

1960's GRIM REMINDER

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In the summer of 1960 a Turkish army officer inspecting aerial views of the mountains where . . . according to the Bible . . . Noah's Ark landed, gasped in astonishment.

Just twenty miles from Mount Ararat (which is the mountain specified in the Bible) he saw the impression of an immense boat on the jagged peaks. Shortly an expedition made its way to the spot and found that the great shape almost coincided to the very dimensions of the ark given in the Bible: 450x75x45 feet.

The scientific team which went to the spot spent only two days. Dynamiting revealed bits of wood in the rim of the "ship". Did this great shape actually mark the spot where centuries ago the ark . . . which saved the only eight persons spared by God in the annihilation of all nations of the earth . . . came to a rest? Scientists in the group stated that *nothing in nature could create such a symmetrical shape.*

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Whether it was the ark or not . . . it was a grim reminder to modern man, who lives in the shadow of a new deluge, the deluge of atomic war.

At Fatima, in a message confirmed by the miracle of the sun, God told us that: "*Several entire nations will be annihilated*" as a result of the errors to spread "from an Atheist Russia throughout the entire world", if men do not awaken to their spiritual purpose.

How similar, after all, this message of Fatima appears today to the message of Noah to the world of his day: If men did not mend their lives . . . and give up their ways of sin . . . they would be annihilated.

For thousands of years the shape of the ship on the mountain in Turkey was unknown. All men, in every

nation of the world, believed in the deluge . . . not only from the Bible but from their own most ancient traditions. Even the Indians had a tradition about the deluge, and the Greeks, Babylonians, Egyptians . . . all the most ancient peoples. Finally, in modern times, Our Lord spoke of the deluge: "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even till that day in which Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not till the flood came, and took them all away; so also shall the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt., xxiv, 37-39). And all men believed it . . . until most recent times.

Now . . . in our "age of enlightenment", in our age when atheism mounts to power in the East and vows to destroy all belief in God, for the first time the fact of the great deluge . . . which wiped out all but one family from the face of the

earth . . . is being denied and forgotten.

And, at this hour, just twenty-five miles from the border of Russia, the shape of the ship was found on the mountain where the Bible said that Noah's great ark landed. And it is found in the year 1960 . . . when the only remaining part of the message of Fatima was opened by Pope John XXIII. Despite the curiosity of all nations, the Pope seriously declines to make that final part of the message of Fatima known, but on October 13th of this same year he sent a special blessing to all Christians in the world who united that day with pilgrims at Fatima, where Our Lady made Her prophecies and promises, in an entire night of reparation.

Whether that shape on the mountain is the remnant of Noah's ark or not, let History be our teacher. **LET US HEED THE REQUESTS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA.**

The left side of the object is about twenty feet above ground level, as can be seen on this photograph. The hill on the right side is half of the mid-section of ship. Photograph by RENE NOORBERGEN. CAMERA PRESS LONDON

