

“We Shall Become More and More Isolated”

Maybe some readers of *Life of Love* will have immediately recognized Marie-Paule's sentence written above. However, it is good to set it back in its context. Thus, on November 9, 1974, Marie-Paule “saw” a giant devil, “king and master of the situation”, “dancing” over the heads of a multitude of people “whose mission it is to destroy the Church”, and she “heard”: “IT IS ALL GOING TO COME APART.”

Then, during the night of November 11 to 12, she “saw” again the same “immense surface of darkness” before adding: “On the lefthand side of it, there is a very large, luminous sphere – like the moon set in the velvety darkness of the sky. It gives me the impression of being a great mother-of-pearl container that is slowly closing about me.”

She would also specify: “I ‘receive’ the knowledge that all those who will be with me will be thus protected, sheltered from this darkness which more and more is coming over humanity. I ‘know’ also that we shall become more and more isolated, which will have the effect of insuring our protection.” (*Life of Love*, vol. X, pp. 114-115)

Forty-four years have passed since then, but how can we not see that this vision corresponds astonishingly to our time? First of all, there is, all around us, the Church of Peter which, in fact, “is falling apart”, caught up everywhere in countless scandals concerning finances or morals. In recent years, it would be hard to find even one single week in which the media has not headlined this in some part of the world, often presenting with complacency a series of compromising situations which arouse mistrust towards a Church tarnished in this way. Admittedly, the same is often true in the secular world, but a scandal is always a “good seller” when it happens in the Church which people want to discredit at all costs, sully and “destroy” as Marie-Paule wrote.

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Now, at the same time, what was going on in the Lady's Work? No so long ago, it had Sons and Daughters of Mary in different countries in the world and in other Canadian provinces. For the time being though, there are now only Daughters in Quebec; as for the Sons, besides being in Quebec, there are some in France and the United States. So, less of a presence elsewhere for the moment, but with a focus set more in Quebec City and Lac-Étchemin. For a major event changed everything in 2007, namely, the excommunication by the Catholic Church of all the members of the Army of Mary. Some of our members then preferred the apparent security of the large Church of Peter to the little Church of John which had been “demonized” in this way.

The Work too would become more centralized in the province of Quebec, and therein, at Lac-Étchemin, a small town in the county of Bellechasse where Marie-Paule was born almost a century ago and where the Eucharistic and Marian Center Spiri-Maria was built in 2000. For anyone familiar with that place, it can easily be noted that it is very much “isolated”, entirely surrounded by countryside and even forest. Thus, the Work and its members are “more and more isolated”, far from the major centers and, for the time being, far from media attention.

For Marie-Paule this isolation was like “a protection” which she seemed to consider to be more on the spiritual level, since she indicated, “sheltered from this darkness which more and more is coming over humanity”. Let us hope and pray that this time of isolation will thus enable us to fortify ourselves because it will be necessary to face “the world” some day.

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However, another phenomenon isolates us as well, and perhaps even more effectively than the actual space... and that is our faith. In the first years, the faith of the Army of Mary was that of the Catholic Church and we could talk about it with those around

us. Of course, Marie-Paule always recommended that we never engage in proselytism, but there were nevertheless large public gatherings, advantaged by the fact that the Army of Mary was officially “recognized” by the Catholic Church.

Afterwards, there was the revocation of the decree of recognition... and then the beginning of the problems. But, for most of the members of the Work, this did not alter their confidence in Marie-Paule. On the contrary even, and all the more so since her Mystery had just started being revealed. *Life of Love* was published in French in 1979-1980. The first books relating to her Mystery were published in 1985 and 1986. This was followed by a pause, a time of “absorption”.

But once Spiri-Maria was founded, everything accelerated so that today, we find ourselves with front-row seats in a real “religious revolution”. God is no longer alone; He has the Divine One with Him, that is, the “Eternal Immaculate Conception” (the title of an editorial by Marie-Paule); they are our Creators; and the Redemption is no longer simply the fact of Jesus Christ, but under the angle of the Regeneration, the fact of Marie-Paule as well; the Divine Trinity of Christianity has given way to the Quinternity; we no longer simply hope for “Paradise at the end of our days”, but we are also awaiting the Terrestrial Kingdom; and, finally, before her death, Marie-Paule founded three major institutions: the Community of the Lady of All Peoples, the Church of John and Church Royalty.

So, of course, if, a few years ago, the members of the Work could still speak about it with those close to them, this is now becoming increasingly more difficult today. On the one hand, we might be somewhat afraid to be thought of as “naive” and “gullible”, and on the other hand, where do we start in explaining to anyone what it is we presently believe in?

Finally, when all is said and done, our faith isolates us more effectively than all the rest, and that ought to reassure us, for, as Marie-Paule wrote, “we shall become more and more isolated, which will have the effect of insuring our protection.”

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But, as isolated as we might be, as protected as we might be as well, there is something that changes everything, and that is the fact that we are not hidden! All that happens in the Work is reported in the review *Le Royaume* which everyone can read, and all that takes place at Spiri-Maria is broadcast on Internet: Masses and rosaries, solemn ceremonies, ordinations and canonizations; without forgetting the royal declarations which proclaimed the divinity of Mary as Mother and of Marie-Paule!

And so, everyone can attend our activities, everywhere on Earth and without leaving their homes! That is how the new faith can invisibly create new paths for itself in hearts, until the day when, as Marie-Paule told us, “the truth will shine forth”. Is it not astonishing that, from the very depths of our protective isolation, we are nevertheless able to communicate with listeners and spectators throughout the entire world?

“We shall become more and more isolated,” Marie-Paule said.

Yes, certainly.

“This will insure our protection,” Marie-Paule also said.

And yes again.

Our isolation fortifies us, our faith is strengthened, our hope, far from diminishing, is reinforced instead and purified. Until that day when, as the Lady clearly foretold, the time will come to undertake “the great worldwide action”. (*The Lady of All Peoples*, 42nd and 47th messages) And that is when the light of Marie-Paule will “begin to shine or break over humanity” (*Life of Love*, vol. XIV, p. 43 and XV, p. 512), that is, over all the peoples and all humanity.

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