

**THE
SECRETS
OF
FATIMA**



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Introduction

During 1917, three children in the town of Fatima, Portugal, experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary six times between the 13th of May and the 13th of October.

Previously, in 1916, they had been visited three times by an angel who had prepared the children for the visitation of the Virgin Mary.



*Above - The Three Children of Fatima
left to right, Jacinta Marto, Lucia Dos Santos, Francisco Marto*

On July 13, 1917, around noon, during her third visit, the Virgin Mary entrusted the children with a secret in three parts, which is often referred to as the "Three Secrets of Fatima".

Two of the secrets were revealed in 1941 in a document written by Lucia, at the request of Jose da Silva, Bishop of Leiria, to assist with the publication of a new edition of a book on Jacinta (another of the three children).

The first two secrets contained a vision of hell and foretold information surrounding the two World Wars and Soviet Russia.

Pope John Paul II released the text of the third part of the secret of Fatima in 2000.

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The Three Children of Fatima



*Above - The Three Children of Fatima
left to right, Jacinta Marto, Lucia Dos Santos, Francisco Marto*



*Above - The Three Children of Fatima
left to right, Lucia dos Santos,
and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto*

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Place Born / Died	Age at Death
Lucia Dos Santos	22 Mar 1907	13 Feb 2005	Fatima / Coimbra Portugal	97 yrs
Francisco Marto	11 Jun 1908	04 Apr 1919	Fatima / Fatima Portugal	10 yrs
Jacinta Marto	11 Mar 1910	20 Feb 1920	Fatima / Lisbon Portugal	9 yrs

Name	Age at 1st Visitation of the Angel, Spring 1916	Age at 1st Visitation of the Virgin Mary, 13 May 1917
Lucia Dos Santos (1907-2005)	8 or 9 yrs	10 yrs
Francisco Marto (1908-1919)	8 yrs	8 yrs (9 yrs the following month)
Jacinta Marto (1910-1920)	5 or 6 yrs	7 yrs



Above - The Three Children at the place of the Apparitions

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The HeaventyVisitations

Apparition of the Angel

The Angel			
When	Where	Who	Instructions / Admonitions
<p>1916</p> <p>Spring</p>	<p>Fatima</p> <p>1st</p> <p>Apparition</p>	<p>An Angel who identified himself as the <i>"Angel of Peace"</i>.</p> <p>The angel appeared to the three children as they were pasturing their sheep.</p>	<p>To prepare the children for three visitation by the Virgin Mary</p> <p>The Angel taught the children how to pray</p> <p>The angel knelt on the ground and recited this prayer three times as the children repeated it after him: <i>"O my God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee."</i></p>
<p>1916</p> <p>Summer</p>	<p>Fatima</p> <p>2nd</p> <p>Apparition</p>	<p>The Angel appeared again and further identified himself as the <i>"Guardian Angel of Portugal"</i>.</p>	<p>To admonish the children "to constantly offer prayers and sacrifices to the most high".</p> <p>He said: <i>"Pray, Pray a great deal. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices continually to the Most High. Make everything you do a sacrifice, and offer it as an act of reparation for the sins by which God is offended, and as a petition for the conversion of sinners. Bring peace to our country in this way ... I am the Guardian Angel of Portugal. Accept and bear with submission all the sufferings the Lord will send you."</i></p>

The Angel			
When	Where	Who	Instructions / Admonitions
<p>1916 Autumn</p>	<p>Fatima 3rd Apparition</p>	<p>The Angel appeared again.</p>	<p>To give the children Holy Communion, and to demonstrate the "proper way to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist".</p> <p>The angel prostrated himself on the ground before a vision of a chalice and host, and he said: <i>"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee 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 whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners."</i></p> <p>Lucia received the host on the tongue, and the angel shared the blood of the chalice between Jacinta and Francisco.</p>

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Apparition of the Virgin Mary

The Virgin Mary			
When	Where	Who	Instructions / Admonitions
<p>1917 13 May Sunday</p>	<p>Fatima 1st Apparition</p>	<p>Virgin Mary</p> <p>Accompanied by two bright flashes of light, Mary appeared to the children, above a small Holm oak tree, as a lady in a brilliant, and radiant light.</p> <p>Mary then asked the children to recite the Rosary every day and then she rose in a cloud into the sky.</p>	<p>Mary instructed the children to return on the 13th of the month for the next consecutive 6 months.</p> <p>Lucia asked: "Where are you from?"</p> <p>Our Lady responded: <i>"I am from Heaven."</i></p> <p>Lucia asked, "What do you want of us?"</p> <p>Our Lady responded, <i>"I came to ask you to come here on the thirteenth day for six months at this same time, and then I will tell you who I am and what I want. And afterwards, I will return here a seventh time."</i></p>

The Virgin Mary			
When	Where	Who	Instructions / Admonitions
<p style="text-align: center;">1917</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of St Anthony of Padua</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fatima</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apparition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virgin Mary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary appeared to the children.</p> <p>A few dozen curious people were with the children, but the crowd only saw a small white cloud hovering over the shrub where Mary is actually appearing to the children.</p>	<p>The children were asked to pray the rosary daily.</p> <p>And Mary promised to "take" Jacinta and Francisco soon".</p> <p>Mary instructed: <i>"I want you to come on the thirteenth day of next month and to pray the Rosary every day and I want you to learn to read."</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">1917</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fatima</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apparition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virgin Mary</p> <p>Some 5,000 people joined the children in the field; and as the children were praying the Rosary, a little white cloud descended.</p> <p>Mary only appears to the children but the other people "sensed" that something "unusual" is unfolding.</p>	<p>A Secret in Three Parts was imparted to the children.</p> <p>Mary instructed: <i>"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice, 'O my Jesus, this is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"</i></p> <p>At this point the children saw a terrifying vision of Hell; and Mary responded to the vision with sadness and tenderness: <i>"You saw Hell where the souls of poor sinners go. In order to save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I ask, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."</i></p>

The Virgin Mary			
When	Where	Who	Instructions / Admonitions
<p>1917</p> <p>13 August</p> <p>Monday</p>	<p>The Children were in prison in Ourem</p> <p>4th</p> <p>Apparition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virgin Mary</p> <p>A crowd of approx. 15,000 had gathered in the field when they heard that the children had been detained by the civil authorities.</p> <p>The crowd was getting increasingly angry, then suddenly there was a loud clap of thunder and a blinding flash of light. This was followed by a small, brilliant white cloud, which descend to where the children previously met Mary.</p> <p>The cloud remained for a few minutes and then rapidly rose out of sight.</p> <p>A supernatural light remained, and people experienced the scent of flowers.</p>	<p>The children were released later that day after enduring hostile treatment and death-threats by the civil authorities.</p>
<p>1917</p> <p>19 August</p> <p>Sunday</p>	<p>The Children were at a small village, Valinos, which is near Fatima</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virgin Mary</p> <p>Mary appears to the children while they are pasturing their sheep. She urges the children to continue coming on the thirteenth of the month and to pray the Rosary every day.</p> <p>Mary repeated her promise of the miracle on 13 October, but it will be "<i>less great</i>" because of the children's treatment.</p> <p>The vision then rose in a cloud of light and disappeared.</p>	<p>Lucia was instructed to go to Cova da Iria Fatima on 13 Oct 1917, and the Virgin would "appear and perform a miracle that all people may believe".</p> <p>Mary Instructed: "<i>Pray, pray a great deal and make many sacrifices for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and to pray for them.</i>"</p> <p>She also said that in October, "<i>St. Joseph too will come with the Holy Child to bring peace to the world. Our Lord will also come to bless the people. Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Sorrows will come too.</i>"</p> <p>See Appendix for details of the miracle.</p>

The Virgin Mary			
When	Where	Who	Instructions / Admonitions
<p>1917</p> <p>13 September</p> <p>Thursday</p>	<p>Fatima</p> <p>5th</p> <p>Apparition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virgin Mary</p> <p>The crowd was now more than 30,000 people; and many of them saw a small white cloud descend to the children.</p> <p>They also saw what looked like a rain of colourful rose petals which vanished on reaching the ground.</p>	<p>The children were instructed to wear the penance belts, which they had made for themselves, during the day only.</p> <p>Mary instructed: <i>"Continue to pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, and Our Lady of Sorrows and of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to sleep with the rope on; wear it only during the day."</i></p>
<p>1917</p> <p>13 October</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>Fatima</p> <p>6th</p> <p>Apparition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virgin Mary</p> <p>More than 70,000 people had gathered.</p> <p>No description of Mary's actual manifestation is given other than "a flash of light" preceded her arrival.</p> <p>While the gathered people witnessed the Miracle of the Sun, the children saw visions of the Holy Family, Jesus, Joseph and Mary.</p> <p>They also saw Jesus carrying His cross with His Mother.</p>	<p>Mary said: <i>"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."</i></p> <p>She also said, <i>"I would like a chapel built here in my honour."</i></p> <p>And She added that <i>"the war will end soon"</i> and the soldiers would soon be returning to their homes.</p> <p>As Mary was about to leave she pointed to the sun and Lucia cried out: <i>"Look at the sun!"</i></p> <p>The rain had stopped, the black clouds parted, and the sun began to whirl in the sky - scattering rays of multicoloured light and lighting up the entire countryside.</p> <p>The sun whirled for three minutes, stopped, and then resumed again a second and a third time, lasting for total of twelve minutes. The sun spun faster each time, and at the end it seemed to tear itself from the sky and began plunging to earth.</p> <p>The miracle was seen over a 600 square mile area. The Portugal newspapers gave extensive accounts; however, the overseas newspapers did not give much space to the story.</p>

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The Scent of Roses

The children mentioned that during the apparitions of the Virgin Mary they smelled the scent of roses.

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Francisco and Jacinta Marto



Above - Francisco Marto



Above - Jacinta Marto

An influenza epidemic hit Europe in autumn of 1918, and both Jacinta and Francisco Marto fell ill.

Francisco

Francisco recovered somewhat and there were hopes that he might become well, but his condition worsened again. He offered up all his sufferings as a way of consoling God for the sinfulness and ingratitude of mankind, becoming so weak that eventually he could not even pray.



Above - Francisco Marto

He received his first Communion, and on the next day, 4 April 1919, he died. Francisco was 10 yrs old when he died.

Jacinta

Jacinta was confined to her bed during the winter months, and although she recovered from the influenza she contracted bronchial pneumonia. She also developed a painful abscess in her chest. Jacinta was moved to the hospital in Ourem in July 1919, where she underwent a painful treatment, but to no avail; and she returned home in August 1919 with an open wound in her side. It was decided that another attempt should be made to treat her, and in January 1920 she was taken to Lisbon, where she was diagnosed as having purulent pleurisy and diseased ribs.



Above - Jacinta Marto

In February 1920 Jacinta was admitted into hospital, where she underwent painful surgery to remove two of her ribs. This resulted in a large wound in her side that had to be dressed daily, which caused her agony.

On the evening of 20 February 1920 the local priest was called and heard Jacinta's Confession, but he insisted on waiting till the next day to bring her Communion, despite her protests that she felt worse, and as the Virgin Mary had told her, Jacinta died that night alone and far from her family. Her body was returned to Fatima and buried with that of Francisco, until both were later moved to the basilica built at the Cova da Iria. Jacinta was 9 yrs old when she died.



Above - In 1935 Jacinta's body was exhumed it was found to be incorrupt in the tomb after fifteen years of being buried in quicklime



Above - Jacinta's Second Exhumation in 1951

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Lucia Dos Santos

In 1921 Lucia left Fatima to attend a convent school in Vilar where she could grow up as a normal child, insulated from all the attention created by the apparitions.

In 1925 (18 yrs) Lucia joined The Sisters of St. Dorothy in Spain and in 1948 transferred to the cloistered convent of the Carmelites at Coimbra in Portugal, where Sister Lucia just disappeared from view.



Above - Sister Lucia as a Dorothean Nun



Above - Sister Lucia as a Carmelite Nun

However, she continued to have private visions, and maintained links with the Vatican for the remainder of her life. Lucia Dos Santos died on e 13 February 2005, at the age of 97 yrs.



Above - Lucia Dos Santos (1907 - 2005)

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The Three Parts of the Secret of Fatima

The First Part of the secret imparted at the Cova da Iria-Fatima, on 13 July 1917

A Vision of Hell

Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repulsive likeness to frightful and unknown animals, all black and transparent. This vision lasted but an instant. How can we ever be grateful enough to our kind heavenly Mother, who had already prepared us by promising, in the first Apparition, to take us to heaven. Otherwise, I think we would have died of fear and terror.
(Lucia Santos, *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*, p. 123)

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The Second Part of the secret imparted at the Cova da Iria-Fatima, on 13 July 1917

A statement that World War I would end, and the prediction of another war, World War II during the reign of a Pope Pius XI, should men continue offending God and should Russia not convert. The second half of the communication requests that Russia be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart.

You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end: but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. 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.
(Lucia Santos, (*Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*, pp. 123-124)

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The Third Part of the secret revealed at the Cova da Iria-Fatima, on 13 July 1917

I write in obedience to you, my God, who command me to do so through his Excellency the Bishop of Leiria and through your Most Holy Mother and mine.

After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance, Penance, Penance!'. And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in White 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot

of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.
(Lucia Santos, *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*, p. 215)

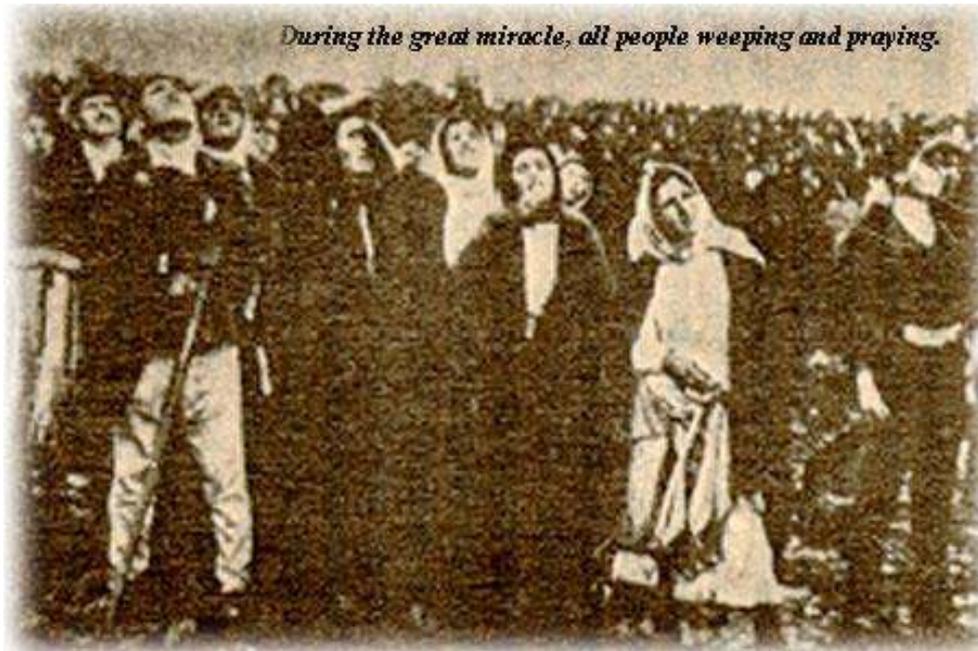
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Appendix

The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

13 October 1917

On 13 October 1917, in the Cova da Iria fields near Fatima, Portugal, the "Miracle of the Sun" was witnessed by 30,000 to 100,000 people. Those in attendance had assembled to witness the claim by three shepherd children that a miracle was going to occur at midday.



Above - Photo of people at the "Great Miracle", 13 Oct 1917

According to witness statements, after a down-pouring of rain, the dark clouds broke and the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky. It was said to be significantly duller than normal and

was able to be directly looked at. Moreover, the sun cast multicolored lights across the landscape, the shadows on the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun then dived towards the earth in a zigzag pattern, frightening some of the people who thought it meant the end of the world.

Witnesses also reported that their previously wet clothes became "suddenly and completely dry, as well as the wet and muddy ground that had been previously soaked because of the rain that had been falling.



Above - Photo of the heavy rain storm that broke out upon the people who came to witness the miracle, 11:00 am, 13 Oct 1917

Witness Reports

The following witness reports have not been verified.

"I looked at the sun and saw it spinning like a disc, rolling on itself. I saw people changing colour. They were stained with the colours of the rainbow. The sun seemed to fall down from the sky. The people said that the world was going to end. They were afraid and screaming," said Antonio de Oliveira, Farmer.

"Suddenly the rain stopped and a great splendour appeared and the children cried: 'Look at the sun!' I saw the sun coming down, feeling that it was falling to the ground. At that moment, I collapsed." Maria Candida da Silva. "I looked and saw that the people were in various colours - yellow, white, blue. At the same time, I beheld the sun spinning at great speed and very near me. I at once thought: I am going to die".

"Before the astonished eyes of the crowd, whose aspect was biblical as they stood bareheaded, pale with fright, eagerly searching the sky, the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws - the sun 'danced' according to the typical expression of the people. Standing at the step of the Torres Novas bus was an old man, whose appearance in face and figure reminded one of Paul Deroulede. With his face turned towards the sun he recited the Creed in a loud voice.

"Afterwards, I saw him going up to those around him who still had their hats on, and vehemently imploring them to uncover their heads before such an extraordinary demonstration of the existence of God. Identical scenes were repeated elsewhere, and in one place, a woman cried out in a gasp of surprise: 'How dreadful that there are some men who

do not even bare their heads before such a stupendous miracle! People then began to ask each other what they had seen. The great majority admitted to having seen the trembling and the dancing of the sun. Others affirmed that they saw the face of the Blessed Virgin, while others swore that the sun whirled on itself to the earth as if to burn it with its rays. Some said they saw it change colours successively."

"It was almost three o'clock in the afternoon. The sky was swept clear of clouds and the sun followed its course in its usual splendour, so that no one ventured to gaze at it directly. What about the little shepherds? Lucia, who had spoken to Our Lady, was announcing with expressive gestures, as she was carried along shoulder-high by a man and passed from group to group, that the war would end and that the soldiers would return. But news like that, however, did nothing to increase the jubilation of those who heard it. The heavenly sign was sufficient for them: it was everything.

"Intense curiosity prevailed to see the two little girls in their wreaths of roses, and to kiss the hands of these 'little saints', one of whom, Jacinta, seemed nearer to fainting than dancing. They had so longed to see the sign from Heaven: they had seen and were satisfied and radiated burning faith.

"The crowd dispersed rapidly, without any difficulty, without any sign of disorder, without any need for policemen to regulate them. Those who were the first to arrive were also the first to depart, running out on the roadway, travelling on foot with their footwear in a bundle on their heads or strung from their staffs. They went, with hearts overflowing with joy, to bring the good news to their hamlets that had not been wholly depopulated for the time being.

"And what of the priests? Some turned up at the place, mingling more among the curious spectators rather than among the pilgrims avid for heavenly signs and favours. Perhaps neither one nor the other succeeded in concealing their happiness, which so often transpired in triumphant guise . . . It only remains for those competent to do justice to the bewildering dance of the sun which, on this day in Fatima, caused Hosannas to resound from the hearts of all the faithful present, and naturally made a great impression, as people worthy of belief assured me, on the freethinkers and others without any religious conviction who had come to this now famous spot located on the poor pastureland high up on the Serra. Avelino de Almeida."

"The sun started to roll from one place to another and changed to blue, yellow - all colours. Then we see the sun coming towards the children. Everyone was crying out. Some started to confess their sins because there was no priest around there . . . My mother grabbed me to her and started to cry, saying 'It is the end of the world!' And then we see the sun come right into the trees."

(From - Dominic Reis, in an American TV interview, 1960)

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Appendix

Additional Visions of Jacinta



Above - Jacinta Marto

Jacinta received other visitations from Mary between December 1919 and her death in February 1920. Mary revealed many things to Jacinta, including:

Additional Visions of Jacinta December 1919 to February 1920 (9 yrs - 10 yrs old)
<i>"The sins of the world are very great ... If men only knew what eternity is, they would do everything in their power to change their lives."</i>
<i>"You must pray much for sinners and priests and religious."</i>
<i>"Priests must be pure, very pure. They should not busy themselves with anything except what concerns the Church and souls. The disobedience of priests and religious to their superiors and to the Holy Father gravely displeases Our Lord."</i>
<i>"Fly from riches and luxury; love poverty and silence; have charity, even for bad people."</i>
<i>"More souls go to Hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason."</i>
<i>"Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much."</i>
<i>"The Mother of God wants more virgin souls bound by the vow of chastity."</i>
<i>"Woe to women wanting in modesty."</i>
<i>"Confession is a sacrament of mercy and we must confess with joy and trust."</i>
<i>"Many marriages are not of God and do not please Our Lord."</i>
<i>"Let men avoid greed, lies, envy, blasphemy, impurity."</i>

"Never speak ill of anyone. Never complain or murmur. Be very patient, for patience leads us to Heaven."

"Our Lady can no longer uphold the arm of her Divine Son which will strike the world. If people amend their lives, Our Lord will even now save the world, but if they do not, punishment will come."

"If the government of a country leaves the Church in peace and gives liberty to our Holy Religion, it will be blessed by God."

"Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her."



Above - Jacinta Marto

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Appendix

Additional Visions of Lucia



Above - Sister Lucia as a Dorothean Nun
In 1925 Lucia entered the Order of Saint Dorothy at Tuy, Spa

Lucia received several other visitations from Mary, including:

Date	Exhortation(s)
1925 10 December 18 yrs old	Mary and the Christ Child appeared to Lucia in the convent chapel. The Christ Child said: <i>"Have compassion on the heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."</i> Mary said: <i>"Look my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."</i>

Date	Exhortation(s)
<p data-bbox="268 734 328 763">1926</p> <p data-bbox="225 792 371 822">15 February</p> <p data-bbox="240 853 355 882">18 yrs old</p>	<p data-bbox="427 253 1342 342">While Lucia was attending to her daily chores, the Child Jesus appeared and said: <i>"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 374 1398 495">Lucia replied, <i>"My Jesus, You know very well what my confessor said to me in the letter I read to You. He told me that it was necessary for this vision to be repeated, for further happenings to prove its credibility, and he added that Mother Superior, on her own, could do nothing to propagate this devotion."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 526 1374 647">Jesus replied: <i>"It is true that your Superior alone can do nothing, but with My grace she can do all. It is enough that your confessor gives you permission and that your Superior speak of it, for it to be believed, even without people knowing to whom it has been revealed."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 678 1382 768">Lucia replied: <i>"But my confessor said in the letter that this devotion is not lacking in the world, because there are many souls who receive You on the First Saturdays, in honour of Our Lady and of the fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 799 1377 952">Jesus replied: <i>"It is true My daughter, that many souls begin the First Saturdays, but few finish them, and those who do complete them do so in order to receive the graces that are promised thereby. It would please Me more if they did Five with fervour and with the intention of making reparation to the Heart of your heavenly Mother, than if they did Fifteen, in a tepid and indifferent manner..."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 983 1369 1072">Lucia placed before Jesus the difficulty that some people had about confessing on Saturdays, and asked that if it might be valid to go to confession within eight days.</p> <p data-bbox="427 1104 1377 1193">Jesus replied: <i>"Yes, and it could be longer still, provided that, when they receive Me, they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 1225 1350 1254">Lucia asked: <i>"My Jesus, what about those who forget to make this intention?"</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 1303 1374 1364">Jesus replied: <i>"They can do so at their next confession, taking advantage of the first opportunity to go to confession."</i></p>
<p data-bbox="268 1429 328 1458">1927</p> <p data-bbox="217 1489 379 1518">17 December</p> <p data-bbox="240 1550 355 1579">20 yrs old</p>	<p data-bbox="427 1384 1350 1473">In prayer at Pontevedra, Spain, Lucia asked Jesus for direction concerning revealing the secrets of Mary's apparitions, particularly the 10 December 1925 apparition concerning the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.</p> <p data-bbox="427 1505 1366 1626">By means of an inner locution, Jesus told her: <i>"My daughter, write what they... [her spiritual director] ... ask of you. Write also all that the most holy Virgin revealed to you in the Apparition in which she spoke of this devotion. As for the remainder of the Secret, continue to keep silence."</i></p>

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<p data-bbox="268 645 328 678">1929</p> <p data-bbox="248 712 347 745">13 June</p> <p data-bbox="236 768 360 801">20 yrs old</p>	<p data-bbox="427 253 1401 320">While in prayer in the chapel, Lucia had a very powerful and enlightening vision of the Most Holy Trinity. "Our Lady of Fatima" was part of that vision.</p> <p data-bbox="427 342 1401 745">Lucia wrote of this vision: <i>"Suddenly the whole chapel was illuminated by a supernatural light, and above the alter appeared a cross of light, reaching to the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the cross, could be seen the face of a man and his body as far as the waist; upon his breast was a dove of light; nailed to the cross was the body of another man. A little below the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice. Beneath the right arm of the cross was Our Lady and in her hand was her Immaculate Heart. (It was Our Lady of Fatima, with her Immaculate Heart in her left hand, without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames). Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as if of crystal clear water which ran down upon the alter, formed the words: 'Grace and Mercy.'"</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 768 1401 869">Lucia further wrote: "I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which was shown to me, and I received insights about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal."</p> <p data-bbox="427 891 1401 1048">Our Lady then said: <i>"The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. There are so many souls whom the Justice of God condemns for sins committed against me, that I have come to ask reparation: sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 1070 1401 1193">Our Lord later said: <i>"They did not wish to heed My request. Like the King of France, they will regret it and then do it, but it will be late. Russia will already have spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions against the Church. The Holy Father will have much to suffer."</i></p>
<p data-bbox="268 1216 328 1249">1933</p> <p data-bbox="228 1272 368 1339">(Exact date unknown)</p> <p data-bbox="236 1361 360 1395">26 yrs old</p>	<p data-bbox="427 1272 1401 1339">Jesus communicated to Lucia that He was displeased that His requests had not been attended to.</p>
<p data-bbox="268 1473 328 1507">1936</p> <p data-bbox="204 1529 392 1664">(Exact date unknown, but prior to 18 May 1936)</p> <p data-bbox="204 1686 392 1720">28 to 29 yrs old</p>	<p data-bbox="427 1417 1401 1574">In response to Lucia's question as to why He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making the consecration, Jesus replied: <i>Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that it may extend its cult later on and put the devotion of the Immaculate Heart besides the devotion to My Sacred Heart."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 1597 1401 1664">Lucia answered: <i>"But my God, the Holy Father probably will not believe me unless You Yourself move him with a special inspiration."</i></p> <p data-bbox="427 1686 1401 1776">Jesus answered: <i>"The Holy Father, pray much for the Holy Father. He will do it, but it will be late. Nevertheless, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save Russia. It has been entrusted to her."</i></p>

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Above - An Artist's impression of the visitations at Fatima
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Appendix

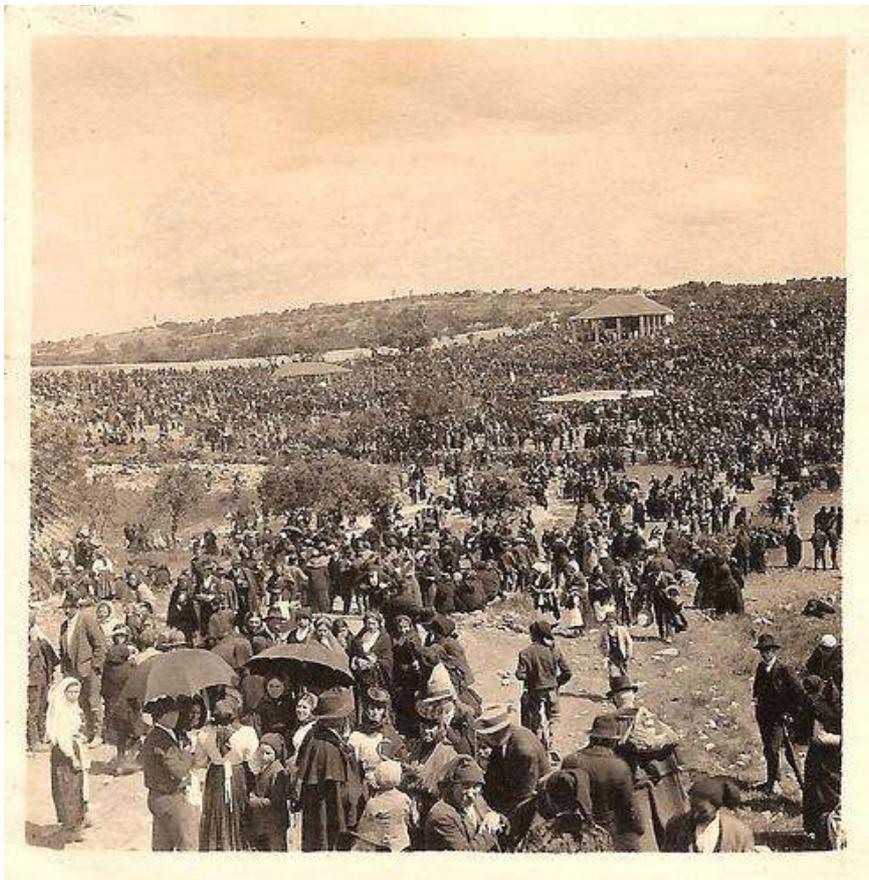
Photographs from "The Great Miracle of the Sun", 13 October 1917







Above - The Downpour that Preceded the Miracle





Above - Jacinta Marto is carried away following the "Miracle of the Sun"

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