

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

The title Mary Mother of God was one that caused massive divisions within the early church. Divisions, rows and schisms that were to do with the basic tenants of our faith.

Like the majority of teachings concerning the Blessed Virgin this teaching had more to do with the nature of Jesus Christ and the consequent revelations, than it does about this one woman.

In Greek mythology it was not uncommon for a God to take a human form. To disguise themselves as men or women and take on the body like a coat or a mask.

Roman Emperors became Gods after they assumed power.

So for the people of the early church the notion of the divine nature of Christ; the notion that Jesus was both God and Human was not a simple one. It was difficult to understand.

There were so many problems. Flesh and blood was seen as inferior to Spirit. That is ideas were seen as a more noble form of reality than that of physical existence.

Humanity was seen as being trapped in an evil world. Sexuality ,hunger , Sleep ,Labour were seen as intimately involved in evil ,and only when we had escaped the confines of our bodies and lived purely in the world of the spirits would closeness to perfection ,and thus the divine be possible.

If Mary was the Mother of God then Jesus was not just human he was also fully God.

In Jesus God experienced the physical nature of sexuality.

In Jesus God experienced the physical nature of hunger.

In Jesus God experienced the physical nature of sleep.

In Jesus God experienced the struggle of labour.

In Jesus God experienced Pain and pleasure.

The divide between the physical and the spiritual was healed in the birth of Christ.

Thus when you express your sexuality in a healthy manner you are doing a God like thing, a holy thing.

When you feed your children you are doing a God like, a holy thing.

When you sleep the sleep of the just you are imitating Jesus

When you work in a healthy manner you do so in the image and likeness of God and what you do is sacred by nature.

When you experience pain or pleasure you share in what God felt.

Be it in the desolation of the cross or the triumph of the resurrection.

In the heart of any truly human act can be found the dignity of Christianity.

When the Church declared Mary the Mother of God, that same church declared the dignity of humanity. That same church declared that we believe in life before death as well as after it.

What's more no one can with sincerity declare their faith in Christ and ignore the struggle for the physical well being of all people.