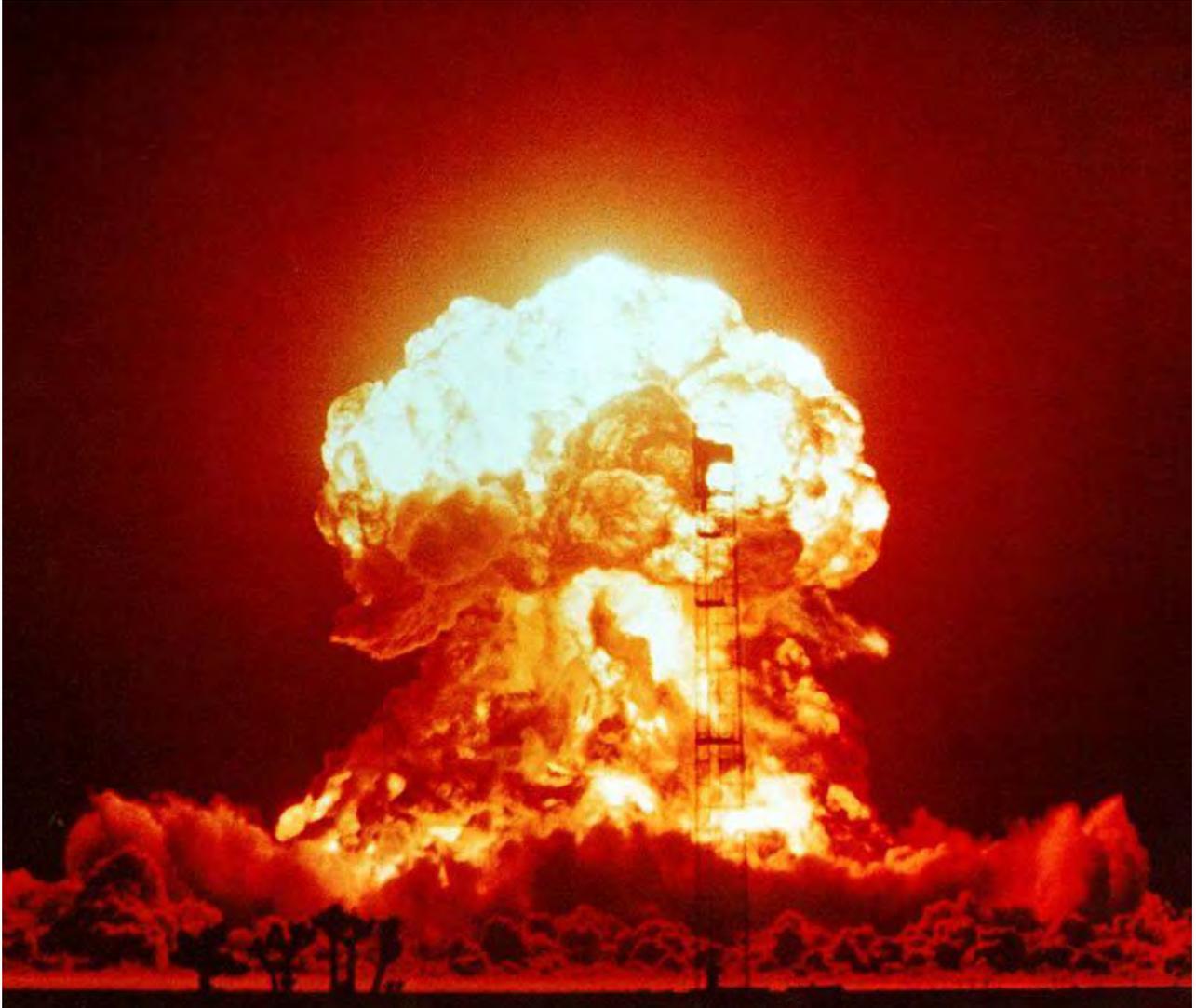


Only She Can Help Us!

Evil Forces Are Driving the World Toward War

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It seems that the destruction of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH-17 on July 17, 2014 was intended to provoke a war, or at least an escalation of tension between NATO powers and Russia over Ukraine.

- ❖ Leading independent journalists and analysts see evidence of such a design on the part of Western leaders (including especially U.S. President Obama and U.K. Prime Minister Cameron), who have made the tragic event the basis of both punitive and “defensive” measures against Russia, whom they were quick to denounce as being responsible for the murderous attack.
- ❖ Although the Ukrainian government’s purported evidence for the accusations against Russia was debunked under examination, NATO countries nevertheless followed U.S. recommendations for increased economic sanctions against Russia and heightened NATO military build-up on Russia’s borders.
- ❖ Western mainstream media sources (to all appearances, performing the role of controlled CIA assets rather than of a free and independent press, reporting the unbiased truth) have likewise followed suit in demonizing President Putin and calling for mobilization against a supposedly growing Russian threat.
- ❖ Meanwhile, U.S. Senate Bill 2277, the “Russian Aggression Prevention Act,” sits before the Foreign Relations Committee. The bill includes an ultimatum to the Kremlin demanding that Russia entirely abandon Crimea within seven days of the Act’s passage, and it also calls for permanently basing NATO forces near Russia’s borders in Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia.
- ❖ Most significantly, the bill calls for assigning Ukraine the status of an “ally of the U.S.,” which will effectively open the door to more direct U.S. military involvement in Ukraine, which might include not only the suppression of the eastern Ukrainian civilian militia, but also a direct engagement with Russia should President Putin step in to protect the ethnic Russians in Ukraine. The bill thus offers the Obama administration an end-run around the hotly disputed question of bringing Ukraine into NATO. The proposed alliance would provide a justification for military actions in Ukraine by U.S. troops regardless of whether or not Ukraine becomes a partner nation in NATO.

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missile, the only real facts available indicate that the plane was shot down by a military aircraft (therefore not by the civilian militia, which has no air force).

- ❖ When a BUK missile is launched, it produces a loud explosion which is easily heard even at a distance of 7 km. It also produces a loud noise throughout its flight, along with a persistent condensation trail up to cloud-level heights which remains visible for as long as 10 minutes to all within a radius of 7-10 km. Yet no one in that highly populated region where the disaster occurred has reported witnessing the launch of such a missile.
- ❖ Witnesses have testified, however, to a fact confirmed by Russian military and air traffic control monitoring, that a military aircraft (presumably a Ukrainian Air Force SU-25 fighter jet) intercepted the Malaysian passenger plane just at the time of its destruction.
- ❖ The MH-17 plane wreckage, too, indicates that it was attacked and destroyed — killing all 298 people aboard — by a combination of air-to-air flechette rocket fire (which makes perforations quite distinct from the damage pattern characteristic of a BUK missile) and machine gun fire (which was apparently concentrated on the pilots in the cockpit).

Russia's well-reasoned, detailed, evidence-based response to the accusations of its involvement and responsibility in the disaster has been largely ignored by Western leaders and media. At a July 21, 2014 press conference, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Andrei Kartapolov indicated the truly significant questions to be sought in a meaningful investigation of the affair — questions which to this day have not been properly addressed:

- ❖ What do the recordings from Ukrainian air traffic control and from the cockpit voice recorder reveal?
- ❖ Why had the civilian airliner deviated from the international aviation corridor as it neared Donetsk? (Was it directed into the combat zone around Donetsk by the Ukraine air traffic control operator?!)?
- ❖ Why did a Ukrainian Air Force fighter jet invade the air lane occupied by the civilian plane? What was the purpose of the Ukrainian military jet's rapid approach to the civilian plane at the very time of its destruction?
- ❖ Knowing that the eastern Ukrainian civilian militia does not have any aircraft, why did the Ukrainian military deploy to the Donetsk region and activate on the day of the disaster a large group of air defense BUK units (whose radar systems are commonly used to assist fighter jets in their ambush operations)?
- ❖ Most importantly, what did the U.S. satellites positioned directly above the region observe about the attack on MH-17?

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- ❖ The U.S. media, led by the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*, and parroted to a large extent by Germany's mainstream news sources, have irresponsibly misled their readers with mere propaganda which they have reported as trustworthy news.
- ❖ Claims regarding the blame for MH-17's destruction from biased sources such as the present Ukrainian government and the U.S. State Department (which was a principal instigator of the Ukraine crisis) should have been independently verified before they were reported. (The U.S. government, as Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland inadvertently admitted, spent \$5 billion to unseat and replace Viktor Yanukovich, the duly-elected President of Ukraine.) Instead, unverified claims from U.S. and Kiev leaders have been uncritically repeated by western journalists, demonizing President Putin and fanning up emotions for a confrontation with Russia.
- ❖ In recent years, a similar lack of journalistic professionalism (irresponsibly allowing essential questions to remain unasked or unanswered) has played a major part in fomenting mass slaughter and gross injustices against Iraq. It also nearly led to U.S. wars against Syria and Iran. Today this lack of professional candor risks propelling the world into a nuclear confrontation.

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- ❖ Hitler's attacks on a number of German border facilities (staged to appear as though carried out by Polish saboteurs) just prior to Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939, came to light in the Nuremberg trials.
- ❖ An official U.S. document declassified in 1997 revealed a similar proposal by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1962 to President John F. Kennedy (who rejected it) called Operation Northwoods, which called for CIA-directed terrorist strikes against American cities and military installations as a propagandistic ploy for justifying a U.S. invasion of Cuba.

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- ❖ Examples of such a pattern include the "invasion" of U.S. territory provoked by President James Polk in 1846 which brought the U.S. into war with Mexico; the still-mysterious sinking of the USS *Maine* in Havana Harbor in 1898, instigating the Spanish-American War; the non-existent incident in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964 (the facts of which were finally clarified by official documents and recordings declassified in 2005) which brought the U.S. into the Vietnam War.

- ❖ More recent examples include the supposed massacres taking place in Kosovo in 1999, which served as a pretext for the U.S.-led NATO bombing of Yugoslavia; the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, which contributed heavily (but groundlessly) to securing popular support for the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001 and of Iraq in March 2003; and the failed ruse of blaming Syria's President Assad for the August 2013 sarin gas attack on a Syrian village (which came dangerously close to giving President Obama his much-sought opportunity to attack Syria).

The undisputedly false pretenses used by the U.S. to justify its invasion of Iraq in March 2003, claiming that there was an imminent threat to the U.S. and to the world at large from active weapons-of-mass-destruction programs in Iraq, form a tragic exemplar of the above pattern, and give solid grounds for suspecting that the U.S. government continues to the present day to attempt to deceive its own citizens and the world in this manner, by manufacturing occasions for war as often as these wars are desired.

- ❖ The Bush administration's claims that Saddam Hussein was pursuing illegal weapons programs — and that he indeed already possessed chemical, biological, and even nuclear weapons of mass destruction — were demonstrated to be without basis both *before* and after the invasion of Iraq, leading the United States Congress to publicly and explicitly censure President Bush and Vice-President Cheney (in the 2007 House Resolution #625) for “misleading the American people about the basis for going to war in Iraq.”
- ❖ Although President Bush's administration has been succeeded by that of President Obama, there has been no retreat from the tactic of official lies for pursuing America's wars of aggression. As the French proverb has it, “*Plus ça change Plus – C'est la même chose.*” (The more something changes, the more it remains the same.)

Chapter 3. Nuclear War — A Growing Prospect

Modern society is endangered not just by unprecedentedly powerful weapons, but most of all by an increasing abandonment of sound principles of international relations.

- ❖ The moral use of arms in warfare has historically been understood to apply exclusively to combatants, recognizing the slaying of non-combatants as murder.
- ❖ Also increasingly disregarded in our time is the concept of *sovereign states* (which forms the very basis of modern-day International Law), each having the right to conduct its domestic affairs without interference (armed or otherwise) from other nations.

In our time, however, even in the once-Christian West, the deliberate killing of civilians is now considered a legitimate wartime strategy.

- ❖ Inherently murderous nuclear weapons, designed to destroy whole cities, stand poised in launch-ready high-alert status in the arsenals of the U.S. and Russia, threatening to exterminate virtually the entirety of each other's civilian populations. The UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel, and North Korea also have active nuclear weapons programs.

Since the year 2002, the U.S. National Security Strategy (the “Bush Doctrine”) has claimed to exempt the United States from the principles of international law regarding non-interference and non-aggression, and from the necessity of demonstrating conclusive proof (as distinct from mere suspicion) of evil designs by other nations and/or their governments before attacking them.

- ❖ In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, the U.S. openly adopted a new military policy which includes pre-emptive attack strategies — including even first-strike nuclear attacks — against any country. This new policy effectively opened the door to the series of pre-emptive U.S. wars (arguably, of aggression) of the past decade.
- ❖ Thus even the polite notion of nuclear weapons being mere “defensive” armaments (as a necessary retaliatory shield establishing a basis for peace in the fear of “mutually assured destruction”) is being increasingly discarded. U.S. military strategists seem convinced that a nuclear war can be won by the nation which *strikes first* and which so thoroughly devastates its enemy that it need not fear retaliation. U.S. military planners and government leaders alike are thinking openly now not in terms of deterring nuclear war, but of “winning” a nuclear war (as if there could be a winner).

Thus at the present juncture, U.S. military policies are recklessly provoking Russia itself to make a pre-emptive military response to the many indications that the U.S. intends to carry out a first-strike nuclear assault against Russia.

- ❖ A U.S.-led policy of encirclement against Russia throughout recent years has included, among other things, a relentless push for NATO expansion into Eastern Europe.
- ❖ Another element of this policy of encirclement was the United States’ withdrawal in June 2002 from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty (which for thirty years, from 1972 to 2002, had kept intact the preservative threat of mutually assured destruction between the U.S. and the former Soviet republics). Since that time, the U.S. has built a number of ABM stations in Poland along the Russian border, with more planned, beginning in Romania.
- ❖ Most significantly, as *Voice of Russia* has repeatedly stressed, these ABM stations are in fact not merely defensive in nature. The same missiles housed in these stations which might be used as defensive interceptors can also be used in a first-strike offensive against Russia, delivering a virtually unstoppable close-range nuclear payload into the heart of Russia. Russia can only view the presence of these ABM stations along her border as an intolerable threat.
- ❖ The “Prompt Global Strike” hypersonic intercontinental missile system (which was previously rejected by President George W. Bush as too dangerous a threat of triggering Russia’s early warning system for nuclear attack) is being aggressively developed under the Obama administration.
- ❖ The relationship between the Bush Doctrine’s first-strike nuclear attack strategy and these pointed efforts for building up fast-strike capabilities (particularly from the growing number of close-range ABM stations surrounding Russia, and the other Prompt Global Strike launch platforms) is clear.

- ❖ All of these things have already prompted a stern warning from President Putin not to “mess with” nuclear Russia.

Chapter 4. What Will Nuclear War Be Like?

There are now more than 17,000 strategic nuclear warheads in the world, each of which threatens to create a hell on earth almost beyond our ability to imagine or describe.

- ❖ Thermonuclear bombs produce a rapidly expanding fireball hotter than the sun, capable of igniting urban firestorms covering more than 100 square miles.
- ❖ The radiation produced is so intense that it would instantly cremate the unfortunate people nearby the explosion, and throughout a much larger radius would burn others to death more cruelly over hours, days, and months.
- ❖ The explosion produces a blast wave which crushes all structures in its path.
- ❖ Wind-borne radioactive fallout spreads the blast’s poisonous effects over vast regions of the world.
- ❖ The immediate vicinity of the blast may be rendered uninhabitable for decades.

The burst or “pulse” of electromagnetic radiation (EMP) associated with thermonuclear explosions presents, in itself, an equally lethal threat.

- ❖ An EMP attack would cause meltdown disasters at every nuclear power plant associated with the affected power grid.
- ❖ In the long-term, an EMP-related disruption of electric power to a first-world urbanized society (such as that of the United States) would also trigger the complete breakdown of social order under the pressures of widespread starvation, disease, and lawlessness.

There will be no winner in any nuclear war, since the ensuing effects on the earth’s climate would cause a global famine, bringing *self-assured* destruction by starvation even to the “victorious” nation.

- ❖ Even a limited, regional nuclear exchange (such as between India and Pakistan, involving a total of 100 Hiroshima-sized weapons against each other’s cities) would loft enough smoke and soot into the atmosphere to severely disrupt global agriculture for a decade or longer. The presence of so much smoke in the stratosphere would block much sunlight from reaching the earth, leading to continuous year-round temperatures as low as the given region’s winter extremes, for years on end.
- ❖ At the same time, the atmospheric soot would be heated by solar radiation, causing a series of chemical reactions in the surrounding gases that would break down the ozone layer, exposing both plants and animals below to toxic ultraviolet radiation.

- ❖ These effects would be all the more catastrophic in the case of larger-scale conflicts. A global nuclear war involving most or all of the world's current nuclear arsenals would destroy the human race and leave the earth virtually uninhabitable.

More dangerous than nuclear weapons themselves are the world leaders who do not appreciate these weapons' potential lethality for the whole human race.

- ❖ U.S. leaders seem convinced that they possess a “nuclear primacy” over Russia and China, and that they can “win” a nuclear war through a sufficiently devastating first-strike against their enemies. This arrogance, along with the ambition for world dominance demonstrated by Washington, gives all of us ample reason to fear the worst from our present situation which threatens to trigger a nuclear “self-destruct mechanism” for humanity.
- ❖ Top political leaders and policymakers of various nations of power and influence, who *de facto* sit in control of the world's nuclear weapons arsenals, seem to be unaware that they have their fingers on the trigger of a self-destruct mechanism for humanity.

Part II — The One and Only Solution

Chapter 1. In Essence

Knowledge of and obedience to the whole Message of Fatima is our only hope for avoiding war, famine, and other punishments from God which our sins are bringing down upon us.

- ❖ The Fatima Message is a clear and explicit revelation, in the words of both Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. This revelation was confirmed by the Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917 (predicted by Our Lady of Fatima three months in advance and witnessed by 70,000 people) and has been fully approved and endorsed by the Catholic Church.
- ❖ Through the Message of Fatima, God has made known His will — *i.e.*, His determined plan — to save sinners by establishing in the world the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- ❖ A second purpose intended by God in establishing this devotion in the world today is to extend His great Mercy to our most undeserving generation, with graces of conversion and peace that will mark a turning point in all of human history. God has reserved these wonderful graces as part of the coming Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Whose intervention — if we obey in time — will prevent us from having to suffer the full rigor of the terrible chastisements that the world justly deserves today, and which will otherwise inevitably fall upon us.

By the express words of Our Lord and Our Lady, we know without any doubt that...

- ❖ The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be established by means of the Pope (in union with the Catholic bishops of the world) consecrating Russia to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, in the manner prescribed in the Fatima Message;
- ❖ So long as the Consecration of Russia is delayed, the world cannot have peace;

- ❖ If the Consecration of Russia is not performed in time, “various nations will be annihilated.”

The Church’s response to Heaven’s command for the Consecration of Russia hinges on the Pope’s decision, and therefore also on our own efforts to move him to obey.

- ❖ Our Lord expects us to do our part in acting for Our Lady’s honor and for our own preservation by using the moral influence of whatever station each of us has in life, as well as our prayers, to bring about the Pope’s obedience.

Chapter 2. In Detail

The world is on the verge of an historic change, of either great tragedy, in a terrible disaster for all mankind, or of great joy, in unprecedented blessings of world peace. The latter (joyful) possibility will come about only through the Consecration of Russia by the Pope and Catholic bishops.

- ❖ When the Pope and, at his order, all the Catholic bishops of the world solemnly consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady’s incomparable merits will earn for the world two tremendous, historic graces: conversion and peace.
- ❖ For the past nearly 100 years, Russia has served Providence as an instrument of chastisement for the sins of the world. Until Russia is properly consecrated in the manner specified by Our Lady of Fatima, it will continue in this divinely appointed role, leading (if the Consecration is not done in time) to the annihilation of various nations.
- ❖ When at last the Fatima request for the Consecration of Russia is heeded, Our Lady will miraculously convert Russia in such a striking manner that the whole world will recognize the cause-and-effect relationship between Russia’s Consecration and its conversion. Shortly thereafter, all nations will come into the Catholic Church, acknowledging the Consecration of Russia (along with that act’s consequent graces for the world) as a Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

With good reason, Our Lady of Fatima has requested that Russia specifically, and only Russia, be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart.

- ❖ The consecration of a well-defined territory and people, as distinct from a general blessing invoked upon all nations, will allow the whole world to recognize that specific nation’s sudden and miraculous collective conversion as an immediate effect of its consecration.
- ❖ Also, since the Consecration of Russia will involve an act of faith and obedience on the part of the Pope and the bishops to Our Lady of Fatima’s request, the divine authority possessed by the Catholic Church’s hierarchy will be emphasized. The conversion of Russia and the gift of peace for the world will be clearly recognized as the marvelous and glorious result of the Pope’s order to the bishops to join him in exercising this authority, in obedience to Our Lady of Fatima. The conversion of other nations throughout the world will follow shortly after this dramatic proof that all graces come to mankind from God, not just through the Sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ, but also through the Blessed Virgin Mary, and finally through the Catholic Church.

- ❖ When the whole world thus witnesses the extent of Our Lady’s power and the greatness of Her merits (seeing how it was only by Her own personal intervention that our exceedingly sinful generation was given these epochal graces of conversion and peace), these miraculous events will abound to Our Lady’s honor. At last the world will understand — in a deeper and more vivid way than men have ever understood — the great power of Our Lady’s merits and intercession.
- ❖ This new understanding of the great holiness and intercessory power of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be the key to salvation for many souls who would otherwise be lost. So many souls of this kind are being lost today, not knowing how easy it is to gain Heaven with Our Lady’s help, and how necessary it is for salvation to exercise devotion to Our Lady.

The adequate widespread promotion of the full Fatima Message together with the conversion and prayers of sufficient people — especially the reparatory devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary recommended in the Message of Fatima — would infallibly move Heaven even at this late hour to preserve us from the coming war.

- ❖ The Popes and the Church prelates of recent decades have for the most part been little disposed to obey the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. But God sends inadequate pastors to govern the Church as a dire punishment, only when He has been thoroughly provoked by the rebelliousness of the faithful. Thus the disastrous course which the Church has taken during recent decades is as much a reflection on the Catholic faithful as it is on the particular churchmen who govern the Church.
- ❖ The prophet Jeremias assures us that our conversion will find a loving and generous response from God: “Return, O ye revolting children, ... and I will give you pastors according to My own heart.” (Jeremias 3:14-15) Sister Lucy, too, has repeatedly stressed the need for prayer accompanied by reparation and sacrifice — especially the sacrifices needed to avoid sin: “God is resolved to purify in their blood all the nations which want to destroy His kingdom in souls; and yet *He promises to be appeased and grant pardon, if people pray and do penance.*” Our Lord Himself assures us that even at this very late hour, when already so much has been lost, still our repentance and reparation can move Heaven to avert our utter ruin: **“It will never be too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.”**
- ❖ Particularly powerful for our preservation are the reparatory devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, *e.g.*, the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of each month, and the daily five-decade Rosary. In the brief time that remains to us to act effectively to avert the next major war, we need to be very faithful to (and get others to perform) these reparatory devotions.
- ❖ Regarding the monthly Communion of Reparation, Sister Lucy was given Our Lady’s assurance that She will obtain a remission of our chastisements to the extent that we make efforts to propagate this devotion: “Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the Consecration [of Russia] to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. ... Our Lady promised to delay the scourge of war if this devotion was propagated and practiced.”

- ❖ In regard to the Rosary, Lucy tells us: “The Most Holy Virgin...has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that cannot be solved by the Rosary. ... With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.”

Our time is now very short. If we continue our delay in obeying Heaven’s command for the Consecration of Russia, the looming tragedies of world war, the “annihilation of nations,” and the survivors “envying the dead” will overtake us, and future generations of mankind will make a proverb of our generation’s folly.

- ❖ We stand now on the verge of what could be the final disaster for the vast majority of mankind. The next major war could well be more devastating for the whole world than anything the human race has ever experienced — and more terrible than any of us can imagine.
- ❖ Knowledge of and obedience to the Message of Fatima is our only hope, and the only solution to the great evils of our day, but our time is running out. We must act now, and quickly, to honor Our Lady of Fatima’s requests.
- ❖ The Third Secret Vision, depicting a Pope being executed by soldiers, is reminiscent of the misfortune which overtook King Louis XVI of France. For an entire century, the kings of France neglected to obey Our Lord’s command for the consecration of France to His Sacred Heart. Finally, at the end of that 100-year period (100 years to the day!), Louis XVI was *de facto* dethroned and shortly thereafter lost his head on the revolutionaries’ guillotine. Our Lord Himself draws our attention to this connection, speaking to Sister Lucy in 1931: “Make it known to My ministers, that given they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My command, they will likewise follow him into misfortune.”
- ❖ Thus the same fate suffered by the King of France awaits the Pope, bishops, and civil authorities — both civil leaders and civil servants — and all who exercise legitimate authority in society (since that authority comes to them from God, and thus they are ministers of God) if they do not do their part in time.
- ❖ We note, too, that in the Third Secret Vision, those soldiers who executed the Pope proceeded to shoot down in the same way — with “bullets and arrows” — an assemblage of bishops, priests, religious, and laymen. Thus the same fate that befell King Louis XVI awaits both religious and laypeople today, and for the same reason.

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