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Let us be together in the light of God. My name is Darinka and I was born in Ossic, Croatia in 1956. Now you know how old I am (*laughter*). I was almost 23 years old when I came here as a doctor. I was a very good student and that first part of my life, I dedicated only to study and knowledge. I thought that I was very smart, but you will understand soon, and I will come back and share more about that time with you, that I was not smart at all.

I got married and I came here from another part of the former Yugoslavia. The area where I lived before was a more developed part of the country. So when I came here, I found it very primitive and not developed at all. I considered myself to be a very educated person and I worked in a clinic in Citluk as a GP doctor. In those hot summer days (June 1981), the driver of our ambulance (he lives here in Medjugorje) said during one coffee break that some children in Medjugorje saw Our Lady. Since I was a doctor and at that time was a profound deep agnostic (although my parents were Catholic), the fact that some children saw Our Lady was for me absurd, unbelievable and ridiculous.

I thought that this 'thing' should be stopped as soon as possible that this kind of mass hysteria should be stopped. That was my first impression to the news I got. My first meeting with the visionaries was when our ambulance driver brought them to our clinic from the psychiatric unit in Mostar. They brought them to us doctors in the clinic so that we could take a look at the results of the tests, and so that we could judge if they were normal or not.

Those children for me at that time were just that, children. Jakov was nearly 9 while Vicka was a teenage girl, very good looking. For me it was really a pleasure to be with them and have an opportunity to ask them some questions because they were children who supposedly saw Our Lady. Very soon I understood what their level of education was, about their daily routine and the problems they had at school or in the family. The children were giving very sincere and honest answers and they spoke about everything. Then I understood that they were true children, that they were children from a village, children of peasants and that they were very honest and sincere, very sincere. But still in my doctor's mind, I thought that by asking them certain questions it would bring them into contradiction and that they wouldn't be able to get out of it. That soon I would be able to understand that we are talking here about a kind of hypnosis or some other kind of manipulation or maybe a certain agreed lie because children can sometimes do that.

I asked them about the way they had seen Our Lady, what she looks like, what kind of language she was speaking, what kind of message is being given to them. Then I understood that we were not talking about something ordinary. But still in my mind I was very suspicious and sceptical. No question I posed to them brought them into the situation that they were confused. No. Their answers were not on the level of their education. Then I understood that their answers were surpassing the level of knowledge of children of that age and I became very curious.

The next most significant meeting with the visionaries took place on the 6th day of the apparitions, when the head of the clinic in Citluk asked me to go together with him to be present at the time of the apparition. It was part of our practice at that time as doctors to be present at events such as car accidents or to attend someone who had become very sick, but this was an exception. It was something crazy, extreme and challenging. I gave my consent and accompanied the head of the clinic to Medjugorje.

We arrived some two hours prior to climbing the hill, at Vicka's house. Vicka, her parents, all the family and everyone was there in the house and they knew who we were. You have to understand a bit of the political situation at that time in Yugoslavia. Since I was a young new doctor at Citluk, I did not have a lot of political experience, but I felt that my boss had certain obligations and tasks regarding that event. I asked him if he had any obligations to stop all of this and he said that we were there, we were a medical team, and we would just be quiet. We were not interested in anything else. We were just there to be present. Just to do what we had to do, a formality.

First, I was shocked to see so many people present in Medjugorje, in Vicka's house and all around. That was the 6th day of the apparitions but I think that thousands of people were present in Medjugorje. Everything was full. I have to tell you and you need to know that I was a very ambitious explorer. I was not given by anyone a task to do something. But that spirit of an explorer, researcher, made me think that I needed to be a good observer, to be a psychologist, so that I may have a license as a psychologist. That I may see all that is happening is truly insane and crazy. I thought that it was my duty as a doctor. I was carefully observing Vicka and all of the visionaries after that. What I noticed was that everyone

in Vicka's house was holding rosary beads and they were praying.

In one moment, Vicka just got up and, quick as the wind she moved and said, "Let's go". And there was no chance for anyone to stop her. So I thought maybe it's good that I can go with her and see what happens. I was running after Vicka and then all of a sudden, from different sides and parts, the rest of the visionaries came to the place that you now know as the site of Our Lady's first apparition. It was as if with a magic stick, that circle was empty. Thousands of people were sitting around them and then I saw that something was going to happen. That something would happen with the destiny of those children. I was still exploring and still sceptical. There was an ardent wish in me that this craziness had to be stopped, in a scientific way and in the way of medicine.

I was standing next to Vicka and the rest were in one line together. I asked Vicka if I might stand next to them. She said, "Yes, you can". She was the most communicative among them, and that's why I decided to stand next to her, so that I can get involved in those events and try and do something. You will see. I was shocked again when at one moment they all knelt down, in one single second and they started praying together. Praying, praying. And already at that moment I was surprised that 'that something' that was happening was happening in an extraordinary spiritual way. They were kneeling and praying. I had rosary beads in my hand because I was given them in Vicka's house. At that time I didn't know how to pray. I was looking at the visionaries, what will they do, where will their eyes be pointed and what will happen at that moment.

Later I understood that I was the odd one out, that I was false and they were true. But only later did I understand this. At that very moment, I thought that I was the righteous one and that they are not good, that 'that something' that is happening should stop. How interesting all that was. For me that prayer took a while so after that long prayer they all got up in one single second, all up again and I thought that all this surpasses what I have been thinking about. Because Vicka and all of them were saying, 'Here she is, here she is'. I was of course shocked and shock is outside of human logic. I was still exploring and researching and I was still looking at them, what they were doing and they were all looking in one direction, at one point. Their faces were radiating with an inner light. I saw that their emotions were corresponding with what they were seeing.

They were looking at that 'something' and they were delighted and amazed and I could see that. They were delighted. And me, among them, a sceptical doctor, a cynical doctor. Agnostic. I see that something is happening on their faces, something which is surpassing human logic. At that point I thought I knew about medicine and logic. That enthusiasm of the children spread around the people and that whole part of the hill was in an amazing silence, all of them were in a kind of state of beatitude and I was watching all that happening. After that I started exploring and researching, I thought I have to get involved, I have to be part of this because I felt guilty that I was not part of it, whatever it was that was happening. So I asked Vicka if I could ask some questions to whatever or whoever they say they see. It was again a shock for me when Vicka says to me, "I am going to ask Our Lady." Do you understand the sensitivity of the communication? She didn't say to me to go ahead and ask. She said, "I am going to ask Our Lady". So in that moment I understood that she is having a relationship with someone, with someone whom she respects. Then she said to me, "Our Lady said you can ask." So me, still being a smart one, very smart one, I ask, "Who is she?"

"Vicka is looking enough for me realize that she is waiting for an answer to come and that she is given the answer. Vicka responds to me and says, "Our Lady says that she is the Queen of Peace." That was a definition of a person who was coming here and I thought what kind of peace since we have peace. I did not understand. I remembered those words "I am the Queen of Peace" thousands of times when we were underground during the bombing and shelling of Citluk when thousands of missiles were falling on the city. How significant that was. The time has come for us not to have peace.

The second question I wanted to ask, and I said to Vicka to ask her why does she appear here? Why here in Bijakovici in Medjugorje? I asked this because for me this area was the poorest, most neglected area of the former Yugoslavia. I thought, thinking very logically that if God exists, then he is powerful, he is almighty. So it's enough for a little bit of thunder, to come over the church of Notre Dame in Paris and we will all be able to hear it and we will know that God exists. So why is all this happening here in Medjugorje? Those were my thoughts at that moment, but listen to the answer. Vicka is looking at Our Lady, she turns to me and says "Our Lady said that she has come here because of the strong faith." Good. So I continue asking questions.

I am sharing these moments of those conversations in detail just for you to understand that communication was established. There is a communication between me, Vicka and Our Lady. And that was so obvious. Still, me thinking about the problems of the world about how we can have peace in the world when there are so many religions and denominations, so I say this to Vicka and Vicka in her style says "Our Lady, this woman here is asking you how we can have peace in the world when there are so many religions?" I see that Vicka is waiting. The answer is coming. I said to Vicka, "What did she say, what did she say?" She said that there is only one faith and one God.

So, I still not having enough, I continue. I thought that if they can see that 'something, someone' in front of them as a 3D person and I can't that maybe I should try to touch it a little. Maybe I am going to feel something. So then I ask Vicka if I can touch Our Lady. Vicka asks, "Can this woman touch you?" She is waiting for the answer to come and that 'something'

says to Vicka, "Yes, she can" and in that moment the whole world was turning around in my head. Point of no return. I can't go back now. That's what I said. I am given permission and I have to go ahead, but I don't see where to touch. So Vicka is pointing to me, "Here, here, here". Still there is scepticism in me, less of it however but it's still there.

I came and knelt down and I tried to touch with a desire to feel something and in that moment, I became aware that that 'something' is not there anymore. I feel that that 'something' has gone, left, but with none of the senses we have could I explain what happened.

I turn to Vicka and I asked her, "Vicka, is she gone" ? And Vicka said, "Yes, she's gone." I returned to my place and I saw that the visionaries were very sad, maybe even a bit scared. So I said what did Our Lady say? And then Vicka said, "Yes, she said something, she said something." I asked what did she say? She said there were always the unfaithful, the Judas. Can you imagine? In that moment of truth, in a second I understood that that 'something' was defending the visionaries from myself. That something knows that I wanted to discover everything as a lie. That something is defending the children from me, a traitor. I was devastated.

As much as I was devastated by the truth, somewhere deep inside of me happiness started flourishing, because I could see the truth which is for me far more valid and of greater value than just a rebuke. From that experience I went down completely transformed. I know all women will know this well, we women feel our body well, I knew that something had happened. Something happened with me and that I will never ever be the same person again. I came home and I took the rosary – all night long I couldn't fall asleep, all night long I was praying, 'Forgive me, forgive me, have mercy on me' all night long. Me who did not even know how to hold the rosary beads in my hand. After my experience there was a kind of chain around the visionaries and to come close to them was very difficult. But for me, I simply didn't need anything else. I was completely transformed. I went up the hill as one person and came down a completely different one. I even thought that I might have some changes in my body. I was looking at my hands.

I was still trying to explain it, that quantum leap but in my conscience. Everything that went in the past for me was something saying God doesn't exist. Now with completely different eyes I could look at the world and for me, all of a sudden, the world looked the most beautiful place. Beautiful Praise God. Amazing life. The fact that God exists and for me, He exists, then everything is different. Then I am the child of God and if I am the child of God, then we are all children of God. There is no difference. We are all precious human beings, children of God. And that transformation started at that time and what happened later was amazing, it was fantastic.

I wanted to learn more about God, because I understood that I knew nothing about Him. Regarding knowledge of God, about the main thing in this world, the main thing in our existence, I didn't know anything. And since I did not know anything about God, I didn't know anything about myself either. All the mistakes I made and even later on that I made, happened because I was not aware of the amazing presence of God. As time went by, grace came upon me. Of course I made many mistakes but I had the feeling that I was making a little bit of progress in my spirituality and that for a moment, a little bit of the curtain in front of Heaven was moved to make a small space for me.

That started manifesting in my life in the sense that if I thought I should know a little more about something, usually a book because I like to read, in a day or two the book was there for me. It took a while for me to understand that all of this is coming from Heaven. God wants us to get to know Him. God wants me to walk with Him through my life and everything through Our Lady.

I started going to Mass and I started praying the rosary and singing in the choir. For 22 years I have been singing in the choir here in Medjugorje and in that way I am with the Lord in the Eucharist at the time of the celebration of the Mass. My whole life was somehow transformed into celebration. Celebration with God. During that time of formation I had two significant dreams which do not belong to the realm of ordinary dreams. I want to talk to you about my dream. It is interesting because my dreams were so significant for me personally and they were carrying me to the events that in the future really happened.

You see, when a person starts walking with God then we should not be afraid of anything. For a long time as a doctor, I knew that I often had the potential for fear, fear from people in my surroundings. You need to know that in every kind of group at work there is a kind of bonding, especially after the war here. One dream in particular was significant when Our Lady said to me, "Don't you feel me being next to you?" And in that moment I felt an amazing joy and bliss. There is a pathway through the woods that I take every day to pray and in that dream Gospa said, "Go down to your pathway." And on that pathway it said, 'Be not afraid.' And in the sky above it said, 'Be not afraid.' Beneath that were the words in English, 'Be happy' and "Thank you for having responded to my call."

I am a paediatrician, neonatologist, I am a professor of paediatrics at the University of Mostar working with small babies in incubators. Thousands of times I experienced amazingly difficult situations with babies. Then I would speak to the parents and I would ask them if they were religious, or had faith regardless of which religion, because we treat children of all religions. If parents said they believed in God, I would give them homework and I would tell them to pray for their child and to pray a lot. During that process of prayer, the treatment which would sometimes last for weeks, even months, the parents and myself would enter into a special relationship, a very special kind of friendship, not an earthly one. So far

there are hundreds of babies (I worked for 20 years) and in an amazing way children would be healed. When the process is over, when the babies go home, everyone thinks that that is normal but I know that it's not. I know that an amazing grace came upon them. I can feel that. I find that an amazing grace comes upon babies and parents. The children in our conditions, (you have to understand that we are talking about hospitals here in the Balkans) in an amazing way made a recovery and they were healed.

What is amazing and really beautiful in my work and that Gospa gave to me is that the parents recognize that is the work of Jesus, Gospa or Allah and they say to me that they completely understand that they had to go through that suffering in order to be closer to God. Regardless of how difficult they found that time, now they're happy because their life is given an amazing dimension that they didn't know anything about before. God can but you have to ask Him, you have to open your heart, you have to purify your heart. Parents would tell me that they would feel an urge to go to confession and confess their sins, that they felt the need to go to Communion, that they prayed every day and for the first time in their lives they felt practical faith in God. Do you know what it means? It's like love. You can read about it, write about it, and yet never experience it. But once you experience it you don't have to read about it anymore. You have an exclusive experience. That is the greatest love that a human person can experience and that it was worth being born and that is the purpose of life. In this work that I do and I believe that all of you in the work you do, regardless of what type of job we are talking about, with people in their surroundings, you can experience love, hatred or indifference.

Everything except love is a waste of time. Everything. I am already old now and I am speaking about myself now, I think it was worth being born, to get married to a man from Hercegovina, to be on the hill that day on the 6th day of the apparitions, to be given a slap by Gospa, but with love, a slap with love. I understood everything. That God loves, that God punishes, and that sometimes He keeps you at a distance until you are cleansed, purified, because you can't come before God being dirty. You know we all feel the need here in Medjugorje to go to confession. It's getting rid of the dirt of the world and we all feel the need to be purified, to be able to stand before God because He loves us in the way we are. We're originals.

Just a few words about my relationship with Medjugorje. I already shared with you about my contact with God and I believe that the purpose of life is to get to know God and that we are children of God. No person in the world is the same. Everyone is unique and every person is important to God, Each one of us is invited to joy.

I know a lot of people, thousands of people who came to Medjugorje from abroad and I know what was happening to them. For me this is the greatest metaphysical place in the world. It's the change of a person, and it happens on an invisible level. Maybe you're not aware but later on you will see that in you dwells a new person and I believe that thousands miles per hour Our Lady does that, upon all of us. That's my experience. I've seen it happening to my cousins, my friends. Why is this so important? In Western Europe you know how the world in that part is really collapsing. Very deep. We are all spiritually hungry people but we are all spiritually immature and some are even spiritually sick, but most of the time spiritually immature. God has a plan and we are all part of the plan because without us he can't do anything, because we are His children. That moment when we all become a little more spiritually mature, the world will start changing, rapidly. Our Lady, the Queen of Peace, she's the one doing all that. It's obvious that first inside ourselves, we have to create this peace. Because if you do not have peace in yourself, then you cannot give that peace. The first and most important work is the work on yourselves. Through these 34 years, every single day without stopping I remember and recall my adventure on Apparition hill in those days. And it's perfectly clear to me that only if I live that, only then will I be a child of God.

Agnostics, atheists maybe ask, "What has all this to do with me?" It's nice to have a beautiful life, have money, have this/that but I would say to you no riches or fortune in the world, not even a title in this world, nothing you materially created can be compared to the happiness that you feel at the moment when you are able to see Our Lady coming. That is something which surpasses the human mind. Therefore there won't ever be a logical conclusion as to whether Our Lady is appearing or not. That is something you feel with your senses. Some people say intuition, yes. You feel and then you receive a confirmation. Either you believe it or not.

If I had not been on the hill, I wouldn't have believed. That's the way my brain works. If I hadn't seen that, felt that, been given a confirmation from the other side, that completely gives the answer to my being and shows me that that 'something' exists. I wouldn't have believed. That's why I really feel together with the people here and for all those who can't believe, there is a method and that's why Our Lady came. She is the teacher. Like in medicine, we have workshops, there is a theory about a medication but then there is a workshop where you are taught what dosage to give, how to administer it, what are its side-effects. And it's the very same here in Medjugorje, Our Lady's spiritual school. I am the witness. Pray, pray, pray.

I pray now a lot. A little bit about my day. I get up around 4 am, pray maybe 5 rosaries, then I exercise, then read morning prayer followed by a page from the Bible and then I have my coffee. And that is the beginning of my day. Around noon time, if time permits, I lock the door of my office and I pray the rosary again before returning to my duties. Trust me, everything starts changing, everything starts changing after the rosary. I am the witness. In the afternoon ...I live in the

country next to a forest, I go for a walk with my dog and I pray 2 more rosaries. Since doing this, I felt that a lot of my emotional problems at work just melted. It's a magical remedy. A magical medication. This is what I as a doctor can say to you, it is equally important as any antibiotics and I am the witness. It is so.

I read a lot and I see a lot. I see that the reception of Medjugorje in the world goes up and down and it has to be so. The hill, the valley. When we are on the hill we are celebrating. When we are in the valley, we are purifying ourselves. But we are progressing. We are attending spiritual school and we are making progress. Now we are in elementary school, but all of us together. For me this is the most important event in the history of the world after the walk of Jesus on the earth. I believe that God came to shake us a bit and to wake us up even if it's necessary to give us a slap and to say to us that God does exist. When enough people in the world wake up, when we reach that level of spiritual maturity, the whole world will be changed. You will see. We are all witnesses of a phenomenal event in the history of mankind. When you know that you are a child of God, you cannot hate anyone. There are no enemies. There are no Catholics, Protestants Moslems or Jews, only different ways to reach God. Our only task is to reach God, holding Our Lady's hand with Jesus to God.

I really believe that the visionaries are apostles, that they are contemporary apostles to whom God gave to be channels for humankind to receive the messages. They are authentic, spontaneous, normal and good human beings. Sometimes, they are so tired that they need a break, that we in our hearts, that we who were all the time taking from them, we should give them something in return. Understanding that they are also human beings, that they have spouses, children and that it's very difficult to be witnesses of God and to be a family person. It's difficult to always remain pure, and sometimes there is some dust on them and we should understand that they did not lose anything of their authentic soul. That's why I think we should all help each other. I really believe that Our Lord today put us all together. Thank you very much.