

Holy Mary, Mother of GOD, Who are You?



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"She through Whom Justice and Victory Come"

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"By Mary does humanity glorify GOD; through Mary does humanity glorify CHRIST; in Mary does humanity find its own greatest glory. Glory is of the mind and the will, of knowledge and of praise. Centuries ago Saint Augustine said of The Mother of GOD: "She conceived in the mind before conceiving in the womb; in the heart before the flesh."

The Motherhood of Mary found in the flesh an instrument, in the soul the reality. The consent of Mary was of her mind, at one with The Truth of GOD; it was of her will, at one with The Love of GOD.

So did the soul of Mary reach out to The Person of The Son of GOD. So did she first and foremost, in totality of giving, sing The Divine Glory in her 'Fiat' ['Yes' [LUKE 1:38] ~ ascent to The LORD at the angel Gabriel's Annunciation, that she was to bare The MESSIAH, becoming The living Ark of The Living Word made Flesh] [JOHN 1:14].



Knowing Him, she gave the praise of her whole being. She knew Him as no other solely human being could; she gave what no other solely human being had to give, the purity of her Immaculate Conception. Truly did she magnify, glorify The Lord, and in her soul [LUKE 1:46-55].

She was herself an endless canticle of praise. Saint Antoninus summed up her glory: "By The HOLY GHOST was she made perfect in her conception in GOD and so was she worthily The Tabernacle of The Holy of Holies; by The HOLY GHOST was she made perfect in her creation."

In her was GOD's action creative, giving being to His first daughter, the new Eve [Mary], source of the eternal being of men; in her was GOD's action out of love, pouring forth Divine Goodness in infinite measure, beyond human comprehension, known only to GOD;



in her was GOD's action unto likeness so that she is the mirror to GOD and graceful reflection of GOD's will for men. Above all was GOD's action glorifying, bringing men face to face with GOD, giving men The Eternal Word of Praise [JESUS CHRIST].



'In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with GOD' [and The Word was GOD] [JOHN 1:1]. By Mary is The Word with men; by Mary are men with and in The Word. The Power of GOD is His Goodness and His Word is The Word of Love [GOD Incarnate in His Son through Mary].

So is Mary with us also, in Lourdes, in Fatima, in the heart of every man. Dwelling with her we are in Heaven, for she is of Heaven The Queen."*

*["She Through Whom Justice and Victory Come." Father Elwood Ferrer Smith, OP. The Magnificat, 7/17/2021, Meditation of the Day, p 254-255.]