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Mother Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee.

Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb ...



My Mary statue (weighing 95 kgs) was safely transported to Plett, and what perfect timing – the Cosmic Mother, the greatest mother in the Universe – arrived to adorn our Centre on Mother's Day! She is depicted in Revelations 12:1 as the universal cosmic mother: clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars.

She is the mother of God who brings Christ into the world. Her title "Theotokos" in Greek means "God-bearer". Her task is to enable Christ to be formed on this earth. She is the Mother of the New Creation that is born of the Spirit: *Unless a man is born from above, he cannot enter the kingdom of God: what is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is spirit. [John 3:1-8]*

Mary is the New Eve. The 1st Adam and Eve gave birth to the state of separation from our Divine natures, and the subsequent suffering that this entails. Jesus and Mary are regarded as the 2nd Adam and Eve who give birth to the new man that is born of the Spirit and who abides in Christ consciousness, connected to his/her Divine nature, knowing that *I and my Father are one.*

Whether or not you believe in the historical accuracy of the Virgin birth (some people battle to believe in miracles), it is symbolic, and what it represents is beautiful. Mother Mary expresses the perfect attitude of surrender: *I am the handmaiden of the Lord, do with me what you will.* The blessed Mother Mary can be a role model for us so that we can become more like her in surrendering our life and work to God, so that we act in accordance with, and our lives become an expression of, the Divine will.

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease.*

*Take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess,
the beauty of Thy peace.*

People have lost faith in the concept of a virgin birth. But it is an important symbol. The virgin birth has an archetypal meaning that applies to every human being. The virgin gives birth to something new that is not connected to the past. There is a break from the past. The virgin birth signifies a break with the God of history, and gives birth to the God of eternity. The God of history divided humanity. In order to bring humanity together a spiritual virgin is needed. She gives birth from above – she gives birth to the son of God, who came to heal divisions. He is connected to the New Covenant, which is the law of the heart: *I will write the Law in your hearts*. Here you live from the heart, connected to your inner Divinity: *the Kingdom of Heaven is within*. It exists outside of time, and can be accessed in the eternal present moment.

The virgin birth is a symbol that all are invited to give birth to the God of eternity, and to do this we have to disconnect from past history and bring in something new, something from above, something spiritual. All are invited to be mothers of the God of eternity and love. You are created in the image and likeness of God that is freely given. You have God-nature within you = original purity. This is your true essence. There is a pure space within us where nothing "unclean" can enter. This space is immaculate. Virginity is not limited to the physical – it also includes spiritual virginity or purity. When we act from this pure space we give birth to God in this world. We become mothers of God like Mary.

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