

LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS



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On a living room coffee table, there were two magazines. The first one, on the left, was a magazine of current events with catchy titles about different socio-political crises holding sway in several Western countries.¹ The other one, on the right, was the last issue of the review *Le Royaume* with, on its cover page, the titles of articles dealing in particular with the coming of the Kingdom.

Obviously, the nature of those two magazines was not the same and their content cannot be compared. But randomly set down side by side, the two cover pages presented an eloquent picture of our situation as members of the Lady's Work:

- on the one hand, we are witnessing the end of a world (magazine on the left),
- and, on the other, we have the incredible privilege, within the Work, of witnessing the birth of a new world (review on the right).

In reality, we are more than just “witnessing” the end of one world and the beginning of another. In fact, it would be more accurate to say that we are participating in the one and the other, that we are fully members of the one and the other worlds.

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It is truly in the present world – which is coming to an end, but which continues to “function” – that the young members of the Work go to school, that the adults work, that the elderly are taken charge of when their state of health requires it, etc. Our contact with this world is a daily one and even a permanent one, and that is normal. For, like that of every human being, our life fits into the society which is around us and which shapes our States. We benefit from the services these latter provide and every person contributes to the smooth operation of the whole.

So, the present world is... our world. Even if we disagree with the principles inspiring its general direction, even if we deplore the corruption that is so widespread and we suffer from the almost generalized apostasy, our daily life cannot be envisioned outside the socio-political context of our respective societies.

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However, it is obvious that our hearts are not in it, quite the contrary.

From the day we came to know about the Lady's Work, from the day we discovered the mystery of Marie-Paule and we understood her unique role here on Earth, since that day our hearts have been turned to her and to the new world she came to bring to birth.

Yes, this new world “has already been born” (*Life of Love* VII, p. 500); it is already in our midst and we are already a part of it.² It is the Lady's Work! And is it not true that we are “living in it in

our soul”? That it feeds our conversations and guides our deepest aspirations? That we participate in its different activities and meetings, according to our possibilities, in person or by Internet? That we follow the persons in authority whom Marie-Paule appointed? And that we strive to live in accordance with the spirit she left us and the indications she gave us?

Of course, this new world must still undergo an immense development and it must spread to all peoples – at that level, we have not yet seen anything! – but everything is already in the process of being, and we are already participating fully in it, so that we are really living in two different worlds which will continue “to overlap” for an indeterminate period of time.

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It goes without saying that we are anxious to see the old world disappear in favor of the new world. We would very much like to live solely in “Marie-Paule's world” and share it with all the souls of good will. But, for the time being, we have to resign ourselves to this period of waiting and understand that it is part of God's plan. Does it not allow us to deepen our attachment to Marie-Paule, to work at our interior reform and to adapt ourselves to the pace of providential events?

So, in the one world as in the other, this is the time to live fully our Consecration to Marie-Paule “so as to enable the men, women and children of the present and the future, to be nourished by [her] ‘Life of Love’ and to imitate it, from the dawning of the Kingdom until the end of the world.”

And this will be our small but necessary contribution to the fulfillment of the great promise of the Kingdom which Marie-Paule made to us in so many ways:

- “The forces of the Marian Work are going to flow over the world like a flood of peace, washing away distress and anguish, banishing the earth that was, with its unheeding violence and mass iniquity.” (*Vie d'Amour*, Appendice V, p. 144)
- “The face of the earth will change and wounded man will be converted and become transfigured, as will creation.” (*Living Stones*, p. 62)
- “The universe will return to prayer so that it may relish the great call of Love and come to know the Mysteries that are unfolding before our eyes, rendering more accessible the paths we tread, paths strewn with reflections of the divine.” (*Le Royaume*, no. 153, p. 3)

1. Many of the titles of such magazines remind us, besides, of these words from the Lady: “Great events will now intensify. I have spoken of chaos; it is happening. As for disasters, they have come, Governments have resigned; others will do the same.” (23rd message)

2. At this time, the new world is still very small, buried in the gigantic old world, like a little seed can be buried in the flesh of a fruit much bigger than it. But, whatever the difference in terms of size and therefore of quantity, what is more important is the difference in quality: the flesh is dead and the seed is living; that is to say, the flesh of the fruit will disappear whereas the seed will germinate in order to reveal all the potential of life it contains.