

# Why the Pope is Contradicting Bertone (and Messori)

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**This powerful article points out that Pope Benedict XVI himself is clearly trying to prepare all the faithful for the horrible events in the not-distant future about to overtake the Church and the world. Read this together with Father Kramer’s article on [page 32](#).**

**I**t’s incredible that the newspapers have “missed” the two very striking news items coming from Portugal. The first one (which is dramatic) is implicit in the words of the Pope: the prophecy of the Pope killed and the massacre of Cardinals and bishops doesn’t regard the past, but our near future. (I will talk about this later on in this article.)

Another one is actually printed, black on white: The “fourth secret” (that is, a part of the Third Secret which has not been published yet) exists, and the words of the Pope on the pedophilia scandal are the proof.

The Pope is performing a great truth-telling work regarding Fatima, even if this means contradicting the interpretation given by the Vatican Secretaries of State. Here is the confrontation between their words and those

of the Pope:

The former Secretary of State, Cardinal Sodano, on May 13, 2000, when he solemnly announced to the world the revelation of the Third Secret, he explained that it coincided with the 1981 assassination attempt against the Pope and the persecutions against the Church in the 20th Century. He said, “the events to which the third part of the ‘secret’ of Fatima refers to, seem by now to be part of the past.”

His successor, Bertone, took out even the prudential verb “seem to”, repeating that the Secret regarded the assassination attempt of 1981 and that the whole Secret had now been fulfilled. He actually wrote the following words in his book, on page 67: “The media have doggedly refused to resign themselves to the fact that the prophecy is no longer open to the future,

Father Gruner questions Mr. De Carli about Sister Lucy's written text of the Third Secret. He pointed out that "*foglio*" in Italian means a "*sheet*" and "*fogli*" means "*sheets*". Mr. De Carli agreed. Father Gruner pointed out that in De Carli and Bertone's book, they claim Sister Lucy said she wrote the Third Secret on *sheets* of paper but all that Cardinal Bertone revealed is on *one sheet* of paper. De Carli agreed but claimed that in the new edition of their book they corrected that error and now wrote that the Third Secret is on one *foglio*.

But it must be noted that in Bertone's new May 2010 edition, Pope Benedict XVI, in the Preface, claims on page 10 that Sister Lucy wrote the Secret on *fogli* (*sheets*) — thus the Pope himself confirms that Sister Lucy wrote the Secret on sheets of paper. Now from the pen of Benedict XVI himself, we know that there is a missing text of the Third Secret.



but refers to something that now belongs to the past in the event indicated (the assassination attempt against the Pope, note by author). They are unwilling to accept the evidence."

Now, instead, Benedict XVI explains to us the complete opposite, which is that the Third Secret regards events which came after the assassination attempt of 1981, such as the current pedophilia scandal and even events which are still in our future.

Ratzinger, in fact, has said:

*"In addition to this great vision of the sufferings of the*

*Pope, which we can, in the first instance, refer to Pope John Paul II, there are indicated realities of the future of the Church, which unfold and reveal themselves day by day... therefore these are sufferings for the Church that are being foretold...*

*With regards to the novelties that we can now discover in this message, it is that not only from the outside come the attacks against the Pope and the Church, but the sufferings of the Church come from right inside the Church, from the sin that exists inside the Church.*

The assassination attempt of 1981 is nowhere to be found in Benedict XVI's words, therefore it is not pointed out as "the" fulfillment of the Third Secret.

Only the sufferings of John Paul II are mentioned, which are merged with the sufferings of the other popes (of which the second part of the Secret talks about). Benedict XVI places the fulfillment of the Third Secret in years that are after 1981, into our future: "there are realities of the future which unfold and reveal themselves day by day", he declared, "sufferings for the Church that are being foretold".

As anyone can see, it's the opposite of what was said by Sodano, and "more dogmatically" by Bertone ("the prophecy is not open to the future, it's fulfilled in the past, in the event indicated").

Besides, it was the same Sister Lucy who denied that the prophecy was a matter of the past and that it was fulfilled in 1981. She wrote it in a fundamental letter of May 12, 1982.

After having shown that the first part of the prophecy — regarding the Communist revolution, World War II and

the persecutions against the Church — had been fulfilled, Sister Lucy, speaking of the Third Part of the Secret, literally wrote:

**"if we have not yet seen the complete fulfillment of the final part of this prophecy, we see that we are going towards it little by little with great strides".**

Therefore, in this fundamental letter that was published by the Vatican itself, Sister Lucy — a year after the attempt by Ali Agca in 1981 — not only did not say that that attempt was the realization of the Third Secret (she never said it, not here, not anywhere), but she didn't even mention it, not even hinting at it vaguely. On the contrary, she explained openly (*apertis verbis*) that the Third Secret was still to be realized. And she wrote this in 1982!

We should add that from this specific letter of the seer, Bertone — at that time a monsignor — inexplicably "struck-out" an explosive phrase, which contradicted his version, without EVER giving an explanation for this.

But it's only one of the many anomalies of this 50-year-long controversy which, unfortunately, is full of lies, reticence,

pressures and omissions (as I've shown in my book).

But let's get back to today: The Pope has now reopened the dossier of Fatima in such a precise and obvious way, that everyone who, in these past years, had rushed to give his praise to the Curial version is now caught in a panic when confronted with the Pope's words, that place the pedophilia scandal within the Third Secret.

Here is Father Stefano De Fiores, being interviewed by TG2 [the national TV news on Rai 2, the government network] at 8:30 p.m. on May 11, who was obviously embarrassed — and he stuttered: “to tell the truth, in the Secret we can't find this explicitly...”

Well done, De Fiores! It's true: In the “Third Secret for ecclesiastics” it's not there... but in the entire one, the true “Third Secret of Our Lady” to whom the Pope is referring to, it is! You need to understand Father De Fiores. He had written an apologetic essay about Cardinal Bertone, swearing that an unpublished part of the Third Secret never existed, and now he sees the Pope, in person, contradicting him!

Vittorio Messori, another

Catholic intellectual who had rushed (in 2007) to pay his homage to the Vatican Secretary of State, in the *Corriere della Sera* edition of yesterday, expressed his embarrassment for being contradicted by the Pope: “Now, in the vast party of the ‘Fatimites’ there will be excitement, to demonstrate that Pope Benedict XVI has betrayed himself...”

Actually, Pope Benedict has never identified the Third Secret with the failed attempt of 1981. Moreover, when he was a Cardinal, he underlined that there are “no official definitions and no mandatory interpretations” of the Third Secret.

Ratzinger explained that those interpretations of the year 2000 were just hypotheses. Merely hypotheses of interpretation (which, today, need to be revised). This is quite opposite to the many ecclesiastics in the Curia who have transformed into dogma their own ideas (and fables).

In the third place, with the humility that characterizes him, even in the year 2000, soon after the revelation of the Third Secret, by answering to a respectful but critical letter of Bishop Pavel Hnilica over

his Theological Commentary, Ratzinger didn't hesitate to say that he never had the intention to "place the contents of the Secret, exclusively in the past" in a simplistic manner.

**In reality, Benedict XVI wants us to understand — as in the case of the pedophilia scandal — that we must never be afraid of the truth, even when it's embarrassing or painful.**

Because we do not serve God with lies. When one lies with the pretense that he does it for God, we are actually doing it for ourselves: God doesn't need our lies to defend and build His Church. It's better to do a *mea culpa*, because God is stronger and bigger than any of our sins.

Obviously this behavior is not understood in the Curia, not even by the "Ratzinger fans". With righteousness and with affection, Giuliano Ferrara has written in his newspaper, *Il Foglio*, regarding the pedophilia scandal: "said with lots of self-irony, for us of *Il Foglio*, the Pope has

gone a little bit astray".

It's true. Because the Pope knows more than us, and thinks that this scandal is just the tip of the "terrifying" iceberg of the sins in the Church (let's recall the infamies denounced by him during the Way of the Cross of 2005) and he is thinking about the great sin of apostasy within the Church.

And if all of this is the "city half in ruins," full of corpses, described in the Third Secret's vision, and if the Pope who is killed can't be the Pope wounded in 1981, it means that the great persecution by the world and the great martyrdom of the Pope and the Church is part of our near future.

The Pope maybe can't say it explicitly, but he is trying to prepare his Church for this immense trial ("The sufferings for the Church that are foretold") by entrusting everything in the hands of Our Lady of Fatima. These are extraordinary hours, but the newspapers haven't noticed.

**Antonio Socci's Postscript to the Above Article,  
Posted on His Website**

**P.S. With regards to Bertone and Messori...**

Three years ago, Bruno Vespa had an entire episode of

*Porta a Porta* in order to publicize the book by Cardinal Bertone written against me (obviously, he did it without giving me the opportunity to reply). The title of the episode was: "The fourth secret doesn't exist" (it was a precise and polemic reference to my book *The Fourth Secret of Fatima*).

Yesterday, in the evening, another confused episode of *Porta a Porta* was aired, and it regarded the new statements of the Pope at Fatima. To my great amusement, even if they discussed the same subject of three years before, nobody even dared to say that "the Fourth Secret doesn't exist".

Actually, Vittorio Messori, who, three years ago, had rushed to praise Bertone's version, today — without even batting an eyelash — said the complete opposite of what he already said so far.

He said that because Benedict XVI doesn't see the fulfillment of the Third Secret in the assassination attempt of 1981. He also said that because Benedict doesn't consider it as part of the past, but sees it projected into the future, because he's now considering a new fact — the pedophilia scandal — as part of

the Secret (and it's obvious that the Pope can't make all this up: he must have taken this from the complete text of the Secret...).

After all this, Messori didn't show even the minimum sign of recognizing that he had been mistaken during all these years, nor did he treat of the consequences of what he himself had said. Same thing for the confident Bertone.

Now, it seems to me that we can't say everything and it's opposite. Either Bertone is right (and the prophecy was fulfilled in 1981 and it's concluded in the past) or Benedict XVI is right (and therefore the text of the Secret is wider, the prophecy is still open and the martyrdom of a Pope and of the Church are still in our future).

You can't pretend that both versions can co-exist; it would not be logical. It would be desirable that love for truth would prevail, as well as a loyal recognition of our own mistakes... the call of the Pope for repentance, self-critical examination and penance, should be taken much more seriously.

Our Blessed Mother Mary, protect the Pope and all of us!

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