsible for routine acts of violence and murder throughout the world. Just over the past six weeks, since I spoke about Islam at the 2016 *Catholic Family News* Conference,<sup>9</sup> there have been several more major attacks, including:

- Lake Chad, Cameroon – On **June 14**, the bodies of 42 fishermen

7 <http://www.ourladyarmyofadvocates.com/stlouis.aspx>.

8 On July 13, 1917 during Her third apparition, Our Lady told the children: “I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to **continue reciting the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary**, in order to obtain peace in the world and the end of the war [referring to World War I], **because only She can help you.**” (<http://www.fatima.org/essentials/facts/1917appar.asp>).

9 Speech entitled “Our Lady and Islam: The Moon Under Her Feet,” delivered on June 12, 2016 (audio CD available for purchase from *Catholic Family News* - <http://www.cfnorders.com/page3/page19/page19.html>).

who had been kidnapped by Boko Haram (Nigerian terrorist group) were found floating in the lake.<sup>10</sup>

- Kuda, Nigeria – Members of Boko Haram open fired on women and children at a funeral wake on **June 17**, killing at least 18 and injuring several more.<sup>11</sup>
- Istanbul, Turkey – Suicide attackers open fired and eventually exploded themselves on **June 28** inside Ataturk Airport, killing 41 people and injuring nearly 150 others.<sup>12</sup>
- Bagdad, Iraq – On **July 3**, ISIS (also known as the Islamic State) set off a truck bomb in a crowded shopping area, initially killing over 140 with another 150 succumbing to death in the days following the attack due to the severity of their injuries.<sup>13</sup>
- Nice, France – On **July 14**, a Tunisian Muslim man drove a truck into a large crowd during Bastille Day celebrations, killing at least 84, including 10 children.<sup>14</sup>

Many other smaller-scale attacks have also taken place, including the public execution of Fr. Jacques Hamel in northern France during the celebration of Holy Mass.<sup>15</sup>

There is no doubt in my mind that Islam is second only to the “errors of Russia” as being the single greatest threat to peace in our times. Despite Pope Francis’ recent unfortunate claim that “all

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10 “Bodies of 42 fishermen kidnapped by Boko Haram found in lake,” Fox News online report published on June 14, 2016 (<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/06/14/bodies-42-fishermen-kidnapped-by-boko-haram-found-in-lake.html#>).

11 “Nigeria Boko Haram ‘kills 18 in Kuda village in Adamawa,’” BBC News online report published June 17, 2016 (<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-36563280>).

12 “Istanbul Airport Attack Leaves at Least 41 Dead,” New York Times online report published June 28, 2016 ([http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/29/world/europe/turkey-istanbul-airport-explosions.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/29/world/europe/turkey-istanbul-airport-explosions.html?_r=0)).

13 “Death toll from devastating ISIS truck bomb in Baghdad rises to nearly 300,” CNN online report published July 7, 2016 (<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/07/middleeast/iraq-baghdad-bomb-toll-rises/index.html>).

14 “With 84 dead, France investigates whether truck attacker acted alone,” Reuters online report published July 17, 2016 (<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-crash-idUSKCN0ZU2K7>).

15 “Murdered French priest’s last words: ‘Begone, Satan!’” LifeSite News online article published Aug. 4, 2016 (<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/murdered-french-priests-last-words-begone-satan>).

religions want peace,”<sup>16</sup> the truth is quite the contrary! Yet even in the midst of present sorrows and future threats, we have great cause for “rejoicing in hope” (Rom. 12:12). Why? Because we have the sure promise of Our Lady of Fatima: “In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.” The consecration and subsequent conversion of Russia to the Catholic Faith promised by Our Lady<sup>17</sup> will, in turn, play an indispensable role in the miraculous and definitive destruction of Islam, another glorious promise revealed by Heaven to many holy souls over the course of several centuries. Russia and Islam have long since been partners in crime, so the conversion “of that poor nation,” as Sister Lucia called it,<sup>18</sup> and the defeat of Islam are very much interrelated.

## Fatima In Historical Context

Before delving into the history and teachings of Islam, which will prove beyond doubt that Islam and world peace are mutually exclusive, I first want to draw your attention to the historical context of Our Lady’s apparitions at Fatima. Understanding what was going on in the world when Our Lady appeared (specifically, in Russia and the Islamic world) helps shed light on the reasons why Our Lord sent His Blessed Mother to appear *when* and *where* She did. It also gives us deeper insight into the prophetic message She came to deliver and its vital importance for our times.

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16 On July 27, 2016 while en route to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day, Pope Francis made the following comment to journalists in the context of describing what he calls a new world war being fought piecemeal: “I would like to say just one word to be clear. **When I speak of war, I speak of real war, not of a war of religion, no.** There is war for interests, there is war for money, there is war for the resources of nature, there is war for the domination of peoples: this is war. **Someone may think: ‘He is talking about a war of religion.’ No. All the religions, we want peace. Others want war. Do you understand?’**” ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/july/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160727\\_polonia-volo-andata.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/july/documents/papa-francesco_20160727_polonia-volo-andata.html)).

17 Although some have claimed that the collapse of the Soviet Union was the “conversion” of Russia, Sister Lucia firmly disagreed. Fr. Joaquin Alonso, the official Fatima archivist for over 16 years who had numerous conversations with the seer, testified to Lucia’s position in his book *The Truth about the Secret of Fatima*: “**Lucy has always thought that the conversion of Russia** does not extend only to a return of the Russian people to the Christian-Orthodox Religion, while rejecting the Marxist Atheism of the Soviets, but that it **refers simply and fully to the total and integral conversion by a return to the unique and true Roman Catholic Church**” (quoted by Frere Francois de Marie des Anges in *Fatima: Intimate Joy, World Event*, Book IV *Fatima: Tragedy and Triumph* [Buffalo: Immaculate Heart Publications, 1994], p. 306-307).

18 Interview with Fr. Augustine Fuentes, 26 Dec. 1957 (<http://www.fatima.org/essentials/opposed/frfuentes.asp>).

It was May of 1917 and Europe was entrenched, literally, in the First World War. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (1863-1914), a member of the Catholic Hapsburg royal family and heir to the Austro-Hungarian imperial throne, in the summer of 1914 triggered the engagement of an elaborate network of alliances between the major European powers. When Austria declared war on Serbia (whose leaders had aided and abetted the Bosnian Serb nationalist assassins), Russia stood with Serbia (a fellow Slavic nation), which in turn prompted Germany (an ally of Austria) to declare war on Russia. France and England were allied with Russia, while Italy initially sided with the Austrian and German empires. Tragically, each side of the conflict confidently assumed they would win in a matter of weeks, but the war devolved into a nightmarish stalemate that dragged on for months, then years. In the midst of this seemingly hopeless situation, Pope Benedict XV invoked Our Lady, Queen of Peace, and exhorted all the faithful to implore Her intercession.<sup>19</sup> Eight days later, She appeared at Fatima to deliver Heaven's plan for peace.

In Russia, Tsar Nicholas II had formally abdicated in March of 1917 after more than a decade of decline in popularity and power, thus bringing an end to the Romanov dynasty and Christian monarchy in Russia. The intellectual and spiritual cancer known as Marxist Communism had been spreading in the minds and hearts of Russia's working class, primarily due to the efforts of two socialist groups: the Mensheviks and Bolsheviks. By the end of 1917, the more radical and violent Bolsheviks (led by Vladimir Lenin) had won the power struggle, seized control of the government, and began the long process of enslaving the Russian people under Communism. One of the primary themes of the great Secret given by Our Lady of Fatima was Her prophetic warning that Russia would "spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church" if Her requests were not heeded. This is precisely what happened throughout the 20th century and is continuing to happen today.

And south of Russia in the Islamic Ottoman Empire, the first genocide of the 20th century had been underway for just over two years when Our Lady appeared. Beginning in April of 1915, the Turkish government instituted a systematic deportation and mass

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19 Letter to Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, 5 May 1917 (<http://www.fatima.org/essentials/facts/PopeBenXV.asp>).



murder of the Armenian people, a campaign designed to exterminate one of the oldest Christian nations on earth,<sup>20</sup> one very similar to the genocide currently being perpetrated by ISIS.<sup>21</sup> At a time when Christian men, women, and children were being forcibly removed from their homes, dispossessed, and either executed or starved to death by their Muslim overlords, God sent the Immaculate Virgin to Fatima, a small Portuguese village with a striking connection to Islam. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, in his book-length reflection on Our Lady called *The World's First Love* (originally published in 1952), recounts how during the medieval *Reconquista* of Spain and Portugal from the occupying Muslim forces,

the last Muslim chief had a beautiful daughter by the name of Fatima [named after the daughter of Mohammad himself]. A Catholic boy fell in love with her, and for him she not only stayed behind when the Muslims left but even embraced the Faith. The young husband was so much in love with her that he changed the name of the town where he lived to Fatima. Thus, the very place where Our Lady appeared in 1917 bears a historical connection to Fatima the daughter of Mohammad.<sup>22</sup>

### **“The charity of Christ presseth us”**

As we move into our examination of Islam, I want to preface my remarks by affirming that there certainly are Muslims of good will throughout the United States and the rest of the world. This is evidenced by the fact that not every Muslim goes around murdering innocent people. Likewise, I want to be clear that my motivation for sounding the alarm against Islam is not at all rooted in a hatred of Muslims; it stems, rather, from a holy hatred of the false doctrines and evil practices taught by the religion itself, as well as from a sincere desire to save souls “from the snares of the devil by whom they are held captive at his will” (2 Tim. 2:26). This is what “the

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20 To learn more about the Armenian Genocide, visit <http://www.armenian-genocide.org/index.html> (website for the Armenian National Institute in Washington, D.C.).

21 On March 9, 2016, the Knights of Columbus and an organization called In Defense of Christians released a 250+ page document entitled *Genocide against Christians in the Middle East* which indicts ISIS as being guilty of the crime of genocide (<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>).

22 Fulton J. Sheen, *The World's First Love* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2011 edition), p. 207; see also Frere Michel de la Sainte Trinite, *The Whole Truth About Fatima* Vol. I (Buffalo: Immaculate Heart Publications, 1989), pp. 4-7.

charity of Christ presseth us” (2 Cor. 5:14) to do, and in particular, for those who are taught from infancy that *Allah* (“God” in Arabic) is a harsh and demanding master rather than a good and loving father. Always remember, God desires “all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), just as Our Lady of Fatima taught the children to pray: “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need.” This certainly includes all Muslims throughout the world.

## Mohammad and the Origins of Islam

So who was Mohammad and how did he come to believe he was a prophet – and not just any prophet, mind you, but the most exalted and final prophet? To help answer this question, I will share with you the research and testimony of Robert Spencer, an internationally recognized expert on Islamic history, theology, and law with an impressive résumé. A faithful member of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church (an Eastern rite descended from the ancient patriarchal See of Antioch), Mr. Spencer is the director of Jihad Watch, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading awareness about the violent nature of Islam. He holds a Master’s Degree in Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has been engaged in scholarly study of Islam for over 30 years. Throughout his career, Mr. Spencer has published over a dozen books, written hundreds of articles, led numerous seminars for U.S. military and intelligence agencies, addressed a wide variety of public audiences, and been a featured guest on a host of major news media outlets.<sup>23</sup>

In his book *The Truth about Muhammad*, Spencer chronicles the life and deeds of the self-proclaimed prophet as found in traditional Islamic sources, namely: **1)** the *Quran* (record of supposed revelations delivered to Mohammad over a 23-year period), **2)** the *Hadith* (collection of oral traditions associated with Mohammad, as well as commentary on the *Quran*), and **3)** the *Sira* (biography of Mohammad recognized as authoritative by Muslims).<sup>24</sup> According to these sources, Mohammad was born in A.D. 570 in the Arabian

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23 For a detailed listing of Mr. Spencer’s credentials, see “About Robert Spencer” on the Jihad Watch website (<https://www.jihadwatch.org/about-robert>).

24 See Robert Spencer, *The Truth about Muhammad: Founder of the World’s Most Intolerant Religion* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2006), p. 20-30.

city of Mecca, which Spencer explains “was a center of trade and pilgrimage.” His ancestral tribe, the Quraysh, “did a lucrative trade from the pilgrimages to the local shrine, the Ka’bah, which housed numerous pagan idols,”<sup>25</sup> and which continues to be a popular pilgrimage site for Muslims to this day. At the age of 25, he married a wealthy lady of commerce and distant cousin named Khadija bint Khuwaylid, who was 15 years his senior.

During his 40th year, Mohammad claimed to have been visited by a spiritual being while praying alone, as was his custom, in a remote cave. Later on, through the influence of his wife and an elderly relative, he came to identify his visitor as the angel Gabriel. It is important, however, to note the stark difference between Gabriel’s demeanor as recorded in the New Testament and his alleged treatment of Mohammad according to Islamic sources. In the Gospel of St. Luke, when Gabriel appeared first to Zachary and then to Our Lady, he calmed their anxiety on both occasions with the words, “Fear not” (1:13, 30). The Angel of Peace said the same to the children at Fatima.<sup>26</sup> Conversely, the Archangel is said to have terrified Mohammad by his command to read and recite the messages he came to deliver. When Mohammad tried to explain he was illiterate, Gabriel (apparently out of frustration) physically accosted him and demanded that he obey.<sup>27</sup>

Assuming Mohammad did in fact have a supernatural encounter, it seems obvious based on this episode that the so-called ‘angel’ was actually a demon – perhaps even satan himself – posing as an ‘angel of light’ (2 Cor. 11:14), which is exactly what Mohammad initially feared.<sup>28</sup> He confided the details of his disturbing experience to his wife, who in turn sought counsel from her elderly cousin named Waraqa bin Naufal, who was apparently also a distant relative of Mohammad. Spencer explains in his book that Waraqa “was a convert to Christianity from Judaism”<sup>29</sup> and is portrayed in the Hadith (written record of oral traditions) as being a pivotal figure of influence on Mohammad. Unfortunately, Waraqa subscribed to a heretical brand

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25 *Ibid.*, p. 33.

26 For a detailed account of the angelic apparitions at Fatima, which preceded those of Our Lady, see “Circumstances and Dialogue of the 1916 Apparitions,” <http://www.fatima.org/essentials/facts/1916appar.asp>.

27 *Ibid.*, p. 41.

28 *Ibid.*, p. 42.

29 *Ibid.*, p. 39.

of Christianity that either denied or distorted several fundamental truths of the Faith. These serious historical and doctrinal errors, in turn, found their way into the Quran.

St. Thomas Aquinas discusses these errors, as well as the very carnal nature of Mohammad's religion, in his multi-volume work entitled *Summa Contra Gentiles*, which he composed as a sort of apologetic field manual for foreign missionaries:

He [Mohammad] seduced the people by promises of carnal pleasure to which the concupiscence of the flesh goads us. His teaching also contained precepts that were in conformity with his promises, and he gave free rein to carnal pleasure. In all this, as is not unexpected, he was obeyed by carnal men. As for proofs of the truth of his doctrine, he brought forward only such as could be grasped by the natural ability of anyone with a very modest wisdom. Indeed, the truths that he taught he mingled with many fables and with doctrines of the greatest falsity. He did not bring forth any signs produced in a supernatural way, which alone fittingly gives witness to divine inspiration ... On the contrary, Mohammad said that he was sent in the power of his arms—which are signs not lacking even to robbers and tyrants. What is more, no wise men, men trained in things divine and human, believed in him from the beginning. Those who believed in him were brutal men and desert wanderers, utterly ignorant of all divine teaching, through whose numbers Mohammad forced others to become his followers by the violence of his arms. Nor do divine pronouncements on the part of preceding prophets offer him any witness. On the contrary, he perverts almost all the testimonies of the Old and New Testaments by making them into fabrications of his own, as can be seen by anyone who examines his law [the Quran]. It was, therefore, a shrewd decision on his part to forbid his followers to read the Old and New Testaments, lest these books convict him of falsity. It is thus clear that those who place any faith in his words believe foolishly.<sup>30</sup>

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30 *Summa Contra Gentiles*, Book I, Ch. 6, Art. 4 (Translation by Anton C. Pegis [Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2014 edition], p. 73-74).

## Thus Says the Quran

In order to understand the basic teachings of Islam, we need to briefly survey some key passages from the religion's most authoritative source. I still remember my first encounter with the Quran during my first year of college. Following the September 11th attacks, I had developed an interest in Islam and finally decided to examine the Quran for myself. What I found was surprising and in many ways shocking, in light of having been greatly misled regarding the true nature of Islam. As I read, I discovered that the Quran not only contains a large amount of "borrowings" from the Bible (in other words, plagiarism, as St. Thomas observed), as well as insertions of various apocryphal texts riddled with heresy and blasphemy, it also encourages – even *commands* – an attitude of contempt toward non-Muslims, including Jews and Christians. Time will not permit me to share with you all of the relevant verses, but I will provide a sampling of texts along with some brief commentary.

### I. Concerning Biblical and Historical Truths

#### A) The Holy Trinity and Incarnation of Our Lord

Due to the influence of Waraqa bin Naufal, together with various other heretical groups present in Arabia at the time,<sup>31</sup> Mohammad profoundly misunderstood the reality of the Blessed Trinity as well as the identity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was led to believe that the word "Trinity" refers to Allah, Jesus, and Mary; and further, that Jesus, though a great prophet, was only human and not divine. As a result, the Quran flatly contradicts the New Testament regarding the triune Nature of God (one Divine Nature in three Divine Persons) and the Incarnation of the Word (Second Person of the Trinity). Let's now take a look at some example texts from Abdullah Yusuf Ali's English translation of the Quran, one of the two translations used and recommended by Mr. Spencer:<sup>32</sup>

"They do blaspheme who say: 'Allah is one of three in a Trinity': for there is no god except One Allah. If they [Christians] do not

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31 Spencer, *The Truth About Muhammad*, p. 35.

32 For the sake of readability, modern English syntax, pronouns, and verb forms have been employed in rendering the texts. All verses quoted from the Quran can be found online at <http://quran.com>.

desist from their word (of blasphemy), truly a grievous penalty will befall them.” (Surah 5:73)

- “O People of the Book!<sup>33</sup> Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah anything but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger [prophet] of Allah ... so believe in Allah and His messengers. Say not ‘Trinity’: desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son.” (Surah 4:171)
- “One day Allah will gather the messengers [prophets] together, and ask: ‘What was the response you received (from men to your teaching)?’ They will say: ‘We have no knowledge: it is You Who know in full all that is hidden.’ Then Allah will say: ‘O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favor to you and to your mother. Behold! I strengthened you with the holy spirit,<sup>34</sup> so that you did speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. Behold! I taught you the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel and behold! you made out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, with My permission, and you breathed into it and it became a bird by My permission<sup>35</sup>... And behold! Allah will say: ‘O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you say unto men: “Worship me and my mother as gods beside Allah?’ He [Jesus] will say: ‘Glory to You! Never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, You indeed would have known it. You know what is in my heart, though I do not know what is in Yours. You alone are the Knower of things hidden.’” (Surah 5:109-110, 116)

As you have just heard, the “Jesus of the Quran” is no more than a prophet, one, I might add, who is inferior to Mohammad. How contrary this is to the truth of the Gospel and Our Lady’s Fatima Message!

## **B) The Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ**

Next, we move on to one of the most blatant errors found in the Quran. In the following passage, the crucifixion, death, and

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33 This is a common manner of addressing Jews and Christians in the Quran, since both groups possess valid Scriptures.

34 not, of course, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

35 This alleged event is straight out of various apocryphal gospels (see Spencer, *The Truth About Muhammad*, p. 54).

Resurrection of Our Lord are all denied:

- “...they said (in boast):<sup>36</sup> ‘We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah’; but they killed him not, nor crucified him, yet so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not. Nay, Allah took him up to Himself.” (Surah 4:157-158)

This passage exposes not only a Gnostic influence (a heretical sect that arose during the early to mid-second century and denied the true humanity of Christ, i.e. that He possessed a real, physical body),<sup>37</sup> it also exposes Mohammad’s profound ignorance of the historical record. Even apart from the New Testament, there are impartial, corroborating testimonies to the crucifixion and death of Our Lord under Pontius Pilate in the works of Josephus (Jewish historian, b. ca. A.D. 37) and Tacitus (Roman historian, b. ca. A.D. 56). And furthermore, the allegation that Christians “are full of doubts” and have “only conjecture to follow” is simply ridiculous. The texts of the New Testament make it abundantly clear that Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, died on the Cross, was buried, rose from the dead on the third day – His Body glorified – and ascended into Heaven on the 40th day after His Resurrection. All of these historical events were prophesied hundreds of years before Jesus was born, as He Himself taught; and our belief in these events is hardly a matter of conjecture. We have literally tens of thousands of ancient New Testament manuscripts, many of which show little to no textual differences, that confirm “the verity of those words in which thou hast been instructed” (Luke 1:4).

## II. Concerning Jews and Christians

Switching gears a bit, I now want to cover what the Quran has to say about the “People of the Book,” the standard Quranic title for Jews and Christians since both groups possess valid – but, according to Mohammad, “corrupted” – Scriptures. You see, when Mohammad began preaching to the Jews and Christians in Arabia and was largely unsuccessful in converting them, he decided they must have tampered

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36 referring to the Jews who clamored for Our Lord’s death.

37 *Ibid.*, p. 55.

with their Scriptures and either removed or twisted the supposed numerous passages that foretold his coming. Mr. Spencer explains this false accusation from the Islamic perspective: “It was only the sinful obstinacy of the Jews and Christians that prevented them from acknowledging [Mohammad’s prophetic status] – indeed, that sin was so great that ultimately it led them to alter their Scriptures in order to remove all references to Muhammad. The idea of Jews and Christians as sinful renegades from the truth of Islam would become a cornerstone of Islamic thought regarding non-Muslims.”<sup>38</sup> Here is what the Quran has to say about the “People of the Book”:

- “O you who believe [Muslims, exclusively]! Do not take the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he among you who turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily, Allah does not guide an unjust people.” (Surah 5:51)
- “Fight those who do not believe in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold forbidden that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger [Mohammad], nor acknowledge the religion of Truth [Islam], (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the *Jizya*<sup>39</sup> with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.” (Surah 9:29)

Those in the Church who are so bent on “dialoguing” with Islam must understand that Christians and Jews will *never* be accepted as equals by orthodox Muslims in any discussion!

### III. Concerning Jihad

And now we come to arguably the most controversial content found in the Quran: the passages dealing with *jihad* or holy war. The word itself literally means “struggle” in Arabic. Many people claim that *jihad* primarily refers to the “inner, spiritual struggle” of each individual believer. For example, in 2007 an international group of Muslim scholars and clerics produced a document called *A Common Word Between Us and You*,<sup>40</sup> which interestingly enough was released on October 13th (anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima).

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38 *Ibid.*, p. 95.

39 This is a tax imposed on non-Muslims.

40 available online at <http://www.acommonword.com>.



It was first and foremost a response to Pope Benedict XVI's famous Regensburg Address delivered the previous September (2006). During that speech, the theme of which was the relationship between faith and reason, the Holy Father quoted the following words of Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus (r. 1391-1425): "Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."<sup>41</sup> In response, the signers of *A Common Word* argue that the essential message of the Quran is the same as the Bible: love of God and neighbor. In other words, Christianity and Islam are equally loving and peaceful.

The major problem with this claim, however, is that it agrees neither with the Quran nor the entire history of Islam! Mohammad himself, the perfect model in all things according to the Quran and Islamic tradition,<sup>42</sup> exemplified during his life that *jihad* is primarily the bloody struggle against non-Muslims in order to establish worldwide Islamic rule. Dr. Thomas F. Madden, Professor of History at St. Louis University and expert on the Crusades and Muslim-Christian conflict, explains the Islamic rationale for *jihad* in his book *The New Concise History of the Crusades*:

After the conquest of Arabia, Mohammad envisioned the continued expansion of Islam. Indeed, expansionism working hand-in-hand with *jihad* became an important component in the Muslim world view. Traditional Islamic thought divided the world into spheres, the *Dar al-Islam* ("Abode of Islam") and the *Dar al-Harb* ("Abode of War"). The *Dar al-Islam* consisted of all those lands directly ruled by Muslims and subject to Islamic [Sharia] law. *Dar al-Harb*, which included the Christian world, was the place in which Muslims were enjoined to wage *jihad* against unbelievers, capturing their lands and subjecting their peoples. In this way it was believed that the *Dar al-Harb* would shrink and the *Dar al-Islam* would correspondingly increase until it covered the entire world.<sup>43</sup>

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41 Benedict XVI, Lecture entitled "Faith, Reason and the University Memories and Reflections" (see Endnote 3) ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/speeches/2006/september/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20060912\\_university-regensburg.html#\\_ftnref3](http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/speeches/2006/september/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20060912_university-regensburg.html#_ftnref3)).

42 See Spencer, *The Truth about Muhammad*, pp. 8-9.

43 Thomas F. Madden, *The New Concise History of the Crusades* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2005), p. 3.

To help visualize Islamic efforts toward global conquest, Dr. Bill Warner, founder and director of the Center for the Study of Political Islam, produced a short video entitled “Jihad vs. Crusades.”<sup>44</sup> In his video, Dr. Warner contrasts the aggressive expansionism of Islamic *jihad* with the defensive and limited nature of the Crusades. Using what he calls a “dynamic battle map,” he progressively shows a total of 548 *jihad* battles fought throughout the Mediterranean and beyond, spanning from the life of Mohammad to the year 1920 (around 1,300 years). He then shows how there were a total of only 16 Crusader battles fought throughout a very modest portion of the Middle East and covering all of about 160 years. In sum, as Dr. Warner asserts, there simply is no comparison between *jihad* and the Crusades.

And on that note, here is a sampling of Quranic passages that call upon Muslims to wage war against non-Muslims:

- “Remember your Lord inspired the angels (with the message): ‘I am with you: give firmness to the Believers [Muslims, exclusively]: I will instill terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers: smite them above their necks [decapitate them] and smite all their finger-tips off them. ... It is not you who slew them; it was Allah.’” (Surah 8:12, 17)

If you’ve ever wondered why beheading is the preferred method of execution for groups like ISIS, now you know!

- “But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent [convert to Islam], and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity, then open the way for them: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.” (Surah 9:5)

Consider for a moment the irony of this passage: Muslims are commanded to “fight and slay” – literally, *decapitate* – all who refuse to convert to Islam, yet non-Muslims are exhorted to “practice regular charity”!

- “Fighting is prescribed for you [all able-bodied Muslims], and you dislike it. But it is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you, and that you love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah

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44 available online at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_To-cV94Bo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_To-cV94Bo).

knows, and you know not.” (Surah 2:216)

- “Not equal are those believers who sit (at home) and receive no hurt and those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah has granted a grade higher to those who strive and fight with their goods and persons above those who sit (at home). Unto all (in Faith) has Allah promised good: But He has distinguished those who strive and fight above those who sit (at home) by a special reward...” (Surah 4:95)
- “Let those fight in the cause of Allah who sell the life of this world for the hereafter. To him who fights in the cause of Allah – whether he is slain or gets victory – soon We shall give him a reward of great (value).” (Surah 4:74)

Verses like this last one give us some insight as to why some Muslims are willing to strap explosives to themselves or hijack jetliners and fly them into skyscrapers. Tragically, they are brainwashed to believe that by committing such heinous acts of murder/suicide, they will receive “a reward of great value”!

## Heaven’s Peace Plan Revealed

I trust that, after hearing what I’ve shared thus far, we can all agree that a peaceful co-existence with Islam is not possible. No amount of political correctness, diplomacy, interreligious dialogue, or other human efforts can change the content of Islamic doctrine or the fervor with which it is practiced by millions of devout Muslims the world over. As long as Islam remains on earth, there will be no lasting peace for those who refuse to follow its false prophet. There is but one solution: Islam must be brought to an end. Many in the world would likely say that such a feat is impossible, but they forget that “with God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26), as Our Lord says.

Our heavenly Father, “Who knowest all things before they come to pass” (Dan. 13:42), foresaw the scourge of Islam, a work of the devil who is the father of lies and “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44). In response, the Lord has revealed to several holy souls, over the course of several centuries, that He will indeed bring an end to Islam, for as it is written in the Book of the Prophet Amos: “... the Lord God doth nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

Prophecy is a powerful reminder that God is all-knowing and is able to reveal “from the beginning the things that shall be at last, and from ancient times the things that as yet are not done, saying: My counsel shall stand, and all My will shall be done” (Isa. 46:10). It is a precious gift of insight into His eternal perspective and perfect plan, a gift that should be received with reverence and discernment, as St. Paul says: “Extinguish not the spirit. Despise not prophecies. But prove all things: hold fast that which is good” (I Thess. 5:19-21). Private revelations, of course, add nothing to the Deposit of Faith (the truths God has publicly revealed through Scripture and Tradition as necessary for salvation), but this fact certainly does not mean the faithful should disregard them. On the contrary, we would be very foolish to do so!

## Prophecies for the Latter Days

Over the past several years, one of my primary study interests besides Islam has been what Holy Scripture sometimes refers to as the “latter days”<sup>45</sup> or “last days,”<sup>46</sup> that is, the era leading up to the glorious Second Coming of Christ.<sup>47</sup> My interest in this topic has led me to read several interesting resources, including two books that provide a concise yet thorough look at authentic Catholic teaching concerning the end times. Those books are *Catholic Prophecy: The Coming Chastisement* by Yves Dupont and *Prophecy for Today: A Summary of the Catholic Tradition Concerning the End-of-Time Era* by Edward Connor. Both of these works present a large collection of prophecies from reliable Catholic sources, together with each author’s commentary, and cover such themes as the increased prominence of Mary prior to the Second Coming, the rise of a great Catholic Monarch, and the reign of an extraordinarily holy Pope. The definitive destruction of Islam is foretold in the context of these specific themes.

But before we explore the prophetic texts themselves, it is worth our time to consider the testimony of Mr. Dupont regarding the

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45 See Dan. 10:14.

46 See II Tim. 3:1, II Pet. 3:3.

47 It is interesting to note that during her 1957 interview with Fr. Augustine Fuentes, Sister Lucia revealed the following: “**Father, the Most Holy Virgin did not tell me that we are in the last times of the world, but She made me understand this...**” (<http://www.fatima.org/essentials/opposed/frfuentes.asp>).



Our Lady of Guadalupe standing atop a crescent moon, the universal symbol of Islam.  
Photo: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Virgen\\_de\\_Guadalupe.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Virgen_de_Guadalupe.jpg)

importance of prophecy. In the Introduction to his book, he states:

Indeed, prophecies are for our edification: They cast a light on many problems; they warn us against errors; they prepare us for dangers to come; and they are a manifestation of the power of God. At the same time, they are an encouragement and a consolation. The current crisis in the Church and in the world was predicted long ago, but the final victory of the Christian forces is also predicted; this is an encouragement and a consolation.<sup>48</sup>

I'm now going to share with you a small sampling of the prophecies quoted by Dupont and Connor in their respective books, some of which are found in both, beginning with those that foretell the increased prominence of Our Lady in the latter days. This period of time is popularly referred to as the "Age of Mary" and seems to be intertwined with the reign of the Great Monarch and Angelic Pope:

## I. Concerning the Age of Mary

- **Ven. Mary of Agreda** (1602-1665), the renowned Franciscan mystic from Spain who received numerous visions of the life of the Blessed Virgin, testified:

"It was revealed to me that through the intercession of the Mother of God all heresies will disappear. The victory over heresies has been reserved by Christ for His Blessed Mother. In the latter days, the Lord will in a special manner spread the renown of His Mother. Mary began salvation, and by Her intercession it will be completed. Before the second coming of Christ, Mary, more than ever, must shine in mercy, might, and grace in order to bring unbelievers into the Catholic faith. **The power of Mary in the latter days will be very conspicuous. Mary will extend the reign of Christ over the heathens and the Mohammadans, and it will be a time of great joy when Mary is enthroned as Mistress and Queen of Hearts.**"<sup>49</sup>

It is very interesting to note that in *The Mystical City of God* (the written account of her visions), Ven. Mary describes how almost

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48 Yves Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy: The Coming Chastisement* (Rockford: TAN Books and Publishers, Inc., 1970), p. 9.

49 Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy*, p. 33; Edward Connor, *Prophecy for Today: A Summary of the Catholic Tradition Concerning the End-of-Time Era* (Charlotte: TAN Books, 2010 edition), p. 49.

immediately after Our Lord's redemptive death, the devil and his minions devised a myriad of heresies to lead souls away from Christ, including "the sect of Mahomet."<sup>50</sup>

- Next, we have **St. Louis De Montfort** (1673-1716), the veritable Apostle of Our Lady who was named Missionary Apostolic by Pope Clement XI. He stated:

"The power of Mary over all devils will be particularly outstanding in the last period of time. **She will extend the Kingdom of Christ over the idolaters and Moslems**, and there will come a glorious era in which Mary will be the ruler and Queen of human hearts."<sup>51</sup>

De Montfort wrote extensively about the increased prominence of Our Lady leading up to the Second Coming of Her Divine Son in his classic work *True Devotion to Mary*. The following is one such passage not included by Dupont or Connor in their respective books:

- **"Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, in might and in grace, in these latter times:** in mercy, to bring back and lovingly receive the poor strayed sinners who shall be converted and shall return to the Catholic Church; **in might, against the enemies of God, idolaters, schismatics, Mahometans, Jews and souls hardened in impiety**, who shall rise in terrible revolt against God to seduce all those who shall oppose them and to make them fall by promises and threats; and finally, She must shine forth in grace, in order to animate and sustain the valiant soldiers and faithful servants of Jesus Christ, who shall battle for His interests."<sup>52</sup>

Notice how Ven. Mary and St. Louis both predict the ultimate demise of Islam specifically through the intervention of Our Lady. Continuing on this theme, let's return for a moment to Archbishop Sheen's book *The World's First Love*, in which he wrote:

It is our firm belief that the fears some entertain concerning the Muslims are not to be realized, but that **Islam, instead, will eventually be converted to Christianity**—and in a way that

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50 *The Mystical City of God*, A Popular Abridgement (Rockford: TAN Books and Publishers, Inc., 1978), p. 584.

51 Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy*, p. 33; Connor, *Prophecy for Today*, p. 49.

52 *True Devotion to Mary*, n. 50, § 6 (p. 29 of edition published by TAN Books in 1985).

even some of our missionaries never suspect. It is our belief that this will happen not through the direct teaching of Christianity but **through a summoning of Muslims to a veneration of the Mother of God.**<sup>53</sup>

He goes on to explain that although Muslims vehemently reject the divinity of Christ, they ironically have great devotion to His Mother. In fact, there is a verse in the Quran that seems to imply belief in the Immaculate Conception, which he quotes: “Oh, Mary, Allah has chosen you and purified you, and elected you above all the women of the earth.” [Surah 3:42]<sup>54</sup>

Finally, Archbishop Sheen makes a crucial connection between the conversion of Muslims and Our Lady of Fatima:

Mary, then, is for the Muslims the true *Sayyida*, or Lady. The only possible serious rival to Her in their creed would be Fatima, the daughter of Mohammad himself. ... Since nothing ever happens out of Heaven except with a finesse of all details, I believe that the Blessed Virgin chose to be known as “Our Lady of Fatima” as a pledge and sign of hope to the Muslim people and as an assurance that they, who show Her so much respect, will one day accept Her Divine Son, too. ... **Missionaries in the future will, more and more, see that their apostolate among the Muslims will be successful in the measure that they preach Our Lady of Fatima.**<sup>55</sup>

## II. Concerning the Great Monarch and Angelic Pope

The Age of Mary, as I mentioned, seems to be intertwined with the reign of the Great Monarch and Angelic Pope, two figures who are spoken of frequently in the prophecies quoted by Dupont and Connor. It also appears that the triumph of Our Lady will be preceded by a terrible global war and revolution, as well as extreme natural disasters and supernatural chastisements sent from God to purify mankind. More specifically in regard to war, several prophecies indicate that Islamic forces will invade and subdue Western Europe, a feat they have been trying to accomplish since the Eighth century.

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53 Sheen, *The World's First Love*, p. 205.

54 *Ibid.*, p. 206.

55 *Ibid.*, pp. 206-208.



At some point during this period of great trials, the Lord will raise up the Great Monarch and Angelic Pope as His chosen instruments to usher in a time of unprecedented justice, conversion, and peace. Let us briefly survey some of the prophecies concerning their identity and mission:

- **St. Caesar (or Caesarius) of Arles** (c. A.D. 470-543),<sup>56</sup> a Sixth century French bishop, wrote:

“When the entire world, and in a special way France, ... shall have been prey to the greatest miseries and trials, then the provinces shall be succored by **a prince who had been exiled in his youth**, and who shall recover the crown of the lilies [symbol of France]. ... At the same time there will be **a Great Pope**, who will be most eminent in sanctity and most perfect in every quality. This Pope shall have with him **the Great Monarch, a most virtuous man, who shall be a scion of the holy race of the French kings**. This Great Monarch will assist the Pope in the reformation of the whole earth. ... **All nations shall recognize the Holy See of Rome and shall pay homage to the Pope.**”<sup>57</sup>

**Josefa von Bourg** (also known as Joséphine du Bourg),<sup>58</sup> a 19th century French religious and founder of the Congregation of Our Saviour, provides some further details about the Great Monarch’s prestigious ancestry:

“**God will choose a descendent of Constantine, Pepin** [son of the famous Charles Martel], **and St. Louis** [IX, King of France], who has been tried by a long period of disappointment, to come from exile to rule over Europe. He will have the sign of the cross on his breast and besides being a religious man, will be kind, wise, just, and powerful. **Under him the Catholic religion will spread as never before.**”<sup>59</sup>

The clear consensus throughout these prophecies is that the Great Monarch will be of French descent and, by God’s grace together with the help of the Angelic Pope, will re-establish France as a Catholic Confessional State. Regarding his *country* of origin, however, Dupont

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56 See Catholic Encyclopedia, article “St. Caesarius of Arles” (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03135b.htm>).

57 Connor, *Prophecy for Today*, p. 30.

58 See Catholic Encyclopedia, article “Limoges” (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09263a.htm>).

59 Connor, *Prophecy for Today*, p. 37.

makes an interesting point in his commentary: “The Great King will be of Frankish descent, although his actual nationality is uncertain. Inter-marriage between the various royal families of Europe makes it possible for virtually every prince to claim Frankish ancestry.”<sup>60</sup> This interrelation of European royalty extends beyond Western Europe and includes Russia. For example, King George V of England and Tsar Nicholas II of Russia were actually first cousins (their mothers were sisters).

Note, also, how the Great Monarch will come “from exile.” Perhaps he will somehow have a connection to Russia, in light of Our Lady’s promise that Russia will eventually be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart and subsequently converted.

- Moving on, we have the words of **Joachim of Flora** (c. 1132-1202),<sup>61</sup> a medieval Cistercian abbot from Italy (identified as Abbot Joachin Merlin by Dupont):

“After many long sufferings endured by Christians, and after too great an effusion of blood, the Lord shall give peace and happiness to the desolated nations. **A remarkable Pope will be seated on the pontifical Throne under the special protection of the Angels.** Holy and full of gentleness, he shall undo all wrong; he shall recover the Estate [lands] of the Church, and reunite the exiled temporal powers. **He shall be revered by everybody, and shall recover the Kingdom of Jerusalem. He shall reunite the Eastern and Western Churches.**<sup>62</sup> The sanctity of this beneficent Pontiff will be so great that the highest potentates shall bow down in his presence. **All men will return to the primitive Church,** and there shall be only one Pastor, one Law, one Master—humble, modest, and fearing God.

**Before being firmly and solidly established in the Holy See, however, there will be countless wars and violent conflicts during which the sacred Throne will be shaken.** But through the favor of divine mercy, moved by the prayers of the faithful, everything will succeed so well that they shall be able to sing

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60 Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy*, p. 18.

61 See Catholic Encyclopedia, article “Joachim of Flora” (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08406c.htm>).

62 Such a reunion would not be possible without the return of the Russian Orthodox Church (by far, the largest and most influential of all the schismatic Orthodox Churches) to communion with Rome.

hymns of thanksgiving to the glory of the Lord. In order to obtain these happy results, having need of a powerful temporal assistance, the Holy Pontiff will ask for the collaboration of the generous Monarch of France.”<sup>63</sup>

Several things could be said regarding such amazing predictions as the recovery of Jerusalem and healing of the East-West schism. Instead, I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that Abbot Joachim speaks of “countless wars and violent conflicts during which the sacred Throne will be shaken,” all prior to the Angelic Pope “being firmly and solidly established.” This brings to mind the prophecy of Pope St. Pius X (r. 1903-1914), included by Dupont in his book: “I saw one of my successors taking flight over the bodies of his brethren. He will take refuge in disguise somewhere; and after a short retirement he will die a cruel death. The present wickedness of the world is only the beginning of the sorrows which must take place before the end of the world.”<sup>64</sup> This prophecy is strikingly similar to the vision of the “Bishop dressed in white” released by the Vatican in 2000,<sup>65</sup> which constitutes half of the Third Secret of Fatima (as you know, we have yet to see Our Lady's words that explain the vision).<sup>66</sup>

### III. Concerning the Destruction of Islam

At last, we come to the prophecies that speak directly of the end of Islam, an end achieved not only by the heavenly influence of Our Lady but also by the mighty hand of the Great Monarch and his army:

- **Ven. Bartholomew Holzhauser** (1613-1658),<sup>67</sup> a renowned German priest and theologian alive during the 1600s, wrote extensively about the era of peace to be ushered in by the Great Monarch. Specifically regarding Islam, he wrote:

“The powerful Monarch, who will be sent by God, will uproot

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63 Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy*, p. 26-27.

64 *Ibid.*, p. 22.

65 See Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “The Message of Fatima,” published 26 June 2000 ([http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20000626\\_message-fatima\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20000626_message-fatima_en.html)).

66 For a thorough examination of the Third Secret of Fatima, that is, the third part of the great Secret containing the words of Our Lady which have yet to be released, see *The Secret Still Hidden* by Christopher A. Ferrara (<http://secretstillhidden.com>).

67 See Catholic Encyclopedia, article “Bartholomew Holzhauser” (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07439b.htm>).

every republic. He will submit everything to his authority, and he will show great zeal for the true Church of Christ. **The empire of the Mohammadans will be broken up**, and this Monarch will reign in the East as well as in the West. **All nations will come to worship God in the true Catholic and Roman faith.** There will be many Saints and Doctors (of the Church) on earth. **Peace will reign over the whole earth** because God will bind satan for a number of years until the days of the Son of Perdition [Antichrist].”<sup>68</sup>

- Similarly, **Rudolph Gekner** (d. 1675) stated:

“**A great prince of the North** with a most powerful army will traverse all Europe, uproot all republics, and exterminate all rebels. His sword, moved by Divine power, will most valiantly defend the Church of Jesus Christ. He will combat on behalf of the true orthodox [Catholic] faith, and **shall subdue to his dominion the Mahometan Empire.**”<sup>69</sup>

- And finally, **Br. Louis Rocco** (19th century) predicted:

“**In Istanbul (Constantinople) the Cross will replace the half-moon of Islamism**, and Jerusalem will be the seat of a King. The southern Slavs will form a great Catholic Empire and drive out of Europe **the Turks (Mohammadans)**, who **will withdraw to North Africa and subsequently embrace the Catholic faith.**”<sup>70</sup>

## **Communism and Islam, a Diabolical Alliance**

Towards the beginning of my talk, I mentioned that Russia and Islam have long since been partners in crime, a fact that is well documented and crucial to understanding why the conversion of Russia is vital for the defeat of Islam. Before I conclude, allow me to briefly elaborate on this point.

A few years ago, a friend of mine introduced me to a documentary film called *Agenda: Grinding America Down* produced by former Idaho state representative Curtis Bowers.<sup>71</sup> Throughout the film, Mr. Bowers and his colleagues demonstrate with copious evidence that

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68 Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy*, p. 40.

69 Connor, *Prophecy for Today*, p. 36.

70 Dupont, *Catholic Prophecy*, p. 76.

71 For more information about the film, visit <http://www.agendadocumentary.com>.

Communism, the quintessential error of Russia, is not only still alive and well but also gaining significant ground worldwide, including in the United States.<sup>72</sup> In his sequel film, *Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit*, Bowers and company present compelling evidence that the Soviet KGB (Russian secret police, now called the FSB) has been promoting international Islamic terrorism behind the scenes for decades. The film cites Lt. Gen. Ion Mihai Pacepa, former head of intelligence for communist Romania, who defected to the United States in 1978. In his 2013 book *Disinformation*, Pacepa recounts how in 1972 Yuri Andropov (head of the KGB at the time) concocted a plan to send thousands of Soviet agents into the Islamic world to stir up hatred of America, Israel, and the West, in general. Pacepa also reveals how Soviet bloc countries supplied weapons and ammunition to terrorist organizations throughout the Middle East.<sup>73</sup>

In terms of ideology, it makes perfect sense why Russia would want to partner with the Islamic world to further its own agenda because, as Mr. Bowers asserts in *Agenda 2*, “Communism and Islam are twins.”<sup>74</sup> Now obviously, they disagree about the existence of God and ultimately stand in each other’s way of world domination, but they very much share common enemies, most notably: Christ, His Church, and Christian civilization. And as the old saying goes, “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” Communism and Islam also agree on the principle that the end justifies the means; in other words, whatever means is necessary for achieving their goal of global conquest is justified in their minds, including the slaughter of innocent people.

Those tempted to believe that this diabolical alliance between the KGB and Islam ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union should think again. Anatoliy Golitsyn, a former high-ranking KGB agent who defected to the U.S. in 1961, wrote extensively about how the so-called “collapse” of the USSR was actually planned decades in advance as

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72 This fact should not surprise us, considering the testimony of Sister Lucia during a 1946 interview with Catholic historian William Thomas Walsh. When asked by Professor Walsh if she believed that “every country, without exception, will be overcome by Communism” unless Russia is properly consecrated, she answered, “Yes” (<http://www.fatima.org/consecrussia/srlucy1946.asp>).

73 For a full account of the details, see *Disinformation: Former Spy Chief Reveals Secret Strategies for Undermining Freedom, Attacking Religion, and Promoting Terrorism* by Lt. Gen. Ion Mihai Pacepa and Prof. Ronald J. Rychlak (Washington, DC: WND Books, Inc., 2013), p. 259-265; also, the documentary film *Disinformation: The Secret Strategy to Destroy the West* (based on Pacepa’s book).

74 For further evidence of this fact, see the 2016 documentary film *The Enemies Within* produced by Trevor Loudon (<https://enemieswithinmovie.com/>).

part of a strategy to lure the West into a false sense of victory and security.<sup>75</sup> On top of this is the fact that Vladimir Putin, the man who has been running the Russian Federation in one capacity or another since 1999, was a committed member of the KGB for 16 years! It is thus doubtful that the partnership between Russia and Islam has waned in the slightest under Mr. Putin.<sup>76</sup>

## Conclusion

This is precisely why the consecration and subsequent conversion of Russia is indispensable for obtaining the promised period of peace. Once Russia is truly converted, i.e. becomes Catholic, it will go from being a close ally of Islam to its mortal enemy. During his speech at the 2007 *Fatima: Only Way to World Peace* Conference, Father Gruner touched on this key point while discussing the triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart:

Her triumph is in three stages: the first stage is “In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me.” That is the first stage. We have been at this stage for 90 years [and now in 2016, almost 100 years].

When Russia is consecrated, then Russia will be converted. That is the second stage. That will take less than a couple of years. And then when Russia is converted, peace will be given to the world shortly after that.

**In the prophetic visions of St. John Bosco, we see that the Pope will not consecrate Russia until Russia invades the West.** St. John Bosco had a vision of the Russian armies in France, and they have not been there yet this century (for the last 100 years). They will bring with them a black standard or a black flag. While they are in France, their standard will turn from black to white. That moment will be when Russia has been consecrated and it has converted. The Russian armies then will stay in France and

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75 For a detailed commentary on Golitsyn's two books (*News Lies for Old* and *The Perestroika Deception*), see “Communism Alive and Menacing, KGB Defector Claims” by Cornelia Ferreira (<http://www.fatima.org/news/newsviews/perestoi.asp>).

76 While it is true that Putin has spoken boldly against ISIS and launched numerous airstrikes against their forces in Syria, his motives may not be what they seem. Putin's zeal to wipe out ISIS could have much more to do with their rogue status (i.e. refusal to take orders from the Kremlin) rather than their crimes against innocent victims. Let us pray for Mr. Putin to show consistent evidence of true conversion ‘in deed and in truth’ (1 John 3:18).

Western Europe, not as enemies but as friends, to defend Europe from the invasion from the South.

**As St. John Bosco summarizes his dream, “Salvation is from the North, danger is from the South,” meaning the Islamic armies that are marching into Europe. The Russians stay there, when they are converted, and defeat the Islamic armies and save Europe.<sup>77</sup>**

This is why we must continue to pray and petition the Holy Father for the explicit, collegial consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This must be our mission as Our Lady’s Army of Advocates, trusting that “through the favor of divine mercy, *moved by the prayers of the faithful*” (Abbot Joachim of Flora), the glorious promises of God will be accomplished. Let us, therefore, renew our commitment to offer up prayers and sacrifices daily for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of Russia, and the triumph of Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart, that through Her triumph Christ the King may reign supreme “till the moon [of Islam] be taken away” (Ps. 71:7). *Viva Cristo Rey!*

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77 Fr. Nicholas Gruner, “Fatima and Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart,” speech delivered on 20 Aug. 2007 ([http://www.fatimapaceconferences.com/brazil\\_2007/transcripts/fatima&olimh.pdf](http://www.fatimapaceconferences.com/brazil_2007/transcripts/fatima&olimh.pdf)) (quoted by James Hanisch in his book *Only She Can Help Us!* [Pound Ridge: Good Counsel Publications, 2014], p. 82).



Column of the Virgin Mary (Mariensaule) in Munich

In 1683 Elector Max Emanuel made a point of setting off to war from here against the armies of the Ottoman Empire which were threatening Christian Europe. Notice the statue of Our Lady is standing atop a crescent moon, the universal symbol of Islam.

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