

MARIOLATRY

Int.

1. Aim: To show some of the false doctrines concerning Mary.
2. Mary the mother of Jesus is the most misunderstood character of the Bible. - Luke 1:28
 "...blessed art thou among women".
3. Mariolatry is the exaltation of Mary to a supernatural Position
 - a. This grew gradually over the centuries, and is not taught in the Bible.
 - b. It first began in about the 2nd century and was wide spread by the 11th or 12th century.
 - c. Many feasts were instituted in honor of Mary:
 - i. Feast of Nativity,
 - ii. Feast of the annunciation
 - iii. Feast of the Purification
 - iv. Feast, of the Immaculate Conception
4. Let us notice some of the false doctrines concerning Mary

Discussion

I. MARY DESCRIBED AS THE MOTHER OF GOD

- A. It is taught in many ways in the Catholic church:
 1. This doctrine began in the early years¹
 2. Included in The Rosary- "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

B. Mary was a human Being

1. If she was the mother of God, she would have had to exist before God
2. She was only the mother of the fleshly Part of Christ
3. Christ was a Divine being and existed with God from the beginning - Jn.1:1
4. Mary was not the mother of his divine being because that existed before he was born. and even before she was born.

C. The Bible does not refer to Mary as the mother of God

1. Jesus was the mediator between God and man
2. It was necessary for Jesus to be the Son of man as well as the Son of God.
3. But if Mary had been a supernatural being then Christ would have been born of two divine beings and would not have been the son of man!
4. Mary was not the mother of God

II. PERPETUAL VIRGINITY

A. This doctrine is taught to get Mary above humanity ²

1. They teach that she was always a virgin
2. That she never knew a man or had any other children.

B. The Bible teaches differently

1. Mt. 1:24-25 She married Joseph and was his wife
2. She had other children after Christ was born - Matt. 13:55-58
3. Mary could not have been a good wife if this was true - 1 Cor. 7:1-5

- C. The Roman Catholic Church alleges that Mary's parents presented her in the temple when she was but three years old, and that "the child herself mounted the Temple steps, and that she made her vow of virginity on this occasion" (Maas, 464F).³
1. This would suggest that at the tender age of three, Mary had considerable knowledge of human anatomy.
 2. It further hints that she understood the intricacies of sexual union.
 3. Moreover it indicates that she likely foreknew the fact that she would bear the Christ child, and that she perceived somehow that it would be inappropriate for her ever to engage in honorable intimacy with a legitimate husband.
 4. The absurdity of this claim is almost beyond belief, but such is the superstition that shrouds this deviate theological system.

III. **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

- A. Originated in 4th century and finally in 1854 was made a Part of Roman Catholic Dogma, by Pope Pius IX.⁴
1. This has nothing to do with the birth of Christ but rather with the birth of Mary
 2. "The blessed virgin Mary was preserved from original sin in view of the merits of her Divine Son., and this Privilege is called her Immaculate conception."⁵
- B. Answer
1. Every child is born pure and free from sin - Mt. 18:3 19:13-15
 2. The guilt of sin cannot be passed from one generation to another - Ezk. 18:20

3. We may suffer the consequences of sin without inheriting the guilt — Drunk driver may hit someone and injure them for life. He suffers the consequences of the sin but does not share the guilt. We die Physically as a consequence of Adam's sin, but we do not inherit the guilt.
4. There is no evidence that Mary was conceived differently from any other Hebrew child.

C. Inconsistency of their doctrine

1. If Mary had to be born free of sin for Jesus to be Sinless, then her mother must have been born sinless for Mary to be Pure.
2. That would be true all the way back to Eve.
3. But that would contradict the doctrine of Total Hereditary Depravity.
4. Those who believe that a child is innocent do not have this problem.

IV. **BODILY ASSUMPTION**

A. Doctrine

1. Bodily assumption of Mary directly to heaven. It was not buried
2. On Nov. 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII stated that Mary was "taken up body and soul into heaven, and exalted as Queen of the Universe."
3. This doctrine had been discussed for centuries.

B. Not true - contradicts 1 Cor. 15:50

1. No teaching in the Bible to support this view
2. Earlier Catholic doctrine is contradicted because the Bones of Mary were supposedly exhibited and even sold. Both doctrines are wrong

V. EXALTATION OF MARY ABOVE OTHER WOMEN

- A. Those who exalt Mary will Point to these verses.
1. Luke 1:42 "...blessed art thou among women..."
 2. Luke 1:48 "...from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."
 3. And they say this is why Mary is exalted.
- B. Mary was blessed with a special and unique Privilege but this does not mean she was supernatural. Other women in the Bible were called "Blessed"
1. Leah - Gen. 30:13 "Happy am I, for the daughter will call me blessed."
 2. Jael - Jud. 5:24 "blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be."
 3. They were blessed but no one has exalted them and revered them.
- C. There is no emphasis in the Bible about exalting Mary.
1. Mary is mentioned at the cross then again in Acts 1:14 and this is the last reference to her.
 2. Nothing is given about her death - Peter and Paul do not mention her
 3. If God had intended for her to be exalted and revered as she is now by some People, then we would have seen such emphasis in the Bible.
 4. Matt. 12:46-50
 - a. Christ minimized the family relationship and emphasized the spiritual ties
 - b. He taught that those who do His will today are actually closer to him than his mother and his brethren in the flesh.⁶

VI. MARY AS MEDIATOR

- A. Catholicism teaches that Mary is the go between
 - 1. "O Mary, virgin mother of God, Pray to Jesus for me." ⁷
 - 2. "Holy Mary, mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen." - hail Mary for Rosary
 - 3. The Pope who died recently was being urged to adopt three new Dogma's:⁸
 - a. Mary is Co-redeemer or Co-Redemptrix
 - b. The Mediatrix, or Mediator of all graces
 - c. The Advocate for the people of God, intercessor, Helper, Benefactress
- B. The Bible teaches that Christ is our mediator
 - 1. I Tim. 2:5 - one, not two
 - 2. Christ is the one Person who is our mediator and we need no other.

VII. ASSORTED FALSE DOCTRINES

- A. God obey's Mary - "St. Bernardine of Sienna does not hesitate to say that all obey the commands of Mary, even God himself." ⁹
- B. Mary has all Power - "find therefore, says St. Peter Damian, the virgin has all Power in heaven as on earth." ¹⁰
- C. Baby Clothes Grew - "Her raiment, which was always of the natural colours, never became foul - nor wore out nor tore, but that which her mother put on her on the day she gave her to the temple, remained upon her until the day of her death; as regards that which Mary increased daily, the raiment became greater with her." ¹¹

CONCLUSION

1. The worship and exaltation of Mary is wrong
 - a. Christ, her son respected her and obeyed her Parental authority - Luke 2:51
 - b. But he did not exalt her above other women
 - c. He never referred to her- as the mother of God
2. Worship of Mary becomes Idolatry - Apparitions are another form of idol worship -
1 Jn.5:21 "Little Children, keep yourselves from idols."
3. We respect Mary but we do not worship her. Jesus Died for us not Mary. She was the mother of our Saviour, not our saviour.
4. We honor her by obeying her son !

End Notes

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5. The new Baltimore Catechism -No. 2 P. 32

6. Daughters of Eve by Lottie Beth Hobbs p.176

7. My Book of Prayer P. 783

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9. Catholicism Against Itself Vol.II by O.C. Lambert - P. 122

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