

Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje and Pope Benedict ? the Future?

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The following was originally published on February 28, 2013 A.D. It is one of the most compelling writings concerning Our Lady, the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, and the future of the Church. Cardinal Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict, was involved with Medjugorje from its beginning, along with Pope John Paul II. With his resignation from the Seat of Peter, Our Lady gives a sign, indicating by it, the

of the apparitions.

It was April 19, 2005. People began to call Caritas and said the conclave has elected a new pope. It would be announced soon.

The whole Community of Caritas gathered around the radio for the exciting news of who would step out on the balcony. The white smoke had risen up, signaling to the world the conclave of Cardinals had chosen a successor of Peter after Pope John Paul II's death. But though it was announced that the one who would be the man who would step out on the balcony, would take place in ?the next few minutes,? it did not happen. Cameras around the world showed the vacant balcony, while across the earth, millions waited. The delay

continued even as reports continued to say that it was about to happen. As the delay strangely continued, we, at Caritas, began to experience a conflict. It was 11:00 a.m.* and the bells had begun ringing to call us to the Field for the prayer of the Rosary. We pray this Rosary at the same time the evening Rosary is being prayed in Medjugorje in anticipation of Our Lady's daily apparition to the earth. With the bells beginning to ring, we knew we were 40 minutes away from apparition time. Though we had already been listening to the radio for a 1/2 hour, we began heading to the Field. Never, since 1988, has the Rosary not been prayed in the Field. Every day, consecutively for 25 years to date, the Rosary has been prayed in the Field on our knees in preparation for Our Lady's

visitation upon the earth. Even for this occasion, we were not going to stop the Rosary, though we dearly wanted to hear on the radio when the new Pontiff was named the moment he stepped out. We were all disappointed over this when the idea came that we would take a pickup truck out to the Field and leave the live radio broadcast playing while we prayed the Rosary, turning it down where we could barely hear it. We began the Rosary. The older kids sat with the four doors opened ready to turn the radio up at the moment the new Pontiff walked out. The first decade ? no Pope. The second and third ? the same. We were amazed, ?Why is this taking so long? They know who it is. Why doesn?t he come forward?? By now, the news reporters were complaining that

it was an unusual delay. Here it was announced he would come out within five minutes and now we were going beyond an hour waiting. The fourth decade was prayed. We began the fifth decade. Why such a delay?

Years ago, we were going to Rome often because of our mission. We had an apartment just across the street from the Vatican. It is the closest living quarters to St. Peters you can get. When you looked out the windows of the apartment, you did not look out over buildings or the Vatican walls. You were looking directly at St. Peters Basilica and the opening to the famous square just next door. In a one minute walk out the apartment door, you

could cross the street and pass in front of the building where the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith offices are located.

Sometimes, as we walked, we would cross paths in St. Peter's square with Cardinal Ratzinger who at times would walk to his office as head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. We would say hello and he would smile and respond back in English. We casually walk by not wanting to bother him by stopping and talking to him, though we had been told he would talk to those who asked to speak to him.

This time was the period of John Paul II's reign. So who could have known these simple encounters with Ratzinger would mean something much more a couple of years later?

In the Field of Apparitions, on April 19, 2005, we finished the fifth decade of the Rosary and began the Hail Holy Queen. No pope on the balcony ? the delay continued. Right on time for the apparition of Our Lady at 11:40 a.m., we finished the prayer and at this exact moment, out steps the new Pope. Pope Benedict! Cardinal Ratzinger!

Some of us could have never imagined in that transition after John Paul's death that the humble man who we had met on a few occasions crossing the Vatican square, who had been so accessible to anyone who stopped him, would suddenly become the Holy Father for a billion people.

Immediately after Rosary, we called

Marija in Italy and talked to her about what happened. She, like us, was in conflict anxiously waiting for the next Pope to step out on the balcony. As we listened in the Field, at the same time praying the Rosary, Marija was praying the Rosary and waiting while watching the empty balcony on an Italian network. Marija had finished her Rosary and began reciting the Our Fathers, Hail Mary's and Glory Be's for the arrival of Our Lady. Just seconds before the moment of the apparition, the broadcast announced the new Pope was stepping out. It was at this moment Our Lady appeared to Marija. The whole world watched as the former Cardinal Ratzinger, now the new Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI, stepped out onto the balcony while Marija watched Our Lady!

Instantly the whole world knew who it was within only a few seconds, while Marija did not know! Marija told us that she went into ecstasy just as the new Pontiff was going to step out. She said she didn't know who it was until after the apparition! We asked Marija about this timing of the Pope stepping out after more than an hour's delay, at the same time of the apparition, that this could not, by any chance, not be a sign of God that Pope Benedict was Our Lady's choice.

Marija continued, yes, it was a sign for her as well. When Marija was asked what did this repeated delay mean when it ended exactly with the moment Our Lady appeared, Marija said something

profound. She said it meant, *?The Church is safe!?*

This was a sign, a big sign for us the way it unfolded ? the delay and then at the moment Pope Benedict comes out, Our Lady is appearing upon the earth, signaling to us **THE CHURCH IS SAFE.**

So now what are we to make of the events of Pope Benedict?s sudden resignation ? this eight year period coming to an end of the Church being safe under Benedict?s care? What are we to make of the timing of his announcement, of his stepping down, and that the incredible lightning bolt following his resignation, dramatically striking not only the Vatican, but the Cross on top of St. Peter?s Basilica itself ? It is

Our Lady who said:

March 25, 1990

**??God?sends you messages
through?nature ??**

**Why does God send us messages through
nature? Our Lady tells us why. Because**

March 25, 1990

??God wants to save you??

**So to save us, Our Lady said, God,
therefore:**

March 25, 1990

**??sends you messages through men,
nature, and so many things??**

**In regards to the lightning bolt, can it be
said or discounted that it was not that big
of a deal? Add to the fact that a second
circumstance in the instance was that it
was caught perfectly on camera. Was this a
double coincidence? Add yet, thirdly, that
it occurred after an announcement of the
Pope's resignation and the ensuing of the
changing of the guard to a new Pontiff.**

**What does this mean? Three improbable
coinciding events lined up together. Is the
Church about to undergo a great trial? It
was John Paul II who said at the October
8, 2000 Act of Entrustment to Mary Most
Holy:**

??Mankind now has instruments of unprecedented power: we can turn this world into a garden, or reduce it to a pile of rubble. We have devised the astounding capacity to intervene in the very wellsprings of life: man can use this power for good, within the bounds of the moral law, or he can succumb to the shortsighted pride of a science which accepts no limits, but tramples on the respect due to every man. Today as never before in the past, mankind stands at a crossroads...?

Indeed we are at a crossroad. Which way will we turn? We have two directions simultaneously pulling at us in our heart. And now, at the crossroad, we must decide for one or the other. To remain within our

being two opposing ways is to be in contradiction. We must separate from one or the other ? from evil or good. No longer can we remain in both places. John Paul II said of this contradiction:

??We are then men of an extraordinary time, exhilarating yet full of contradictions ??

Indeed, we are filled with contradictions. Our hearts have both evil and good in them, and we are spending all our energies struggling in battle, feeding both together. It is a contradiction that Our Lady just spoke of and that John Paul II spoke of on October 8, 2000 A.D.

Our Lady said February 25, 2013:

**??Sin is pulling you towards worldly things
and I have come to lead you towards
holiness and the things of God, but you are
struggling and spending your energies in
the battle with the good and the evil that
are in you??**

**America, especially, has not fully
recognized this struggle and battle within
us that is a contradiction and we, therefore,
try to make the contradictions come into
oneness, yet it only further divides our
heart. Before he became Pope John Paul II,
Cardinal Karol Wojtyla said to the
American Bishops in 1976:**

?We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation mankind has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel. It is a trial which the Church must take up!?

?We must be prepared to undergo great trials in the not-too-distant future; trials that will require us to be ready to give up even our lives, and a total gift of self to Christ and for Christ. Through your prayers and mine, it is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but it is not longer possible to avert it?How many times has the

**renewal of the Church been brought about
in blood! It will not be different this time.?**
1

**Cardinal Wojtyla (future Pope John Paul
II) stated through prayer one could
alleviate this tribulation, but it cannot be
avoided. That was in 1976.**

**Amazingly, Medjugorje visionary Mirjana
said the same thing in 1982, *?that one of the
evils that threatened the world, the one
contained in the seventh secret, has been
averted thanks to prayer and fasting. That is
why the Blessed Virgin continues to
encourage prayer and fasting.?***
2

But Our Lady said in regard to the other

secrets, that they cannot be avoided. It is too late. They can only be alleviated or mitigated through prayer and fasting just as John Paul II stated when he was a Cardinal: *?It is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but it is no longer possible to avert it.?*
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With all these things in mind, no one can discount Pope Benedict's resignation, the lightning bolt, and it being caught on camera, as mere coincidences. There is no other view for the Christian, that there is a message in these events. The question is, does the lightning bolt suggest that in the near future the Church, nay all Christianity will be struck?

Newsbusters publisher, Brent Bozell, stated on February 13, 2013 AD:

?Instead of reporting the historic news of Pope Benedict's resignation, ABC World News, Diane Sawyer used the opportunity to bludgeon the Catholic Church and Pope Benedict with every left-wing grievance imaginable. It was disgusting and deeply offensive assault on the Church.?

Most of the media has no use of God except when they can use Him for the agendas they put forth. The newspaper, *USA Today*, in the February 26, 2013, issue stated of Pope Benedict:

**?upon coming Pope?he took the name after
St. Benedict who lived in a cave.?**

***USA Today* then added:**

**?As Pope Benedict prepares to end his
papacy, his critics say the challenges he?ll
leave to his successor are the result of him
living in a cave of his own.?**

**The Italian media is publishing many
assaults, distortions and lies as well.**

**During ABC?s report on the Pope?s
resignation, while interviewing Cardinal
Dolan, Diane Sawyer spontaneously tried
to put him on the spot by holding up the
picture of the Vatican being struck by**



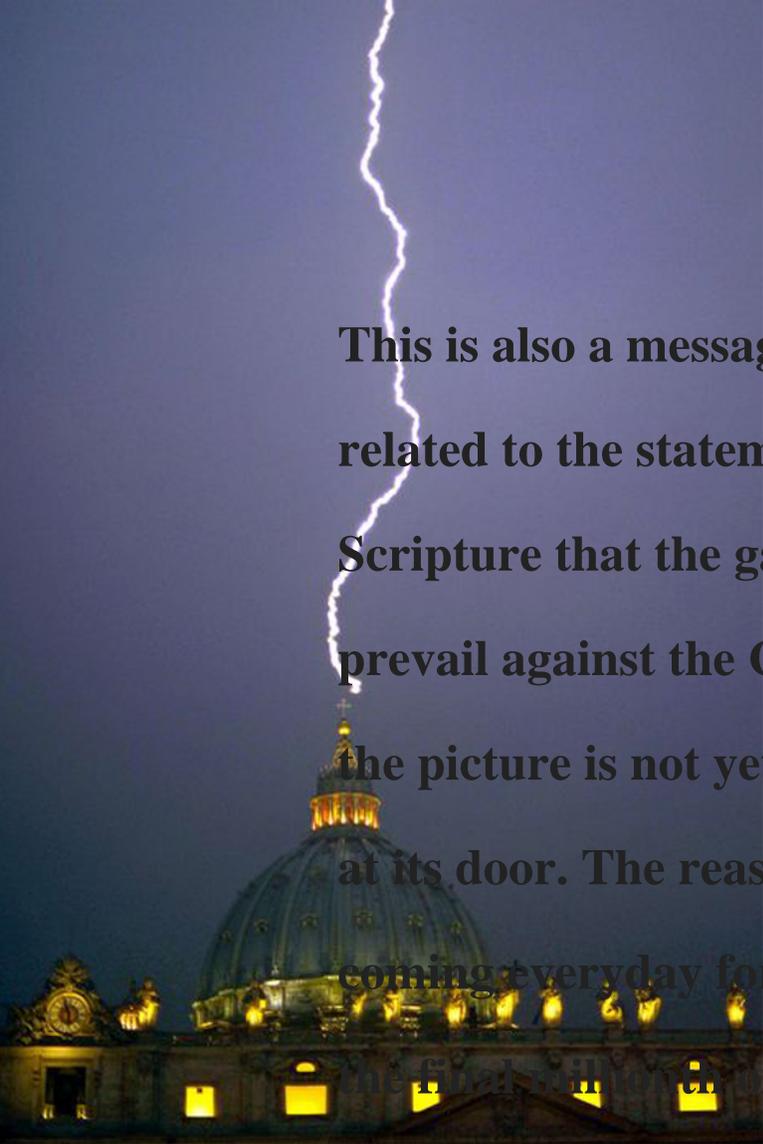
the Cardinal what he
with other statements,
Sawyer? bludgeon the
and Pope Benedict? by
political use of this picture?

She desired to imply that it was God's
anger striking the Church, as evil, because
its sins for being against the right to
abortion, the right to contraception, the
right to abominable marriages, etc., and
the Church's stand against humanist
secularism of who suddenly believe in God
when it can be conveniently used against
the Church as Sawyer did.

While God does purify his Church for its
sins and the Church membership must

always be aware that we will all one day atone for our sins, we are not to allow leftist secularist to define our purification, such as what Diane Sawyer was doing in suggesting the Church's stance on moral truths, and being against immorality is the cause of the lightning strike. God struck Israel because of its sins and He purified them. God didn't change the moral truths to accommodate decadence, rather He purified Israel because of the failure to live moral truth, particularly as defined through the Ten Commandments. Diane Sawyer, strategically, no doubt, and calculatingly showed this picture because the media is a promoter of ?secular humanist philosophy.? They make use of events, such as the lightning strike to package their reports and stories in such a

way as to imply that the Church is wrong on issues that society see as ?human rights? contradicting the truth of Christian principles that it is ?human responsibilities? to live moral truth and by natural law. Therefore, they attack the Church for its teachings about sin, decadence, abnormal and abominable behaviors. Sawyer, by holding the picture of the lightning striking the Vatican, displayed her belief that the lightning bolt ?was? a sign, a sign that the Church is the villain. Interestingly enough, the lightning bolt is a millionth of a second from hitting and striking the Cross. Look and meditate on the picture. Meditate on the space between the bolt and the Cross.



This is also a message that God sends, related to the statement of Christ in Scripture that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church. As the Cross in the picture is not yet struck, the lightning is at its door. The reason we have Our Lady coming everyday for 31 years is to stop, at the last millisecond, the gates of hell opening into the Church. We can say in absolute truth, the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church. What we cannot say is how close the gates of hell will come. Will they be right next to the doors of the Church? So close that the space will be no more than the distance between the tip of the lightning bolt from the cross on

top of the Vatican? That miracle of capturing not only the strike, but the space on film at that exact moment before it hits is another sign, a big sign.

Still yet, there is another sign that can be seen in the picture. Our Lady came to Lourdes at 6:00 a.m. in the morning; Fatima at 12:00 high noon; Medjugorje at 5:40 p.m., just before the night, at 20 minutes to the hour. And now, after 31 years of apparitions, the last 20 minutes of fading light has cast the Church in shadows where there is no more time.

Lourdes ? daybreak; Fatima ? midday; Medjugorje ? evening. Only a millionth of a second in 2000 years of Christianity to prevent the gates of hell from vomiting into

**the Church. God is sending Our Lady,
placing Her in ?interposition.?**

**Interposition is the action of placing or
coming between; intervention. Our Lady
Herself is positioned between the Cross and
the lightning bolt, that tiny space to deflect,
as the third secret of Fatima foretold in the
vision to Lucia. Lucia saw the mighty angel
cries out: Penance, Penance, Penance; and
from the tip of his sword was sent a fiery
bolt of lightning to the earth, which was
deflected upon contact with the splendor of
Our Lady. She saves us in that millionth of
a second at the last moment. And can we
not say that after 2000 years of
Christianity, Our Lady of Medjugorje is
coming and puts Herself between the gates
of hell and the Church to defeat satan
through us? After 31 years of apparitions,**

at 20 minutes to the hour, we have now progressed from the last 20 minutes of the hour to the very end of the hour, with only seconds left, symbolized by the small space of time before the bolt hits the Cross. The Pope's resignation earlier in the day and a sign of lightning striking the Vatican in the hour that is known to be the hour of Our Lady's daily visitation? The lightning bolt happened in the hour She appears upon the earth. Coincidence? Another miraculous sign? We receive the answer when we look at the Vatican clock just moments before striking at the end of the 5:40 p.m. apparition hour. Just moments before six o'clock strikes, a bolt of lightning strikes, signifying that we are out of time, the enemy, wrapped in darkness, is arriving. Another clear sign. Meditate



lock for a moment, just
our closes. All timed by
us.

March 25, 1990

**??God?sends ?you? messages through
man, nature and many other things??**

**God has always sent signs at moments
when man was in need of warnings to save
him. Was the Fatima visionary, Lucia, in
1917 not told that World War I would end
soon, but unless man repented from his sin,
a larger and greater war would break out?
Our Lady promised Lucia a sign. *When
you see a great light illuminate the sky, it***

imminent. Indeed Lucia, on January 25, 1938, saw from her window, along with all of Europe, the sky illuminated with waves of light from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. This was reported in secular newspapers around the world. The light was even reported and seen in the United States. Lucia said to a Cardinal that World War II was made against the Jews, because they still are God's chosen people and satan hates them. Are we being given these signs now because satan's hatred is about to be spilled out upon God's children upon Christians around the world? Can we recognize these signs? When you read the following of what Our Lady said, look at the dates. This is being said in real time, our time.

March 18, 2006

**"? Only with total interior renunciation
will you recognize God?s?signs of the time
in which you live. You will be witnesses of
these signs and will begin to speak about
them?"**

April 2, 2006

**"? do you not recognize the signs of the
times? Do you not speak of them? Come
follow me?"**

June 2, 2007

**??in this difficult time?do not be afraid?
give me your hearts that I may help you to
recognize the signs of the time in which you**

live??

September 2, 2007

**??in this time of God's signs, do not be
afraid because I am with you??**

January 25, 1993

**"? discern the signs of this time. I am with
you, and I guide you into a new time?"**

May 2, 2009

**"?My poor children, look around you and
look at the signs of the times?Do not permit
darkness to envelop you. From the depth of
your heart cry out for my Son. His Name
dispersed even the greatest darkness. I will**

be with you, you just call me?"

March 2, 2011

**"?My Motherly Heart suffers
tremendously as I look at my children who
persistently put what is human before what
is of God, at my children who, despite
everything that surrounds them and
despite all the signs that are sent to them,
think that they can walk without my Son.
They cannot! They are walking to eternal
perdition?"**

October 2, 2010

**"? May your weapon be patience and
boundless love ? a love that knows to wait
and which will make you capable of**

recognizing God's signs?"

On April 19, 2005, the newly elected Pope Benedict stepped out on the balcony at 20 minutes to the hour, Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje's apparition time. Eight years later, on February 11, 2013, Pope's announcement of resignation, an event that the Church has not seen for 600 years, was accompanied by the following signs. Reflect. Recognize the signs that God is giving in order to save us:

1. The new Pope Benedict steps out on the balcony at exactly apparition time, on April 19, 2005.

2. Eight years after stepping on the balcony, Pope Benedict is the first Pontiff

to resign in 600 years and step down.

3. A few hours later, after the resignation, a sign marks the event. The Vatican is struck by the dramatic lightning bolt.

4. Another sign ? the lightning bolt was caught on camera. It was not by mere chance or skill or patience in waiting. It was by the will of God.

5. Another sign ? at the Cross, one can see a space a millionth of a moment for grace to act.

From the Third Secret of Fatima:

The angel's voice thunders:

Penance!...

Penance!...

Penance!

**The angel's sword sends fire to the earth.
Heaven's bolt of fire ? a right and just
sentence for our sins and our fallen world,
a bolt of fire which is deflected by the
splendor of She who begot Mercy.**

**Fatima visionary, Sr. Lucia's third Secret
of Fatima was released by Pope John Paul
II, with special directives from Cardinal
Ratzinger, stating that we must pay
attention to private revelation and not
discount them as something with a negative
stigma. The vision as written by Sr. Lucia:**

**?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 splendor 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 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.?

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6. A sublime ** and extraordinary sign of the time on the Vatican clock in the final moments of the hour, while a frozen image

**is captured on camera of the brief space
and time between the Cross and the
lightning bolt in a final micro moment
before it hits the Cross. It is telling us, as
Our Lady said, "Do not waste time," "Use
this time well," and "You are not its (time)
master."**

**Six major events, signs of the times, that
cannot be discounted without discounting
Our Lady's own words:**

March 25, 1990

**"God wants to save you and sends you
messages through men, nature and so
many other things?"**

We are in a time of many signs from God,

**leading up to the great sign. This time,
therefore, is a critical moment to act now.
After 2000 years of history, time is of the
essence. We are in a time as no other in the
history of the world. Our Lady says of this
unique ?time?:**

June 25, 1993

??these times are particular??

Who guides us in this particular time?

Our Lady said on January 25, 1997:

??This time is my time??

Our Lady guides and speaks to us as if

**there is no more time for us. Our Lady
said:**

1984-1985

**"When you will be in Heaven, you will
understand why I am so pressed."**

1984-1985

**"I am anxious for people to know what is
happening in Medjugorje. Speak about it,
so that all will be converted."**

After December 15, 1982

**"Hurry to be converted. Do not wait for
the great sign?? *****

November 29, 1981

"It is necessary for the world to be saved while there is still time, for it to pray strongly, and for it to have the spirit of faith."

August 2, 2005

??Do not wait my children??

February 2, 2009

??Do not lose time, children, because you are not its masters??

April 25, 1983

"Be converted! It will be too late when the sign comes??

December 25, 2012

??Jesus?gives you the grace to live in His mercy, but sin has overtaken many of your hearts and you live in darkness. Therefore, my children, do not wait, say ?no? to sin and surrender your hearts to my Son?"

May 16, 1987

"? So do not wait for tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. Say ?yes!?" to Jesus now?"

Many have questioned in their thought, ?Is the Pope being forced to resign?? We do not have to go there with such thoughts.

But what we can say is the devil bears down on authority to wear it out, to break

who it is that consecrates themselves to Our Lady and to Her Son. The visionaries have said that satan cannot have those who have consecrated themselves to Her, but satan will do everything to make their lives miserable. Pope Benedict was exactly what the Church needed during the season of time, he stepped out on the balcony at apparition time to now, eight years later when he is stepping down. And both his coming and his going is accompanied by signs to convince us of God's watchful hand wanting to save us from what is headed our way in the future. As Pope John Paul said, it cannot be averted, only alleviated, referencing, *"How many times has the renewal of the Church been brought about in blood! It will not be different this time.?"*

The main stream media has bombarded the world with anti-Pope sarcasm through stealth and glib reporting of the facts to make Pope Benedict and the Church a negative factor in the world. ?He is too conservative, too orthodox,? etc. They constantly attack Pope Benedict on the Catholic Church teachings, inferring that these doctrines are being ?imposed on the herd? by the archaic shepherd touting wrongs against the ?rights? for abortion, abominable marriage, etc. The media and the one?s behind the scenes pulling the strings do this in order to divert the sheep, to tempt them to wander off to more ?open-minded? beliefs, thereby advancing the liberal humanist secularist agenda. The Pope said of his resignation:

?In today?s world, subject to so many rapid changes?strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me.?

No, no one forced him to resign. satan wore him out and at age 85. How has he lasted even this long? The rapidity and instantaneous arrival of problem after problem with no relief has come in numbers the Church has never experienced before. How can one make such a judgment? Past popes have experienced great difficulties for certain,

but the tsunami of evils now has accumulated in such a unique way that neither the world nor the Church has never experienced. If you do not think so, why is it in this time God has to send, with way over 12,000 apparitions, the Queen of Peace to the earth? It is not because the world is healthy. She has repeatedly referred to it as this "unpeaceful world," and referred to the Christian population as there are, "many

Christians who live as pagans.?" (1984-1985, Our

Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugore) She has also stated the rejecting of God, and on and on. No. How can an 85 year old Pontiff hold up to even 1/1,000,000th of the cup of what Jesus had to drink from the cup in the Garden of Gethsemane? As Our Lady was with Jesus in His walk to the Cross, so too God now

sends Her to the world full of darkness, to walk with us to the Cross ? for Resurrection, a new springtime, a new growth fertilized with the blood of the martyrs. And what of a pontiff dealing with the weight of a Church of 1.1 billion people, carrying crosses and things which we cannot even imagine nor will never know of? To understand the Pope being worn out by the enemy, we must understand this in the context of our own consecrations. You who are reading this and are consecrated, how much has satan beaten you down? How many trials have you suffered ? How many crosses have you thought would crush you, all these of which satan makes use of? And you are only dealing with yourself, or those you are charged with. Try a family with the weight

of 1.1 billion souls on your shoulders and assaults from every direction outside the family, to break you. At Caritas, we run an international mission, the largest Medjugorje center in the world. It is very wearing and satan never lets up. Going to the Vatican, often one can begin to see behind the scenes, recognizing faces. You see a constant burden of difficulties, a great unrelenting weight on everyone, from the members of the secret service, to the nuns who work there, the priests, and cardinals, all the way up to the pope. It, therefore, is important for you to read Pope Benedict's exact words of his resignation announced February 11, 2013 in Rome, so as not to fall into conspiracies and be distracted from the real meaning of what is happening. The one conspiracy is the devil himself. Of

course, he always conspires. There can be no doubt he wants to remove ?God?s German Rottweiler? as Cardinal Ratzinger/Pope Benedict was termed in the beginning. Yes, satan is conspiring by covert tactics to infiltrate the Church. This is a given intent of satan. But God does not want that and Our Lady is here to warn us. It, therefore, is important to read all of Benedict?s words, and not wander off in needless intrigues. Our position is pray, fast and let God act, and remember the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church, though it will be at its door.

The following is the Holy Father?s complete declaration, which he read in Latin:

**?I have convoked you to this Consistory,
not only for the three canonizations, but
also to communicate to you a decision of
great importance for the life of the Church.**

**After having repeatedly examined my
conscience before God, I have come to the
certainty that my strengths, due to an
advanced age, are no longer suited to an
adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I
am well aware that this ministry, due to its
essential spiritual nature, must be carried
out not only with words and deeds, but no
less with prayer and suffering. However, in
today?s world, subject to so many rapid
changes and shaken by questions of deep
relevance for the life of faith, in order to
govern the barque of Saint Peter and
proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind**

and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.?

?Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you

have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore His Holy Mother Mary, so that She may assist the Cardinal Fathers with Her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.?

Pope Benedict said, *??with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome??* For those who think conspiracy, that Benedict was forced to do this against his will, this cannot be reconciled with the fact that Pope Benedict

would die before he would be forced to make a false declaration of, *?with full freedom, I declare?? ?I declare?* is a declaration stated with intent to dispel all conspiracies that he was forced to resign.

The Holy Father is hated. To be hated is wearying. The Church is hated. satan hates Christ, was and is always planning war against it. satan is logistically better able to make war against the Church, especially in this time, where there is a society which has filled itself with evil. Then from the outside transferred to the inside aided by the greater amount of darkness in the world, it will assault. Darkness has filled its ammunition bunkers to overflowing to equip many souls to do evil?s bidding. It is

known that where Christianity is more fully lived, there will be less demonic activity and possession. The less it is lived, greater the amount of demonic activity and possession. The strength of Christianity in the United States was the cause of very few demonic possessions up to a few decades ago. Now, with evil increasing demonic activity and possessions are alarmingly on the increase.

Yes, the first resignation in 600 years is unnerving to many. But placed in the right context, the signs, recognized as divine instead of coincidence, will help you as Our Lady says ?recognize the signs of the times, that God sends which tells us God is close, He is watching.? Our Lady says ?I am with you.?

**Our Lady says ?Do not be afraid? and tells
us God is near us in a special way in this
?particular time.? Our Lady says:**

April 25, 2006

**??You do not see God, little children, but if
you pray you will feel His nearness??**

December 2, 2007

**??Without faith there is no God's
nearness?"**

Our Lady says:

September 25, 1999

**??He (God) has truly never been nearer to
you??**

The Holy Father did not quit. He did not give up, no more than Jesus did when He often left the crowds to go to the mountains to pray by Himself. Benedict said:

??With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.?

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict, will now serve the Church in a greater capacity and the ?Church is safe? in his prayers and with Our Lady, and the gates of hell will not prevail over it. But at the same time, it should be clear to all that a great many tribulations that satan threatens us with,

and the Church, will certainly be enacted to try to make us think otherwise, that the gates of hell will prevail. It is a given. This temptation to believe this will come to all of us.

But one thing is clear, Our Lady has told us the real secret to experiencing a future, not only for eternity, but while upon the earth. It is singular. It is simple. Our Lady said:

December 25, 2008

??without Him (Jesus), you have no future??

It is through our witness convicting the

world, even through our persecutions, that we will slam the gates of hell shut. Be ready for anything. Be ready for everything. Be holy. Our greatest comfort is that a merciful God is sending the world the comfort of a mother to hold our hands through and to a future unlike anything the world has seen before. Yet, another sign as this phase of Benedict ends. This very evening, February 28, 2013 A.D., at twilight, at 5:00 p.m. **, the Holy Father will step into a helicopter at the apparition hour and fly off to Castel Gandolfo, into retirement for his last days, just as the night begins. Another sign? ??God wants to save you and sends you messages through men, nature and many other things?? Pope Benedict will leave at the beginning of the apparition hour. He will**

**arrive at Castel Gandolfo at 5:15 p.m.,
setting in about the time Our Lady Queen
of Peace of Medjugorje, Mother of the
Church appears once again upon the earth.
The earth is being saved by what happens
in this daily hour. Especially today, pray at
the moment of apparition, 5:40 p.m. across
Europe and 10:40 a.m. CST, February 28,
2013 A.D. that the Church and the world
will be safe.**

With the truth of Our Lady's way,

Friend of Medjugorje

**P.S. To understand much more fully the
preceding, They Fired the First Shot must
be read. Everyone who follows Our Lady's
messages of Medjugorje must school
themselves to be illuminated with what is**

coming to us in the future. If Baptists, Methodists, and those of other Protestant faiths, Mormons, some among the Amish and even non-believers are spreading this book that is connected intimately to Our Lady's messages as a must read, how much more must Our Lady's Medjugorje followers do the same?

A non-believer told us after reading They Fired the First Shot that he is in complete agreement that only Christians should be in public office so to insure that Christian principles will be incorporated into public policies. He understood after reading this book, that as a non-believer he would fare much better as a non-believer in a Christian society rather than in a society

pre-dominantly controlled by non-believers. Today one must read the right materials to set out into the future. You cannot intravenously feed yourselves from what the world fills you with and understand which direction to set out upon.

Come to the They Fired the First Shot ?New Communities? Conference April 18-20, 2013 A.D. It is open only to those who have read They Fired the First Shot, and connect with others also seeking to set out into the future as you will have read [They Fired the First Shot.](#)

Secondly

**Also join with thousands for Five Days of
Heaven, July 1-5, 2013 ? Five apparitions
of Our Lady Queen of Peace:**

No place

No where

More important to be than here

July 1-5, 2013

Consecration

July 4, 2013!

P.S. Required reading: Download Free below:

?When You Decide For Change?Those

Closest to You Will Try to Stop You.

Why??

?A Time for Decision?

?Readying for the Storm?

?Surrender Your Problems to Me.?

Footnotes:

*** Our Lady appears at the same moment of the day, whether regular, standard or Daylight Savings Time. Man changes the hour. The moment of 11:40 a.m. Daylight Savings Time or 10:40 a.m. standard time is the same moment of the day. More clearly, Our Lady's point in the day is not changed. Man changes the hour. In the summer, during Daylight Savings Time, Our Lady's apparitions would be at 11:40 a.m. In the winter, during standard time,**

**Our Lady's apparitions would be at 10:40
a.m.**

**** Sublime means: outstanding spiritual,
intellectual or moral worth; tending to
inspire awe; lofty, grand, or exalted in
thought.**

***** Our Lady foretells of a great sign that
will be placed on Apparition Mountain. All
six visionaries know what the sign will be
and when it will appear. They have said
that it will be a beautiful, indestructible,
permanent sign and all those who go to
Medjugorje will be able to see it.**

****** The Holy Father Pope Benedict, in his
resignation statement on February 11,
2013, said that his resignation would**

officially take effect on 8:00 p.m. But after being inspired and seeing all the insights come together in this writing. A Friend of Medjugorje stated a week ago to a few in the Community that he greatly believed that the time of Benedict's departure would be towards apparition time. Indeed, he foresaw this correctly. It was announced just yesterday that the Holy Father would be departing three hours earlier than planned, entering the hour of Our Lady's visitation.

1. *Stimme des Glaubens*, No. 10, October 1981

2. Words From Heaven, by A Friend of Medjugorje

3. *Stimme des Glaubens*, No. 10, October

1981

4. Vatican documents released June 26,

2000

5. *Stimme des Glaubens*, No. 10, October

1981
