

The Third Secret

Another Interpretation

After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: Penance, Penance, Penance! And we saw in an immense light that is God: something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it, a Bishop dressed in White, we had the impression that it was the Holy Father. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way, having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

This is the long awaited famous third secret of Our Lady of Fatima. I must confess that when I first read it I was disappointed, not in the vision itself, which is very beautiful, but because we at St. Benedict Center had hoped that the secret would somehow or other contain no salvation outside the Church. Brother Michael did a wonderful study to examine this possibility. * But on re-reading the vision, I realized that our doctrine was indeed there, in the same way as it is in the Gospels, for anyone who has eyes to see. The vision is not just about the past history, the Communist persecution of the Church culminating in the assassination attempt on our Holy Father, it is about that of course, but more, it is for the **Church of all times**. The bullets and **arrows** fired at the Holy Father, seems to indicate this.

The vision could also be a commentary on those difficult words of Our Lord told in all three Synoptic Gospels: *And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: for he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall save it. (Luke 9:23,24)*

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THIS IS WHY THE ANGEL IS CRYING PENANCE, PENANCE, PENANCE! ST. BERNADETTE IN ECSTASY AT LOURDES HAD CRIED THE SAME THING: PENANCE, PENANCE, PENANCE! THE THREE LITTLE CHILDREN HAD JUST SEEN A TERRIFYING VISION OF HELL, THE FIRST PART OF THE SECRET. OUR LORD ALSO SAID: *Enter ye at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it! (Matt. 7:13,14)* THE CHILDREN HAD JUST SEEN THE END OF THE BROAD WAY, NOW THEY ARE SHOWN THE NARROW WAY AND ITS END.

And a certain man said to him: Lord are they few that are saved? But he said to them: Strive to enter by the narrow gate: for many I say to you shall seek to enter, and shall not be able. (Luke 13:23,24) WITH THE HOLY FATHER LEADING THE WAY, FOLLOWED BY THE FAITHFUL FEW, (THE MAJORITY TAKE THE BROAD WAY AS OUR LORD HIMSELF SEEMS TO INDICATE), THE CHURCH ASCENDS THE MOUNT OF THE CROSS - *the souls making their way to God.*

THE SECOND PART OF THE VISION, THE SECOND SECRET, IS THE KEY TO THE WHOLE VISION. ALL THE PARTS OF THE APPARITIONS FIT TOGETHER BEAUTIFULLY TO FORM JUST ONE MESSAGE ONCE WE HAVE THIS KEY. OUR LADY SAYS TO THE CHILDREN: *You have seen Hell - where poor sinners go. To save them God wants to establish throughout the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.* IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY THEN THAT WE CAN OBTAIN GRACES FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OTHERS, TO TURN FROM THE BROAD WAY THAT LEADS TO HELL, AND TO TAKE UP OUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW JESUS IN THE NARROW WAY, THE DIFFICULT AND PENITENTIAL WAY, BUT THE ONLY WAY, THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE.
