INTRODUCTION

These letters, which are being published today at the request of many people who are deeply interested in their contents, marked the beginning of the mission of *the slave of the Lord*, whose life has been one of total surrender to the Will of God, who has placed her at the service of souls. The letters were written in her own handwriting thirty-five years ago and were addressed to a very small group of persons. Today, however, they seem to have been addressed to us, to all those who, each in his own way, have been drawn to her side by the Lord.

Their very compact contents are part of a *History* that God Himself—the Being who "IS"— writes from Eternity, working out His designs by means of different circumstances, concrete events and specific persons, in the language of His Will. His "pen strokes" can turn out to be mysterious and disconcerting for us, but no human being is uninvolved with or alien to these designs.

From these letters there emerges a message that concerns each and all, a message which is only partially understood, because oral or written language can accurately describe trivial aspects of life, but as far as life itself or love is concerned, when one wants to express the sentiments and experiences of his soul with words, these can only transmit vague ideas filtered through the understanding of the person who hears or reads them.

I see these letters and their "explanations" as a unique opportunity the Lord is offering to all of us who yearn to finally encounter the Reality hidden within ourselves and in the interior of all things: God, the Being who "IS." This

Reality – no matter how hidden and dormant it may lie in the depths of the human being – can only be perceived by the soul, because it is to her that the Spirit is speaking today, as He has always done. And our hope is being renewed day by day, because she –the *Beloved Bride* of the *Divine Beloved* – is attaining her definitive union with Him...

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