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This book offers the most interesting speeches from the international conference on Simone Weil organized in Rio de Janeiro by the Personalist Centre of Research (www.prospettivapersona.it) and by the Catholic University PUC Rio de Janeiro. **It was a Conference on route**, held in Teramo, Rio de Janeiro, S. Paul, and Belo Horizonte.

The first part is entitled Truth and Myths; the second part: the Revolution of divine Grace.

Readers can confirm themselves that still today Simone Weil's thoughts and life represent a challenge that do not stop to question culture, politics and faith. This extraordinary and counter-current woman, destined to throw light beyond the 20th century, held perfect unity between thought, action and contemplation. The direct participation of the suffering of men and women of her time, represent the point of departure of an original mystic route, deeply marked by knowledge of the inextricable connections between good and evil, natural and supernatural, misfortune and Grace. Her tormented experience, her spiritual participation to all religions of the present and past eras, her love for poverty and purity, and her intellectual rectitude prepared her to receive the mystery of the cross of Christ as a gift

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