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Our Lady of Guadalupe

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Our Lady's Eyes

José Tonsmann, from Peru is a retired IBM engineer. He is using his experience of studying satellite photographs and analyzing microscopic photos to study Our Lady's eyes on the **Tilma**. He has dedicated the last 40 years studying the images in Mary's eyes. **"The eyes of the image are especially mysterious. Although their dimensions are microscopic, the iris and the pupils present the highly detailed images of 13 people. The same people are present in the**

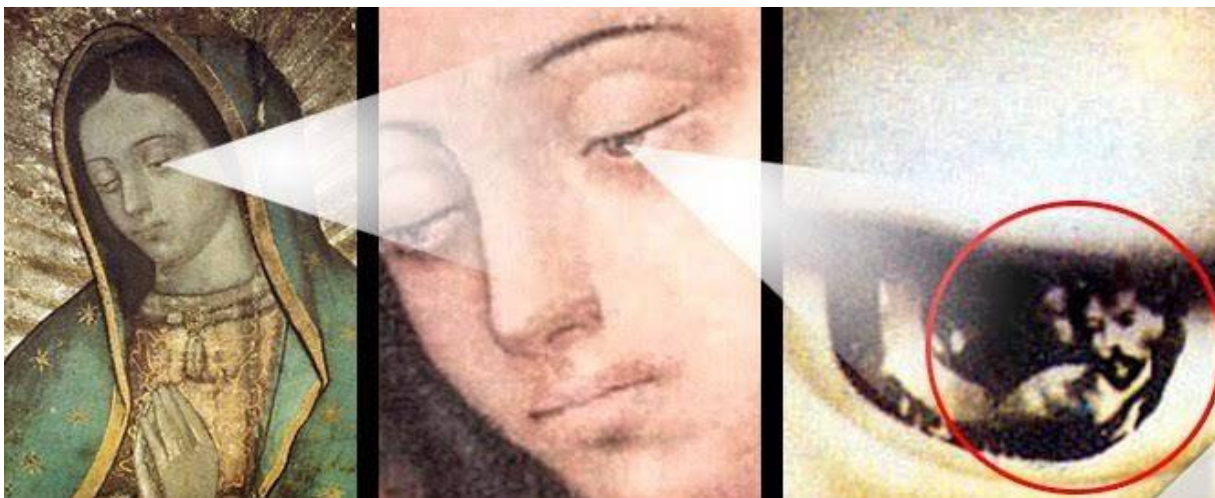
left eye and the right, with different ratios, just as images are transmitted by human eyes. (Joan Lewis of EWTN)"

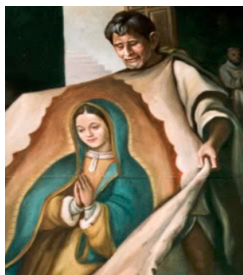
The original discovery of the images in the eyes was done by Dr. J. Torroella Bueno, an ophthalmologist, was on March 27, 1956. He is the first physician to officially study the eyes of the Tilma. Dr. Torroella documented that in the eyes is the presence of the triple effect reflection, a reflection that is found in all living people. This triple reflection is called the

Samson-Purkinje effect. He certified the presence of the triple reflection.

All of the images are located exactly where they would be in every living person. The distortion of the images perfectly matches the curvature of the cornea.

Studies of the Tilma are not limited to Catholics or random scientist, "For over 20 years, graduate students in environmental systems engineering at Cornell University have studied the image of the Virgin left on the rough (cont. page 2)



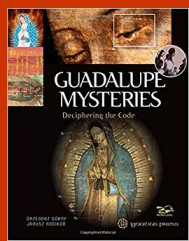


Miraculous Eyes (continued)

Guadalupe Mysteries: Deciphering the Code

"In this glorious, lavishly illustrated book, the renowned author-photographer team Grzegorz Górny and Janusz Rosikon take the reader on an illustrated pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe."

(amazon.com)



fiber fabric of Juan Diego's Tilma." (Catholic Education Resource Center) In 1938 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, Richard Kuhn found that the image did not have animal or mineral colorings. He declared that the image was 'inexplicable'. In 1979 scientist Philip Callahan and Jody B. Smith, using infrared rays determined that there was no trace of paint on the fabric and that the fabric had not been treated with any synthetic or natural product. The images in the eyes has been increased 2,500 percent to help study them.

The people seen:

In Our Lady's left eye;
St. Juan Diego, with his striking features, beard and mustache holding the Tilma.

Bishop Zumarraga, is clearly seen, the image matches portraits of the bishop.

Juan Gonzalez, a young man, believed to be the interpreter.

An **elderly Mexican** is also in the scene, he is seated and looking heavenward.

An **African woman**, possibly a slave in the service of the bishop.

A **Spanish man**, looking pensive and stroking his beard is standing nearby.

The above are all in one eye. Also in this eye, in the very center of the pupil, is a separate scene. Here is seen an **Indian family**, mother and father and several children.

This second image is seen more clearly in the right eye;

An Indian Family, the same one from the left eye and many **more people** are seen standing behind the family. This discovery is more recent and Tonsmann believes that the images of the Indian family have been hidden from modern technology until now, when the family is under attack everywhere in the world.



MIRACLES EVERYDAY

As you know we all have miracles every day, some very ordinary and others extraordinary. Very few miracles are approved by the Vatican but none the less they are very real. Elena Garcia can vouch for the fact that she and her family received miracles due to the intercession of **The Virgin of Guadalupe**.

Fourteen years ago, Elena's marriage was failing and her premature daughter was dying. Elena is a parishioner at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Farmers Branch, Texas. A woman in her parish offered to bring her prayer group, Legion of Mary, to Elena's home. They would bring a

statue of The Virgin of Guadalupe and come daily for 9 days saying a novena for Elena's premature daughter. Elena jumped at the offer, she and her husband joined in the prayers. Elena said: **"We delivered all of our problems to her. We started to pay attention to the prayers where it said we had to forgive one another. That's when we realized we had to forgive each other for those blessings to come into our home."** Elena and her husband joined the prayer group. They saved their marriage and their daughter recovered and is now a happy, healthy 13 year old. Today Elena is the head of the Legion of Mary and its numbers have grown to over 60 members. They visit the sick at home and in hospitals, pray at wakes and help those who need advice and help in their marriages.



Elena Garcia OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Healing Children Miracle

Alejandra Anacieto Gregorio is a typical 14-year-old girl, from the remote village of Citlaltepec in Mexico. Alejandra had been suffering from a life threatening softball sized lesion on one side of her face. For any child this would be difficult and frightening, especially a teen age girl who is so aware of her appearance. Through difference agencies, Alejandra



Alejandra with her brother after returning home

was flown to Childers Hospital in Milwaukee Wisconsin for the surgery.

The 8 hour surgery was a huge success. There is almost no evidence of her wound.

Prior to the operation, one of the nurses removed the Pink Rosary – depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe from around Alejandra’s neck. The beads were held together by cord not metal, the nurse wrapped the beads around Alejandra’s wrist. Close friends of Alejandra’s family remarked on Alejandra’s faith, it was one of them that visited the Shrine at Guadalupe and purchased the rosary and had it blessed there for Alejandra. “Mexicans are very devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe. And Alejandra is a girl of huge faith. There is no doubt in my mind God intervened when all the doors seemed closed to getting help for Alejandra. There is no doubt it was a miracle,” Leticia Geniesse said. (she visited the Shrine prayed for Alejandra and bought her the rosary)

During the surgery Alejandra had two dreams or visions. From *The Compass*, “in her first dream, Jesus was standing in front of her home under a tree. She heard birds singing and said everything looked so beautiful. She saw his image but didn’t know who he was right away. He said ‘Don’t worry. Don’t be afraid. I will take care of you,’” In her second dream, “Alejandra was joined by her siblings and par-

ents inside her Citlaltepec home. She said everyone was very happy. Alejandra was hiding behind her mom when her mom took her hand and said ‘Alejandra. Come see this. This is the Almighty.’”

“Our Lady of Guadalupe helps everyone during the most difficult moments,” Alejandra said six weeks after the surgery. Her favorite thing to do is look into a mirror. God Bless Alejandra, Leticia, and the good people that arranged to bring Alejandra to Milwaukee for her surgery. Alejandra would not have survived the year without the surgery.



Leticia, Alejandra and Peggy Wydeven

The Virgin of Guadalupe—Science-Health

The University of Alabama studied the link between devotion to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and health. People with devotion to Mary have less stress related health issues. The author of the research Rebecca Read-Wahidi stated: *“This drives home how important faith is. In the study results, I found that people who are exposed to stress - their well-being goes down over time. Those who were Guadalupan devotees broke that pattern.”* She further wrote “that immigrants place their stress in Mary’s hands: “When I asked what people petition the Virgin to help them with, they mentioned: finding work and keeping their jobs, not getting deported or arrested, the health of their family back in Mexico and here in the United States, the safety of family members who were making the journey across the border, and their own safe return back home.”

Many Mexican immigrants do not feel welcome and feel looked down upon, but they remember that Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to the poorest of the poor. She is their Mother as she is our Mother. And our Mother wants the very best for all of us.

Our Lady and Muslims

At the time of the Moors occupation of Spain, the Moors renamed many places, one was the Wolf River. They call it Guadalupe (Guada – river and Lupe – wolf). The river is known to this day by its Islamic name Guadalupe. The river was renamed in the 700's and in the 1300's became home to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, after a statue of the Blessed Virgin was found hidden along the river. It is believed that the statue was hidden from the Muslim invaders of the 700's.

When St. Juan Diego told Bishop Juan Zumarraga the name of The Lady he said **"te coatlaxopeuh"** (pronounced: **"te quatlasupe"**). In Aztec, it means one who crushes the head of the stone serpent. Bishop Zumarraga misheard the word as Guadalupe. He declared the miraculous **Virgin: Our lady of Guadalupe**. Perhaps this mistake was divine, not only is the name Muslim but the crescent moon beneath Mary's feet is a Muslim symbol. It is our job to pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the conversion of the Muslims.



The Black Madonna

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Spain is located in the kingdom of Castile. It is the home of one of the three famous Black Madonna's. This statue was made by Saint Luke.



Royal Monastery of Santa Maria de Guadalupe

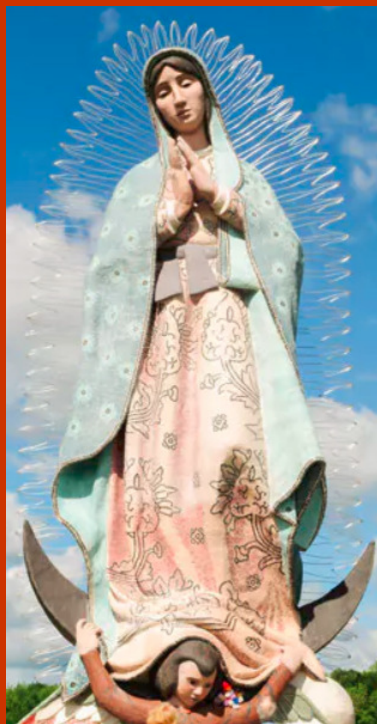
Prayer

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

In 1945 Pope Pius XII said "for we are certain that as long as you are recognized as Queen and Mother, Mexico and America will be safe."

World's Tallest

Windsor Ohio is the home to the tallest statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Ed and Pat Heinz purchased the farmland in the mid 90s with the purpose of erecting the tallest statue to The Virgin under that title. Richard Hyslin, head of the art department at the University of Texas in McAllen agreed to make the sculpture.



The statue was dedicated August 5, 1995. The entire height including the angel and clouds make the statue 50 feet tall. Today the statue overlooks the motherhouse of The Sister Servants of Peace.

Their mission statement: "To provide a Spiritual Sanctuary for the glorification of God and to spread the word delivered through the teachings of His son Jesus and the actions of His most humble and faithful servant Mary."