

Three “Minor/Simple Visions”

I have seen three “**minor/simple visions**”. One in 2014 and two in 2015. After much consideration, I am adopting the expression “minor/simple visions” to describe them rather than visions or apparitions. The dates of the three minor/simple visions are -

Saturday 26th April 2014 (The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel),
Saturday 4th April 2015 (The Vigil of Easter Sunday), and
Saturday 27th June 2015 (The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour).

I am satisfied that, within these three visions, there are, in fact, **two separate and distinct “sets” of minor visions with two separate and distinct “purposes or subject-matters”**. The “First Set” consists of the first and the third minor visions. The second vision, that of 4th April 2015, is a completely different “set” and so I will deal with it later in this document. Before that I will deal with the “First Set”.

The “First Set”

Saturday 26th April 2014 (The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel),
Saturday 27th June 2015 (The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour).

Definite Connection with my Book

The first vision of this “set” occurred exactly two years to the day (26th April 2014) after the date (26th April 2012) on which I finalised a version of a particular document/book which I originally intended solely for uploading to the Internet as a PDF file. That internet version is still current and can be downloaded from www.tsmi.net (it consists of the pages with Roman numerals and those with Arabic numerals - 1, 2, 3 etc.). I have named the document/book **The Single Most Important Truth**. It consists of my understanding of Catholic Beliefs about what God wants Our Relationship with him to be. I am asking people to believe, after reading the accounts of both visions, that the occurrence of the two minor visions in this “First Set” represents a significant endorsement of the Book - **a sort of Imprimatur**. I have, therefore, because of these two minor visions, had a small number of copies printed professionally in paperback book form. They were printed in Italy. They are well made. To obtain your own copy go to www.tsmi.net to request one by eMail.

General Overview of the Two Visions in the “First Set”

Before looking in detail at the two visions involved in the “First Set” I want to provide a General Overview and to discuss why they have happened.

In summary, I saw the first minor vision of this “First Set” on Saturday 26th April 2014 (The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel) and the second of this “Set” on Saturday 27th June 2015 (The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour). The content of the one was quite different to the other. That of 2014 consisted of “light”, confined to a relatively small area, and that of 2015 started with “a lot of small frenetically moving shadows”, the first part of which covered the entire floor of a room, and objects in the room, and part way up the walls. This first part was followed by other “shadows” phenomena.

These “minor/simple visions” do not conform to the typical definition of an “apparition”. There was no personage, no event and no explicit message in either of the two “minor visions”. However, what I saw in both instances were vivid and credible to me. Also, I did not feel any sense of “detachment” from my surroundings while they occurred.

I have been wanting to avoid suggesting “supernatural looking” for the first and “demonic looking” for the second. But that is how I perceive them.

Why they happened

Connection between (a) my Book and (b) Two Famous Images of Our Lady and Jesus

Both of the Feasts involved have associated with them very famous Images of Our Lady and Jesus. It is my belief that **both of these Images** have strong associations with my Book through the date 26th April.

- (i) On 26th April each year the Universal Church commemorates the Appearance, in 1467, of the painted Image now known as Our Lady of Good Counsel on a wall in a partially re-constructed Church of that name in Genazzano, Italy, a church of the Augustinian Order.
- (ii) On 26th April 1866 the Icon (“ikon” is Greek for image) of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour was ceremoniously transferred, in Rome, from the Augustinian Order to the Redemptorist Order.

(I have included **Special Notes** on Page 7 to explain in more detail what I mean about this connection).

Now to deal with the First Vision of the “First Set” (the first overall) -

**Saturday 26th April 2014, - during the 7.30pm Vigil Mass
Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel
Colours Appeared Hovering Over a Page of a Mass Leaflet**

I had never, prior to this first minor vision, seen anything that I could describe as a “vision” or a “supernatural” experience nor anything that could even be confused with such.

A sequence of three-dimensional “colours” appeared, in a somewhat rapid but distinctly observable sequence, hovering over a particular page of the Mass leaflet that I was holding, during the reading of the Nicene Creed. This happened during the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 26th April 2014 in the Church of the Nativity, Beaumont, Dublin. The duration of this “colours” episode could have been about twenty seconds but not more than thirty seconds ¹.

It started during the reading of the Nicene Creed at the point where the following was being read -

**“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became man.”**

- The page of the Mass leaflet, which I was holding in my left hand, seemed to brighten and then appeared to change to a bright very pale yellow. The yellow colour did not extend beyond the area of the page.
- *I was totally surprised and distracted by this and initially thought that it was something to do with the new lighting in the recently refurbished Church.*
- The colour that I was seeing then changed to a bright very pale orange.
- Then it changed to a somewhat dull, brownish red. (It reminds me of the colour of dried blood on white material or paper.)
- At this point I angled the page somewhat to my left (thinking that this might reveal a light source). As I did this, the colour changed to a brilliant, almost luminous, very pale scarlet or vermilion. The area of colour definitely did not extend beyond the now reduced area

¹ My perception, at the time, was of a shorter period of time - about ten to fifteen seconds.

of page that I was seeing - it took on the angled shape of the Mass Leaflet that I was then seeing.

- *I was seeing colours which were completely confined to, and taking on the shape of, the area of the page that I was looking at.*
- The colour then changed back from the bright very pale scarlet to the dull, brownish red.
- Then back to the bright very pale orange colour.
- Then back to the bright very pale yellow colour.
- I decided at that point (when the colour had reverted to yellow) to look away and did so as follows -

Firstly, I looked slightly to the left of the Mass Leaflet. An interesting thing happened.

The yellow colour initially followed my line of sight but quickly seemed to jump back into alignment with the page. This caused the colour to appear to me to be like a transparent coloured filter hovering between me and the page about a centimetre away from the page.

Secondly, I looked around the church briefly and could not see any evidence of coloured light.

Finally, I looked towards the ceiling and again could not see evidence of coloured light.

- However, on looking back at the page, it still appeared to be bright very pale yellow but quickly changed back to the normal colour of paper.
- That was the end of the occurrence. Nothing else happened.
- All of this was over by the time the priest and congregation were finished reading the Creed.
- I had no sense of being “detached from my surroundings.”

Additional Observations about this First Minor Vision -

- The colours were definitely not in my peripheral vision.
- The colours had appeared in a particular order and then cycled back through the exact same colours in the exact reverse order.
- On the return cycle through the colours the changes seemed to pause for me during the final bright pale yellow stage while I took time to look around. The yellow colour was still there when I looked back at the page and only then did it go.

Subsequent Consideration

On Monday 18th May 2014, I read that the date in question (**26th April**) was the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Also on 18th May, I recalled that the date of my short Book - “The Single Most Important Truth” - was **26th April** 2012. I am satisfied that there is a connection between this minor vision and my Book. The date in question, Saturday (**26th April** in 2014), was the last day of Easter Week. It was also the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, the day on which Popes John XXIII and John Paul II were canonised.

Noteworthy Characteristics of the “Colours”

1. With the exception of the dull brownish red, all of the colours appeared to be bright, somewhat luminous and all but the dull red were definitely transparent. I was seeing through them to the words on the page.
2. The bright “colours” appeared to stand away from the page as if they were colour filters. Also, they remind me of the detached “glow” inside dim neon lights.
3. I was, thus, conscious of each colour being in three-dimensions.
4. Each transition from one colour to another was observably gradual and not abrupt.
5. The colours did not travel with my line of sight but stayed over the page.

6. The shape of the colours (notably in the case of the bright pale scarlet) exactly matched the shape of the page as I was seeing it.
7. The colours were not in my peripheral vision.

I had been taken completely by surprise when this happened. My immediate reaction was one of surprise and puzzlement only. No shock or suchlike.

Now to deal with the Second Vision of the “First Set” (the third overall) -

**Saturday 27th June 2015, - at Home just after Midnight
Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Shadows Appeared on the Floors and Lower Parts of Walls**

This second “minor/simple vision” of the “First Set” occurred at home (not in the local Church). It started from about 0:45am on Saturday 27th June 2015 (this, it transpires, was the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour). It lasted for at least 15 to 20 minutes. This minor vision occurred in four separate parts.

In the **First Part** what I saw was as follows -

In general terms, from about 0:45am, I saw on the floor of the bathroom and part way up the lower parts of the walls (about the lower one third) what I would describe as **moving disjointed shadows of nondescript shapes**. Each shadow had the approximate shape of the following diagram -



Each was about one foot across (c.30cm). A significant feature was that the number of them was increasing rapidly. Eventually, all seemed to be connected to or were touching those adjacent to them in an interlocking fashion (**it became a very crowded scene**). They were moving about in a very fast, wild and frenetic manner.

This First Part progressed as follows. I had initially assumed that there was a moth or moths flying around the light and that I had disturbed them by switching the light on. However, I looked around the whole room and there were no flying insects and, in any event, there were just too many individual shadows. Looking again towards the floor, there seemed to be a big increase in the number of the moving disjointed shadows (**still moving frenetically**). So many, in fact, that they were now interlocking and were moving as if jostling for space. This time, I noticed that they were very pronounced and were a dark grey colour and not black. They looked evil. I admit to being “spooked” by what I was seeing. I took in my hand a blessed medal of Our Lady of Good Counsel that I had been carrying since February (2015). I then decided to just stare at the floor to see if I could better analyse what I was seeing. When I did so, these particular shadows disappeared immediately. This part had lasted about one to two minutes. But this was not the end.

In the **Second Part** what I saw was as follows -

I stared at the floor for a short while without seeing any shadows. Then, unconsciously not moving my head, I happened to look to the left only moving my eyes. I immediately saw a **long straight vertical line of shadow**, which appeared to me to be about an inch wide; it **moved from left to right**. That is, it moved in the opposite direction to the

direction that my eyes moved. The line resembled the shadow made on the ground by a thick ship's rope.

I then looked to the right, again not moving my head, and I saw a similar vertical line of shadow that moved from right to left. The line of shadow seemed to me to be an actual shadow on the surface of whatever happened to be in the general direction that I was looking rather than hovering between me and that surface. When I would stop moving my eyes, the line would disappear. When I would start moving my eyes again the line of shadow would reappear. It was present only while my eyes were actually moving.

I then made similar eye movements up and down, this time deliberately not moving my head. I saw similarly behaving long straight lines of shadow except that they were now horizontal - that is, when I moved my eyes to look up, the line of shadow appeared and it moved down; when I moved my eyes to look down, the line appeared and it moved up. As long as I kept my eyes still, I did not see the line. Also, by controlling the speed of my eye movements I controlled the speed of movement of the shadows.

In the **Third Part** what I saw was as follows -

The second phenomenon continued while the following happened. I decided to look in the mirror in the bathroom to see if the line of shadow would appear in the reflection of the wall behind me. This might seem strange but I have forgotten whether or not I saw the line on the wall behind me. The reason is that I became distracted by a new phenomenon. When I moved my eyes, either up or down, I saw **about three lines of shadow** in the handbasin. These were NOT straight. They exactly followed the curvature of the inside of the handbasin. Again, they were visible only when my eyeballs were actually moving.

I then went to other rooms and was still able to see the straight vertical and horizontal line shadows, again only when I moved my eyes.

In the **Fourth Part** what I saw was as follows -

The second phenomenon continued while the following happened. When I was describing what I was seeing to my wife, I made a sweeping action with my hand and arm by way of illustrating the movement of the shadows that I was still seeing. As I moved my arm in this sweeping action, I could see a faint but distinct (NOT blurred) **image of my arm trailing after my arm**. This faint image distinctly showed my arm, fingers and thumb. The outer part of the image (where my fingers were) was trailing my actual arm by about 10 centimetres. It felt very weird to see this.

These shadows continued to be observable up to the time I went to bed, so I cannot say how long they might have lasted. They were not observable when I awoke on Saturday morning.

Points of Similarity Between these Two “Minor Visions”

(a) Here is a list of some points of similarity between the two “Minor/Simple Visions” in the “First Set” -

- Both occurred on Church Feast Days dedicated to Our Lady - viz.
 - (i) Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (26th April) and
 - (ii) Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (27th June).
- Both occurred on Saturdays. Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady.
- Both are associated in some way with “light” -
 - Emitting of light in the first (26th April 2014), and
 - Blocking of light (shadow) in the second (27th June 2015).

- (b) Both of these took me by complete surprise. Even after the first had happened I had no predisposition to thinking that any other would occur.
- (c) I did not feel “detached” from my surroundings during either.

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**Interestingly, there are also significant points of similarity between -**

1. The first minor vision of the first set (first vision overall), and
2. The only minor vision of the second set (second vision overall).
  - They both occurred in the same Church (The Church of the Nativity, Beaumont, Dublin).
  - I was sitting in, approximately, the same location in the Church.
  - Both occurred during Vigil Masses. Both Vigils were the Vigils of significant Church Feasts (Divine Mercy and Easter).
  - Both occurred during significant parts of the Mass (the Creed and the Gloria).
  - Both occurred at parts of the Mass during which it is customary to bow at some point when there is a reference to Jesus.

### SPECIAL NOTES RELATING TO THE “FIRST SET”

1. Both of the two Images associated with the two Feasts of Our Lady on which I saw the minor visions have strong associations with the 26th April and not just the Image of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
  - The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel is 26th April. This commemorates the mysterious appearance of a painted Image of Our Lady of Good Counsel on a wall in Genazzano (Italy) on 25th (sic) April 1467. That event is commemorated on 26th April because 25th April is the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist.
  - The Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour was transferred, with great ceremony, from the Augustinian Order to the Redemptorist Order, in Rome, on 26th April 1866.
2. I am convinced that, since both Images have an association with 26th April and my Document/Book was dated 26th April 2012, this co-incidence of dates is suggesting an element of support from God and Our Lady for the content of the Book.
3. Some significant similarities exist between, on the one hand, what I saw in each “minor/simple vision” and, on the other hand, the two corresponding Images of Our Lady and Jesus.
  - (i) The Image in Genazzano, Our Lady of Good Counsel, has cheerful associations - I was shown “colours”.
  - (ii) The Icon in Rome, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, has dark associations - I was shown “shadows”.
4. The following might not be of any significance but I will note it anyway -
  - (i) The Image of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano seems to conform to Western Catholic ways of how to portray Our Lady and Jesus, while
  - (ii) The Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Rome seems to conform to Eastern Orthodox ways of how to portray Them.
5. Mons. George Dillon, the writer of the book **Virgin Mother of Good Counsel (1884)**, describes something that occurred in the church in Genazzano (where the Image is housed) while he was offering Holy Mass there. He writes that he saw colour changes on the original painting and that some of Our Lady’s features changed to become more joyous looking. He also wrote that, initially, he had been too embarrassed to mention this to anyone. See Section 7 of Chapter VI of his book. I also am embarrassed to talk about these minor visions.
6. In each case, I had been to Confession beforehand within a period of less than three weeks. A case for Monthly Confession..??

## The “Second Set”

This “Second Set” consists of only one “minor/simple vision”, that of -

**Saturday 4th April 2015 (The Vigil of Easter Sunday) <sup>2</sup>**

While I had initially dismissed it as invalid, I became satisfied, subsequent to the printing of the Second Edition of my book, that this minor vision was, in fact, valid<sup>3</sup>. *The Second Edition was printed in October 2017. I changed my mind about the validity of the vision about February 2018.*

I had thought that the purpose of this minor vision was to indirectly point to my estimation of when the predicted Garabandal Great Miracle might occur - 11th April 2019. However, that date has now passed. I am not clear, therefore, what the purpose of the Minor Vision might be, if any. However, I will, nevertheless, describe it here.

**Saturday 4th April 2015, - during 9.00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
Non-specific Feast of Our Lady  
Everything appeared Monochrome Brownish Red**

The following happened, over a period of about twenty to thirty seconds<sup>4</sup>. On **Saturday 4th April 2015**, during the 9.00pm Vigil Mass for Easter, during the singing of the Gloria (by the Choir), I observed that everything and everybody appeared to me to be without any colour except a monochrome brownish red colour. It was a few seconds before it registered with me that this was happening.

I then quickly looked down at the current page of the Mass Booklet that I was holding and it too appeared to be brownish red but it was readable. I looked very deliberately and very consciously at the backs of people in front of me and all appeared well lit and very clear to me except that everything was monochrome brownish red, ranging from darkish brownish red to very pale brownish red (almost white).

I looked towards my wife’s Mass Booklet. It immediately appeared normal coloured to me and then instantly everything changed back to normal colours. There was no repeat of this occurrence. Apart from this occasion, I have never seen anything like this - that is, things appearing to be monochrome rather than coloured.

**IMPORTANT -**

**As I have said above, I do not know what the purpose of this Minor Vision is, if any.**

<sup>2</sup> **This date falls between the dates of the two minor visions which comprise the First “Set”.**

<sup>3</sup> **Let me explain** why I was, initially, somewhat sceptical about the possibility of this minor vision being of supernatural origin. **Firstly**, during the course of the Vigil Mass, the Church lights had been turned off fully twice while the congregation held lit candles. The light bulbs seem to me to be FLUORESCENT or LED rather than INCANDESCENT. Incandescent bulbs emit a continuous spectrum of light. On the other hand, most Fluorescent lights and LEDs have non-continuous spectra. At reduced voltage, or if faulty, a fluorescent light bulb can emit odd coloured light. You may have seen such an effect if you have even seen a fluorescent light which is on the way out. *(However, this is speculation; I do not know for certain that the particular bulbs in the Church are capable of causing a person to see monochrome only without some element of colour. Now I doubt that they can.)* **Secondly**, whereas the colours that I witnessed over a Mass Leaflet on Saturday 26th April 2014 were confined to the area of the Mass Leaflet that I could actually see and they did not extend beyond that area (everything else had normal colours), the monochrome colour that I saw on Saturday 4th April 2015 was visible from everything that I looked at in the Church.

<sup>4</sup> **My perception, at the time, was that it was about ten to twenty seconds.**

## APPENDIX

### Possible Insights into The Nature of Apparitions

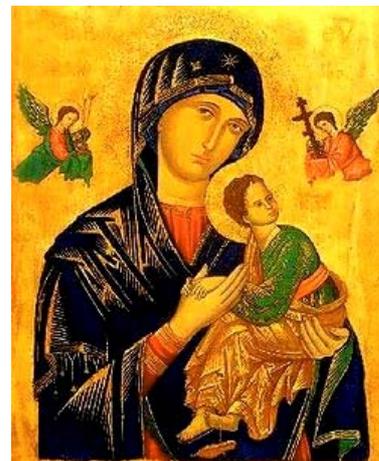
I feel sure that these “minor visions” must have been in the same form as apparitions even though there was NO TYPICAL APPARITION CONTENT and, even though I had no sense of being “detached” from my surroundings, I think they were, as it were, composed of the same building blocks as apparitions. *In the light of my long standing interest in the timings that can exist between the dates of apparitions, I find it interesting to have been shown these things. Perhaps, in some way, I had been prepared for them.*

Also, I feel certain that these “minor visions” were being generated in my brain and were not external to me. In addition, that they were made to exactly imitate things as they would have been had they actually been real light sources and shadows external to me. This, I think, would have to involve stimulation of the relevant nerves in the eyes by supernatural intervention. The best indicator of these things to me was the curved shadows that I saw in the handbasin. If I was merely seeing an illusion of straight line shadows, then they should have stayed straight and should not have appeared to be curved in the way that real shadows would look.

In any group of people, some might see an apparition because they have been selected by God to receive the necessary stimulation in their optic nerves, while others will not see it because they have not been so selected. Similarly, with hearing an apparition. In the Fatima apparitions, Francisco could see but not hear Our Lady. During the “Miracle of the Sun”, while a very large number of people said that they had seen the phenomenon, there were some who said that they did not. In the Knock apparition, all present saw the Apparition but there are minor differences in what the witnesses report about the Altar in the vision.



**Painting of  
Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Genazzano  
Italy**



**Icon of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Rome  
Italy**

**Signed - Eugene Shannon  
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**15th April 2019**