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**A word in the time of the Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

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There has been a lot of talk about the **Covid-19 Virus**, generally referred to as the coronavirus. Some have asked for my opinion insistently, despite my ignorance of medical matters.

I decided, finally, to offer my opinion perchance it would shed to some, some helpful light.

Wherever the origin of this virus might be, and whatever the number of its victims and consequences, and whatever 'truth' there may be to the possible reasons for its spread the way it did, I believe that we must admit that it has placed the whole world in a uniquely difficult position that nobody could have expected: It is the nightmare of the possibility death, certain and speedy, which has perched on the head of every human on the face of the earth.

This is a unique difficult position.

Is there a way out?

Naturally, sooner or later, the means of controlling virus will become available; we can see that China has triumphed over it. The medical cure, however, does not mean in any way, saving humanity from the greater danger that threatens its existence, which the coronavirus has exposed so violently and that it is no more possible to overlook from now on.

I must admit that I also see in this crisis a bright side, which many might not see, or refuse to see.

I thank God that death has become so strongly present in the life of every human, as if it were saying to us all:

*“After today, live a life that befits you, and befits all people around you, and everywhere throughout the width and breadth of the globe! If you do not do so, you do not deserve life because death is an inseparable part of life. If it (death) has not taught you to live a life that is worthy of every human*

*being, then this means that you do not deserve life.”*

Here, spontaneously, two venerable verses present themselves to me.

The first is by Our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He says:

*“What benefits man if he won the whole world, but lost his soul?”*

And the second is from the Venerable Quran which reads:

*“Everyone on this earth is mortal. Only the face of your Glorious and Benevolent God remains.”*

To those who want to belittle this grave crisis, and interpret these great statements in a way that negates their far-sighted purposes, I say with complete clarity that, in the light of what is stated in these verses, this crisis says to whoever wants to listen, see, and understand, that...

*“Life is for you, and for every human being... Love is for you, and for every human being... Dignity is for you, and for every human being... Peace, joy, health, food, knowledge, money, freedom... and the word (freedom of speech)... are for you, and for every human being...! If you understand this and act accordingly, only then will your life and the life of others on earth be love, dignity, joy, and security.”*

This is, in my viewpoint, the bright positive side of this grim global crisis.

Here, of course, lies the great difficulty, so much so that it approaches an impossible limitation, from the viewpoint of most people.

Is it a wonder, then, that billions of crushed people on the face of the earth ask: *“Where is life? Where is hope? Where is joy? Where is...? Where is...?”*

*even “Where is God?”*

Yes. This is our miserable reality, on the scope of the whole world.

Is there anyone who thinks that of the seven billion people who fill the earth, a few hundred millions Westerners specifically (and with them a few hundreds of Westernized rich migrants from backward developed countries) have totally forgotten the reality of death, amidst their life and relationships? Have they forgotten this reality with all its requirements which enable the human being to live rightfully with his human brother and with God on earth and forever? Is this what makes them live in such a way that implies that God, for them, has truly died—despite some appearances of religiousness that some of them exhibit—and that they alone are going

to remain on earth forever? This is why, they allow themselves, consciously or unconsciously, to slay all legitimacy and all value, and trample on all men, all peoples, all of nature, without being satiated! It has become clear, today, that the whole world is separated in two, a numerically small section that is forever lofty; and another that encompasses the great majority of the inhabitants of the earth that is trying with all its might to resist in order to achieve the minimum level of acceptable existence.

As to us in Syria, we have in fact, for over nine-and-a-half years, been in the heart of this cosmic battle, resisting for the survival of, not Syria only, but all humanity, until a blessed day arrived, in which evolved a universal resistance front that includes Russia, China, Iran, the Lebanese Hezbollah, and several weakened countries who, for one reason or another, take Syria at heart

For all this, I find myself saying, spontaneously, in the midst of this Corona crisis, and without any pretense:

*“Blessed is this day in which all the people from the strongest to the weakest, from the richest to the poorest sit trembling in their palaces or spacious ranches, in their ‘homes’, in their huts, under bridges, on top of the Metro ventilation shafts in European, American, Canadian, and Australian cities... or in the open air having been all made equal by their fear of death!”*

This new reality has truly become an event that must not be overlooked. The whole world must take heed of it as a decisive signpost between past and future, before it is too late!

It is clear that the whole world has arrived at a crossroads and a crisis, and consequently facing a choice: Either a speedy and truthful search for finding a New World Order that guarantees security and justice, and consequently peace, for all; or total annihilation, sooner or later.

I know, of course, that such a statement will be met with reactions that accuse me of being ‘a dreamer’, affirming vehemently that humanity previously faced similar dangerous problems and successfully emerged from them, and everything went back to normal.

Such an objection might appear realistic initially, but it ignores the difference in essence between the nature of the Corona Crisis, today, and

what crises that might emerge in the future, and the nature of all the previous crises without exception.

Today, imminent death hovers above every human being, and it proposes a two-pronged question that summarizes the fate of humanity, which none of the previous crises have ever proposed, which is the following:

*“Do we, humans, want for our existence on earth to be limited by the boundaries of the earth only, where the powerful devours the weak ad infinitum, or do we ‘return’ to our mind and to our Creator, both being our final resort, and live on the earth as our mind dictates and as God wants for us to be: brothers that are equal to each other, seeking to rebuild our earth in ways that please God, and makes every human being happy?”*

It seems to me that God’s immense wisdom has preceded the supplications of the crushed people on earth, who are unable to effect any change in it, so He surprised us with a supernatural event that is beyond all the laws of human sciences. God also wanted for this event to occur in Damascus—His preferred and blessed place—and not in any earthly city. I, personally, find a hidden, but real, tie between this supernatural religious event and the infernal war waged against Syria, on the one side, and the crisis resulting from the coronavirus, on the other.

Nobody, at the time, had any knowledge of the significance of what was being plotted against Damascus, and from Damascus against the Arab World, and then against the whole world. Only those who were behind in what appeared in a 12-page article entitled “Israel’s Strategy in the Eighties” by the strategy expert, Odid INON, in the issue of the Israeli magazine, **Kivonim**, which means “Direction”, published in Jerusalem knew about the Plan.

Is there a need for a reminder of what has, since then, happened in executing this publicly declared Plan, all throughout the whole region, let alone what has been happening in Palestine since the “Resolution of Division” in 1947?

As to that religious supernatural occurrence, it is the Soufanieh phenomenon which started towards the end of November 1982, i.e. a few months after the *Kivonim* article.

Is this a coincidence?

I am proposing this ‘obvious’ question with the confidence of someone who

knows that the events of this unusual religious and spiritual event affirm that a divine intervention with multiple aspects, spiritual and international dimensions, which ended with imposing its presence on almost all the churches of the world, especially the Vatican. All the suspicious scientists, doctors, theologians, who even rejected it initially, ended up adopting it and proclaiming it openly on university podiums in Germany, France, and the United States, and to write about it, recognizing its authenticity, its importance, and its appropriate timing.

Those who are following this Event have come to the awareness, in a decisive way—through the unity of the many facets of this Event throughout the many years which preceded the war on Syria, and during this horrid and lengthy war—that we, in Syria, were not alone in confronting the whole world with all its devilish deception, plotting minds, murderous scientific knowledge, destructive weaponry, and seductive financing; as well as the ‘fighters’ who were brought from all over the world and from their prisons, after robbing these people with the one thing that distinguishes the human being the most: a thinking mind!

Yes. I state this confidently that it has become decisively clear to us that we, in Syria, were not alone. God was with us when all the ‘Lords of the West’, and all their valets, who were certain and with absolute confidence of Syria’s imminent overnight collapse!

As to us, the children of Soufanieh (this is the name of the humble quarter in Damascus where this supernatural event occurred) our certainty of God’s presence among us sprang from the successive events, and especially from the heavenly Messages which were initially given by the Virgin Mary, starting from the night of December 18, 1982, followed by Our Lord Jesus starting in the afternoon of Thursday, May 31, 1984.

Binding myself by the limits of my subject, I shall leave aside people’s position, in Damascus and outside it, towards this event, and focus on some of these messages, which strengthened in us the belief that Heavens is standing with all the children of Syria. I do not find it irrelevant to point to an important matter in this event. I mean the fact that the Virgin Mary and Lord Jesus, throughout this event, spoke in Arabic, which is something that has happened for the first time in history.

I will now quote some of the most prominent messages that relate to our

subject.

The night of Saturday, December 18, 1982, the Virgin Mary said at the beginning of her first message,

*“My children,*

*Remember God, because God is with us!”...*

The morning of Friday, November 4, 1983, She also said, but in colloquial Arabic,

*“My heart has been consumed over My only Son.*

*It will not be consumed over all My children.!”*

Truly, that day, we realized in a suffocating worry, that Syria is going to endure some horrible happenings, and that it will result in the demise of many of us, but not everyone, as happened to Her son, Jesus, and suddenly, the Virgin Mary, equates, in this lightening message, between Jesus and those whom She considers Her children in Syria, those who consider Her their Mother!

We were also certain that we were going to endure an extremely dangerous ‘test’, but that we would pass it, with God’s help, even though it would cost us a very expensive price.

It is befitting to point to the fact that the Virgin Mary appeared in very many places in the world, and that She spoke, in the local language, wherever She appeared very important messages, always calling people to repentance to God, and to love of neighbor, and to prayer. It has never, however, been recorded in any of these many apparitions, which the Catholic and Orthodox Churches acknowledged, that She uttered any similar words to what She said in this brief message in Damascus.

Five months passed in prayer, after which we were surprised by the apparition of Lord Jesus, when He said in standard Arabic,

*“I am the beginning and the end,*

*I am the truth, freedom, and peace,*

*My peace I give you!”*

Do such words need any explanation?

Then the messages of Lord Jesus continued, intense and strong, when on Good Saturday of Holy Week of April 10, 2004, when He said—in the presence of a crowd of doctors, theologians, and media people from all

over the world,  
*“My last commandment to you,  
Return everyone to his home,  
But carry the East in your hearts.  
From here a light issued forth anew,  
You are its rays,  
To a world that is seduced by materialism, desire, and fame,  
So much so that it almost lost its values.  
As for you, preserve your Orientalism.  
Do not allow your will, freedom, and faith in this East to be taken away!”*

Then the horrible war came to us, seven years after that!

I would proclaim it before God and everyone, without hesitation, and in the humility of the faithful.

We, all of us, the children of Soufanieh, were in complete peace of mind about the horrors that have happened, and about the pain and suffering that afflicted us!

Then, on Holy Thursday of Holy Week -April 17, 2014-, which happened to be a National Day in Syria, an unexpected message from Lord Jesus was given to us, in which He says.

*“The wounds that bled on this land,  
Are the same wounds that are in my body,  
Because the cause and the perpetrators are one.  
But be certain that their fate is the same as the fate of Judas!”*

Our Lord Jesus has not uttered anything even remotely similar to these words for over two thousand years.

That day, our peace of mind was firmly rooted in us.

He, who is speaking to the world in general, and to the Syrians in particular, is none but Lord Jesus, the son of Syria! And He, forever, means what He says. These words reminded us of what He said to His disciples, only a few hours before his crucifixion: *“Have confidence, I have vanquished the world.”*

I ask you, “Do such words need any explanation?”

Do the words of Our Lord Jesus mean anything but that the world was approaching a new era, similar to that which accompanied His crucifixion and death, and followed His resurrection?

Is this not what His 'last' words mean?

*"But be certain that their fate is the same as the fate of Judas!"*

Yes!

Let me conclude.

From Syria, I am warning to the haughty on earth, that their fate is coming to an end, like the fate of Judas!

Given what is happening now around the whole world because of the coronavirus— can we not see the first signs of a new world arising?

Here is the West—armed up to 'space', drowning in the red seas of armament money, obsessed with worldwide domination—collapsing in its scandalous medical inability in some of its most important countries, the United States, Britain, France, and Italy to face a virus that is reaping its children in the thousands, while the 'damned' countries like China, Russia, and Cuba confront the same virus and triumph over it, even hasten to offer help to the haughty Western countries!

Yes. A new world order will certainly arise following the spread of this Corona pandemic, and will completely change the course of humanity, ridding itself of earlier injustices, chronic and comprehensive, and avoiding a potential nuclear catastrophe!

Yes. There is no choice for humanity, today, except for a 'Resurrection' of a NEW WORLD ORDER that has started in the heart of Syria, and that nothing in the whole earth can stand against the Light of the Resurrection.

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PS: Please refer to the website dedicated to this spiritual Phenomenon: Our Lady of Soufanieh in Syria: [www.soufanieh.com](http://www.soufanieh.com)