



WHY DID OUR LADY CHOOSE TO APPEAR IN 1917?

Most explanations for why Our Lady chose 1917 to appear at Fatima center on WWI: the evils which caused it and the need for its conclusion; the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, which would lead to the spread of atheistic Communism if not checked; and the Masonic influence in Portugal at the time. But there is another explanation worth considering for the sake of a more complete understanding of the condition of the world today.

Three years before Our Lady uttered her final words at Fatima in 1917 – People must stop offending God because He is already so much offended – Margaret Sanger published her first issue of *The Woman Rebel*, a magazine for radical feminists who advocated the right to practice birth control. Three issues were banned for promoting the use of contraception, and to avoid prosecution under the Comstock Law, she fled to Europe.

She returned in October, 1915 to face the charges. But soon after the death of her daughter the following month, the government was persuaded by strong sentiment and public outcries to drop all charges. She then embarked on a world tour promoting birth control.



On October 16, 1916 she opened the first birth control clinic in the nation. It was shut down nine days later and she was jailed. News of her arrest and a hunger strike for the cause brought the birth control controversy into public view, providing her a new-found group of supporters.

In 1921, she founded the American Birth Control League which would later be known as the National Birth Control League until it eventually became the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. As its president, she traveled in 1927 to Geneva to help organize the first World Population Conference aimed at furthering global acceptance of birth control.

Against this background, recall that Our Lady told Jacinta the sin which leads most people to perdition is the sin of impurity. The sins of impurity spawned by contraception are manifest in all of the violations of Divinely-ordered human sexuality which abound in the world today. Abortion, infanticide, the corruption of marriage and family life, and the hideous notion of so-called same sex marriage are literally tearing the civilized social order to shreds.

It is not unreasonable to posit the notion that the evils spread by *The Woman Rebel*, Margaret Sanger, have done as much, if not more damage than the spread of Russia's atheistic Communism, although the former can be understood as inherent in the latter.

As Our Lady left Fatima on October 13, 1917, pleading for us to stop offending God, the devil was already cleverly undermining her plea through demonic influence on Sanger and the promoters of birth control which, along with the spread of atheism, would lead us to where we are today.

The annihilation of nations and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart are the only Fatima prophecies yet unfulfilled, and souls continue to fall into hell. We can prevent the former and abate the latter, and we can bring about the triumph by learning, living and spreading the Message of Fatima. Let's do it!

Salvation and peace to all,

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