

THE LADY'S WORK IN THE FACE OF "EVENTS"

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On the day I began writing this article (March 28, 2020), the world was plunged in an entirely exceptional situation, to the point that it could even be described as an unprecedented situation. The entire world is having to deal with a "new virus" which appeared in China several weeks ago, that is, at the end of 2019,¹ and, since then, it has spread to all countries. The deaths already number in the tens of thousands, the persons infected, in the hundreds of thousands (and those figures will certainly greatly increase). No place in the world seems to be sheltered from it, and the medical services everywhere are stretched to the limit. Certain countries are even "in shutdown", since almost everything is closed, from schools to workshops and offices, from large firms and small businesses to public administrative offices at all levels. More than that, to all those closures must be added the one of all the different religious temples of every spiritual confession. That is how the current events have affected the Lady's Work and Spiri-Maria in particular.

In the present text, I will not stop to consider what is going on in the outside world, of which the media continuously keeps us informed (and "over-informed"), and no room will be given either to the different "conspiracy theories or schemes" which sometimes may be of interest but which, almost always, mix error with truth. Here and now, it is more appropriate to situate the Lady's Work within these events.

On a practical level, we will simply recall a few facts. As soon as the information on the pandemic had become clearer and the Directors of the Work had been able to fully assess the situation, they reacted promptly within the context of their responsibilities. Thus, on March 19, 2020, Marc-André I, Church King, addressed an official letter to all the members of the Work through the Internet website Radio Love,² and on the same day, Padre Jean-Pierre, the Father of the Church of John, after having added to the important measures he had already taken, published his new directives in a document made available on the same Internet channel.³

Those measures affected, first of all, "the spiritual retreats and other public activities planned at Spiri-Maria in the near future" which were all "cancelled or will be rescheduled at a later date." Masses would continue to be

celebrated and the rosaries recited, but "behind closed doors", that is, without any people coming in from the outside, but with the possibility of following both on Radio Love. On the other hand, the catechism courses and the meetings with the young people would be cancelled. Other special measures would enable the members of the Work, in Canada, Europe and the United States, to continue to receive the Body of Christ in Communion during the time people will be confined to their homes in conformity with the directives issued by the governments. All of this was rapidly carried out.

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However, the most unexpected, of course – if we go back in time only a few weeks ago – was the closure of Spiri-Maria, the heart of the Lady's Work and the center of the new world which this latter must contribute to bringing about. Thus, the cover page of the preceding issue of the revue was headlined, "Spiri-Maria: Already 20 Years!", referring to the year rather than the day of its inauguration. That was fortunate because, for its actual 20th anniversary on May 13, the chapel Spiri-Maria will still probably be closed to the public and we will not be able to commemorate this anniversary as a group.

The situation we are experiencing today, no one could have foreseen it, even if we all know that we will certainly have to face and get through difficult days and years ahead. Have we not been forewarned of this in the Lady's Work and, as a consequence, have we not been apprehending, for decades for some of us, that, some day, there would occur and be imposed upon us "events" which would be painful and which, at the very least, would disorganize the world and the manner in which our societies operate? What was dreaded but was nevertheless hard to conceive of has taken on a very concrete form today, disturbing and constraining, giving us an unpleasant foretaste of what, logically, should still come about.

1. This is where the name Covid-19, comes from; the abbreviation of Coronavirus Disease 2019.
2. <https://radioamour.com/wp-content/uploads/MA1-Letter-to-the-Members-2020-A.pdf>
3. <https://radioamour.com/wp-content/uploads/200319-Update-on-Masses-at-Spiri-Maria.pdf>.

“Logically”, in fact, for how could we, without a painful transition, pass from a world in which the forces of evil have a free rein to this Kingdom of light and beauty which Marie-Paule announced so many times in her books and articles in the paper, and for which, as the “Mother of the Kingdom”, she paid the price with her life, a life she gave for the future and the happiness of humanity? These are not empty words: it is the purest reality and it is necessary that her “life of love” itself and her divine accomplishments be the source of our greatest hope.

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Once the historic perspective has been redefined in this way, the “spiritual context” thus clearly indicated, we are forced to come back to the present, the one we must live today and the one we will have to live through tomorrow, for the novel nature of present events leads us to think that we could well have begun “the years of all the battles”. (cf. *Le Royaume*, no. 262)

What is happening in the world today is like a first “battle”, and perhaps even a form of warning. Since, as Marie-Paule told us, “it will be quite different in the era to come” (*White Book IV*, p. 80), humanity could have to endure one blow after another until everyone is quite convinced of the necessity that almost everything has to be done differently than it is presently being done. The first imperative reversal has to do with the Divinity which must return to its primary place not only in men’s hearts but also in their institutions. That is essential, and today, this Divinity is the Total Divinity in which we henceforth believe: Father and Mother, Son and Daughter, in the unity of the Spirit.

An immediate corollary of the “re-focussing” of society on the Divine is a respect for Man. In fact, the integrity of the human being must be respected – of every human being – because he is the culmination of the divine Creation and the “tabernacle of God”. That is, man must really be respected: no longer enslaving him through harmful ideologies or unhealthy trends, no longer trying to manipulate him in any way, no longer reducing him simply to the role of producer-consumer from whom the only expectation is to buy always more so as to then immediately burn everything on the altar of economic growth.

Similarly, it is necessary to respect the Earth (including the animal world) and no longer exploit it to a maximum, making it suffer and disfiguring it. For, in the end, everything comes from it, and never have there been men like the men of today to destroy their milieu of life in this way to the detriment of their own descendants! And this, even in the very long term, for certain wastes from nuclear power plants will remain radioactive and dangerous for more than 100,000 years! In this area, as in so many others, have men not behaved like sorcerer apprentices, developing industrial techniques without knowing all the risks or able to control them, and inconsiderately passing on all the grievous consequences to future generations?

It is also necessary to re-establish the sense of authority

which more than two centuries of democracy has damaged, for the real authority must come from God in one way or another and not from men, and it must be exercised in the form of the most active and selfless charity. Thus, in the Kingdom won by Marie-Paule, “new kings” (Mary’s very words at La Salette) will govern men by becoming once again the direct link between Heaven and Earth for the greater benefit of all mankind. However, this latter still has a long hard road to travel and will have to undergo many tribulations before accepting this obvious fact.

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Finally, many other aspects of our societies will also have to experience a radical evolution-transformation with a view to the new world: the education given in families and in society in general; public teaching and the universal “moral climate”; the allocation of rights and duties at all levels; the role of the means of communication and the responsibility of the media; the production of food, of both plant and animal origin, and its consumption; the contribution of individuals to the common well-being through taxes on personal gain or goods and property; all the way to the redefinition of the place and role of money in society, and so forth.

We are still a long way from all those necessary reconstructions and “re-foundings”. But it will have to come to that. This means that Heaven could well continue to show us the flaws and weaknesses of our societies – through illnesses and calamities or disasters, economic upheavals and the misdeeds of corruption, wars perhaps and other unknown means – until such time as everyone understands that it is necessary to change all the parameters and, as Marie-Paule put it so well, that “it will be necessary to rebuild everything, rethink and order everything in accordance with God’s wisdom.” (*The Hosanna of Life!*, p. 40) And the “little ones” will probably understand this long before the “great ones”, according to what the Lady announced in her messages: “There must be a return to God. The people themselves are ready. It is the leaders who are not willing.” (17th message, October 1, 1949)

So let us stand firm, hang on, proud to be the guardians of the new faith which will enflame the Kingdom on behalf of the Love of the Lord and the Lady! And let us not be afraid to nurture the keenest hope. Thus, in 1988, I had written a short article which had burst forth like a cry from the depths of my heart: “Another world, Lord!”⁴ which, in the end, was only stating in another way a bimillenary expectation, “May thy Kingdom come!” And many in the Army of Mary had felt and shared that appeal in the depths of their souls. Today, now that Marie-Paule has paid all the price of sufferings and love for the Kingdom of God on Earth, it would seem that Heaven has begun to grant our prayer through the events.

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Le Royaume, Important Issue, April 8, 1988, p. 3.