Once again Antonio Socci finds himself in the thick of the mystery of the Third Secret of Fatima. His August 17 column on a recently published biography of Sister Lucia, produced by the Sisters of the Convent in Coimbra, discusses an astonishing new revelation in that text regarding what must be the missing explanation by the Virgin Herself of the meaning of the enigmatic vision of the “Bishop dressed in White” published in 2000.

The silence of the Sisters in response to pointed inquiries about this new revelation speaks volumes. As Socci says, another little piece of the truth has come to light, adding to the mountain of evidence of a cover-up. Here with my translation of Socci’s explosive article (with slight editing for punctuation).

--Christopher A. Ferrara

There is a new development in the detective story of the “Third Secret of Fatima,” a prophecy that runs throughout the 20th century and seems to be hurtling toward its final fulfillment.

This breaking news is contained in an official publication of the Convent of Coimbra, where Sister Lucia dos Santos, the last visionary, lived and died (in 2005). It is a new book entitled “Un caminho sob o olhar de Maria” (“A Path Under the Gaze of Mary”) and it is a biography of Sister Lucy, written by her fellow sisters with precious unpublished documents from the same visionary. Before looking at these new facts, it is necessary to remember well what is the Fatima event.

The Story of a Century

In the midst of the conflagration of the Great War, on May 13, 1917, the Madonna
appeared, in the Portuguese village, to three shepherd children.

The lay newspapers laughed at the “patsies” trusting in the Virgin to give a public sign of her presence. She pre-announced to the three children that she would give a sign, and in the final apparition, that of October 13, seventy thousand terrified people, gathered in the Covada Iria, witnessed the spinning of the sun in the sky [and then plunging toward the earth] – a phenomenon that, the day after, was reported by the newspapers (even the anticlerical ones).

In the apparition of July 13, the Madonna had entrusted to the children a message for the whole world. It was the great prophecy concerning the coming decades if humanity did not turn to God.

In fact, it would all be realized: the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, the spread of communism in the world, the bloody persecutions of the Church and, finally, the tragic Second World War. There was also a third part of the Secret that had to be revealed – said the Madonna – in 1960. Arriving at that date, John XXIII hid the whole thing, so terrible were its contents.

He thus provoked a jumble of hypotheses. In 2000, John Paul made known the text of the Third Secret that contains the famous vision of the “Bishop dressed in white,” with the Pope who traverses a destroyed city, the many dead bodies, and then the martyrdom of the Holy Father, of bishops, priests and faithful.

From many elements one could discern that it [the vision] was not everything. Even I, among other authors, published a book, “The Fourth Secret of Fatima,” wherein I showed that a part was missing, written down and sent later, with the words of the Madonna which explained the same vision.

The very secretary to John XXIII, Monsignor Capovilla, who had seen everything first hand, in a conversation with Solideo Paolini hinted at the existence of that mysterious “attachment.” On the part of the ecclesiastical party it is officially denied that it exists and that there are prophecies regarding these days.

**Pope Benedict XVI Speaks in 2010**

But a resounding explicit confirmation came from Benedict XVI himself, who, during an unexpected pilgrimage to Fatima on May 13, 2010, affirmed: “He deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.”

He added: “There are indicated future realities of the Church which little by little are manifesting themselves... and therefore it is the sufferings of the Church which are announced.”

But could such prophecies be found in that text [of the vision]? These following two phrases of the Pope in that discourse at Fatima also prompt reflection: “Man has the power to unleash a cycle of death and terror, but he is not able to stop it.” And then: “The faith in vast regions of the earth risks being extinguished, like a flame without
From these words of Pope Benedict one discerns, therefore, that there is truly something else in the Third Secret and that it is dramatic for the world and the Church. Perhaps it is precisely due to that visit by the Pope that this book (of the Sisters) was released, from which another precious little piece of the truth filters out.

The volume in fact draws from the letters of Sister Lucy and from the unpublished diary “My Way”. Impressive, among things previously unpublished, is the account of how Sister Lucy overcame the terror that prevented her from writing down the Third Secret.

**The Unpublished Account**

At around 4 p.m. on January 3, 1944, in the chapel of the convent, before the Tabernacle, Lucia asked Jesus to make known His will: “I then felt a friendly hand, maternal and affectionate, touch my shoulder.”

And the Mother of God said to her: “Be at peace, and write what I have commanded you, but not, however, that which has been given to you to understand its meaning,” intending to allude to the meaning of the vision which the Virgin herself had revealed.

Immediately afterward, said Sister Lucia, “I felt my spirit inundated by a mystery of light that is God and in Him I saw and heard: the point of a lance like a flame that is detached, touches the axis of the earth, and it trembles: mountains, cities, towns and villages with their inhabitants are buried. The sea, the rivers, the clouds, exceed their boundaries, inundating and dragging with them, in a vortex, houses and people in a number that cannot be counted. It is the purification of the world from the sin in which it is immersed. Hatred, ambition, provoke the destructive war. After I felt my racing heart, in my spirit a soft voice said: ‘In time, one faith, one baptism, one Church, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic. In eternity, Heaven!’ This word ‘Heaven’ filled my heart with peace and happiness in such a way that, almost without being aware of it, I kept repeating to myself for a long time: Heaven, Heaven.”

The unpublished material from which I have just quoted is a very interesting document, from which those who are knowledgeable can easily find confirmation of the historical reconstruction according to which the Third Secret is composed of two parts: one, the vision, was written and sent first, while the other – that which, in the words of the Virgin, is “the meaning” of the vision – was written and sent later.

And also the famous and mysterious “attachment” of which Capovilla hinted. And the text, as yet unpublished, where presumably resides the part that most frightened Sister Lucia. The same part that frightened John XXIII (but also, before him, Pius XII) and which Roncalli decided not to make public because – according to him – it could be only a thought of Sister Lucia’s that did not have a supernatural origin.

And a part so explosive that its existence continues officially to be denied. And the opening by Benedict XVI in 2010, which led as well to the publication of this volume, is...
today reopened.

Who Silenced the Good Sisters?

This is demonstrated by what happened to Solideo Paolini, the great Italian scholar of Fatima, who, reviewing the pages of this book, which I sent him, wrote to the Convent in Coimbra requesting to be able to consult the two unpublished works mentioned in the volume, believing that therein are further details on the hidden part.

The letter arrived at its destination (as is attested by the receipt), but had no reply. Paolini then wrote again, entering into the merits and asking whether Sister Lucia had ever put on paper the “meaning of the vision,” which it had been given to her to understand from on High, and which on the 3rd of January she had avoided writing down at the suggestion of the Madonna: “In the works that I asked you to consult is there any reference to ‘something more’ regarding the Third Secret of Fatima, as yet unpublished verbatim?”

The letter was received on June 6. But it too had no answer. Yet it would have been easy to say no. Evidently, the answer was “yes,” but could not be given because it would have been explosive. So, they are silent.

Nevertheless, the vision I have just cited refers back to the two elements that presumably are contained in the unpublished text of the Secret: the prophecy of an immense catastrophe for the world and a great apostasy in the Church. An apocalyptic trial at the end of which – said the Madonna herself at Fatima – “my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

To this hoped for “triumph” Pope Benedict made reference in 2010: “May the seven years which separate us from the centenary of the Apparitions (2017) hasten the prophesied triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.”

Does this mean that today, in 2014, we have already entered into the terrible trial? In fact, if you read the news...

Antonio Socci

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