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Foreword

The end times' mysteriousness is no doubt aggravated by misunderstanding. Over the centuries, the Old Testament prophecies, Jesus' own teachings and the writings of His Apostles, especially St. John's Apocalypse, have remained obscure to a great extent, as legitimate Church writers and commentators did not manage to see through the veils. Meanwhile strange, biased, sometimes downright heretical opinions, spreading in many segments of Christendom, did not help to set things straight. The general outcome is one of darkness and confusion.

In the 1940s, God compassionately decided to lift some of our ignorance about the end times, for two main reasons:

- the end times had already begun;
- most people were, and still are, ill-prepared, and yet a better preparation would result in the salvation of more souls.

Jesus Himself, the Word of God, willed to give an Italian woman, Maria Valtorta, "private" revelations meant for everyone. The revelations to her, of unprecedented breadth in Church history, mostly consisted of almost 700 visions that illustrated the Gospel, and about 1000 dictations on a great variety of Christian themes, on current events in the 1940s, and

on the times to come. (Some of these dictations were dictated by heavenly persons other than Jesus; for more details see the section on Maria Valtorta and her writings.)

Of all topics dealt with by Our Lord, especially in the dictations, the end times are possibly the one climactic and most urgent theme. Closely tied in with it, is the theme of the particular judgment awaiting everyone upon death. Hence the utmost importance for each one of us to prepare for death. And since such preparation is more difficult in these end times, Christ is trying to wake us up so we may react and be saved and help save others.

Nothing that Jesus says to Valtorta is meant to feed idle curiosity. Although some of His statements are astounding, they always serve a rational purpose, such as reminding us of God's almightiness. At any rate, everything Jesus says to Valtorta is meant to bring us all to repentance from sin and to setting down to work. Christ wants workers, friends, co-workers in the work of atonement to save souls. But to shake us up, He deemed it fitting to give us an outline of history from the 1940s to the end of the world, a precise chronology consisting of four major periods:

- the period of the forerunners of the Antichrist, already begun by 1943;
- the period of the Antichrist;
- the period of peace, a relatively short truce actually, not at all a literal millennium; during this truce a powerful evangelization, assisted by mighty supernatural manifestations, will bring about the conversion to Catholicism of all people of **good will**;
- the Satanic period, consisting in Satan's last war and persecution against the Church; this ends with Christ's second coming when Christ crushes Satan.

Then the last judgment takes place and the world as we know it comes to an end. Eternity goes on.

To shake us up from our complacency and lethargy, Christ has given us through Maria Valtorta the clearest and most complete picture of the end times ever penned, including chilling descriptions of the person of the Antichrist. To remove

false hopes, Christ dispels errors such as millenarianism (the mistaken belief that He would physically reign on earth for a thousand years of peace). To prevent our being tempted to give in to hopelessness or terror, Christ constantly reassures us of His love for those who love Him, of His infinite willingness to forgive those who turn to Him, of His power to save those who entreat Him no matter how bad the times are.

Just as there is no room in the end times for idle curiosity, complacency, or yet again terror, there is no room either for anger or frustration. We must be energetic, yes, to pray and act to lessen the havoc about to be wreaked by the Antichrist; but our zeal must always stay within the perimeter of Christ's peace in our hearts. This is possible even in our times, the end times; Christ's inward peace is possible even during the inhuman times of the Antichrist looming over us.

Maria Valtorta and her writings

Maria Valtorta, one of the greatest Marian female mystics, was born in Caserta (near Naples) in 1897 and remained the only child of a military man and a school teacher. After moving many times, the family in 1924 finally settled in Viareggio, a Mediterranean port near Pisa.

By 1934 Maria was permanently bed-ridden, seriously disabled as the final outcome of a violent assault fourteen years earlier, when a young delinquent hit her hard in the lower back with an iron bar. Maria lost her father in 1935 and her mother in 1943. She spent the rest of her life in the family home until she died in 1961.

While on the surface her bed-ridden years seemed commonplace, her spiritual life grew powerful. In late 1942, her spiritual director, seeking to know her better, asked her to write her autobiography. Soon after she was done in 1943, she unexpectedly began to receive private revelations from Heaven. Her director told her to put everything down in writing. Little did they know how much she would write from the spring of 1943 until late 1951:

- about 800 *dictations* from Jesus: deep, substantial *revelations* which, taken as a whole, are unique among all known private revelations in the history of the Church.

- around 300 *revelations* by the Holy Spirit, by God the Father, by the Virgin Mary, or by Maria's guardian angel;
- a series of almost 700 *visions* of Jesus' earthly life with Mary, the Apostles and many contemporaries of His. Most of these took place in three years only (1944-1947) and filled nearly 10,000 hand-written pages in large scribblers.

Besides all that Maria kept up a plentiful correspondence with many priests, sisters, and lay persons.

By late 1950, the revelations to her were mostly finished; all of her writings pertaining to them had reached a grand total of 142 scribblers containing 16,420 manuscript pages. She now entered the last mystical stage of her life until she died on October 12, 1961.

By 1984, except for her abundant correspondence, all her writings had been published in the original Italian:

- 1956-1959, *Il Poema dell'Uomo Dio*, first edition, four large books containing the 700 visions of Christ's life on earth;
- 1960-1967, *Il Poema dell'Uomo Dio*, second edition, ten volumes;
- 1969, *Autobiografia*, 445p., written in 1943;
- 1972, *Libro di Azaria*, 449p., containing the revelations by her guardian angel;
- 1976, *I Quaderni del 1943*, 808p., containing part one of the many dictations, apparitions, and visions to her on sundry topics;
- 1977, *Lezioni sull'Epistola di Paolo ai Romani*, 315p., containing a series of dictations by the Holy Spirit commenting on the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans;
- 1980, *I Quaderni del 1944*, 878p., containing part two of the many dictations, apparitions and miscellaneous visions to her;
- 1984, *I Quaderni dal 1945 al 1950*, 664p., containing part three of the dictations and apparitions and various visions;

- 1993-?, *L'Evangelo come mi è stato rivelato*, which is the reedition under a new name of *Il poema dell'Uomo-Dio*. So far only the first few volumes have been republished.

As of 1994, the following have been translated and published in English:

- 1986-1990, *The Poem of the Man-God*, five large books, 4228p., containing the 700 visions of Christ's life;
- 1991, *Autobiography*, 442p.;
- 1993, *The Book of Azariah*, 334p., the revelations of her guardian angel;
- 1994, *The End Times as revealed to Maria Valtorta*, the present book, containing only texts drawn from her miscellaneous dictations, apparitions, and visions.

Context

What are the end times about?

Essentially, they are the time for Divine Justice to settle everything concerning Planet Earth.

Let us start at the end. The end times end with the last judgment. On this occasion, Christ will publicly demonstrate His mercy and justice by taking all His loyal friends to Heaven everlasting and by consigning all His enemies to never-ending hell. It will be the most spectacular event in the entire history of earth.

In a way, however, the last judgment is only the making public of the sentences already passed "at the hour of our death." Hence we can see the dire gravity of the particular judgment of each and every individual. As the last judgment closes the end times, so the particular judgment closes the earth-bound life of each and every one of us.

In turn an individual's success at the particular judgment hinges on whether he managed, with the Savior's help, to use well the personal freedom given him by God during his lifetime. In turn this freedom is given him to make a choice: to love God and neighbor and self, or to pamper the self to the detriment of God and neighbor. Such freedom is necessary. God wants to love His creatures and be loved by them, but He does

not force love on anyone and expects human love for Him to be manifested freely, through free will, which is everyone's greatest power. Through it, one must keep God's commandments. By obeying them, one passes the one-time life-test. By breaking them, one fails forever.

Thus we know when the end times come to an end and what happens then: at the last judgment, the Kingdom of God closes its doors behind the Elect who passed their test, and leaves forever outside the Rejected who failed theirs.

But do we know when the end times begin... or have begun? And do we know what happens then? Those are questions to which, unaided, humanity could never have hoped to find an answer. But Jesus has given the answers to a certain mystic for the common good of all mankind. And here is the context of His telling.

It is difficult enough at any time to win with the help of Christ the Savior a good account before His tribunal at the particular judgment. It is even harder nowadays because for quite a number of years the Church, by and large, has failed to pass on Christ's teachings in a life-giving way. Such was Jesus' assessment already in the 1940s, as expressed to that certain mystic. And to remedy the situation, He made a special, authoritative intervention in 1943-1951, precisely through that certain mystic, Maria Valtorta. Indeed, to compensate for the lack of proper teaching from the Catholic pulpits in the mid-20th century, Jesus inaugurated a new method of teaching the Catholic Faith and thus of spreading the Faith. Jesus thus presented the Church with new supernatural tools, namely His Revelations to Maria Valtorta. These consist of almost 700 visions of episodes of His Life on Earth, some previously known and others not. His Revelations to her also consist of about 800 dictations on a great many topics pertaining to the Church's Life and the salvation of as many people as possible.

Now as part of His dictations to her, Christ specifically dealt quite at length with the end times. That is where He told her that the end times had already begun by 1943. And He went on making very specific explanations and prophecies about the end times, covering all aspects of the happenings as they started in the 1940s and shall follow one another until the end

of time, like dominoes toppling one another until the end of the line.

In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there is nothing that can compare with these revelations that come from the very mouth of Jesus Christ. *Prophets* prophesied about the end times vaguely. But the *Prophet of prophets*, Jesus Christ, in the mid-20th century, prophesied about the end times with astonishing precision and unimaginable descriptions, as well as with most profound and clear explanations of the cause of so much horror to be witnessed by humanity from 1943 until the Last Judgment.

Thus we are in the end times. And this has an overwhelmingly important implication. There is no time to waste before joining the most sublime task there can be: helping to save as many souls as we can. For many are on their way to damnation—Jesus Himself says that “the majority” are. And they cannot work on their own at their own salvation. They need help. Your help and mine.

What Jesus has to teach is serious. It is Divine Truth. And only Truth can save human beings, whose greatest and most despicable enemy can be none other than Satan, the Father of Lies and the Killer of Believers in God.

And it is good to bear in mind that the goal of God’s Plan is His glory through the sanctification of a certain number of His human creatures who are then brought into Heaven for eternity to share in His Love. When that happens, Earth will have reached the end of its existence, history, and purpose. In the meantime, we are in the end times, described in the pages of this book.

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Translator's note

The revelations to Maria Valtorta about the End Times constitute only a small portion of all the revelations made to her by Jesus Christ and other heavenly persons (see the brief biography of Maria Valtorta preceding this note).

Furthermore, this book does not contain all the passages about the End Times in all her works. *The Poem of the Man-God* and the commentary on St. Paul's epistle to the Romans comprise strong words on the End Times, but they are not included here, since they already are in print or are to be in other books.

The present book consists of extracts only from Valtorta's volumes entitled *I Quaderni del 1943*, *I Quaderni del 1944*, and *I Quaderni dal 1945 al 1950* (throughout referred to as Q43, Q44, and Q45). Page references to the *Quaderni* all follow the model of Q43:83-85, which means *I Quaderni del 1943*, pp.83-85.

Sometimes the quotations retained here refer to other texts in the *Quaderni* which are too indirectly related to the End Times to be part of this book; the reference is given anyway to the original Italian (for example, Q45:222 would mean *I Quaderni dal 1945 al 1950*, p.222). Whenever a passage referred to is indeed quoted in this book on the End Times, the reference is given to ET (for End Times) and the page number, for instance ET:78. All notes are found at the back, on pp.153ff.

Despite the restrictions on the contents of the present book, there is more than enough about the End Times to serve Christ's purpose: to rouse His followers to spiritual action (see Foreword).

In the course of His teachings, Jesus sheds light on many a Scripture that had remained obscure until now. This book quotes the Bible from its Douay-Challoner translation, except that archaic expressions have been replaced with current equivalents.

Since Heaven knows best, all the revelations to Maria Valtorta have been left in the chronological order in which they were given. It will be seen that the Lord adopts a cyclical presentation, as He first hints at something, then comes back to it in greater depth, and touches upon the same topic several times more.

Due to their specific purpose, however, the three *Quaderni* did not have Valtorta's writings in their chronological order, and that is why the page references to Q43, etc. seem jumbled up although the dates are orderly. (The three *Quaderni* were designed to reproduce the texts in the same order as they are found in the original handwritten scribbles. These in turn do not contain the texts in chronological order, because whenever Valtorta's spiritual director saw her, he took the scribbler she was currently writing in so as to read it and make a typewritten copy. At the same time, he returned the scribbler he had previously borrowed and she simply continued writing in it to save paper.)

Valtorta left Jesus' dictations to her untitled. I am the one who added titles.

Most notes are translated from Q43, Q44, & Q45 and adapted for this book.

Editorial omissions within texts in the current book are indicated by raised ellipsis points, like this: ...

Ellipsis points found in the original Italian edition are rendered as follows: ...

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The End Times

1. The first hint

The End Times were first hinted at in Maria Valtorta's writings in the very first dictation which she received. When Jesus says: "I will come only at the last hour," He already refutes the opinion of millenarianists who mistakenly believe that He would come back on earth before the end of the world and physically rule for one thousand years.

April 23, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:83

Jesus says:

"The first time My Father, to purify the earth, sent a cleansing by water;¹ the second time He sent a cleansing by blood,² and by what Blood! Neither the first cleansing nor the second has availed to turn the human beings into children of God. Now the Father is weary, and to make the human race perish He lets the chastisements of hell go wild, because human beings have preferred hell to Heaven, and their Ruler, Lucifer, torments them to make them blaspheme Us so as to make them completely his children.

"I would come a second time to die, to save them from an even more atrocious death. But My Father will not allow it. My Love would allow it, but My Justice would not. He knows it would be useless. Therefore, I will come only at the last hour. But woe unto those who in that hour will see Me after choosing

Lucifer as their lord! There will be no need of weapons in My angels' hands to win the battle against the antichrists. *My glance will be enough.*

"Oh! If people could still turn to Me who am salvation! I desire only that and I weep because I see that nothing can make them raise their heads towards Heaven from where I stretch My arms towards them.

"Suffer, Maria, and tell the good to suffer to make up for the second martyrdom which the Father does not want Me to undergo. Everyone of those who immolate themselves is granted to save a few souls. *Only a few.* It should come as no surprise that only a few souls be granted to every little redeemer if one thinks that I, the divine Redeemer, on Calvary, at the hour of My immolation, of all the thousands of persons present at My death, I managed to save the thief,³ and Longinus,⁴ and very few others."

2. Sacrificial blood for the last harvest

June 1, 1943

Extract

Q43:15-16

Jesus says:

"I look at My flock... *My flock?* Not anymore. You used to be My sheep and you have gone out of My pastures. Outside you found the Evil One who led you astray and *you no longer remembered that at the price of My Blood I had gathered you and saved you from the wolves and the mercenaries that wanted to kill you. I have died for you,⁵ to give you Life, Life to the full as I have it in the Father. And you, you have preferred death. You have placed yourselves under the sign of the Evil One and he has changed you into wild billy goats. I no longer have a flock. The Shepherd is weeping.*

"I am left with just a few faithful ewes, ready to present their necks to the sacrificer's knife to mix their blood, not innocent but loving blood, with My own absolutely innocent Blood, and *to fill the chalice that will be elevated on the last day, for the last Mass, before you are all called to the dreadful Judgment.* By means of *that Blood and the others' blood*, at the last hour, I will be able to reap My last harvest among the last ones to be

saved. As for the others, they will serve as straw for the demons to rest on and as branches in the never-ending fire.

"But My ewes shall be with Me, in a place chosen by Me for their blessed repose after so much strife. Their place will be different from that of the saved: for the generous, there is a special place. Not among the martyrs and not among the saved. *They are less than martyrs and much more than the saved* and they are in the middle, between the two groups.

"Persevere, all of you who love Me. That place is worth every present effort because it is the zone of the coredeemers, at the head of which is Mary, My Mother."

3. The sign

June 3, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:21-23

Jesus says:

"Many ask Me for a sign. What sign? Sign of the hour or sign of My power?

"The sign of the hour, you already have it. I repeat:⁶ *'I did not come to change the Law.'*⁷ You are the ones who changed it. And I do not change My Word. What I have said, I have said. Everything that had to take place—from the time I spoke as Man among men, until the time I come, as God Son of God, to judge mankind—*everything is contained in My Gospel.*

"You fools with your heads full of a thousand useless rumors and wicked thoughts, you are the ones who no longer understand what I said. *Are you by any chance not salted with fire*, that fire which will forever salt My enemies?⁸ That which burns you now and comes down upon you to destroy you and lead you more and more into blasphemy and heresy *is but an advance of what the fire I am speaking about will be*, a fire destined for the scandal-mongers who are not converted. *And you are among them.* All you worry about is the body and wicked riches, and you trample on consciences and altars, and you defile everything you touch, and *within yourselves you kill Me a second time.*

"Those are the gifts which Lucifer knows how to give you, who have put yourselves under his sign. The Beast blows the fire from its mouth after having sunk you into the evil of

corruption. Such are his gifts. He can give you nothing else, *whereas I had given you, together with My own self, all the treasures of grace.*

“Do you want a sign of My power? Why, I have been giving you this sign for twenty centuries! What was the use? I have opened above you the streams of My graces and from Heaven I have made them come down onto earth in thousands and tens of thousands of miracles. I have healed your sick; I have quelled your wars; I have prospered your businesses; I have replied to your doubts, even on matters of faith, because I know your weakness that does not believe unless it sees; I have come to repeat My teachings; I have sent My Mother so that with her gentleness she would induce you to penance and love. What was the use?

“You have treated Me like an idiot, abusing My power and My patience, convinced that after performing a miracle I would not remember it anymore. No, children of My sorrow. *Everything is written down in the great book of My Intelligence and it is not ink that is used to write in it, but the burning coal of Love. And everything is remembered.*

“You have exploited the coming of My Mother to human ends. You have turned it into a laughing-stock and a business. *Don't you know that Mary is My Temple and My Temple is a house of prayer and not a thieves' den?*” Her words, so affectionate, so imploring, so sorrowful, were meant for you who killed her Son—and you do not even know how to profit from such a sacrifice. To you her words sounded like a pointless old story. You have kept going on your path to damnation.

“My messengers, the souls living as you should *all* live and which have become My town criers to repeat once more the words of My Heart, you have called them *mad* and *possessed* and sometimes you have killed them, always you have harassed them. I too, by the adulterous and murderous generation of My time on earth, was called *madman* and *possessed*.¹⁰

“The sign! *You have the sign and it is of no use to give you back My Paternity. A sign other than this will not be given to you.* Seek for it in My words and in your consciences, if you still manage to find them alive beneath the mass of lustful acts, adulteries,

fornications, thefts, murders, envious thoughts, blasphemies and pride with which you have stoned them.

"It is the Ascension today. Before ascending I blessed My Mother and My disciples.¹¹ I had no one else to bless because the others had rejected Me and cursed Me. Now too I bless My disciples because the others do not want Me and blaspheme against My blessing."

4. Christ will not come again until Judgment Day

The following text shows that the millenarianist belief in a one-thousand-year period of peace is false.

June 5, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:26-27

Jesus says:

"You would like Me to come and show Myself to terrorize the guilty parties and reduce them to ashes. O poor people! You do not know what you are asking for!

"Unfortunately, I will come. I say 'unfortunately' because *My coming will be one of Judgment and terrible judgment.*¹² If I had to come to save you, I would not speak like this, nor would I strive to ward off the times of My coming, but on the contrary, would eagerly hasten to save you again. *But My second coming will be a coming of stern, inflexible, general Judgment, and for the majority of you, it will be a judgment of punishment.*

"You do not know what you are asking for. But if even I appeared, where in people's hearts, especially in those chiefly at fault for today's disasters, is there enough of a glimmer of faith and respect to make them bow with their faces to the ground to beg Me for mercy and forgiveness? No, children who ask the Father for revenge: He is the Father of forgiveness! Even if My Face were to flash in your skies and My Voice, which made the worlds, were to thunder from east to west, things would not change. Only a new blasphemous chorus of insults, only a new whirl of abuse would be hurled at My Person.

"I repeat: *I could perform a miracle and I would do it if I knew that afterwards you would repent and become better*—you, the great offenders who lead the little ones to despair and ask for revenge, and you, the little offenders who ask for revenge. But neither you, great offenders, nor you, little offenders, would

repent and become better after the miracle. Worse than that, you would tread underfoot, in a frenzy of guilty joy, the bodies of those punished, thus at once becoming unworthy in My eyes. You would climb on top of them to oppress others, in your turn, from that throne set upon punishment.

"This is what you would like—that I should strike so you could strike in your turn. *I am God and I see in people's hearts* and therefore, in this case, I do not listen to you. I do not want all of you to damn yourselves. *The great offenders have already been judged*, but I am trying to save the rest of you. *And this hour, for you, is a sieve of salvation*. They will fall under the power of the Prince of demons those who already have in them the devil's darnel, whereas those who have in their hearts the grain of wheat germinating the eternal Bread, will germinate in Me in life everlasting."

5. "Over two thirds"

June 7, 1943

Extract

Q43:34

Jesus says:

"In truth I tell you that over two thirds of the human race belong to the category that lives under the sign of the Beast. For them I died uselessly.

"The law of those marked by the Beast is the opposite of My Law. In one, the flesh rules and produces works of the flesh. In the other, the spirit rules and produces works of the spirit. When the spirit rules, there is the Kingdom of God. When the flesh rules, there is the kingdom of Satan."

6. The more real priests, the shorter the time of the Antichrist

June 10, 1943

Extract

Q43:169

Jesus says:

"The day there would no longer be in the world priests who are really priests, the world would end in a horror that words could not describe. The moment of the 'abomination of

desolation'¹³ would have been reached, in fact reached with a violence so ghastly as to be a hell brought to earth.

"Pray and tell others to pray for all the salt not to become tasteless in all except One, the last Martyr who will be there for the last Mass, because My Church militant shall exist until the very last day and the Sacrifice will be accomplished.

"The more *real* priests are in the world when the times are fulfilled, the shorter and less cruel will the time of the Antichrist and of the last convulsions of the human race be. For 'the just' of whom I speak when I preach the end of the world, are the true priests, the real consecrated souls in the convents scattered on earth, the victim souls, unknown host of martyrs whom only My eye knows while the world cannot see them, and those who act with *true* purity of faith. But these last ones are, even unknown to them, consecrated souls and victims."

7. Battle between Heaven and hell

Jesus explains the real origin of the scourge of World War II, and goes on to hint about the End Times.

June 19, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:182-183

Jesus says:

"A few days ago Father [Migliorini] wrote that he was at a loss about the real origin of today's scourge 'because a kingdom divided against itself is no longer a kingdom.'¹⁴ I will show him that *this can be, since the division is merely apparent*.

"Lucifer, in his manifestations, has always tried to imitate God. Just as God gave every Nation its guardian angel, Lucifer gave it its demon. As the various Nations' angels obey one God, so the various Nations' demons obey one Lucifer.

"The order given by Lucifer in the present event to the various demons *does not* differ from State to State. *It is only one order for all. For this reason one can understand that Satan's kingdom is not divided and therefore lasts*.

"This order can be expressed like this: 'Sow horror, hopelessness, errors, so that the peoples, cursing God, may break away from Him.'

"The demons obey and sow horror and hopelessness, wipe out faith, smother hope, destroy charity. On the rubble they

sow hatred, lust, atheism. *They sow hell, and they succeed because they find the ground already suitable.*

"My angels too battle to defend whatever Country I have assigned to them, but My angels do not find a suitable ground. Therefore they come off worst against the infernal enemies. To overcome, My angels should be helped by souls living in the Good and for it, souls living in Me. Some are found, but they are too few compared to those who do not believe, do not love, do not forgive, do not know how to suffer.

"It is opportune to repeat: 'Satan has requested to sift you.'¹⁵ And the sifting proves that corruption is what it was in the times of the flood, worsened by the fact you have had Christ and His Church, whereas in Noah's time they did not.

"I said it¹⁶ and I repeat it: 'This is the battle between Heaven and hell.' You are all nothing but a deceitful screen. Behind your troops, angels and demons are battling. Behind your excuses the real reason is Satan's fight against Christ.

"This is one of the first sortings-out of mankind, which nears its last hour, to separate the harvest of the elect from the harvest of the reprobates. Unfortunately the harvest of the elect is small compared to the other.

"When Christ comes to vanquish His perpetual opponent through His Prophet, He will find few spiritually marked with the Cross."¹⁷

8. The forerunners of Christ's second coming

Although Christ's second coming will take place only at the end of the world, He already speaks of innocent children slain during World War II as the forerunners of His second coming. Such words, together with other words of Jesus' quoted in this book, may be taken as hints that we are relatively close to the end of the world.

June 24, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:62-63

Jesus speaks again:

"Again today which is the feast-day of My divine Body, Satan has struck Me in My Churches and in My children. I do not go by triumphantly, Host of Peace, in your streets, on carpets of flowers, amidst the singing of hosannas. I fall in the

rumble, in the infernal roar of hatred unleashed with all its might against Charity.¹⁸

"The flowers of today, Corpus Domini of the time of wrath, are My slain children. Happy, among these, are those who fall as innocents and whose death without hard feelings becomes beautiful as martyrdom. One cannot see My Blood amid the blood of the slain. I retain My whiteness as Host. It is the others' blood that spatters Me, just as it is the cruelty of those enslaved by the Enemy that strikes Me and strikes along with Me those who are victims like Me. From the greatest individual among you—straight as on a mystical cross between the temple and Heaven, and wounded, spat upon, pierced, scourged, like his Lord, by falsehood sold out to the Enemy—all the way to the smallest baby slaughtered like an innocent lamb. Yet, these victims have not been immolated uselessly. In them there is no stain of hatred. They are the victims. Forever blessed for being the victims!"

"In My dearest children, in My real children, there is My mark. I have marked all of you who love Me and whom I love. More than the tiara crowning him, that sign is divinely a sign on the forehead of My current Peter,¹⁹ in the Pontiff of Peace in whom there is no leaven of hatred. More than any halo that sign sparkles on the heads of the victims who fall with Me under Satan's weapons and who are the forerunners of the second coming of Christ."

"And the same angels of the smitten churches who pray, worshipping the knocked-down Hosts, gather the innocent souls whose tears will be soothed in Heaven."

9. God's embrace after Judgment Day

July 1, 1943

Extract

Q43:114

Jesus says:

"God is light. An immeasurably great light, majestic and calm, is given out by the Father. The Father is an infinite circle who embraces the whole of Creation, from the moment it was said: "Let there be light,"²⁰ until the world without end. For God, who was from everlasting, has been embracing Creation ever since it came to be, and will continue to embrace whatever remains of

Creation in the last form, the eternal one, after the Judgment. He will embrace those who are eternal with Him in Heaven."

10. Choosing the flesh is choosing Satan

July 3, 1943

Extract

Q43:194

Jesus says:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega²¹ and I embrace everything that is. Only contrary human will, which puts a person under the Beast's seal, turns aside My influence, because I have made you all free and I do not coerce your wills. If therefore your will is flesh and blood, in other words if it is Satan, My Will cannot act, because My Will is Spirit and acts on your spirit and the spirit dies where matter rules."

11. It is the hour of the Beast

Jesus, having shown the Beast to Maria in a figurative vision, explained it to her in a dictation, which we quote in its entirety and preface with some comments by Maria.

July 20, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:224-225;226;224

[Maria Valtorta giving the context:]

Since the evening of the 18th the good Jesus has had me see a hideous beast, really so hideous it fills me with disgust and makes me feel like screaming.... And the good Jesus makes me understand that its looks are nevertheless inferior to reality, because no human reality can manage to personify exactly supreme Beauty and supreme Ugliness.

... Thank goodness too that, if the beast was in a corner, right next to me was my Jesus: white, handsome, blond... Light in the light! Comparing Christ's bright, cheering figure with that of the other one, Christ's very gentle, clear eyes with those wicked ones of the other, means that the wretched sinners who are set aside for the second one because they rejected Jesus should really be mourned for.

Well, now that I have seen it... I would like not to see it any more because it is too ugly. I will pray that as few wretches as

possible end up in its clutches, and I pray the good God to take this sight away from me.

Today it is not as vivid and I am very grateful to the Lord for that. And even more grateful because His dear Voice makes me understand why I had this vision which yesterday terrorized me, since I thought it was meant as a warning to me.

Jesus says:

"Consider My Radiance and Beauty compared to the Beast's black monstrosity.

"Don't be afraid to watch even if it is a repulsive sight. You are in my arms. It cannot go up to you and harm you. See? It does not even look at you. It already has so many preys to follow.

"Now do you think it would be worthwhile to leave Me to follow it? Yet, the world follows it and leaves Me for it.

"Look how gluttoned and throbbing it is. It is its hour of feasting. But look too how it seeks shadows to act. It hates Light, and it used to be called Lucifer! See how it hypnotizes those who are not marked with My Blood? *It piles up its efforts because it knows that it is its hour and that My hour is drawing near when it shall be forever beaten.*

"Its infernal craftiness and satanical intelligence are a continuous working of Evil, in antithesis to Our One and Triune working of Good, to increase its prey. *But craftiness and intelligence would not prevail if within people there were My Blood and an honest will. People lack too many things to have weapons to oppose to the Beast, and it knows it and acts openly, without even covering itself with deceitful appearances.*

"May its loathsome ugliness lead you to a greater and greater conscientiousness and a greater and greater penance, for you and for your wretched brothers and sisters whose souls are senseless or have been seduced and who cannot see or, though they see it, run up to the Evil One, to have his help for one hour and pay for it with an eternity of damnation."

12. The world will crash down in the end

People's malice, on the increase, is speeding the downward course of the world. Our serious sins deserve war and scourges, which will help a few to repent, though many will perish.

July 21, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:226-230

Jesus says:

"I already told you [Maria] that what is said in the ancient books has a reference to the present.²² It is as though a series of mirrors would repeat and bring farther and farther ahead a sight seen behind.

"The world repeats itself in its errors and in its repentance, with this difference, however: errors have become more and more perfect with the development of the human race towards so-called civilization, while repentance has become more and more embryonic. Why? Because as the world passed from childhood to a more mature age, the world's malice and pride have increased.

"Now you people are at the apex of the world's age and have also reached the apex of malice and pride.

"However, do not think [Maria] that you people still have as much to live as you have lived. You are at the apex, and that should mean you have as much to live. But it will not be so. The world's downward course to the end will not be as long as its upward course. *It will be a crashing down in the end. It is precisely malice and pride that are making you crash: two weights dragging you into the abyss of the end, at the dreadful judgment. Pride and malice, besides dragging you into the downward course, so dull your spirits as to make you more and more unable to stop your downhill fall with sincere repentance.*

"But if you have proceeded like that: against Good, head-long towards Evil; I, the Eternal One, have remained immutable in My exact measure of Good and Evil. On the day light came into being and the world began with it,²³ *the Mind that does not err decided once and for all what is Good and what is Evil. Human strength, that slight human strength, cannot budge and undermine that eternal code written by God's finger on un-touchable pages that are not of this earth.*

"The only change since the moment when My Will created the world and mankind, is this: that beforehand you had to

control yourselves and behave according to the tables of the Law and the words of the Prophets; afterwards you had Me, the Word and Redeemer, to explain the Law to you, to give you My teaching and My Blood, to bring to you with My coming the Spirit who leaves no shadows, and to sustain you throughout the centuries with the Sacraments and sacramentals.

"But what have you done with My coming? A new burden of sins you will have to answer for.

"Do we wish to look together at the ancient pages which contain the explanations for the current hour? They felt like a goad to you, [Maria,] but I will show them to you better.

"What is promised to those who keep the Law? Prosperity, abundance, peace, power, healthy and plentiful offspring, triumph over the enemy, because the Lord would be on the edge of His servants' swords against those who want to lift their hands on the children of the Most High. What are the Law-breakers threatened with? Hunger, shortages, wars, defeats, plagues, God-forsakenness, enemy oppression through which the ex-children of the Most High become like harassed, scared, slaughter-doomed herds.²⁴

"You people bewail the hour in which you live. In fact you find it unjust? Its sternness seems too harsh? No. It is just and less harsh than what you deserve.

"I have saved you and resaved you in thousands of ways. I have forgiven you and reforgiven you for seven thousand and seven thousand crimes. I came precisely to give you Life and Light. *I, Light of the world,*²⁵ *came into your darkness to bring you the Word and the Light.* I no longer spoke amidst whirlwinds and fire through the Prophets' mouths. No, I Myself came personally. I broke My bread with you, I shared My pallet with you, I sweated with you at work, I consumed Myself in evangelizing you, I died for you, I dispelled with My Word every doubt on the Law, I dispelled with My Resurrection every doubt on My Nature, I left you My very Self so as to be your spiritual Food, fit to give you Life—and you gave Me death.²⁶

"I gave you God's Word and Love and Blood, and you shut your ears against the Word, your souls against Love, and blasphemed My Blood.

"The ancient Tabernacle contained two stone tablets written by a Prophet's finger and contained a little manna.²⁷ *I replaced it with the new Tabernacle which contains the real Bread come down from Heaven and My Heart on which the Covenant of Love is written, a Covenant you break, not I.*

"You can no longer say: 'We don't know what God is.' I took flesh so you would have a Flesh to love, since it is not enough for your awkwardness to love a spirit.

"Well? What have you done? What have you *been doing more and more?* Turning your backs on God, on His altar, on His Being—that's what. Not wanting God, the One and Triune God, the true God.

"You wanted gods. Your present gods are more shameful than the ancient gods or the fetishes of idolaters. Yes. The fetishes of idolaters. Idolaters still harbor respect for the image of God just as their mentality and ignorance can make it out. *And in truth, in truth I tell you that natural idolaters will be judged far less harshly than you, idolaters of malice, who have sold yourselves to the worst idolatry: self-idolatry.*

"Yes, you have created for yourselves gods of flesh, of corrupt flesh, and before these gods you have been able to sing hosanna and bow your heads and backs that you were unable to bow before God. You have scorned, denied, scoffed at, and broken My Law; but you have accepted and obeyed, like slaves and tamed animals, the deceitful law given to you by poor men even more corrupt than you and whose doom is such as to make all of heaven tremble with horror.

"Idolaters! Idolaters! Pagans! *You have sold yourselves to the flesh, to money, to power, to Satan who is boss of these three evil kingdoms of flesh, money and power!*

"But why, why, O My people, have you gone out of the Kingdom I had given you? Why have you run away from your King of Perfection and Love and preferred the chains and uncivilized state of the Kingdom of Satan, Prince of Evil and Death? Is this how you pay back the Most High who is your Father and Savior? And you are amazed if fire springs from the earth and fire rains from the sky to burn down the haughty and treacherous race that has disowned God and welcomed Satan and his agents?

"No, Satan does not need to labor and toil to swallow you! *I have to toil to try and draw you to Me again, because if you have disowned your origin, I remember being your Father and Savior. Until the last hour, when you are gathered for the implacable sorting-out, I do not disown My wretched children and I still try to save them.*

"This, Maria, this punishment²⁸ is not undeserved. It is just. It is harsh because the sins of you sinners are extremely serious. But it is not, I repeat not, given out of mischief by a God who is all goodness. Your God would give Himself up to spare you it, if He knew this would help you. But He must, *He must allow that you punish yourselves for your follies, for your prostitution with the Beast.*

"A thousand and ten thousand shall be lost in every corner of the earth. But in the agony that chokes you people, someone will hear God's Voice resounding and will raise from the darkness his face towards the Light. *That one coming back will justify the scourge, because—be aware of this, [Maria,] and think what duty you [victim souls] have to watch over it—one soul's price and value is such that the treasures of the earth are not enough to buy it. It takes the Blood of a God. My Blood."*

13. The fall of many priests

July 23, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:260-261

Jesus says:

"When the time comes, many stars will be swept away by the coils of Lucifer²⁹ who, to prevail, needs to lessen the lights of souls.

"This will be possible because not only the laity but also the clerics have lost and lose more and more that steadfastness of faith, of charity, of strength, of purity, of detachment from the enticements of the world—qualities necessary to remain within the sphere of God's light.

"Do you understand [Maria] who these stars I am speaking about are? They are those whom I defined as salt of the earth and light of the world: My ministers.³⁰

"The plan of Satan's shrewd malice is to put out, by sweeping them away, these stars that are lights reflecting My Light for the

crowds. If despite the light still given off by the priestly Church souls are sinking deeper and deeper into the darkness, it can be guessed what darkness shall drive the crowds down when many stars have died down in My sky.

"Satan knows it and scatters his seeds to prepare the weakness of the priesthood, to be able to sweep it away easily into sins, not so much of the senses as of their minds. In a mental chaos, it will be easy for him to bring about a spiritual chaos. In the spiritual chaos the weak, confronted with the torrents of persecutions, will commit the sin of faint-heartedness, when they deny the faith.

"The Church shall not die because I will be with it. But it shall experience hours of darkness and horror like those of My Passion, hours multiplied in time because it must needs be.

"It must needs be that the Church suffer what its Creator suffered, before dying to rise in an eternal form. It must needs be that the Church suffer much longer because it is not, in its members, perfect like its Creator, and if I suffered for hours, it must suffer for weeks and weeks of hours.

"In the early times the Church was persecuted and fed by a supernatural power in her best children and then she sprang up. She will have the same lot when the last times come, in which she will exist, subsist, and resist the satanical tide and the battles of the Antichrist with her best children: a painful, albeit just selection.

"In a world in which so many spiritual lights will have died, it is logical that there openly begins the brief but dreadful reign of the Antichrist, begotten by Satan just as Christ was begotten by the Father. Christ is the Father's Son procreated by Love with Purity. The Antichrist will be Satan's son procreated by Hatred with triple Impurity.

"Like olives between the grinders of the oil-press, the children of Christ will be persecuted, squeezed and crushed by the greedy Beast. But they will not be swallowed, because the Blood will not let them be corrupted in the spirit. Like the first children, the last shall be mown down like sheaves of grain in the dire persecution and the earth will drink their blood. But forever blessed for their perseverance are those who die faithful to the Lord."

14. Jesus is to judge everything

July 26, 1943

Extract

Q43:317

Jesus says:

"I tell you all that I am the Father's Voice and that I speak in His name. I tell you all that I am the One to whom every judgment has been referred by the Father."

15. The Beast's breath

July 28, 1943

Extract

Q43:319-320

Jesus says:

"In a world such as yours it is so difficult for Me to find disciples' souls! And it is even more difficult to find, even among children, children's souls! The Beast's breath has corrupted you people so much that it has killed simplicity, trust, innocence, in which I took My rest, even in little children's souls."

16. Isaiah's prophecy on the Wicked Man

July 29, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:321-325

Jesus says:

"One must be able to read the Book not with one's eyes but with the spirit. Then the supernatural Knowledge that inspired it is illuminated with the light of Truth. But to obtain this, one has to have a spirit united to My Spirit. Then it is My Spirit that leads you.

"Now look: in the pages of Isaiah let us take, like a mosaic's tesserae, the words of the chapters read together,³¹ and let us line them up with supernatural sight. They will appear clearer to you. Begin with those I pointed out to you for the guilty.

"Let us have pity on the wicked, but he will not learn justice: in the land of the saints he has done wicked things, and he shall not see the glory of the Lord.³²

"Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule over My people that is in Jerusalem. For you have said: 'We have entered into a league with death, and we have made a covenant with

hell. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it shall not come upon us: for we have placed our hope in lies, and by falsehood we are protected.³³

"Your league with death shall be abolished, and your covenant with hell shall not stand: when the overflowing scourge passes, you shall be trodden down by it.... vexation alone shall make you understand what you hear."³⁴

"And now do not mock, lest your bonds be tied strait."³⁵

"Woe to you that are deep of heart, to hide your counsel from the Lord: and their works are in the dark, and they say: 'Who sees us, and who knows us?' This thought of yours is perverse."³⁶

"Woe to you, apostate children ... that you would take counsel, and not of Me: and would begin a web, and not by My spirit, that you might add sin upon sin."³⁷

"Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: 'Because you have rejected this word, and have trusted in oppression and tumult, and have leaned upon it: therefore shall this iniquity be to you as a breach that falls and is found wanting in a high wall, for the destruction thereof shall come on a sudden, when it is not looked for, and it shall be broken small.'³⁸

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, trusting in horses, and putting their confidence in chariots, because they are many: and in horsemen, because they are very strong: and have not trusted in the Holy One of Israel, and have not sought after the Lord."³⁹

"Egypt is man, and not God: and their horses, flesh, and not spirit: and the Lord shall put down His hand, and the helper shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall, and they shall all be confounded together."⁴⁰

"Woe to you that spoil, shall you not yourself also be spoiled? And you that despise, shall you not also be despised? When you have made an end of spoiling, you shall be spoiled: when being wearied you cease to despise, you shall be despised."⁴¹

"Before speaking about God and His promises, let us comment this passage.

"The heart of the man whom the prophet calls wicked, is a mixture of pride, bullying, rebellion. *The threefold lust indwells it*, a throne on which the Evil One is seated to fill with demoniacal thoughts that heart which disowned God and His Justice. Nothing can come out of that heart but iniquity, because its King is the Spirit of Evil, who gives short-lived triumphs paid off later with everlasting ruin. As the wicked man who rules under the Beast's sign passes like a stream of sorrow and

corruption in the land of the saints—and Rome is a land of saints—he sways other small-time ungodly people into evil and torments the Lord's children.

"It is fair that the Lord should veil His glory in front of the wicked man, in this and the other dwelling. Twice the wicked man shall see My glory, *and will not want to see it* because it shall be dreadful for him: when he dies and on the last day. Then I will ask him: 'What have you done with My people? with My gifts?' This question will hurl him, like an arrow from a bow, into the depths no one can get out of.

"My second earthly Jerusalem is Rome. It is a dearest land in which I wanted My Church. Since it is the center of the world, it should be treated like a shining relic by who is head of it. Instead, how have those who scorn God anew behaved? They have allied themselves with the death-dealing crime, married their souls off to Satan and thought, by such a whorish sacrilege, to save themselves from the scourges they put others through.

"No. *Falsehood does not save.* The Father of Truth tells you. The lord of falsehood entices you into it and at the right time turns it against you to make you perish. *I am the one who saves, and no one except Me can.*

"You will be stripped of your false armor just at the hour when My punishment strikes you, because that is the way Satan behaves. He cannot behave otherwise because all he can give you is fleeting successes. I alone give protection that never ends and when I appear, to save or to damn, Satan flees, leaving you alone, O foolish children of sin.

"You will understand who God is and who Lucifer is only in the clasp of torture. Terrible lesson! And the more you sin, the harsher the clasp will be *because there is a limit even to My Goodness, boundless but intelligent.* Remember that.

"*Nothing is concealed from the Lord, nothing that earthlings think up in the dark, even in the heart's secret darkness.* And if your poor siblings can see only the outside and can be taken in by your hypocrisy, I see everything and act as your actions deserve. And like a wall undermined by a small breach, your building, founded on sin, shall collapse when no one thinks about it—neither you who consider yourselves safe in your

pact with the Father of Falsehood, nor the people who fear you thinking you invincible.

"Woe, woe, woe unto you who lead My people to believe that I protect your wrong-doings. Woe betide you who lead My children to distrust My Justice! You will answer for this too *because scandal falls back on whoever causes it. And what greater scandal is there than leading common folks to believe that God would unjustly protect the great who sin?*

"How many souls you have snatched away from Me, O workers of iniquity! Yet *they will still be children of My Mercy. Not so with you to whom I had given everything to draw you to Me and turn you into instruments of Good, and who have forgotten everything and have put Me after Satan.*

"Woe betide you who enter into alliances from which nothing but evil can come to My people: evil for both flesh and spirit, and you know it is evil and you do it just the same, misusing power for your own persons to triumph on earth. And what are your persons? *Fistfuls of clay which keep their shapes as long as Mercy keeps them moist with a heavenly dew and which, once dried out, turn to powder like sifted chalk and scatter.*

"*Your alliances, a real union of the forerunners of the Anti-christ, are without foundation and have no force for victory. Like yourselves they shall crumble, and they shall leave only a memory of horror in My poor children's bodies, homes, and souls.*

"When God thunders, what are numerous horses and strong horsemen? Husks blown by the wind in every direction. I am the One who strengthens armed forces, *but they must be moved by just reasons, not by inhumanity and pride.*

"Every sin shall be punished, and every jeering shall be punished by God, because God, says the Lord, will never be jeered at and it is not lawful to oppress inferiors.

"But notice one thing, Maria. Inferiors too are held to respect the Law, so that you people may always have your God with you."

17. Sword and demons

The next quotation is from a dictation in which Jesus comments on several passages from Isaiah. We retained Isaiah 34:5 and 34:13-14. Jesus uses these to tell us what to do to make the End Times less awful.

July 30, 1943

Extract

Q43:329,330

Jesus says:

"For My sword is inebriated in heaven: behold it shall come down upon ... the people of My slaughter unto judgment.' 'And it (the devastated land) shall be the habitation of ... demons ...'

"... A nation, Isaiah says, will be struck by Justice's sword, *but many more will be struck, since the world has fornicated with the devil in many of its parts. And others yet are about to sin, despite everything I have done to keep them on the way of Life. Pray, pray, pray much to prevent new condemnations, caused by new fornications.*

"The demons... Oh! The demons are already where I will punish. *It is the demons, installed as bosses in people's hearts, who lead nations to death. And there are nations in which few hearts are not demons' dwellings: legions and legions of demons move whole nations like puppets. And how can I reign where hearts have turned into the homes of Lucifer's children?"*

18. Cursed rationalism; the Antichrist

August 2, 1943

Extract

Q43:237-239

Jesus says:

"See, soul of Mine. *There are few things that I condemn as sternly as rationalism, which rapes and deconsecrates and kills the Faith. I say 'Faith' with a capital F to mean true Faith, absolute and royal. I condemn rationalism as an assassin hired out against Me: it is the very thing that kills Me in people's hearts and that has prepared and is preparing really sad times for the Church and for the world.*

"I have cursed other things,⁴² but I will never curse any as much as this one. It is the seed from which many, many other poisonous doctrines have come up. It has been the traitor that opens the doors to the enemy. In fact it has opened the doors to Satan who had never ruled as much as since rationalism began to rule.

"But it is said: 'When the Son of Man comes He will not find faith in hearts.'⁴³ Consequently rationalism is doing its work. I will do Mine.

"Happy are those who, as they close the doors on sin and on the passions, can close the doors of their secret temples in the face of science that denies; happy are those when they live, alone with the Only One who is All, until the end.

"Truly I tell you that I will press on My Heart the wretch who has committed a human crime, and has repented of it, as long as he has always admitted that I can do everything, but I will have a Judge's face for those who, on the grounds of an arrogantly despotic human science, deny the supernatural in the manifestations which the Father would like Me to give.

"Someone born deaf cannot hear, right? Someone whose eardrums were rent in an accident cannot hear, right? Only I could give them back their hearing by the touch of My hands. But how can I give hearing to a deaf spirit if this spirit will not let Me touch it?

"Concerning the questions of Father [Migliorini] on the last opponent, let us leave Horror wrapped in the shadow of mystery. It does not help you people at all to know certain things. Be good and that is enough. Offer your goodness, in advance, in order to shorten the period of the monstrous reign over Adam's race.

"Concerning time: '1000,' '2000,' '3000' are expressions to give your limited outlook reference points. Now the Enemy's son is not a son 'of the will of the flesh,'⁴⁴ he is a son of the will of the soul that has reached the vertex and depth of self-identification with Satan. His beastly sovereignty will be so cruel that every minute will be a day, every day will be a year, every year will be a century for those living at that hour. But as regards God, every century is a thousandth of a second, because eternity is a state of time without a limit. That horror will be so immense that the dark of the darkest night would be noonday sunlight in comparison, for the children of mankind sunk in it.

"The name of the Enemy's son could be 'Negation,' because he will deny God, will deny Life, will deny everything. Everything, everything, everything.

"You think you are in those times? Oh! You poor things! What you are living now is like the far-away murmur of thunder. In those times, it will be a crash of lightning on your heads.

"Be good, all of you. My Mercy is on you."

19. Judgment Day

Maria Valtorta explains: "This is the commentary on verses 17-18 of chapter 11 of the Apocalypse, as Jesus comments on it for me." The opening words refer to World War II raging in Italy.

August 5, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:242-243

Jesus says:

"This, the nations' anger, is the warning sign of My anger, because it is to happen like this. It is a painful hour, My poor children going through it, but it is unavoidable that it be so, because everything is to be fulfilled, of Good and Evil, on Earth before My hour comes. Then I will say: 'Enough!' and I will come as Judge and King to take on even the rule of earth and to judge the sins and merits of mankind.

"When you read in John's book the words: 'the hour of judging the dead,' you think they refer to those who have already, perhaps centuries ago, passed on to other spheres of mystery, a mystery which one will know only when one is let in. Yes. Death means emigration of the soul into other zones, different from earth. But there is a broader meaning in John's words: the dead of whom he speaks can be alive too, according to the flesh, but in reality, in the eyes of who can see, are Dead.

"They are the great Dead, because no resurrection is in store for them. Dead to God, they will never have for ever and ever the good of possessing Life, in other words God, because God is Life eternal.

"In the same way, the prophets, servants and saints of whom John speaks have a broader meaning than what the mere words could arouse. Under those three titles, they hint at all the creatures that have been able to live in the spirit.

"How many humble little old women, how many poor children, how many simple and uneducated men, how many

illiterate women, unknown to the crowds, are hidden and understood in the words: prophets, servants and saints. Were they made known to the world it would laugh at them. But in truth, in truth, I tell you that *one of these paupers*, according to the flesh, *is more of a prophet, servant and saint of Mine than a proud scholar, a great swaggerer, even a minister of Mine, lacking what turns you into saints in My eyes: being able to live according to My Word and being able to do My Will with steadfast faith, charity and hope.*

"My smile at My blessed ones at the hour of My coming as King and Judge will light up a sun seven times greater than the common sun and My heavens will shine with it, while the angels' choirs sing My praises and the praises of My servants. At that hour I will proclaim, against the stupid and blind world, My servants' virtues which make them My children.

"But for those who are not such, and especially for those who by their actions have led the Earth and the weak of the Earth to their ruin, My gaze will be a flash of lightning that hurls them into the abyss, because it is unavoidable that Evil exist, but cursed forever are those who have become the slaves and administrators of Evil."

20. Job's Prophecy on the Wicked Man: the Antichrist

August 7, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:268-270

Jesus says:

"It says in the Book: 'He (the wicked man) shall be brought to the graves, and shall watch in the heap of the dead. He has been acceptable to the gravel of Cocytus, and he shall draw every man after him, and there are innumerable before him.'⁴⁵

"All of mankind is sinful. Only one creature did not taste, I do not say the bitter taste, but I say also: the bitter stink, of sin. It was Mary, My most beloved Mother, the one who did not make Me regret the Paradise I left behind to become Flesh in your midst and redeem your flesh, because in Mary I continually found the eternal purities and bright loves that are in Heaven. In her was the Father who caressed her as the Perfect One among creatures. In her was the Holy Spirit who with His

Fire penetrated her to turn the Virgin into the Mother. Around her were the hosts of angels worshipping the Trinity in a creature.

"Mary's womb! Mary's heart! No, the mind most enraptured in God cannot descend to the depth, or rise to the vertex, of these two perfections of purity and love. I illuminate them for some of you, I illuminate them for the dearest of My dear ones. But only when you are where perfect Knowledge is found, will you understand Mary.

"All of mankind is sinful. But there is the sinner who is just a sinner, and there is the wicked man, in other words the one who takes sin to a demoniacal perfection. For the Devil knows how to reach the perfection in Evil, and his most devoted disciples are no less than their master.

"I have already told you: 'Lucifer strives to imitate God, in evil of course. He takes on, I will say, the lifestyle and form of court that the Son of God had. The devil poses as Christ, and like Christ has apostles and disciples. *Among these he will choose the perfect one to turn him into the Antichrist. For now we are in the preparatory period of the forerunners of the Antichrist.*' I already told you that.⁴⁶

"'The wicked man shall be brought to the graves.' It is natural. Lucifer can give his favorites, his followers, his slaves all forms of help, but not immunity from Death, *because I alone am Life and I alone have conquered Death.* Therefore when the sum total of evil committed by the wicked man is complete, I give orders to Death to take possession of that flesh. That flesh therefore knows the horror of the grave. For the wicked man it will be a real grave.

"For the good, for the redeemed, for the forgiven it is not so, because they believe and know on the basis of faith. The grave is a place where the mortal garment turns back to its nature of dust. *Thus the spirit is set free, awaiting the hour when what was created will be formed again to enter into glory or damnation,* with the perfection of creation which God created for human beings: *the union of a spirit to a flesh.* Immortal spirit like God its Creator and Father, and mortal flesh made like an earthly animal, the sovereign of the earth and heir of Heaven too often prefers earth to Heaven and is an 'animal' not on

account of being 'animated,' but on account of living like a brute no less than real animals, and sometimes more so.

"Souls, divided from bodies, have three dwellings. They will have them until there remain but two, after the Judgment that makes no mistakes. The blessed rejoice immediately in the eternal rest. The souls in Purgatory actively carry out their expiation, thinking about the hour of freedom in God. The damned are restless, raging over the good they lost. The more wicked they were, the more restless they are in their terrible torture.

"Now as for the Wicked Man, who with his godlessness swayed others to godlessness and drove others to sin (these are the men and innumerable people spoken of by the Book), he will be like a sleepless tower in a stormy sea. Before him, the crowd of those killed (in their souls) by him; before him, the vivid memory of those many soul-murders committed by him, *and remorse*, which has given no peace to killers since the day Cain shed his brother's blood,⁴⁷ *will lash him far more dreadfully than hell's scourges.*

"He will watch over his Crime, he who hurled himself against God in God's creatures and like a furious wild beast wrought havoc in souls. How awful to have before oneself the proof of one's misdeed! Punishment upon the other punishments! Horror beyond numbers [fitting] the Wicked Man's countless sins among sinners.

"Now, Maria, to comfort your heart which is becoming depressed before extracts from another world where God's Love does not rule but His Sternness does, lift up your spirit as you listen to these words just for you and the souls like you.

"Do you know what hearts given to Love mean to Me? They are My Paradise on earth. You are the ones who bring a little piece of heaven onto this poor world, and on that little piece the Son of God sets foot to come find His delight among the Father's children.

"Open your heart to your Jesus. Give Me your heart. Give it to Me completely. I want it, as Physician and Friend of spirit and of flesh, as Spouse and God who has chosen you for your faith and your bold sentiment of love."

21. A truce as opposed to peace

In His dictations to Maria Valtorta, Jesus often speaks about current events and draws spiritual teachings from them. Here He warns about the truce about to follow World War II, calling it a truce, not real peace.

August 15, 1943

Extract

Q43:132-133

Jesus says:

"War means ruin for many, but also profit for many, and for the sake of one's profit, one disregards the collective profit. You love one another so little that each one of you lives shut in his own selfishness and armed with stings for his neighbor...."

"That is not the way to obtain what is asked for. The truce will come, because come it must, but it will be only a truce. A truce is one thing and peace another. Peace means external and internal harmony, sought for and wanted with spiritual sight and sentiment."

"If only you could come to Me, with lips and souls clean and fired with true charity, I would give you this peace. I would give it to you against all the obstacles which Evil would set up to prevent it, because I am the eternal Conqueror. But even among the not many who will pray in the churches today for this, few, very few will have the requirements that make prayer powerful. It is a painful and ghastly truth, but it is no use hushing it up because its evil remains though hidden."

"Poor people, how evil you are! Were this truth to thunder from the heavens, people would be offended like the Pharisees when I used to denounce them, disclosing their secret vices."

"But it is as I say. True and holy peace is not desired by all. You are so slow-witted and riddled with wicked tendencies that you do not even manage to hear the tone of truth which One better than you reveals to you. But that is the truth. There cannot be another truth because there is only one truth."

*"We are still back at that discourse: 'What if ten upright people should be found there?'⁴⁸ But the just are so few against the mass of the unjust. Satan has a vast number of children and servants. The Son of God, when it comes to *real* children and *real* servants, has an insignificant number of them. It is in this unbalance that the cause of your ruin is found."*

22. Christ will reign and evangelize with new power

Christ will not reign on earth physically, as the millenarianists would have us believe. He will nevertheless reign spiritually, spreading His beneficial influence all over the earth.

August 16, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:133-136

Jesus says:

"I am the 'First-born from the dead'⁴⁹ according to both the human and the divine orders.

"I am first-born according to the human order because, on My Mother's side, I am a son of Adam. *I am the first of those generated in Adam's race to have been born as all the children of those created by My Father should have been born.*

"Don't open your eyes wide, [Maria]. By God's will, Mary was born spotless *and this preservation was willed justly, to prepare My coming. But without a special will, Mary, born of a man and woman joined together in accordance with the law of nature, would have been no different from all the other children coming from the contaminated root of Adam.* She would have been a great upright woman, like many men and women of the ancient times, but nothing more. *Grace, the soul's Life, would have been killed in her by original sin.*

"It is I who have conquered death and *D e a t h*, I who have called back to Life the dead of Limbo. They were asleep, like Lazarus, whose resurrection⁵⁰ hints at this more real one. I called them, and they rose again. I was born of a woman, a daughter of Adam yes but without original stain, in other words as all of Adam's children should have been. *I am therefore the First-born of Adam according to the natural order: I was born alive in the midst of those begotten dead by Adam.*

"I am the 'First-born' according to the divine order *because I am the Father's Son, Begotten, not created by Him.*

"To beget means to produce a life. To create means to form. I can create a new flower. The artist can create a new work. But only a father and a mother can beget a life.

"I am therefore the 'First-born' *because, born of God, I am at the head of all those born (according to grace) of God.*

"By My Death I violently shook the doors of the beyond and drew out the sleeping unto the first resurrection. *At the same time, I opened the sluices of the mystical lakes in whose cleansing the sign that kills is washed off. Thus the Death of the spirit, the real Death, dies; and the Life of the spirit, the real Life, is born.*

"At last, I am the 'First-born' from the dead because My Flesh was *first* to enter Heaven, which at the last Resurrection the fleshs of the saints will enter. Meanwhile, *their spirits await in the Light the glorification of their complete selves. This complete glorification is just, because they sanctified themselves by overcoming the flesh and martyrizing it to bring it to victory. It is just, because the disciples are like the Master, out of the Master's loving will, and I, your Master, entered Glory with My Flesh that was martyred for God's glory.*

"Further on I will speak to you about the two resurrections, which you people always see with human reference points, whereas they should be seen with spiritual sight.

"*My being divinely and humanly First-born gives Me, therefore, sovereign rights, because it is always a king's first-born who inherits the crown. And which king is more of a King than My Father?*

"He is the *eternal King* whose reign has neither beginning nor end, and against which all enemies are powerless. He is *sole King*, rival-less, who raises Me as He begets Me to His own sovereignty because I am One with the Father, consubstantial with Him, inseparable from Him, a living, active, perfect part of Him. He is the *holy, holy, holy King* of such Perfection that the human mind cannot imagine it. Blazing in Heaven, on earth and over the nether regions, overflowing over the mountains, investing with Itself all that is—such is My Father's glorious holiness, a holiness which We worship because it is from it that We are begotten and from which We proceed.

"Glory, glory, glory be to the Father; Maria, always glory to Him because from Him every good comes *and the first Good is I, your Savior.*

"My reign is not of this earth, according to what reigning means on earth. But it is a Reign *over* the earth, because I will reign over the earth. *I will have a real, manifest reign, not only*

spiritual as it is now and over few. The hour will come when I am sole and true King of this earth which I purchased with My Blood, of which I was made King by My Father with all power over it. When will I come? What is the hour compared with eternity? And what will the hour matter to you when you are in eternity?

"I shall come. I will not have a new flesh because I already have a perfect one. I will evangelize, not as I once evangelized, but with new power, because then the good shall be not humanly good as the disciples at My first coming were, they will be spiritually good, and the wicked will be spiritually wicked, satanically wicked, perfectly wicked. Therefore the method will be in keeping with the circumstances, because if I used the method of 20 centuries ago it would be exceeded by the perfect in good, and it would give the satanic ones the means to offend the glorified Word in a way He must not be offended. Like a fine-meshed net I will drag behind My Light those who have reached spiritual sharpness. But those who became clumsy from uniting the flesh with Satan—they, the Dead of the spirit whom soul-decay keeps stuck in the mud—they will not enter My Light. They will complete their self-corruption by uniting with Evil and Darkness.

"For now I prepare that time in the future by an extraordinary use of the Word that comes down from the heavens to enlighten the souls ready to receive it. I turn you into the radiotelephone operators intent on hearing the teaching which is perfect and which I had already given and which I do not change, because there is only One Truth. My teaching, however, has been forgotten or twisted, forgotten too much and twisted too much, because it came in handy to forget it and twist it.

"I am doing this because I have mercy on Mankind that is dying without the bread of the spirit. As I gave Myself as bread for your souls, likewise now I give My Word as bread for your spirits. And I repeat: 'Happy are those who listen to God's word and comply with it.'"⁵¹

23. More about the new evangelization

August 16, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:136-139

Jesus says:

"I said that My new coming will have a new method and power in keeping with the circumstances and I explained to you [Maria] what people will be like then. *The time of the spirit must come.*

"Mankind started off from a deep darkness and from a dreadful weight of mud, after losing divine Light *of its own will* by giving heed to the enemy's seduction. The true essence of this seduction is hinted at in the fruit that teaches Good and Evil, which in other words revealed to mankind what God, for its own good, had concealed from the matter, from the mind, from the heart. How pure, how peaceful, how upright, how godly all of you would have been had you not bit into the threefold concupiscence which is sweet to the mouth, but more bitter to the spirit than the vinegar and gall offered to Me on the Cross!⁵²

"Fallen from their paradisiacal dwelling on earth, crushed by the revelation of their flesh desecrated by lust, tortured by the remorse of having caused their own evil, anguished by the conviction that they had aroused God the Creator's punitive anger, they were but poor animal beings in which all the lower forces struggled and gained strength.

"I already pointed out to you⁵³ [Maria] the difference between the precepts given to Moses and Mine. Moses' were necessary, in their provoking crudeness, to curb the tendencies of people who were pieces of flesh barely moved by souls wounded to death and stunned in a spiritual coma. The memory of the Light lost survived in their souls' depths and led their steps towards the light.⁵⁴ It was a very tiring journey because matter is heavier than the spirit and drags downwards. Every so often the goodness of the Eternal One gave mankind 'beacons' for the stormy crossing towards the real Light. The patriarchs and the prophets were the beacons of mankind seeking the harbor of Light.

"Then came the One whom John, the Beloved, calls 'the true Light which enlightens everyone.'⁵⁵

"I came, I Light of the world and Word of the Father, and I brought back to you Peace with the Father, the embrace which makes people become children of the Most High again.

"I am the One who rekindled the dying life of your spirits.

"I am the One who taught you the necessity of being born in the spirit.

"I am the One who gathered in My Person all the Light, Wisdom and Love of the Triad and brought it to you.

"I am the One who with My sacrifice fixed the chain, where it had been snapped off, binding you anew to the Father and to the Spirit of Truth.

"I am the One who, levering on My scaffold, raised your spirits laid low in the mire and gave them a powerful thrust to proceed towards God's Light, towards Myself who in Heaven am awaiting you.

"Over the centuries, however, few in the world have benefited from it because the world has been preferring darkness to the Light more and more. I, with My atrocious death, have obtained for you the coming of the perfect Spirit; but, over the centuries, mankind has rejected Him more and more, as it has rejected Me, as it has rejected the Father.

"Think of a liqueur being purified: what is heavy drops to the bottom and the clean parts rise. The same thing, throughout the centuries, has been happening to mankind. Those who wanted to remain flesh and blood have fallen lower and lower, while those, the aristocracy of My flock, who wanted to live in the spirit, have become more and more spiritual. In the middle are the nameless lukewarm. There are two contrary mass movements. One group, unfortunately the larger one, absorbs Satan more and more and sinks below the level of beasts. The other group, the smaller one, absorbs Christ more and more; it feeds on His Word—which for 20 centuries has not been silent—and so it becomes more and more able to understand the Spirit.

"When I use special means it is to hasten—because time is getting short—the fullness of the teaching of the Word and the fullness of the spiritual formation of the real disciples, the real subjects of Jesus Christ the King. I am not King of the Jews, as was

ironically said and written⁵⁶ by a weak man who thought he was strong with his poor power. *I am King of the World before the judgment of the world.*

"Mankind, proceeding towards the last hour, must achieve spirituality. But understand Me, [Maria]. God is spirit; Satan is spirit. God is Spirit of Perfection. Satan is a spirit of sin. The mass is split in two of its own will, which God respects; all follow the side of their choice. The children of the Most High and My brothers and sisters choose God's side and out of love for Us spiritualize the flesh. Satan's slaves and the Beast's offspring choose Lucifer's side, and for the sake of the slavery which they themselves wanted, they kill the spirit under carnality, they turn their spirits into foul and disgusting flesh and blood.

"I will reign over, and in, the spirits having reached that maturity which today is that of individuals and then will be that of the whole mass of real Christians. At that time I shall address this group only, perfecting it with the last teaching through a new evangelization, no different in meaning, which cannot change, but different in its power which they will be able to understand then and which they could not today. The proof is that I must choose special creatures worthy of that much through their own efforts or made worthy through a miracle of love.

"Twenty centuries ago I spoke to everyone. When the time comes I will speak to these only, convinced as I am that speaking to the others would be useless. Thus the sorting out of the elect from the reprobate will begin.

"You, poor Maria, are one of these souls made worthy by My will. You have but one good thing: the goodwill of love. But that is the kind of will that is enough for Me. On it I can set My Master's chair to turn the little soul into a pedestal, to say, repeat and repeat again the words of love and invitation to Love, who guides and saves.

"I shall come with My glorified Flesh.

"By saying this I have aroused your curiosity. You would not be a woman if you were not curious. But I say what I think is useful to say for the good of all of you, and not what would be food for the useless curiosity of you all. If I appreciate being the Master, I know how to choose within the Truth the truths which are helpful for you to know, and that is enough.

"So be content knowing this: since the subjects of the Kingdom of the spirit will have spiritualized the flesh, it is fitting that the King be the One who dressed His perfect Spirit with flesh to redeem and sanctify every flesh, the One who sanctified His own flesh with a twofold holiness, because it was an innocent, perfectly %innocent flesh and a flesh immolated in the sacrifice of love.

"I shall come with My glorified Flesh to gather creatures for the last battle against the Enemy. I shall judge in My brilliant appearance of glorified Flesh the bodies of those come to life again for the last judgment. I shall return forever to Heaven, after condemning to eternal death the fleshs that did not want to become spirits; and I shall return to Heaven as resplendent King of a resplendent people. In these, the work of the Father, of the Son, of the Spirit shall be glorified with the creation of the perfect human body such as the Father made it in Adam, beautiful with indescribable beauty; glorified with the redemption of Adam's seed by the Son's work; glorified with the sanctification wrought by the Spirit."

24. The judgment of the wicked

August 17, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:140-141

Jesus says:

"When I put in the Beloved's mouth that also those who pierced Me shall see Me,⁵⁷ I do not mean to refer to those who pierced Me twenty centuries ago.

"When I come, the time of the triumph of My Kingdom shall have come. I explained to you⁵⁸ [Maria] what the Kingdom and its subjects will be like. It will be the time of the testimony of the spirit, the divine part enclosed in all of you and which gives you the image of God and likeness to Him. Being such, the spiritual parts are what will be in question before the ruling, the judgment that separates the cursed from the blessed.⁵⁹ The cursed shall include those who with their sacrilegious spirits, which sought after the Beast, worshipped the Beast and prostituted with the Beast, have pierced over the centuries the divine spirit of the Son of God after having, in the founders of the cursed series, pierced the fleshs of the Son of Man.

"Son of Man. Have you ever reflected that the truth explained yesterday is in these words? I am, by human ancestry, the (first-born) Son of Adam.

"The swarm of those piercing Me is numerous like sand on the seashore. Countless are its grains.

"All the crimes, all the sins committed against Me—by now untouchable by human suffering, but still susceptible to the offenses against My Spirit—are written in the books that call to mind the works of human beings.

"All the betrayals after My kindnesses, all the abjurations, all the denials and sins against the Truth brought by Me, all the sins against the Holy Spirit who spoke through Me and who through My merit came to illuminate the words of the Word, all these piercings, done over the centuries by the race I wanted to save though I knew it was so opposed to Good—all will be present in the inner depths of the gathered spirits. In the dazzling Light of My lightning, these shall acknowledge what they did with their stubborn wills to challenge what was said and done by One who could neither lie nor do works useless according to the divine law of love.

"The deniers of Love are those who have pierced Me, those who have struck Me and along with Me the One who generated Me and the One who proceeds from Our love of Father and Son. Every judgment has been submitted to the Son, but the Son will pronounce judgment also on the sins committed against the Father and the Spirit.

"The bringer of Life, the eternal Living One and the eternal Immolated One—the world wanted Him dead, killed as a harmful criminal is killed, whereas I was the Holy One who forgave, the Good One who helped, the Powerful One who healed, the Wise One who taught. He Himself, the bringer of the Life lived in Heaven, shall open the doors of real Death and put in the bodies and souls of His piercers. He will shut Hell's doors on the untouchable group of the cursed, who preferred Death to Life.

"That's what I shall do, because I, Jesus Christ, Son of God, your Savior and Lord, eternal Judge, have the keys of Death and of Hell."

25. The overcomers of Apocalypse 2:7

August 18, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:141-143

Jesus says:

"I continue explaining to you the passages that I think timely.

"It is said: 'To the one who overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life ...'⁶⁰ That thought has been applied to Me.

"Yes, I am the tree of eternal life and give Myself to you people as food in the Eucharist, and *seeing Me* will be the overcomers' joyful food in the next life. But there is another meaning unknown to many, precisely because many who comment upon Me are not 'overcomers.'

"Who is an overcomer? What does it take to be one? Works ringing with heroism? No, then those who overcome would be too few. *Overcomers are those who overcome within themselves the Beast that would like to get the upper hand of them. In truth, between the dreadful but brief martyrdom assisted by supernatural and natural factors, and the secret, unknown and constant struggle, the one of greater weight on God's scales—or at least the one of a weight of a different, precious kind—is the struggle.*

"No tyrant is worse than the flesh and the Devil. And those who can overcome the flesh and the Devil and turn their flesh to a spirit and the Devil into a loser, they are the overcomers.

"But to be such they need to have given themselves totally to Love. Totally: those who love with all their strength keep nothing for themselves, and keeping nothing for themselves keep nothing for the flesh or for the devil. They give their God everything and God gives those who love Him everything.

"He gives them His Word. This is what He gives the overcomers to eat, starting on this earth, and He could have given them nothing greater. He gives Me, the Father's Word, to be food of the spirit consecrated to heaven.

"My Words come down to feed the souls wholly given to their Lord God. My Words come to be priests and leaders for you people who seek true guidance and notice so many weak guides on account of the crowds that perish without true

guidance. *You who have understood Truth, you know that only this is necessary: to live on My Words, believe in My Words, progress according to My Words.*

"What do you think [Maria] of someone who wants to live on sweets, liquor and tobacco? You say he will die because that is not the food he needs to live healthily. *The same is true of someone who works hard for a thousand outward appearances and does not look after what the nucleus of the soul's whole life is: My Words.*

"Why do the Mass, the Eucharist, and Confession not sanctify you people as should ensue? *Because for you they are for form's sake; you do not make them fruitful by paying attention to My Words. Worse yet, you stifle My Words that I send from on High, from Heaven, to rebuke and enlighten you, smothering them with lukewarmness, hypocrisy and more or less serious sin.*

"You do not love Me: that's the problem. To love does not mean an occasional superficial visit of worldly courtesy. *To love means to live with the soul united and fused with, and kindled by, the one and only fire that nourishes another soul. Then in the fusion, understanding also comes about.*

"I speak no longer from afar, from on High in the heavens. I, and with Me the Father and the Spirit because We are one single thing, *I settle in the heart that loves Me⁶¹ and My words are no longer a whisper but full Voice, no longer now and then but uninterrupted. Then I am really the 'Master.'* I am the One who twenty centuries ago tirelessly spoke to the crowds and who now finds His delight in speaking to His favorites who know how to listen to Him and of whom I make My waterways of grace.

"How much Life I give to you people! True Life, holy Life, eternal Life, joyful Life *by means of My words which are the Father's words and the Spirit's love.* Yes, how in truth I give the 'overcomer' to eat the fruit of the tree of life. *I give it to you starting on this earth with My spiritual doctrine which I come back to bring among people so that not all should perish. I give it to you in the next life with My being among you forever.*

"I am the true Life. Remain in Me, My beloved ones, and you will not experience death."

26. The hidden manna of Apocalypse 2:17

August 19, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:143-144

Jesus says:

"Still seeing the Beloved's words through My eyes, one can understand that 'the hidden manna'⁶² too is My Word. *It is manna because it gathers all the sweetness of love of Our Trinity which is Father, Brother and Spouse of your souls and loves you with the three highest loves. It is hidden because it is said in the depths of the hearts of those worthy to taste it.*

"I would really like being able to shower it on everyone and feed everyone with it. But it is said: 'Do not give the pearls to the pigs and the holy things to the dogs.'⁶³ Although they were cleansed in My Baptism and redeemed by My Blood, many are viler than pigs and more doggish than dogs.

"[Maria,] you have read that the manna in the desert spoiled for the ancient Hebrews unworthy to have it.⁶⁴ They were unworthy due to their lack of faith and their human worries. *Can I have less respect for My Word than I had for the manna destined to feed the belly, whereas the Word is destined to feed the spirit?*

"Therefore I give manna to those who overcome the lower part with all its tendencies to lack of faith, to the senses, to narrow-minded and selfish cares. I give the manna of My Word that fills your spirits with sweetness and light. I give 'a white pebble, and in the pebble, a new name written.'⁶⁵ In other words, *in the pebble, a Truth is revealed which is withheld from the unworthy. It is the Truth which opens the doors of eternal Life for you, which gives you the keys to it and puts you on the Way to reach the Gate of My heavenly City.*

"I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.⁶⁶ Outside of Me there is no other way, truth and life. Those who overcome all obstacles to follow Me will become pillars of My temple. Through the Word they kept and put in practice, after being saved in the frightful hour of trial from the temptation that kills, they will have a seat on My own throne, together with the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit."

27. A void in the mystical forest

August 19, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:144-145

Jesus further says:

"The world is perishing because it has not kept My Word, because it has neglected it and scoffed at it. *No human power will be of use to stop the world's rush to the abyss because the world and its powers lack the thing that saves: My Law.*

"A void has been made in the mystical forest I had grown for you people so you would have a dwelling in the shade of My far-sighted love. Your sins have made it, and in this void the perpetual Serpent has taken over as ruler, poisoning you with his breath and killing you with his bite and preventing My Law from being an agent of Good within you.

"You have smoke, poison, horror and hopelessness within you and around you. Yet you could have had Light, Peace, Hope, Joy. You could have had this, had you followed My Word, because I consumed all the horror of life to keep you from it and I did so with that atrocity of agony which I suffered for you.

"But you have thrown My gift away and have called Satan your master and king. And Satan teaches you and controls you, and brines you and whips you to make you worthy of his hell."

28. More about the Antichrist

August 20, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:145-149

Jesus says:

"If one properly studied what has been happening for some time, and especially since the beginnings of this century that precedes the year 2000, one should think that the seven seals have been opened.⁶⁷ Never as now have I roused Myself to come back in your midst with My Words to gather the troops of My elect to set out with them and with My angels to give battle to the occult forces that work to uncover for mankind the gates of the abyss.

"War, famine, plagues, instruments of military manslaughter—worse than the fierce beasts spoken of by My Favorite—

earthquakes, signs in the sky, eruptions from the depths of the ground; and miraculous callings, to the mystical ways, of little souls moved by Love, persecutions against My followers, loftiness of souls and vileness of bodies: none of the signs is missing by which the time of My Anger and of My Justice may seem at hand to you people.

"In the horror you are going through,⁶⁸ you cry out: 'Time has come! It can't get any more awful!' In a loud voice you call on the end to free you. The guilty call on it, scorning and cursing as always. The good call on it, unable to see Evil triumph over Good any more.

"Peace, My elect! A little longer and I will come. *The sum total of sacrifice necessary to justify the creation of mankind and the Sacrifice of the Son of God is not yet complete.* The deployment of My troops is not yet finished and the angels of the Sign have not yet put the glorious seal on all the foreheads of those who have deserved to be selected for glory.⁶⁹

"The disgrace of the earth is such that its smoke, little different from that arising from Satan's dwelling, rises to the foot of God's throne with sacrilegious onslaught. Before the apparition of My glory, east and west must be purified to be worthy of the appearing of My Face.

"There are incense that purifies and oil that consecrates the great, boundless altar where the last Mass will be celebrated by Me, the eternal Pontiff, served at the altar by all the saints that heaven and earth will have at that hour. Those incense and oil are the prayers and sufferings of My saints, those dear to My Heart, those already marked with My Sign, the blessed Cross, before the angels of the Sign mark them.

"*It is on the earth that the sign is engraved and it is your will that engraves it. Then the angels fill it with white-hot gold which cannot be removed and which makes your foreheads shine like the sun in My Paradise.*

"Great is today's horror,⁷⁰ My beloved ones, but how much, how terribly much more it must still increase to be the Horror of the end times! If it truly seems that wormwood has been mixed to the bread, wine, and sleep of people, much, terribly much more wormwood must still drip into your waters, onto your tables, onto your poor beds before you have reached the total bitterness that will

be the mate of the last days of this race created by Love, saved by Love and which has prostituted itself to Hatred.

"Cain roamed all over the land for having killed an innocent blood, albeit infected with original sin. He found no one who could pull him out of the torment of remembering, because God's sign was on him for his punishment. He procreated in bitterness and in bitterness lived and saw others live, and in bitterness he died. What then shouldn't the human race suffer, for having killed in fact and killing in desire the absolutely innocent Blood which saved it?

"Accordingly, you are to think that these are the warning signs, *but it is not yet the hour.*

*"They are here, the forerunners of the one who, as I said, can call himself: 'Negation,' 'Evil made flesh,' 'Horror,' 'Sacrilege,' 'Son of Satan,' 'Revenge,' 'Destruction,' and I could go on giving him clearly and dreadfully informative names. But he is not here yet."*⁷¹

"He will be someone very high up, high up like a heavenly body: not a human star that shines in a human sky, but a heavenly body from a supernatural sphere. Giving in to the Enemy's enticement, he will experience pride after humility, atheism after faith, lust after chastity, the craving for gold after evangelical poverty, the thirst for honors after concealment.

"It would be less frightful to see a star of the vault of heaven shoot down than it will to see this elect creature hurtle down into Satan's coils, copying the sin of his chosen father. Lucifer, out of pride, became the Cursed and Dark One. The Antichrist, out of the pride of one hour, will become the cursed and dark one after having been a heavenly body in My army.

"His abjuration shall shake the heavens under a deep shudder of horror and make the pillars of My Church tremble in the dismay brought about by his fall. As a reward for his abjuration, he shall get Satan's help in full. Satan will give him the keys of the hole of the abyss for him to open it,⁷² *in fact to throw it completely open to let out the instruments of horror which Satan has been putting together for thousands of years to drive people to utter hopelessness, so that on their own they would call upon Satan as King and rush after the Antichrist to follow him. The Antichrist will be the only one who can throw the gates of the abyss open to let*

the King of the abyss out, just as Christ opened the gates of the Heavens to let out grace and forgiveness which turn human beings into gods like God and kings of an eternal Kingdom in which I am the King of kings.

"As the Father gave Me all power, so will Satan give the Anti-christ all power, and especially all power of seduction, to sway into his retinue the weak and those corroded by the fevers of ambitions as he, their head, is. But in his unbridled ambition he will find Satan's supernatural forms of help still too little and he will seek other help in Christ's enemies. These shall be armed with deadlier and deadlier weapons, such as their lust for Evil was able to lead them to create in order to spread hopelessness among the crowds. They will help him until God utters His 'Enough!' and reduces them to ashes with the radiance of His countenance."⁷³

"There has been much, too much aimless speculation over the centuries on what John says in chapter 10 of the Apocalypse. It was not out of a good yearning and a respectable desire to find a remedy for the imminent evil, it was only out of useless curiosity. But I want you to know, Maria, that I allow you people to know what can be useful to know, and I veil what I find good for you not to know.

"You are too weak, My poor children, to know the names of horror of the seven Apocalyptic thunders."⁷⁴ My angel said to John: 'Seal up the things which the seven thunders have spoken; and write them not.'⁷⁵ I say that it is not yet the hour for what was sealed to be opened, and if John did not write it down I will not say it.

"After all, it does not befall you to taste that horror"⁷⁶ and so... All that is left for you to do is pray for those who will have to go through it. Pray for strength not to fail them. Pray for them not to go over to the crowd of those who, under the harsh scourge, shall not hear of penance and shall blaspheme God instead of calling on Him for help. Many of these are already on earth and their offspring shall be seven times seven more demoniacal than they.

"I, not My angel, I Myself swear that when the thunder of the seventh trumpet is over and the horror of the seventh scourge has been carried out,"⁷⁷ without Adam's race acknowledging Christ the King, Lord, Redeemer and God, and calling upon His Mercy, His Name in

which is salvation, I, for My Name's sake and My Nature's sake, swear that I will freeze the moment in eternity. Time will cease and the Judgment will begin,⁷⁸ the Judgment that forever divides Good from Evil after thousands of years of cohabitation on earth.

"Good shall go back to the source from which it came. Evil will fall to where it had been hurled down at the time of Lucifer's uprising and from where it came out to derange Adam's weakness in the seduction of the senses and of pride.

"Then God's mystery shall come to an end. Then you shall know God. Everyone, everyone from earth, from Adam to the last born, gathered like grains of sand on the dune of the eternal country, shall see the Lord God, Creator, Judge, King.

"Yes, you will all see this God whom you have loved, blasphemed, followed, scorned, blessed, held in contempt, served, shunned. You shall see Him. Then you shall know how much He deserved your love and how praiseworthy it was to serve Him.

"Oh! The joy of those who will have worn themselves out in loving Him and obeying Him! Oh! The terror of those who have been His Judases, His Cains, of those who preferred to follow the Opponent and the Seducer instead of the incarnate Word in whom Redemption is found; the Seducer instead of Christ the Way to the Father; the Seducer instead of Jesus the most holy Truth; the Seducer instead of the Word true Life."

29. The two witnesses of Apocalypse 11

"And I will give unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth" (Apocalypse 11:3).

August 21, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:150

Jesus says:

"All the masters in the faith—Pontiffs, bishops, inspired souls, doctors of the Church, souls permeated by the Light and by the Voice—all of them are hinted at in My two witnesses. With a voice free from every human streak, they have proclaimed Me and the truth of My doctrine and have set the seal of holiness, sorrow and also blood in confirmation of their voice.

"Hated like Me, Master of masters, Saint of saints, they were always more or less tormented by the world and those in power. My witnesses are found to be those who by their very behavior tell the world and the great of this world: 'What you do is not right.' But when the hour of the son of Satan has come, Hell, coming up from the abyss opened by the Antichrist, shall wage a ruthless war against them and, from the human point of view, shall crush and kill them.

"But it will not be a real death. In fact, it will be the Life of lives, real and glorious Life. Because if those who follow My Law in the commandments have Life, what infinite fullness of Life will be given to those who follow also My evangelical counsels of perfection and drive their being with Me to total sacrifice out of love for their Jesus, the eternal Immolated One whom they imitate so far as to sacrifice their lives?

"Those who give up the thing dearest to a human being, life, to follow Me out of love for Me and the brothers and sisters, shall be called to an extraordinarily bright resurrection. I will never weary of repeating this: nothing is greater than love in Heaven and on earth, and no love is greater than that of someone who gives up his life for his brothers and sisters."⁷⁹

30. World War II: one of the opening battles

August 21, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:150-152

Jesus further says:

"I told you one day⁸⁰ that in today's tragedy⁸¹ Satan's forces are already on the move and Satan has sent his dark angels to stir up earth's kingdoms against one another. *The supernatural Battle has already begun. It is going on. It keeps behind the scenes of the small-scale human battle.*⁸²

"It is not small-scale in size, it is small-scale as motives go. The small-scale human motive is not, I repeat is not, the battle's cause. It is not. Something else is the real motive which turns brothers into murderous wild beasts that take a bite out of each other and kill each other.

"You fight with your bodies, but what is actually fighting is your souls. You fight by orders of four or five mighty men. You think it is so. No. Only one executor is behind this ruin. He is on earth

because you want him there, but he is not of this earth. Satan is the one pulling the strings of this bloodbath in which it is more the souls that die than the bodies.

"This is one of the opening battles. The kingdom of the Antichrist needs a cement made of blood and hatred to become consolidated.

"And you, no longer able to love, you serve him conscientiously and slit each other's throats, and you curse the One who is not to blame for this evil of yours. You curse God, who battles with His angels to safeguard what is His: Faith in Christians' hearts, Goodness in the hearts of the good.

"I am not the one making a selection, for now. You yourselves are sorting yourselves out, of your own free wills. Those who despite the horror can recognize that God is always God, in other words Goodness and Justice, and that salvation is found in following God's Law, set themselves apart from those who deny these truths. The first rise up to the Light; the others fall towards Darkness.

"Really Satan aspires, with his devils, to scale Heaven a second time. But driven back by My archangel he hurtles down to earth to vanquish God through His children's hearts. For every lost soul is a defeat for God. And Satan easily succeeds because people's hearts no longer have the flame of the spirit. They no longer have the life of the spirit. They are gnarls of sin in which the spirit-killing threefold lust thrives.

"Blessed are those who have overcome by virtue of the Lamb's blood and have remained and will always remain faithful. Blessed are those who shall have rejected Satan and his enticements and not have been anxiety-ridden about his apparent triumphs, his efforts launched at this hour, which he knows to be brief for his reign of malediction. Blessed are those who will remain faithful to Christ and His Church, dismembered by antichristian persecution; the Church, unconquerable martyr like the Great Martyr her Spouse, the Crucified Christ; the Church, rising again more beautiful, after her apparent death, to come glorified into Heaven, where the true Pontiff awaits her to celebrate the wedding."

31. The two beasts

Satan has his loyal arch-demons, one aping Michael, the other aping Gabriel.

August 22, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:152-154

Jesus says:

"I told you one day⁸³ that the eternally jealous one tries to mimic God in all of God's manifestations.

"God has His faithful archangels. Satan has his. Michael, Witness of God, has an infernal imitator, and so does Gabriel, Power of God.

"The first beast, coming out of the sea, who with the voice of blasphemy makes the dupes proclaim: 'Who is like the beast?';⁸⁴ corresponds to Michael. Beaten and wounded by Michael in the battle between the hosts of God and of Lucifer at the beginning of time and healed by Satan, the first beast hates Michael to the death and loves Satan—if one can speak of love between demons; better to say he is absolutely subject to Satan.

"Staunch minister of his cursed king, he uses his intelligence to harm the human race, creation of God, and to serve his master. Power without end or measure he wields to persuade people to strike out from themselves My sign, which fills with horror the spirits of darkness. Once My sign has been taken away (*by sin which takes away grace, the luminous chrism of your being*) the Beast can approach people to lead them to adore him as if he were a god,⁸⁵ and serve him in crime.

"If people only reflected to what subjection they hand themselves over when they espouse sin, they would not sin. But people do not think. They look at the fleeting moment and its joy, and worse than Esau they barter their divine generation for a plate of lentils.⁸⁶

"Nevertheless, Satan does not make use only of this violent seducer of mankind. However little people do reflect, usually there are still too many who, not out of love, but out of fear of punishment, do not want to sin mortally, and so behold the other Satanic minister, the second beast.⁸⁷ Beneath lamb's clothing he has a dragon's spirit.

"He is the second manifestation of Satan and he corresponds to Gabriel, because he announces the Beast and is its stronger power: he is *the one that dismantles without being noticed and persuades with false sweetness that it is right to follow the footsteps of the Beast.*

"It is useless to speak of political power and of the world. If anything, you may attribute the name of *human Power* to the first and *human Science* to the second. While *human Power* by itself produces rebels, when *Science* is merely human it corrupts without producing rebellion and drags to perdition a countless number of followers. How many are lost through intellectual pride which makes them despise the Faith, and how many kill their souls with the pride that separates from God! For though I will reap on the last day the harvest of the world,⁸⁸ *already a reaper is amongst you. It is this spirit of Evil who mows you down and does not turn you into ears of eternal grain, but hay for the dwellings of Satan.*

"One, only one science is necessary. I will repeat it a thousand times: to know God and serve Him, to know Him in all things, to see Him in what happens, and to be able to distinguish Him from His adversary, so as not to fall into perdition. Instead you are concerned about increasing your human knowledge, *to the detriment of superhuman knowledge.*

"I do not condemn Science. In fact I am pleased that mankind should learnedly probe the knowledge which it has been accumulating, so as to be more and more able to understand Me and admire Me in My works. I have given you intelligence for this purpose but you must use it to see God in the law of the stars, in the formation of flowers and in the conception of beings, not use it to violate life or deny the Creator.

"Rationalism, Humanism, Philosophism, Theosophism, Naturalism, Classicism, Darwinism: you have schools and doctrines of all kinds and you are concerned with all of them, though the Truth is much perverted or eliminated in them. It is only the school of Christianity that you do not want to follow and examine closely.

"Such resistance is natural, after all. If you examined your religious culture closely, you would have to either follow the Law, and you do not want to, or openly confess that you want

to trample upon the Law, and again you do not want to. And so *you do not want* to become learned in supernatural Science.

"You poor fools! What will you do with your little schools and your little words when you have to take My exam? You have put out in yourselves the infinite light of true Science and you thought you could enlighten your souls with makeshift light, just like some poor lunatics who would think they have put out the sun and made a new one with many little lamps. But even if the fog hides the sun, the sun is always there in My firmament. Even if with your doctrines you create a fog which veils Knowledge and Truth, Truth and Knowledge still exist because they come from Me, who am eternal.

"Seek true Wisdom and you will understand Science as it should be understood. Clear your souls of all their artificial superstructures, and set up in them the true Faith. Like spires of a spiritual cathedral there shall flower in your souls Science, Wisdom, Intellect and Fortitude, Humility and Temperance, because real scholars know not only what is humanly knowable. They know also the most difficult of all things: self-control with regard to the passions of the flesh and turning their lower parts into the pedestals for their souls to be raised and their spirits to be launched Heavenwards, towards Me, who come and am in all things, and who love to be the true and holy Master of My brothers and sisters."

32. The seven scourges; Babylon; Waterfalls of grace

August 22, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:154-160

Jesus says:

"The last seven scourges⁸⁹ correspond to the seven undescribed thunderclaps.⁹⁰ As always, they are figurative descriptions in which, however, *reality is not totally excluded*. I explain to you [Maria] what I think is fitting in them to be explained to you.

"The first scourge is the ulcer.

"Ever since Moses' times I have punished with loathsome diseases the creatures who commit unforgivable sins against

Me. Miryam, Moses' sister, had her body covered with leprosy for having ill-spoken of My servant Moses.⁹¹ Why shouldn't the same and worse yet happen to those who speak ill of their God? The leprosy, or whatever ulcer it may be, is spreading more and more *because you people have been increasing your sins against God and against God's wonderful work which you are.*

"When you wallow in lust, you think you are not sinning against God? But you really are, because each of you defiles his own body in which his spirit dwells to welcome Me, the Supreme Spirit. And what stage is human lust coming to, carried out by a cool, conscious will? It is best not to probe into this abyss of disgusting human degradation. I tell you, [Maria,] certain animals used to be called unclean,⁹² but human beings have already outdone them and will outdo them more and more and if a new animal could be made by crossing monkeys with snakes and with swine, it would still be less unclean than certain people, whose appearances are human but whose inner selves are more indecent and more repulsive than the filthiest animals.

"As I have told you, [Maria,] mankind is splitting wider and wider apart. The spiritual part, scanty to the utmost, is ascending. The sensual part, extremely large, is sinking. It is sinking into a ghastly depth of vice. When the time of wrath has come, mankind will have reached the ultimate in vice.

"And you expect that their dead souls' inner stench would not seep out and corrupt their flesh, which they worship more than Me and use for all forms of debasement? And as you people will bring about the ulcers, so you will fill with blood the sea and the rivers' waters. You are already filling them with your bloodbaths, and the creatures living in the waters are dwindling, killed by you, which contributes to your hunger. You have trampled so much upon the gifts God gave you for your material needs, that land, sky and waters are becoming your enemies and withhold from you the fruits of the land and the creatures that dwell in waters, rivers, forests and air.

"You murder, you do murder, you trample on the law of love and forgiveness, you spill brotherly blood and especially the blood of the good, whom you persecute precisely because they are good. Take care, though, so that one day God may not make you

satisfy your hunger and quench your thirst with the blood you have spilled, at odds with My order of peace and charity.

"You rebel against the laws I gave you; the heavenly bodies and planets will rebel against you. Until now they have given you light and warmth as you needed, as they obey the rules I have marked out of goodness for you.

"Repulsive illnesses as a sign of your vice; blood in the waters as a token of all the blood you decided to spill, including Mine; fire from the sun to make you try an advance of the undying embers awaiting the cursed; darkness to let you know that darkness is waiting for those who hate the Light—all that to make you think and lead you to repentance.

"But it will be no use. You will go on falling. You will go on with your coalitions with evil, paving the way for the 'Kings of the East,'⁹³ in other words the helpers of the Son of Evil.

"It seems as though My angels are the ones bringing the plagues. In reality, you are the ones. You want them, and you shall get them.

"When you yourselves have become dragons and beasts, for having married the Dragon⁹⁴ and the Beast, you will farrow from your corrupt innards the unclean beings: the absolute demoniacal teachings which, by doing false miracles, will lead astray the powerful and drag them into battling against God. You will be so perverted as to mistake for heavenly marvels that which is hell's invention.

"Maria, I will now take you by the hand to lead you in the most obscure point of John's book. Commentators of John's book have exhausted their intelligence in many deductions to explain to themselves and to the crowds what the 'great Babylon' may be.⁹⁵ With human sight, with which the shocks due to desired events or events having taken place had something to do, they gave the name of Babylon to many things.

"But why have they never thought that the 'great Babylon' is the whole earth? I would be a really small and limited God the Creator had I created only the Earth as an inhabited world! With one pulsation of My will, I gave rise to worlds upon worlds from nothingness and hurled them, like luminous fine dust, into the hugeness of heaven's vault.

"The Earth, which you earthlings are so proud of and so cruel to, is but one of the fine specks of dust rotating in the boundlessness, and not the largest one. Yet it is *undoubtedly the most depraved*. The millions of worlds which delight your eyes in clear nights teem with lives upon lives upon lives, and *God's perfection will be apparent to you when you can see, with the intellectual sight of the spirit reunited to God, the marvels of those worlds.*

"Is Earth by any chance not the 'great harlot' that fornicated with all the powers of earth and hell? Haven't earthlings prostituted themselves body and soul so as to triumph in earth's days?

"Yes it is so. *Earth's crimes have all the names of blasphemy, as does the Beast with which Earth and its inhabitants have allied themselves to triumph. The seven sins are like a horrible ornament on the head of the Beast which leads Earth and earthlings to the pasture of Evil, and the ten horns,⁹⁶ a metaphorical number, show the infinite foul deeds done to get, whatever the cost, all that the Beast's frenzied greed decrees.*

"Is Earth by any chance not soaked with the martyrs' blood? Isn't it drunken with this holy liquor *which, being swallowed by its sacrilegious mouth, has turned within it into a potion of cursed drunkenness?* The Beast which drives the Earth is the combination and synthesis of all the evil done since Adam onwards. *In order to triumph in the world and in the flesh, it draws behind itself those who, worshipping it, will become sovereigns of one hour and of a doomed reign. You are sovereigns as children of God, with an eternal reign. But you become sovereigns of one hour and of a doomed reign when you worship Satan, who can give you nothing but a fleeting triumph paid for at the cost of an eternity of horror.*

"The Beast, John says, *was and is not.*⁹⁷ At the end of the world, it shall be thus. 'It was,' because it really existed; 'it is not,' because I, Christ, will have defeated it and buried it because it will no longer be necessary, then, for the triumphs of the world.⁹⁸

"Isn't Earth sitting on the waters of its seas, and hasn't it used these to do harm? What has it not used? Peoples, nations, races, borders, the economy, food, expansion, *everything has been of use for it to fornicate and carry out boundless slayings and Iscariotical betrayals. Earth's own children, fed by it with sin-blood, will carry out God's vengeance on it, destroying it, destroying them-*

selves, bringing the sum total of crimes against God and against humanity to the complete number which demands My thundering: 'Enough!'

"At that hour the blood of martyrs and of prophets will boil again, steaming with an agreeable fragrance up to My throne. And the clods of the earth, which gathered the moans of those killed out of hatred for Me and which received their last tremblings, will give out a great yell, made of all those holy moans. And the clods will quake with dread's upheaval, shaking the cities and people's homes where sin and murder are committed, and filling them with a voice urging the vault of Heaven for Justice.

"And Justice there will be. I will come. I will come because I am Faithful and Truthful. I will come to give Peace to the faithful and holy Judgment to those who have lived. I will come with My name whose meaning is known only to Me and whose letters indicate all of the main attributes of God of whom I am Part and Whole.

"Write down: Gesù:⁹⁹ Greatness, Eternity, Sanctity, Unity. Write down: Cristo:¹⁰⁰ Charity, Redemption, Immensity, Sagacity,¹⁰¹ Trinity, Omnipotence (of God summarized in the name of the Word made flesh). And if you think that some attributes are missing, realize that Justice is included in sanctity, because who is holy is just; Kingship is included in greatness; Creating, in omnipotence. In My name, the praises of God are therefore proclaimed.

"Holy name whose sound crushes demons. Name of Life giving Life, Light, Strength to those who love You and call upon You.

"Name which is a crown on My head¹⁰² as conqueror of the Beast and its prophet who will be taken, thrust into, drowned and buried in, the liquid and never-ending fire whose biting fierceness is unimaginable to human senses.

"Then it will be the time of My Kingdom on Earth. There will be, therefore, a respite from demoniacal crimes to give people time to hear heaven's voices again. Once the force that unleashes horror has been driven away, great spiritual streams will come down like waterfalls of grace, like rivers of heavenly waters, to speak words of Light.

"But as people over the centuries did not welcome the isolated Voices which spoke about Good, beginning with the Voice of the Word, likewise people will be deaf, always deaf—except those marked with My sign, My most beloved friends aiming at following Me. The others will be deaf to the voices of many spirits, to the voices which like the sound of many waters will sing the new canticle¹⁰³ to guide the nations towards the Light and above all towards Me, the eternal Word. When the last attempt has been made,¹⁰⁴ Satan will come for the last time and will find followers at the four corners of the earth, and they will be more numerous than the sand of the sea.¹⁰⁵

"Oh! Christ Jesus, You who died to save mankind! Only God's patience could have waited so long, done so much, and obtained so little without taking His gift back from mankind and destroying it long before the set hour! *Only My Patience which is Love* was able to wait for you all, knowing that like sand filtered through a very fine sieve a few rare souls would come to glory compared to the mass *which does not know, does not want to filter through the sieve of the Law, of Love, of Sacrifice, to come to Me.*

"But at the hour of My coming, when in My capacity as God, King and Judge, I come to gather the elect and curse the reprobate, casting these where the Antichrist, the Beast and Satan will already be forever,¹⁰⁶ after the supreme victory of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Conqueror of Death and Evil, *to these elect who were able to remain 'alive' in life, alive in the spirit while waiting for our hour of triumph, I will give the possession of the heavenly abode, I will give Myself without pause and without measure.*

"Aim for that hour, Maria. Call it and call Me with all the strengths of your spirit. *Here, I already come when a soul calls Me.* Together with the Beloved who saw from the Earth the glory of the Lamb, Son of God, the glory of his and your Jesus, say, with your every heartbeat: 'Come, Lord Jesus.'¹⁰⁷

[Maria Valtorta comments:]

In dictating to me, Jesus gives me to understand that when He says "Earth" [with a capital E], He does not mean the globe of dust and water, He means *all people taken as a union of persons.* I do not know if I can explain it well. When He says "Earth"

[with a capital E] He means, I will put it this way, *corporate entity*,¹⁰⁸ and when He says "earth" [with a small e] He simply means a planet made up of clods, mountains, water. The first is guilty, the second, innocent.

This is why He can say without contradicting Himself that the martyrs' blood became a poison for the Earth that drank it (in its earthlings) with sacrilegious wrath and spilled it (in its government powers) with a blasphemous abuse of temporal power; whereas the earth-globe, rotating in outer space, respectfully drank the martyrs' blood and lovingly welcomed their dying convulsions, and presents both to the Everlasting One, asking, maternal and compassionate, that they should not have been spilled or suffered for nothing and that justice be done to them.

33. The two resurrections

The following extract shows the vital link between the End Times and the particular judgment. Just as the End Times lead to the physical end of the world and the general judgment, so our personal lives come to a bodily end and the particular judgment.

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Complete dictation

Q43:161-162

Jesus says:

"Before ending this cycle, something needs to be said about the two resurrections.

"The first¹⁰⁹ begins when the soul is separated from the body and appears before Me in the particular judgement. But it is only a partial resurrection. Rather than a resurrection one could say a *release* of the spirit from the envelope of the flesh, and the spirit's *wait* until it is reunited to the flesh to rebuild the living temple created by the Father, the temple of the human being created in God's image and likeness.

"A work with a piece missing is incomplete and therefore imperfect. The human being, a perfect work in its creation, is incomplete and imperfect if it is not reunited in its various parts. Destined to the luminous Kingdom or to the murky abode, human beings must be forever in these [heaven or hell] with their perfection of flesh and spirit.

"Therefore, one can speak of a *first* and of a *second* resurrection. But consider.

"The one who has killed his spirit with an earthly life of sin comes to Me, in the particular judgement, with a spirit already dead. The final resurrection will bring about that *his flesh takes up again the weight of the dead spirit to die with it utterly*. Whereas the one who has overcome the flesh in his earthly life comes to me, in the particular judgment, with a *living* spirit which, as it enters Heaven, increases its *life*.

"Those in purgatory too are alive; ill, but alive. Having recovered through expiation, they will enter the place which is Life. At the final resurrection their spirits, alive with My Life to which they will be indissolubly united, *take up the flesh again to make it glorious and to live with it completely, just as I live with it*.

"That is why one can speak of a *first* and of a *second death*¹¹⁰ and, consequently, of a *first* and a *second resurrection*. The latter is eternal possession of Light—because in Heaven you possess God, and God is Light. Individuals must reach it *of their own free wills, just as of their own free wills they wanted to lose Light and Paradise. I give you the help you need, but the will must be yours*.

"I am faithful. I have created you free and leave you free. And if you think how worthy of admiration God's respect for human free will is, you can understand *how duty-bound you are not to misuse it by doing evil with it*, and how duty-bound you are to have respect, gratefulness and love for the Lord your God.

"To those who have not deviated from their duty I say: 'Your dwelling in Heaven is ready, and I burn with desire that you be in My Bliss.'"

34. A clear sequence of historical periods

In this text, Jesus gave Maria Valtorta a clear outline of the historical periods to take place from 1943 until the end of the world.

August 27, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:288-289

Jesus says:

"Even in the Apocalypse the periods seem to get mixed up, but it is not so. It would be better to say that they have more and more majestic repercussions in subsequent times.

"We are now in the period which I call that of *the forerunners of the Antichrist*. Then it will be the period of the *Antichrist* who is the *forerunner of Satan*. The Antichrist will be assisted by Satan's manifestations: the two beasts spoken of in the Apocalypse. It will be a period worse than the current one. Evil increases more and more. Once the Antichrist is beaten, the period of peace will come to give mankind—struck by the wonder of the seven scourges and the fall of Babylon—time to gather under My sign. The antichristian age will rise to its utmost violence in its third manifestation, *in other words when it is the last coming of Satan*.

"Do you people understand? You must believe, not split hairs. Truly, Maria, you did understand, precisely because you don't split hairs. The dictations do not contradict one another. One must know how to read them with faith and simplicity of heart.

"Like someone who cares to let someone else grasp something, I always go straight to the most important thing, which here is My Kingdom. Because in My Kingdom there is the justification for My having become flesh and having died. Because in My Kingdom there is the proof of My infinite power, goodness, wisdom. Because in My Kingdom there is the proof of eternal life, of the resurrection of the flesh, of My authority as Judge. Consequently, when I spoke to explain the Apocalypse, the individual points I expounded were nearly always crowned with My Judgment, My triumph, My Kingdom, and Satan's defeat in himself, in his favorite, in his forerunners.

"Read well, people, and you will see that there is no contradiction. What I have said, I have said."

35. The power of loving God

September 10, 1943

Extract

Q43:336-337

Jesus says:

"There is but one thing to do to come to Me without error. The thing advised by Ecclesiastes¹¹ and modified by Me as follows: 'Love God and keep His commandments.' I do not say: 'Fear.' I say: 'Love.' *Love is much greater than fear and is more reliable to win one's end. Fear is for those who are still far from God, so that they would not stray. It is like blinders keeping the beastliness shut up within people from getting the upper hand at every chimerical seductive will-o'-the-wisp. But for those already near God, above all for those already in God's arms, love is what must be their guide.*

"God will take all your actions to judgment. *But it is normal for actions moved by love to never be completely wicked and such as to disgust the Lord. They may have the mark of your human limitedness, but it will be covered by the blazing sign of love which cancels out sins and makes people's actions agreeable to the Lord.*

"There, daughter of Mine. Whereas the world is full of the rumble of murder and hearts overflow with hatred, the two of us who love one another, in peace and quiet, speak of love. And there is nothing that gladdens your Jesus as much as these little Bethanies in which I am the Master taking His rest and teaching a Maria in love looking at Him and listening to Him with her whole love."

36. The banner of Christ the Judge

September 14, 1943

Extract

Q43:350

Jesus says:

"My terribly sorrowful Mother! From My birth to My death she had to suffer because of this too: being unable to give her Child the first and last comforts which even the most wretched children of mankind have at birth and at death. She had to use her veil to clothe her newborn Son and provide Him with a loincloth when He was being bled dry.

"That Blood has not been lost. It exists and lives and sparkles on the Virgin's veil. That divine purple on virginal white will be the banner of Christ the Judge on Judgment day."

37. The period of peace and the end of the world

Maria Valtorta herself gives us the context for the following dictation. "As this morning Jesus seemed to be letting me rest, after I said the 'Veni, Sancte Spiritus' as I usually do, I opened the Bible at random. What turned up was chapter 2 of the book of Joel, precisely verses 18-32 [Vulgate's numbering; in other numbering systems, 2:18 to 3:5].

"I was giving those words an interpretation such as my Italian heart dreams of with all its strength. But Jesus explains to me their much loftier meaning and Maria the little fool writes it down, thinking to herself that only the Lord is learned." (Q43:355)

September 16, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:353-355

Jesus says:

"It is not in the sense in which you understand it. The hour of peace and forgiveness shall come for you Italians too. The hour shall come when you return to contract an alliance with the Lord after having been in the hands of Satan who threw you about as though you were a hank of yarn in the hands of a raving lunatic. But Joel's words (ch.2,vv.18-32) were not said especially for this or that nation.

"The words are meant for My people, for the people of the One and Only, True, Great King, of the Lord your God, One and Triune, Creator and Redeemer of the human race. That period of well-being of which Joel spoke is the anticipated announcement of what a long time afterwards John spoke about in his Apocalypse.

"After the dreadful wars which Satan will have brought to the Earth through his Messenger of darkness, the Antichrist, the period of truce will come. During this time, after having shown you with the blood-shedding trial what kind of gifts Satan can give, I will try to draw all of you to Me by showering you with My gifts.

"Oh! My gifts! They will be your delight! You will not experience hunger, slaughters, disasters. *Your bodies and more so your souls will be fed by My hand, Earth will seem to spring from a second creation, wholly renewed in the sentiments of peace and goodwill among the nations, and of peace between Heaven and Earth,*

because I will have My Spirit flood over you and penetrate into you and give you the supernatural sight of God's decrees.

"It will be the Kingdom of the Spirit, the Kingdom of God, which you ask for in the 'Our Father'—and you do not know what you are asking for because you never think about it. Where do you expect the Kingdom of God to come about but in your hearts? That is where My Kingdom on Earth must begin. A great Kingdom, but still limited.

"The Kingdom without limits, neither of land, nor of time, will come after. It is the eternal Kingdom which will turn all of you into eternal dwellers of the Heavens, because, naturally, I am speaking to those who are My subjects and not to the reprobates who already have their ghastly king: Satan.

"Your God will work all the miracles to draw to Himself the greatest number of living, because I am God of Mercy, of Forgiveness and of a Love so infinite that however much you could seek to understand its measure you cannot. What you think is the infinity of My love for all of you, is like a tiny pebble on the bank of a brook compared to a whole mountain range whose feet divide the continents and whose peaks are swathed in clouds.

"But do you think, Maria, that so many miracles of Love and so many lights from the Spirit will convert people to their eternal God? Undeceive yourself. If I cared for poor animals without reason as I will for you for your bodily needs, if I did only that and no more, these animals with their shapeless languages would praise Me from dawn to dusk, and if they knew where to find Me they would leave all the parts of the globe to come and give thanks to their beneficent Defender. But people won't.

"Almost all of them will be absolutely deaf to the spiritual voices and gifts, and almost stone-deaf to the bodily gifts. Instead of acknowledging My Goodness and loving Me out of gratefulness, they will avail themselves of the well-being I shall give them to sink lower and lower into the abyss they like. There, like unclean beasts in muddy soil, they wallow and wait for what seduces nine tenths of humanity: lust, lewdness, fraud, violence, theft, heresy, superstition and other sensual and spiritual corruptions, which are so hideous that their existence seems impossible to honest people, but they do

exist and make the Heavens blush and Our Divinity stir with an indignant gesture.

"Neither the paternal lavishing of gifts nor the terrifying signs in the sky will be able to turn those living in that time into children of God. And then My great and terrible day will come.

"Not a twenty-four-hour day. My time is measured differently. It is called 'day' because it comes about in the daytime, and I will act during that time. I will carry out the last sorting-out of those living on the earth. And this will take place during the last unleashing of Satan.

"Then it will be seen who has the Kingdom of God within and who has the kingdom of Satan within. Because the latter with their mouths, their acts, and above all their blasphemous hearts will hurl the last insults against My Law and perform the last sacrileges against God, whereas the first, the Lord's children and subjects—while the last battle strikes Earth with unspeakable horror—they will cling to My Cross, will call upon My saving Name; and My coming as Judge will not terrify them, in fact it will be their jubilee because the faithful are those saved, those whom Joel calls the Lord's remnant, in other words those who remain the Lord's after Satan's plunder.

"Blessed, blessed, blessed forever these children of Mine. Theirs is eternal Heaven. United to the Lord's faithful of all times, they will possess God, whose possession is eternal bliss."

38. Humanness: a fleeting phase of life

September 22, 1943

Extract

Q43:388-389

Jesus says:

"Storms upsetting a lake do not abate all at once. Above all, when abating they do not give back to the waters their former look immediately. Cloudiness remains for a while, spoiling the waters' color and clearness, and only when the waves have been totally calmed, even deep down, does the water clear up and turn blue and serene like the sky. The same holds true when hatred falls with its infernal wind into a heart. It takes time for the soul to be cleansed from its antichristian poison.

"Mind you, Maria, I understand that as a result of certain grievous agents it is human that hatred should arise. But you

are not humans only. In fact humanness is but a fleeting phase of your lives, while what experiences no shortness is the superhuman. For you exist from the moment you are created by the Father and you will always exist, in light or in darkness, depending on your behavior on earth—not only until the end of the world but for endless eternity.

“Earth! The long, ten and ten and ten times millennial life of Christian earth and the seven times millennial life of Earth, planet created by the Father—what is that in My time? A mere twinkling of an eye in eternity.”

39. A reminder on the Spirit

October 16, 1943

Extract

Q43:458

Jesus says:

“Everything you own on earth is something that dies with the flesh. You cannot take anything into the next life. But the spirit remains, *in fact the spirit goes before you*. It is the spirit that appears before the Judge and receives the first sentence. It is the spirit that will rouse the flesh at the hour of the last Judgment and quicken it to hear the decree that shall make them happy together or cursed together.¹¹² The flesh will experience centuries or moments of death before its resurrection, *but the spirit experiences only one death and from it, it does not rise again.*”

40. Either Grace or the Beast

October 21, 1943

Extract

Q43:475

Jesus says:

“In the first commandment I, God, impose Myself to your reverential love with all the solemnness worthy of My Nature compared to your nothingness: ‘I am the Lord your God.’¹¹³

“Too often you forget it, O earthlings who consider yourselves gods and, if you do not have within you a spirit quickened by grace, are nothing but dust and rot, animals which join to sensuality the craftiness of intelligence possessed by the Beast, which makes you do beastly things, worse than beastly: demonic.”

41. Cling to the Cross or become demons

In this extract, Jesus is addressing World-War-II Italy in words that apply very well to our countries here and now.

October 23, 1943

Extract

Q43:491-492

Jesus says:

"Where are your friends, O land that did not want God as a friend? Whoever betrays shall be betrayed. And it is useless and harmful to say now: 'So and so were the betrayers.' *You have all betrayed. Betrayed God your Father, betrayed His Word of Life, betrayed your consciences.* You are so many Judases. For a few pennies and for a few false promises you have sold *those nearby and those far-away*, hoping your betrayal would pay off. But what would come out of it except poison? except death?

"You have rejoiced at the ruin of others. Why? Because it was at your advantage? Don't, it makes you doubly guilty. You have worshipped the calf which you thought was gold but was only golden dust. You have served the forerunners of the Beast. The Beast is giving you the fruits of its shadowy kingdom: death, ruin, wretchedness, hunger, shame, slavery, collapse of the faith, of freedom, of honor. *And if you do not cling to the Cross, your last salvation, you will go so far as to imitate wild beasts made furious by hunger and anger: you will tear each other to pieces and will think you can gorge yourselves by killing God's servants. But you will merely destroy the Good that still springs in your midst and will become hyenas in human guise, demons in human guise.*

"Can't you hear within your consciences God's Voice calling loudly? Don't you hear it thundering across the sky calling you once more to save you? No you don't. And the bad thing in this evil is that not even those who should be used to hearing it and recognizing it can hear it anymore. They wear consecrated clothes and have deconsecrated hearts. They are deaf. *And if they cannot hear, how can they make others hear?*

"Look out, I am saying it again. *Consider the signs, you who read God's books and you the simple faithful. The signs are terrible.* Ward them off with the Cross. Bring out the crosses and My effigies. *Drive Satan out by means of Christ the Conqueror.* Have faith. Have faith. You are dying for lack of faith. *I would like you*

to bless every region, every province, every town with Me-Redeemer. No feasts. No time for that. Have real adorations and pure benedictions to break free from the One turning you and your current and former rulers into demoniacs."

42. Judgment over the mighty

In this text, Jesus speaks to the mighty of one hour.

October 28, 1943

Extract

Q43:501-502

Jesus says:

"The real possession of the earth will not be given to the violent, to murderers, to corrupters, to traitors, to perverts. It will belong to those who live according to My Law. You may be able to take away from them this earthly day before sunset comes; but on the dreadful, blazing Day of My Coming they, with Me, will judge you, you who now think every illicit verdict is licit for you.

"Woe betide you then! The dreadful Majesty of Christ the Judge will shake the worlds with a shock far greater than the one that opened the tombs and rent the Temple veil at the hour of My death.¹¹⁴ Woe betide you when behind Me you see all those whom you have killed and tortured and *whose sorrows I will remember when I judge you for eternity.*"

43. More on the period of peace

In the original text, just before the following extract begins, Jesus addresses those among the priests who are too cowardly to oppose the power-abusing mighty and who are thus responsible for the spiritual death of many sheep. The extract starts with Jesus telling those unworthy priests about the sheep, and goes on to the period of peace (which elsewhere is said to be short, only a truce [ET:58]). It ends with Jesus' address to His beloved good souls.

October 28, 1943

Extract

Q43:504-505

Jesus says:

"Now I tell you: Behold, I Myself shall become their Shepherd. I will come to gather My sheep. I will gather them in My grazing lands away from the fog of the senseless and harmful teachings which give the deadly fevers of the spirit. I will separate My sheep, in fact they will separate themselves from

the little goats and from the rams, because they will hear the Voice that loves them. They will hear it no longer like now, through My servants: it will gush out like a river of Life from the mouth of the Word come back to take possession of His Kingdom.

"I will compassionately gather My sheep, even those whom your neglect has ruined. Away, away from My flock the wolves in sheep's clothing! Away, the lazy shepherds! Away, those grasping for riches and pleasure! Whoever follows Me must love what is pure and honest. Whoever follows Me must have charity for the brothers and sisters and not get fat while leaving to others the pittance of dirty trampled grass and water clouded by human plots. And this holds good also for those in lay congregations who aspire only to the positions that stir up their vainglory. *Down with pride, if you want to be my lambs, down with hardness of heart. They are the sharp horns with which you wound and drive back the meek and oppress the weak.*

"When I have cleansed the flock from what is deceitful and impure, in My period as King of Peace, I will teach those who remained for the last instruction. They will know Me as now only the elect know Me. There will not be twelve, but twelve thousand times twelve thousand creatures called to know the King. Heresies and wars will vanish. Light and Peace will be the sun of the Earth. They will feed on the live seed of My Word and they will no longer be pining away from spiritual hunger. They will worship Me in spirit and truth.

"When Satan's last revolt against God takes place, the last Judases will not be missing among those called to know the King. The gold of the eternal City must be refined by three purifying actions to be able to become a censer before the throne of the glorious Lamb. And this will be the last purifying action. The 'faithful' will remain faithful, and will know that I am with them and that they are My eternal people.

"Still, from now on, O My beloved ones and you soul of Mine who love Me and whom I love, I want all of you to know that even before I come to gather My flock to bring it to the everlasting grazing lands of Heaven, you are My dearly loved lambs. You will enter My Kingdom before the others because you are My flock and I am the Lord your God, your Shepherd

who takes His delight among you and calls you to His dwelling to live with you in the Peace reserved for those faithful to Christ."

44. The signs of the Second Coming; Yet more on the short period of peace

In the following passage it is good to bear in mind that a 'day' for the Lord is not necessarily an earthly 24-hour day; likewise an 'eve' for Him could be quite some length of time before a given 'day.'

October 29, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:506-511

Jesus says:

"When I put in Zephaniah's mouth that I will take away everything from the earth, I am having him prophesy what will happen the day before the eve of the last time. I then announced the same thing when I spoke about the destruction of the world, veiled behind the description of the ruin of the Temple and of Jerusalem. Later the Beloved prophesied it again in his Apocalypse.¹¹⁵

"The voices follow each other. In fact I can say that, as in a sacred building erected to testify the glory of the Lord, the voices climb from pinnacle to pinnacle, from prophet to prophet previous to Christ, until the highest point on which the Word speaks during His human life, and then they climb down from pinnacle to pinnacle, over the centuries, speaking through the prophets after Christ.

"It is like a concert which sings the praises, the will, the glories of the Lord, and which shall last until the end. Then the angels' trumpets shall gather the dead of the tombs and the dead of the spirit, the living of the earth and the living of Heaven. All will prostrate themselves before the Lord's visible glory and hear the words of the Word of God—that Word whom countless have rejected or neglected, disobeyed, sneered at, scorned, that Word who came: Light in the world, and whom the world did not want to welcome, preferring darkness.¹¹⁶

"I am the peak of God's building. There can be no words loftier and truer than Mine. But My Spirit is in the mouths of

the lesser 'Words,' because everything testifying what is of God, is a word inspired by God.

"Famine and deaths due to epidemics will be one of the forerunning signs of My second coming. These chastisements designed to punish you and call you back to God will carry out, with their distressing power, one of the sortings-out between the children of God and Satan's children.

"Hunger will arise from plunder and cursed wars, decreed without the justification of national independence, decreed only out of power's savagery and the pride of demons in human guise. Hunger will arise from the stoppage, by God's will, of the cosmic laws: cold will be bitter and drawn out; heat will be scorching and not moderated by rain; the seasons will be turned around and you will have drought in the rainy seasons and rain when the crops are ripening; plants and trees will be tricked by unexpected warmth or unusual coolness, plants will bloom out of season and trees, after having already produced, will cover themselves with new, useless flowers that will exhaust them fruitlessly. Because every intemperance is harmful and leads to death—remember that, O people—hunger will cruelly torment this haughty race hostile to God.

"The animals, lacking hay and fodder, grain and seeds, will starve to death, and to still people's hunger will be destroyed, given no time to breed. Birds of the air and fishes of the waters, herds and flocks, will be attacked on all sides to give your bellies the food which the land shall but scantily put forth for you.

"Deaths caused by wars and scourges, earthquakes and heavy storms will hasten both good and wicked into the hereafter. The good, for your punishment, in as much as once you are deprived of the best, you will get worse and worse. The wicked, for their own punishment, in as much as they will have, before the expected hour, hell for their dwelling.

"The victim prepared by the Lord to purify the altar of the Earth desecrated by the sins of idolatry, lust, hatred, pride, is you, people who shall perish by the thousands and tens of thousands, cut down by the sharp scythe of the divine thunderbolts. Like April grass mown down on a field, you will fall on top of one another: holy flowers mixed with poisonous flowers, the delicate stems

mixed with the prickly rambles. My angels' hands will pick the blessed and separate them from the damned, bringing the blessed to Heaven and leaving the damned to the demons' pitch forks for Hell's pasture. To be kings or beggars, learned or ignorant, young or old, warriors or priests, will make no difference, will be no bulwark against death. There will be a chastisement and a fearful one.

"God's eye will choose the destined by taking away the 'lights' so they no longer have to suffer from the fog caused by the people united to Satan, by taking away the 'darkness' generating darkness because possessed by the father of darkness: Satan.

"God's eye enters palaces, churches, consciences—and there is no barrier and no hypocrisy that prevents its seeing. God's eye will scrutinize the inside of the Church, today's Jerusalem, and will scrutinize the inside of souls and will write the one decree for the slothful, the indifferent, the lukewarm, the rebels, the traitors, the murderers of the spirit, the deicides.

"No, people, do not think that God will do you neither evil nor good for your works. I swear it to you, I swear it to Myself, I swear it for My Justice's sake, I swear with a triple oath, I will do you good for the good that you do and evil for the evil done by you.

"Though for you the uncleanness of the flesh and of your lives fit for brutes crust over the soul's eyes to prevent them from seeing God, for God nothing veils His eyes. I will weigh My hand down on those who enjoy being in the mud and who want to stay in the mud despite every invitation and every means I extend to them to get out of it. They will become mud in mud, because they turn the mud of sin into the favorite food of their impure hunger.

"The day is drawing near, children who have disowned the Father. Earth's time is long and short at the same time.

"Wasn't it yesterday by any chance that you enjoyed an honest well-being produced by peace and peaceful actions which yield bread and work? Wasn't it yesterday by any chance, O you living in this dreadful hour,¹⁷ that you enjoyed the delight of the undivided, unruined family, the delight of children around the father's dining-table, of the bridal chamber—the groom by the bride—and of the father bent over the children's heads like a teacher and friend? And now? Where is

all that? Swift like a bird flying to far-away shores, that time is past. It was yesterday... now you turn round and see it is separated from you by a number of days, which horror multiplies with its blood-drenched intensity. You take refuge in your memories, but heaps of rubble and rows of graves destroy the pleasantness of your memories with the reality of the present.

"Oh! people, people who insult God with the voices of both mouth and heart, thinking it is licit for you to do so, *listen, people, to God's harrowed and harrowing voice, which is already thundering over the world because it is useless for Him to speak through His servants and friends. His voice, announcing His wrath to you, still calls you because He suffers from punishing you.*

"Before the blindness of your spirits be total, come to the Physician and to the Light. Before there be so much blood as to be a lake of death, come to the source of Life. Gather up your scanty abilities to love and direct them to God. Love will forgive you on account of those scraps of love, left over by the plunder of the flesh and of Satan, the scraps which you offer to Him.

"God ought to be given the first produce and the totality of goods. But since you have been unable to do that, O children who have cost Me My life, *give the great, compassionate, powerful Lord that which you still have. In your poverty of spirit, not the evangelical poverty but human poverty, tear off from your hearts the last bit, withhold that left-over from the flesh and give it to Me. I know that it costs My beloved ones less to sacrifice their lives, because love inebriates them, than the sacrifice of a kiss costs you. And for your effort, out of proportion with the offering, I will give you a reward out of proportion with the gift. I will give it to you, as long as you come.*

"Anyone who works well at the last hour will be admitted to the Kingdom like anyone who, from dawn to anticipated dusk, held the plough until falling onto it. You will not complain for having different dwellings in Heaven: in Heaven there is no narrow-mindedness of human envy. But do conquer this Heaven which I created for you and opened for you by My death on the Cross. *Come to the Lord before the Lord comes upon you with His Judge's majesty.*

"With regard to you, My beloved ones, stay on the way you have chosen. Whirlwinds and storms will be unable to make

you lose the destination that I am, whose Heart is open to receive you with a kiss of love more alive. Let kingdoms and nations fall. Let what is considered powerful become ashes and rubble. Let that alleged right to dictate wills and teachings turn to dust ground down by God's Will and Law.

[Yet more on the short period of peace]

"During My short rule over the world, I will be the One reigning, I and the rest of My people, in other words the real faithful, those who did not disown Christ and cover the sign of Christ with Satan's [fake] tiara. Then the false gods of excessive power will fall, as well as the indecent doctrines that disown God, the almighty Lord.

"My Church, before the hour of the world comes to an end, will have its glittering triumph. *Nothing differs in the Mystical Body's life from that which was in Christ's life. There will be the hosanna on the eve of Passion, the hosanna when the nations, seized by the fascination of the Divinity, bend the knee before the Lord. Then the Passion of My Church militant will come, and finally the glory of eternal Resurrection in Heaven.*

"O bliss of that day when the conspiracies, retaliations, struggles of this earth, of Satan, of the flesh will be over forever! My Church will then be made up of real Christians, in that time, in the next-to-last day. Few as in the beginning, but holy as in the beginning. The Church will end in holiness as it began in holiness. Liars, betrayers, idolaters will stay outside, those who on the last day will imitate Judas and sell their souls to Satan, harming Christ's Mystical Body. In them the Beast will have its replacements for its last war.

"*And woe betide those in Jerusalem, in the end times, who become guilty of such a sin. Woe betide those who in Jerusalem will exploit their authority for human advantage. Woe betide those who will let their brothers and sisters perish and will neglect to turn the Word I entrusted to them into bread for the souls hungering for God. Woe betide them. Between those who openly disown God and those who disown Him by their actions, I will make no difference. And in truth I tell all of you, with the sorrow of a sublime Founder, that at the last hour three quarters of My Church will disown Me, and I will have to cut them off from the tree-trunk as dead branches infected by an unclean leprosy.*

"But you who will remain in Me, listen to Christ's promise. Faithfully and lovingly wait for Me and I will come to you with all My gifts. With the gift of gifts: Myself. I will come to redeem and heal. I will come to floodlight the darkness, defeat it and rout it. I will come to teach people to love and worship the eternal God, the Lord Most High, the holy Christ, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. I will come to bring you not the peace of this world, the endless destroyer of Peace, but the Peace of the Kingdom that does not die.

"Exult, O My faithful servants. This is what the mouth that does not lie tells you. *You will no longer have to fear any evil because I will put an end to the time of evil, I will anticipate this end out of compassion for My blessed ones.*

"Exult especially you, O today's beloved of Mine. For you the coming of Christ and His embrace of glory will be even more solicitous. For you the gates of the City of God are already opening and your Savior is coming out to greet you and give you real Life.

"Yet a little more and I will come for you. As I did for My friend Lazarus, I will call you one by one: 'Come out!'¹¹⁸ Out of this life on earth which is a grave for the spirit jailed in the flesh. Out. Into Life, into Heaven's freedom.

"*Call Me with your faithful love.* Let it be the blaze that melts the chains of the flesh and gives the spirit the freedom to come quickly to Me. Utter the best cry ever written by a man: 'Come, Lord Jesus.'¹¹⁹

45. The crime of crimes

October 30, 1943

Extract

Q43:514

Jesus says:

"I am the Merciful One. I am indulgent and I forgive. There is so much that I forgive. *I forgive what I see you do out of human weakness, not what is done out of deliberate human self-interest. I will never be as severe a judge as with those who, with their thinking sold to Satan, commit more crimes than outlaws, lead others to commit crimes, and above all commit the crime of crimes: leading souls to mistrust God.*

"Nowadays this crime of homicide and deicide is not the monopoly of a few. They kill bodies and souls and kill the idea of God in souls, making them blind like empty eye-sockets.

"The crowds make it out too late. But I see at the instant you think and act, and all of you, ungodly of flesh and spirit, will be judged with an extremely severe judgment."

46. A reminder

October 31, 1943

Extract

Q43:516

Jesus says:

"If everything ended on earth, it would not be very bad to seem evil for a little while. Soon people would forget it, because memory is like a cloud of smoke soon scattered. But earth is not everything. The whole thing is somewhere else. And in that 'whole thing' you will find, awaiting you, what you have done on earth.

"Nothing will go unjudged. Think about it."

47. A curse

November 5, 1943

Extract

Q43:536-537

Jesus says:

"I am not a god of flesh or god of clay that is not always present and has no eyes to see. I am the One who is,¹²⁰ and who is everywhere, and from the high place of My throne I scrutinize and note people's works. I am the One who has spoken to give you a way to conduct yourselves. What I have said, I have said, and it does not change over the millennia. I am the Eternal God, the one and only God. I am the Lord your God, of whom there is no other copy. I am unique in My Most Holy Trinity.

"Cursed are those who do not care about Me and disown Me to follow the Beast."

48. God's Justice; Christ's appearance to usher in peace

We now quote the beginning and the end of a dictation by Jesus, omitting the middle as it does not pertain to the End Times.

November 6, 1943

Extracts

Q43:537, 539-541

Jesus says:

"I know that you people are under attack and are weak. I know that, and when I judge you I take that into account. I would not be just any more if I did not bear in mind your weakness and the actions of the Evil One.

"What makes Me become severe is that many times you do not fall out of weakness or because of demoniac snares. *You fall knowingly. You deliberately throw yourselves into the abyss saying to yourselves: 'What do I care about God?' That is when I call you 'Judases.' You sell Me with My precious Blood. You put Me into Satan's hand as you give him your souls which are Mine because I bought them back by My death. You betray Me, calling yourselves Christians but doing things fit for antichristians.*

"... Happy are those who love You not only in times of joy, O Father's Thought whom Love makes the Word. Happy are they when they bless You even before there be joy and even under hurricane clouds, O Light who never cease shining. Happy are those able to praise You with tears on their eyelashes and trust in heart and are certain of your mercy. In truth I tell all of you, that those who, with an extremely beautiful act of faith, can hope in God while the looming darkness leads to hopelessness—those will know the eternal Sun.

"These real believers are few, too few. In this night of powerlessness come out of hell, the ill spirits fall like leaves rotted by water and blown off by the wind. Their own weight drags them and, added on to the flesh, they have Satan who keeps them blinded and tied up to prevent them from making an attempt to be uplifted which would be enough to save them. Fear and disheartenment dull them, vice paralyzes them, hopelessness scorches them. They are ruins quivering before silly shadows and do not know that they should tremble because of themselves, who kill their own immortality.

"The churches are emptying, there are no worshippers at the altars, the mystical Bread is not sought after, the threefold virtues, as well as the cardinal virtues, are weakening or have died.

"There are anger and chaotic effort to seek safety. There is scorn, much scorn, for the children of the Light, worse than scorn: the enemy crave for oppression to blow out that Light which they find loathsome. But the more they scorn you and crush you, O dear children who are My light brought to mankind, the more this poor world will fall into darkness. *The Crime* and other crimes will be a wall and a barrier against the Light. And under these oppressive bulwarks, mankind will perish in a hopeless jail.

"You people dismiss even the signs that I send you from Heaven and you laugh at the warnings from beyond earth. You also believe you may do anything. When you least think about it, I will make known a sign to you. You will fall before it, seized with terror, and the wrath that you now hurl against the helpless will recoil on you.

"That sign is Me. When I appear, not on earth—the time has not yet come—but when I appear spiritually to the children of wrath and to the father of annihilation, your weapons and his will drop like dust when the wind dies down. *And if, instead of curses, prayers had gone up from the earth, I would have already appeared, and you would have been freed from your terrors, you wretches who quiver and cannot come to the one who loves you.*

"I am the one who prevails. I am the one who knows. And to see you running here and there like scared sheep following the stupidest advice, obeying those who, besides being stupid, are evil, causes Me great sorrow. I would like to die a second time to open your souls' eyes and turn you into this holy, great and glorious people that God had decided to produce when He created the first Parent. I would like to create you a second time so as to not see you so unlike My Thinking. But whatever is, is.

"I am speaking to all. Few will hear Me. Even fewer will understand. Wisdom is no longer loved and no longer understood. But to its loyal followers, Wisdom will always give strength and light on

earth, salvation and bliss beyond earth. It will give Itself, and every one who served It and deserved It will be among the one hundred and forty-four thousand of whom John speaks,¹²¹ and theirs will be the holy Jerusalem which contains the throne of Wisdom who immolated Himself to bring Himself to people of good will."

49. People's growth in Satan will deserve the Antichrist

November 9, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:417-418

Jesus says:

"What peace? so long as the fornications of Jezabel your mother, and her many sorceries are in their vigor."¹²²

"I had said¹²³ that to obtain true peace, and not a mere pause in the war, you people had to remove from your midst what is fornication with Satan. I said it through My saints and I had My Mother say it. For decades I have been repeating this, and for decades you have kept on doing that. I have told you with pressing words in these end times. But you have not changed. In fact you have turned fornication with Satan more and more into your lifestyles.

"You have placed everything before God. And this God whom you call upon at the hour of fear is for you a Being so far-away, unknown, that were you consistent you should no longer call upon Him or blaspheme Him, since you have drawn away from Him so much. Even your invocations are blasphemies, because you call Him with filthy dirty lips, because you call upon Him while you are still united to Satan, because you dare mix His holy Name with your criminal schemes.

"Peace was promised to people of good will.¹²⁴ Christ came to bring Peace. But if you drive out Christ and if your will is not good, how can you have peace? You have respites. But these are only pauses between one slaughter and the other, to give your spirits sold to Satan time to learn from him new death-dealing theories and new tools of destruction.

"Death to souls and death to flesh. Destruction of spirits and destruction of things. Your growth in Satan is shocking.

Soon you will reach the fullness of age in which he has nothing more to teach you, and then Hell will be able to farrow its son, the Antichrist, because the times will be ripe and mankind will have deserved to experience the horror that comes before the end."

50. The Church of Rome during the short period of peace

Right after the date, Valtorta pencilled in, unofficially as it were: "Isaiah, ch.2,vv.2-4."

November 11, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:545-547

Jesus says:

"Let us gaze together at the times which, like a peaceful dawn after a stormy night, will come before the Day of the Lord. You, Maria, will no longer be there. But from your resting place you will delight in it, because you will see mankind's struggle about to end and sorrow already diminishing to give time to the living to gain new strength for Earth's last, short upheaval, before hearing the order that gathers it up in all its living and in all its dead from Adam's time onwards.

"I already told you.¹²⁵ My Church will have its hosanna day before its last passion. Then the everlasting triumph will come.

"At that time the whole world will know the Church of Rome, because the Gospel will resound from the poles to the equator and the Word will go from one side of the globe to the other, like a belt of love. Catholics, leaving behind the terribly savage struggle of which this one¹²⁶ is but the prelude, weary of murdering one another and of following ruthless rulers, will turn from the unquenchable thirst to kill and the insurmountable violence, turning towards the triumphant Cross, found again after they had been so blind. Above such a great roar of havoc and so much blood, they shall hear the Voice that loves and forgives and they shall see the Light, whiter than the lily, which comes down from the Heavens to train them for the Heavens.

"Like a march of millions and millions of tribes, people will go towards Christ with their spirits and will put their trust in

Earth's only being in whom there is no craving for oppression or longing for revenge.

"It will be Rome that speaks. But not the more or less great, more or less lastingly great Rome which rabble rousers can win. It will be the Rome of Christ. The one that conquered the Caesars, conquering them without weapons, without battles, with one force only, love; with one weapon only, the Cross; with one rhetoric only, prayer. It will be the Rome of the great Pontiffs which, in a world darkened by barbarian invasions and dazed by their destructions, was able to preserve civilization and to spread it among the uncivilized. It will be the Rome that stood up to arrogant men and through its holy, Venerable Old Men was able to stand for the weak and sting with a spiritual punishment even those who appeared to be immune to any remorse.

"You cannot, you dissimilar nations, reach lasting agreements among yourselves. All of you have the same yearnings and the same needs, and like the pans of a scale, the weight of one nation's good share is detrimental to the other. You live in order to always have the better share and you kill one another for it. It is an up-and-down situation which is getting worse and worse.

"Listen to the voice of someone who has no craving for power but wants to rule in the name of his Most Holy King, *only on your spirits*. The day is coming when, disillusioned with men, you will turn to the one who is already more a spirit than a man and who keeps just enough humanity to convince you of his presence. *His mouth, which I inspire, will speak words like those I would tell you, I, Prince of Peace. He will teach you the infinitely precious pearl of mutual forgiveness. He will convince you that there is no weapon more beautiful than the ploughshare, which wounds the clods to make them fertile, and the scythe, which cuts the grass to make it more beautiful. He will teach you that the holiest work is the one done to give the brothers and sisters a loaf of bread, a garment, a house, and that only by loving one another as brothers and sisters can you no longer experience the poison of hatred and the tortures of war.*

"My children, set out on your march towards the Lord's Light. Do not pass by, groping in the gloomy darkness. You,

My beloved ones, set out at the head, overcoming every human fear because I am with you, O those dearest to My Heart. You, the others, be won over by the example of My saints. *All of you, My children, set out on this new Exodus towards the new Earth which I promise to you and which will be your very Earth, though changed by Christian love.*

"Separate from those who are idolaters of Satan, of the world and of the flesh. Without scorn, leave them. *Scorn does no good: it uselessly wrecks.* But separate from them to avoid being contaminated by them. *Love them with the love of redeemers, putting between you and them your faith in Christ as a bulwark.* You are not strong enough to be able to live in their midst without danger. Too many centuries of increasingly bad spiritual decay have weakened you. Imitate the early Christians. *Learn to live in the world but set apart from the world* by virtue of your love for God.

"And never be inclined to consider as a superman the wretch who is not unlike the beasts because, like them, his best part resides entirely in his instincts—the only thing that does not make him worse than a beast. The Prophet says: 'Cease therefore from the man whose breath is in his nostrils.'¹²⁷ I want all of you to interpret these words as follows.

"The animal without breath is but a loathsome corpse. Its only life is in its breath. Once its nostrils are shut to this breath, it ceases to exist and becomes a rotting carcass. *There are many human beings no better than animals, since they have no life but the animal life which lasts as long as breath remains in them. Their spirits are dead, those spirits made for the Heavens.* It is therefore right to say that there are human beings whose souls are the breath of their nostrils and from whom it is best to remain spiritually far, so that the breath of Satan and beastliness which comes out of them may not undermine your humanity and make it like theirs.

"Pray for them, O you blessed ones. That is charity, and that is enough. Words do not enter those closed to the Word. And do not consider as outstanding those who exhale and puff their arrogance and pride from their nostrils like mad wild beasts. *The only outstanding people are those who have living spirits and are therefore God's children.* Others are poor things whose sham

nobility is doomed to a great fall and whose memories do not live on except as the memories of scandal and horror.”

51. After the short period of peace, the Satanic period

November 12, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:548-551

Isaiah, ch.4, vv.2-6.

Jesus says:

“When the time of My peaceful Kingdom comes—and it shall come because I promised it and I do not fail to keep My promises—the good people on earth will all come to Me. It shall be the period of which I have spoken to you,¹²⁸ the period in which the spirit will have reached that development by which you will all separate of your own free wills into two sides. Those living outside the spirit will lie idle in their darkness waiting to be troops for the Prince of Evil. Those living in the spirit will come in the retinue of the holy Son of God, the Scion of the Lord, loved and blessed by people in grace, who will understand then what is nowadays understood by few elect and they will know what My glory is and what theirs as children of God is.

“I will gather My saints, *because a saint is whoever loves Me and follows Me obediently and faithfully.* I will gather them from the four corners of the Earth. And for the sake of their love I will forgive people’s iniquities. *The saints’ goodness will douse the sternness of Justice, and My love and that of the saints will, with its fire, cleanse the Earth.* The Earth reconciled with itself and with God will be like a great altar, and on this altar the Master will teach mankind in the exact knowledge of Truth, so that the good may not waver when Satan, raging at the sight of mankind worshipping Christ, goes wild for the last battle.

“*Struggle of spirit against spirit. Satan will counter My spiritual Kingdom and My teaching, with his satanic warfare against spirits to lead as many astray as he can,* the weakest. From his reserves, from his strongholds, containing those who remained faithful to the Beast even after its defeat and that of its minister, he will draw the agents of seduction to ruin one last time God’s work,

the ruin of which he began at the foot of the tree of Good and Evil.¹²⁹

"The satanic period will be three times more ferocious than the period of the Antichrist. But it will be short because for those living at that hour the whole Church triumphant will pray amidst the lights of Heaven, the Church suffering will pray amidst the cleansing flames of love, the Church militant will pray with the last martyrs' blood.

"Those will be saved who, while Satan's darkness and fierce heat, storms and thunderbolts devastate the world, know how to be shielded by the tabernacle from which all strength springs, because I am the Strength of the living and whoever feeds on Me with faith and love becomes one with My Strength. And these who will be saved shall be few, because after centuries upon centuries of My love for mankind, mankind has not learned to love.

"But no one will be able to accuse Me if one is damned.¹³⁰ And what more could I have done for you, O children of God who preferred to wander far away from the Father's house and at times sell your divine sonhood and daughterhood to God's Enemy? Do not say that I, powerful, could have prevented Evil from laying snares for you and could have made you good by My authority. In that case you would have been less deserving than a blade of grass which the foot tramples without feeling it, because grass sprouts from the seed thus obeying God's decree. It sprouts and grows by itself. And it does not get the slightest share of those attentions that you get from the Most High. The stalk gets sun and dew from God and a clod of dirt. You have intelligence to conduct yourselves, Grace to enlighten you, the Law to control yourselves, you have Me as Master, My Blood for salvation.

"I have given you everything and you have given Me so little, less and less in fact! With God's patience I have looked after you and you have always revolted against Me. *The less guilty have always been sluggards. You have always been worried of doing too much for your God who has done everything for you.*

"That is why chastisements come upon you. *They are still a call of love to convince you that there is a God, and that the other gods whom you serve with that faithfulness which you withhold from Me*

can give you only deceitful promises and inevitable evil. From chastisement to chastisement, increased as you increase idolatry and fornication, I come to the great chastisements, and this¹³¹ is one of them, so that it is no longer one row in My vineyard, it is the whole vineyard that is open and overrun, laid waste and devastated by the one you serve and whom I allow to convince you of his death-dealing gifts.

"For this reason I tell you: 'Come to God, call on God with truthfulness of thoughts and of heart, and God will show Himself at the blood-stained horizon and Satan the torturer shall flee, leaving you free.'

"But you, you do not call on God. You are content thinking about turning the common evil into your individual good: increasing your wealth, obtaining by trickery greater and greater powers, enjoying and enjoying. You do not care about those who suffer—the best among you. You care even less about God. In fact you rise to defiance, daring to call on Him, O blasphemers, to ratify your satanic actions and thoughts. You challenge Him to show Himself because you tell one another: 'There is no God. We are God.' Onto your cursed tongues and your sold souls Satan is already heaping up Hell's embers and I Myself kindle them with My rage.

"I curse you from now on, snakes in human guise. Yes, you hold My saints' excommunications and My good people's loathing as sparrow feathers that do not hurt if they fall on your backs—because you own hearts of granite. Nevertheless, My curse shall go in to torment you because I am the one who opens the valleys, cleaves the mountains, divides the seas, shakes the earth with the will of My mind, and I can penetrate into the stone of your hearts and crumble it as though it were a fragile bubble of blown glass.

"Desecrators, liars, you wicked people, be cursed for all the evil you do, for all the souls I care for which you throw into despairing of God's goodness, which you corrupt by your examples, and which you embezzle from Me by ruining them in every way. But do not worry. As I will be just and compassionate for the weak whom you with your force have swayed into evil, likewise I will be just and relentless with you. From this earth onwards. Your power, your stolen wealth, distilled from the affliction of thousands of people, will go up in smoke between your hands like the smoke of

straw being burnt because it is too mucky to keep. And no defense will be of any use for you who have exceeded all bounds.

"Let those who have ears to hear, hear. The blood-stained hand shall not be stretched out against the white purity of the Saint who speaks in the name of the Holy of Holies. Nor shall it be stretched out against the Sanctuary choicer than the temple of Jerusalem, because its foundations, even before they were started on, were baptized in My heroes' blood, and its stones have had for dew the purple cleansings of countless martyrs. In it¹³² there is the bed on which rests, waiting to rise up at his Master's side, the flesh of My chosen Rock.¹³³ And I swear to all of you: that place is far holier than Solomon's Temple was. It is already Paradise—it is up to you to understand why—and the desecrators of this place will be struck by what befalls all those who defied the glory of the Lord."

52. Mirages on the way to the abyss

Shortly before the start of our extract, the text mentions the Face of God, "which humans have compelled to draw back, away from the rising flood of crimes which, after laying waste the Earth, hurl themselves against the Heavens ..."

November 16, 1943

Extract

Q43:560-561

Jesus says:

"People have forced God's Face back. They refuse to acknowledge It. They do not believe in It. They have replaced It with what is their undoing. They are in the hands of the occult powers rebellious to God's sign, and it is those that they serve, that they believe in, that they obey. Voices and more voices come out of deceitful sources and not one of them tells the truth or a glimmer of truth. They are demons' laughs that mock people, laughs that change into lying words to lead people more and more astray—and people listen to them.

"They want to know the future to know what to do. The future is here: in My Word. To avoid this present time¹³⁴ which is worse than both a nightmare and a punishment, you should have studied this Word, you should have known how to read it and act according to its moral, historical and supernatural teachings. To make

the future less atrocious you must once again study this Word which teaches Good and Truth.

"I repeat:¹³⁵ leave the dead where they are. If they are blessed, they can tell you only what the Word is already telling you, because the Lord's saints speak the same language as the Lord. If they are damned, they can tell you only the words of their father, the master and king of falsehood. Can you believe that the Deceitful One could have one atom of mercy and grant you a light that would be light of salvation? Of course not. On the contrary, pursuing his aim, he thinks up, for you, mirages among which the chasm of the abyss opens up.

"And you are falling headlong into the abyss since you no longer have as your guide the morning light: God your holy Father. Blind guided by the blind, your corrupted spirits wander from error to error, from ruin to ruin. You crash into one another and hurt one another again and again with new wounds and new disasters, you hate one another for the evil you do to one another, and you pick handfuls of that hatred swelling in your hearts and throw it at God as you consider Him to be responsible for your evil. And since hatred cannot reach Heaven, it falls back on you as fire and flames, hunger, deaths, devastations, hopelessness, and darkness. There will be no truce until you have realized the hard way that violence is no use, that blood lies heavy on the stomach and does not feed, that hatred does not create, it destroys. And there will be no truce until your hearts turn back to God.

"I am the One who can give you peace, and not by using your murderous weapons, but by using My holy weapon: the Cross, and by smashing your murderous weapons with My love.

"Do not hasten God's Judgment by going too far in sinning. Do not act so that the respite between the time of the Antichrist and the time of Christ be too short. For if it is true that the last days will be shortened out of love for the elect,¹³⁶ it is also true that you must have a peace-pause to gain new strength for the last satanic battle.

"I will knock the stone back onto Lucifer's lair after the defeat of the Beast and its slaves; but you, do not by cheering Evil give the Devil the strength to shake that lock off. Do not by devoting your spirits to flesh and to Satan turn them into levers to open the

infernally prison and let out the Cursed one for the last looting before people's hearts have been rebaptized in the Lord's Word."

53. More on the forerunners of Christ in His Second Coming

Our extract is the end of a dictation on Isaiah, chapter 10. Addressing all social classes at first, Jesus ends by addressing His forerunners in these End Times which will usher in His Second Coming at the end of the world.

November 17, 1943

Extract

Q43:562-564

Jesus says:

"You are turning into instruments of Satan. But I, more powerful than Satan, when I deem it is time for a new flood, take you and use you against one another: nations against nations and, on a small-scale, relatives or friends against relatives and friends, to turn people into the punishment of people, punishing people's sins by means of their neighbors' sins. You oppress? And I allow others to oppress you. You plunder a country? And I allow others to plunder yours. Isaiah expresses it well: 'the rod and the staff of God's anger.'¹³⁷ That's what you are to one another when you go too far.

"Therefore, those favored by war and smiled upon by victory would do well not to think they had been God's darlings from everlasting, much less think they are so perfect that they would deserve from God every human success.

"No. If the victorious misuse their triumph I will strike them and throw them down to the dust. I am the King and the Lord and no one is greater than Me. I am the Just One and I do not consent to unfairness. My eyes see everyone in the same light. All of you come from the same stock, your duties towards God your Creator are the same, and His concern for all of you is the same. The most civilized among you is to Me like the least civilized, like the primitive unaware of everything that is not his virgin forest. Scrutinizer that I am of the truthfulness of your thoughts and of the innocence of your sentiments, many times I lovingly look at the primitive prostrating himself before, and worshipping, the figure which to him is god and for which he becomes good, and I angrily turn My eyes away from the civilized who

refuses to acknowledge God known to him, with blasphemous words, denying thoughts and cursed deeds.

"Whenever the hour of chastisement is over, I say My 'Enough!' and I gather the stricken, scattered crowds, and I give them peace and bread. For I am Father, do not forget, and *if you were not drunk with blood or intoxicated with the desire to drink it, I would always give you peace and bread. The more numerous God's upright people are amidst the crowds of lunatics, the faster and more abundantly and certainly do I give bread and peace. They, the upright, are hit in the general chastisement not for their own punishment, but for your redemption. Because Good, in order to thrive, always needs the saints' tears and the holocausts of redeemers.*

"Oh! Happy are these christs whom you do not know, whom My Heart gathers like gems into a case! Oh! Happy are these angels who, amidst the chorus of the blasphemies and indecencies in which you perish, know how to sing the 'Glory be' and the 'Holy, holy, holy' to their God! They purify this earth from the stink of your sins. They live, burning like censers, and offer to God the most sacred fire: that of love. Through them I will perform again the miracle of forgiveness, the miracle of gathering the remnants of My people and making them understand that only in God there is salvation. The others, those who do not want to be My people—and remember that I do not measure with your yardstick—the others will continue to follow the standard of their king.

"The world must not die without Christ's army being gathered under His command. Scattered, afflicted, disheartened, made similar to sand wind-blown on the sea-shores, you will hear My command and come to Me. For a time will come when I am King of these poor crownless kingdoms and of these kingless subjects. I already see the spirits of that time taking up the call and coming, struggling against all the obstacles strewn by centuries of error, coming towards the Light and the Truth. I say 'spirits,' because only those spiritually alive will be able to recognize the Voice calling them.

"O you who are now already spiritually alive, you forerunners of Christ in His second coming, you opposites of the forerunners of the Antichrist who do in his name the preliminary work for the desolation, prepare the way for Me with your

holocausts. The forerunners of the son of Satan have appearances of human dignity; *the forerunners of the Son of God have the same crown as their King*, and their throne and chair are the cross and sorrow.

"But as always, and especially as at the hour when Sorrow had to defeat Sin, it is always sorrow that saves, it is always sacrifice that redeems. And now the world, to be redeemed, does not need to be covered with ears of grain as much as with heroic souls, victims of charity."

54. Yet more about Christ's forerunners

The very next time Jesus gave Valtorta a dictation after the end of the previous extract, He began by addressing His forerunners. Then He went on to another topic, which we do not quote. Without transition, God the Father began to speak, and we start quoting Him when He returns to His Son's initial subject.

November 18, 1943

Extracts

Q43:565, 566

Jesus says:

"I continue speaking to My forerunners, to those who with their holocausts prepare the ways of the Lord and evangelize without any form except their holy lives.

"Be glad, O My faithful servants who, not content saving your own souls, offer yourselves for the Light to defeat the Darkness, and for salvation to be given to many who for now are not eager for it. *When it is My hour, I will not reign alone. You will be with Me.* From this earth onwards you will be with Me during My Reign of love and of peace. Haven't I promised it to you that you would be where I am and that you would have a place in My Kingdom? Like the dignitaries of a royal palace, your spirits will be My crown on earth, serving Me as ministers of Light, and they will inherit that possession of the Earth which I promised to the meek¹³⁸ and which will become possession of the Heavens when the Earth no longer exists...."

[God the Father says:]

"... you will be My Son's dignitaries. You will see the miracle of love of an Earth immersed in peace and turned to hear God. You will know what it would have been like for

mankind to live had it not lowered itself by its unlawful union with Satan.

"You will not be cheated out of this hour, O loving followers of Love made flesh. What you now hear resounding within you, My Son's words to His most beloved ones, you will hear resounding all over the globe, and you will see people hastening over out of thirst for true Knowledge. I said 'people': not the brutes in human guise, not the demons with human faces, not the perpetual Judases who sell My Son and wound with their trafficking the triune Love which is inseparably One.

"If now is the time when troops of angels under God's command fight against troops of demons that want to subjugate the Earth, then it will be the time when troops of upright people plough the Earth to prepare it for the Word, the Word ruling only one time over the Earth before the disappearing of the world.

"Wherever the Master is, there the disciples are, and you will be there, because you have loved the Master more than yourselves, you shall be where He gives the last lesson.

"And then with Him, as army of light behind the Light reascending to the Heavens, you will go back home to pray for the living of the last hour and wait for the Hour of Judgment at which you shall still be by My Son, no longer Savior but Judge of the world,¹³⁹ because the time of salvation will have ended and the number of the elect been completed.

"That hour shall be a triumph within your triumph, My children. And because I love you I tell you that you must have no restraint in the active will to win holiness, because that hour shall be so great for you that a thousand lives immolated for it and the treasures of the earth forsaken for it would not be enough to equate the glory of that hour and the bliss of the everlasting possession of God."

55. Break away from the Beast

The Beast is political power at the devil's service. Elsewhere Jesus explained that Babylon is the whole Earth (ET:50).

November 19, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:567-568

Jesus says:

"Followers identify themselves with their god, and children with their father. Therefore it is not incorrect to say about Satan's forerunners what Isaiah says in his fourteenth chapter, verses 12-15.

"Didn't those I call the forerunners of Evil want to imitate their master and father in their trying to declare themselves gods and oppressing the crowds? Haven't they talked about God with a shameful condescending attitude as if they were supergods? Haven't they usurped the right to command what is most sacred, what even God respects in human beings? They dared to give or take away not only permission to live, but even that to think.

"I gave human beings free thought because everything God gave you is free from constrictions of any kind. It would have been freer, because not even the flesh would have hindered that freedom, had the flesh first remained free from the slavery of sin. Now thought is infringed upon by these supergods of mud and of horror. They do not demand obedience to holy laws of love such as those I lovingly enjoin on you without forcing you to keep them. They enforce harsh obligations which enslave you worse than oxen with yoke-crushed necks and nostrils wounded by constricting rings. They impose them on your whole being, and not one of your three intrinsic characters—physical, moral, spiritual—is exempt from that slavery.

"Yes, even the spiritual. The giant squids of the ruling Evil slip through and stretch even towards your spirits, and as they please they want or do not want them to turn to God or to His Law. Their spite as Satan's children bursts into fierce persecutions. But even when they do not drop the human masks hiding their infernal serpents' heads and come to the point of great persecutions, they use shrewd tricks, they crumble the framework of the faith, they introduce lifestyles tending to replace

religion with paganism and entangling your spirits to throttle them.

"And you do not always have the strength to remain faithful, because you have spirits not fed on love and Gospel. You bend to human slaveries, you who consider obeying God's commandments to be unworthy of human beings. And for a man or several men you lose God's most beautiful gift: free will. You are puppets moved by one or several men. You could have been, in this life and beyond, free beings of the kingdom of God your Father.

"Move away, break away, as much as you can, from the laws of the Beast. Leave the Beast. Its doom is already sealed. When God's ax chops off the horrible Beast's parts which torture the Earth and are the forerunners of the Unity of Evil which will devastate the Earth, see to it that you are very far from them as they hurtle down to the abysmal furnace as the rotten limbs of this manifestation of dread.

"Babylon, which is now arising and will have its climax of dominion, shall be succeeded one day by holy Jerusalem. See to it that on that day and on the endless Day you be not marked with the mark of Babylon's mighty, of the lesser lucifers, of Satan's offshoots and outgrowths, see to it you be marked with the holy, unmistakable, glorious sign of the Son of God."

56. Christ on Judgment Day

The following passage is the end of a text dictated in its entirety by God the Father.

November 24, 1943

Extract

Q43:582

God the Father says:

"But not all of you are lepers and satanized beings. Among you, rare like pearls in the sinuses of oysters, there are those faithful to My Son and to Me. To these I say: 'Remain faithful to Us and I swear to you that I will be with you. Be the town criers of My Word and the witnesses of Our Justice, Mercy, Holiness. *In this life you will have Us close by and in the next you will be close to Us and will see the works of the Godhead. When the One to whom I deferred every judgment comes to separate the wheat from the darnel and to bless the lambs and damn the venomous serpents and the rams, you will be around Him, wheels of joyful light*

around the tremendous and majestic Light of the incarnate God. You shall be the new people of God, the everlasting people over whom My blessed and most holy Son will reign. You shall announce His praises to the stars and to the planets because everything that was made was made to be a throne for the Victim, the Hero, the Saint on whom there is no stain and in whom the Father's delight rests; and stars and planets must, at the hour of His triumph, be a carpet of gems for the King of the universe as He passes by, followed by His procession of saints, to enter the eternal Jerusalem, when this event of creation has come to an end with the destruction of Earth and the Judgment of Mankind."

57. A commentary on Haggai's prophecy

Jesus again applies Scripture to our modern world. Among other things, He promises to come and try hearts' doors one by one, a coming not to be confused with the Second Coming which puts an end to the world.

December 2, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:607-611

Haggai, chapters 1 and 2.

Jesus says:

"Always, whenever people have withdrawn from God and from the supernatural to give themselves up to their own egos and to natural things, they have lessened their own happiness to possess even the natural.

"The first thing that dies out is supernatural joy, that security and peace which strengthen people in the ups and downs of life, because individuals do not feel alone, even if they are by themselves in a desert, even if they are survivors in a destroyed village, because they sense above and around them a Father's love and the presence of incorporeal forces perceptible to their spiritual senses. Blessed are those who live in this joy! They possess everlasting wealth.

"The second thing that is destroyed is natural well-being. Do not turn envious eyes on those who, although living in disgrace before God, seem to have full plates. You do not know what and how many things are lacking in their houses, or how long their plates will be full.

"In any event I want you to know that the more the present well-being of rebels against God grows, the more the harshness of their

next life increases. It is not people like the rich man of the parable who shall be in Abraham's bosom. It is people like Lazarus,¹⁴⁰ with hearts full of holy works and obedience to the holy Will.

"Rebels, and also those heedless of the Lord, live and do all they can to enlarge purse and barn, increase houses and estates, multiply appointments and honors. O wretched dupes, who the more they strive to be satisfied, the more the germ of sin gnaws them, as a rodent does in a sack of grain which always goes down even if it is always refilled, because God's punishment is upon their deeds!

"What have you done today with the present when your life-goals are falling through, and you no longer have the eyes of the spirit to see God, or a throbbing of the spirit to think about God? Have your undertakings succeeded? Has your wealth increased? Has your happiness grown? No. Like the blaze of a hay-loft they had a quick flare, which led astray the simple (not the simple in spirit). But it lasted like a flash in the pan, and died leaving a little ash that the wind scattered and made bitter to the palate and hostile to the eyes. *Your seeming triumphs turned out to be defeats and sorrows, and have routed both you and those led astray by you.*

"Return to God. I say it once more. *Above individual and national interests there is a loftier interest: God's. And that's the one that should always have priority. If you did give it the priority, you would not fall into the errors and crimes into which you fall, whether individually or nationally, because God's interests do not consist of wicked things but of holy things. And where holiness is, there is no error or crime.*

"Acting as you do, you not only induce God to punish you in your fields, in your herds, inflicting hunger and drought on you. You also prevent the pouring from Heaven of a dew far more life-giving than the night-time dew which pearls up the stalks of the meadows and makes crops and hay grow. *It is the dew of grace into hearts which you prevent from being given to you. It is Christ who cannot act within you.*

"It is useless to say: 'Let the heavens rain down the Just One onto the earth.'¹⁴¹ He did come down once, but you remained unfruitful lands and barren stones, and have become more and more so. You are shut within your spirits ringed round by flesh

and blood, killed as you are by flesh and blood, and the Savior cannot come in to save you.

"Yet, I will come. Tirelessly I will come, to try hearts' doors, one by one, and where I find someone who opens to Me, I will come in to set up a dwelling of peace. I shall come, because I am still the One longed for by the just of the Earth and by the saints for the Earth. I will come to assume My Rule for the sake of My second coming and final triumph.

"I will draw to Myself everybody alive in spirit; races and nations will converge towards Me to see My glory which is crowned with a cross. Peace will stream, because I am the Lord of peace. It will stream like a river of milk onto the world to virginize it with snow-white purity after so much blood has cried out to God on all continents, crying out its sorrow for having been bled from its veins by brothers' hands.

"As for the blood shed from Abel¹⁴² to the day of My death, I washed it off this Earth with My Blood. But afterwards, the crime of human hatred, which is a satanic fruit, has again fouled the Earth, and there is no dirt-clod on your planet that has not tasted blood. From these clods soaked with human blood a stink rises which makes you more and more bestial. Nothing but My power can purify what rings you round and what you have within. And when it is the hour, I will come to cleanse you and the Earth from human hatred so that the Earth and the living may be presentable to God.

"The last battle shall be that of purely satanic hatred and then there shall be only Satan and his children who hate. Now all of you hate. Even the holy in your midst more or less hate the enemy and the neighbor. And this makes Satan's actions easier and hinders God's actions whether in individuals or nations.

"Do not have impulses of ill-will or scorn, you who are dearer to Me, at least you. I died for all, remember that. Italians, Frenchmen, Englishmen, Spaniards, Germans or Rumanians, are equally tinted with My Blood. I have united all of you with the divine Vinestock by My Blood. Why then do you hate one another? No racial distinctions, no religious distinctions justify your ill-will.

"I alone am the judge. Whoever acts cruelly with the neighbor in the name of Faith or Homeland clashes with Charity and therefore

with God. I will not curse those sent to fight because I have taught to obey the authorities. But My anathema has been uttered already, and it shall fill the vault of Heaven with a roll of thunder on Judgment day, for those who hide behind a false cloak of patriotism and of defense of the Faith and unduly claim a right to plunder and kill to help themselves.

"Do not wave a flag you do not believe in. Do not pronounce the defense of what you scorn in your hearts. Do not say: 'I am the defender of God and Homeland, of God's cause and the cause of Homeland.' You lie. You are the first ones seeking to endanger both Homeland and God, and though you do not harm God who is above your attempts, you do harm your Homelands. Start defending God within yourselves and the Homeland within yourselves, and do not barter Faith and Homeland for a dish of lentils¹⁴³ or for thirty cursed denarii.¹⁴⁴

"Destroyers and liars. Adulterers of the Faith and of the Homeland. Mockers of your own doctrines and minds, because you say one thing and do another, because you know that what you do is evil and you do it all the same, because you marry an idea or the Faith and then betray it for a low love, because you lie to yourselves and to others, because you destroy what others fostered to give it to you for your inheritance.

"O cruel men, who destroy even God's work and kill the temples of your bodies, in which there are dead souls, and kill the temple of God, because in the churches the faithful and the priests who are 'alive' are only too scarce.

"What are your rites done with a dead soul worth? Don't you remember that God is to be offered living, perfect victims, the best victims?¹⁴⁵ And you offer the left-overs, the lame, the dead? Dead because what you touch with your dead souls you kill, lame because what you give to God with your diseased souls you deform, left-overs because you keep for God what is left over after you got rich for your own enjoyment.

"Return to God. Return to Christ. Priests, return to Us to become 'priests.' You need His consecration, with the oil that comes from the eternal Priest. Too many of you have been reduced to lamps without oil, and the faithful are straying because they have no light in the darkness. Take the Light to them. I am the Light of the world.¹⁴⁶ But you cannot take Me to them if you do not have Me in you.

"And do not insult My megaphone if she tells you this. Bless her instead since she lets you know the truth and gives you the means to look at yourselves in the middle of your souls' wounds and take away much dust that sullies them. *If the truth is bitter and displeases you, do think that it is your fault if it is being said to you. You did not need to deserve that truth.* It would have been better not to deserve it. But since you do deserve it do not spark at My megaphone who in tears tells you. Because if I chose her to do this, it is because I love her and *can see in her spirit a dwelling in which I am always welcomed with a subject's respect for her King and a child's simplicity with her father.*

"I have said it: 'Whoever loves Me performs the same works as I do.'¹⁴⁷ *Because I live in those who love Me, the victims who humble themselves in love so far as to die from it, and I work in them the marvels of My power.*"

58. The House of Judah

December 5, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:623-625

Zechariah, ch.8, vv.7, 12, 13, 16, 22.

Jesus says:

"Since I am the Savior of mankind, I cannot *not* be the Savior of My people, 'My people' according to the ancient law, 'My people' according to the new law.

"Humanly, I descended from that stock, and though it mocked Me, refused to acknowledge Me, betrayed Me and killed Me, though it did that with souls weighed down and ensnared by the magma of the sin which My Blood does not wash off—as this stock is a bough that does not want to be grafted onto the stock of God's vine—it is no less true that I died for it too and have over it My rights as King and for it My love as Creator.

"Harshly and cruelly the fathers' fathers of these people of today rejected the gift of the Eternal One and asked for My Blood to satisfy the hunger of their hatred for Truth.¹⁴⁸ Patiently, intelligently, powerfully and kindly, I will draw them to Myself.

"People's good or evil works always serve a supernatural purpose, because human wickedness is gathered by God and the touch of His hands turns it into an instrument of good. God leaves no stone unturned in His far-sighted work to achieve His purpose, which is to gather human beings into one single nucleus for the last day, just as from one single nucleus they did spread out on the Earth, dividing like brooklets overflowing from the bowl of a fountain.

"The work has already begun and the persecutors who harm and offend what is human do not know they are setting up by their iniquity the great day of the Lord. On that day I will gather like scattered sheep My huge flock at the foot of the Cross, I will re-call by the name of 'lambs' the young that became wild in the flock which was already Mine, and I will drive out those who under My sign are the vipers and wolves of human society.

"When you know how to acknowledge Me and weep with contrite hearts, I will change the centuries-old condemnation of you, deicides, into forgiveness and blessing, because I cannot forget the good done by your ancient Fathers, who from the Kingdom pray for you the astray. Therefore you too, who were the first to have had the Law as a gift, give up what is ungrateful to God.

"The same commandments which I give to My own who were born of the mystical labor of the Cross, I give to you too who have turned the Cross for yourselves into a sacrilegious scaffold and a source of condemnation.

"Tell the truth and serve Truth. Come to the Truth. Be remorseful for those who mocked Truth and hoped to kill It. They killed none but themselves because Truth is immortal in Its divine nature. Do not cloak yourselves with Its flags for a human purpose. But once you have drawn near to It, love It as a groom and bride love one another. Truth is the One that must procreate eternal Life for you. But there can be no conception if the two do not become one single thing by pursuing not the pleasure of the senses, but holiness of purpose. Be upright and sincere with all and especially with God, whose eye pierces hearts from side to side and sees them as well as, and better than, the scientists and bacteriologists who can see in your bodies the diseases that waste you away and the germs that eat into you.

"Apply love to truth in your relations with God and with people. Do not betray. Twenty centuries ago a man of your stock betrayed, being incited and followed by crafty and wicked men. By your fair and loyal behavior, take away that shame, which has been crushing you for centuries.

"To be loved, one must win the others' love. You have forgotten it many, too many times. Love peace. It is the sign of Christ, whom your fathers killed, drawing onto you the endless warfare which, after the pauses of truces, explodes and comes up again like an unhealable disease in Earth's body, and which gives you no security and no rest. Now you must learn to love this peace to be able to belong to Christ and thus end the never-ending exodus of your stock.

"Every dirt-clod in the world shivers under your feet and drives you away, even your ancient dirt-clods. But if I, Lord of the universe, stretch out My Hand and open My mouth to say: 'Enough! They are Mine again!' the Earth will no longer be able to persecute you. The supernatural awnings of Heaven will be above you to protect you.

"Remember when for your sakes I persecuted the mighty, split the sea,¹⁴⁹ made springs gush in the barrenness of deserts¹⁵⁰ and food rain down from the sky,¹⁵¹ when I posted My angels to carve a way for you among your enemies to bring you to the Land which I had promised to the first saints of Earth.¹⁵² I am still, and always, that powerful and compassionate God. I am so twice more now, now that I am not only the Creator Father but also the Savior Son, now that the Third Person has produced the miracle of the Incarnation of a God to turn Him into the expiatory Victim for all of mankind.

"I am waiting for you to be able to say to Earth: 'Peace,' and to Heaven: 'Open up to welcome the living. The time is ended!' Come. My heart is no different, now that I am in Heaven, from what it was on Golgotha when I was praying for your fathers and forgiving Dismah."¹⁵³

59. "Feed My lambs"

The following extracts are taken from a dictation which contains a message from Jesus to Pius XII. The message itself is quoted in its entirety.

December 9, 1943

Extracts

Q43:642-645

Zechariah ch. XI, verses 4, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17.

Jesus says:

"Never as at this moment must I repeat to the one who represents Me: 'Feed My lambs.'¹⁵⁴

"Many of them have become wild, but it is not entirely their fault and for this reason I feel sorry for them.

"... Well, due to all the wormwood given to the crowds as food which leads them to despair even of God, and due to all the hunger suffered by my children's bodies and souls, and for the sake of those who in this collapse remain the lambs of God's flock and whom no passion¹⁵⁵ changes into rebels against God like their seducers and owners, children of Evil and forerunners of the Antichrist—due to all that I come from on High with My Words and My Love to feed the poor of My flock and repeat to you who are My Vicar:

"Feed My lambs, giving them the tireless words and the blessings with which I have filled your innocent hand, which knows no blood except My Blood which you lift up on the altar for a rite of propitiation, and knows no gesture except that which was Mine: blessing others for whom you, as I, feel sorry.

"I have given your hand two rods and you are dear to Me because you have used that of love. But love, which has power even on God's Power, falls like pebbles thrown against rock, when it is addressed to some who, though having a human appearance, are granite-hearted demons. So strike with the other rod. Let the faithful know you are no accomplice in the sins of the great. Those in charge become accomplices too, when they dare not thunder against the foul deeds of the great. Your Master does not like curses and thunderbolts. But there are times when one must know how to use them, *not in order to persuade the mighty*, whose Satan-possessed minds cannot be persuaded, *but in order to persuade the poor of the world that God, and God's upright people, neither share nor uphold the methods and*

bullying of those who have exceeded all bounds and think themselves gods whereas they are but filthy wild beasts.

"Speak out in the name of the Justice you represent. It is time. May the multitudes know that My Doctrine has not changed and that there is one single Law, that there is only one God, that His first commandment is love,¹⁵⁶ that as throughout the centuries before My coming, during which I confirmed the Law, He still orders not to steal, not to fornicate, not to kill, not to take others' belongings.¹⁵⁷ Say it to today's robbers, who not satisfied with money rob souls from God and countries from nations. Say it to fornicators, today's powerful fornicators, whose fornication is not the beastly kind with a woman but the demoniacal kind with political power. Say it to today's killers, who usurp the right to slay whole nations after having in other nations—their own—killed faith in God, honesty of every type, love for what is good. Say it to today's greedy who, voracious like jackals, attack where they find what they like and consider every crime of theirs lawful, also taking what is not theirs.

"Speaking out means sorrow and sometimes death. But remember Me. I am more precious than 'joy' and 'life,' because I give those faithful to Me a joy and a life that know no end or measure. Remember Me who knew how to cleanse My House from filth and steadfastly keep to one single purpose: My Father's glory. With this I obtained hatred, revenge, and death, because those struck by My fury found someone who sold himself, who for thirty denarii gave Me into their power.

"Always, and among those we trust most, we have an enemy, someone who has sold himself. But it does not matter. The disciple is not above His Master.¹⁵⁸ I knew that the whip of My words, more than the rope-whip¹⁵⁹—a means more symbolic than real—was bringing about My death. Yet I spoke out; you too, speak out. And if, out of love for mankind and love for you, [Pius,] I put up with an enemy who had sold himself and with the repugnance of a betrayal kiss,¹⁶⁰ you, the first among today's children of Mine, must not draw back from what the Master underwent before you.

"For if later on, despite every means, Justice were to perish and rulers and ruled alike were swayed more and more by Satan with evil camouflage, and withdrew more and more from God, then I would take away Light and Truth. And this will come about when even in

My dwelling, the Church, there are too many who, out of human self-interest and unworthy weakness, are among those ruled by the sowers of Evil in their various teachings. Then you will be able to distinguish the shepherd who does not care for the forsaken sheep, the idol-shepherd spoken of by Zechariah.

"Remember John's Apocalypse. Remember the dragon:¹⁶¹ the Evil breeding the future Antichrist and preparing for his kingdom not only by unsettling consciences but also by sweeping away in its coils one third of the stars and by turning the heavenly bodies into mud. When this demoniacal harvest takes place in Christ's Court, among the powerful of His Church, then, in the light dimmed down to a mere glow and preserved as the sole lamp in the hearts of those true to Christ—for Light cannot die away, I promised it,¹⁶² and the Church, even in periods of terror, shall preserve just enough Light to become bright again after the trial—then the idol-shepherd will come, who will be and stand where his commanders tell him.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.¹⁶³ For those alive in that time, death will be a blessing."

60. Beware of idle curiosity

December 9, 1943

Extract

Q43:648

Jesus says:

"What I dictate is not dictated for your entertainment or to comply with your morbid yearnings to know the future. When you know, do you change? No. Don't be deceitful or naive. You don't change. People with upright spirits already have more than enough of what was said for all without lifting up the deeper veils. The others... oh! the others! When they do not turn that into an instrument to harm many, they turn it into an instrument to harm themselves, because they study, they do not welcome, they study My new Words in only a human light and with only a human method. And haven't I said that that method was a killer?"

61. After the dark times of the idol-shepherds, Christ will scatter their false doctrines

December 11, 1943

Complete dictation.

Q43:649-652

Zechariah, chapters 12–13–14.

Jesus says:

“My Church has already experienced periods of obscurantism due to a number of various things. It must not be forgotten that if the Church, taken as an entity, as a work, is perfect like its Founder, when taken as a group of people it involves the shortcomings characteristic of what comes from people.

“When the Church—and by this I am now referring to the combination of its high dignitaries—acted according to the dictates of My Law and of My Gospel, the Church experienced bright times of splendor. *But woe betide it when, putting the interests of Earth above those of Heaven, it defiled itself with human passions! Woe betide it three times when it worshipped the Beast of which John speaks,¹⁶⁴ namely political Power, and let itself be enslaved by it.* Then the light necessarily darkened into more or less deep dusks, either due to the personal fault of the Heads risen to that throne by human cunning, or due to their weakness against human pressures.

“Those [dusky times] are the times during which there are the ‘idol-shepherds’ of whom I already spoke,¹⁶⁵ *the outcome, after all, of everyone’s errors. Because if Christians were what they should be, be they powerful or humble, no abuses and intrusions would occur, and God’s chastisement would not be roused, God withdrawing His light from those who rejected it.*

“In the past centuries, from these errors there came the antipopes and the schisms, which, the antipopes as well as the schisms, split consciences into two opposite camps thus causing countless downfalls of souls. In the centuries to come, these same errors will be able to bring about *the Error*, namely the Abomination¹⁶⁶ in God’s house, the forerunning sign of the end of the world.

“What will it consist in? When will it happen? You do not need to know that. *I will only tell you that from a priesthood that*

loves rationalism too much and serves political power too much, there can but fatally come a very dark period for the Church.

"But have no fear. The prophecies of Zechariah and of John are united like chain links. During this period of painful labor the Church will be persecuted by hell's forces. Like the mystical Woman spoken of by John,¹⁶⁷ the Church will flee to save herself, by taking refuge within the best members and losing the unworthy ones in a mystical flight—I said: '*mystical flight.*'¹⁶⁸ Afterwards the Church will give birth to the saints destined to lead her in the hour that comes before the last times.

"They will have a father's and a king's hand, those who are to gather the races around the Cross to prepare the assembly of Christ. No race will be missing, in its best children.

"Then I will come and I shall set up My power as bulwark against all of Satan's traps and wiles, attacks and crimes against My earthly Jerusalem, the Church militant.

"I will pour out *My spirit* on all the redeemed of the earth.¹⁶⁹ And even those who now suffer, paying for their fathers' sins and unable to find salvation since they dare not turn to Me—they shall find peace. Because they will repent and will, quite differently from their fathers, call onto themselves that Blood already shed which trickles inexhaustibly from the limbs which their fathers pierced.¹⁷⁰ Like a fountain I will be in the midst of My wholly reassembled flock, and I will cleanse in Me all their past ugly deeds which repentance shall have begun to cancel.

"In those days, as King of Justice and Wisdom, I will scatter the idols of false doctrines, I will purge the Earth of the false prophets who have led you into so many errors. I Myself will replace all the scholars, all the prophets, more or less holy or more or less wicked, because *the last education must be free from imperfection, as it must prepare for the last Judgment those who will have no purgation time since they will at once be called to the dreadful inspection.*

"*Christ the Redeemer*, whose goal is to redeem you and who leaves no stone unturned to do so, is already beginning and hastening His second teaching to refute, with a truthful voice, the cultural, social and spiritual heresies sprung up everywhere. *And in those days He will speak with the signs of His*

Torment. Rivers of light and grace shall stream out of My Wounds, Wounds which killed the Son of God and heal the children of mankind.

"These bright rubies of My wounds shall be a sword against impenitents, against the stubborn, against those sold to Satan, and they will be a caress to the 'little ones' who love Me as a loving father. This caress of Christ will come down onto their weakness to strengthen them, and My hand will take them to the trial in which only those who love Me with true love can resist. One third. But this third shall be worthy of possessing the City of Heaven, the Kingdom of God.

"Then I shall come, no longer as Teacher but as King, to take possession of My Church militant, by then made One and Universal¹⁷ as My Will made it.

"The centuries-old labor shall have ceased for her. The Enemy shall have been crushed forever. The Earth shall have been cleansed by the rivers of Grace come down one last time onto it to make it as it was in the beginning, when Sin had not corrupted this planetary altar—destined to sing with the other planets God's praises, instead this planetary altar became, on account of human sin, the foundation for the scaffold of its Lord become Flesh to save Earth. All the seducers shall have been defeated together with all the persecutors who with a pressing rhythm had distressed the Church My Spouse. She will experience tranquility and glory.

"Together we will go up for a last ascension, I and My saints, to take possession of the City without contamination, where My throne is prepared and where everything will be new and painless. Immersed in My Light, you shall reign with Me for ever and ever.

"This is obtained for you by the One who for your sakes was made flesh in Mary's womb and was born in Bethlehem of Judah to die on Golgotha."

62. The King's Scepter on Judgment Day

The dictation from which the following passage is quoted was begun by Jesus and continued by God the Father. In the following extract, our heavenly Father speaks about His servants.

December 17, 1943

Extract

Q43:672

God the Father says:

"After they have, during their lifetimes, glimpsed God's Face, kind and smiling, through the veils of distances and of His Will, they shall know 'the Star risen out of Jacob,'¹⁷² My holy Son, the Upright One in whose pierced Hand I have put the king's scepter, the sacred staff which on Judgment Day shall mark the blessed and the damned and which for My servants shall be gentle as a caress.

"Follow from now on the everlasting Ruler. He leads you up a safe path to the possession of the Kingdom of God *if only by obedience*, exemplified by the man spoken of in the Book, *you do not intend to do good or bad as you think fit, but only what the Lord tells you to.*"

63. The powerful Name of Jesus

December 29, 1943

Complete dictation

Q43:705-708

The Eternal Father says:

"Write, because there is someone wishing for it and thinking about it.

"Paul of Tarsus, formerly a convinced Sanhedrist and implacable persecutor of Christ's disciples, then going back to the Light by means of a divine thunderbolt and becoming My Son's untiring Apostle, at the Areopagus of Athens announced to the Athenians that unknown God to whom they had dedicated an altar.¹⁷³

"Now too many living altars are bereft of their God and could write on their religious nakedness *at least* these words: 'to the unknown God.'

"They do not even write that. They are weaker in their paganism than the Athenians of old who, dissatisfied with their semblances void of true life and not clouded by religious

faintness as you are, sensed that above the false Olympus of their gods, to whom they had lent their own passions and vices, there was a true, holy God. With that altar dedicated to Him, they were begging Him to reveal Himself—with that altar on which there was not yet a statue or a name, waiting as they were for the divine Revelation to affix them to it.

"But you, you know the true God because I revealed Him to you hundreds and hundreds of years ago and, not content revealing Him, I sent God Himself to you, not for a deceitful apparition or a short stay, I sent Him fitted out with human Flesh and living in your midst for a whole lifetime.

"I, to that Perfection of God's Perfection—remember, O people, that God is Charity, and the quintessence and perfection of Charity is found in Christ who took flesh to give you Life—I, to that Perfection that came down to act in your midst, have given a name. A holy Name willed by Me because in His Name there is the epitome of His Perfection and of His outstanding mission. A Name whose real meaning is known to God alone. A Name before which the Godhead pulsates more ardently, before which Heaven with all its processions of angels and saints shines happier and brighter, before which the abyss shakes, and before which the forces of the Universe subject their might, because they recognize the name of the King through whom all things were made.¹⁷⁴

"The splendor and glory of the One and Triune God are in the thrice holy and powerful name of Jesus, because He is the Holy of holies in whom, as in God's Temple, the living, true, perfect God is, as He is in Heaven, eternal and acting like a wheel that knows no welded joint and does not cease its motion for ever and ever before mankind and for ever and ever after mankind. Therefore, it is well put in the Book: 'You shall not build Me a house, but your Son, that shall come forth out of your loins, He shall build a house to My Name.'¹⁷⁵

"The Son of Man was born of a woman of holy stock, a woman consecrated to Me. He was conceived by the will of the Holy Spirit without the burden of carnality, only by an infusion of love. The One born of Mary did not open her virginal womb in being born, just as in conceiving Him no one profaned that womb consecrated to Me. He was your son owing to His

Mother, O Mankind, and My Son owing to His divine origin. *He shall build with Himself the House on which the Glory of My Name is engraved.*

"For We are inseparable in Our Trinity, and in Christ there is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Son is but the Father's Word who has taken shape to be Redemption for you. But His self-abasement does not break the union of the Three Persons, because God's Perfection knows no limitations and separations.

"How could you have contained God in a temple so infinite and holy as the Godhead implies? Only God Himself could have been a temple to God and bear His Name without being irony and insult. Only God could dwell within Himself and make man-made temples alive with Himself, temples on which the name affixed by man is no longer untruthful because I Myself gave you that Name.

"Only God, O Christians, could have given you His Name as a sign of salvation over all the races of the Earth, that Name which the angels will read on the foreheads of those who shall not die forever and will preserve them, by that Name, from the scourges of the last hour, just as it has already preserved from the second death the elect who in the heavenly abode sing the holiness of My Son's Name.

"Woe betide those who deny that Name and insult it by replacing that holy name with the demoniacal sign of Satan, or who even only allow the faintness of the spirit to forget It as though a corrosive substance were eating it out of their selves which have Life by that Name. Death, the real Death is awaiting those who refuse to acknowledge My Son's Name, to whom I deferred all power and every judgment and in whose Name My Majesty complies with every miracle, just as throughout the Universe every creature should bow in holy and agreeable worship.

"Oh! Children of My Son! He brought His Name to turn purple with divine Blood on the steep slope of Calvary and to shine, the one and only light of the darkened world, in the darkness of Good Friday,¹⁷⁶ so that it might be the warning which from the top of a Cross points to Heaven for which you were made. It has been shining for hundreds of years to continue reminding you of Heaven. And it has never flashed as much as now to call you to Itself in this wrath created, called

on and yearned for by you, in which you perish in the continuous gurgling of blood and the demons' laughs. O children of My Son, *carve again with your sorrow going back to God, with your hope rousing itself Godwards, with your faith rebaptized by tears, with your love finding the way of Charity again, the holy Name of Jesus Christ on the altars of your Godless hearts, on the profaned temples of your minds.* Free these and those from the semblances of rites which give you spiritual death. Put in them and on them the true God. Love, sing, call on, bless, and believe in, My Son's Name.

"The Name of the Just One, of the Holy One, of the Strong One, of the Ruler, of the Conqueror. The Name of the One before whom the Father does not resist and through whom the Spirit pours out His streams of sanctifying grace. The Name of the Merciful One who loves you so much that He wanted to experience earth's life and death, and wanted to become Food to nourish your weakness, and wanted to become Sacrament in order to remain in your midst after His return to Heaven and in order to bring God within you.

"I swear to you by My Holiness: there is not, there has not been, there never shall be a name greater than This One. In It I Myself, One and Triune, am with My supreme manifestation of power and love."

64. The collapse of Italy

Though the following text is specifically addressed to Italy, much of it unfortunately applies to many other countries.

December 29, 1943

Extracts

Q43:708-709; 709-711

Jesus says:

"And the word of the Lord is addressed to you [Maria] in these terms, even if you do not want to hear it because it makes your heart shudder with both fear and compassion, on account of the days reserved for you [Italians], and of the brothers and sisters who in the days of terrifying wrath will not have Me in their hearts for their comfort, and will see but Satan's horror and hear but Satan's blasphemies and experience but Satan's hopelessness.

"... O My people, listen.

"I had chosen you for the loftiest destiny and had entrusted you with the gems of My Redemption and with My Doctrine in the Church, which thrives in your land like a palm-tree and a cedar; the Church, from which honey and wine stream, and in which all the living who want to have shelter in the true ark of eternal salvation do find shelter.

"From you My people as from a sun there issued rays of perfect civilization because it was Christ's Civilization, which is carpeted not with discoveries calculated to make life loose and fate cruel, but with holy laws, dedicated to raise mankind, relieve its miseries, and teach it out of its ignorance, since they are laws derived from the divine Source of Holiness, Charity, and Wisdom.

"I had given you a mission like Mine as Light in the world.

"You have disowned Me. New Jerusalem, you have betrayed Christ and acted cruelly against His saints and His prophets, and you are getting ready to act even more cruelly. You have tolerated the cross and the churches as art forms and as means to achieve your neopagan purposes. You have rejected *the Food* in order to fill up your hearts with mud.

"You have longed to know and taste all the kinds of mud, and with your taste depraved like that of filthy animals, mud now seems sweet on your palates. And lust, arrogance, cruelty, greed, falsehood, corruption, and satanism are the dishes you heap on your tables. And punishment you draw on yourselves, punishment you devise with your own hands, punishment you inflict on yourselves, and you call upon the one who ruins you, and you do not call on the One who would still forgive you.

"I have acted mercifully with you once more and yet again, and I warned you not to turn this mercy of Mine into new harm for you by using it with unworthy intentions. And one more time and yet again you have turned God's gift into a sin by using it with unlawful intentions.

"Just as the Prophet says: 'The rod has blossomed, pride has budded.'¹⁷⁷ I had given you an olive shoot so that you would grow it and it would become for you a leafy branch of justice and peace. I cautioned you that the ground had to be cleared of error for My holy shoot not to run wild from an impure contact and not to germinate in boughs and fruit of

greater guilt. But you did not listen to the Lord who, as Father and Master, was giving you advice, and *the bloom became poison, and pride brought forth crime. And another crime will follow, and yet others.*

"For that reason I tell you: not one of you will be tearless. Both property owner and the destitute will weep, because owners will lose their property, and the destitute no longer will find someone to clothe them. Hunger, fury of war, and pestilence will fasten your bodies with their ropes, and hopelessness and terror will clasp your blind souls.

"Yes, you will be like the blind, walking in the darkness full of hideousness and wreckage, knowing that every step you take can lead you to betrayal and death. You will walk as on ground shaken by a tremendous earthquake. Indeed the Earth quakes under your steps because, though it is but a planet, it is more of a child of the Creator than you are, and it sees God's angry Face staring at this land, the same as when He looked at His children deserving the flood¹⁷⁸ and the fire,¹⁷⁹ and it begins to quake deep down for fear of His punishment.

"Material and intellectual values have been thrown into confusion and stripped of their just essence. Knowledge has become a hindrance instead of a help. *Even the holy knowledge of God has become a condemnation because although you know it you disown it. Light and Word stop in your throats and cannot go down and enlighten and feed your spirits, because the nooses of your wicked passions prevents you from taking them in.*

"As you see the collapse of the idols of mud you had set up in the place of the true God, you will realize you had adored rubbish and you will no longer have faith, *no longer faith in anything, either in truth, or in falsehood.*

"And as punishment for the deniers, the faithless, they will be run over by those who hate the Christ of Rome, by the wicked of the Earth, by those closer and closer to Satan, by those destroying the Cross not so much on church domes as *within hearts that still bear a trace of My Sign.*"

65. Against a grave heresy

Jesus deals with a heresy engineered by one of the greatest sons of Satan in the period of the forerunners of the Antichrist; then Jesus powerfully exhorts us all to follow the truth. After the dictation we quote Valtorta's comment on the heresy, which she wrote down on a loose sheet. We do not know if that was her own interpretation or an interpretation based on her "voices" (as for instance in ET:123). Jesus Himself was not that specific in the dictation; the heresiarch could be someone else.

January 17-18, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:77-83

St. Paul to the Colossians. Chapters 2 and 3.

Jesus says:

"Listen: this dictation is less for you and many like you, [Maria,] than it is part of the group of the 'seven dictations.'¹⁸⁰ When someone has begun to unhinge a system, it is not wrong to go on hitting with a battering-ram. And this form of thinking¹⁸¹ is a system of steel. One must persevere to overcome.

"There is only one Faith that is true: Mine, just as I gave it to you people, a divine gem whose light is life. It is not enough to remain in that faith nominally just as a piece of marble stays in a room once put in there by chance. *But you must merge with it and turn it into a part of you.*

"Is the clothing you wear life for you? Does it by any chance become flesh and blood? No. A garment is useful but if you take it off to put another one on, you take nothing away from your inner you. Whereas the food you intake turns into your blood and flesh and you can no longer take it away from you. It is a part, an essential part, of you, because without blood and flesh you could not live and without food you would have no flesh and blood.

"It is the same with the Faith. It must not be a thing resting on you at certain times, just like a veil to look more beautiful and seduce your brothers and sisters. *It must be an intrinsic part of you, inseparable from you, vital in you. The faith is not only the hope of things believed in. The faith is the reality of life, the Life which starts here, in this pipe dream of human life, and which is fulfilled in the hereafter in that eternal life waiting for you.*

"Nowadays a grave heresy is taking place, a heresy sacrilegious to the highest degree, a heresy by the son of Satan, by

one of his sons. I could say this one is one of Satan's greatest sons, not the greatest in the past who Judas was, not the greatest to come who the Antichrist will be, but one of those living nowadays¹⁸² for the chastisement of mankind. For mankind has worshipped itself, not God, thus dealing itself death through itself; whereas I, God, had given mankind Life by My death—meditate that difference. This son of Satan proclaims a new faith which is a tragic, sacrilegious, cursed caricature of My Faith. A new gospel is being proclaimed, a new church is being founded, a new altar is being set up, a new cross is being raised, a new sacrifice is being celebrated. A gospel, church, altar, cross, sacrifice of man. *Not of God.*

"There is only one Gospel: Mine.

"There is only one Church: Mine, Catholic, of Rome.

"There is only one Altar: the one consecrated with oil, water and wine; the one founded on the bones of a martyr and of a saint of God.

"There is only one Cross: Mine. The one from which the Body of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, hangs. The one which repeats the shape of the wood I carried with infinite love and with such toil up to the top of Calvary. There are no other crosses. There can be other signs, hieroglyphics like those sculpted in the Pharaohs' hypogea or onto the Aztecs' steles, signs, nothing more than human or satanic signs, but not crosses, not the symbol of a whole poem of love, of redemption, of victory over all the forces of Evil, whatever they may be.

"From Moses' time until now, and from now until Judgment day, there will be one cross: the one like Mine, the one that first bore the 'snake,'¹⁸³ symbol of eternal life, the one that bore Me, the one I shall bring with Me when I appear to you as Judge and King to judge everyone: you, O My blessed believers in My Sign and in My Name; and you, cursed parodists and sacrilegious people who have thrown down from temples, states and consciences My Sign and My Name, and substituted your satanic initials and your names of satanic individuals.

"There is only one Sacrifice: the one which mystically repeats Mine, and in the bread and wine gives you My Body and My Blood immolated for you. There is no other body, no other blood that can replace the Great Victim. Yet you immolate blood and bodies, you savage sacrificers of those under you, those whom you control.

Yes, you have turned them into bodies of galley slaves, you have marked them with your sign as though they were animals to be slaughtered, you have made them unable even to think because you have robbed, forbidden, struck this human sovereignty over brutes, and you have turned intelligent beings into a huge herd of brutes over whom you wave the whip and whom you threaten with 'death' even if they *dare, only within themselves, to judge you. And this blood and these bodies which you immolate do not celebrate the sacrifice, do not replace it, do not serve for it.*

"My sacrifice obtains graces and blessings for you. *Yours obtains eternal condemnations and curses for you.* I hear and see the groans and tortures of the oppressed, whom you butcher in soul and mind even more than in body. Not one of your subjects is safe from your knife which deprives them of freedom, of peace, of serenity, of faith, and which turns them into moral idiots, scared, despairing rebels. I hear and see the death-rattles of the slain and the blood that wets 'your' altar. *Poor blood for which I have compassion beyond every measure and for which I forgive even error, because men have already become punishment against it and God does not act ferociously where there has already been atonement.*

"But I swear to you that I will turn that blood and those groans into your eternal punishment. You shall eat, bring up and vomit blood, you shall drown in it, your souls shall be stunned by those death-rattles and groans until you go crazy, and you shall be haunted by millions of ghostly faces which will shout to you your millions of crimes and will curse you. This is what you shall find where your father is awaiting you, the king of lies and cruelty.

"And where among you is the Pontiff, the Priest to celebrate the rite? *You are executioners, not priests. That is not an altar: it is a scaffold. That is not a sacrifice: it is a blasphemy. It is not a faith: it is a sacrilege.*

"Climb down, O cursed men, before I crush you with horrible deaths. Die at least the death of brutes that withdraw into their dens to die, full up with prey. Do not wait on your pedestals of infernal gods for Me to hand you over to suffering, not of the spirit, but of your beastly bodies, and make you die

amid the scorn of the masses and the abuse of today's ill-treated. *There is a limit. I am reminding you. And there is no mercy for those who ape God and become like Lucifer.*¹⁸⁴

"And you, O nations, be strong in Truth and Justice. Human philosophies and human doctrines are all defiled with dross. Today's are stuffed with poison. Nobody plays with poisonous snakes. The time comes when the snake snaps out of its bewilderment and deals you the deadly bite. Do not let yourselves be poisoned.

"Remain united with Me. In Me there is peace, justice, and love. Do not seek other doctrines. Live the Gospel. You will be happy. Live on Me, in Me. You will not experience the great bodily joys. I do not give those, I give the true joys which are not only the flesh's delight but also that of the spirit, the honest, blessed, holy joys which I have granted and ratified, those which I did not decline to have a share in.

"Family, children, an honest well-being, a thriving and peaceful homeland, genuine harmony with your brothers and sisters and with the nations: that is what I call holy and what I bless. In that you also find health, because family life honestly lived gives the body wholesomeness; in that you have serenity, because business and professions honestly carried out give peace of mind; in that you have peace and prosperity of homeland and hometown because, as you live in good harmony with your fellow-villagers and the neighboring peoples, you avoid grudges and wars.

"In your blood Satan's poison is fermenting, I know, My poor children. But I have given you Myself as an antidote. I have taught you to engrave on you and within you My Sign which crushes Satan.

"Circumcise your spirits with Me: a much loftier and much more perfect circumcision! Yes, it takes away from your flesh those cells in which the deadly germs lie concealed, and inserts into you the Life which I am. Yes, it strips you of animality and clothes you with Christ. Yes, it buries you as children of the guilty Adam—and you too are guilty due to original sin and your own sins. Yes, it buries you in the Baptism and Confession of Christ, and revives you as children of the Most High.

"Do not part from Me. Oh! I really will bring you to the Heavens if you remain part of Me. But since you are not wholly 'heaven' and some of Earth's mud always remains in you, here goes, I even promise to you that you will not lack the Father's blessing even on this mire of yours. For the Father will be able only to bless His Son; and if you remain in Me and if you pray with Me saying 'Our Father' just as I have taught you,¹⁸⁵ My Power will overshadow you so much that the Father will give you both the Kingdom of the Heavens, as asked for in the first part, and the daily bread and the forgiveness of sins, as asked for in the second.

"If you remain in Me, like babies in a mother's womb, our Father will be able to see only the garment clothing you: Me, your Redeemer, the one begetting you for Heaven, His Son; and He will shower His graces onto His Son, the object of all His delights, for Whom He created, besides all things, also forgiveness and glory, for His Son's joy, who wants you to be forgiven and glorious.

"I have destroyed the death of each one of you by My death. I have annihilated your sins by My Blood. I have offset them for you beforehand. I have made everything powerless to harm you in the future life of each one of you by nailing your evil, from Adam to every individual among you, onto My cross. I can say that I consumed all the poison of the world when I sucked the sponge soaked in gall and vinegar on Golgotha and that I restored that Evil into Good for you because, dying from it, I distilled it and I turned death's brew into water of Life, which sprang from My rent chest.

"Remain in Me with purity and fortitude. Do not be hypocrites, be genuine in the Faith. It is not outward practices that constitutes faith and love. The sacrilegious too practice outwardly, doing so to take you in and get human glory. You must not be like that.

"Remember: as I regenerated you for the Life of Grace to which you had died, so I raised you with Me to Life everlasting. Accordingly, gaze at that place of life. Seek all things that are currency for you to enter it. All things of the spirit: Faith, Hope, Charity, the other Virtues which turn people into children of God.

"Seek the Knowledge that makes no mistakes: the one contained in My teaching. This is the one that enables you to behave so that Heaven may be yours.

"Seek Glory, but not the oft-guilty, laughable glory of earth. I often condemn that glory and always deem it not to be true glory, but only a mission which God gives you, so that you may turn it into a means to reach heavenly Glory. True Glory is obtained by reversing the world's values. The world says: 'Enjoy yourselves, hoard, be proud, arrogant, heartless, hate in order to win, lie to triumph, inflict cruelties to rule.' I say to you: 'Be moderate, self-controlled, without craving for flesh, gold, power, be frank, honest, humble, loving, patient, meek, merciful.¹⁸⁶ Forgive those who offend you, love those who hate you, help those less happy than you. Love, love, love.'

"In truth I tell you that not one act of love will go unrewarded, even if it is very small, like a sigh of compassion for one who suffers. It will receive in Heaven an infinite reward, and even on earth a great reward, not understandable except by the one experiencing it. That is the reward of Christ's peace for all My good people, of the Word's brightness for the best in whom I come to find My comfort.

"My dear children, whom I love with a love much greater than all the hatred that flows like an infernal fluid on Earth, love Me in your turn; whatever you do or say, do it in the name of your Jesus, thus giving thanks through Him to God your Father, and the grace of the Lord shall remain over you as a shield on earth and a sure halo for Heaven."

[Maria Valtorta comments on the deadly heresy:]

That 'speech' [by the heresiarch] was given about eight days ago, around the 10th or 11th of the current month. In it it was claimed, after various other things ... that priests are not necessary either to God or to souls, because they are money-grubbers and so on and so forth, bent upon nothing but advancement in their profession and so on and so forth; that when the war [World War II] is over, of course with Germany's victory, a new *real* religion will be set up, new *real* temples will be opened, and there the believers of the new faith will go and see the consummation of the sacrifice during which there will be brought the bread given to the German people and the blood of the same.

Words and promises uttered by Hitler to his citizens.

66. Daniel's prophecy about the Satanic period

January 23, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:97-98

Daniel, chapter 12.

Jesus says:

"The archangel who defeated Lucifer, and who watches over My Kingdom and its children, is the one who will rise as a heavenly sign in the last time. This shall be the time when Israel is joined on again to the Rome of Christ: there no longer will be the two branches of God's people, the one blessed and the other cursed for its deicide; there shall be only one tree-trunk known as *of Christ*, because it will be alive in Me.

"In those days, since the number of the saved will be complete, the resurrection of the flesh will come. Like a sleeping crowd woken up by a trumpet summoning it to a gathering, the dead—lying in the countless graveyards, in the deserts, in the seas, wherever human remains are lying—will rise to come to Me, the supreme Judge.

"Oh! Light, you who are an attribute of Mine and shall set aglow like stars those who knew Wisdom and taught Justice and lived it, how joyfully you will be shed that day on My blessed!

"The last time of three years and six months will be more awful than what mankind ever experienced. Satan shall be inflamed with utmost spite, because even the split between the two branches of God's people will be over, and with it the cause of so many material, moral and spiritual evils. Satan, through his son, shall use his absolute, ultimate wiles to harm, ruin, kill Christ within hearts and kill hearts belonging to Christ.

"The wise will understand Satan's pitfall, *Satan's countless pitfalls, because whoever possesses true Wisdom is enlightened, and by their faithfulness to Grace they shall become pure and tried like fire, worthy of being chosen for Heaven. The godless will follow Evil and will do Evil, unable as they are to understand Good, because of their own free wills they shall have filled their hearts with Evil.*

"Then the time shall come when, crushed to an extent never reached before, the Church is no longer free to celebrate the perpetual Sacrifice, and the abomination of desolation shall be

lifted up on the Holy Place and on the holy places, just as the prophets have said and I have repeated, I who make no mistakes.

"Daniel says: 'There shall be 1290 days' (of this oppression). And: 'Blessed is he that waits, and comes unto 1335 days.'¹⁸⁷

*"This means that during the three years and six months coming before the end, a short time will be laid aside in the end for the faithful to gather to listen to the last Words, resounding in their spirits, as an invitation to Heaven, while Michael with his angels crushes Satan and his demons. 'Blessed is he that waits, and comes unto 1335 days' means: 'Blessed is he that shall persevere unto the end' because he shall be saved."*¹⁸⁸

"And to you [Maria] I say: 'Go your ways until the time appointed'—of your time as a woman living on earth—'and you shall rest and stand in your lot unto the end of the days.'¹⁸⁹

67. The four beasts of Daniel 7

January 25, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:98-102

Daniel, chapter 7.

Jesus says:

"Daniel is the one who has the same tone as John, and John is the one who receives and amplifies Daniel's starting note. This is why, Little John,¹⁹⁰ you like him so much.

"Like a fish in a clear fishpond, [Maria,] you are happy when you move in the atmosphere of your Christ, who will have His supreme triumph at the hour when Satan and his son and his fawners have been made forever powerless. And in Daniel you find this atmosphere. Isaiah is the pre-Evangelist who speaks of My coming into the world for the salvation of the world,¹⁹¹ Daniel is the pre-Apostle, the pre-John who foretells the glories of My eternal triumph as King of the imperishable Jerusalem.

"Now see how the signs of the diabolical ministers of the Apocalypse¹⁹² are anticipated in the four beasts described by Daniel.¹⁹³ Commentators have striven to give these four monsters a historical, human meaning, *but it is necessary to gaze much further ahead, and much further above. When you people meditate*

the holy books, arise from the earth, break away from the present moment, gaze into the future and into the supernatural. There is the key to the mystery.

"The four beasts are the four errors that will come before the end, the four errors that will be four horrors for mankind and will beget the final Horror.

"Human beings were demigods by Grace and by Faith. Like eagles and lions they knew how to assail and crush the dangers of the senses and lift themselves to range in God's climes. There the soul is joined in supernatural wedlock to the Lord in swift, frequent unions of fervor. From these the soul comes down to earth refreshed every time in strength, joy, and charity which it pours out onto the brothers and sisters. Then the soul hurls itself again, even more impetuously, towards God, because every union is an increase of perfection which is fulfilled when the joining becomes eternal in My Heaven.

"Atheism tore off the eagles' wings and the demigods' hearts from people, and turned them into animals walking on mud and carrying over the mud and mudwards their heavy hearts all flesh and blood. People carry loads heavier than lead in their egos bereft of the spiritual wings of the spirit, weights that bend them, stretch them, cast them down into the mud.

"People were demigods on account of Charity living in them. By loving God and His Law, which is a law of Charity, they possessed God, and with God Peace, which is a main attribute of God, and with peace much universal and individual good.

"People rejected God's Law to adopt many other teachings. But *none was or is from God* and so true Charity is in none of them. Therefore people, who by embracing atheism had changed from eagles and lions into mere human beings, by infernal witchcraft *bred themselves into bears*, wild devourers of their fellow-creatures.

"But horror leads to horror. Horror escalates. It gets worse and worse because in their cursed unions with Satan, people—whom Christ had brought back to their nature of demigods—beget increasingly monstrous monsters. And these are the offspring of their error, as people sell themselves to Satan to have his earthly help.

"From the *demigod human* there came the *human*, from the *human*, the *bear*, from the *bear*, the *new monster*, *blood-thirsty and treacherous like the leopard*, endowed by Satan with many wings to be swifter in its harming. I told you people¹⁹⁴ that Satan apes God. So he too wanted to give wings to 'his' creature, to Faithless, Godless mankind, *by then Satan's creature*. He gave it no eagle's wings, but vampire's wings so that it might be its own incubus and be quick in its rushing to fall on parts of itself, victims of itself, to suck their blood.

"I, mystical pelican, have opened My heart to give you My blood. Satan turns people, to whom I gave My blood, into vampires that suck part of themselves and deal death to themselves in torment.

"Doesn't it sound like an incubus legend? On the contrary it is your reality. It is not a mythical monster. You are the ones who, diabolically hungry, devour parts of yourselves, slashing each other's veins, maiming one another and then producing new parts while devouring the parts already formed, steadfastly with something maniacal about it, something of a diabolical maniac.

"*Deliberate extremist power enforced all the way to crime, is the third beast. Since it is a human power, sold out to Satan to be more and more powerful, against every divine and moral law, it farrows its monster called Revolution which, by its nature, carries in the protrusions of its monstrosity all the ugliest horrors of revolutions, the social shipwreck of Good and Faith.*

"Honesty, respect, morality, religion, freedom and goodness die when this monster breathes onto a nation its infernal breath. Like a pestilential emanation its breath spreads beyond the borders, infecting by itself peoples upon peoples, until it infects the whole world. On the scraps of the victims which it killed and tore to pieces, and on the ruins of the nations reduced to rubble, it is preparing the cradle for the final monster: *the Antichrist*.

"I told you people¹⁹⁵ that he will be the son of mankind's lust, born from lust's union with the Beast. I told you. *I do not change* in what I say. What I say *is true*. I know it without needing to read it, I remember it without needing to reread it. *It is written in My divine mind before which all human events*

throughout time unceasingly pass by, one above the other, without one hindering the vision of the other.

"The Antichrist will be perfection of Horror as I was perfection of Perfection. With his countless weapons, symbolized by his ten horns, by his iron-toothed jaws, by his ferocious feet and finally by his small horn, he will torment beyond measure those who, small faithful flock, remain My followers. The small horn [also] symbolizes the extreme malice with which Satan will endow his son to intoxicate mankind while seducing it with his lying mouth, having himself worshipped as a god. Hour by hour the Antichrist's small horn shall grow in order to harm, his satanic intelligence shall grow to put in his mouth the most disturbing falsehoods, and he will grow in power as I grew in wisdom and grace,¹⁹⁶ armed as he will be with eyes to read the thoughts of holy people and kill them for those thoughts.

"Oh! My end-time saints! If the living of the earliest saints amidst paganism's persecutions was heroic, the living of My last saints will be three times, seven times, seven times seven times heroic. Only those fed on the marrow of Faith will be able to have lions' hearts to face those torments, and eagles' eyes and wings to stare at Me-Sun and fly to Me-Truth, while darkness overwhelms them on all sides and Falsehood seeks to persuade them to worship it and believe in it.

"After the forerunners of the Antichrist, the Antichrist himself will come. The antichristian period is symbolized by the Beast armed with ten horns, Satan's ten *slaves*, who consider themselves *kings*. (Three of these—*note well*—will be torn off and cast into nothingness, namely into the abyss where God is not and so where *Nothingness* is, the opposite of God who is *Everything*.) The antichristian period will climax in the birth and growth, *until its greatest power*, of the eleventh horn, the reason for the fall of its three forerunners, and *the seat of the real Antichrist*. The Antichrist will blaspheme God as no son of man has ever done. He will ride roughshod over God's saints and torture Christ's Church. He will think, because he is son of [the union of] demoniac pride with human lust, that 'he can do great things, changing the times and the laws,' and for three and a half years he will be Horror ruling over the world.

"Then the Father will say: 'Enough' in front of the great chorus which shall be made in Heaven by the 'noise of the great words' of the saints; and the wicked Beast shall be killed and thrown into the shaft of the abyss and with it all the lesser beasts to remain there with Satan, their breeder, for eternity.

"I shall then be called by the Father to 'judge the living and the dead' in accordance with what is said in the Symbol of the Faith. And the 'living,' those who have kept life within them by having kept Grace and Faith alive, shall inherit 'the kingdom, the power and the majesty of God.' The dead of the spirit shall have never-ending Death in accordance with what their will chose to have.

"And there shall no longer be Earth and carnal human beings. But there shall be only 'children of God,' creatures free from every sorrow, and there shall no longer be sin, and there shall no longer be darkness, and there shall no longer be fear. But only joy, joy, immense, everlasting joy inconceivable to human beings. Joy to see God, to possess Him, to understand His thoughts and His love.

"Come, O people, to the Fount of life. I open its spring for you. Draw from it, strengthen yourselves in it to be fearless in the trials and to manage to dive wholly into it, into Me, the spring of bliss, in Heaven. This beautiful Heaven was created by My Father for you. There you are awaited by the threefold Love of the One God and by the Purity of 'our' Mother, and by those who, for having been faithful, have already obtained Life."

68. Priests vs. the Antichrist

Since priests have a key role to play in postponing the time of the Antichrist or defeating him when he does manifest himself, their faults have terrible repercussions. That is why Jesus rebukes His priests in the following extract, exposing four deadly faults already found among many of them in the 1940s.

January 27, 1944

Extracts

Q44:107;109-112

Jesus says:

"This is a page sad to dictate, to write, and to read. But it is the truth and must be told. Write. It is for the priests.

"... I have called you 'shepherds.'¹⁹⁷ I called you neither 'loners' nor 'captains.' The loner lives by himself. The captain marches at the head of his men. *But the 'shepherd' is in the middle of his flock and watches over it. He does not keep to himself because the flock would scatter. He does not walk at the head because the heedless sheep in the flock would wander from the way and be prey to wolves and thieves.*

"The shepherd, if he is not a madman, lives in the midst of his flock, calls it, gathers it, unflaggingly goes back and forth beside it, goes before it in difficult matters, is first to test difficulties, smooths them out as best he can, toils to make the awkward thoroughfares safe, then stays at the hard spot to watch his sheep pass by and, if he sees a fearful or weak one, takes it on his shoulders and carries it past the hazardous spot, and if the wolf comes he does not run away but hurls himself at it, in front of his sheep, and defends them, even at the cost of death to save them. He immolates himself for them, to satisfy the wild beast's hunger, so it may no longer feel the need to tear to pieces. How many wild beasts there are against souls! The shepherd does not get lost in pointless chats with passers-by and does not amuse himself at the back with things that are not up to him. He takes care of his flock and that is enough.

"Now look. Doesn't it seem like reading chapter 8 of Ezechiel?

"First idol: Jealousy.

"You should be charity, right? Charity to induce others to charity. What are you? Jealous of one another. You take offense if a layman criticizes you. But don't you criticize one another, and often unjustly? The superior criticizes the subordinates. The subordinate criticizes the superiors. You are jealous if one of you is noticed, if one of you does better than you, if one of you becomes richer. This, which should horrify you, is on the contrary what makes your mouths water the most. But was I, the eternal Priest, rich? Be perfect and you will be noticed and praised, however much you should care only about God's glory. Be perfect and you will do well in the only purpose worthy of your garment: that of bringing souls to God.

"Second idol, actually many idols: the various heresies that replace in you the creed you should have.

"You too, like the seventy elders spoken of by Ezechiel,¹⁹⁸ are incensing idols, each one the idol he prefers. And you do so in the dark hoping that people's eyes may not see you. But they do. And you scandalize them. Because the faithful, and people in general, are like children. They do not seem to be watching, but they never stop keeping an eye and an ear on the grown-ups.

"But don't you know that even if people did not see, God does? *Why then do you give off your incense before the power of gold or that of man? Don't I notice from the height of My throne too many of My priests busy devoting their time—that time I give them to spend in their priestly mission—devoting their time in human business to increase their well-being?* Yes, I see that. *Don't I notice—and it n a u s e a t e s M e—too many of My priests abjuring My Law to abide by the law of wretched men, expecting honors and money?* Yes, I see that.

"Oh! politicking priests! Today's Sanhedrists! Let them remember, though, what end the Sanhedrin met precisely at the hands of those at whose feet they had thrown their consciences flat and broken My Law. And I say no more. This is as far as mankind is concerned. The rest will come from the eternal and just Judge.

"Third idol: the senses.

"Yes, there is this too. And I say no more out of respect for My 'megaphone.' But let each one examine himself to see if in the place where the only women lawful to remember with love by a priest, My Mother and his own mother, there might be a pagan goddess. Think: you touch Me, you receive Me. And that is enough. Do not put the Most Pure in contact with a flesh stained with lust.

"Fourth idol: the worship of the orient.¹⁹⁹

"The sects.²⁰⁰ Yes, this too. And shouldn't I look at many of you indignantly and have for many the rebukes that I had for the Pharisees and Doctors [of the Law] of My time?²⁰¹ And shouldn't I kindle some 'lights' among the lay people who love Me as many of you do not, out of compassion for the souls whom you leave in the cold, in the dark, in impurity, the souls for whom you are not a way to God but a path leading downwards? And how dare you repeat My Word and preach My Law when Word and Law are a condemnation to you? May

those who are undefiled become even cleaner; may those who are defiled purify themselves.

"Mankind is at a great road-fork. Two ways branch off: one climbs up to God, the other goes down to Satan. At the road-fork there is a rock. That is you. If you turn into a bulwark and a thrust towards the first way, Satan will not burst in and souls will be spurred on to God. But if you are the first ones to roll down Satan's slope, you will drag mankind, with anticipated time, towards the horrors of the Antichrist.

"And although he must come, woe betide those who anticipate his coming and lengthen it, because he shall cease to live at the hour set from everlasting, and the longer the time of his stay, the more souls shall be lost. Not one of these shall go unavenged, remember that. Why, if your God sees the sparrow that dies, how could He not see a soul that dies? Those who kill it, whoever they are, shall have to render an account to Me, and I shall mete out their condemnation."

69. A vision of the final resurrection

As Maria Valtorta describes the following vision, she addresses her spiritual director, Fr. Migliorini.

January 29, 1944

Complete text

Q44:112-115

What I see this evening:

A vast expanse of soil, so boundless as to be like a sea. I say "soil" because there is soil as on the fields and on the streets. But there are no trees, not a stalk, not a blade of grass. Dust, just dust.

I see this in a light that is not light. A barely sketched, wan glimmer, of a greenish violet as can be seen at times of very strong storms or total eclipses. A frightening *light of burnt-out stars*. That's it: the sky is starless, there is no moon, no sun. The sky is empty, as the earth is empty. The one has been stripped of its flowers of light, the other of its plant- and animal-life. Both are huge sloughs of what used to be.

I have all the time to see this desolate vision of the universe's death. I think it will look the same as at the first moment,²⁰² when sky and earth already existed, but the sky was void of heavenly bodies, and earth was bare of life. It was an

already solidified globe but still uninhabited, hurtling in space, waiting for the Creator's finger to give it herbs and animals.

Why do I understand the vision to be that of the universe's death? Because of one of those "*other voices*." I do not know whom they come from, but they do in me what the chorus does in the ancient tragedies. They point out special aspects of the play that the protagonists do not explain. This is precisely what I would like to tell you and which I will tell you after.

As I look around on this desolate scene, the need of which I do not understand, I see, springing up from I don't know where, standing in the middle of the endless plain, I see Death.²⁰³ A skeleton laughing with its uncovered teeth and its empty eye-sockets. Sovereign of that dead world, wrapped up in its winding-sheet as in a cloak. It has no scythe. *It has already reaped everything*. It casts its empty gaze around on its harvest and sneers.

It has its arms joined on its chest. Then it opens them, these skeletal arms, and opens its hands, nothing more than bare bones; and, because it is a gigantic figure present everywhere—better to say *near everything*—it leans a finger, its right forefinger, onto my forehead. I feel the ice of the sharp bone that seems to pierce through my forehead and go in my head like an ice-needle. But I understand that this has no other meaning than that of calling my attention to what is happening.

Sure enough with its left arm it gestures at the desolate sweep on which we rise, it the sovereign, I the only living being. Upon its silent bidding, given with its left hand's skeletal fingers and by rhythmically turning its head right and left, the soil cracks into thousands of clefts. And in the bottom of these dark gullies, scattered white things shine white, but I do not understand what they are.²⁰⁴

As I strain to decide what they are, Death goes on furrowing the clods with its gaze and command, as with a ploughshare. The clods cleave open more and more, as far as the far-away horizon, and Death ploughs the waves of the sail-less seas, and the waters gape open, forming liquid abysses.

Then from the earth-gullies and from the sea-furrows, the white things, which I saw scattered and unbound, come up and

reassemble. Millions upon millions upon millions of skeletons emerge from the oceans and stand up from the ground. Skeletons of all sizes: from tiny infant-skeletons with tiny hands like little dusty spiders, to adult skeletons, even gigantic ones whose bulk evokes some antediluvian beings. And they are amazed, somewhat shaking, like people waking up with a start from a deep sleep, who cannot make out where they are.

The sight of all these skeletal bodies, shining white in this Apocalyptic "non-light," is frightful.

Then a cloudiness not unlike fog rises from the open ground and open seas, and slowly condenses around these skeletons. Taking shape and becoming opaque, it turns to flesh, bodies like ours who now live. Eye-sockets are filled with eyes and irises, cheek-bones are covered with cheeks, over bare jaws gums now stretch and lips are remade and hair grows again on skulls and the arms are fleshed out and the fingers turn nimble and the whole bodies become alive again, just like ours.

Though like ours, the new bodies look different. Some are wonderfully beautiful, with a perfection in shape and colors which makes them like art masterpieces. Others are hideous, not on account of lameness or real deformities, but on account of their overall appearance more beastly than human: sidelong eyes, twisted faces, looks of a wild beast and, what strikes me the most, a darkness given off by those bodies which increases the leaden color of the air around them. Whereas the wonderfully beautiful ones have smiling eyes, peaceful faces, pleasant looks, and shed a brightness that makes a halo around their whole being from head to toe and spreads to the inside.

If all were like the murky ones, darkness would be so complete as to hide everything. But because of the other ones, brightness not only lasts, it increases, so much that I can see everything as one should.

The ugly ones' cursed destiny is not in doubt, because this curse is marked on their foreheads. They say nothing, casting around them frightened, sidelong glances with their faces lowered, and they gather to one side, upon an inmost command which I cannot hear but must have been given by someone and heard by the risen. The wonderfully beautiful ones also gather, smiling at one another and looking at the ugly ones with pity

mixed with horror. And these exceedingly beautiful ones sing, singing to God a slow, tender hymn of blessing.

I can see nothing else. I understand I just saw the final resurrection.²⁰⁵

70. Jesus' commentary on the previous vision

After showing Maria the vision of the final resurrection, Jesus commented on it for her, beginning with a thought which she expressed very near the start of the vision.

January 29, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:115-117

Jesus says:

"When time has come to an end and life must needs be only Life in the heavens, the whole universe, as you thought, will again be what it was in the beginning. Then, after I have judged, it shall be completely destroyed.

"Many think that from the moment of the end until the universal Judgment there will be only an instant. But God will be good to the very end, O My daughter. *Good and just.*

"Not all the people living at the last hour will be holy, and not all will be damned. Among the holy ones, there will be those who are destined to Heaven but have something to pay for. I would be unjust if I quashed their expiation which I inflicted on all those who came before them and were in the same condition when they died.

"Therefore, those alive in the last hour and who die at the last hour and who deserve Heaven but need to be cleansed more, will go into the purifying fire. Meanwhile, justice and the end shall come for other planets, and one by one the stars shall die out in the sky like flames on which someone blows, and darkness and cold shall increase, throughout My hours which are your centuries—and *the hour of darkness has already begun, in both sky and hearts.* I will increase the heat of the purifying fire so that the purification may be quicker and the blessed do not wait too long to bring their holy flesh to glorification and delight it too in seeing its God, its Jesus in His perfection and His triumph.

"That is why you saw the earth bereft of herbs and trees, of animals, of people, of life, and the oceans without sails, a still

expanse of still waters. Because the waters, no longer called to give life to their fishes, will no longer need motion, just as the earth, no longer called to give life to the grasses and other beings, will no longer need warmth. This is why you saw the sky lacking its luminaries, without fires anymore and without lights anymore. Light and warmth will no longer be necessary to the earth, by then a huge corpse bearing within itself the corpses of all those who lived from Adam to the last son of Adam.

"Death, My last servant on Earth, shall carry out its last task and then it too shall cease to exist. There shall no longer be Death. But only eternal Life. In bliss or in terror. Life in God or life in Satan for your *selves* reassembled in soul and body.

"Enough for now. Rest and think of Me."

[Maria Valtorta explains to her spiritual director:]

I forgot to tell you, Father, that all the bodies were naked but it was not disgusting, as though malice were dead too in them and in me. And then the bodies of the damned were shielded by their darkness and the bodies of the blessed were clothed by their light. So what is animality in us disappeared under the emanation of the inner spirit, a very happy or very desperate master of the flesh.

71. A prophecy from Ezechiel

January 31, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:118-121

Ezechiel, chapters 10 and 11.²⁰⁶

Jesus says:

"The Tau sign is a T-shaped cross. It is fair that the cross which marks the subjects should be so, since they cannot have a canopy above their throne, with the name of sovereigns. They are children of God but not 'firstborn children of the Father.' Only the Firstborn Son sits on His kingly throne. Only Christ, whose earthly throne was the Cross, bears high up on His Cross, on the beam above the head, His glorious sign: 'Jesus Christ, King of the Jews.'²⁰⁷ Christians bear the sign of Christ

with the top humbly missing, as befits children of royal stock but not firstborn of the Father.

"What is the Tau sign made up of? Where is it affixed? Oh! Let go of material forms when you immerse yourselves into the knowledge of My kingdom which is wholly of the spirit!

"It is not a material sign which will make you immune from the verdict executed by the angels. In characters invisible to human eyes but very visible to My ministering angels, *it will be written on your spirits. And it is your own works, your very selves, which will have carved during the lifetime of each one of you that sign which makes you worthy to be saved for Life. Age, social standing: all that will be nothing in My angels' eyes. The only thing of value will be that sign. It will equalize kings and beggars, women and men, priests and warriors. All will bear it equally, if in their respective lifestyles they have equally served God and obeyed His Law. And the reward shall be the same, to see and enjoy God forever, for all those who appear before Me with that shining sign in their spirits.*

"Just being very convinced of the need, the duty to give God all glory and all obedience carves into your souls that holy sign which makes you *Mine* and instills into you a pleasant similarity to Me, the Savior. And on account of this you, like Me, grieve for people's sins, since those sins both offend the Lord and deal spiritual death to your brothers and sisters. Charity is kindled, and where there is charity, there is salvation.

"Ezekiel says he heard the Lord commanding the man wearing linen to take the burning coals that were between the cherubim and to cast them onto the city to punish the guilty, starting with those of the sanctuary. For the eye of the Lord was tired of seeing the works of people who think they can do evil with impunity because God lets them do it, and who deceive themselves that God sees nothing but the hypocritical outward appearances.

"No. With His infinite power God reads the bottom of your hearts, O you ministers of the sanctuary, O you mighty of the earth, O you married couples who sin, O you children who break the fourth commandment, O you professionals who lie, O you dealers who rob, O all of you who disobey My ten commandments.²⁰⁸ Any covering is useless. Like your X-rays

of which you are so proud, *and far more yet*, God's eye searches you, penetrates into you, pierces you, reads you, dissects you for what you really are. Remember that.

"Fire taken from between the cherubim to punish is not a symbolic action.

"What do you lack when you are at fault? Charity. I already explained it to you people when I spoke of Purgatory and Hell,²⁰⁹ these two *truths* which you consider fairy tales. Charity towards God: the first three commandments. Charity towards the neighbor: the other seven.

"Oh! Many times you will hear Me coming back to this subject. It would be better if you did not need it so much! It would mean you are improving. But you are not improving. On the contrary, you are hurtling down quickly like meteorites towards anti-charity.

"Your deeds, in fact your misdeeds against Charity are multiplying more and more, increasing like a mushroom bed sprung up on the decay of a piece of land. I see this farther- and farther-reaching, thicker and thicker growth, this thriving of misdeeds upon pre-existent misdeeds, as though from a layer of rot another, more poisonous layer sprang up, and so on. The atmosphere of sin and crime, the soil of sin and crime, the layer of sin and crime in which you live, on which you settle, from which you spring up—that's what feeds with its corruption the new layer, soil and atmosphere yet more corrupt and blood-thirsty. It is a perpetual motion, a revolving chaos of evil, like that of certain pathogenic microbes which go on reproducing non-stop and with greater and greater virulence in infected blood.

"Now it is *fair that you should be punished for your sins against Charity by the fire of the Charity which you have rejected. It was Love. Now it is Punishment.* God's gift is not to be scorned. But you, you have scorned it. *The gift turns into chastisement. God withdraws Charity from you and leaves you in your anti-charity. God hurls at you, like thunderbolts, the Charity which you looked down upon, and He punishes you. In order to call you again, if not many of you, still those who can have a change of heart and meditate.*

"The cherubim, the symbol of supernatural Charity, keep between them the embers of Charity. The action, which seems only symbolic, conceals a real truth.

"When you are summoned to the great Judgment, *those who lived in Charity will not appear burnt by the punitive fire*. Already ablaze with themselves, due to the holy love which filled them, they will not have been bitten by the burning divine punishment; they will have received the divine kiss which will make them more beautiful. Whereas those who were flesh, only flesh, will bear on their flesh the scars of the divine flashes of lighting, because only the flesh can be marked by such scars, not the spirit which is a fire living in the Fire of the Lord.

"At this Judgment, on the sides of the Judge that I am, there will be My four Evangelists. They wore themselves out to bring the law of Charity into hearts, and after they died they continued their work with their Gospels, from which the world has life because to know Christ is to have Life within one's self. It is therefore fair that John, Luke, Matthew and Mark be with Me when you are judged for having or not having lived the Gospel.²¹⁰ I am not a jealous and stingy God. I call you to share My glory. Shouldn't I then give these faithful servants of Mine who made My Word known to you and undersigned it with their blood and their troubles, give them a share in the glory of Judgment?

"*I will judge you not while you are alive, but 'at the confines' of earthly life*, namely where life comes to an end to become eternity. I will judge you for the life each one of you has lived. I will judge all of you, from first to last, once and for all, for the good you have done or have failed to do. As you saw, Maria,²¹¹ at the resurrection you will all be equal, poor unfastened bones, poor haze thickening into flesh, things you are so proud of now, as if those bones and that flesh were so great as to be greater than God.

"As matter you are nothing. Nothing. *Only My spirit infused into you turns you into something, and only by keeping in you My spirit, which became a soul in you, do you deserve to be clothed with that imperishable light which will be a garment for your flesh, by then made incorruptible for eternity.*

"I will judge you, and already among yourselves you will judge one another, and within yourselves you will judge your-

selves, even before I appear, because then *you will see yourselves*. The Earth for which you are so grasping will be dead, and with it all the flavors of Earth, and you will come out of the drunkenness you fill yourselves up with, and *you shall see*.

"Oh! dreadful sight for those who lived only for Earth and its falsehoods! Oh! joyful sight for those who beyond Earth's voices *'wanted'* to listen to Heaven's voices and remained faithful to them.

"The first shall be dead, the second, alive. They shall be darkness or light, depending on their lifestyles which are either with the Law, or against the Law for having replaced it with the human or demoniac law. They shall go either into the dreadful embrace of never-ending Darkness or into the beatific one of triune Light, which glows, waiting to fuse you to Itself, O My saints, O those who love Me, for all Eternity."

72. Spiritual salt flats vs. the Waters of Life

February 6, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:193-196

Ezekiel ch.47.

Jesus says:

"I have said: 'I am (in whoever welcomes Me) a fountain of living water springing up into life everlasting.'²¹²

"Whether it is an individual or a nation, blessed are those who welcome Me and have within themselves the marvels of the Water of true Life. But by now there are too few individuals who welcome Me and even fewer nations. And the fruits of rejecting Jesus Christ, or even only overlooking Him, can be seen. They can be seen in their whole tragic aspect and tasted with their poisonous tang which lead you people to despair, to death, after having made you rave with the anxiety for the future which makes you almost go insane. And you have every reason to go insane.

"If you could only see the whole truth about the approaching future, not one of you without Satan's support could bear up. I say: 'Satan's,' because supporting yourselves with Christ is something you do not think about. In fact, the more you need compassionate support, a light in the dark, a word that comforts and guides you, the more you turn away your eyes hostile to those things, accusing God

and bearing Him the grudge you should bear against your wicked passions and against the one who causes you so much evil—Satan.

“Look at what you have already turned into, and shudder. Shudder, as you think of what you will become: worse than barren salt flats in which every life form is absolutely impossible. They are found in the most desolate spots in the deserts, and their desolation does not know even the miserable covering stretched out on the desert’s desolation: a covering of wretched grasses, thorny shrubs, thinly scattered animals dwelling there, which gives that solitude a life of flights, chirps and slithers, and shows that that strip of ground is not dust dead for centuries. You will become worse than those saline regions, where nothing can live and no seed can strike root and no bird can interrupt its flight and no reptile can stop on the ground or even brush with a swift movement its glossy skin on it. This is what you will become, what you are becoming, what you have already become to a great extent for having rejected Christ, the Water that makes fertile.

“From My heaven, I, Head of the mystical Body composed of all the Christians, I pour out My waters of life, and from My Church I spread them on the world. I would spread them, but the world erects dykes and dams and blockades My pouring. Really the world thrusts these dykes against the Church to choke her and bury her, and Me with her. It is a truceless fight. It is the real War, which all the wars of all mankind in the Christian era come from: the fight against Christ.

“Take note: one need not launch great persecutions or cause great schisms to fight against Christ. The small-scale, individual, innermost struggle of each one of you against My law: that too is a fight against Christ. The hidden, crafty state struggle of a country against the voice of Catholic Rome, against the voice speaking in My name through My Vicar’s mouth and drawing people, especially leaders, to the law of honesty, duty and love: that too is a fight against Christ. Those individual and state struggles are guerrilla warfare. Nowadays you are so familiar with military expressions that you understand Me if I call them like this. They are guerrilla warfare. Then there come out of these the real, actual attacks, decisive advances, impressive manoeuvres and cruel slaughters.

"Satan is the Captain of those armed forces which began in Jerusalem, within the Sanhedrin, among the caste of the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees; armed forces which found their ensign in Judas; armed forces which became larger and larger over the centuries of persecutions against Christians. Like avalanches they have overburdened themselves with newer and newer elements with the schisms, demagogic doctrines, political parties, and new forms of government; and they will climax with the Antichrist, who shall set against My stream of Grace a stream of savagery and blood. In it you shall wallow and fall, and very few shall fall as holy victims calling upon Christ. Most shall fall like slaughtered beasts, glutted with vices and grown fat on vices, disturbed, poisoned, satanized by cursed doctrines, demons in their blaspheming way of speaking, in their rejecting minds, in their abjuring hearts.

"Oh! Water of divine Grace! Going by, you would have brought life, would have purified and fed the sands, and would have taken away salinity and decayed matter from the waters in which you would have blended! Thus you would have enabled the sands to cradle strong trees loaded with fruits of every kind, and the waters to be home to fishes of every species! O flowery language of My Prophet!²¹³ The water that purifies is that water flowing out of My Heart opened for love of mankind. It brings along the essence of that divine love at whose contact every impurity falls as it would fall due to a blessed filter.

"Your humanity filtered through Mine! Could there be a greater marvel of love than this: God making Himself a man to save, through Himself, all of mankind?

"The sands are the souls, as many as the grains of sand, which by contact and union with Me are made fertile, good, fit to produce a tree of life.

"And the plants are the souls again which, on account of living in ground irrigated by Grace, prosper until they reach Heaven and yield fruit of every kind, in other words all the virtues.

"The waters that were bitter, and which Grace cures so that many fishes can thrive in them, are the good works.

"Understand the language of My Prophet. It is so clear when looked at with eyes purified by love of God. No longer

desire to be decayed swamps and low-lying shores where the bitterness of salt stagnates, namely where evil stagnates, and where decay holds sway, namely where the greatest evil holds sway. For if the evil of little charity, of lukewarmness, of carelessness, is salt forbidding life to good works; the decay of the great evil, namely of the seven vices, of anti-christianity, *forbids even the swift passing by of a good thought.*

"Do not sink down to such decay. Strive to climb up again from your baseness. Climb up towards God's fountain. Blend with it. See to it that by coming nearer and nearer to Me, it will submerge you, rule you, quash your poor *egos* under its great redemptive power, and make you holy, make you blessed, make you happy. *Even in this life, My children. This life contains so much grief already that to weep no one needs to add on the grief of being against Christ, which causes so many individual and collective ruins.*

"Listen to the Voice calling you. Listen to the Voice of the One who loves you. There is none, none whatsoever, who loves you as your God does, and there is none who tells you words truer than Mine. Open up to receive them. Open up to Grace. It comes to heal your sicknesses, comes to wipe off your tears. It comes and waits at the threshold for you to say: 'Come in,' to rush into you with all its graces of peace, of calm, of salvation, of eternal life in the end, since in it there is the combination of every joy."

73. "Come to the Lord"

The following short extract is taken from near the end of a dictation commenting Psalm 93 (Vulgate's numbering).

February 26, 1944

Extract

Q44:215

Jesus says:

"My people, come to the Lord. I, the Lord, will not turn down the people that comes to Me and, if it stays close to Me, I will look after it 'until justice be turned into judgment,' (v.15) in other words until time comes to an end and eternity begins."

74. Non-faith shall prevent miracles

The following quotation comes from a vision in three parts which Maria Valtorta had about the Gospel according to St. John, 11:1-46. In 1946 she saw the same Gospel events in much greater detail, and it is the longer version which is found in *The Poem of the Man-God* (vol.5, pp.27-31, 41-47, & 47-64). In our extract, Jesus is speaking to His Apostles. The context is Lazarus' death and upcoming resurrection, and Jesus is referring both to the time He will be on the road to Golgotha and to the end times.

March 23, 1944

Extract

Q44:282-283

Jesus says:

"The hour shall come when I can no longer move a finger or say a word to work a miracle. The world shall be void of My force. It shall be a dreadful hour of chastisement for mankind; not for Me, for mankind, which will not have wanted to love Me. *That hour shall be repeated by the will of mankind which shall have rejected the Divinity so far as to becoming a Godless follower of Satan and of his cursed son. That hour shall come when the end of this world is near. The prevailing non-faith shall nullify My miracle-power. Not because I could lose it. But because a miracle cannot be granted where there is no faith and no will to obtain it, and where the miracle would be turned into a laughing-stock and an instrument of evil, by people using the obtained good to bring about a greater evil.*"

75. The Enemy's signs; the flood of Satanic cruelties

The following extract comes from a text on Isaiah 7:10-16 dictated by God the Father.

March 25, 1944

Extract

Q44:288-289

God the Father says:

"You people do not have a sign from your God because I do not show Myself to those who refuse to acknowledge Me. Instead, you have the many signs of the one you worship like slaves. He, the Enemy, multiplies his signs and you, already near the time when the apocalyptic Beast is worshipped,²¹⁴ are led astray by them and you consider that the author of such signs must be greater than I, must be the only one that exists.

You ask yourselves: 'Who is God? What is He?' and inwardly you reply, to justify your wicked deeds: 'There is no God.'

"I am who I am."²¹⁵ I am so much greater than you that no manifestation of Mine would by now be understood by the world sunken into the most awful darkness and stupidity. What you consider progress is your regression towards the twilight of the early times in which people, having lost God and His Heaven, were hardly superior to the beasts and pushed their corruption to a point that induced Me to exterminate the race over which I was indignant.²¹⁶

"The end will be like the beginning. The circle is coming together, grafting the two murky unfinished works to one another. The new flood, in other words God's wrath, will come in another form. But it will still be wrath. Faithful to My word,²¹⁷ I will not send the flood anymore. *But I will let the satanic forces send the flood of satanic cruelties.*"

76. "The world is lost to God, but souls can still be saved"

Although Jesus dictated the following on Easter evening, Maria Valtorta commented: "Jesus speaks, and speaks to me so painfully, and it is such a sad topic, that I am writing it elsewhere." She indeed wrote Jesus' words to her on a four-page leaflet apart from her regular notebooks.

April 9, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:318-320

Jesus says:

"Last year I told you,²¹⁸ [Maria,] and it was the first dictation: 'The Father is weary, and to make the human race perish He will let the chastisements of hell go wild.' I also said—it was Good Friday—I would come a second time to die, to save them from an even more atrocious death. But My Father will not allow it.... He knows it would be useless.... Oh! If people could still turn to Me who am salvation!"

"I refer you people to all My dictations prior to the recent ones. I spoke using the prophecies of the Holy Book, explaining them to you, applying them to today, and if I fell silent afterwards on this, it is because I understood that it was useless for the purposes of Good and unsafe because those divine words could have become weapons of diabolical torture against My

servants who heard them, repeated them, spread them and welcomed them. But that is My Thinking, and even if it is not expressed in Words, *it does not change*.

"Maria, I told you in late May 1943: 'Regarding the future, what do you want to know, poor soul?' (dictation of May 31, '43) 'Thank My mercy that, *for now*, it hides from you, to a great extent, the truth about the future.'²¹⁹ Poor, poor soul!

"Another time I said: 'You would like Me to come and show Myself ... But even if I appeared, where in people's hearts ... is there enough of a glimmer of faith and respect to make them bow with their faces to the ground to beg Me for forgiveness and mercy?' (dictation of June 5, 1943).²²⁰

"Even now you people ask Me for a sign of power. To be a Saint's Power, the Power of the Saint of saints, *it would have to be a relentless, terrible punishment of a countless number of people. Because—I repeat what I have said a thousand times—*²²¹ *there are guilty mighty men because the masses are all more or less guilty of the same sinning as the mighty.*

"I tell you, poor soul to whom I granted seeing Me triumphant²²² to strengthen your being, worn out in the flesh that is dying, and grieved in spirit by the trial you underwent and by the horrors around you. *I cannot give this sign, this sign of My Power. It is impossible for Me to do so. Not because God would have lost His power to do so. Nothing is impossible to Me as God. But it is the hour of the power of Darkness. And people have wanted it of their own free wills. The Kingdom of Evil is already set up. Whatever I did would be nullified by people's free wills. Whatever Good would be destroyed by Evil.*

"Powerless, I witness this rush of all mankind into spiritual death. There is no gift of Mine, no kindness of Mine, no rebuke of Mine, no punishment of Mine of use to stop mankind, redeemed by Me, from voluntarily ruining itself in Satan. Like an enraged bull, mankind runs over everything—reason, morals, faith—and goes and crashes against what is killing it. People's desecrating hands *are being raised for a new crime which does not deserve forgiveness*. And the Father does not want to forgive. He lets you perish as you wanted.

"The only thing I can do, and am doing, is to hold back My Father's wrath—and I am doing it out of compassion for the

saints who, rare like flowers in a desert, still pray, *pray* and do not make protestations of custom and hypocrisy. Weary of the crimes of a brood for which My Blood was shed uselessly, the Father wants, really wants to wield His Justice on you. And justice, since you are guilty, would mean tremendous punishments which My Mercy does not want to be meted out in addition to those which you already mete out to yourselves.

"Maria, I know I am hurting you and crushing you. You had expected joy from My Easter, roses after the thorns, smiles after the tears. *You are a victim*. The thorns and tears remain even in the Easter season, because it is necessary to stay on the cross for this wicked mankind.

"I ask you to stay on the cross for Me. To save the world has been My dream; to save souls, My joy. The world is lost to God, but souls can still be saved: those who still have a soul, listless but alive. I beg your charity for them. It is Jesus, a beggar for love in His capacity as glorious Risen Man, who is asking you for this offering of souls so that His Kingdom may still have subjects.

"Go in peace."

77. The Trinity always ready to help us

Later the same day, Resurrection Easter, the grim previous dictation was balanced out by a comforting one.

April 9, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:320

The Holy Spirit says:

"I am the Comforter. I comfort those crushed by dismay and tortured by the present. I am the One who heals and sweetens the bitterness of the Words that speak the truth, which nowadays is really bitter.

"Today is the triumph of Charity, as Christmas is its loftiest manifestation. For Christmas is the beginning of Redemption which is Charity in action, whereas Easter is Redemption fulfilled. Easter is Life's victory over Death through Love exalted to a voluntary holocaust to give you Life. Easter is the act which made it possible for Me to descend into you, resanctified by the Blood of God the Son, to reunite you with God the Father by

means of Charity, without which God cannot be in you or you in God.

"On this triumphal day I come to tell you [Maria]: trust some more. Even if everything seems lost, trust. Even if the abyss of Evil spews out its demons to torment the Earth and fertilize it to bear the Antichrist, and even if the abyss of the Heavens seems to shut itself by decree of the Father—from Whom We proceed, We, the Word and the Spirit—even so, We are still working and loving to save you people and defend you, I-Charity and the-Word-Charity, I-Sanctification and the-Word-Redemption; We do not cease pouring forth, the One the merits of His Blood, the Other the charisms of His power for the good of you people.

"Trust. Love has always conquered."

78. A reminder on Judgment

May 13, 1944

Extract

Q44:346

Jesus says:

"If I am the First, in Heaven and on Earth—I who respect the Eternal Father's decrees—I am also the One to whom every judgment has been deferred by the Father"²²³

79. Christ's voices on earth

August 5, 1944

Complete dictation

Q44:571-573

Jesus says:

"I have prepared you [Maria] to meditate on My Glory. Tomorrow,²²⁴ the Church celebrates it. But I want My Little John²²⁵ to see it in its truth to understand it better.²²⁶ I am not choosing you only to know your Master's sorrows and griefs. *Those able to remain with Me in sorrow must have a share with Me in joy.* I want you, before your Jesus showing Himself to you, to have the same sentiments of humility and repentance as My apostles.²²⁷

"Never have pride. You would be punished by losing Me. Remember constantly who I am and who you are. Constantly think about your shortcomings and about My perfection so as to have a

heart cleansed by contrition. But together with that, have great trust in Me. I have said: 'Do not be afraid. Stand up. Let us go. Let us go among the people because I came to be with them. Be holy, strong and faithful in memory of this hour.' I say it to you too [Maria] and to all My beloved ones amidst mankind, to those who have Me in a special manner.

"Do not be afraid of Me.' I show Myself to lift you people up, not to annihilate you. 'Stand up': let the joy of the gift give you strength, let it not dull you in the stupor of quietism, by considering yourselves already saved because I have shown you Heaven. 'Let us go together among the people.' I have invited you to superhuman works with superhuman visions and lessons so that you may be of greater help to Me. I associate you in My work.

"But I did not, and do not, know rest. Because Evil never rests and Good must be always active to cancel the Enemy's work as much as possible. We will rest when Time has ended. Now one must go on tirelessly, work constantly, wear oneself out untiringly for God's harvest. May My incessant contact sanctify you, My incessant teaching strengthen you, My love of predilection make you faithful against every snare.

"Do not be like the ancient rabbis who taught Revelation and yet did not believe it, to the extent that they did not recognize the signs of the times and God's messengers. Recognize the forerunners of Christ in His second coming, because the forces of the Antichrist are on the march.

"Yes, they are. I imposed a limit on Myself because I know that you people drink in certain truths not in a supernatural spirit but out of the thirst of human curiosity. But I will now make an exception. In truth, I tell you all, that what many shall consider a victory over the Antichrist, the peace now at hand,²²⁸ is but a break to give time to Christ's Enemy to gain new strength, to heal his wounds, to regroup his armed forces for a crueler fight.

"Recognize, you who are the 'voices' of your Jesus—the King of kings, the Faithful and Truthful One who judges and fights justly and will vanquish the Beast and its slaves and prophets—recognize your Good and follow it always. Let no deceitful looks seduce you and no persecution overcome you. Let your 'voices' say My words. Let your lives be devoted to this work.

"And if you share the destinies, on earth, of Christ, of His Forerunner²²⁹ and of Elijah,²³⁰ a bloody destiny or a destiny tortured by moral abuse, smile at your future and secure destiny which you will share with Christ, with His Forerunner, with His Prophet. We will be similar in work, in sorrow, and in glory. Here, I was the Master and Example. There, I am the reward and King. Having Me will be your bliss. It will mean forgetting sorrow. It will be what every revelation is still not enough to make you understand, because the joy of the future life is too far above the imaginative abilities of creatures still united to the flesh."

80. God's unknown heroes

The long extract that follows is almost a complete dictation, as we omitted only a few lines at the beginning. Jesus soon goes on to allude to World War II. When He starts denouncing the Pharisaic lifestyle indulged by most people, He mentions by name a Pharisee of His own time, Ishmael, whose harshness is described in *The Poem of the God-Man*, vol.3, pp.320-332. Finally Jesus speaks about God's unknown heroes who stave off God's punishments by their sacrifices. He ends with a personal prophecy for Maria Valtorta.

September 12, 1944

Extract

Q44:630-633

Jesus says:

"The world is heading for *its* peace, which is not *Mine*. Because Mine is the peace of holiness and justice, and the world's, that of bullying and corruption. What has happened and is happening is horrible, isn't it?

"I refer you people to My first dictations. I always said²³¹ that this was not a war of nations, but Satan's war against God, one of the wars preparing the coming of the Antichrist, whose forerunners are around now. I always said that Satan was waging war against spirits through the horrors inflicted on bodies and that many would break down because the spirits of people, no longer fed on grace and faith, are extremely weak against evil. I said that My angels, through the sacrifice of the good, would fight to prevent a widespread mowing in the human race by the demons.

"I said, in the particular case of the Italians, that if they could not use their first grace uprightly and if, after worship-

ping as a god one less than an idol and serving him servilely like brutes, they went on to use the same cruel methods as he did, chastisement would come down. For a grace deserves on people's part an effort towards goodness and not towards wickedness. And you Italians have enjoyed yourselves, cursed, hated, you have become Judases of your petty master and of his closest friends. Yesterday, only yesterday, you were prostrate like slaves, and today, here you are with tight fists, cursing, with grasping talons to seize what yesterday you regretted to see in the possession of others. I said that the chastisement would be to experience horror throughout the country. A horror which, thinking it over among yourselves, you would consider a feverish nightmare. Now you see if it was true? But will you mend your ways?

"The Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees in My time saw with their own eyes the fruit of their repeated sins. Israel humiliated, persecuted, dominated, scattered, used to say in a wailing voice: 'Here is the chastisement for no longer being *real* children of God!'²³² Yet none of the leaders, at least very very few leaders, became converted to Me. Exhortations and rebukes, gentleness and sternness, indulgence and intransigence, smiles and sadness, readiness to work miracles or apathy for their requests for miracles—I used everything to shake them and persuade them. All I obtained was their more intense, more complete prostitution with Satan until they went so far as to ride roughshod over the prophets, refusing to acknowledge Me as Christ as the facts proved by bearing out the prophecies, and they went so far as to kill Christ, the Word of God.

"Now the same thing is happening. Among the powerful and among the powerless, socially or individually, 90% of people live like the Pharisees of back then and act with the same systems. Self-seeking, pride, hardness of heart, lust, greed, gluttony and all the forms of selfishness are the foundations of your lives and the rules of your actions. You are not horrified by Ishmael's harshness. You too do the same to those you have no more use for. Both Charity and charity are dead in you. You love only yourselves.

"But now I say: Charity, whom you do not want, flows onto precisely those you scorn, forsake, and laugh at after even

exploiting them. They are those who live only for Charity's sake and who, loving God more than themselves, love you more than themselves. They love you as God loves, helping you in soul and matter. You do not know anything, understand anything, wonder about anything. But God knows, sees and understands without asking. He knows why there is some compassion for you from on high: because of these charitable people who love Me and love you, and who have turned love into their life purpose—not for you as you are, but to do something agreeable to Me.

"Do you people know how many tears, how many sorrows, how many penances, how many sacrifices, are the price of your existence? You think you have life from your mothers who gave you birth and from your fathers who gave you bread. True, if you measure yourselves by the yardstick of brutes, you have life from your parents. But Life, *true Life*, goes on for you, *to give you time to be converted*, thanks to those charitable people. And many of you do not die forever because of these heroes unknown to you: by putting themselves between you and God, with raised arms, they stave off the divine punishments and transfuse some spiritual blood into you. Yes, into you whose veins have been slashed by moral diseases, they transfuse that blood which flows in the great mystical Body and which is the blood of grace. But it is through the sifter of their sacrificed *selves* that this good filters to you wicked people.

"This is a severe dictation. I am sorry about it for My Little John's sake.²³³ But I comfort her with a caress, this one: though all forsook you, [Maria,] I will be for you. Though all forgot you, I will remember you. Though all hated you, I will love you. See how I help you even bodily with physical strength when the time is right? You are in My hands, a beloved and precious instrument. Have no fear.

"Live *in* and *for* your mission. Do as a child given that toy which shows wonderful views if you keep your eyes next to the lenses, but which is just a black box if you move your eyes away. Maria, you keep your eyes glued on Me and on your mission. The world is around you. *It must stay around*. It must *not* be within you. Within, is *My* world. Give the world, the poor unknowing and blind world, the lessons and lights which

come to you from *My* world. If you could only see how much of Heaven is around your work!

"Ah! How happy you will be when you realize you are in *My* world forever, and have come over, from the poor world, without even noticing, going from a vision to the reality, like a little child dreaming about mother and who wakes up being pressed against mother's heart. I will act like this with you.²³⁴

"Be good, patient, charitable, and have no fear. I give you *My* peace, I give it to you in plenty, today, Name of Mary,²³⁵ and let it be the gift of grace to Little John."

81. Prepare for the time of the Antichrist

A short dialogue between Jesus and Maria begins the following complete text. Maria then comments on it, addressing her spiritual director. Then Jesus gives her a dictation.

April 15, 1945

Complete text

Q45:57-58

Ezechiel, ch.37, vv.1-14.

Jesus says:

"I ask you, Maria, what the Lord asked Ezechiel: 'Do you think these bones shall live?'"

I, like Ezechiel, reply:

"O Lord God, You know," because I understand the meaning of the word 'bones,' used here to mean 'people.' In other words I understand that Jesus is not asking me if the dead will rise on the last Day. It is of faith, and there is no doubt about it. But He gives the name of 'bones' to today's poor mankind, all matter and no spirit. I understand it because, as I already explained many times to you, Father [Migliorini], when God takes me to be His megaphone, My intelligence is amplified and raised to a power far above that allowed to human beings. And I can 'see,' 'hear,' 'understand' according to the spirit.

Jesus smiles because He sees I understood His question. He explains:

"It is like this. Today Mankind is but bones, mere ruins burnt to ashes, heavy, dead, sunken in the foul gullies of vices and heresies. The spirit no longer exists, the spirit which is life

in the flesh and life in eternity, the spirit which is what differentiates people from animals. People have murdered themselves in the best part of their selves. Are they machines? Brutes? Corpses? Yes, they are all that.

"They are machines, because they do their day's work mechanically like a mechanism which works because work it must due to the force of its parts in motion, but which does so without understanding the beauty of what it is doing. People too get up and go to bed after having eaten, worked, travelled, spoken, without ever understanding the beauty or ugliness of what they are doing. This is simply because, bereft as they are of spirit, they can no longer tell beauty from ugliness, good from evil.

"People are brutes because they are content sleeping, eating, putting on body fat and stocking up in their lairs, no more no less than brutes. Those operations are the brutes' life goals and the joy of their existence, and justify everything—selfishness and cruel deeds—for this low, savage law of the need to prey upon others to be gluttoned.

"People are corpses because the reason humans can be said to be alive is the presence of the spirit in their flesh. When people's souls come out, they become corpses. In truth today's people are corpses held up and kept in motion by the sorcery of mechanics or of the devil. But they are corpses.

"Well, I say: 'Behold, I will send spirit into you, dry bones, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to grow over you, and will cover you with skin; and I will give you spirit and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.'²³⁶ Yes, I will do this. The time shall come when again I have a people of 'the living' and not of corpses.

"Meanwhile here I am, giving the food of My words to the best, not dead, but skeleton-like for lack of spiritual food. I do not want you to die from consumption. Here is the nourishing, sweet-tasting manna which strengthens you. Oh! Feed on it, children of My love and of My sacrifice! And *why must I see so many going hungry, when so much food has been prepared for them by the Savior, and no one draws from it for those who are hungry?* Feed on it, rise to your feet, come out of your tombs. Come out

of your idleness, come out of the vices of worldly life, come to knowledge, come to 'ac-knowledge' the Lord your God.

"I told you people at the beginning of this work and half-way through this tragic war²³⁷ and I tell you again: 'This is one of the wars preparing the times of the Antichrist.' Then the era of the living spirit will come. Blessed are those who will prepare to receive it.

"Do not say: 'We won't be there.' *True, not all of you will.* But it is stupid and anti-charitable to think just about yourselves. From atheistic parents, atheistic children are born. From idle parents, idle children are born. And they, your children and your children's children, will have *such great* need of spiritual strength for that hour! After all it is a law of human love to provide for the children's and grand-children's good. Do no less for what is spiritual, than you do for the things of this world: as you give your children wealth or try to give it so they may have happier days than yours, strive to give them a legacy of spiritual strength which they may perfect and increase to have plenty of it when the hail of the last battles of the world and of Lucifer lashes mankind so mercilessly that people will wonder if Hell might not be better.

"Hell! *Mankind will live it.* Afterwards, for those faithful to the spirit, there will come Paradise, the Earth which is not earth: the Kingdom of the Heavens."

82. The need to be voluntary victims

December 26, 1945

Extract

Q45:162

Jesus says:

"The last time shall be that of the spirit. But truly, truly I tell you people that only those who will be voluntary victims for the Spirit, and quarries accepted by the Spirit, shall still be able to acknowledge the supernatural. The others shall be dregs settling to the bottom of hell's pools and for which *there will no longer be the Word, which is not given to the pigs because It has self-respect* on Its own and protects Itself on Its own."

83. God's judgment is impartial

March 20, 1946

Extract

Q46:261

Jesus says:

"The judgment of people neither impairs nor influences the judgment of God."

84. 1950: An End-Times Holy Year

In 1947, Jesus dictated to Maria Valtorta instructions about the upcoming Holy Year of 1950. These instructions were intended for Pope Pius XII: "If they hear Me in the words of the Work, you will impart these other words to the One you know" (the Work referred to was the original Italian typescript of *The Poem of the Man-God*). The Lord's instructions were indeed made known to the Pope who generously complied with them: in 1950, he defined as a dogma of faith Most Holy Mary's Assumption body and soul into heavenly glory. (Most of the dictation is quoted; only a few lines personally meant for Maria at the beginning have been omitted.)

October 23, 1947

Extract

Q45:485-486

Jesus says:

"... the upcoming Holy Year must be heightened with a special character of its own: *the character of Mary*."

"An extraordinary Holy Year was celebrated on the nineteenth centennial of My Passion.²³⁸ *Infinite Wisdom would like another centennial to be celebrated also—that of My Mother's glorious Assumption to Heaven—and would like this celebration to give the next Holy Year a special character. Infinite Wisdom would like obedience to this duty, this need, this foresight of giving the next Holy Year the character of Marian triumph and so an incentive for Marian veneration. Mary is your Salvation in this terrifying end of this terrifying century in which the complete opening of the seven seals²³⁹ may happen due to God's punishment. For too many centuries already Christendom has been awaiting this triumphal proclamation of the Mother-Virgin assumed by God to Heaven in order to be God's joy, after having been His living Temple on earth, and assumed in order to be Queen of the heavenly choirs and of the throng of Saints.*

"Truly, many of the seals have already been opened. But woe if they were all opened. *Woe if they are opened!*

"Anticipate the hour of the triumph of the Woman, foundress of the family of those marked with the sign of God's servants, of the elect whose home is Heaven. Anticipate the hour of Mary's triumph over Satan, over the world, matter, and death—death which was vanquished by us twice, vanquished in her, a creature, even in her non-experiencing the spiritual death of sin, as well as in her flesh which does not corrupt and lives here [in Heaven]. Anticipate the hour of Mary's triumph. Let men, women and children of the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church of Rome join the Angels, captained by Michael, so that the seven-headed dragon with ten horns and seven cursed crowns²⁴⁰—the seven seductions—be thrown down for a time, and so that Christendom have time to be reunited and strengthened in charity and in the faith and squeeze together to defend themselves in the last battle.

"Woe if the woman dressed in purple and scarlet, whose throne is the loathsome beast with blasphemous names,²⁴¹ were proclaimed queen before the Woman clothed with the sun, whose feet tread on the moon and whose head is crowned with stars²⁴² was proclaimed, with infallible words, Queen of angels and of mankind.

"There cannot be a second Redemption carried out by Me, Christ. But there can still be one to save a greater number of souls from hell's coils: the one by Mary in glory. The secret of the last Redemption is found in veneration of Mary.

"If they hear Me in the words of the Work, you [Maria] shall impart these other words to the One you know."

85. Wonder seekers

March 1949

Extract

Q49:560

Jesus says:

"I am God. As for those who want to see wonders to satisfy their foolishness and their corrupt spirits—'all that dwell upon the Earth' as John the apostle calls them²⁴³—*they turn to the Beast, which will give them what they yearn after more than they yearn after Truth.* The Beast will give them falsehood, to lead them astray and entice them to eternal death..."

86. Woe unto those rejecting Jesus' revelations

In two dictations on the same day, Jesus deals with attitude problems regarding His revelations to Maria Valtorta. The first dictation is aimed at the people who oppose them; the second, at the people who support them.²⁴⁴

August 16, 1949 Two complete dictations Q49:516-517; 517-518

Jesus says:

"There is a hypocritical and unreasonable sentence, which is a challenge to Charity, Wisdom and Justice, and which is also a curtain to hide the will of those who say it, a will daringly and haughtily and also basely clashing with Mine: 'If it is God's work, God will look after it and will make it prevail.' When I hear it, with a start of holy anger I would like to come down to Earth and repeat the gesture with which I cleaned out the Temple from swindlers, thieves and traders.

"I should do that. But I am Mercy, and I am such as long as people are on earth. I await their conversion as long as they have breath. But then, for the arrogant and those who tempt their Lord—and they tempt Him because they know He is too good with them—there shall be the first and second Judgments, and they shall become aware of a Face of the Lord unlike the one against which they spit out their irritating sentence.

"What should I do to look after the Work and make it prevail? I should have the dreadful God of Sinai act, the God of the times of wrath and strictness, and I should strike them by lightning in their sin, in their sins, because many are the sins contained in their stubborn pride against My will. What else should I do if not that?

"I gave, through you, [Maria,] *all the proofs*. In you there is no sin of revolt, of pretense, of pride. You are a meek victim of their will. You yourself defend their will, because they are 'the Church,' from those who would like to ride roughshod over it. Due to your crucifixion²⁴⁵ it is indisputable that you cannot scrutinize scholarly books. With your learning it is indisputable that you cannot write those pages. What else do they want, if this is not enough for them to say: 'Yes. It is the Spirit of God here present'? There is no dogmatic error, truly there is none in the Work.

"If the Spirit has given lights (lights of grace)²⁴⁶ to light up completely what this or that school in twenty centuries had only lit with one ray in one spot, they should bless God for His grace and not say: 'But we say otherwise.'

"What is Wisdom? Their servant or their sovereign?

"But to avoid calling themselves rebels out of human pride, to hide these wounds of theirs, they say: 'It's up to God.'

"God has been acting. But the prince of the world rules in this world whereas the King of kings reigns in Heaven and since He is faithful—yes, He is faithful—to the free will He entrusted to people, for their trial, their reward and many times for their condemnation, He does not coerce their wills. But He waits for them, *soon*, at the judgment.

"They would do well to meditate the page of the Gospel where I, Master of masters, incarnate Wisdom, Word and Truth, say that the sins against the Holy Spirit *shall not be forgiven*.

"And in truth this is work of the Spirit, of the Spirit of God, of the Love of the Father and of the Son, of the Spirit who knows every truth and comes to speak the truth to the people caught in today's turmoil, in fact turmoils, so they may defend themselves against infernal doctrines."

Then Jesus says to me:

"You will tell your and My real friends never to say that sentence again. They say it innocently, but it grieves Me all the same. Children of Truth as they want to be, they ought to either hold their tongues about it or say the truth: 'Jesus cannot triumph with the Work because men do not want Him to.'

"They are to say this truth within themselves and to their peers (not to the enemies), just as I always said the Truth even warning children of the Torah (My apostles and disciples) against the leaven and sins of the masters of the Torah (the Scribes and Pharisees, even the greatest among them, Caiaphas and Annas).

"Warn all of them: lay people and Priest (My Fr. S.), so that they would not cause Me this grief.

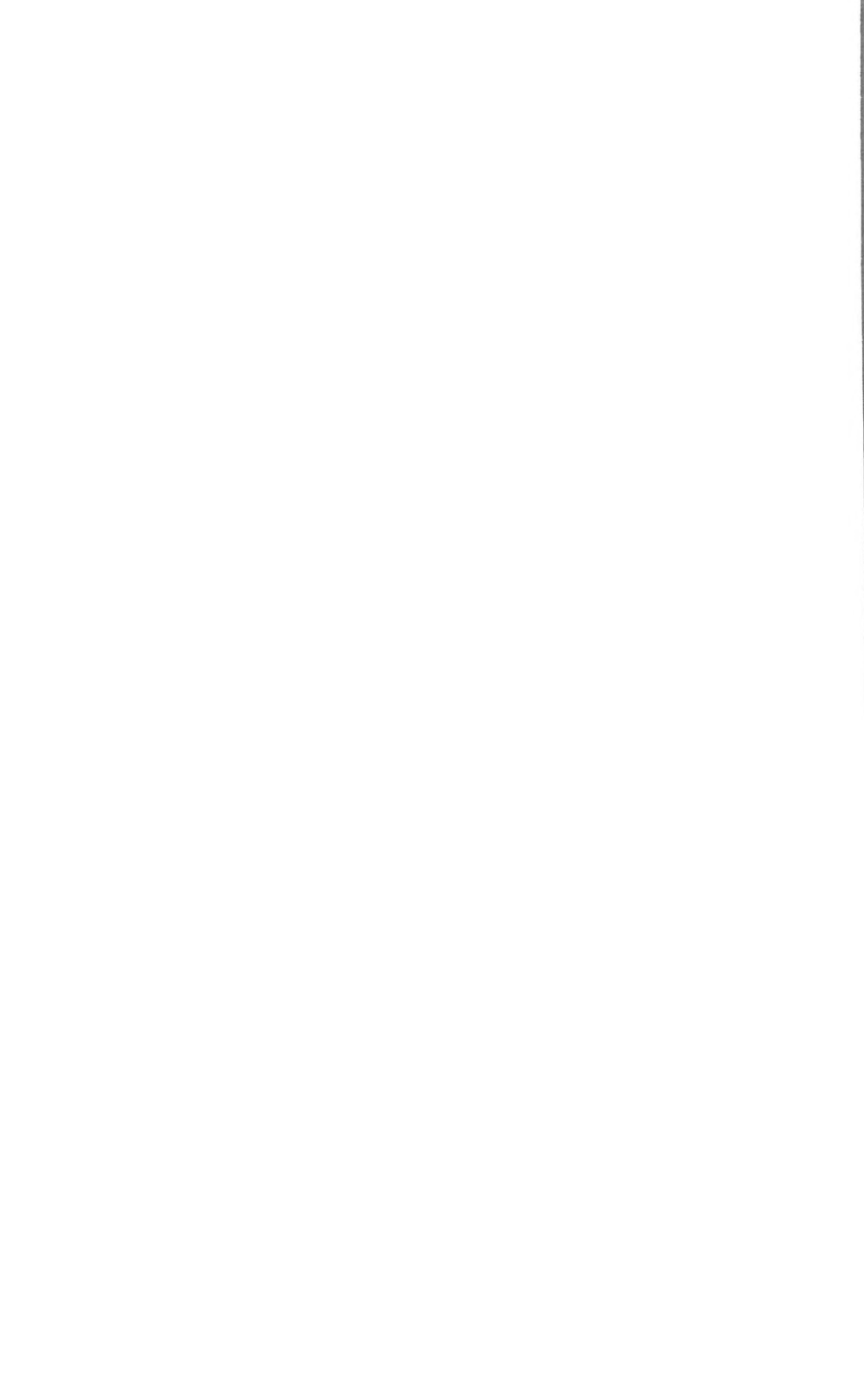
"This grief! What a grief! To see Myself, I-God, trampled on in My will by people, or misunderstood to the extent that I hear: 'You must look after it.' Doesn't anyone think it over that this 'if the work is from God, He is to look after it' is proof of the

offensive doubt present in them that it may not be from God? Don't they realize they offend against charity towards Me by insinuating that to persuade them God should perform extraordinary works to make the already extraordinary works prevail? Don't they realize they offend against charity towards you, [Maria,] by insinuating even unconsciously, that you either simulated, or had Darkness for a master? They must not say that anymore. Never again.

"I had wanted to tell you this for a long time, because I see your heart is being covered with wounds, one for each time that the silly sentence is said. But now you are too wounded, soul of Mine, for Me to be able to remain silent any longer.

"Soul of Mine, soul of Mine, soul of Mine! Come and weep here, to be able to live some more. Come to Me. Here. And let us weep together, because once more I came to My own *and My own did not receive Me and did not acknowledge Me*²⁴⁷ and once again Jerusalem kills its prophets between the temple and the altar...²⁴⁸

"Since the creation of the Angels and of Mankind, how many of God's perfect works have been trampled on or brought to nought by mankind?! And were they by any chance not of God because they did not prevail? On the contrary, *it is precisely because they were of God that they were trampled on*. I tell you, that it is so."



Notes

1. Genesis, chapters 6–9.
2. Hebrews 9:11-14.
3. Luke 23:39-43.
4. Longinus is the traditional name of the Roman soldier who pierced Jesus' side with a lance (John 19:34).
5. John 10:15.
6. Jesus said so to Maria Valtorta on June 2, 1943 (Q43:17), in a text not quoted in this book because it is not directly related to the End Times.
7. See Matthew 5:17.
8. Mark 9:47-48.
9. Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46; John 2:14-17.
10. Matthew 12:22-32; Mark 3:22-30; Luke 11:14-20.
11. Luke 24:50-51.
12. Matthew 25:31-46.
13. Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14.
14. Matthew 12:25; Mark 3:24; Luke 11:17.
15. Luke 22:31.
16. Jesus said so to Maria Valtorta on June 4, 1943 (Q43:24-25), in a text not quoted in this book for the same reason as in note 6.
17. See Ezekiel 9:4 & Apocalypse 7:3.
18. Here Jesus is referring to the World-War-II destruction of churches, which scattered Consecrated Hosts amidst the wreckage. Jesus told Maria Valtorta about that type of dese-

cration earlier (Q43:24), in a text not quoted in this book for the same reason as in note 6.

19. Pius XII, Pope from 1939 to 1958.
20. Genesis 1:3.
21. Apocalypse 1:8; 21:6; 22:13.
22. Jesus said so to Maria Valtorta on May 31, 1943 (Q43:14), in a text not quoted in this book for the same reason as usual.
23. Genesis 1:3-5.
24. Such blessings and curses are found in Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 7:11-16; 11:26-28; and Deuteronomy, chapter 28.
25. John 8:12.
26. John 1:9-11.
27. Hebrews 9:1-5.
28. World War II.
29. Apocalypse 12:3-4.
30. Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34-35.
31. Here Valtorta left a small space in which she later penciled in: "Ch.26-33."
32. Isaiah 26:10.
33. Isaiah 28:14-15.
34. Isaiah 28:18-19.
35. Isaiah 28:22.
36. Isaiah 29:15-16.
37. Isaiah 30:1.
38. Isaiah 30:12-14.
39. Isaiah 31:1.
40. Isaiah 31:3.
41. Isaiah 33:1.
42. For instance, Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14 & 20-25.
43. Luke 18:8.
44. John 1:13. "The Enemy's son," in other words Satan's son.
45. Job 21:32-33.
46. In the dictation of June 19, 1943 (ET:7-8).
47. Genesis 4:8.
48. Genesis 18:32.
49. Colossians 1:18; see also Apocalypse 1:5.
50. John 11:1-44.
51. Luke 11:28.
52. Matthew 27:48; Mark 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:29.
53. In the July 9, 1943 dictation (Q43:117), a text not quoted in this book.
54. Alternative translation: "led their *forbears* towards the light." The Italian original is uncertain ('passi' or 'padri').

55. John 1:9.
56. Mark 15:26; John 19:19.
57. See John 19:37. Notice that whereas Modernists falsely claim that the Evangelists put words into Jesus' mouth, here we see Jesus saying exactly the opposite: *He* put words into His Beloved's mouth.
58. In the dictation of August 16, 1943 (ET:29-30).
59. Matthew 25:31-46.
60. Apocalypse 2:7.
61. John 14:23.
62. Apocalypse 2:17.
63. See Matthew 7:6.
64. See Exodus 16:16-20.
65. Apocalypse 2:17.
66. John 14:6.
67. Apocalypse, chapters 5-8.
68. World War II.
69. Apocalypse 7:3.
70. World War II.
71. As of 1943.
72. Apocalypse 9:1-2.
73. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8. On a typewritten copy, Valtorta wrote in pencil: "Defeat of the Antichrist, but not the universal Judgment."
74. Apocalypse 10:3.
75. Apocalypse 10:4.
76. Let the reader bear in mind that this statement, true when written in 1943, may very well no longer apply.
77. As previously, Valtorta annotates: "The seven thunders correspond to the seven plagues described later on, on August 22" (see ET:48-50).
78. Matthew 25:31-46.
79. See John 15:13.
80. See the June 19 dictation (ET:7-8).
81. World War II.
82. World War II.
83. On June 19, 1943 (ET:7).
84. Apocalypse 13:4.
85. Apocalypse 13:5-8.
86. Genesis 25:29-34.
87. Apocalypse 13:11-18.
88. Apocalypse 14:14-16.
89. Apocalypse 15:5 to 16:21.

90. Those mentioned in the August 20 dictation (ET:42).
91. Numbers 12:1-15.
92. Leviticus, chapter 11.
93. "Kings of the East" translates the Italian "re d'Oriente." Compare with "the kings from the rising of the sun" (Apocalypse 16:12), and consider Jesus' choice of the Italian word "Oriente," which can mean "east" or "[Masonic] lodge."
94. Apocalypse, chapter 12.
95. Apocalypse, chapters 17-18.
96. Apocalypse 17:3-14.
97. Apocalypse 17:8.
98. On a typewritten copy of this text, Valtorta pencilled in the following footnote: "After the defeat of the Antichrist and the destruction of Babylon."
99. "Gesù" is the Italian for "Jesus."
100. "Cristo" is the Italian for "Christ."
101. I translated the Italian "Sapienza" as "Sagacity" to follow the letter-pattern of "Cristo," although the best translation would have been "Wisdom."
102. In a typewritten copy, Valtorta pencilled in the following footnote: "in the period of peace that comes before the judgment."
103. Apocalypse 14:2-3.
104. On a typewritten copy, Valtorta pencilled in the following footnote: "The attempt of peace after the chastisements, the attempt of spiritual evangelization."
105. Apocalypse 20:7-8.
106. Apocalypse 20:9-10.
107. Apocalypse 22:20.
108. In other words the corporate entity of mankind as a whole.
109. The first resurrection: Apocalypse 20:6.
110. The second death: Apocalypse 21:8; 20:14; 2:11; 20:6.
111. Ecclesiastes 12:13.
112. See John 5:29.
113. Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:6.
114. Matthew 27:51-54; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45.
115. Matthew 24:1-31; Mark 13:1-27; Luke 21:5-28; Apocalypse 14:14-20; 19:11-21; 20:1-15.
116. John 1:1-11.
117. 1943.
118. John 11:43.
119. Apocalypse 22:20.
120. Exodus 3:14.
121. Apocalypse 7:4 & 14:1.

122. Valtorta pencilled in: "Kings, book 4, ch.9, v.22." (That is according to the Vulgate's numbering. Another system calls that book 2 Kings.)
123. Also in the dictation of August 15, 1943 (ET:27).
124. Luke 2:14 says: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will"—a verse which is often mistranslated.
125. In the October 29, 1943 dictation (ET:69).
126. World War II.
127. Isaiah 2:22.
128. See for instance the dictations of August 21-22, 1943 (ET:44-45 & 49).
129. Genesis 2:9 & chapter 3.
130. On the same line, Valtorta pencilled in: "Ch.5:1-29" ("Isaiah" being understood).
131. World War II.
132. On a typewritten copy, Valtorta added the following footnote: "Rome. Because all of Rome is a Sanctuary since it was saturated with the early Christians' blood and virtues."
133. Christ's chosen Rock was Peter, a name derived from the Greek *Petros*, which means stone or rock.
134. World War II.
135. Q43:338 (a passage not quoted in this book).
136. Matthew 24:21-22; Mark 13:20.
137. Isaiah 10:5.
138. Matthew 5:5.
139. Matthew 25:31-46; Apocalypse 6:11.
140. Luke 16:19-31.
141. Isaiah 45:8.
142. Genesis 4:8-10.
143. Genesis 25:29-34.
144. Matthew 27:3-9.
145. Leviticus, chapters 1-7, passim; Numbers 15:1-31; Malachi 1:11.
146. John 8:12.
147. See John 14:12.
148. Matthew 27:25.
149. Exodus 14:21-31.
150. Exodus 17:1-7.
151. Exodus 16.
152. Exodus 23:20-23; 32:34; 33:2.
153. Luke 23:33-43. Dismah is the traditional name of the repentant thief.

154. John 21:15-17.
155. The reading on Valtorta's manuscript is uncertain at this point: the word "passion" (Italian "passione") could also be read as "pressure" (Italian "pressione").
156. Deuteronomy 6:4-5.
157. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21.
158. Matthew 10:24; Luke 6:40.
159. John 2:15.
160. Matthew 26:48-49; Mark 14:44-45; Luke 22:47-48.
161. Apocalypse 12:1-4.
162. John 8:12.
163. Matthew 11:15; 13:9; 13:43; Mark 4:9; 4:23; 7:16; Luke 8:8; 14:35.
164. For instance Apocalypse, chapters 12, 13, & 20.
165. In the December 9, 1943 message to Pope Pius XII (ET:98).
166. Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; Daniel 9:27.
167. Apocalypse, chapter 12.
168. The flight: Zechariah 14:5; Apocalypse ch.12, v.6 (& v.14?).
169. Joel 2:28-29 (Vulgate's numbering; according to other systems, 3:1-2).
170. The fathers' blood-calling: Matthew 27:25. Their sons' looking upon the pierced One: Zechariah 12:10 (see John 19:34-37).
171. "Universal" is the original meaning of the word "Catholic," in accordance with its Greek roots.
172. Numbers 24:17.
173. Acts 17:22-33.
174. John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17.
175. Valtorta pencilled in: "Third book of Kings, ch.8, v.19." (This is according to the Vulgate's numbering; another system calls it 1 Kings.)
176. Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44.
177. Ezechiel 7:10.
178. Genesis 6:17.
179. Genesis 19:23-25.
180. Jesus is referring to a group of seven dictations addressed to those who believe in the false teachings of reincarnation and related forms of Satanism, such as spiritism (Q44:26-55).
181. Namely the false doctrines of reincarnation, etc.
182. 1944.
183. Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-15.
184. Isaiah 14:9-15.
185. Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4.
186. Matthew 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23.
187. Daniel 12:11-12.

188. Matthew 10:22.
189. Daniel 12:13.
190. "Little John" is the nickname which Jesus gave Maria to express the fact that in some respects her love for Jesus and her mission were not unlike those of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist.
191. Isaiah 2:1-5; 7:10-17; 9:1-6; 11:1-9.
192. Apocalypse ch.13; ch.17; & 19:11 to 20:10.
193. Daniel 7, verses 1-8, 11-12, & 15-25.
194. In the June 19, 1943 and August 22, 1943 dictations (ET:7 & 46)—as well as in a January 8, 1944 dictation (Q44:28) not quoted in this book.
195. In the July 23, 1943 dictation (ET:16).
196. Luke 2:40.
197. John 10:1-21
198. Ezechiel 8:11.
199. The Italian original has: "l'adorazione dell'oriente." Here the word "oriente" taken at face value simply means "east," as in Ezechiel 8:16: "about twenty-five men having their backs towards the temple of the Lord, and their faces to the east: and they adored towards the rising of the sun." "Oriente" in Italian can also refer to the Masonic Lodge.
200. The Italian original has "le sette," which can mean "sects," as for instance Protestant sects, or again "secret societies," a meaning which would tie in with the word commented upon in the previous footnote ("oriente"). If we take the word "sette" to mean "sects," Our Lord's allusion could be taken as a rebuke against the now prevalent false sense of ecumenism, which amounts to indifferentism and the loss of Catholicism.
201. Matthew 23:1-32; Luke 11:37-54.
202. Genesis 1:1-2.
203. 1 Corinthians 15:26.
204. Ezechiel 37:1-14.
205. 1 Corinthians 15:35-58.
206. "Better yet: Ezechiel 9:1 to 11:21." (Editorial footnote translated from Q44:118.)
207. Matthew 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19-22.
208. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-22.
209. In a January 15, 1944 dictation (Q44:69; not quoted in this book).
210. Matthew 25:31-46.
211. In the January 29, 1944 vision (ET:124).
212. See John 4:13-14.

213. Ezechiel, as mentioned just before the dictation.
214. Apocalypse 13:1-18.
215. Exodus 3:14.
216. Genesis 6:7.
217. Genesis 9:11.
218. On April 23, 1943 (ET:1).
219. In a passage not quoted in this book (Q43:13).
220. ET:5.
221. The latest time had been March 28, 1944 (Q44:296), in a passage not quoted in this book.
222. During a January 10, 1944 apparition described in Q44:43 but not in this book.
223. John 5:22.
224. August 6, feast of the Transfiguration.
225. See note 190.
226. Jesus did show Valtorta a vision of His Transfiguration on the same day. This vision is found in *The Poem of the Man-God*, vol.3, pp.406-411.
227. Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.
228. Likely allusion to the end of World War II.
229. Matthew 14:3-11; Mark 6:17-28; Luke 9:9.
230. 3 Kings 17:1 to 4 Kings 2:18.
231. Especially on May 16 (Q44:353; not quoted in this book).
232. For example, Lamentations, chapter 5.
233. See note 190.
234. These words were touchingly prophetic as one bears in mind that Maria Valtorta died (on October 12, 1961) after a few years of gradual, growing psychological isolation, by which she became irremediably estranged from the outer world as though she were totally absorbed by her inner life. Thus she passed through death from a contemplated vision to a reality that she was to live forever.
235. It was the feast of the Name of Mary according to the Church Calendar of the Roman Rite (September 12).
236. See Ezechiel 37:5-6.
237. "At the beginning of this work": "this work" means Q43, Q44, and Q45 taken as a whole. "I told you": see ET 8, 44 & 140 (as well as Q43:24-25 and Q44:353, not quoted in ET).
238. In 1933, under Pope Pius XI, an extraordinary Holy Year of Redemption was celebrated.
239. Apocalypse, chapters 5 & 6.
240. Apocalypse 12:3.
241. Apocalypse 17:3-4.

242. Apocalypse 12:1.
243. Apocalypse 13:8.
244. Elsewhere, Valtorta was told by her guardian angel, Azariah, about two different reasons why people who are granted the gifts of private revelations sometimes refuse to believe in them: "Have some, like Paul, believing they were doing good, rejected the gift [of a private revelation]? Have they called it imaginary foolishness on seeing it in others' hearts? Let them examine themselves. Why? With what thought did they do so? With that of denying that God can do all? If so, they have sinned. With the thought that what the Church possesses is sufficient and that it is useless to wish to perfect what is perfect? If it is because of this thought, they have not sinned, for a respectful, zealous love 'of the tradition of the fathers' has moved them" (Maria Valtorta, *The Book of Azariah*, Centro Editoriale Valtortiano, Isola del Liri [FR, Italy], 1993, p.162).
245. The "crucifixion" refers to Maria's bedriddenness.
246. All parentheses in these last two dictations are found in the Italian original. It is sometimes unclear whether their contents should be ascribed to Jesus, as part and parcel of the dictations, or to Maria, as explanations. These could have been provided to her by a second voice speaking within her, a guidance which she explicitly claimed was at work during visions (see for instance ET:123).
247. See John 1:11.
248. See Matthew 23:29-37; Luke 11:47-51.

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