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SUBJECT: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AT FÁTIMA?

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Just who was the brilliant entity that appeared to three young children at Fátima in 1917? Was she the Virgin Mary, as the Catholic Church would have us believe, sharing divine secrets with believers? Was she an angel, bringing a message of peace to a world at war? Or was she an alien being, inspiring humanity to look up and contemplate the mystery of the Cosmos? Believers and skeptics have long pondered the identity of Our Lady of Fátima.

Now, in a newly published book entitled ***Fátima Revisited: The Apparition Phenomenon in Ufology, Psychology and Science*** (Anomalist Books, 2008), an international panel of leading scholars subjects the legendary apparitions to the scrutiny of modern scientific analysis; explores the connections between contact with apparitions, angels, and aliens; and proposes a new paradigm for such unexplained phenomena.

This is the third volume of the acclaimed Fátima Trilogy, which includes the definitive histories of the Fátima case entitled ***Heavenly Lights*** (Anomalist Books, 2007) and ***Celestial Secrets*** (Anomalist Books, 2007), the English translations of previous works by two of the world's most prominent Fátima scholars, Dr. Joaquim Fernandes and Fina D' Armada. The Fátima Trilogy grew from an exchange of emails between these Portuguese researchers and an American journalist into a multidisciplinary collaboration involving 35 individuals from 10 countries.

ANDREW D. BASIAGO, who led efforts in the U.S. to bring the trilogy into English, observed: "In The Fátima Trilogy, the Fátima Incident of 1917 is forever redefined, from the most famous religious event of the 20th century to its first major close encounter case."

The papers gathered in this volume have appeared in both peer-reviewed journals and original works inspired by the intense and productive process of "brainstorming" about the "visionary" phenomena of Fátima in 1917 that has taken place under the aegis of the Multicultural Apparitions Research International Academic Network (Project MARIAN), which is coordinated by the Center for Transdisciplinary Studies in Consciousness (CTEC) at the University Fernando Pessoa, in Porto, Portugal. This international project seeks to create a forum in which the great mysteries of human existence might be solved.

This groundbreaking anthology was compiled by Portuguese researchers FERNANDO FERNANDES, JOAQUIM FERNANDES and RAUL BERENGUEL, and edited and translated by American writers ANDREW D. BASIAGO and EVA M. THOMPSON.

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Fátima Revisited includes essays by WILLIAM J. BIRNES, the host of *UFO Hunters* on The History Channel, and RALPH STEINER, the award-winning investigative journalist.

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