

Does Christ Condone the Worship of His Mother?

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It is not uncommon for people from various races and religions to adore, and even worship, a woman with the same reverence that is normally attributed to God who created all things in heaven and on earth (Eph. 3:9). In particular some, who regard themselves as belonging to the Christian faith, look to a female as being equal to Almighty God. The following excerpt is an example of this position.

The (Roman) church seemed doomed to failure, destined to go down to bloody death amidst the bleeding corpses of its victims (a reference to the atrocities during the Middle Ages), when the people discovered Mary (reference to Christ's mother). And only when Mary, against the stern decrees of (some in) the church, was dug out of the oblivion to which Constantine had assigned her and became identified with the Great Goddess was Christianity finally tolerated by the people... The only reality in Christianity is Mary, the Female Principle, the ancient goddess reborn (Daly, 92 – quoted in The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p. 604, Ed. notes in parentheses).

The religion that adopted *Mary and placed her in a high position, did so in order to preserve itself rather than rely on Almighty God to protect the spiritual Body that He placed his son, Jesus Christ, over (Eph. 1:22).

For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people (1Sam. 12:22; NKJV throughout unless otherwise noted).

...And I also say to you that you are Petros, but on this Petra (Almighty God, cf. vs. 17b) I

(Christ) **will build my assembly, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it** (Mt. 16:18b; RNT; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This placement of Christ's mother as an equal to Almighty God has continued unabated and still exists today.

At the Council of Nice (AD 325), says the author of "Nimrod," "The Melchite section" ...that is, the representatives of the so-called Christianity of Egypt... "held that there were three persons in the Trinity...the Father, the Virgin Mary, and the Messiah their Son." (The Two Babylons, p. 108, see study "The Trinity: A Provable Fact or Deeply Embedded Fiction").

During the 19th century the Roman church taught children to sing the following,

Heart of Jesus, I adore thee;
Heart of Mary, I implore thee;
Heart of Joseph, pure and just;
In these three hearts I put my trust.

(What Every Christian Must Know and Do, Rev. J. Furniss, published by James Duffy, Dublin).

The idea behind this deceptive rhetoric was to place Mary, who was Jesus' mother, on an equal plane with her son, and then to compound the delusion further by making Christ's stepfather, Joseph, more important than Jesus' real Father, The One True God. This form of idolatry was not limited to the 20th century. It's just a continuation of an old system of pagan worship that has gradually been syncretized into a religion that calls itself Christian. In reality, it is an extension of the Babylonian religious system (cf. Rev.17:1-6).

Fathers of the (early) Christian church strongly opposed the worship of Mary because they were well aware that she was only a composite of

Mariamne, the Semitic God-Mother and Queen of Heaven; Aphrodite-Mari, the Syrian version of Ishtar (origin of Easter; See study: Why Passover, Not Easter, Should Be Central To Christianity); Juno the Blessed Virgin; Isis as Stella Maris, Star of the Sea the Oriental Virgin Mother of the Redeemer; the Moerae or trinity of Fates; and many other versions of the Great Goddess. Even Diana Luciferia the Morning-Star Goddess was assimilated to the Christian myth as Mary's "mother," Anna or Dinah. Churchmen knew the same titles were applied to Mary as to her pagan forerunners: "queen of heaven, empress of hell, and lady of all the world (The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets, p.602; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Unfortunately, those who still practice this rite of worshipping Mary are being led astray by the very organization that claims to represent her son, Jesus Christ. This movement toward apostasy had already begun during the time of Christ's apostles and some of them warned about it.

I (the apostle Paul) marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him (Almighty God) who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert (distort) the gospel of Christ (Gal. 1:6-7; Ed. notes in parentheses).

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light (cf. Gen. 3:1-5).¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works (2Cor. 11:13-15; Ed. note in parenthesis).

This is a great deception because these false religious leaders seem very genuine and appear to understand God's truth. However, upon closer examination the vast majority of them are under the influence of their spiritual leader who is the Adversary of Almighty God (cf. 1Pet. 5:8; 1Tm. 5:14-15). Christ commented on this reality during his earthly ministry and the situation has not changed today.

You (religious leaders) are from your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. That one was a man-killer from the beginning, and he was not standing in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, out of his own he speaks, because he is a liar and the father of it (Jn. 8:44; RNT; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Many religious leaders today either turn a blind eye to the adoration and worship of Mary, or else they condone this behavior. Why? Because it is more important to keep church attendance up and by extension guarantee that church coffers remain full enough to ensure their jobs. The apostle Paul noted that people with this same attitude existed during his lifetime.

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame – who set their mind on earthly things (Phlp. 3:18-19; emphasis added).

Jesus Christ addressed a woman who inferred that his mother should be adored,

And it came to pass while he (Christ) was saying these things to, a certain woman having raised her voice from the multitude, said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you."²⁸ But he (Christ) said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the

word of God and keep it" (Lk. 11:27-28; RNT; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This would have been the perfect opportunity for Christ to agree with this woman's claim that his mother was worthy of greater adoration than other women, but he did not. Instead, Christ pointed out that anyone wanting to be truly blessed needs to hear and obey every word of Almighty God (cf. Mt. 4:4). Included in the word of God is the fact that elevating any human above others can lead to breaking God's law (cf. Ex. 20:3-5).

For I (the apostle Paul) say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith (Rom. 12:3; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Paul taught the importance of giving credit to Almighty God for any good that anyone is able to achieve in this lifetime, because it is God who provides what we need in order to live happy and successful lives. If some great works are done during our short lifetime, we need to acknowledge that we were doing what was expected of us without seeking adoration that can border on worship.

In this way, you also, when you do all that has been commanded to you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have done what we ought to do (Lk. 17:10; RNT).

Humility is rare today as we live in a society that likes to worship its celebrities and follow their examples, which often reflect a value system that is contrary to God's. In religious circles, the ministers are often revered and when they condone the worship of anyone other than Almighty God, they are deceivers just like their spiritual father and adviser, who is Satan the

devil. Only one is to be worshipped and that is Almighty God. Christ made this truth plain by teaching that only his heavenly Father was to be worshipped. In the following scripture Christ taught that his Father would no longer be worshipped in a physical temple.

Jesus said to her, "Woman trust me, because the hour comes when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you kneel before the Father.²² You kneel before what you do not know; we kneel before what we know because deliverance is from the Judeans (through Christ who was born through the tribe of Judah).²³ But the hour comes and now it is, when genuine kneelers will kneel before the Father in spirit and truth; for such the Father seeks – those kneeling before Him" (Jn. 4:21-23; RNT; Ed. note in parenthesis).



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Luke 17:10; RNT

In this final scriptural quotation, Christ showed no preference for his mother's position within the religious community. He respected her as his mother and provided for her needs, but did not treat her as if she was somehow to be adored, revered, or worshipped.

While he (Christ) was still speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and brothers were standing outside seeking to speak to him.⁴⁷ [And someone said to him, "Behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak with you."]⁴⁸ And he answered the one telling him, saying, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?"⁴⁹ And stretching out

his hand upon his disciples, he said, "Behold, my mother and my brothers.⁵⁰ "For whoever does the will of my Father in the heavens, is my brother and sister and mother." (Mt. 12:46-50; RNT; Ed. note in parenthesis; vs 47 bracketed because of uncertainty due to omission by several ancient Gk. MSS).

Therefore, the worship of any being, other than the only true God (cf. Jn. 17:3), is considered a sin (cf. 1Jn. 3:4) and is worthy of death, unless it is repented of. The adoration, and in many cases the worship, of Mary is a sin and any religious system that allows or encourages this behavior is teaching against the word of God. If a religious system that permits this form of worship claims to represent Christ, it lies (cf. 1Jn. 2:3- 4).

* *The name of Jesus' mother is rendered Mary in most English translations; however, her name was Miriam in Hebrew and written as Mariam (SGD 3137) in the Greek New Testament.*

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