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Commentary on the Three Days of Darkness

Notes on the spiritual condition

This English version of the original third book in the three parts series will be a shorter version, and detain itself much less in the very detailladen original content. In other words, it will skip many details and demonstrations.

Some of what is missing might be found in the original Portuguese version and in the video I put out, "The Scourge of the Dimond Brothers on Russia and the Third Secret of Fatima" (Youtube).

The Sign I am a prophet is that it was given to me, and no one else, to interpret the bible and by divine inspiration to find out and demonstrate the vinegar Jesus drank in the Crucifixion was turned to wine miraculously, echoeing the Wedding in Cana's worse wine of the last hour becoming the good wine from the

beginning. This is explained in the above-mentioned video.

I received the office of the Angel of the Bottomless Pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon ("destroyer"), and in Greek Apollyon, and in Latin Exterminans. The first name in Hebrew because I interpreted the La Salette Message and

found out the "hebrew nun" out of which the Antichrist would be born is the Post-Conciliar Church. The Second name in Greek because it was given to me to unveil the tenor of the one-page never released Third Secret of Fatima, the crumbling of religion guarding an underlying consolation in the coming power

from on high, the Son of Man. I received the third name in Latin because when I was eight years old, and before I had been instructed this was possible, I received the attempted visit from the Virgin Mary in the sky from a window in my chamber, and I ran struck by fear. This is a prophecy about how men will feel when the

Son of man arrives, the coming Pontiff and Monarch.

Malachi Martin alluded to him when he essentially described the Third Secret of Fatima as containing the information that when the power of the Ark of the Covenant arrives "a power which exceeds all other power will speak directly to all men".

Behold what says the Queen and star of the sea, Mary ever Virgin, wife of Exterminans, to Antipope Benedict XVI: "My husband Exterminans received the key of the star of the sea, the key to the treasure of my interior, which is the interior of the Ark. My husband Exterminans turns the key and not a third but

all your Tower of Babel is stricken by lightning. My husband Exterminans turns the key, and not a third but all your admirers are stricken by lightning. My husband Exterminans turns the key and not a third but all the inhabitants of the Earth see your nakedness."

The peripeteia of Apollyon

I feel inspired to indicate under the heading "Apollyon's peripeteia" (in the wake of what was discussed in the two previous studies); the revelation that what is taken ordinarily to be the Second Coming of Christ; associable with

the coming of the "Son of Man" in the clouds of heaven with great power and majesty to gather the elect from the four winds (Matthew 24:30); is an indication of the coming of the Third Witness. This witness is not Christ strictly speaking, but Christ in the sense of being (like the ark) the earthly expression of God.

Revelation 22:9: "See that you do it not [worship at the feet of the "angel"/messenger]. I am a fellow servant of yours, and of your brethren the prophets, and of them who keep the words of the prophecy of this book." These words seem to refer to the Third Witness.

The three woes are three stages for the manifestation of this man.

The Revelation 8 to 13 seven trumpets correspond in reverse order to the seven seals mentioned in the book of Revelation. The book's structure is like a three-dimensional arrangement whose "vanishing point"

elements intersect in opposite ways. The first woe, which is also the First Day of Darkness [Blessed Anna Maria Taigi's prophecy] is [spiritual] famine (corresponding to the third horseman), the second woe is "war", corresponding to a spiritual gratification in the midst of secular unraveling and

instability [the Second Day of Darkness], the third is the intense lightning of revelation potentially giving way to the appearance of antichrists [Third Day of Darkness].

The first woe also corresponds to the fifth seal (martyrdom), the second woe to the sixth seal of the sealing of the faithful (a giving of

knowledge by which the faithful are gathered from all over the world by the Son of Man, the latter in disguise [as it were], each faithful according to their state, in preparation to the coming of the Son of Man/lightning).

Psalm 8:4: "What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou

visitest him?" Psalm 8:9: "O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is thy name in the whole earth!" Psalm 8, therefore, since it uses the expression "son of man" (used by God in reference to prophet Ezekiel), by means of it also refers to the "name of God", that is, the earthly expression of

God, "wonderful in all the earth".

The word "son" expresses precisely the character or quality of making oneself understood (allowing others to apprehend from the order of knowing or from the outside), as distinct from one's inward understanding; the "son" meaning a maximum

coincidence (alluded to in the symbol of the ark) between the two orders (of allowing to know and of possessing knowledge from the source of knowledge).

That is why the Third
Witness is both the
Great Monarch
prophesied by countless
respectable Catholic
prophecies (the noble by
vocation makes himself

understood/known), and the Holy Pontiff prophesied in a similar way (a priest knows).

Even when they (Great Monarch and Angelic Pope) are treated as different characters, as in the Prophecy of Blessed Anna Maria Taigi, this is done in an allegorical way that communicates, like in the difference between

vanishing points, an underlying threedimensional intersection; since the points joined by the intersection are continuations or extensions of their respective vanishing points; and since the ordinary way of exercising earthly power (prior to the fulfillment of the prophecy) makes

it difficult to conceive this kind of reality without a certain distortion.

An example of this reality is in the Nursing Nun of Bellay's Prophecy (19th century), in the context of her prophesying the end of the Holy Sacrifice, the flooding of the world with doctrines of

madmen, the presence of a corrupt city, finally the reduction of Babylon to ashes: "A saint raises his arms to Heaven; he calms the wrath of God. He ascends to the throne of Peter [papacy]. At the same time, the Great Monarch ascends to the throne of his ancestors. All is quiet now. Altars are raised again; religion comes to life again.

What I see now is so wonderful that I am not able to express it." Thus, in the simultaneity of the accession of the pope and the monarch, it is suggested that they are the same individual.

Venerable Bartholomew Holzhauser (17th century) expresses himself in a similar way in his prophecy: "The fifth period of the Church (...) is a [period] of affliction, desolation, humiliation and poverty for the Church. (...) [in which] no principle at all, however holy, authentic, ancient, and certain it may be, will remain free from censure, criticism, false interpretation, modification and delimitation by man.

These are evil times, a century full of of dangers and calamities. Heresy is everywhere, and the followers of heresy are in power almost everywhere. Bishops, prelates, and priests say that they are doing their duty, that they are vigilant, and that they live as befits their state of life. In like manner, therefore, they

all seek excuses. But God will permit a great evil against His Church: heretics and tyrants will come suddenly and unexpectedly; they will enter the Church while bishops and prelates and priests are asleep. They will enter Italy and destroy Rome; they will burn the churches and destroy everything. The sixth period of the

Church will begin with the Mighty Monarch and the Holy Pontiff . . . He [Great Monarch] will rule supreme in temporal matters. The pope will rule supreme in spiritual matters at the same time."

As can be seen, the idea of simultaneity and thematic proximity between the Great

Monarch and the Holy Pontiff is a recurring motif; other examples in other prophecies can easily be given; in the wake of what I have mentioned; one of them being the remarkable narrative proximity, in Blessed Anna Maria Taigi's Prophecy on the Three Days of Darkness; between the appointment of the

Christian King and the appointment of the Holy Pontiff [to their respective offices].

Abaddon's peripeteia

The apparent adherence of the Two Witnesses to a profane party (the Nicolaitan party instrumentalizing subtle ambiguity to profane the sacred), the party that associates the pious idea of simplicity with the profane idea of an adherence to the gross ("camel") to the

detriment of the fine ("needle's eye"), when the two things are to be taken to have an underlying unity; this apparent adherence [on the part of the Two Witnesses] is a Trojan Horse of Providence (relatively inadvertent on the part of the Two Witnesses) which will occasion severe punishment upon those

Nicolaitans who claim to rejoice in the apparent favoring of their own doctrinal deviation. I received the inspiration that the revelation of this fact is called "Abaddon's peripeteia".

The Two Witnesses will not only collaborate with the Son of Man (and therefore with the sacredness of the subtle mustard seed opposed to

gross desecration),[he] who will lift them up to the heaven of completion; but they will be noted for their zeal in defending the Son of Man once he has received the papal office (assumption to the papacy suggested in Revelation 12:5); and actually even before that.

In fact, the "Great Battle in Heaven" (Revelation 12:7) is a suggestion of the ecclesiastical clash (a council) in which the Two Witnesses will fight on behalf of the Son of Man, as suggested by a prophecy from Jeanne le Royer (18th century nun): "I see in God a great power, guided by the Holy Spirit, that will

restore order through a second disruption. I see in God a great assembly of pastors who will defend the rights of the Church and its Head [the pope]. They will restore the former discipline. I see, in particular, two servants of the Lord who will distinguish themselves in this glorious combat, and who, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, will fill the hearts of this illustrious assembly with ardent zeal."

The Revelation 12 chapter suggests that the Two Witnesses will cast out and cast anathemas against the Nicolaitan party, and will be the latter party's most formidable enemies, in an act of true exorcism. And one of the ways in

which this is suggested is that in Revelation 2, when Christ addresses the Church of Pergamum, he says that this church is located where Satan's seat is, and he simultaneously associates the most significant deviation of that Church with Nicolaism and with the fault of Balaam (which is a narrative variation

of Nicolaism, as explained in "Commentary on the Secret of Fatima").

Thus, the expulsion of Satan and his angels in Revelation 12, in the context of his no longer having a place in heaven, corresponds (because of this category of place as evocative of the situation in Pergamum) to the

expulsion of Nicolaism from among the educated and justified believers (i.e., in heaven). This is perfectly compatible with Jeanne le Royer's referring to a great restoring council that will issue anathemas.

The role of the Two Witnesses sometime before their spiritual death will be that of

proxies for the Son of Man.

This is seen in Revelation 11:4 (Douay-Rheims version) using the expression "to stand before", from the Greek ἐνώπιον (enopion) [Textus receptus], this expression meaning that the Two Witnesses will be in the presence of, and under the judgment of, a judge or superior,

called in the text "the Lord of the earth" (Douay-Rheims version). This expression connotes also the idea that the Two Witnesses will be forerunners of their lord. The term that translates this title of "Lord of the earth" in Greek is equivalent to "God" (as one of its possible connotations, not every

possible connotation), but this is perfectly reasonable given the association of the "Son of Man" with Christ, there being a consensus (for example, among Protestant religious) that there is no consensus as to who the Son of Man is; though his association with Christ is admitted by some. Thus, the Two

Witnesses will speak on behalf of the Son of Man, though perhaps not in a perfectly conscious way (given the duplicity or anonymous wit of the Son of Man); in any case they will be inspired by him and will be like his face in the center of the public arena.

As Protestant Pastor Steven Anderson famously noted, the works that the Two Witnesses were given to do during their prophecy parallel some of the works done by Moses, and a work by Elijah. The power to close the sky so that it does not rain (prophet Elijah) corresponds to the exclusive power to grant the faithful in the public arena the heavenly and priestly/clerical gratification, and the cleansing of the holy word inspired by the Holy Spirit; hence, among others, the Two Witnesses are called "candlesticks" (Revelation 11:4); alluding, says Anderson, to an evangelical passage concerning the

need for candlesticks to be placed in a position adequate to being seen (Mark 4:21-22).

The address to the Church of Sardis (Revelation 3:1) associates the theme of life and death with the theme of one's "name", first because [to] the angel [was said he] "has the name that he is alive"; and it was also

said that there were a few "names" in Sardis that were not corrupted, and that the victor will not have his "name" blotted out of the book of life.

Furthermore, this address has the mention that Christ would come upon the "angel"/Church of Sardis "like a thief", and it is not known at what time he would

come to him/her. Now, when of the resurrection of the Two Witnesses from the dead, and when of their ascent into heaven in a cloud (Revelation 11:12), it is specifically explained that this took place at a certain "hour," alluding to an hour coming "as a thief". An earthquake is also referred to at that hour, with "names of

men" slain, a total of seven thousand names.

The earthquake created by the Two Witnesses' associating with the cloud (which is a comparatively subtle and concentrated domain or relative to the "mustard seed" and the "needle's eye") parallels the earthquake in Acts 4:31, in which the apostles (especially St.

Peter and St. John) associate themselves with a "tremor" ("ἐσαλεύθη/saleuo") in the context of being guided by the Holy Spirit in prayer in the dispute with the Jews, whose degenerate perception of religion (as it were) expelled primitive Christians from a state of crystallized lawfulness. This earthquake means the crumbling of a religious building being abandoned by the spirit, and therefore the spirit's renewal, or the spirit's displaying itself in a purified way, by its association with a "new creature" (Galatians 6:15). This collapse of the building is the collapse of the "name" [under the aspect of the

name to the detriment of what is to be duly named].

The collapse of this religious edifice is associated with the murder of the seven thousand "names of men"; which is especially significant in that the Genesis passage on the Tower of Babel thematically mentions Adam, who in turn was

noted for naming animals (parallel to the Tower's promoter, Nimrod, being a renowned hunter of animals); whereas the builders of the Tower of Babel explicitly intended to make "their names" famous.

These biblical passages allude to 1
Thessalonians 4, an epistle in which St. Paul

encourages the faithful to comfort themselves despite of the condition of those who are "sleeping", or who "slept through Jesus", and he opposes those who "sleep" to those who are "alive". 1 Thessalonians 4:16: "For the Lord himself shall come down from heaven with commandment, and with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead who are in Christ, shall rise first." This passage has a legitimate layer of meaning in an allusion to literal death, as proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas; but, as the address to Sardis etc. sufficiently suggests, this saying of St. Paul enigmatically discusses

the theme that "the last shall be first and the first last" (Matthew 20:16) as expressed in Mary Magdalene as a witness to the Crucifixion; who, despite being a humble believer (last), ended up receiving the title of "apostle of the apostles" (first); meaning that providence prepared in advance to spiritually revive or give a renewed

spiritual condition to those men spiritually exhausted from joining an edifice of inadvertent ostentation; as in a division of labor in which unpremeditated complexity (associated with an allegorical "wealth" or ostentation) gives occasion to its exhaustion or dissolution, and ends up in simplicity (associated

with an allegorical poverty) and vigor.

This is why Colossians 2 associates the crucifixion gratification, also the baptism gratification, with both burial and death, that is, with the collapsing of a building; which underlyingly serves as a vivifying background [to the state of "new creature"] (baptism

which is the simplest and "poorest" of the sacraments). This Colossians passage specifically contrasts a lofty sense of the terms "Principality and Power" (i.e. angels and their respective knowledge, according to St. Thomas) with a pejorative sense of the terms "Principality and Power"; signifying how

the sacred religious gratification (alluded to in the Body of Christ) has a higher sense concurrent with a sense which may give occasion to desecration or a merely alluding shadow; as in the [elsewhere mentioned] passage on how the rich young ruler called Christ "good" in a misguided sense.

In this regard, a number of observations are in order. The first is that, since the papacy has an "aquatic" character (relating to a psychic and therefore baptismal gratification), according to a thesis of Saint Anthony of Padua; the papacy is a symbol convertible with baptism [i.e. especially analogous to it].

Consequently, Saint John the Baptist (particularly in his paradoxical and biblically discreet association with kingship), because of his association with baptism, is a figure of the pope (a sovereign or universal authority), in other words, he is a prefiguration of the papacy. In the wake of

this, too, the Two Witnesses are some sort of phenomenon of the same kind, although they do not qualify as popes in the ordinary or strict sense.

Exterminans' peripeteia

Venerable Mary of Agreda, 17th century: "It was revealed to me that through the intercession of the Mother of God all heresies will disappear. The victory over heresies has been reserved by Christ for his Blessed Mother. In

the last days, the Lord will in a special way spread the renown of His Mother. Mary began salvation, and through her intercession it will be completed.... Mary will extend the kingdom of Christ over the pagans and Mohammedans, and it will be a time of great joy when Mary is

enthroned as Lady and Queen of Hearts. "

Saint Louis de Montfort 18th century: "The power of Mary over all demons will be particularly exceptional in the latter period of time. She will extend the Kingdom of Christ over idolaters and Muslims, and there will come a glorious age when Mary

is Ruler and Queen of Hearts."

I have received the vision or inspiration that evil will be annihilated from the earth so completely that the world will be filled with the golden air of God's direct presence, and no shadow will remain unannihilated thanks to the gravity of the light

of eternity, and to the silence of eternity; and men will live immersed in the fire of eternity.

And when I had that inspiration I felt great fear. Prophet Daniel, in the Old Testament, seemingly witnessed precisely this development, in the chapter where he talks about the rising of the Beast, concerning Jesus Christ: "his power is an everlasting power that shall not be taken away: and his kingdom that shall not be destroyed".

[Daniel 7:14]

Immediately after the above description of the holy and perpetual kingdom, the next verse marks the fear of Daniel, as the fear I felt. Daniel 7:15: "My spirit trembled; I, Daniel, was

affrighted at these things, and the visions of my head troubled me."

It is to this perpetual kingdom that the last two chapters of Revelation refer, concerning a new heaven and a new earth; the New Jerusalem which comes down from heaven (Revelation 21:10).

The revelation of this inspiration is called "Peripeteia of Exterminans".

There is some difficulty in this point, for example, because some individuals claim a decree of the Holy Office (and therefore of the Roman Curia) of July 21, 1944, against the millenarian idea of a

Heavenly Kingdom on earth. This decree, however, is not an infallible source. It does not precisely address the claims of Venerable Mary de Agreda or Saint Louis de Montfort; because that decree seems to address a specific interpretation of millenarianism, namely, the interpretation concerning a

resurrection of the dead brought to Earth under a secular government directed by Christ in a simple and ordinary sense (as opposed to a mystery to be deciphered), among other details; this not being what is meant in these prophecies.

It is unlikely that ordinary critics of the

millenarian expectation (provided the latter view be vaguely understood as a certain purifying renewal of the earth. precisely what La Salette's Secret referred to explicitly; purification which in addition will also be lasting), it is unlikely they will be able to examine the symbolic meaning and the

underneath layer of mystery, for example, intended by millenarians of Christian antiquity such as Saint Irenaeus or Papias.

Here is a doctrine adopted by many early Christians (for example in the generation of St. Jerome, as the latter claims); and it seems that this same doctrine caused St. Paul to hasten

to calm the Thessalonian faithful with the warning that before the restoration must first come the son of perdition and his revolt (corresponding to the eclipse and the Beast).

In Against the Heresies, Book V, Chapter 33, St. Irenaeus quotes Papias in Papias' capacity as John's [the apostle's] hearer, and in Papias' capacity as Polycarp's [an early martyr and bishop] companion; for Irenaeus says that Papias in the context of this testimony claimed that the promised millennium blessings are credible to those who believe [one would assume this means those who are inclined to fidelity regarding revealed truths].

And Irenaeus also credits Papias with hearing about how Judas the traitor did not believe these promised blessings, and questioned them, saying, "How then can things so bountiful be wrought by the Lord?", and the Lord declared "Those who will come to these [times] will see."

Bearing in mind (by way of example) that the coming of the Son of Man, and his bringing and gathering to him the faithful from all corners (or possibilities concerning justification/heaven) into the air in a cloud; [this] is interpreted by Protestants in a literal way, and became associated with the

theory of "the rapture", and that there would be a sudden literal disappearance of people from earth; it can be taken for granted that the present considerations (that is, this writing) will oppose all kinds of religious expectations.

Regarding the Rapture, the fact that this theory was formulated among Protestants raises the question as to whether it exists because of the Protestant expectation according to which works do not benefit one for salvation [, for the rapture's underlying function is to exempt the faithful from enduring trials coming upon others; this endurance being suggestive of a "work"].

The warning dream

I tried to say prayers (May 14, 2022), and I couldn't, as sometimes has happened because of some pressure presumably supernatural, forcing me to appeal to someone, the Virgin Mary, or God directly, asking for the grace to be able to effect the prayer. However,

this time I could neither pray nor appeal to any of the usual assistance sources.

It then occurred to me to appeal to the guardian angel, which unexpectedly worked, I was granted at least to pray for his intercession continually. This prayer was interrupted, among other things, by my receiving from my

guardian angel the instruction that I would soon be shown a great mystery; and that I should continually pray to him (guardian angel) in order not to be scandalized when confronted with this mystery.

I continued the prayers and fell asleep.

I had the following impactful dream: In the dream there were jungle-laden mountains of great height, and the mountains were sturdy or robust (or wide), and they had lakes and woods on the slope near their summit. The Dimond brothers climbed the mountains, helped by ropes that went up, and they lifted

themselves, as well as some coreligionists (though few or unseen) and many animals; so that all of them could reach the top and console themselves with the water of the summit lake. I tried to lift myself up on one of the ropes, because I saw that it was very firm and secure; and others apparently did the same,

although I didn't see them.

Suddenly, a terrible voice (like the voice of a judge or the voice that corners a person with a guilty conscience) came from above, coming from the Dimond brothers (the Benedictines), and it said that to none of the men not invited by them to go up would be given

the consolation of the water; but on the contrary, because these uninvited were strangers and past experience showed that there were many usurpers and malefactors among those who took advantage of the ropes, the Benedictines would simply leave these strangers to their own devices and to perish.

Once reached the summit, Brother Peter Dimond distanced himself from Brother Michael Dimond for a moment, and on returning, with slight surprise, he witnessed that Brother Michael Dimond had administered the water (corresponding in an analogous manner to baptism) to me and to

another man who had also climbed the ropes. And when Brother Michael Dimond had come to pour the water over me, he looked sturdy and wide, as if he were a fat man. The reason he did not act on his initial stern judgment previously alleged is that from the morning I saw myself by the lake, until much later, I wept

with myself regretting not having the power to be comforted by the water, and I wept because of my sins and faults that had caused me not to be able or worthy to receive water.

When he realized that my tears were sincere and pious, the Benedictine lost the power to withhold water from me, but forced by a movement of charity of the soul, without delay he communicated the purifying water. And a man close to me saw in my tears a divine sign of the gratification of purity, and he too sincerely repented and received water from the Benedictine. It is significant in this dream that the Benedictine, when he was forced to

communicate the water, assumed a fat, sturdy appearance. This detail makes the Benedictine correspond to the mountain itself.

Furthermore, in a dream
I had many years ago,
angels sailed with a
stabilizing, wellmeaning appearance,
who were sturdy and fat.
This quality means
possessing in

abundance, and being associable with what is palpable or [sensibly] gross; meaning that the angels are willing to administer consolation with palpable or external signs.

I believe I have received sufficient inspiration of the interpretation of the dream, and that interpretation is as follows: The ascent of the mountain is the crossing of the First Day of Darkness (of the Three Days of Darkness) that has not come but will, for the mountain grove is dark/obscure, as is likewise its inaccessible consolation. The severity of the Benedictines corresponds to the

severity of God, who will affect the whole world with the punishment of "hunger" (spiritual scarcity) in a fierce way; yet, in the midst of this ordeal. consolation will be accessible to the Benedictines of Rochester, and communicable through their hands; and even if a person may be in a

condition unworthy of receiving that consolation and therefore the consolation be inaccessible; and the severity associated with this inaccessibility should be fearsome; yet everyone who weeping or regretting their own faults sincerely and continually; and also longing for the consolation of the truth

sincerely and continually; the same one will receive from the hands of the Dimonds all the comfort necessary to survive this ordeal.

Whoever hears this advice and executes it well, need not fear the severity of the Benedictines (which underlyingly hides the severity of God), for the

guardian angels of the Benedictines will bend their will and soften their severity.

The animals displaced along with them in their crossing are the knowledge that the Benedictines do not lose sight of but guard with extraordinary and inspired zeal for the benefit of the faithful.

He who wants to save his soul during the First Day of Darkness, hear what the Angel of the Bottomless Pit says to the Church of God!



I end these pages with three proofs [or at least signs] for the skeptical reader, that in fact the coming of the Son of Man draws near. And with these proofs given, I can rest from these works and abandon continually writing in the public arena.

I have been given to interpret three Gospel passages that no one else has been able to interpret, so that the coming of the Son of

Man may be signaled. But these three signs are not just signs in the ordinary sense, for they also effect what they signify as well as signify what they effect.

These three signs or proofs are the three turns with which the key to the bottomless pit will be turned [and, as explained in the book

"Commentary on the Secrets of La Salette and Fatima", the key to the bottomless pit is the Benedictines of Rochester, the Dimond brothers, the Two Witnesses].

Turning the key means completing in the key a sacred instruction that allows it/them to act in the secular arena, in the wake of what was

explained in the final portion of the book "Commentary on the Secret of Fatima".

Thus, the moment when the Two Witnesses receive instruction concerning these three signs will mark the beginning of the Three Days of Darkness, as explained in light of the present writing concerning chapters 8 to

11 of Revelation. And because these events are tremendous, and in order to fulfill the scriptures, I say, exercising the function of that one eagle flying through the midst of heaven, with a loud voice: Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the rest of the voices of the three angels, who are yet to

sound the trumpet! (Revelation 8:13).

The first turn of the key

In Matthew 16:28 it is said: "Amen I say to you, there are some of them that stand here, that shall not taste death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

The famous Protestant scholar R. C. Sproul has proposed that this prediction of Christ credibly refers to the episode immediately afterward, the Transfiguration, in which He takes with him Peter, James, and John (the latter two were brothers), to reveal his glorious appearance.

Thus, the coming of the Son of Man is comparable to this transfiguration; and concerning it Christ instructed the disciples not to tell anyone of the vision (and therefore, of course, of its content) until the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

This corresponds to how the Son of Man, the Lord of the Two Witnesses (who are associable to Elijah) reveals himself (sounding of the Seventh Trumpet and third woe) preceded by the Two Witnesses; and after returning to life from being allegorically crucified (as the Two Witnesses were) in the city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt.

The parallelism between the two orders of events is all the greater in that the passage on the Transfiguration specifically points out that Elijah (John the Baptist) was to come (Matthew 17:11) before the revelation of the Transfiguration [before one's seeing the "Son of man", presumably, and

indeed [Elijah] had already come.

Now, as was seen in great detail in the book "Commentary on the Secret of Fatima" and in the book "Commentary on the Secret of La Salette"; the theme of Mary Magdalene, especially in the Gospels of Luke and John, is always close, if subtly,

to narrative references to Saint Thomas (who is the centurion of faith in the gospels and also the demon-possessed one whose demons are cast onto swine).

This also occurs, given such an expectation or pattern, in Mark 5, a chapter that includes this same event with the swine; that is, the story in that chapter is about

the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years, who is healed by touching the Jewish fringe worn by Christ [fringe called "tzitzit" (Numbers 15:37-41; Deuteronomy 22:12)]; this story is actually a story about Mary Magdalene.

Just as the Samaritan woman of John 4 (which is Mary Magdalene, as seen in one of the earlier writings) had five husbands (i.e. many husbands) but did not get the gratification of living water from this; the woman with the blood issue in Mark 5 had suffered greatly at the hands of various doctors, spending everything she had and getting worse and worse. The number of

years that she had suffered (twelve) is the same number of years of the daughter of Jairus, daughter that Christ was going to heal (when he had his fringe touched by the woman); and the woman with the issue of blood is described as a "daughter" by Christ in Mark 5:34. Consequently, the narrative intends to

establish a parallelism between the woman and the daughter who is cured.

The disciples that Christ takes to Jairus' house to witness the healing of the twelve-year-old girl are precisely the ones he took to witness the Transfiguration. This is significant, as follows: Just as Saint Thomas/Centurion is

associated with the theme of lightning that crosses the east (conception and synthesis) and the west (external impression and analysis) simultaneously; so also regarding the parable of the workers in the vineyard who work (some of them) one hour and (some of them) twelve hours, there is an

association with the East and West domains (beginning of a journey [East] and end of a journey [West]); this latter parable being alluded to (as explained in detail elsewhere) in John 4 (about the Samaritan woman/Mary Magdalene).

The narrative means to establish an association between the healed

twelve-year-old girl and the workers who worked one hour, on the one hand; and the healed woman with the issue of blood and the workers who worked longer, or twelve hours, on the other hand.

As there is a parallelism of the number twelve in relation to both (not to mention the twelve hour journey of the Workers),

this is all the more emphatic.

The number twelve signifies royalty, associable with the Son of Man/Transfiguration; and associable to one's having entered into the work of others (as alluded to in John 4); in that the Son of Man has the specific function of extracting from a "past work" and its late

quality (the twelve years of the woman's affliction with the issue of blood) a "made-present" purified crystallization (as opposed to the mentioned "late" character).

This past work corresponds to the degenerate esoteric aspect of the different religions (aspect which can be transposed into an intelligible purified frame, that is, nonetheless, hardly accessible).

The made-present purified crystallization means, like baptism (with its crude simplicity), the fruit of an effort; a renewed edification that dispenses with a certain complexity, a

complexity out of which this simplicity is born, but in which complexity a being detained or a ligering would only represent death and degeneration for the believer.

Hence of the woman with the cured issue of blood was required public admission of her condition; but concerning the little girl

raised from the dead it was required healthy silence.

This is because for those to whom it is given to awake from the "death" of a degenerate state of extensive complexity, for those there remains the task of giving testimony to individuals who might perhaps be in the same kind of degenerate state they

had experienced; hence St. Thomas (the Apostle) is said to have first converted Hindu priests or members of the Brahmin caste in Southern India.

But to those who are awakened from a rudimentary/simplicity state, no more burden should be added to them. It is neither necessary nor safe to walk the latter through a complex web of truths.

However, the Son of Man (corresponding to the Transfiguration and the content of its vision) is the same one who will have a simultaneous view (as it were) of the cure of the woman and of the girl's; because he carries the secret of both religious domains (complex and simple).

Upon awakening the little girl, the daughter of Jairus, from the dead; Christ says, "Talita cumi," which [the passage says] "is, being interpreted: Damsel (I say to thee) arise." [Mark 5:41]. The Aramaic language used ["Talita cumi"] relates to the Assyrian Kingdom, which in turn is associated with the

city of Nineveh (and Jonah [,who preached in this city]), which in its turn Christ associated with Peter (from the Aramaic "Cephas" [stone]), Peter whom he calls "son of Jonah".

Aramaic and the city of Nineveh, beginning with a biblical motif that goes back to Genesis 10:11, have to do with a "sufficient surface knowledge", the "madepresent purified crystallization" of a tradition; but this tradition keeps an underlying hidden extensiveness, a rich underneath content accessed through an allegorical digestion (like the fish's in whose stomach Jonah was); the tradition benefits from this digestive tackling

the extensive underlying content, namely, it (the surface simple tradition) benefits from (and is kept alive by) the nonimmediate unveiling a complexity.

For more details on this, see the text "Some interpretative notes on the Secret of La Salette" [from the book "Commentary on the Secret of Fatima"]; and

also the book called
"The Guide of the PostCataclysmic Catholic."

Thus, only to the angel of the bottomless pit was it given to interpret this passage (surrounding the raising of Jairus' daughter); and let this be the first proof of the coming of the Son of Man.

The Second turn of the key

The second proof is as follows: In Acts 9:36-43 St. Peter performs the resurrection of a female disciple named Tabitha (Aramaic for "gazelle") which the passage says "by interpretation" is called "Dorcas" ("gazelle" in Greek).

And while resurrecting her Peter says "Tabitha, arise".

The similarity between "talitha" and "tabitha" is apparently intentional, as is the parallelism of the reference to "interpretation" from one language to another; which is actually an allusion to the translation between East and West; or, if not that

(because in Acts this East-West quality is alluded to in the duality of "Hebrew" and "Greek", not "Aramaic" and "Greek"), then (speaking both complementarily and more precisely) an allusion is being made to an intermediary region between heaven and earth, conception and impression

(precisely as the Aramaic concerning "Cephas" and the mediating papacy). If it is to Mary Magdalene (or a comparable human type) that this character Tabitha refers to; for the sake of bible thematic continuity one should expect that the verses next to her somehow allude to Saint Thomas

[the apostle] (who is a centurion), or to something evocative of him; and that is precisely what happens; because shortly after this resurrection [of Tabitha] Saint Peter is summoned by the centurion Cornelius to preach to him and other Gentiles, and Peter in this context even receives a divine vision with the

command to "Arise", exactly as Tabitha received the command from Peter to arise; this vision's "arising" meaning that Peter should take and eat seemingly unclean animals; which, after Peter resisted doing, Peter receives from God the command, "What God has cleansed, call not common."

The clear underlying association of Tabitha and Cornelius supposes the esoteric notion of the underlying purification of false religions; religions which keep an intelligible underneath content that is unveiled and proves to be gratifying as in the exorcism of the Gadarene pigs (as explained in the book

Commentary on the Secret of Fatima), etc.

Thus, when St. Peter and others witnessed awe-stricken the baptized Gentiles of Cornelius's house [these Gentiles having received Confirmation] speaking in tongues (as at Pentecost); this is an allusion to the Gentiles using language in support of Christian

truth through the knowledge underlying what was once a false religious conception.

The underlying unity between ordinarily understood Christian doctrine, and Christian doctrine understood in this purified sense, is precisely the discrete motif of the passage about the resurrection of Jairus' daughter.

Thus, only to the angel of the bottomless pit was it given to interpret this passage; and let this be the second proof of the coming of the Son of Man.

The third turn of the key

The third proof is as follows: in John chapter 20 the two angels who appear to Mary Magdalene in the Holy Sepulcher are explicitly associated, in the narrative, with the head and feet (because of the position in which they appear in relation to

where the Body of Christ was).

These two angels are an external expression of the person of the Risen Christ (in a parallel way with how the Two Witnesses are an external expression of their lord), as if Christ was underneath them, as explained in a previous text.

Thus, Christ repeats the same question to Mary Magdalene that was asked by the angels ("Woman, why weepest thou?"), a repetition in a space of three verses (John 20:13-15).

The word used by Mary Magdalene to describe Christ, in the moment of his revealing himself, is commonly described as from the Aramaic

language ("Rabboni", John 20:16); but some sources are said to describe this term as Hebrew, as I myself have done in the past.

The relative continuity between Hebrew and Aramaic, of this word, seems to have caused some commentators to simply describe this term as "Semitic". Now, this equivocal character of the term suggests precisely the context in which Christ resisted letting himself be touched by Mary Magdalene then, because he had not yet ascended to the Father (John 20:17).

That is, the context was Christ's equivocal association with "Hebrew", when his status in relation to Mary Magdalene [in the order of knowing/under the aspect of her not realizing his glorious state] was underlyingly more associable with Aramaic (external simplicity).

This means, in the wake of the previous explanations; Christ's association before Mary Magdalene with a legitimate spiritual

gratification, but one whose surface-like quality did not yet sufficiently express all the fullness of the blessing with which his resurrection could bless; for the resurrection means the witness of the sun after an eclipse, not merely a sufficient allusion to the sun.

The rising again from the dead [John 20:9], the

resurrection, as in the number twelve associated with the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus, has a solar/zodiacal connotation; hence Christ spoke of the necessity of His first ascending to the Father before letting her touch him; the term "father" connoting, like the sun, "beginning".

The fact that the two angels were associated with the head and feet, respectively, is a clear suggestion of the angels' association with St. John and St. Peter.

This is so because in the preceding verses it was indicated that St. John associated himsefl to the burial cloth (and to a running [with his feet, of course], thus arriving first at the sepulcher).

Running supposes a progression, and a "gap" (symbolized in regard to the feet with which one runs, because they "jump"), as opposed to an immediate fullness.

St. Peter, on the other hand, despite being associated with the "head" (as opposed to the "feet") because he

set his eyes on the napkin that had been about Christ's head; he [Saint Peter] also corresponds to this gap distinct from a "solar" fullness; in his association with Aramaic ("Cephas").

The double character of the angels reinforces the above-mentioned progression, as opposed to one's presenting oneself immediately (because, as stated elsewhere, [in traditional symbolism] duality suggests gestation or progression).

Believing or taking a religious gratification from this rudimentary "Aramaic" experience corresponds to the condition of the healed twelve-year-old daughter of Jairus (John

20:8 makes allusion to the two apostles before the Holy Sepulcher believing [in some way] just then, but not yet realizing the resurrection).

So there are three terms of a development.

Aramaic, which can be associated with the intervention of Peter ("Cephas"); can also be associated with

"Rabboni" (these terms placed as an intermediating understanding of things equivocally related to both "Aramaic" and "Hebrew", a kind of mixture of the two, given to Mary Magdalene).

Aramaic, moreover, is associable with the Hebrew of "Thomas", called "Didymus"

[Greek] (which means "twin") [John 20:24]; parallel in this duality to "Tabitha" and "Dorcas."

The only way to explain this development is, in the first place, that the two disciples in the passage [Peter and John] who saw the Transfiguration (and the universality of the lightning or sacred knowledge that goes

from East to West, concerning the Son of Man [, Matthew 24:27]), and who saw the resurrection of Jairus' daughter; these two disciples [Saint Peter and Saint John]; believed that the residue left from Christ's presence (the cloths and napkin that had covered the Body of Christ) possessed a gratifying

virtue, in a way corresponding to how the fringe of Christ's robe [called tzitzit], touched by the woman with the issue of blood (shortly before the resurrection of Jairus' daughter) possessed a gratifying virtue.

This fringe was instituted as a residue or reminder of religious gratification. The fringe

means that even what is residual has an underlying unity with what is original or central; and also even the degenerative deviation of the gentile traditions (in which the woman intended to gratify herself during the period with the issue of blood illness) has an underlying unity with true religion, with which

this deviation nonetheless cannot coincide.

Thus, the seeing and believing of the two [Peter and John] in the tomb is an "Aramaic" and encouraging foreboding of the resurrection/restoration of true religion, although it would not entail in and of itself a

warning to recognize the resurrection.

This means that they looked at the Sepulcher (Sepulcher that corresponds to the Body of Christ, therefore to the Temple, therefore to religion) as "those who know"; that is, they knew that the contents of the Ark do not strictly coincide with the contents of the tomb, as

the latter is ordinarily witnessed or conceived.

The Jewish or exoteric religion, for one who has seen the Transfiguration, is not exactly what men ordinarily conceived; hence the command to keep silent about the resurrection of Jairus' daughter, and how the resurrection was propitiated from sources apparently or "misleadingly" not Jewish or ordinary.

They knew this, but they did not know about the resurrection [according to John 20:9], that is, the rising up of religion anew and as "a new creature" (Galatians 6:15).

A second term in explaining these developments is as follows, in part as I quote from an earlier text ["The History of the Two Witnesses"]:

Excerpt beginning:

In Revelation 1:18
Christ describes himself as "he who holds the keys of death and hell."
According to a study by Protestant pastor Steven

Anderson, the association between the terms "hell", "death" and "destruction" is a biblical commonplace; in the passages in Job 26:6 (bringing out "hell" and "destruction"), Job 28:22 ("destruction" and "death"), Job 31:12 ("fire" [suggestive of "hell"] and "destruction "), Psalm 88:11 ("grave" [suggestive of "death"] and "destruction"),

Proverbs 15:11 ("hell" and "destruction"), Proverbs 27:20 ("hell" and "destruction"). Thus, there are sufficient suggestions that the terms in question ("death", "hell" and "destruction") are relative, that is, one is of the other, or one is suggestive of the other. The passages in Matthew 13:7, Romans 9:22, Philippians 3:19, 2

Peter 2:1, 2 Peter 3:16; all use the same term "destruction" (in Greek "apollyon") to signify or suggest the damnation or going to hell of the merciless, therefore carrying the connotation of "hell". Thus, that Christ possesses "the keys of death and hell", corresponds with a certain apocalyptic angel named "Apollyon" [destruction]

(Revelation 9:1) having received a key, the key of the "bottomless pit" [Biblical version Douay-Rheims]. This angel of the bottomless pit "whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, in Greek Apollyon" (Revelation 9:11), corresponds to the passage in John 20:16 [Mary Magdalene's encounter with Christ underlying the angels in the Holy Sepulcher],

which, in narrating Mary Magdalene's unexpectedly recognizing Christ, says: "She turning says to Him: Rabboni (which is to say Master)" [the Greek "Didaskalos" being used for "Master" in the earliest Greek versions of the text]. This use of the Hebrew name followed by the Greek (Rabboni followed by Didaskalos)

is strangely similar to "Abaddon" followed by "Apollyon". The intent of this parallelism is even more evident eight verses later in John 20:24, in which the name "Thomas" (which is Hebrew [or at least Semitic, as some say]) is followed for no apparent reason by its Greek version "Didymus": John 20:24: "Now Thomas, one of the

twelve, who is called Didymus." The parallelism is reinforced by the demonstrable intent of the passage to establish a resemblance or correspondence between Christ and Thomas, hence "Rabboni" corresponds to "Thomas", and "Didaskalos" to "Dídymus"; hence the dual angels suggest a certain correspondence

with a "twin" character (like the twins Prometheus and Epimetheus parallel to Adam, as explained above), and the name "Thomas" means "twin", as does the apocrypha Gospel of Saint Thomas [book of antiquity] esoterically or allegorically propose that Thomas was the twin brother of Christ.

The holy scriptures thus draw a parallel between Saint Thomas (as well as Christ) and "the angel of the bottomless pit", Abaddon, who received the "key to the bottomless pit", which corresponds to the "keys of death and of hell" (Revelation 1:18). This raises the question of what the "bottomless pit" is, and what is the key that allows opening

the bottomless pit. This question seems to be suggested in the sacred text insofar as the text suggests that Mary Magdalene is the key to the bottomless pit, because she is "turned" by Christ repeatedly in her encounter with Him in the Sepulcher. It makes no sense that her turning is just (if at all) a literal turning her forehead from one side

to the other opposite side, because that would likely mean that Christ miraculously changed places for no other reason than to make an impression on her. It is more correct to think that turning Mary Magdalene is the effect of turning the key to the bottomless pit; and this means, in a way, releasing or opening up the intelligible aspect of

the potential content of which Mary Magdalene was the receptacle, allowing her to continually improve her understanding of the presence of Christ. Thus, the content that she received was, like the spikenard or perfume that she poured over the Sacred Body, associable to an externality correlative to the burial, so that from

the burial (that is, from the intelligible background content left latent/obscured under the externality symbolized in the perfume) the content should "reappear"/resurface later. The content which relates to a surface externality simultaneous with a background obscurity, corresponds to Keturah and Hagar

(the two wives of Abraham who are the same person), as explained in the text "Notes on The Serpent Power – Sir John Woodroffe". John 20:13-16: "They say to her: Woman, why weepest thou? She saith to them: Because they have taken away my Lord: and I know not where they have laid him. When she had thus said, she TURNED herself back and saw Jesus standing: and she knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith to her: Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, thinking that it was the gardener, saith to him: Sir, if thou hast taken him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him: and I will take him away. Jesus saith to her: Mary. She TURNING,

saith to him: Rabboni (which is to say, Master)."

The explanation for what the "bottomless pit" is can be corroborated by Acts 6:1, where in the early Church a conflict between "Hebrews and Greeks" is referred to, the deacons, like martyr Stephen, having been ordained to serve the Greek. What this

conflict means is that the "Hebrews" (corresponding to "Abaddon") and the Greeks ("Apollyon") were precisely the comparatively esoteric and exoteric aspects of the Church, those comparatively devoted to contemplation and spiritual concentration, and those comparatively dedicated to action and offering spiritual

gratification. This is why, once the ministry of the seven deacons to the "Greeks" began, among them deacons Stephen, the number of the faithful multiplied and grew, that is, because the Church from its "Greek" aspect is more familiar and accessible. The "Hebrew" being is relative to a degeneration (Old

Covenant) insofar as it is relative to a being short of realizing the underlying gratification (two angels and Holy Sepulcher) of the one who sees gratification from the outside, but it is an advantage for whoever receives this gratification insofar as the Christ underlying the apparent sepulcher has the advantage or a perfect and comforting

testimony. Thus, Saint Thomas is associated with the Hebrew-Greek duality (twin character), as he is associated with East and West; and because he was the Centurion of Matthew 8:11 (as explained in the study "Commentary on the Secret of La Salette), and was an apostle originally from the Western empire in Eastern territory [India]

etc. This being a soldier, and also a priest, of Saint Thomas, in addition to being a patron of buildings (which signify the secular crystallization of religion), makes him associable with the Knights Templars, noted for keeping inaccessible and esoteric instructions, and belonging simultaneously with the visible or secular order

of Christianity. Thus, the "bottomless pit" is the character of inaccessibility (the Hebrew/sepulchral character, for those who see from the outside) of spiritual gratification; arising this inaccessibility of the fierce concentration of the contents of the ark in a focus previous to a comparatively attenuated

concentration. Consequently, the "bottomless pit" is created precisely by intensifying the concentration of previously ongoing spiritual gratification, a course that is in Revelation associated with the angelic sounding of the "seven trumpets". The reason why it is necessary to concentrate spiritual

gratification, and thus make it comparatively less accessible, according to the suggestion made in the study "Commentary on the Secret of La Salette", is that the distinction between good and evil, and turning evil seemingly more ordinary or immediate than good, allows for a purified judgment of good, as

opposed to a selfindulgent and corrupting expectation; this being a "bitter medicine" against sin.

[Excerpt end.]

In other words (and with a certain addition), the entry of Saint Peter and Saint John into the tomb means the sun (of the content of their testimony) prevented from illuminating the earth by the lunar blockage (the externality of religion in its degenerate sense); Mary Magdalene's weeping or lamentation in the sepulcher before the two angels signifies the penitent gestation by which the previous total eclipse is dissipated, without however allowing one to look at the sun directly (it is

harmful to the vision to look at a solar eclipse, in a parallel way to how harmful it is to seek a religious crystallization in the midst of an incomplete gestation or transference of a religious axis).

The encounter of Christ with Saint Thomas, forcing the latter from an attitude of skepticism to the abrupt recognition

of the manifest, unreserved and divine stabilization of the "new creature" (stabilization relative to Christ's showing Himself to be father-like/sun as much as He is the Son/Sepulcher) [John 20:28], this encounter corresponds to the end of the eclipse.

Thus, each of these times (Sepulcher

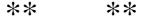
witness, purifying lamentation before the two angels and "encounter with the Father/Thomas") corresponds to the Three Days of Darkness, and to the last three angelic trumpets (and their respective "woes"); relative to the coming of the Son of Man.

The fact that the testimony of James was

lacking in the Sepulcher, and that this did not, in essence, impede the completeness accumulated in Saint Thomas, signals that the previous degenerate knowledge of the centurion/Saint Thomas (as a scholar in the gentile and the eastern religions) filled in the gap or missing element.

The content used to fill in the gap is an element of the original thing missing, or a shadow of it finally illuminated.

Thus, only to the angel of the bottomless pit was it given to interpret this passage; and let this be the third proof of the coming of the Son of Man.



Behold what says the Lord, the Voice of Abbadon, to the lords of the earth:

My voice was not heard in your midst, and so your voice shall not be heard by me in the hour of your great tribulation, which is at the door. Knock and beg, call for help, and cover yourselves up with tears, you won't have any more say, your time is up.

Behold what says the Lord, the Hand of Apollyon, to the men in positions of command in the West:

You cannot move a gravel against your

enemies, because your knees strike against each other, you stutter, and you drop (in your confusion) every weapon and shield to the ground. Courage has eluded you, and you say to it, "You are far from me, and I no longer remember your face."

Thus lose all strength the wretched and infidels who disbelieve

Him whose power has no name, and whose keys open every door, and whose designs look forward like a predatory and deadly eagle. The eagle's prey thinks to itself, "I dodged it before it could see me", and it doesn't even know that it will soon be in its executioner's stomach, and suffocated by its grip.

Behold what says the Lord, the Fury of Exterminans, to the leaders of the religions, and to the antipopes who in Rome preach the necessity of the Roman Faith as an empty formula:

You say among yourselves you know peace and justice, but you never stand before my presence, fearing my

fury, and fearful of my judgment. You dared not consult my voice, nor were you willing to be guided by my hand; and now I will show you my fury, and the peace and justice that you think you possess will be taken away from you, and as I reveal what your peace and justice really are, you will see that they are weeping and gnashing of teeth,

and that it is for their misery that you craved, and bore desirous zeal.

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Divine threats against the murderers of the Two Witnesses:

My Two Witnesses must be overcome and put to death, says the Lord. But woe to him by whom they are to be slain! Behold what says the Holy Spirit, by the voice of Gabriel the Archangel, to the inhabitants of the earth:

Kill the Two Witnesses, and at the hour you do not expect, Abaddon will come like an earthquake, and you will strike your knees one against the other in fear and dread.

Behold what says God the Son, by the voice of Raphael the Archangel, to the inhabitants of the earth:

Kill the Two Witnesses and, at the hour in which both your smile and your chalice is lifted, Apollyon will come like a storm, and you will clap your hands one against the other with

tremble and without being able to intercede in your favor and in favor of others.

Behold what says God the Father, by the voice of Michael the Archangel, to the inhabitants of the earth:

Kill the Two Witnesses and, in the hour you should think to possess all hours, Exterminans will come like lightning on you and strike you down with a great roar.

It is the function of Exterminans that of the eagle (an animal which is a solar symbolism) of Revelation 8:13, which limits himself to exclaiming with warning and lament the three woes concerning the "three days of darkness", during the

eclipse, before they take place. Like a fleeting ray of light in the midst of the eclipse, it exposes and lays bare the situation to the inhabitants of the earth, only to let them return, with little more than a memory, to their own darkness.