

## SOME SIMONS OF CYRENE, SOME MARYS

Dear Mother Marie-Paule,

Since the month of August 2005, I have felt impelled to write to you to share some passages from *The Notebooks 1945-1950*. The parallels between certain events and graces are eloquent. At the same time, I wondered what the kingdom was that has been open since September 14, 2001. After the ceremony of September 10 and 11, 2005, at Spiri-Maria, with the many texts that were read at that time, I now feel I must write to you.

### GRACE OF JULY 17, 2005

When Father Victor raised the chalice at the Mass of July 17, you saw a great light pour forth from the chalice and overflow all around it. This light intensified and rose always higher until August 27. How beautiful that is! We are always so happy for the wonderful graces you receive. This beautiful light overflowing from the chalice upon the Earth is a ray of hope for your children living in a world of darkness, awaiting the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the march of all the peoples towards the promised Terrestrial Kingdom. We feel as though this is a new beginning, the beginning of the Church of John, as though everything were in place in order to be able to grow and be fortified by the sacraments, by the Church of John itself.

### THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

On May 18, 1977, Father Don Gobbi “received” this astonishing message from Mary: *“I bless and press to my Heart MARIE-PAULE, that daughter of my maternal predilection whom I myself have chosen to bring about the triumph of my Immaculate Heart in the world.”* (*Life of Love*, vol. XIV, chap. 16, p. 113)

Now, on May 16, 1947, at 9:30 p.m., Maria Valtorta received the vision and comprehension of what the Immaculate Heart of Mary is:

*“I see,” she wrote, “a brightly shining heart similar to a radiant moon, like a pearl luminous with moonlight. We are accustomed to seeing the Heart of Jesus emitting golden rays, golden flames. A halo of rays around his red Heart. But Mary’s was entirely light. A heavenly light! Whiter than a radiant Host in a monstrance! More luminous than a moon shining in a very clear sky! Lovelier than an enormous pearl! All light! What beauty...! It was shining there, at the center of her most pure breast.... A whiteness glowing in the whiteness of the glorified body of Our Lady of Fatima.”* (Maria Valtorta, *The Notebooks 1945-1950*, Italy, Centro Editoriale Valtortiano, 2002, p. 397)

From the host, through the Immaculate Heart, with the True Spirit, for the sanctification of the souls of all peoples.

*“In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”* Would this Heart have begun to triumph through the spreading of the Light for 40 days? From your heart of a mother *“THAT HAS SO LOVED SOULS”*?

*“It is so good to love, even when the heart aches, or better still, to love until the heart aches from having loved so much.... And this paradise, one carries it in one’s heart.”* (Marie-Paule, “The Kingdom”, no. 146, November-December 2000, p. 8)

## **VARIOUS SPIRITUAL SOURCES**

### **– Let us continue with Maria:**

*“And the Holy Spirit gave me this lesson, and I understood:*

*“From that Heart there came the drops to form the Heart of the Incarnate Word. From that whiteness there was to come the blood needed to form the human embryo of the Most Holy Son of God! Most pure Blood from a most pure source. Whiteness flowing forth from an immaculate fount to surround the soul created for the Word with whiteness, conceived by Love with Whiteness. In contact with the heartbeats of the most pure star of this Heart, my Delight, the beating of the Divine Heart was shaped. Consider what complete perfection of feelings and motions this Immaculate Heart must have possessed, on the basis of whose rhythm – the rhythm of physical beats, the rhythm of moral beats, and the rhythm of spiritual beats – the heart of the Son conceived by the Virgin was formed to be the Heart of the God-Man.*

*“Look, look, and take delight. There is no light in Paradise, after our own, more beautiful than this. There is no sweeter light. None. We, the Three Glorious Ones, find our joy in this light. The blessed, their own. The angels, their own. Paradise shines with this light of the Immaculate Heart of our Mary. That light which you term indescribable – and it is the voice and joy of Paradise – issues forth from this Breast, from this Heart of the eternal Virgin. If only man wanted it to expand over the earth! It would be the second redemption, the second forgiveness – final salvation! Oh, the forgiveness of the world! The forgiveness of the world through Mary! But the world rejects the Mother who would give birth to it for peace.”*

*“I rejoiced, gazing at the radiant Heart-Host of Mary Immaculate, with the bright, very soft light of an inflamed pearl....”* (Maria Valtorta, *The Notebooks 1945-1950*, pp. 397-398)

### **– Ida Peerdeman recounts:**

*“ ‘And yet they are TWO.’ But I saw only ONE.... And suddenly, in the middle of Them, a light burst forth. In the middle of Them, yes, an ineffable light, and in this light a Dove. With the speed of*

*lightning it swooped down towards the globe, in the indescribable radiation of such an intense light...” (The Lady of All Peoples, 55th apparition, May 31, 1959)*

And it was at Mass, at the Eucharist, at the elevation of the chalice that light poured forth. A grace that was given to you in the year dedicated to the Eucharist proclaimed by our late Pope John Paul II the Great who also brought the full rosary to twenty decades by including in it the mysteries of light, the fifth of which is the institution of the Eucharist.

The Knights of Mary take to heart, and we can truly say this, the hastening of Mary’s triumph, the triumph of her Immaculate Heart, by means of the prayer of the Lady of All Peoples, Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, among other things: “*Send forth your Spirit over the earth...*”

#### – Jesus’ words to Maria Valtorta

On October 23, 1947, Jesus said to Maria Valtorta: “*There cannot be a second Redemption carried out by Me, Christ. But there can still be one to save a greater number of spirits from the coils of hell: that of glorious Mary. In devotion to Her lies the secret of the last Redemption.*” (*The Notebooks 1945-1950*, p. 429)

On October 24, 1947, Maria saw “*the incandescent representation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Triangle with which it is depicted for our human senses. At the center of the divine, most luminous sign was Our Lady, in her most gleaming glorified appearance. I had never seen Her so beautiful and glorious. A flame with a whiteness standing out against the burning hearth of the Triune God. Her body, face, hands, and robe were light. Light! Light! What a gentle and powerful light, what a luminous beauty Mary is, what eternal, incorruptible youthfulness is in the Blessed Virgin Mother! And what humility! What prayer! Her hands were crossed over her chest as in the Annunciation, her face upraised to gaze at the most radiant summit of Triune Love. And yet She was completely humble. A lily is less white. The sun and the moon less effulgent than She. She was included in the divine Triangle down to her hips. The rest of her body – her legs enveloped by the heavenly robe – stood out against the radiance of Paradise.*

“*The Eternal Father’s voice said, ‘This is Mary in Us. Let those instructed in theology comprehend what this vision means, what is enclosed therein concerning the power and knowledge of Mary, to whom all Love offers itself and all Wisdom reveals itself and all Power bends in granting.’...*

“*I said that glorious Mary ‘was included in the divine Triangle down to her hips.’ Not because Mary is larger than the representation of the God’s Most Holy Unity and Trinity. It is much larger and more radiant than the most radiant Mary. But I think the Most High has shown me the vision in this way to make me understand that Mary is great, very great, the second after God, who is the First, but She is not like God, who is Immense, Infinite. Mary appeared to me in this way in the divine Triangle, but as if It were watching over Her, embracing Her with its loving splendor, as its beloved Creature among all the children of man, but still a creature.*” (*Id.*, p. 430)

– **And Marie-Paule recounts:**

*“IT WAS INDEED THE IMMACULATE, WHO FIRST WAS IN MARY, WHO ASCENDED BACK TO HEAVEN, AND IT IS THE LADY OF ALL PEOPLES WHO REMAINS HERE BELOW.”* (*Vie d’Amour, Appendice, vol. V, p. 148, 1991*)

*“Then the LIVING LIGHT opens its arms, and I ‘see’ my soul penetrating the LIVING LIGHT at the level of the heart. It enters totally therein, there where the HEART is. It disappears from my view, while the two arms of the LIGHT close, crossing there where the Heart is... During this grace, I ‘receive’ the certitude that this LIVING LIGHT is GOD THE LIGHT.”* (*Id.*, p. 129)

– **Sister Jeanne d’Arc Demers’ thoughts:**

To the question everyone is asking themselves with regard to what the Kingdom is, here is Sister Jeanne d’Arc Demers’ thoughts on the matter: “ ‘Life of Love’ is the way to the Kingdom whose price will be victory over ourselves.... According to Marie-Paule’s mystical experience, it would be something of a Terrestrial Paradise ‘reconquered’ by the re-establishment of the harmony desired by God.... Each one of us now has the personal responsibility of acceding to the splendors of this promised Kingdom by means of a true interior transformation in the spirit of the Gospel for it is, above all, in our own hearts that this Kingdom of peace and love must be born, from which it must radiate, before spreading over the whole world.” (*Life of Love: The Way to the Kingdom I, booklet no. 7, pp. 11-12, 19*)

There are still many questions with regard to the Kingdom. However, we can nonetheless perceive that it begins within us first of all. What a beautiful mystery which we are anxious to better understand!

**SO MANY SIGNS HAVE BEEN GIVEN!...**

It is just as surprising to see the parallel between the passion of Jesus, of Maria Valtorta and your own. The Work of the Son of God did not perish even though men perfectly served Satan’s intention to make it perish. The Work of which you are the Sovereign and the Handmaid as well will not perish. Men may prevail with their impure sentiments, but they will never destroy God’s Work. In your turn, you also meet people who are looking after dead issues. The resurrection of the heart to accept God’s plan for humanity by means of the Work of the Lady of All Peoples will only be achieved if **they let** God and Mary act, as did Mary Magdalene, Martha, the humble mother of the dead man in Naim, Jairus, the head of the synagogue, all of whom blindly believed in Jesus’ words and did not want to act on their own, but let Him do so. They confidently followed the orders He gave them. They obtained the resurrection of their dead. Do the consecrated ones of today have the wisdom of Gamaliel? Do they not have before their eyes a multitude of fruits and testimonials of all kinds...?

Enough of throwing these pearls in the mire of blindness! Those who would have you accomplish actions which Heaven advises you not to accomplish, are they more knowledgeable than God, more powerful than Him? *“That will be the hour of renewal, of the Marian victory. It will also be the hour of distress and great sufferings. I will have to live as in the past and follow only the inspirations of God, for ‘IT IS THE FATHER WHO SENDS ME’ (Jn 8:42).” (Life of Love, vol. III, chap. 40, p. 269)*

Some are stoning you and would like to throw you to the ground because you are telling the truth just as Jesus did. The stones have wounded you, but they do not succeed in making you fall because you pass among them **in** God.

God does not like the serpents who wrap themselves around the branches of flowers in order to hide their true appearance and bite before the victim has a chance to defend itself. He hates hypocrisy even more than homicide violence, which attempts to kill the renown, the esteem, the reputation of a just Redeemer or a just Co-Redemptrix. And what do you do? You stand firm in obedience, you do not seek revenge, you forgive even, without giving in in the slightest to their plans. They would like to silence the Foundress that you are, even if you never sought to found anything whatsoever, for everything occurred without your will, without your even realizing it. They would really like the Sons of Mary to abandon the path you traced for them, by speaking of the love they have for them and the efforts they have made for the Community. You, you do not force anyone to stay, you constantly repeat to them that they are free. Love is respect and understanding, it is the desire to cause neither harm nor sorrow. Where is the sincerity in their alleged remarks? That’s enough! Let them stop humming and hawing; let them act once and for all and be done with it! If they want to condemn without any basis, knowing full well what they are doing, then let them do it! *“Be quick about what you are to do.” (Jn 13:27)*

I hope there are some who, like Gamaliel, are waiting for a sign, at least, before believing, not wishing to find themselves against God; calling for a sign without any ill will, but out of an excess of prudence. It is better late than never, but it is also better earlier than later. But so many signs have already been given! *“And now I wish again to reply to those who have asked of you a sign.... My signs are contained in my words. Men of little faith, you are like a child demanding fireworks... and you do not see the true light, the true fire.” (The Lady of All Peoples, 53rd apparition, May 31, 1957)*

And all these battles in which you were the stakes. *“IT WAS NECESSARY THAT THE BATTLE TAKE PLACE FIRST OF ALL IN YOU: THE STAKES.” (Life of Love, vol. XII, chap. 56, p. 285)* You were crushed like grapes in a winepress, like olives and like wheat between the stones of a millstone. *“But as the grape is perpetuated by becoming wine, and so is the olive, by becoming oil, and wheat becomes useful when turned into flour,... in the same way by sacrifice and through sacrifice man becomes a citizen of the Eternal Kingdom after having been useful to his brothers and sisters through his heroic example.*

*“Continuous immolation for a supernatural end is painful.... And the dull inertia of men contributes to making it more painful for us, for, instead of supporting us in the hours of fiercest struggle, they*

*sleep or abandon us or – as an affliction within affliction and a torture within torture – betray us, after having fed on us, our prayers, our words, and our love...*” (Maria Valtorta, *The Notebooks 1945-1950*, March 30, 1949, pp. 506-507)

And Jesus went on to say to Maria, His violet: *“Your plant has fed on this suffering and faithfulness; your plant’s steles have become beaded with it; the blood of your heart wounded by so much betrayal has nourished its roots; the warmth of your charity towards friends and enemies, for my Mystical Body, and for your God has made its buds open. You have flowered entirely and are in the peace of the creatures who have followed the way of justice and are thus persecuted. And in this joyous love of yours you tend towards the Kingdom, which is already yours and from which your Sun kisses you with his Charity.”* (Id., p. 507)

If this passage is true for Maria Valtorta, what can be said of you, Marie-Paule? Filled with this joyous peace, you open the Kingdom from which the love of the Sun kisses you, for you are in the Trinitarian light that radiates over the earth. How many will understand what is happening at this time? Will we be able to understand the meaning ever more timely of the Lady’s words...? *“I am standing before the Cross; the head, the hands, the feet are as of man; the rest of my body as of the Spirit.”* (*The Lady of All Peoples*, 30th apparition, April 1, 1951)

I am expressing simply what has impressed me and inspired me in what I have read which, providentially, sheds light on certain mysteries being unveiled before our eyes.

### **THE STAKES IN THE BATTLE...**

Is Heaven’s help useful if man does not accept it? Must the Lady wait or must she illuminate the World as God illuminated Saul, become Paul, without asking his permission?

The more time passes, the more the accusations and the enquiries continue against you and the Work; the more the interventions to defend the truth and shed light again and again on the manoeuvres of the clergy become more pressing, the more the gold is separated from the tinsel; the more the truth about you and about them becomes clear, the more God lets them touch rock bottom and gives the true measure of their morality, but also perhaps this gives them an upsurge to be better able to surface again. Among the just, it will be said that you had to act to defend God, the Immaculate, the Church, your soul and the Work.

And yet, they should have understood, if they had humbly studied everything. Now, they have so many tendentious pretexts with which to bring to fulfillment their plans thus showing that they have never understood the true nature of the Work. Everything that should have been light and order within chaos becomes thick scales increasing their darkness to the point of impelling them to accomplish their final actions, so inordinate, against supernatural Love. It is sad, but a necessary evil.

When one judges a Work such as this one, one conducts the trial calmly, listening to the accused, interrogating the witnesses and then rendering a just judgment. In the case of Christ the Savior, He should have been acquitted, since He was innocent of the faults reproached Him. But His judges had decided upon His death beforehand. Consequently, they were no longer judges, but executioners. What will it be for you, Marie-Paule? *“We can observe that, after more than thirty years, nothing has changed in the mindset of those who seek the death of the Army of Mary and of its Foundress. Today, as at the time of the Redeemer, they will only be satisfied when they will have dealt the death blow, believing they have gotten rid of this WOMAN and this Work. They do not realize that this death blow will mark the opening of a new world that Mary has been preparing for so many years.”* (Sister Jeanne d’Arc Demers, *Life of Love: The Stakes in the Battle*, booklet no. 6, p. 49)

And Jesus said to Maria Valtorta: *“But as a just retaliation by God, the chains prepared for you now appear as chains for them. And the insults and accusations they hurled at you have bounded back at them after sculpting in you a sharper image of your Master-Martyr.... Now the hail of their actions has torn the veils of your concealment, and many who were previously unaware of you today know your true nature.”* (Maria Valtorta, *The Notebooks 1945-1950*, p. 514)

It seems to me that this passage applies perfectly to your situation. Furthermore, like Jesus, you remain silent and you speak only in decisive moments. To maintain silence before those for whom any words are henceforth useless and to speak to those for whom it is just that they know the truth. *“One is not silent, even if speaking leads to greater martyrdom and death, when one must defend the truth and glorify the Lord,”* Jesus said to Maria Valtorta. (*Id.*, p. 516)

### **SOME JOSEPHS, SOME SIMONS OF CYRENE, SOME MARYS**

“Who is Marie-Paule?” people wonder. To this question, others have given elements to be used in the contemplation of a mystery. The replies taken out of context are used by some to condemn and by others to lead to mockery, just as it was for the Son of God. One judges based on what one is oneself. Who will be able to judge with purity this marvelous section of the history of Salvation?

Jesus also said this to Maria which applies so well to you, our Mother, whose mission is so very sublime and grand: *“you are mercilessly sincere; not even the extraordinary gift of the work... has made you proud; you are obedient to the point of undergoing martyrdom for this reason... Your nature, which appears to be impulsive and fiery – I say ‘appears’ – is able to master itself, when those judging you do not master themselves in the face of things that are much less.... How much you resemble Me, soul of mine, in so many respects, ranging from crude sincerity to absolute obedience, firmness, and constancy and your just reactions against acts of injustice and the unjust and your forgiveness, which, while not yielding to the unjust, forgives them...”* (*Id.*, pp. 517-518)

I desire for you, dear Mother, that there be along your path, some Josephs, some pious souls, some holy women, some Johns, some Simons of Cyrene, some Marys, some Nicodemuses, some shepherds, some John the Baptists.

On behalf of my entire family, we say to you, “I love you”, and offer prayers for your intentions.

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