

The Miracle of the Sun

Introduction

In the book and video *Messages From Heaven*, as well as the book *Queen of All*, we document the enormous and growing Marian movement. This global movement consists of tens of millions who are devoted to the apparition of Mary. However, as we document in these books, this entity is not the true Mary of the Bible, but rather a demonic counterfeit known as the queen of heaven who preaches a false gospel. While this article only deals with “The Miracle of the Sun” manifestations, further information can be found by reading and viewing our free resources at: www.eternal-productions.org

Plummeting Ball of Fire

At apparition sites around the globe, a phenomenon known as “the Miracle of the Sun” has been seen by hundreds of thousands. The first major recorded episode of this sun miracle occurred on October 13, 1917, at Fatima, Portugal, before an estimated 70,000 people.

On this date a severe storm had raged through Europe. The ground was soaked and muddy and everyone was drenched. The apparition appeared to the three young visionaries, who described a lovely lady “more brilliant than the sun.”¹ The apparition spoke messages to the children,² and just as the apparition was about to leave, the Miracle of the Sun began. Here is an account of what occurred:

As the Blessed Mother was leaving she opened her hands, and from them rays of light extended in the direction of the sun. Gradually the sun grew pale, appeared as a silver disk at which all could gaze directly, without shielding their eyes. Rays of multicolored light shot out from the sun in every direction... Then the sun began to spin madly on its axis and appeared like a giant wheel of fire. The sun began to dance wildly. Suddenly the sun seemed to be torn loose from its orbit. It hurtled closer and closer to earth, and looked like it was going to plummet to the earth. The people were terrified and there arose cries of repentance and appeals for mercy. Many thought it was the end of the world. Then, just as suddenly, the sun stopped plummeting downwards, and in the same swirling motion it began to climb upward until it resumed its place in the sky. The rain-soaked clothes of the 50,000 to 70,000 people were immediately dry. This was an event reported by several newspapers of the day.³

¹ Ted and Maureen Flynn, *The Thunder of Justice*, Sterling, VA, MaxKol Communications, Inc., 1993, p. 135.

² Refer to our book *Messages From Heaven* at: <http://www.eternal-productions.org/catholicism.html> to read the Fatima messages and many other messages from the apparition.

³ *The Thunder of Justice*, pp. 137-138

The thousands in attendance at Fatima on October 13, 1917, claimed to have witnessed the sun move strangely and fall from the sky like a ball of fire. These eyewitnesses report that they watched as the sun fell from heaven toward the crowd and then return to its normal position in the sky. Many thought this was signaling the end of the world and were sure they would perish. However, rather than perish, many of the sick were healed. Here is another report of the events at Fatima:

Just when it seemed that the ball of fire would fall upon and destroy them, the miracle ceased and the sun resumed its normal place in the sky, shining forth as peacefully as ever. When the people arose from the ground, cries of astonishment were heard on all sides. Their clothes, which had been soaking wet and muddy, now were clean and dry. Many of the sick and crippled had been cured of their afflictions.⁴

Sun Miracles Increasing

The Fatima miracle was just the beginning. Over the last century this sign, as well as many other miracles, have been reported at apparition sites around the globe.

In recent years, widespread reports of pilgrims witnessing The Miracle of the Sun have increased. For instance, it happened before a crowd of 100,000 in Puerto Rico on April 23, 1991, which was the thirty-eighth anniversary of the apparitions there,⁵ and it happened again in the Philippines on March 5, 1993, in front of a crowd of 300,000.⁶ Similar events have been recorded at such apparition sites as Medjugorje, Bosnia; Denver, Colorado; Lubbock, Texas; and Conyers, Georgia.

Below is a list of some apparition locations where the “Miracle of the Sun” has occurred, often repeatedly.⁷

Apparition Site	Date	Number in attendance
Fatima, Portugal	October 13, 1917	70,000
Lubbock, Texas	August 15, 1988	20,000
El Cajas, Ecuador	1988 - 1990	120,000 at one time
Sabana, Grande, Puerto Rico	April 23, 1991	100,000
Denver, Colorado	October, 1991	unknown
Agoo, Philippines	March 5, 1993	300,000
Medjugorje, Bosnia	on-going	thousands
Conyers, Georgia	on-going	thousands

⁴ *Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan From Heaven*, Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., 1983, pp. 7-8.

⁵ Thomas W. Petrisko, editor, “Our Lady of the Rosary in Puerto Rico,” *Our Lady Queen of Peace*, McKees Rock, PA, Pittsburgh Center for Peace, Special Edition I, 2nd Printing, Winter 1992, p. 13.

⁶ “Filipinos flock to glimpse vision of Mary,” *The Tennessean*, Volume 89, Number 66, Mar. 7, 1993, p. 2A.

⁷ For a thorough explanation of the events surrounding the “Miracle of the Sun,” refer to: Timothy F. Kauffman, *Graven Bread*, Huntsville, AL, White Horse Publications, 1994, pp. 97-102.

Though this is by no means an exhaustive list, it does show that the apparition of Mary has been causing fire (the sun) to fall from heaven to earth in the sight of men. In fact countless individual pilgrims have testified to seeing the sun spin, or pulse, or plummet, or turn into a communion host while visiting an apparition site.

Consistently and increasingly, this miracle has occurred in our day by the power of the queen of heaven.

Last Days Lying Signs and Wonders

The Miracle of the Sun is only one of many miracles reported at apparition sites around the world. For example, consider this quote concerning Medjugorje from author and priest Richard J. Beyer:

The appearances of the Mother of God in Medjugorje have been accompanied by a number of miracles, including physical healings (now numbered at 360), reports of the sun dancing or spinning in the sky, rosary links and medals that apparently change from silver to gold, and other phenomenon....Just as Christ worked miracles during his earthly life to authenticate his teaching and ministry, so Our Lady of Medjugorje seems to be using them to validate her presence and messages, which, as always, direct us to her Son.⁸

The Bible prophesies that deceptive signs and wonders will characterize the last days,⁹ and Marian manifestations arguably perform more signs than any other spirit entity. What specific signs and wonders does the Bible anticipate during this period? Will the apparition of Mary perform these last days signs and wonders? To answer these questions let's review some of the Scriptures related to signs and wonders in the last days and compare these passages to what is currently taking place at apparition sites around the globe.

Not surprisingly, one of the deceptive signs of the last days found in God's Word is fire coming down from heaven. We're forewarned in Revelation 13:13 that the False Prophet (or Second Beast) makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

“He [the False prophet] performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men” (Revelation 13:13).

As we've noted, the apparition is credited with making fire (the sun) come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. While queen of heaven is certainly not the False Prophet, might this sign be a forerunner to the False Prophet's future signs? Jesus likened the last days signs to birth pangs which increase in frequency and intensity as the day of delivery draws near (Matthew 24:8; 24:33-34). Are the recent sun miracles foreshadowing what is yet to occur?

⁸ Richard J. Beyer, *Medjugorje Day By Day*, Notre Dame, IN., Ave Maria Press, 1993, Introduction.

⁹ Mathew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 19:20; etc.

Forerunner of the Great Sign

Since the “Miracle of the Sun” in 1917, literally hundreds of thousands of people have witnessed similar phenomena at apparition sites around the world. Is the Miracle of the Sun the forerunner of events that will occur during the Tribulation?

The following message from the apparition of Mary to Father Gobbi, given on December 31, 1987, explains that it is the apparition who is performing these signs:

Finally, in your time, there are occurring great signs in the sun, on the moon and in the stars. The miracle of the sun which took place at Fatima was a sign which I gave you to warn you that the times of these extraordinary phenomena which are taking place in the heavens have now arrived. And how many times during my present apparitions have you yourselves been able to contemplate the great prodigies that are taking place in the sun.¹⁰

Furthermore, at Medjugorje, where hundreds of people saw fire burning on Mt. Podbrdo that did not consume anything, the apparition of Mary said:

“The fire seen by the faithful was miraculous. It is one of the signs – a forerunner of the great sign.”¹¹

Remarkably, according to the apparition, a greater sign is forthcoming! We are told in Revelation 13:14 that the second Beast, “...deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do...” In addition, Revelation 16:14 warns that spirits of demons will perform deceptive signs and wonders throughout the world in the final days. And Jesus warns that in the last days “there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars” (Luke 21:25).

Could the “Miracle of the Sun” performed by the deceptive queen of heaven be a precursor to what will soon occur?

What would happen if the apparition caused fire (the sun) to come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of the whole world? What would happen if healings and other miracles coincided with this event (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)? Would the world be deceived into believing that she was truly heaven sent? Would apparition usher in global peace and unity under her mantle (Revelation 17, Zechariah 5)? Time will tell.

¹⁰ Fr. Don Stefano Gobbi, *To The Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons*, St. Francis, ME, The National Headquarters of the Marian Movement of Priests in the United States of America, 1998, p. 542.

¹¹ Richard J. Beyer, *Medjugorje Day By Day*, Notre Dame, IN, Ave Maria Press, 1993, June 30th meditation. Message given on Oct. 28, 1981.