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The Annihilation of Nations

Our Lady of Fatima warned that if Her requests were not heeded, Russia would “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.” However, in His infinite mercy, God has offered us a way to avoid this terrible punishment. Through the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we will not only avoid the predicted chastisements, but we will be granted the inestimable gift of peace throughout the world for all mankind.

It is important to particularly note two of Our Lady’s words: nations and annihilation. Heaven has chosen those words with infinite wisdom. Our Lady did not say “states” would be annihilated, and was not, therefore, referring to civil governments or sovereignties. The word “nations” refers to peoples. For example, when in 1795 Germany, France, Russia and Austria-Hungary overran Poland and divided it among themselves, the Polish state was annihilated, but the Polish nation was not annihilated; the Polish people remained. In 1919 the Polish state was reconstituted. Obviously, the Polish nation had not been annihilated. So when Our Lady declares that nations will be annihilated, She’s referring to nations of people, not necessarily physical states marked by borders.

Likewise, the word “annihilated” is very significant. It comes from the Latin word “nihil,” which means “nothing.” Literally, annihilated means “made into nothing.” If Our Lady had meant to say that there would be a near total, but not quite total destruction of peoples, She would have chosen another word, such as “devastated.” So, distressing as it is to imagine, we must conclude that entire peoples will be obliterated if we do not first have the Consecration of Russia. Until now, Our Lady’s most dire warning and prophecy, “various nations will be annihilated,” has not taken place. However, the world moves

closer to its fulfillment daily, as is explained below.

The extermination of vast multitudes of people is not only possible, it has happened with alarming frequency since 1917. On the heels of the French Revolution, Robespierre publicly declared his desire to wipe out around ten million Frenchmen through his reign of terror; there weren’t many more than that in France. He was stopped short of his goal, but others weren’t.

Lenin stated that he would be willing to kill 75% of the world’s population if it meant that what was left would be communist. Stalin

boasted, “If you kill five men it’s murder; if you kill five million, it’s a political movement.” The two men combined to kill at *least* 60 million, and maybe as many as 110 million during their reigns as head of Russia and the Soviet Union. Throughout the 1920’s and



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The Two Standards

by James J. Daly, S.J.

There is much talk about the soul. But – like the weather – nothing is done about it. The soul is treated somewhat in the manner of an aged grandsire, the famous founder of the family fortune, who, although he is their boast, is kept carefully hidden away in a remote part of the house lest he should make the family uneasy by his remarks, or should shock or bore visitors. The soul is praised so much and seen so little that youthful skeptics of a cynical tendency declare the soul has no reality.

It must be conceded that, as human nature finds itself at present, it is not easy to give the soul the attention it deserves. The soul and its interests are of supreme importance here and hereafter, but any excuse will serve to absolve us from quiet communion with it. It is a kind of conference we are prone to postpone indefinitely. St. Ignatius Loyola had to be shot down and sequestered for months before he would consent to such a conference. During that long period of enforced seclusion it occurred to him that there ought to be some way, short of half killing a man, of bringing him and his soul together for a little serious consideration of the great realities of life. Under the inspiration of Divine grace, he composed his famous “Spiritual Exercises”, a series of meditations designed to impart that clarity of vision and that awakening of conscience which ordinarily only a personal catastrophe or the imminence of death seems able to induce.

One of these “exercises” – perhaps the most famous of them – is the meditation on the “Two Standards.” It comes after the one making the exercises has been brought to realize that the only real calamity in this world is the commission of sin, and that it is a calamity forever stalking us and setting subtly contrived traps for our undoing. We have been made aware of the eternal conflict waging between the forces of evil and the forces of good, between our Father Who is in Heaven and the foul father of all iniquity; the theater of the conflict being, at one and the same time, each separate soul and the whole world of souls.

Night and day the soul is the quarry of sinister hunts-

men. It is a vital matter, then, to cultivate sensitiveness to sin, an instinct for detecting it in its remote approaches, spiritual antennae sensing it afar off and shrinking from it. For the father of lies seldom makes advances undisguised.

The principal aim of the meditation on the Two Standards is to inspire us with a desire to acquire spiritual delicacy and refinement, which will detect the vulgar grossness of sin when it comes masked as an angel of light.

The very name of the meditation – the Two Standards, the Two Flags – proclaims its symbolic quality. A country’s flag is the symbol of innumerable ideas, emotions, beliefs, aspirations, memories, habits and customs, common to a whole people and giving them a distinctive character among nations. St. Ignatius has already called our attention to the two superkingdoms of the world, namely, the Kingdom of Christ and the Kingdom of Satan. Now he asks us to behold the flags of these two kingdoms shining like meteors in the sky, and to study the things they stand for.

These two kingdoms, in desperate conflict as long as one man remains upon our planet, are, in themselves and in their operations, spiritual and invisible; but the fortunes of their warfare can be read easily enough in the life of the individual, in society, and in the march of history. St. Ignatius wishes us to visualize this battle of the

superkingdoms, and directs our eyes to the headquarters of the opposing Chiefs, where we can see and hear them disclosing their plans to their lieutenants. Here we shall learn the basic principles of their strategy and the respective meanings of the Two Standards will be made clear.

The dread Captain of Sin, rebel angel, relentless destroyer of souls, is seated upon a towering throne of fire and smoke. His aspect is unspeakably repulsive, because one reads in it all the foul crimes and infamy of the world from the beginning. He is now with his own, and he has laid off his disguises, a proud and sensitive monster breathing undying hatred of God and all that reflects the beauty and goodness of God.

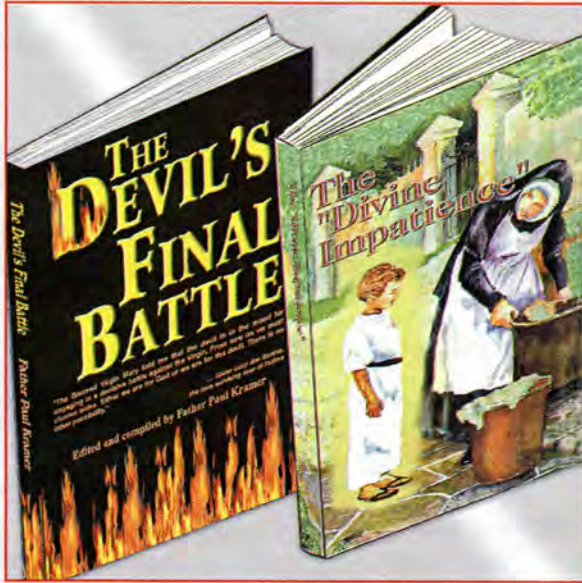
Next we are asked to turn to the opposing encamp-

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Apostolate Happenings

Literature Distribution



So far this year we have mailed the Italian translation of the book *The Devil's Final Battle*, to 2,853 Bishops — in Italy, Spain and Central and South America (most bishops can read and speak Italian).

Another 216 copies of the French translation of *The Devil's Final Battle* have been sent to bishops in France and the French speaking part of Canada.

The French *Devil's Final Battle* was sent to another 394 French speaking Bishops in various countries around the world.

Approximately 7,500 priests in Italy received the Italian *Devil's Final Battle*.

We have also recently mailed the book, *The Divine Impatience*,



to 20,000 priests, most of them in North America; and are preparing to mail it to all English speaking bishops.

Our office is also preparing to mail the Special Rosary Issue of *The Fatima Crusader* (CR72) to 18,946 priests in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia and Malta and to 15,000 priests in India.

We strongly encourage you to visit our new "Online Rosary" featured on our website, www.fatima.org On the home page there is a section called prayers and devotion. The first item under it is the new "Online Rosary". †

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ment, where Christ stands or moves about on easy and intimate terms among his agents of grace. Nor does Christ wear disguise. He sometimes has to come and save us in the form of pain or stern renunciation. But now He allows the goodness and beauty and love of God to radiate freely from His countenance and gesture.

Having gazed upon the leading adversaries, we are now directed to listen to the instructions which they give to their subordinates. These instructions are brief in both cases. "In the trapping of souls and the overthrowing of nations," Lucifer directs, "do not employ obvious snares. Lead them to a desire for wealth or for the success and position which aptitudes and accomplishments confer. Such a desire is innocent and involves nothing sinful. After power, honor and influence shall have crowned its career, the soul will fall an easy victim to pride, arrogance and self-will. When it has come to that pass, your labor is over. Transfer your attention elsewhere. That soul is ours

forever." It is a simple sort of strategy, yet a reading of history is nothing but a sad commentary and illustration of the terrible effectiveness of that simple plan in the ruin of souls and the destruction of human happiness.

Christ instructs His soldiers thus: "Try to implant in souls a sense of real values. If they can be induced to cultivate a sane judgment on such things as wealth and accomplishments, they will not be too eager in their desires in the absence of them; and, in their possession of them, they will rate them as of minor importance. The main value of affluence and talents lies in their use as barter for honors and power, distinction and elevation above others. Teach men the vanity and futility of these prizes when they serve an illusory sense of one's own importance and distort utterly the pattern of reality and life. If you can convince a soul to accept and to act on this fundamental principle, that soul will discover Me and gravitate towards Me and be won from the strongest toils of the Enemy of souls."

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Dear Father Gruner,

First and foremost receive my heartfelt greetings accompanied by God's graces, all the blessings of our risen Christ, His mercy, love and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Father, you have given me immeasurable happiness for having received your letter together with the parcel. In fact I don't know how I can thank you, I only pray to our Heavenly Father to bless and reward you because from Him is where we can get the best reward. Believe it or not that through the books and

literature you send me I am actually learning so many good things about our Heavenly Mother that I never knew before.

On the other hand, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for accepting voluntarily to spread the Message of Our Lady of Fatima to every continent of the world. It is not an easy job, but once again congratulations, thank you and keep it up.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Sr. J.M., Spain

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1930's Stalin starved to death approximately twenty million people in the Ukraine alone. Mao killed tens of millions in China during his reign. Half the population – approximately three million people – of Cambodia was killed in the 1970's. The list goes on: Rwanda, Ethiopia, the Balkans, Lebanon in the 1980's, etc.

The greatest modern holocaust, however, has been the war waged on the unborn. Abortion was illegal everywhere in the world when Our Lady appeared at the Cova da Iria in 1917. Yet since 1970, around 800 million children have been "legally" killed in their mother's wombs, and the numbers are growing every year.

We do not know which nations will be annihilated from the face of the earth if the Consecration of Russia continues to be delayed. Our own nation could be one of them. Thousands of nuclear warheads exist throughout the world. Russia and Communist China, which are allies, both regard the United States as their enemy. While the nuclear warheads in Russia and China – or those possessed by other countries – may not be currently aimed at the United States, they could be aimed there within two minutes.

In her 1957 interview with Father Fuentes, Sister

Lucy stated, "many times the Most Holy Virgin told my cousins Jacinta and Francisco, as well as myself, that many nations will disappear from the face of the earth, that Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation. ..." The results of the Pope and the bishops failing to consecrate Russia have affected all of us; and until it is done, we will continue to experience God's chastisement. Only the Consecration of Russia can prevent the annihilation and chastisements that yet await us. Therefore, our own lives and the lives of our friends and family members are at stake. Truly, our fate and the fate of the world depend upon the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let us continue our fervent prayers and sacrifices for the fulfillment of Our Lady of Fatima's requests, so that we may avoid the annihilation of nations. †

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To one who has responded earnestly to the appeal of Christ, and has chosen His Standard, a selfish attitude is unthinkable. The true follower of Christ will spend himself for Christ. Such things as wealth and fame and favorable regard will be mere incidents, negligible as far as he himself is concerned; useful, perhaps, as weapons in a holy warfare. And, though his natural gifts be small, if failure be his portion rather than success, he will know that his fidelity is effective somewhere in the fight for righteousness which his Leader is waging. To keep the Standard of Christ aloft against the varied assaults of evil, is the test of valor and the highest form of success. †

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