

Cases of demonic possession (in Medjugorje)

Foreword: Between 1984 and 1995 there have been several occasions during the 22 pilgrimages to Medjugorje I have made, where I came across cases of real demonic possession. In one case (1989) I was even able to make a very remarkable tape recording of the event wherein, as I later understood, the prince of darkness already in 1989 announced the coming civil war in Bosnia.

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I take the liberty of offering you this 4 page article from 1995, although it is now somewhat dated.

Since 1997 I have been completely certain that the (not recognised) so called 'apparitions' in Medjugorje are based on manipulation and fraud by the Franciscans from that parish in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

This has not prevented millions of (deceived) pilgrims from the whole world from traveling there, attracted by propaganda and sensation and often with a genuine hope and belief in divine intervention. This sometimes includes specially trained "assistants" who travel with genuinely possessed people to the false "sacred place" of Medjugorje, in the hope of release.

But in Medjugorje lying and cheating prevail. All the exorcisms which occur there, take place without permission of the local bishop and are therefore not valid. It is therefore understandable that Satan does not let himself be driven out of possessed persons in Medjugorje. In such a situation of manipulation, lies, fraud and disobedience to Church authorities, he would be completely at ease.

Herewith my comments (on 2-2-2006) on my article from 1995.

Introduction

I know very well that most "modern" people and priests no longer believe in angels, devils, holy water, hell or, for that matter, heaven. But, our bible is full of comments over Satan, Beelzebub, the old serpent, the tempter, the prince of this world, the god of this world, the demons. Naturally we prefer not to hear this, me neither. But according to Christian belief the devil is a fallen angel, who according to the 4th Lateran Council became evil through his own free decision. He kept his own angelic nature, but turned against God and was punished in hell, "the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt 25,41)

The name of his opponent, the Archangel Michael (Hebrew: who is like God") demonstrates that the proud angels wished to achieve equality with God. They were confirmed in evil and because of their total hatred of God these purely spiritual beings became the jealous tempters of humanity, of people whose body and soul were received from God.

This began with the temptation and sin of Adam and Eve (Gen3). Since then Satan has had power over people. In the New Testament and in the lives of many saints the devil is seen as the origin of sin in the world. "He was a murderer from the beginning". (John 8,44) He is the king of this world (2Cor 4,4) ruler over the world of darkness (Eph 6,12) against whom Christians have to struggle.

Jesus Christ has delivered us from the power of darkness. Where Jesus appears, the devil takes flight. In the Apocalypse the old serpent (Gen 3) is finally destroyed at the end of time and thrown in the pool of fire. In the meantime, we, the people on earth, have to do battle with the evil powers, who tear away the good seed in our hearts (Matt 13, 19) and who sow weeds instead (Matt 13,39). But man keeps his freedom and with God's help he can prevail against the wiles of the devil. (Eph 6,11). Think for example of the holy Curate of Ars, who was physically tormented by Satan. The same in our time the now Saint Padre Pio. This all happened with the permission of God. But one can only speak of possession, when the devil takes possession of interior and/or exterior senses of a person. Every believer can arm himself against this by being in a state of grace (valid confession and Holy Communion), by wearing the Sacred Scapular, by praying the Rosary etc.

Possession is a peculiar and rare phenomenon. For a few moments the person is no longer master of his will, body and voice. But a few hours later, the evil spirit appears to be "asleep" and the person is again fully conscious of his situation, which however can turn around again later.

There can be several reasons for demonic possession:

A deliberate choice of an evil spirit, who goes into a person in a state of mortal sin.

A curse by someone else

Through a cursed object

Through a free choice to be a sacrificial victim for the salvation of souls

Through the free choice of a worshipper of Satan

Many cases of supposedly "possession" are in fact emotional and mental disturbances and illnesses. Jesus, Saints and exorcists are able to distinguish cases of genuine possession, with hatred of God always the key element. The Church is very careful with cases of genuine possession, but because of increases of satanic influences (such as certain types of rock music and clubs) the Church has appointed more official diocesan exorcists. Before his Ascension into heaven, Jesus gave the Apostles the task and power of driving out devils (Mark 16,17), which is what they subsequently did (Acts 5,16).

In the case of exorcism, the Church distinguishes between ordinary prayers of exorcism which everyone may say, and the actual exorcism, which may only be said by an authorised diocesan exorcist, who has received permission from the local bishop for each separate case of exorcism. To attend an exorcism is a fairly risky task. The reason is that, if the evil spirit is driven out, he will try immediately to enter into another person who is not in a state of grace and who does not have any blessed objects such as sacramentals as defensive weapons, or who does not call on God, the Blessed Virgin or on the archangel Michael.

Some actual cases of possession:

-In August 1984 I met a Swiss couple in Medjugorje. The woman at times carried on like a person possessed by the devil. Her husband told me that she had voluntarily offered herself to be possessed by an evil spirit, as a sacrificial victim(!). The woman screamed so loudly day and night, that the neighbours complained about the “mad woman”, with the result that they had to move out of their house and into a caravan. This was also the case in Medjugorje, where the woman screamed as in Switzerland.

-In April 1985 there was an Irish missionary in Medjugorje, who told me in great detail how, when in Argentina, he had freed a possessed girl from a satanic club who had made a pact with the devil, by means of a lengthy exorcism. After her conversion, she had to flee the city from the other members of the satanic club. The priest however, refused to let me tape his testimony.

-In July 1985 an Italian girl began to scream in the church of Medjugorje, when the priest started the "Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat". She was led outside and Vicka (one of the 'seers') led the exorcism prayers. Through my experience with previous exorcisms I thought I recognised a case of possession. I took some holy water from the church and went to the semi-conscious person in front of the church, where a group of people were praying around the girl. I asked the Italian doctor if I could sprinkle holy water over the girl. However on that very moment a woman from Alken-Belgium had already done this, without asking permission. The result was typical: the girl began to scream and to kick. The Belgian lady was asked to leave and one gave the girl ordinary water to drink, after which she became calm again. Later on **Father** P Slavko came to pray.

-In the front garden of Vicka's house a group of people were trying to exorcise an Italian lady in July 1987. Five people (under which Vicka) were required to subdue the woman. I recognised this case as authentic and drove by car to the presbytery to obtain the assistance of a priest. Father Ivan Dugandzic, theologian and formerly member of the second bishop's commission on Medjugorje, refused to come. His explanation was frightening: “Some time ago, together with 5 Franciscan priests we tried to exorcise a person over 14 days, while fasting on bread and water, ...without result! We were exhausted ...”

-In July 1989 the same thing occurred. At the “Christus vincit” in the church, there was terrifying screaming. The young Italian woman was brought outside behind the church and a number of people began to exorcise her. Some pilgrims came to look, others came to join in prayer and others made fun of it. From a distance I heard some fragments of words: 'il serpente (the serpent)... sono maledetto (I am damned)... la voleva Satana (Satan wanted this)... quanto vi odio (how much I hate you)... lascia me (let me)'. I quickly got my tape recorder and without anybody noticing I recorded the following: 'sono il principe della superbio (I am the prince of pride)... ti odio (I hate you)... non voglio vedere quella croce (I don't want to see that cross)... sono Beëlzebub (I am B.)... salo (filth)... sono il maëstro solo (I am the only master)... fano malo (they do evil?)... all screaming: Io Dio (I am God)... ti odio (I hate you)... ho paura della croce (I am scared of the cross)... ho paura della luce (I am afraid of the light)...ho paura dell'amore (I am afraid of love)... tanto paura (so much fear)... mamma mia (my mother)... Satana e qui (Satan is here)... threatening: la bataglia sara

destruciendo (the battle shall be destructive)!

The last sentence could refer to the spiritual battle for souls, or to the Apocalyps. But, when two years later in 1991, the war broke out, first in Slovenia, than in Croatie and later in Bosnia Herzegovina, I began to think differently.

The following day I spoke with the Italian lady in all calm. She quietly took the rosary out of her pocket and said determinedly "Jesus and Mary are stronger than satan. Together with them I shall overcome in the end".

Naturally is this tape-recording a remarkable document. I have therefore waited six year (from 1989 to 1995) before publicising this incredible fact. According to me it is a proof of the Christian dogma that evil exists as a person and not just as a concept. In fact it proofs much more...

Such tape recordings are not uncommon, but this case I have not received as a copy, such as for example Anneliese Michel from Klingenberg (Aschaffenburg-Germany), but I have experienced it myself and have registered it in great secrecy. That the last prophecy has come true is common knowledge. Two to three hundred thousand dead and about 3 to 4 million refugees in ex-Yugoslavia...

After a vision by Pope Leo XIII over the end of time, where the demons temporarily were allowed much power from God, this Pope obliged the Church to recite after each Mass, to say the prayer to the Archangel Michael. This obligation was cancelled by Pope Paul VI. Later on it was this Pope who complained that the Church was destroying itself and that the smoke of Satan had penetrated through a split in the Church! This could have been prevented. This article proves that we badly need the help of angels (against the wiles of the evil spirits –cf. New Age, Satanism)

Daily: Prayer to the Holy Archangel Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -

by the Divine Power of God -

cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,

who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

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