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**W**hen the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.... (Lk 2: 22-23)

## Our Lady of Medjugorje's Monthly Message of January 25th, 2026:

**D**ear children! Today, I am calling you to be prayer and a blessing for all those who have not come to know God's love. Little children, be different from others and be positive people of prayer and love towards God, that with your lives, you may be a sign of God's love to others. I bless you with my motherly blessing and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. **T**hank you for having responded to my call. (With ecclesiastical approval)

On the 25th of each month, Our Lady gives a message through the visionary Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti for the villagers in the parish of Medjugorje and for all those who choose to follow her on the path to holiness.



The Presentation of the Lord

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## Skin in the Game

by Carl Malito

When I was young man growing up on the South Side of Chicago, my friends and I wore fedoras, smoked cigars and frequented the horse racing tracks around Chicago. We were goofy teenagers, trying to act like adults. We were too young to drink legally, but back then, most vendors weren't too careful about checking ID's. We learned quickly that there is a big difference between watching a horse race as a spectator and having a little money involved. Every race was more thrilling when you had a few dollars riding on the outcome and close races, photo finishes, became almost unbearable when you had 'skin in the game'.

In a recent book with the title, *Skin in the Game*, author Nassim Nicholas Taleb observed that we should be very careful taking advice from experts who don't have skin in the game. He points out that educated philistines have been wrong about nearly everything over last few hundred years. Their well reasoned analysis is often worthless if they don't have skin in the game because they are not directly at risk if their advice is faulty. Often, academics and politicians are insulated from the effects of their bad decision making. They are in effect playing with other people's money. A good example of skin in the game is the rider who is up on the back of a bull. An example of someone without skin in the game is the fan watching in the stands and eating popcorn.

Applying this concept to religion, Taleb points out that true religion is commitment, not just faith. How much you believe in something is manifested only by what you're willing to risk for it. Early Christian martyrs gave their lives in witness to Christ rather than deny Him. Living as a Christian in the first few centuries was incredibly difficult and dangerous and being known as a follower of Christ would mark one as an outcast, an enemy of the Roman state.

In Nigeria where, on average, 30 to 35 Christians are killed each day, and over 7000 Christians were killed in 2025, Mass attendance hovers around 95 percent. There is a risk associated with attending Mass in Nigeria currently, where just last weekend over 170 worshippers were kidnapped in three separate attacks.

Perhaps the faith is weak in the Western world because there is so little risk associated with believing In Christ. In France, although there have been some recent encouraging signs, like a recent uptick in baptisms, Mass attendance is hovering around five percent with only an estimated 2 percent attending Mass every Sunday. France has been called the eldest daughter of the Church and once sent missionary priests to evangelize the New World. Yet currently, other than the elegant buildings erected centuries ago, the faith has largely faded from view.

Just as there are authentic manifestations of skin in the game, there are, of course, fraudulent versions. One cannot help but think of the modern sports fans with their faces painted with the team colors. Think of how some stand for the entire game bare chested in wind and snow, howling themselves hoarse, hoping (and praying) their behavior will effect the outcome. Even the common practice of wearing the jersey of a favorite player to the game can be seen as an attempt to say, "I'm in this with you." even though it costs the fan nothing.

Why does God put up with a fallen humanity that refuses to live according to His commandments, a humanity that insults

Him, His Son and His mother routinely, a humanity that does beastly things to one another, destroys his creation, and almost reflexively sides with His enemy the devil, in ways beyond telling? Could it be as simple as the fact that God has skin in the game? That is, in a very real sense, Jesus is God's skin in the game. When Jesus became one of us, when Jesus took on human flesh, God was no longer an interested spectator.

Once Jesus became human, God the Father is intensely involved with the drama unfolding here on earth. God loves the Son but not as an intellectual exercise. God loves Jesus who gives His all in what seems, at first glance, a foolhardy mission. And God loves Him so completely that He will refuse Jesus nothing. So that when Jesus pleads from the cross, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do," the Father responds whole heartedly.

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## From the Diary of Sister Emmanuel

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On December 25th, 2025, the visionary, Marija received the following monthly message:

**Dear children, Also today - when God permits me to carry to you in my arms little Jesus, the King of Peace, that He may fill you with the ardor of love and peace, so that every heart may be similar to His Heart in this time of grace - be resolute and courageous defenders of the love of your God, that in this time of grace He may give you His peace. Thank you for responding to my call.** (With ecclesiastical approval)

### Its not so easy



The message entrusted to Jakov and Mary's invitation to total surrender to Jesus touched many hearts! Her request is precise: to surrender completely to Jesus our wounds, our pain, our past, our future... Who doesn't find this call challenging? But true surrender is not easy, it is demanding, very demanding. It has nothing to do with passivity, for it requires great vigilance of heart and mind; it requires a strong decision on our part. What powerfully helps us in this choice of surrender is prayer; for in prayer, Jesus listens intently to our hearts, he hears and takes upon himself all that we experience, and this intense loving presence of his makes us feel safe. Even without feeling anything, we offer Him our complete trust, knowing that He guides our lives and desires in the best way for us. He is closer to us than we are to ourselves; nothing escapes Him of what we feel, and it is He who takes the steering wheel in His own divine way, not us. Thankfully! Prayer from the heart and trust that is what allows us to calmly relinquish the helm into His hands! Then we make Him smile; He is happy to be able to do His job. Persevere in total surrender to Jesus is setting oneself on the path to Heaven, even amidst external and internal waves.

I remember a couple who came to visit the French Mystic, Marthe Robin in the 1970s. This couple was going through a very difficult time in their family life, and they came to Marthe seeking guidance to overcome this overwhelming ordeal. Marthe told them, "You must surrender!" But in their distress, they replied that it was impossible for them to surrender. Then Marthe—who was experiencing the Passion of Christ every week—directly showed them the



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only path that could truly help them, and she told them: "When one cannot surrender, one has to surrender anyway!"

They had not expected such an answer! However, thanks to Marthe, they understood that this was heaven's answer and that there was no other. It is about surrendering oneself into someone's hands, and that makes all the difference. And if that someone is my Creator and my God, in other words, love itself, that changes everything. It's as if I were saying to Jesus, "I'm done, I can't do anything more, you, do something!" And in that moment, true love wins.

Little Thérèse of Lisieux, who was not spared from hardship during her short life, reveals to us the secret of her holiness: "Now I have no desires except to love Jesus madly... Now only abandonment guides me; I have no other compass! I can no longer ardently ask for anything except the perfect fulfillment of God's will for my soul, without creatures being able to hinder it..."

### Parental pain.

Years ago, a family opened their hearts to me, expressing their grief over one of their sons who was going astray in many ways and, moreover, had rejected the faith. Since they sometimes came to Medjugorje and were fed from the words of the Blessed Mother, they began to pray and fast fervently, knowing that through fasting and prayer, so much could be obtained. Their waiting lasted for years, and their pain did not cease. However, they did not abandon their good intentions, entrusting their son to the Heart of Jesus and that of Mary, trusting that, despite appearances, God was not deaf to their cries.

The day of their son's conversion finally arrived! But what a surprise it was for them! Heaven had bestowed its graces, exceeding their expectations! Indeed, their son was not content with simply converting radically, but he wanted to involve his parents in his conversion. Smiling, they told me how things had turned out in their family life... Their son spoke to them of the urgent need to pray, but he had planned such an intense prayer schedule that his wonderful parents had trouble keeping up! "We've prayed so much for him," they told me, "So now is not the time to tell him he's praying too much, and that it's too much for us! With work, we are tired, but so happy!" In short, they obediently followed their son's busy plan. He married sometime later a very good person; they had several children and strongly testify to the blessings promised by Our Lady to all those who take seriously the words of grace and salvation that she has given to the world since 1981 in her messages...

Abandoning one's future? Fear of the future is commonplace today, stirred up by the Enemy. It also includes the fear

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## When Ivanka Saw Her Deceased Mom

from spiritdaily.com

Can you imagine seeing a deceased loved one, while in an awakened state?

Not as a vision; not as a fading memory; not as a vague dream. But in person?

Precisely this allegedly happened on several occasions to Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez, one of six visionaries at the famous site of apparition called Medjugorje in Hercegovina (and perhaps the quietest of the seers).

Ivanka's mother passed away suddenly just before the apparitions began in June 1981, leaving Ivanka deeply lonely. Our Lady told a young Ivanka in the early days of the apparitions: **"Do not worry, my child, your mother is with me".**

On May 7, 1985, according to a witness account by a local named Draža Vidović, Ivanka told those present for what was to be her last daily apparition from the Blessed Mother: "As every day, Our Lady came and greeted me, saying, **'Praised be Jesus!'** and I answered, 'Praised be Jesus and Mary forever!'

"Never before had I seen the Blessed Virgin Mary more beautiful than this evening.

"She was so gentle and so beautiful! Today, she wore the most beautiful dress that I had ever seen in my life. This dress was shining in silver and gold, as were Her veil and Her crown. There were two angels with Her. They too, were dressed like Our Lady. Our Lady and the angels were so beautiful that I cannot describe it in words. One simply has to experience this."

Added Ivanka, as quoted in the book, ***Salvation of Mankind***, "Our Lady asked me if I had any particular wish. I asked her if I could see my earthly mother. Our Lady smiled and nodded.

"Then, suddenly, my mother appeared. She was smiling. Our Lady told me to stand up. I stood up. My mother embraced and kissed me, and said: 'My daughter, I am so proud of you!' My mother kissed me once more and disappeared. After this, the Blessed Virgin Mary said, **'My dear child, today is our last meeting.'**"

On hearing that, Ivanka, who had been seeing Mary daily since June 24, 1981, had "cried for a long time." She felt lonely and sad.

The house of Ivanka's granny, where that final daily visit with Our Lady occurred (Ivanka still sees her on her birth-

day), was "old and there is nothing attractive about that house." But take note of this from Vidović's book: "Our Lady appeared to Ivanka more beautiful than ever before in such a house."

"Also, some of the visionaries saw Jesus as an adult for the first time in that house. It was in the second year of the apparitions on Good Friday. He was all in blood and had wounds with a thorny crown on His Head."

This is the sort of simplicity—such a home—that Our Lady seems to favor (see the living circumstances at places such as Fátima, Lourdes, and Guadalupe during those famous apparitions).

Ivanka also had an apparition during which one of her children, at the time an infant, also seemed to see Mary. Asked how

she felt when she saw and touched her mother, as well as how it felt to touch Our Lady, Ivankovic-Elez, at the time a youngster, said: "If I had seen my mom amongst thousands of women, I would have recognized her. She was the same, but much prettier, there was no suffering on her face because she used to suffer for years. When she embraced and kissed me, her body was not like our bodies are on earth. I remember my mom's body; I touched her so many times. But when I touched Our Lady, her body was not like ours, and it was not like my mom's either. She is the Mother of God."

Ivanka added: "My mom died two months before the apparitions. God has given me the grace to see her five times in these years. Last time I saw her was in 1990. Many people do not believe that there is life after this life. But I am here, as a living witness, and I can say: THERE IS LIFE AFTER THIS LIFE, because I was indeed able to see my mom. "This witness is not just for me, but for the whole of mankind." As She did with Mirjana and Jakov, Our Lady gave to Ivanka a gift that would help to sustain her in

this life after her daily apparitions ceased. She would be able to see Our Lady once a year, on the anniversary of the apparitions, on June 25th, for the rest of her life.

***"Dear Children, on this day of grace, I am calling you to love. Little children, God loves you immeasurably and that is why, little children, full of trust and without looking back and without fear, completely surrender your hearts to Him so that God may fill them with His love. Do not be afraid to believe in His love and mercy, because His love is stronger than every one of your weaknesses and fears. Therefore, my children, full of love in your hearts, trust in Jesus and say your 'yes' to Him, because He is the only way which leads you to the Eternal Father."*** Dec 25th, 2018



Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez

# Storms and Civil Unrest as the Beginning of Future Events

by Michael Brown from spiritdaily.com

There is no need for fear. There is need to face the future with determination. And that determination has to be mitigation – a lessening of what will otherwise come.

It was claimed at Medjugorje in Hercegovina that one “secret” given by the Virgin Mary (to six seers) had already been lessened. Whatever one’s feeling on those claims, it all seemed to reverberate with the same theme: penance.

“The loss of the sense of sin is one of the great tragedies of our time,” observed a priest. “They don’t want to deal with the idea that God would allow any kind of purification. We focus on His mercy so much that we forget His justice. And some of it—wars as well as storms — we are doing to ourselves.

“Nature reflects the chaos in the spiritual order. You see that right from the Garden of Eden. “There was peace until they sinned, and that continues.”

“The chaos that we see—the storms and tsunamis and civil unrest; the wars and threats—continue to get more intense and closer together and it is because sin is getting worse.”

“I have been speaking about this since the early 1980s, but after 9/11, I said, ‘now the birth pangs have begun.’ We can’t keep killing babies and violating human dignity and think that nothing is going to happen to us. We’re doing it to ourselves. It’s a natural consequence of what we’re doing.”

One can add: grabbing each other’s throats, openly displaying sexual immorality, along with profanity, and especially mammon: the wanton materialism.

What had been small storms, what had been minor floods, had grown and would continue to grow—were destined to grow bigger yet.

Fear? I knew a woman who had toughed out the storm with her family on the second floor of a house and felt total peace for

the simple reason that she had prayed her way through the entire matter—felt peace even as seven feet of river water was washing through the first floor and destroying the walls beneath. Faith can carry us through anything. But there just isn’t very much of it. There is far too much focus on the physical.

And so no one wants to mention the foul word, chastisement. And yet it was the term used in the prophecy. “How mankind responds to this new evil will determine the extent, length, and severity of the first chastisements,” said one. “These chastisements will differ according to regions, and like the great evil, will not always or usually be immediately noticeable for what they are.

If we are going to be broken down little by little and sometimes not so “little by little,” if we are going to head in the direction of simplicity and peasants, and less technology, which is now fully out of hand, that means a change in our infrastructure, and like September 11, the hurricanes and ice storms and snow and hurricanes afford a preview of how swiftly our infrastructure could change. Perhaps a more accurate word:

“Because of the greedy nature of the people, you will have people killing people for a cup of gasoline,” said an angel to Dr. Howard Storm, the atheist professor who had a famous near-death experience and alleged encounter with Jesus and angels. “The world will watch in horror as your country is obliterated by strife.”

But they wouldn’t help, he said, because they considered themselves victims of exploitation (and we should add, arrogance).

“The United States must change immediately and become the teacher of goodness and generosity,” he quoted an angel as saying. Either that happened, he said he was informed, either the “culture of violence” would end, or it would come to an end because the seeds of destruction were planted within. Either there would be change or destruction.

“Either you will destroy yourselves or God will bring it to an end if there isn’t a change,” he further quoted the angel. The U.S., said Storm, was supposed to teach other nations how to give every person food, clothing, housing, medical care, education, and economic prosperity. There was enough for everyone. It was how God had designed Creation. But some were hoarding. The U.S. must share resources and help others gain access to such necessities not only of food but clean water and hygienic waste disposal, instead of focusing only on itself. “There must be a turning to God or the reign of the United States will end,” the alleged angel said.

*“Today I call you to renew prayer and fasting with even greater enthusiasm until prayer becomes a joy for you. Little children, the one who prays is not afraid of the future and the one who fasts is not afraid of evil. Once again, I repeat to you: only through prayer and fasting also wars can be stopped – wars of your unbelief and fear for the future. I am with you and am teaching you little children: your peace and hope are in God. That is why draw closer to God and put Him in the first place in your life.” Jan 25th, 2001*

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of death or the death of our loved ones. But let us remember this word from our Heavenly Mother, who already knows our future very well, inscribed in the Heart of her Son: ***"If you surrender yourself to me, you will not even notice the passage from this life to the next. You will begin to live the life of heaven on earth."*** (To Jelena Vasilij's prayer group, 1986). The Blessed Mother has tirelessly invited us to have complete trust in her, for if she appears in Medjugorje, it is to guide us, to accompany us on the path that leads to Heaven, where her Son Jesus awaits us.

### ***Welcoming the infant Jesus within us***

And let us recall this saying of St Thérèse: "You know, O my God, that to love you on earth, I have nothing but today."

When Joseph and Mary were looking for a place to live in Bethlehem, they found only an abandoned cave that had been used as a stable! It was empty and cold, completely inhospitable. But when the Day of Joy arrived, Jesus was born, and everything changed! This stable became the most beautiful palace in the world, hidden yet magnificent, thanks to the presence of the Creator made flesh.

But this stable is each one of us! On Christmas day, 2022, the Blessed Mother told us: ***"I pray that every heart may become the stable in Bethlehem where my Son will be born!"*** (message to Jakov). What a wonderful hope this gives us! When we feel lonely and empty, when we don't see the meaning of our lives, then it's time to make invitations! Let us ask Joseph and Mary to come to us and to allow the Child Jesus to be born in this humble stable that is our heart. Yes, our heart can become that humble dwelling that Jesus so passionately seeks, he who has nowhere to lay his head!

Many saints have experienced a special intimacy with the Infant Jesus. In his monastery, Padre Pio was often seen speaking to him and caressing him with the most tender words. He would enter into ecstasy while holding him in his arms. But he could not forget that, in his boundless love for us, this wondrous Child-God had come to save the world through his death and resurrection! Indeed, Padre Pio saw the stigmata of the Crucified appear on the little body of the Child.

Mother Yvonne-Aimée of Malestroit (France) was sometimes surprised to find the Infant Jesus in her cell, lying on her bed and playing with her scarf. These impromptu visits filled her with the deepest joy. After these encounters, Mother Yvonne-Aimée would begin to feel the pains of the Passion, as if Jesus wanted to tell her: "Do not forget that I was born out of love for you, and that I saved the world through my death and resurrection. My love for you had to pass through the crucible of suffering, so that none of my children would suffer without me being intimately united to them." This is how the Mystery of the Nativity is linked to the Mystery of the Passion, to allow the Mystery of the Resurrection and the full victory of love to dawn.

January is the month of the Infant Jesus; let us not leave him idle, we need him so much! His presence dispels the darkness; his innocence disarms Satan who constantly prowls around seeking our downfall. I wish to invite each of us to let the Infant Jesus be born in our hearts! He comes as our Savior, how could He not answer such a call?!

## **Evil is Raging Against Christians**

by Billy Hallowell from washingtontimes.com

Evil is raging across the globe, with Christian persecution reaching a fever pitch. The statistics surrounding abductions, land grabs and slaughter are absolutely staggering.

According to Open Doors' 2026 World Watch List released last week, 388 million Christians across the world face "high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith."

Ultimately, 1 in 7 Christians are persecuted worldwide, with their biblical beliefs sparking a wide range of discriminatory acts, horrors — and even death. It seems unfathomable in the modern era that persecution could be worsening, yet the statistics paint a truly tragic picture.

The watch list documented some alarming numbers last year: 4,849 Christians were killed, 4,712 were detained and 3,632 houses of worship and Christian properties were attacked.

"The total number of Christians killed for their faith increased from 4,476 in WWL 2025 to 4,849 in the WWL 2026 reporting period," Open Doors noted. "The vast majority of this being from sub-Saharan Africa. Out of the total of 4,849 deaths, 4,491 took place in the region — a shocking 93% of the global total."

This shocking reality continues to play out in the headlines. Nigeria, which ranks as the seventh most dangerous nation for Christians, continues to see intense persecution. This month, more than 170 people were seized by an armed gang during three church services, terrifying residents and making international headlines.

Such kidnappings — and far worse — have become routine in Nigeria. The problem is so pronounced that President Trump has made concerted efforts to pressure the Nigerian government and has even launched strikes against the Islamic State inside the country.

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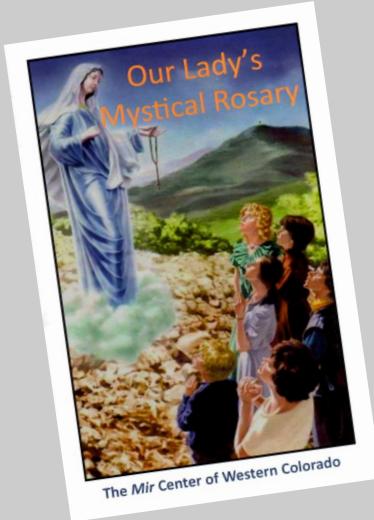
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Usually, when we return a rented item we won't receive our deposit back if it is dirty or damaged in any way. Christ came to us unblemished, born of the Virgin. But he returns to the Father beaten and battered beyond recognition. And yet, His scars bear witness to His courage, His willingness to put His skin into the game, His willingness to risk His life to save us from our inevitable fate. The wages of sin is death and someone has to pay. Jesus volunteers for the mission. It is out of love, he cries, "Father, send me." And He returns to the Father bearing His scars, with the nail marks in His hands and feet, the gash in His side, the thorn marks on His forehead and says, "Yes, Father, I have loved them. And I love you. And if this is what it takes to redeem them, so be it. Have mercy on them as you have mercy on me. Receive them as you now receive me. Allow them to enter into the Kingdom, and remain with you and me forever. Because they are truly 'my body', flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone and I want them to dwell with us forever." And His damaged flesh, His wounded skin is the price of our admission.

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Organizations such as Open Doors have long documented the persecution horrors inside Nigeria, creating a country profile that offers a lens into how such anti-Christian evils manifest. The group noted in this year's WWL that "Nigeria has been the most violent place in the world for followers of Jesus for several years."

"Violent Islamic militant groups also operate across northern Nigeria and into the country's central region," it reads. "Some of these groups — including Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), an offshoot of Islamic State — target followers of Jesus and any properties owned by Christians. Other Christians, particularly farmers in Nigeria's Middle Belt, are confronted by Islamic militants among the Fulani people, who disproportionately attack Christian communities with horrific violence."

This is just one such profile, with the watch list tackling the top 50 nations where persecution is the worst. The five nations where anti-Christian sentiment is most extreme are North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan and Eritrea, with North Korea topping the list.

It's important to note that the evils of persecution vary in different nations. While Nigeria and many of the nations on the WWL face horrors driven by Islamic extremism, countries such as North Korea face a divergent scenario.

According to Open Doors, the atheist nation delivers "unimaginably stark" consequences for anyone it suspects of being a Christian, including forcing them into labor camps, immediate execution and imprisonment. Even family members can fall prey to these punishments.

Owning a Bible is a crime, and yet the underground church persists inside the hermit nation. "Christianity has no place in North Korea, a country where homage must be directed one way only: towards the Kim regime," the WWL states. "With watchful eyes everywhere — even from neighbors and family — even the slightest hint of worshipping Jesus can have devastating consequences. Remarkably, believers do gather, but in utmost secrecy and at enormous risk."

These descriptions only scratch the surface of the diabolical evils raging across the globe — a sinister effort to snuff out Christianity by terrorizing, stealing, pillaging and killing those who practice the faith. The WWL offers a sobering reminder that persecution is very real and that evil persists. At a time when modernization and technology should be opening hearts and minds, by all measurable accounts, these issues are worsening.

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### Upcoming events:

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- + *Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th*
- + *Ash Wednesday, February 18th*

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