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**'Lord, I do not ask You for the glory of Your visions, but for the grace to love You more and more.'** (*Notebooks 1944*, p. 439)

**'Publish this work as it is... whoever reads it will understand...' – Pope Pius XII**



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#### PRAYING WITH MARIA VALTORTA

'O most holy and eternal Mover, live and act in us by directing each movement of our soul, our spirit, our heart and even our humanity, so that all that is ours may become active in serving You in love and with love.'

(*Maria Valtorta Prayers*, p. 31)

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#### MARIA VALTORTA'S MISSION

Jesus says: 'Do you know what you are doing by writing? My Will. The will for the mission I want you to perform. Even if **a single soul, one alone**, were to find the way through this effort of yours willed by Me, the exertion, which to human sight seems inhuman, would be justified.'

(*Notebooks 1943*, p. 229)

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#### EDITORIAL

**Bulletin:** While putting together this Bulletin, I noticed a common thread among the information that was being included, and that is, everything seems to point to promoting Maria Valtorta's writings in some way. Antonio Socci does this through his writing and his media influence, the Readers have selected meaningful passages which have been shared, and Stephen Austin's recent interview promotes the importance and significance of Valtorta's Work in the future. We hope the content in this newsletter informs you and helps you in your attempts to invite others to read the Work too.

An inexpensive but effective way you can continue to gently introduce others or share your enjoyment of these writings with them is through the Bulletins and Supplements.

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<https://www.valtorta.com.au/favourites.html>

**Supplement:** For this quarter, I had already selected a theme. However, the death of Pope Francis and the recent election of a new pope changed all that with people asking me what Valtorta's writings say about the Papacy. So I hope you enjoy the information revealed by Maria Valtorta on the popes, two of whom actually present a homily which we are privileged to read centuries later!

Growing in Faith,

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#### ANTONIO SOCCI & MARIA VALTORTA

#### A NOVEL- A METAPHYSICAL DETECTIVE STORY

Antonio Socci is a leading Italian journalist, author and public intellectual in Italy. He hosts his own television

show and is a prominent media personality, especially on topics about the Catholic Church. He is also an advocate for Maria Valtorta and her Work where he wrote an article in August 2012 stating: '*...if it is true that everyone desires to have been present there, to have seen Jesus of Nazareth, [...] and to have listened to Him [...] and equally to have been present at His tremendous, earth-shattering miracles; then it must be made known to everyone that there exists a work – the only one of its kind in the world; the only one of its kind in history – which fulfils exactly this "impossible" desire.*' To read the full article, follow this link. <https://www.valtorta.com.au/Socci.html>

However, in his conviction, Antonio Socci did not stop there. He tried to promote Maria Valtorta's Work through another means - a mystery novel which is fictitious in nature but **contains factual information from Valtorta's writings particularly from *I Quadernetti*.**

The translation of this book was not made available to the English-speaking world until 2022 and entitled *The Little Notebooks*, but these writings have been available to Italian readers since 2006 which Antonio Socci had also read. So in 2012, he wrote a novel called *I Giorni Della Tempesta*. (The Days Of The Storm – only available in Italian). What an interesting and skilful way of reaching a wider audience to promote Valtorta's writings!

Here is the blurb on his book –

*'Set in May 2015 in a church in Rome, a man whispers a terrible sin in the confessional and is murdered shortly thereafter. The victim is a priest who stole a secret file from the Vatican archives. What does it contain that is so precious? They are the letters of an extraordinary twentieth-century mystic, Maria Valtorta, who in 1949, at the request of the Vatican, indicated a Roman catacomb as the true location of St. Peter's tomb, disproving the thesis of those who place it under the Vatican Basilica. This is a matter of enormous importance because the primacy of the Pope and the very hierarchy of the Catholic Church are based on the presence and martyrdom of the apostle in Rome.*

*Don (Father) Michele is unofficially charged with investigating whether other writings by the mystic reveal the exact location of the burial. Meanwhile, a real persecution is unleashed against the Church, and Pope Boniface X dies. Don Michele finds Valtorta's notebooks: they contain revelations that may allow us to trace the location of Peter's tomb, and even find his body. Thus begins a race against time, before the Conclave begins for the election of a new pope and a coup is perpetrated. The*

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*developments of this mission can save the Church from suicide, and the world from catastrophic self-destruction. In this novel, based on real documents, Antonio Socci leads us to the rediscovery of the figure of Maria Valtorta and traces a red thread between the origins of Christianity and our dark present.'*

<https://www.antoniosocci.com/giorni-della-tempesta/>

**Giacomo Galeazzi** (a prized investigative Vatican City journalist, editor of the daily newspaper La Stampa and in charge of the investigation team *Vatican Insider*) wrote an article titled: **PETER'S TOMB IS NOT IN THE VATICAN**. He writes: 'This is according to one of the visions experienced by mystic Maria Valtorta and recorded in the latest book by Catholic writer and journalist, Antonio Socci.

St. Peter is not where we think he is. During the Second World War, the mystic, Maria Valtorta, recounted what Jesus had allowed her to "see": Peter was never buried on Vatican Hill, the place of his martyrdom. His remains were actually buried and looked after by Christians in what are known today as the catacombs of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter in Via Casilina in Rome.

[...] The latest work by Italian author and journalist, Antonio Socci, entitled "*I Giorni della Tempesta*" (The Days Of The Storm) published by Rizzoli is a metaphysical mystery set in 2015, that revolves around the conclave, criminal plots and the persecution of the Church. The themes and characters are all current. The story unfolds around a pope's death and the beginning of a Conclave.

*"To me, the sedevacante period (from the pope's death till the election of a new pope) represents uncertainty and general confusion"* Socci explained to *Vatican Insider* *"During the suspense-filled moments of the sedevacante period, armed with faith and having listened to Valtorta's explosive revelations, some daring individuals begin a race against time to find the real tomb and body of St. Peter in the Torpignattara catacomb in Rome. This represents the search for an enlightening, protective and guiding fatherly presence that can ward off a looming catastrophe, above all for the Church (as Peter represents a rediscovery of its origins), but also for the history of all humankind, which is searching for the meaning of life and for the world's shady and turbulent history."*

Socci then went on to add: *"I sincerely hope that this book will contribute to the discovery made in Maria Valtorta's work, particularly in "L'Evangelo come mi è stato rivelato (The Gospel as it was revealed to me)."*

Socci also added that he hoped *"archaeological research would finally begin in the catacombs of Saints Marcellinus and Peter, which have recently revealed some big surprises. If the tomb of the prince of the Apostles really was discovered there, it would probably be the biggest archaeological find in the history of Christianity."*

*For the full article, you will need to copy and paste this link into your browser*

<https://www.lastampa.it/vatican-insider/en/2012/06/04/news/peter-s-tomb-is-not-in-the-vatican-1.36479690/>

### READER'S CHOICE 1

I was inspired to look deeper into the life of Mary Magdalene after reading that a Catholic author acclaimed her the greatest saint after the Virgin Mary because her love for Jesus was so immense. I remembered reading in Maria's writings that Jesus granted the Magdalene a great

grace and favor so I did some research and finally found the passage:

**FRANK REGA, USA**

*(Jesus is speaking to Mary Magdalene:)*

« I will help you, Mary. I will help you also when I have gone away. »

« How, my Lord? »

« By increasing Your love in an immeasurable way. There is no other way for you. »

« Too mild when compared with what I have to expiate! Everybody is saved through love. Everybody obtains Heaven. But what is sufficient for the pure, the just, is not sufficient for the great sinner. »

« There is no other way for you, Mary. Because, whatever way you may take, it will still be love. Love if you help people in My name. Love if you evangelize. Love if you live in isolation. Love if you martyrize yourself. Love if you will make people martyrize you. You can but love, Mary. It is your nature. Flames can but burn whether they creep on the ground burning straw, or they arise like a bright embrace around a trunk, a house or an altar to ascend towards the sky. Everyone has his nature. [...] A bee works, a bird sings, an almond-tree bears fruit, a resiniferous plant secretes resins. And each fulfils its task. Souls do the same. Your task is to love. »

« Then inflame me, Lord. Grant me it as a grace. »

« Is the power of love that you possess not sufficient for you? »

« It's too little, Lord. It could have served to love men. Not to love You Who are the infinite Lord. »

« And just because I am such, a limitless love would be required... » [...]

« Give me an infinite love that I may love You as You deserve to be loved, that I may love You as I have not loved anybody else. »

« You are asking Me for a suffering that is like a fire that burns and consumes, Mary. It burns and consumes slowly... Think about it. »

« I have been thinking about it for such a long time, my Lord. But I dared not ask You. Now I am aware of how much You love me and I dare to ask You. Give me that infinite love, Lord. »

Jesus looks at her. She is in front of Him, still thin after so many long hours of watch and so much grief, wearing a modest dress and with her hair arranged in a simple way, like a girl without malice, her pale face full of eagerness, her imploring eyes already shining with love, looking more like a seraph than a woman. She is really the contemplator asking for the martyrdom of absolute contemplation.

Jesus says one word only after looking at her carefully, as if He wanted to weigh her will: « Yes. »

« Ah! my Lord! What a grace to die out of love for You! » she says falling on her knees and kissing Jesus' feet. **(P5, pp. 84-5; G8, Ch. 550.7)**

*(Jesus also says to Maria Valtorta:)* « I want to tell you a secret. The saint whom you have loved since childhood – Mary Magdalene – when a penitent in the lands of France and alone among the crags, was able to release her spirit caught in the whirlpool of love, to the point where she would send it where I was present in the Sacred Species. And this desire of hers to worship Me in the Sacrament as she had worshiped Me when I lived on earth, moved Me more than her penances. »

**(N1943, 27 October)**

**[Ed:** Jesus says that regardless of whether a sword or an illness is the cause of death, martyrs have one thing in common – they **loved** just as Mary Magdalene did]



**READER'S CHOICE 2**

In her study of original sin from the Work of Valtorta for her book, *Original Sin and its Consequences*, this passage has been chosen for its relevance today.

**GIOVANNA BUSOLINI, ITALY**

(Jesus says:) 'Everything is true in Religion. It is just that for thousands and thousands of years, some truths have been given and stated with figures or symbols. And this is no longer enough now, in this century of rationalism and positivism and - why not say so? - incredulity and doubt working their way even into my ministers.

It is no longer enough. The fable of the apple, as it is called, is not convincing and is not accepted. It does not increase faith, but, rather, weakens faith in the truth of Original Sin and thus, in the truth of My coming to redeem Original Sin and thus, in My preaching, for I was the Teacher among the throngs and thus, in the divine establishment of the Church and thus, in the truth of the Sacraments - and I could continue at length to list what is brought down by not accepting **the fourth truth of faith** - that is, Adam's sin.

**The first truth** is the existence of God. **The second**, Lucifer's rebellion and thus the free transformation of the archangel into the Devil, into Satan, and thus the spirit of Evil and Darkness opposed to the spirit of Good and Light.

**The third**, creation. **The fourth**, Adam's sin, foreseen in its divine consequence by Lucifer, who became Satan so as not to worship Me, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Redeemer of Man, his Adversary and Victor over him.

The fable of the apple no longer suffices for today's multitudes and, above all, for today's teachers, who teach it poorly because their thought cannot accept it any longer. As is fitting for a question related to God, which is a proof provided by God to his creatures, let an open, clear, plausible, credible, serious version - the only *sincere, real* version of the first sin, be set against the subtle, methodical erosion and corrosion of rationalism and other current tendencies. So the teachers will believe more and be able to bring the faithful to believe more. What was good at the dawn of Humanity, in the dimness of the early ages, is insufficient and even harmful at Humanity's dusk, when spirits are adult and have been rendered so astute by many things. Let us shed light! Shed light! For life is in the light.' **(N1945-50, pp. 438-9)**

**THE WORK BRINGS CLARITY TO THE GOSPEL**

I was well familiar with a scene in the bible where Jesus asks Peter, 'Who do you say I am?' (Matt 16: 16) However, I never fully understood why Peter's response in proclaiming that Jesus was 'the Christ, the Son of the Living God' would be enough to have him actually chosen as Pope over everyone else. After all, John the Baptist, the apostle John and some of the other apostles, believed this too. Nevertheless, while researching passages for the current Supplement on Popes, I came across a passage about our first pope, Saint Peter, which clearly explained and validated his ordination.

Please note that the section in italics and bold is what is NOT contained in the canonical gospel - the key that unlocks the mystery, enabling those of us who were confused to have that wonderful "aha" moment and be enlightened too.

(Jesus is speaking to Peter and asks:) « And who do you say that I am? Tell Me your own personal opinion, without taking into account My words or the words of other

people. If you were compelled to judge Me, who would you say that I am? »

«You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God» exclaims Peter, kneeling down with his arms stretched upwards towards Jesus who looks at him with His face bright with love and who bends to raise and embrace him, saying:

«Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not the flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but My Father in Heaven. **Since the first day you came with Me, you have been asking yourself that question, and because you are simple and honest, you have been able to understand and accept the reply that came to you from Heaven. You did not see supernatural manifestations as your brother John and James did. You did not know My holiness as son, workman, citizen, as My brothers Judas and James did. You did not receive any miracle, neither did you see Me work any; I showed no sign of power to you as I did with Philip, Nathanael, Simon Cananean, Thomas and Judas, who saw them. You were not subdued by My will, as Levi (Matthew) the publican was. And yet you exclaimed: 'He is the Christ!'. You believed since the first moment you saw Me, and your faith was never shaken. That is why I called you Cephas.** And that is why on you, Peter, I will build My Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth, shall be bound also in Heaven. And whatever you loose on the earth shall be loosed also in Heaven, O prudent faithful man, whose heart I have been able to test. And now, from this moment, you are the head, to whom obedience and respect are due as to another Myself. And I proclaim him such before all of you. »

**(PI 3, pp.371-2; G5, Ch.243.5)**

**MARY'S LAST INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APOSTLES- ARE THEY FOR US TOO?**

On the evening of Mary's death and her Assumption into Heaven three days later, she gave John, the only apostle at her bedside, these instructions to follow and to pass on to the other apostles who had already left to evangelise during the last 21 years since the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. (Mary says:)

«I have done what I had to do. I have completed My earthly mission. The other one, the celestial one, will have no end. God has left Me on the Earth until I also, like My Jesus, have accomplished everything of what I had to do. The Church is now formed and strong. The Holy Spirit enlightens it, the blood of the first martyrs cement it and multiply it, My assistance has cooperated in making It a holy organism, that the love towards God and brothers, nourishes and fortifies It more and more,

\* God is pleased with that, and He wants you to know that from My lips, as He wants Me to tell you to continue to **grow in love in order to grow in perfection**, and so also in number of Christians and in power of doctrine because the doctrine of Jesus is the doctrine of love. Because the life of Jesus, and also Mine, have always been guided and urged by love. We rejected nobody, we forgave everybody. One only we did not forgive, because he, already a servant to the Hatred, did not want our love that had no limits.

\* In His last farewell before His death, Jesus gave you the commandment to love one another. And He also gave you the **measure** of the love that you had to have for one another, saying: "Love one another **as I have loved you.**"

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\* In order to live and grow, **the Church needs charity** – charity, **above all, in its ministers**. If you did not love one another with all your strength, and likewise, you did not love your brothers in the Lord, the Church would become sterile... God would cease helping you in your mission. God is love. His every action has been an action of love.

\* You [John] are pre-eminently the Loving One... you, who are all love, can understand better and can become the voice of love for all the others, for those who are far away, to give them this last piece of My advice. You will tell them that they are to **love one another and everybody**, also their persecutors, in order to be one with God.

\* Yes. Love is really a flame. [...] How many wrecks, how many men stained, corroded, and worn out you will find on your ways of evangelizers! Do not despise any of them. On the contrary, **love them**, so that they may reach love and be saved. **Infuse love into them**. Many a time, man becomes wicked because no one ever loved him or loved him badly. Do love them, so that the Holy Spirit, after the purification, may come to dwell again in those temples.

\* On His way, My Son found many wrecks of men who had fallen into filth. He never trampled on them despisingly. On the contrary, He gathered them and received them, and He changed them into chosen souls of Heaven. Always bear that in mind and **do as He did**.

\* **Remember everything, the actions and the words of My Son**. Remember His kind parables. **Live them**, that is, **put them into practice**. And **write them down so that they may remain for future generations, to the end of time**, and they may always serve as a guide for men of good will, to achieve life and eternal glory. You will certainly not be able to repeat all the bright words of the Eternal Word of Life and Truth. But write as many of them as you can. The Spirit of God [...] will help you to remember when you speak to the crowds, in order to convert them to the true God.

\* And **the same Spirit** speaking in the recreated children of the Lord, **will fortify them** so that it will be pleasant for them to die among tortures, to suffer exile and persecutions, to confess their love to Christ and join Him in Heaven, as Stephen and James, My James, have already done, and others as well...

\* When you are the only one left, **save this chest** [which contains the relics of Jesus]...

\* No living being, with the exception of My father and mother, and those who assisted at My birth, has seen My body. You often call Me: "The living Ark that contained the divine Word". Now you know that the Ark can be seen only by the High Priest. You are a priest, and much holier and purer than the Pontiff of the Temple. But I want only the **Eternal Pontiff** to see My body at the right time. **So, do not touch Me**. In any case, see? **I have already purified Myself, and I have put on a clean dress**, the dress of the eternal wedding...

\* John, God will help you to live, and for a long time,

\* Love and be not afraid. **In proportion to how you love, God will help you and will make you triumph** over everything and everybody. If men knew how to love as is prescribed by the ancient Law, and how My Son loved and taught people to love, they would obtain everything. »

(P5, Ch. 645; G10, Ch. 649)

### RECENT MARIA VALTORTA INTERVIEW

You may have noticed that since the Vatican Press Release in 2025, Stephen Austin and I have tried to put together as many refutations and responses as necessary, and do as many interviews and podcasts as

possible so that accurate information about Work of Maria Valtorta continues to reach more people **'for the true good of readers and in the spirit of genuine service to the faith of the Church.'**

Steven has recently done an interview called: **Steve Austin - Maria Valtorta and her impact on the future of the Church** with Robert Nugent on his channel, Decrevi Determined to be Catholic.

Here are some excerpts from this interview:

Jesus says, 'I have communicated] an **exact** knowledge of Me to this loving Victim-soul' so that people 'can have an **exact** knowledge of the complexity and duration of [My] Passion and of [My] Life.'

(P5, V. p. 948; G10. Ch. 652, V)

'No, the Work has not perished, though men have *perfectly* served Satan's intentions to make it perish. I tell you it has not perished. It cannot perish. My Mother and I watch over it. Those who protected it badly and judged badly will perish, but the work does not perish. Men may prevail with their impure sentiments, but not destroy the work of God. Punishment will be for those who have sinned or are sinning. But the work does not sin, and you have not sinned. It shall not perish, then.'

(Notebooks 1945-50, 30 March 1949, p. 490)

But that is not all – this Work has an important role in the future. Jesus says:

'An unplanned sign is the preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom to **the whole world**, all of My Life of the Gospel. The canonical Gospel is essential for believing and for saving oneself; but it is not a complete knowledge of Me.[...] **Your efforts, [Maria], are part of this divine plan. Your work as Little John has greatly completed the "whole Gospel" which must be known before the end**, in order that souls may be rekindled in love, and save themselves, so that **I will still find faith among the steadfast in the world, right until the end...the Work [is] the Bread of Wisdom and Life.'**

(The Little Notebooks, pp.119-20)

Here is the link to that 92-minute interview.

<https://www.valtorta.com.au/Valtorta-Podcasts.html>

### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Stephen Austin is seeking assistance for a project he is about to undertake which requires French-speakers to help translate the information and articles on the French Wiki page into English for an upcoming Maria Valtorta English Wiki page. As Stephen has no knowledge of the French language and they are too numerous for me to do alone, "many hands make light work". So if you are able to assist in any capacity, then please email

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### † REST IN PEACE †

Please pray for the soul of

**FATHER JOHN CARPENTER  
BISHOP RICHARD WILLIAMSON**

Devout readers and promoters of Maria Valtorta's Work

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