

“Peace I bequeath you
My own peace I give you”

The whole notion of peace is ironically complex. It can be understood in many ways.

One simple way in which to understand the function of peace
is as a platform

A foundation upon which other aspects of character, or development can take place.

The lack of such substance
Of such core faith
Means that our worlds can collapse
when challenged by crisis.

May is traditionally the month of Mary the Mother of God
Thus it is appropriate that we illustrate the notion of peace
By looking to the example of Mary the Queen of peace.

At the annunciation, the conception of Christ Jesus within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary

An illustration of the Peace given by God
The peace only possible with faith
Is seen
The Angel Gabriel appears to the Blessed Virgin Mary
There is fear
There is a lack of understanding
There is even an attempt to avoid the situation
“But how can this be”
The core faith
The core belief

The peace that comes from the foundations of her nature
Means that despite being shocked to the core
Terrified by the consequence
Yet still she can begin

Not knowing where this will lead

She can begin

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It is our faith that Our Lord Jesus Christ was fully God and fully human.

That he was born of the Virgin Mary.

Born in a stable, in want

Soon to become a helpless refugee

The son of a foster Father

The child of a community

The Jesuit Religious order traditionally say

Give me the child and I will give you the man

So much about the childhood of Our Lord Jesus was dysfunctional

If it is true that Christ was fully human

Then much of his nature was formed in that childhood home

A home of potential chaos

The core faith

The core belief

The peace that came from the foundation of the nature of this woman.

Meant that this mother communicated the richness of love to the child born in poverty

Meant that this mother gave to this child security as they fled tyranny

Meant that this mother created from her peace of mind

The peace in which this child would grow and prosper

Not knowing where this would lead

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So dreadfully painful
So helpless to witness the death of her son
Not only to witness
But to share in the crucifixion
Rarely does the Queen of peace appear in the Gospel accounts
However when present always of massive significance.

This old lady
Stronger than the soldiers performing the act
More powerful in nature than the rule of Roman Law
Beautiful in face of screaming evil
Even at this extreme
The core faith
The core belief
The peace that came from the foundation of her nature
Facilitated the dignity
Communicated down the Centuries

Holy Mary Queen of peace share your faith with me when I am afraid

And upon this peace I may begin

Holy Mary Queen of peace share your faith with me when I must act and have no certainty

And upon this peace I may attempt

Holy Mary Queen of peace be with me as those I love pass through death, and leave me so alone.

And upon this peace I may give.