

On So-Called Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Any so-called heavenly apparition, message, or devotion to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels, or saints that is heretical or immoral or erroneous in any other way is false and of the devil, as well as the seer that propagates it. What follows is a list of few of many: Hildegard von Bingen; Bridget of Sweden; Therese of Liseux; Veronica Leuken and the Bayside apparitions; the Medjugorje apparitions; Fr. Stephano Gobbi and his Marian Movement of Priests; Luisa Piccarreta and the Divine Will apparitions; Maria Valtorta; Anne Katherine Emmerick; Maria Esperanza; Sister Faustina Kowalska and the Divine Mercy apparition; Mary Jane Even; Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa and the Akita, Japan, apparitions; the Garabandal apparitions; the LaSalette apparitions; and the Fatima apparitions. These seers and apparitions of Mary are manifestly false either because the so-called messages of Mary explicitly refer to apostate antipopes as popes, and worse, refer to them as holy; or because they contain one or more heresies or immoralities. (See my video *Faith before Signs and Wonders*; and my article *Against Fatima* and my *Brief on Signs and Wonders*.)

Two apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary that I believe are true are Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Lourdes.

After many in Europe fell away from the faith during the Great Apostasy, God turned to the Americas to get converts from its inhabitants. The Catholic Church for many years thrived in the Americas. And not until recently, none of the churches, to my knowledge, were desecrated. The Blessed Mother's appearance as Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1531, which effected many conversions, was a sign that God abandoned Europe, for the most part, and turned to the Americas.

The sole purpose of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes was to confirm the doctrine of her Immaculate Conception. In my opinion, there were two reasons for this.

- 1) The Blessed Mother knew a day would come when Pius IX would be exposed as an apostate antipope and thus his so-called infallible definition of the Immaculate would then be known to be fallible and thus she needed to confirm the doctrine from heaven, not infallibly because only the pope can do that, but to confirm it for a future pope to infallibly define.
- 2) Those who believed Pius IX was a pope and did not accept his so-called infallible definition in 1854 of the Immaculate Conception became formal heretics and fell outside the Catholic Church by automatic excommunication for denying the putative dogma of the Immaculate Conception. I say putative dogma because even though it was not a dogma they should have believed it was because they believed Pius IX was the pope and because the so-called dogma did not deny or doubt any past dogmas. And in so doing, they also denied papal infallibility, as all formal heretics do. To help prevent this, the Blessed Mother appeared at Lourdes about four years later in 1858 to confirm her Immaculate Conception. Many times when a heretic abjures his specific heresy or putative heresy in this case, it can lead him to abjuring from his heresy of denying papal infallibility. It is certain that many of these nominal Catholics idolized the apostate Thomas Aquinas and thus put his teaching over that of infallible papal definitions, as they believed Pius IX was a pope. Aquinass did not believe in the Immaculate Conception. He believed Mary was sanctified in the womb, and thus she was stained with original sin but freed from it in the womb and thus was born without sin. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception teaches that Mary was conceived without sin and thus was never stained with original sin.

For the glory of God; in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, St. Joseph, Ss. Joachim and Anne, St. John the Baptist, the other angels and saints; and for the salvation of men

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