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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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THE CATHOLIC CHURCH’S SIN OF MARIOLATRY

Most capable people know Mary was chosen by God to bring the Christ into the material world (Lk. 1:28). However, most do not realize that the leaders of The Roman Catholic Church have unlawfully elevated Mary to a lofty position that she has absolutely no right to have – making her some sort of “little g” god who is to be revered and worshipped.

Such is a huge “no-no” (Mt. 4:10-11). Their actions constitute Mariolatry. How sad. What’s sadder still is that the leaders of The Roman Catholic Church have duped millions of blind (Mt. 15:14) and ignorant (Isa. 56:10) people into thinking Mariolatry is okay. Now, just in case you think my comments too harsh or untrue take a moment and read a few quotes listed on the official website of the Vatican (<http://www.vatican.va>).

- “Mary, the first of the redeemed, shines before us as a lamp guiding the way for all humanity” (Pope John Paul II).
- “May her powerful intercession help us, who call upon her as our life, our sweetness and our hope, always to live with our lives focused on heaven, where she reigns as Queen. May she constantly intercede for us from heaven” (ibid).
- “Down the centuries Marian devotion has enjoyed an interrupted development. In addition to the traditional liturgical feasts dedicated to the Lord’s Mother, there has been a flowering of countless expressions of piety, often approved and encouraged by the Church’s Magisterium” (ibid).
- “Calling upon ‘Holy Mary, Mother of God’, Christians ask the immaculate Mother of the Lord by a unique privilege: ‘Pray for us sinners’, and entrust themselves to her at the present moment and at the ultimate moment of death” (ibid).
- “The Blessed Virgin plays an important role in humanity’s redemption. Through Marian devotion Christians acknowledge the value of Mary’s presence on their journey to salvation, having recourse to her for every kind of grace” (ibid).
- “As the many titles attributed to the Blessed Virgin and the continual pilgrimages to Marian shrines attest, the trust of the faithful in Jesus’ Mother spurs them to call upon her for their daily needs” (ibid).
- “Devotion to the Mother of God thus helps to brighten their [Christians] spiritual life and enables them to make progress on the demanding path of the Beatitudes” (ibid).
- “As we turn to Mary Most Holy, let us pray together with Bernadette: ‘Good Mother, have mercy on me; I give myself entirely to you, that you may give me to your dear Son... Good Mother, grant me a heart all aflame for Jesus’” (ibid).
- “At an event which has now become a tradition, we are meeting here at the Spanish Steps to offer our floral tribute to Our Lady on the day when the whole Church celebrates the feast of her Immaculate Conception. Today’s act is a gesture of faith and devotion which our Christian community repeats from year to year, as if to reaffirm its commitment of fidelity to she who in every circumstance of daily life assures us of her help and motherly protection. Yes, dear friends! On this solemn day, the Church once again holds up Mary to the world as a sign of sure hope and of the definitive victory of good over evil. May the people of every nation and culture welcome this message of light and hope: may they accept it as a gift from the hands of Mary, Mother of all humanity” (Pope Benedict XVI).
- “Renewing again this year Our summons to the Faithful to turn with increased ardour in prayer to Mary, the Queen of Heaven... The recourse we have to Mary in prayer follows upon the office she continuously fills by the side of the throne of God as Mediatrix of Divine grace; being by worthiness and by merit most acceptable to Him, and, therefore, surpassing in power all the angels and saints in Heaven... Therefore we behold her taken up from this valley of tears into the heavenly Jerusalem, amid choirs of Angels. And we honour her, glorified above all the Saints, crowned with stars by her Divine Son and seated at His side the sovereign Queen of the universe” (Pope Leo XIII).

Unless those involved with Mariolatry repent they will suffer eternally (Mt. 25:46). Jesus said: “...if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch” (Mt. 15:14).