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For the Author of Beauty created her



*“It is first of all necessary to let the Blessed Virgin Mary take one by the hand to contemplate the Face of Jesus. Mary gives us eyes and a heart that can contemplate her Son in the Eucharist.” Pope Benedict XVI*

As we approach the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we contemplate Our Lady. *“From the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator” Wisdom 13:5.* The spiritual beauty of God is reflected most perfectly in the woman He created to be His Mother. No stain of sin would mar the beauty of His reflection in her soul. Never for one instant would she be under the power of the devil. *“The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”* (Dogma of the Immaculate Conception).

Mary herself proclaims, *“My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.”* (Luke 1:47). As the Immaculate Conception, Mary

bears in herself the most perfect reflection of the face of God. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, *“The Blessed Virgin saw shining upon her, as no other creature, the face of the Father, rich in grace and mercy.”*

What in Heaven and on earth could be more beautiful than the Mother of God? It is God who has willed that Mary be beautiful, not only fair in face, but in the fullness of grace. Yet, beauty has a purpose, and that is to draw us by the beauty of the graces God has given her towards the Beatific Vision – the Face of God. Mary has no greater desire than that we turn towards the Face of her Son, as she does, with eyes of love.

Jesus alone is “the Way” that leads to the Father, but Mary is the most beautiful image and likeness of Christ, which will lead us to Him. Dostoevsky once said that *“Beauty will save the world!”* And God the author of all beauty created Mary who has a spiritual beauty to share with the world that attracts and expresses what is beyond words, in the depths of her heart, the love of a mother for her Saviour and her Son.

Being “full of grace” and filled with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their perfection, her soul was “an enclosed garden” which belonged only to God, and in which the Holy Spirit formed the most perfect masterpiece of love. **The gaze of her mind and heart was always on the Face of her son Jesus.** At the Incarnation the Holy Face of her Son Jesus, true God and true man, was formed in her holy womb; by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary was the first to see Jesus’ human Face at His birth, and was closest to Him throughout His life and death. But, although she was immaculately conceived, she could only see the Face of God on earth, as any other human being can, that is, through the veil of faith.



Kissing the Face of God by Morgan Weitling

Mary had no attachment to creatures or things of this earth, and having no stain of sin or corruption, **Mary, constantly seeking the Face of God throughout her life**, a fruit of her immaculate conception - was to be the example for us to follow. As Father Russell Schultz, S.T.D. writes, **“Can we afford to ignore the Face of Jesus?”**

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**A prayer poem by Sr Miriam of the Holy Spirit OCD: ‘And in her Morning I can see Your Face’**

*The Virgin Mary cannot enter  
my soul for an indwelling.*

*God alone*

*has sealed this land as secretly His  
own;*

*but being mother and implored, she  
comes  
to stand along my eastern sky and  
be*

*God is a light and genitor of light.  
Yet for our weakness and our  
punishment*

*He hides Himself in  
midnights that pre-  
vent all save the least  
awarenesses of Him.*

*We strain with  
dimmed eyes inward  
and perceive  
no stir of what we  
clamored to believe.*

*Yet I say: God (if one  
may jest with God),*

*Your hiding has not reckoned with Our  
Lady who holds my east horizon and  
whose glow lights up my inner landscape,  
high and low.*

*All my soul’s acres shine and shine with  
her!*

*You are discovered, God; awake, rise  
out of the dark of Your Divine surprise!  
Your own reflection has revealed Your  
place,  
for she is utter light by Your own grace.  
And in her light I find You hid within me,  
And in her morning I can see Your Face.*

Some excerpts from Illuminadomine.com blog

**PRAYER:**

Oh Mary through your privilege of being the greatest adorer of Your Son’s Holy Face, lead us from the misery of sin and cover us with the glory of your Immaculate Conception that we may one day hope to contemplate Jesus with you in heaven. Amen.

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