



SIMILITUDE IX—TOWER OF WHITE STONES: The **Shepherd** said, "The **spirit** that spoke to you under the **figure** of the **Church** is the **Son of God**. At first she appeared as an **OLD WOMAN** because your old spirit was filled with sins and doubts. In the next visions she became more **youthful** and **cheerful** because, strengthened in **faith**, you laid aside your sins; then the **Church** was shown to you as an **example** of a **virgin bride**."

He led me to the top of a mountain and showed me a plain surrounded by **12 mountains** of various colors and terrains: some were black, **rugged with cracks**, or destitute with serpents; others were good with fruitful pastures, fountains, or white stones. Out of the middle of the plain, a square white rock arose, higher than the mountains. It looked ancient but had a new gate, guarded by **12 virgins**. **Six men** called a multitude and began building a **tower** over the **gate** on top of the **rock**. Ten white square stones were taken from deep water and carried by the **virgins** through the gate to the builders. The four strongest were used for the cornerstones and the rest placed in the sides for the foundation. More stones were taken from the deep and received by the **virgins** until four **foundations** were built.

After a rest the **six men** commanded stones from the **12 mountains** to be brought to the **virgins**, who delivered them through the gate to the builders. When added to the tower, they became **white**. Those not carried by **them** did **not turn white** and ordered **returned**. Again, the Shepherd brought me to the tower and in the middle of the multitude was a **MAN**, taller than the tower. He examined each stone, striking them with his rod, commanding those that did **not agree** with the other stones to be removed and placed around the tower. Then the **Lord** of the tower said to the **Shepherd**, "Cleanse these stones until they **agree** with the rest and are bright white and smooth, pare them away until they are square and can **fit** into the building; but those that remain hard and **do not agree**, cast away."

Three days later we came to the tower and the Shepherd examined each stone that had been cleansed. Those reformed, but weak, were placed in the middle of the tower; and those stronger were placed on the outer walls; but many were **rejected** and he ordered them carried back to the mountains by **12 stately, loose women in black garments**. When not one stone remained, the **tower** appeared beautiful and seemed to be cut of **ONE WHITE STONE**. I stayed praying with the **virgins** all night.

WOMENS NAMES
PERFIDY
INCONTINENCE
INFIDELITY
PLEASURE
SADNESS, MALICE
LUST, ANGER,
LYING, FOOLISH
PRIDE, HATRED

PERFIDY IS THE CHIEF: DELIBERATE BREACH IN THE DOCTRINES OF THE FAITH

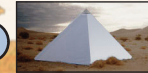
The next day the Shepherd explained: "The ancient rock and the new gate, supporting the tower, are the **Son of God**; for he was in ancient council with his Father, but has appeared in these last days for those who would attain salvation, supported by His Name. No man can enter God's kingdom unless he takes the Name of His Son for he is the **Gate**. The **six men** are the angels to his right and left, the multitudes are also angels, and the **virgins** are the **spirits of 12 virtues**. It will not avail you to take up God's Name if you are not **clothed in their garments**, which are their **names**; for the **virgins** are the **powers** of God—he also wears them. The four **foundations** built from stones from the deep are the baptism of first age, the righteous men, prophets, and apostles, who **fit** perfectly in **agreement**.

FAITH, CONTINENCE,
POWER, PATIENCE
SIMPLICITY, INNOCENCE
CHASTITY, CHEERFULNESS
TRUTH, UNDERSTANDING
CONCORD, CHARITY

"The **12 mountains** are 12 nations, making up the **Church**. At first they **agreed**, having the same seal of baptism—believing in the same Name—the same **foundation**. Then they became different as the figure of the mountains: some are sincere, fruitful, and like springs of water; but others are **black**, having blasphemed, for them there is no repentance; they are **rejected** and delivered to the **women in black**, who take away their lives, for they have been corrupted through **lust**. But to the rest who sin and are like rugged terrains, with **cracks** and serpents, there is a return to life through the cleansing of **repentance** while the **tower** is being built. When the **Church** is **purified**—becomes **one body, one faith, and the same charity**—God's Son **WILL RECEIVE HER** with a **pure** will. **Provide remedies for the cracks and divisions** (card 6); so when the Lord returns, he finds you the way he left you—**whole**. If the sheep be found scattered, wo to the shepherds; if the shepherds are scattered, they will answer to the **Lord** of the sheepfold. **RESTORE TO HIM THE SPIRIT ENTIRE AS YOU RECEIVED IT.**" △

Card 27: A Renewed Call from Our Lady of Medjugorje for the **CHURCH** to be United and **Holy**
The Visions of the Prophet Hermas
HOLY MOTHER CHURCH—THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB
12 Commands of the Good Shepherd—the Angel of Repentance

Similitude of the Tower of White Stones



"**DEAR CHILDREN**, I AM CALLING YOU ANEW: BEGIN THE BATTLE AGAINST SIN AS IN THE **FIRST DAYS**: GO TO **CONFESSION** AND DECIDE FOR **HOLINESS**. THEN
1 THE LOVE OF GOD WILL FLOW THROUGH YOU INTO THE WORLD,
2 PEACE WILL BEGIN TO RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, AND
3 GOD'S BLESSING WILL FILL YOU. I AM WITH YOU AND **INTERCEDE** FOR ALL OF YOU BEFORE MY SON **JESUS**."
 Med. 3/25/14

A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN OF HEARTS AND SOULS-NOT CHURCH AFFILIATED

SIMILITUDE: SIMILARITY, EXAMPLE, PARABLE

MARY WAS THERE IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE CHURCH ON THAT POWERFUL FIRST DAY OF PENTECOST WHEN THE FIRST 120 WERE JOINED IN UNITY OF FAITH CHARITY PENANCE BAPTISM AND PRAYER. ACTS 2

"REJOICE! FOR THE WEDDING OF THE LAMB HAS COME, AND HIS BRIDE—THE CHURCH—HAS MADE HERSELF UNITED AND HOLY" (Rev. 19:7).
HOLY MOTHER CHURCH

MARY has been calling the Church to holiness and unity from Medjugorje since 1981 see card 15

"MONTHLY confession will be a remedy for the West. Whole sections of the Church could be cured."
 Med. 12/83

"DEAR CHILDREN, WITH MUCH PATIENCE AND LOVE, I STRIVE TO MAKE YOUR HEARTS ♥ LIKE UNTO MINE. I STRIVE, BY MY EXAMPLE, TO TEACH YOU HUMILITY, WISDOM, AND LOVE" (Med. 1/2/13).

"MY CHILDREN, PRAY AND FAST, THAT IS THE WAY TO YOUR PURIFICATION. I DESIRE YOU TO BE A COMMUNITY OF ONE SINGLE PEOPLE WHERE GOD'S WORD IS CARRIED OUT. SET OUT AFTER MY SON BE ONE WITH HIM."
 MED. 6/2/13

"PRAY FOR YOUR SHEPHERDS. I pray for them and I desire that they may always feel the blessing of my motherly hands and the support of my motherly heart."
 Med. 4/2/14

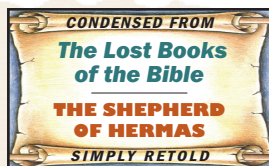
"DEAR BROTHERS, JOIN WITH OTHERS IN FOLLOWING MY EXAMPLE AND TAKE NOTE OF THOSE WHO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WE GAVE YOU. MANY LIVE AS ENEMIES OF THE CROSS, † THEIR MIND IS ON EARTHLY THINGS. BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN AND WE PATIENTLY AWAIT OUR SAVIOR, WHO, BY THE POWER OF THE CROSS, † WILL BRING EVERYTHING UNDER HIS CONTROL, † AND TRANSFORM OUR SINFUL BODIES SO THEY WILL BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY."
 Php. 3: 17-21

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THE CHURCH IS THE VIRGIN BRIDE AND MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

PRAY FOR THE ANGEL OF REPENTANCE TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR REPENTANCE PURE.

POPE PAUL VI DECLARED: "The **CHURCH** is a mystery. She is both human and divine, visible yet invisibly endowed, eager to act yet devoted to contemplation (mystical **UNION** with Christ through prayer), present in this world and yet not at home in it. In her the human is directed and **SUBORDINATED** to the divine—the visible to the invisible, action to contemplation, and this present world to that city that is yet to come. The **CHURCH** is a **sign** of God's presence in the world—a **sign** which points out Christ to others. It is the function of the **CHURCH** to make God the Father and His Incarnate Son present and visible" (VATICAN II COUNCIL/CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA).



Hermas, the brother of Pope Pius, was among the early church fathers. His generation was witnessed to by those who had heard John the Baptist, Jesus, and the Apostles. This non-canonical text is a message to the Church and was appointed by the early Church fathers to be read in the churches for direction and confirmation in **faith** and **piety**.

VISIONS OF HOLY MOTHER CHURCH: He who had raised me sold a young maid at Rome, whom I saw many years later. Soon after, I was walking, musing on her. When I rested, I fell asleep and was caught up in the spirit and taken through steep rocks into a plain. I fell on my knees and began praying and confessing my sins. Then heaven opened and I saw the woman I had coveted, who, accusing me, said: "Hermas, **God, who made all things for his Holy Church's sake**, is angry with you because you have sinned against me. For the desire of naughtiness for me has risen up in your heart." When the heavens shut, I thought if this be laid against me for sin, how can I be saved!

Suddenly, a white chair appeared and an **OLD WOMAN** came and sat down. She asked, "Hermas why are you sad?" I answered, "Lady, a reproach has been laid to my charge by a woman." She replied, "It may be that the desire for her has risen up in your heart. But the Lord is not so much angry with you about this as he is that you do not admonish your sons." Then she read unbearable words from a book; I could only remember her last words: "**The Mighty Lord by his powerful virtue established his Holy Church. He will render to his elect his promises if they keep his commands.**" Then **four strong men** carried her chair to the east and **two** carried her away on their shoulders.

The following year I was carried in the spirit to the plain. The **OLD WOMAN** came, appearing more **youthful** and **cheerful**. I transcribed a book she gave me: "Thy seed, O Hermas, has sinned. They have betrayed (*lied to*) their parents and added lewdness (*sexual sins*) to their sins. Upbraid your sons and let your wife learn to refrain her tongue with which she calumniates (*gossips*). You have undergone a great many worldly troubles for the offenses of your house because you do not admonish them." Then a young man asked, "Who do you think the **OLD WOMAN** is?" I answered, "A sybil (*prophetess*)."
He replied, "No, **SHE IS THE CHURCH OF GOD.**" I asked, "Why does she appear as an old woman?" He answered, "**Because she was the first of all creation and the world was made for her.**"



I had another vision in which the **OLD WOMAN** showed me a great **tower** built upon water by the **six men** who attend her. It had white square stones that **fit** together perfectly. The bright stones were from deep water; but many other stones were brought in from the ground. Some were **rejected**, having various **defects**, and others **fit** into the building. She explained: "The **tower** is myself, the **Church**, which is built upon the water of baptism. The **six men** are the angels appointed to build it, along with the thousands of others who bring them stones. The **bright stones** are the leaders of the **Church** who govern **holily, agreeing** among themselves in peace. The stones from the ground were approved for the building of the **tower**; but many were **reject through sin.**"

"YOU ARE LIVING STONES BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE—THE CHURCH" (1 PET. 2:5/CARD 22).

Seven powerful women supported the **tower**. The **OLD WOMAN** explained: "The first is **Faith**, by her the **elect** will be saved; the second is her daughter **Abstinence**; the other five are daughters: **Simplicity, Innocence, Modesty, Discipline, and Charity**. Hold fast to their works and you will have a dwelling in the **tower**. **Take heed, my children, that your dissensions deprive you not of your lives; be at PEACE together, that I, standing before your Father, may give an account of you.**"

Twenty days later I saw dust, like a drove of cattle coming, and a **great beast** appeared as a whale with fiery locusts coming out of his mouth as if he would devour a city. I began praying and heard in my mind: **Doubt not, Hermas!** So I bravely passed by him and was met by a **well-adorned virgin as if she had come from her bride chamber**. I knew it was the **Church**. She explained: "You have escaped a great trial through **faith**; tell it to the **elect** for the **beast** is a figure of a great trial about to come. **Prepare yourselves—Escape it with a pure heart by serving God without doubt.**"



12 COMMANDS OF THE SHEPHERD—THE ANGEL OF REPENTANCE: A man came to me in the habit of a shepherd. He said, "Hermas, I am sent by the Venerable Messenger that I should dwell with you all the remaining days of your life." I thought he was coming to try me, so I said, "Who are you? For I know to Whom I am committed." **Then his shape was changed and I knew that it was He to Whom I was committed.** Then the **Shepherd—the angel of repentance**—said, "Write my **Commands** and deliver them to the **Church**:

"First, believe that there is one God, fear him, cast out lust and iniquity, and **put on righteousness.**
2 Speak evil of none, nor willingly hear it. Slander is destructive, an **evil spirit** that never continues in peace and is always in discord. **3** Let your speech be true that you grieve not the Holy Spirit, which the Lord gave to dwell in your flesh." When I heard this, I wept bitterly and said, "I doubt I can be saved, sir, because I never spoke a word of truth in my life." He replied, "**The servant of God should walk in truth.** Speak no more falsely in your business dealings that you may attain eternal life.

4 "**Keep yourself chaste.** To God's servants there is but one repentance. I am the **minister of repentance** and give understanding to all who repent." I said, "Certain teachers say that there is no repentance besides baptism; when we go down into the water and receive forgiveness of our sins, we must sin no more, but live in **purity.**" "You have been rightly informed," he said, "but to those who have been called to the faith and have fallen into gross sin, **the Lord has appointed repentance because God knows the thoughts of all men's hearts and their infirmities**; therefore, the merciful Lord had compassion and appointed repentance. But if you sin often and repent, it will not profit you.

5 "**Patiently endure suffering** so the Holy Spirit in you will not be darkened by an **evil spirit** and you, filled with joy, will serve the Lord with great peace. If **anger** overtakes you, choking the Holy Spirit, grieved, he will depart from you. **6** There are two angels—one of righteousness, the other of iniquity. When the **angel of righteousness** gets in your heart, you talk with **truth** and **patience**. But when the **angel of iniquity** overthrows you, he fills you with **bitterness, anger, pride, and lust.** **7** Fear the Lord and the **devil** will not have **DOMINION OVER** you. **8** Keep yourself from evil and **do good.**

9 "**Put on faith**, purify yourself from doubt, trust in God, then you will receive what you ask. If you do not receive it immediately, it is because you are being tried or have sinned. **Faith** comes from above; but doubting is an **earthly spirit**, proceeding from the **devil.** **10** Put off sadness, the sister to doubting and anger, and **clothe yourself with cheerfulness.** The prayer of a sad man is filled with doubts and not accompanied with thankfulness; so it has no efficacy to come up to the altar of God."

11 Vision of True and False Prophets: The Shepherd showed me a group of men, sitting on benches; and one man sitting alone on a chair, then explained: "Those sitting on the benches are the **assembly of the faithful**; the one sitting in the chair is an **earthly spirit**, who prophesies falsely to the doubtful and empty, **according to the desires of their hearts.** But this **empty spirit** will not come into the **assembly of the faithful** because they are filled with the Holy Spirit and pray. Try the prophets; those filled with the Spirit of God will speak to the congregation as they are moved by the Blessed Spirit and **say what God desires.** **12** Remove evil desires, **put on holy desires**, keep your repentance pure. You **can** keep my commands if you have the Lord in your heart ♥. I, the **messenger of repentance**, have **DOMINION OVER** the **devil**; fear him not; **RESIST** him—he will flee from you!"

"Dear Children, with a motherly love I desire to help you with your life of prayer and **penance** to be a sincere **attempt** at drawing closer ♥ to my Son and His divine light—that you may know how to separate yourselves from sin. **EVERY PRAYER, MASS (COMMUNION), AND FAST** is an **attempt** at drawing closer ♥ to my Son, a reminder of **His glory**, and a **refuge from sin**—it is a way to a renewed **UNION** of the good Father and His children. Therefore, with hearts ♥ open and full of love, cry out the Name of the Heavenly Father (*cards 18, 20, 24*) that He may illuminate you with the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit you will become a spring of God's love ♥. All those who do not know my Son, all those thirsting for the love ♥ and peace of my Son, will drink from this spring" (*Med. 4/2/14*).