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# The Third Secret of Fatima

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# The Third Secret of Fatima - A Testimony -

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**I**n the autumn of 1996, shortly before presenting my book “**UN Massacre Game?**” in Brescia, I asked Fr. Luigi Villa what I should answer if someone asked questions about the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima, in relation to the presentation of text of the book.

Father Villa, then, showed me the text of “**The Secret of Fatima**” which was published, in 1963, by the German magazine “**Neues Europa**” in Stuttgart, and told me, «If you take the text of the “**Third Secret**” of **Fatima**, written by Lucia, and added or removed one comma, you would have

created a “**fake.**” Now, this text, published by “**Neues Europa**,” is almost three times longer than the original text of the “**Third Secret**,” and it can definitely be called a “**fake.**” **But a patently “false” text may contain individual sentences that belong to the original text.**» At that point, before my eyes, he opened the pages of that document and **pointed out, one by one, the sentences that were contained in the original text of the “Third Secret,” written by Lucia.**

After a few years, I returned to this topic, asking Father Villa: «How did “**Neues Europa**” happen to have this

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text on the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima?»

Father didn’t answer my question directly, but said, «**Card. Ottaviani wrote that diplomatic document. He was later contacted by those of the “Neues Europa” to find out if they could publish the text. Card. Ottaviani replied in the affirmative.**»

On May 13, 2000, being in Fatima for the Beatification of the two little shepherds, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, **John Paul II** announced the imminent publication of the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima.

On June 26, 2000, the Vatican published a four page text written by Lucia on the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima, accompanied by a presentation signed by **Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone**, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and an **interpretation of the “Secret.”** This interpretation included a **letter from John Paul II** to Sister Lucia, **the report of the interview Card. Bertone had with Sister Lucia, the speech given at Fatima by Cardinal Angelo Sodano** on April 27, 2000, and a **theological commentary by Card. Ratzinger**, Prefect of the Congrega-



On January 3, 1944, **Lucia dos Santos** wrote the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima on a slip of paper and on January 9 she communicated to the Bishop of Leiria that she had obeyed his order. On June 17, 1944, Lucia delivered the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima document to **Mons. Ferreira, Bishop of Gurza**.

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tion for the Doctrine of the Faith. Two days later, at a press conference on the Third Secret, **Msgr. Bertone** made an amazing statement that ended with these words: «... **the secret has nothing to do with the apostasy tied to the Council, the Novus Ordo (the Mass) and the Conciliar Popes**

**that has been asserted by the fundamentalists [Traditionalists] for decades. For this fact alone, it was worth the trouble to reveal the Secret.»**

The revealed “**Third Secret**” consisted of the “**Vision**” of the three shepherds focused on the “**Bishop dressed**

**in White, who climbed to the top of the mountain, and knelt at the foot of a big Cross and was killed by a group of soldiers ...”**

These painful attempts of **John Paul II**, of Secretary of State, **Card. Angelo Sodano** and of **Card. Tarcisio Bertone** to relate the “Third Secret”



**Archbishop José Alves Correia da Silva**, Bishop of Leiria-Fátima from 1944 to 1957, was assigned to guard the “Third Secret” of Fatima. In the photograph, the Bishop with Lucia’s envelope containing the paper bearing the “Third Secret” of Fatima, on which he wrote: “This envelope and its contents will be entrusted to His Eminence Cardinal Don Manuel [Cerejeira], Patriarch of Lisbon after my death. Leiria, December 8, 1945, Jose, Bishop of Leiria.”

with the assassination attempt of Pope John Paul II at St. Peter’s, on May 13, 1981 were also endorsed by **Card. Ratzinger**, who, in an interview on May 19, 2000, to Orazio La Rocca of “La Repubblica,” stated at the end [of the interview]: **«The connection between the assassination attempt and the “Third Secret” is evident, it exists in the facts!»**

In the face of this manifest fraud, the press exploded: “Il Messaggero,” “La Repubblica,” “La Stampa” ... and, on May 17, 2000, “**Le Figaro**” published the indignation of a certain Elicher Alesne clearly expressing the general feeling: **«One must really be completely in the ignorance of the history of Fatima to believe the version of the “Third Secret” His Holiness, Pope John Paul II gave us on May 13...»**

The same **John Paul II**, however, in Fulda, Germany, in November 1980, spoke differently to those who asked about the “Third Secret” of Fatima. He said: **«... as on other occasions, the Church was reborn in blood, it will not be different this time (...).»** Then, on the contents of the “Third Secret,” the Pope added, **«it should be sufficient for all Christians to know this: “when you read that the oceans will flood entire continents, that from one moment to the next millions of people will suddenly perish,”** if you know this, it is not truly needed to ask for the publication of this “Secret”.»

And where are these words in the document presented by the Vatican, on June 26, 2000?

**The words of John Paul II, in Fulda, were recorded by the magazine “Vox Fidei”!**

In 2006, there was an outburst with the case of the **“Fourth Secret of Fatima,”** which culminated with the publication of the book: **“The Third Secret of Fatima Published by the Vatican is a Fake, Here’s the Evidence ...,”** by **Laurent Morlier,** and the book by **Antonio Socci, “The Fourth Secret of Fatima.”** roused by the statements made by **Archbishop Capovilla** on the existence of this **“Fourth Secret,”** i.e. the confirmation of the existence of a small sheet on which Lucy wrote the **“Third Secret” of Fatima.**

At that time, I asked Father Villa if he could shed some light on this issue, but he just told me that it was only a private revelation and, therefore, it was not matters of Faith. I did not insist.

In 2009, when I was collaborating in the preparation of the English edition of the book: **“Paul VI beatified?”** we worked on the texts in Appendix 4 that reported on the Apparitions of **Our Lady of Good Success** in Quito, of **Our Lady of La Salette** and **Our Lady of Fatima.**

The last text to be defined was the one related to the **“Third Secret” of Fatima.** Then, I took the document published by **“Neues Europa,”** transcribed the sentences that Father Villa had indicated as the sentences appearing in the original document of Lucia, printed it out and handed it to Father

for his approval. A few days later, Father gave back the paper to me, saying: **«It’s okay!»**

The English edition of the book **“Paul VI beatified?”** went to press. On the pages 352 and 353, all the sentences that Father Villa had indicated to me as present in the **“Third Secret” of Fatima,** written by Lucia on a single sheet of paper, were shown.

On May 11, 2010, during the flight to Fatima, **Pope Benedict XVI** responded to a question about the **“Third Secret” of Fatima, blatantly contradicting the official version of the Vatican in 2000** stating that **the consecration of Russia had already been done and that the prophecy of the Third Secret had ended with the assassination attempt on John Paul II, in 1981.**

The key words of **Benedict XVI** were: **«We would be mistaken to think that Fatima’s prophetic message has been completely realized.»**

In addition, he expressed the hope the centenary of the Apparitions of 1917, may hasten the fulfillment of the **“prophecy of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the glory of the Blessed Trinity.”** This sentence was a clear indication that the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary had not yet been made, as the **“triumph of the Immaculate Heart,”** the **“conversion of Russia”** and the **“period of peace”** had not yet occurred, despite the Vatican statement in 2000 which claimed that the Consecration had already been made by John Paul II on March 25, 1984.

This statement of **Benedict XVI** con-





**Bishop João Pereira Venancio**, second Bishop of Leiria, gives us his eyewitness testimony that the **“Third Secret”** is contained on a single sheet of paper with a lot of dimensions and margins. He handed the envelope to Archbishop José da Silva, the Portuguese Nunciature, because it was to be delivered to the Vatican.

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firmed the general belief of the Catholic Traditionalists of the **fraud perpetrated on the world by the Vatican**, in 2000.

On May 11, 2010, **Benedict XVI** also spoke of the **“need for the passion of the Church which naturally is reflected in the person of the Pope,”** and, therefore, he announced sufferings for the Church, specifying that **such suffering would have originated not from external enemies, but from within the same Church.**

**Benedict XVI**, with his own words of 2010, brought the issue of the **“Third Secret”** of Fatima into the limelight,

upsetting the previous official position of the Vatican.

**Why did Benedict XVI make this sudden “U-turn” on the “Third Secret” of Fatima?**

In 2011, in the presence of a witness friend, I stood before Father Villa, and speaking slowly, I put this question to him:

**«Father, do you remember when, on the document of the magazine “Neues Europa”, you indicated to me the sentences that appear in the “Third Secret” of Fatima? Do you remember that these sentences have already been published in the appendix of the English edition of the book “Paul VI beatified?”»**

He replied, **«Yes, I remember.»**

And I asked: **«Do you confirm to me that in the text: “The Third Secret of Fatima” published by “Neues Europa” in 1963, the sentences that you showed me are actually contained in the original text of the “Third Secret” of Fatima, written by Lucia?»**

Without hesitation and with emphasis, he replied: **«Yes, I confirm.»**

Shortly before Father Villa died, I went back again to this subject, and asked him: **«Father, what would you think if, one day, I made a testimony about what you told me and what we have already published on the contents of the “Third Secret” of Fatima?»**

Calmly, he replied: **«You can do it, please, do it».**

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**FACTS**  
**ABOUT THE PUBLICATION**  
**OF THE ARTICLE**  
**“THE SECRET OF FATIMA”**  
**BY THE MAGAZINE**  
**“NEUES EUROPA”**

On October 15, 1963, approximately three years after the date indicated by Lucia dos Santos for the Vatican’s divulgation of the **“Third Secret”** of Fatima, the German newspaper of Stuttgart, **“Neues Europa,”** printed the text of **“The Secret of Fatima,”** written by the journalist **Louis Emrich,** presented under the title: **“The Future of Humanity in the Light of Moscow’s Agreement and the Revelations of the Mother of God at La Salette and at Fatima.”**

The text, leaked by a diplomatic indiscretion, would have been sent, for informational purposes only, by the Vatican Authorities to those in Washington, London and Moscow, considering it essential to an agreement on the cessation of nuclear tests.

The exact same document was published in **“The St. Anthony Herald”** N. 15 of May 15, 1975, by a group of spiritual sons of the Servant of God, **Padre Pio** of Pietrelcina.

«In 1963, the German magazine **“Neues Europa”** revealed what could be part of the contents of the **“Third Secret”**: **“Cardinal against Cardinal and Bishop against Bishop.”** We know what **Card. Ottaviani** – who had read the **“Third Secret”** – said when asked if the article of **“Neues Europa”** could be republished. He

replied with great emphasis: **“Publish 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 copies!”** This statement is even more surprising because it came from **Card. Ottaviani,** a man with a cold and guarded personality that was always pretty skeptical about most of the apparitions» (See Father Paul Kramer, **“The Devil’s Final Battle,”** The Missionary Association, Buffalo, New York - USA, p. 213).

«Marco Tosatti writes: “Father Mastrocchia, director of Saint Rita’s Religious Pamphlets, asked permission from **Card. Ottaviani** to reprint the predictions made by **“Neues Europa.”** The response was encouraging: **“Do it, do it well** - said the Cardinal guardian of the **“Third Secret”**-**Print as many copies you like, because Our Lady wanted it to be announced as early as 1960.”**

Vatican Radio also spoke on that text in 1977, on the tenth anniversary of Paul VI’s trip to Fatima. The text of **“Neues Europa”** experienced great success and was even reprinted, on October 15, 1978, in **L’Osservatore Romano»** (See Father Paul Kramer, **“The Devil’s Final Battle,”** The Missionary Association, Buffalo, New York - USA, p. 213, note 18).

In the presentation of the article: **“The Secret of Fatima,”** published in **“Neues Europa,”** one reads: **«The authenticity of this document has never been denied by the Vatican.»**

There was nothing to disprove on the part of the Vatican because it was the same document that disproved itself due to its verbosity; it was too extensive and therefore, necessarily, a fake!



The “code” to that document written by **Card. Ottaviani**, however, was another one: **to recognize the sentences which constitute the “Third Secret” of Fatima in this document!**

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At this point, it is helpful to remember that in 1956, **Father Luigi Villa** received directly from **Padre Pio** the commitment to **devote his entire life to defend the Church of Christ**



**Father Joaquin Alonso**, a graduate in theology and philosophy at the Gregorian University in Rome, a professor of theology in Rome, Madrid and Lisbon, was the official archivist of Fatima for over 16 years, having been appointed by the Bishop of Leiria to prepare a definitive study of Fatima.

**from the work of Ecclesiastical Masonry.** This appointment was confirmed, then, by a **papal mandate from Pope Pius XII.** It was for this reason that, for many years, **Fr. Luigi Villa** played the role of **Card. Ottaviani’s “secret agent”** as **Card. Ottaviani was appointed by Pope Pius XII to train and inform Fr Villa about the secrets of the Church pertaining to his papal mandate.**

Among the secrets tasks assigned to him, in that period, there was one [mission] to go to Sister Lucia of Fatima, **with a “personal letter” from the Prefect of the Holy Office, Card. Ottaviani**, authorizing him to have an interview with the seer.

On March 3, 1973, upon entering the office of the Bishop of Leiria, Fr. Luigi Villa underwent «the usual tactic used by Paul VI in respect to all those who opposed his progressivism and did not think the way he did about Fatima. (...) The Bishop contacted **Archbishop Benelli**, Pro-Secretary of State, who went to consult Pope Paul VI. After having received the response, the Bishop of Leiria, turned to me, and **told me very harshly that for me there was no possibility of meeting Sister Lucia, let alone talk to her.**»

When **Card. Ottaviani** was made aware of the incident «**gasped and said, “This to me!.. to the Prefect of the Holy Office, and without even speaking a word to me! .. I will write soon to ‘the top’ [the Pope]! As soon as I’ll have an answer, I’ll call you back and I’ll inform you about it.”**» (“Chiesa viva” n. 356, Dec. 2003, p. 14).

Why did **Card. Ottaviani**, who had already read the **“Third Secret”** in 1960, send Fr. Luigi Villa to Lucia for a personal interview in 1973? One day, when he was telling me about this “adventure,” Father spoke these words: **«Before I left, Card. Ottaviani said to me, “I’m certain, with you, Lucia will speak.”»**

Evidently, **Card. Ottaviani** was not referring to the contents of the **“Third Secret”** which he already knew, and he wouldn’t even think of collecting **“certain information”** from Lucia, by **sending to her a priest who was not already aware of the contents of the “Third Secret” of Fatima!**

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Here is the text published in the magazine **“Neues Europa,”** on October 15, 1963. Highlighted in red are **the sentences that Father Luigi Villa showed me were also the sentences contained in the “Third Secret” of Fatima,** written by **Lucia dos Santos** on one sheet of paper, dated January 3, 1944, seen, touched with his own hands and read by **Card. Ottaviani,** at noon on May 13, 1960.

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**Fr. Luigi Villa** was aware of the **“secret”** of this **“diplomatic text”** of the **“Third Secret”**: Despite it being a **“fake,”** **it contained all the sentences of the “Third Secret” written by Lucia.** He knew all these sentences that, one day, he pointed out to me, one by one, on the **“diplomatic version”**, written by **Card. Ottaviani.**



**Card. Alfredo Ottaviani** was the author of the **“diplomatic version”** of the **“Third Secret”** of Fatima, which was sent, for information, to the Authorities in Washington, London and Moscow, and then published in 1963 by the the German magazine of Stuttgart, **“Neues Europa,”** with the authorization of the same **Card. Ottaviani.**



# THE SECRET OF FATIMA

(Published by the German Stuttgart magazine,  
“Neues Europa” October 15, 1963)

## TEXT OF THE SECRET

Don't worry, dear child. I am the Mother of God speaking to you and begging you to proclaim in My name the following message to the entire world. In doing this, you will meet great hostility. But be steadfast in the Faith and you will overcome this hostility. Listen, and note well what I say to you: Men must become better. They must implore the remission of the sins which they have committed, and will continue to commit. You ask Me for a miraculous sign so that all may understand the words in which, through you, I address mankind. This miracle which you have just seen was the great miracle of the sun! Everyone has seen it – believers and unbelievers, country and city dwellers, scholars and journalists, laymen and priests. And now, announce this in My name:

**A great chastisement will fall on the entire human race; not today as yet, not tomorrow, but in the second half of the Twentieth Century.** What I have already made known at La Salette through the children Melanie and Maximin, I repeat today before you. Mankind has not developed as God expected. Mankind has gone astray and has trampled underfoot the gifts which were given it. **No longer does order reign anywhere and Satan will reign over the highest places directing the course of events. He (Satan) really will succeed in infiltrating to the top of the Church.** He will succeed in sowing confusion in the minds of the great scientists who invent arms, with which half of humanity can be destroyed in a few minutes. If mankind does not refrain from wrongdoing and be converted, I shall be forced to let fall My Son's arm. If those at the top, in the world and in the Church, do not oppose these ways, it is I

who shall do so, and I shall pray God My Father to visit His justice on mankind. Then you will see that God will punish men still more harshly than He did by means of the Flood.

It will come the time of the times and the end of all the ends, if mankind will not convert; and if everything will remain as before, or worse, it would become worse, the great and the powerful will perish together with the small and the weak.

**Also for the Church a time of Her greatest trials will come. Cardinals will oppose Cardinals; Bishops will oppose Bishops and Satan will march amid their ranks, and in Rome there will be changes. What is rotten will fall, and what will fall will never rise again.**

**The Church will be darkened and the world deranged by terror.**

Time will come that neither King, nor Emperor, nor Cardinal nor Bishop will wait for Whom Who will come anyway, but to punish in accordance with My Father's plan.

**A great war will break out within the second half of the Twentieth Century. Fire and smoke will fall from Heaven, the water of the oceans will become vapors and the foam will rise up and flooding and sinking everything. Millions and millions of people will die by the hour and the survivors will envy the dead.**

As far as the eye can see, there will be anguish, misery, ruins in every country. You see? The time is continually approaching and the abyss is growing wider without hope. The good will die with the wicked, the big with the small, the Princes of the Church with their faithful and the ruling sovereigns with their people.

**Death will reign everywhere for the errors committed by the foolish and by the partisans of Satan, who, then and only then, will reign over the world. At last, those who will survive all of these events will once more proclaim God and His Glory and serve Him like before, when the world was not so corrupted.**

Go, My child and proclaim this! I shall always remain by your side to help you.

# **THE THIRD SECRET OF FATIMA**

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## The size of the letter of Lucia

Now, to go back to the size of the sheet of paper, on which Sister Lucy wrote the “**Third Secret**” of Fatima, here are two quotations from manuscripts of **Bishop João Pereira Venancio**:

«On March 1, 1957, **Bishop João Pereira Venancio** delivered the document to the Portuguese Nunciature. Before leaving the precious document at the Nuncio, **Bishop Venancio** looked at the mysterious document against a light and discerned a simple piece of paper with some lines of writing. He has identified, in that transparency, **the size of the paper and the darker area of the words** written by Sister Lucia, but he failed to read the contents, says Fr. Luciano Cristino, Director of the Service of Studies and Dissemination of the Sanctuary of Fatima. Since July, 1982, The Service of Studies (SESDI) has in its archives a handwritten document of **Bishop João Pereira Venancio** in which he says exactly what he saw in the transparency before leaving the envelope at the Nunciature. (...)

Here is the transcript of the text:

«I delivered the letter to the Nunciature at noon on March 1, 1957. (The larger paper corresponds to the size of the outer envelope, with the date 8 .12.1945 [**14.5 x 22 cm**]). The second paper corresponds to what was seen in transparency within [**12 x 18 cm**]). The letter – which could also be seen in the transparency – **is of a size a little smaller, at 75 mm** from the top and from the right side. On the other sides, it fits inside the inner envelope. The outer envelope, on the back side, had the seal of Msgr. José in red wax. I could not see anything inside the

transparency, but one could have guessed that there was wax on the four corners)» (Laurent Morlier, “**The Third Secret of Fatima Published by the Vatican is a Fake, Here’s the Evidence ...**,” Salpan Publisher, 2005, p. 217).

«According to Frere Michel (p. 321) **Msgr. Venancio** would note as well that **the writing on the paper had 3/4 of cm margin** and Kramer noted that discrepancy with the manuscript of 2000 which had no margins. But the document of **Msgr. Venancio** which was published recently, says something different. The prelate noted the size of the envelope of Lucia (**12 x 18 cm**) and notes that “the letter,” also seen in transparency, **it is a little smaller than the size, less than 3-4 cm** above and to the right, while on the other sides coincided with the inner envelope.» (Aura Miguel, “Totu tuus” p. 141)

The two quotations may coincide with each other if we could correct two inaccuracies: **75 mm** should instead be **7.5 mm**, and **3-4 cm** should be **3/4 cm**.

This is confirmed by the two sentences: “the letter” in view of transparency, **“is of a size a little smaller ...,”** and **“is a little smaller than the size (envelope Lucia)” ...**

At this point, the size of the letter are finally clear and definitive: **the size of Lucia’s envelope least 3/4 cm (or 7.5 mm) above and to the right, while on the other sides coincided with the inner envelope.**

The letter then has the format: **11.25 cm x 17.25 cm.**



By entering the sentences of the “Third Secret” on a sheet size of 11.25 cm x 17.25 cm written by margins of 7.5 mm, we get the following result:

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