

Who is God?

There are a great many Roman Catholic Church members that say prayers to Mary or the saints. The official stance is they pray through Mary but in many cases, they pray just to her. However you look at it, they are communicating with Mary. The idea is that Mary is more righteous than we are and God listens to the prayer of a righteous person. The Roman Catholic therefore ask Mary to relay his request to God. It is almost like asking other fellow believers in your family, friends or church community to pray for a prayer request you have. However, you ask these people with direct communication to pray for you. You do not pray to them to ask them to pray for you. Rather you ask them directly because they are living people.

Now the big question is can Mary hear your requests and is this kind of communication even permissible in the first place for someone who confesses faith in Jesus Christ. **Firstly**, Mary is a human being and not God and therefore she is not all-knowing. When she was alive and her husband Joseph, or anyone else, wanted to communicate with her, she had to be able to hear what he said audibly. So, she therefore had to be in close proximity to him. Within earshot, or within hearing distance. In the same room or area. Another possibility in how Joseph could have communicated with Mary was by writing her a letter. When Mary died, she did not become God. There is only one God, namely the Trinity. She does not therefore currently have the ability of God to be all knowing. If Mary **could not hear** someone praying to her in private when she was alive, how much more would she now **not be able to hear** someone trying to communicate with her when they are not even in the same realm, what to say within hearing distance. Unless you have the cell phone number of Mary, it would be impossible for you to communicate with her. Do you have her cell phone number? If you don't have the cell phone number of Mary, then you are wasting your time trying to communicate with her through prayer. It is illogical and irrational to assume otherwise. The **second** problem Roman Catholics have is, because there are millions of them, thousands of them might be praying to Mary at any given moment. How can she possibly process so many people talking to her at the same time unless she is God and therefore all-knowing. By praying to Mary Roman Catholics are therefore treating her as if she is God. They even call her The Mother of God or The Queen of Heaven. Mary is not the mother of God. She is the mother of Jesus. Through her The Son of God became a man. God is eternal. He does not have a mother, and it is blasphemy to say he does. When you pray to someone other than God, that you can be presented in an image, the Bible calls it **idolatry**. By praying to Mary and venerating her, Roman Catholics are in fact committing **spiritual adultery** which is idolatry. Our God don't like being shared with other gods, just like a husband don't want to share his wife with other men through her being adulterous. Roman Catholics carry images of Mary on stretchers. They have her statues and pictures everywhere. They get emotional about Mary

and love her. They seem to think they can have a relationship with her even though she died 2000 years ago. What idiocy and foolishness. When someone tries to communicate with dead people the Bible calls it **Necromancy** or **consulting the dead**.

Deuteronomy 18 ¹⁰There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer ¹¹or a charmer or a medium or a **necromancer** or one who **enquires of the dead**, ¹²for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. In other words, prayer to Mary is occultic. It's a mixture of idolatry and a form of Necromancy. These are very serious sins according to the Bible, yet the leaders of the Roman Catholic church do not just sanction these activities but also participate in them. If these people do not reform their church back to the laws of God in the Bible, God will hold them accountable one day for being bad shepherds to his flock. Nowhere in the New Testament are we taught to pray to Mary. All examples of prayer are directed at God.

Exodus 20 ¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²" I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³" **You shall have no other Gods before me.**" ⁴" You shall not make for yourself a **carved image**, or any likeness of anything that is in **heaven above**, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Roman Catholics should stop venerating Mary and rather learn from her example. When Mary accepted her role as mother of the messiah, she became pregnant without her then betrothed husband Joseph. In the eyes of society, who did not realise that she became pregnant through a miracle, she was an adulteress. She was therefore very brave to suffer this humiliation to fulfil her role. Even Joseph at first wanted to divorce her quietly in order not to shame her publicly. Only after an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him that what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit, did he marry her.

If I were in the Roman Catholic Church, I would haste myself to go and see a priest in the confession box and tell him: "Father, I need God's forgiveness, because I have committed a serious sin. I have prayed to Mary and the saints, venerated her and had a religious relationship with her as if she is God. The Bible calls these activities idolatry and necromancy, which are serious sins."

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one** comes to the father **except** through me." In other words, Jesus says he is the **only way** for us to communicate with the Father. This is done through having faith in him as the Son of God. Praying to Mary is therefore not only wrong but also totally unnecessary, because we have access to the Father through the Son.

Hebrews 4 ¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with **confidence draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may **receive mercy** and find **grace to help in time of need**.

Hebrews 10 ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have **confidence to enter the holy places** by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us **draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Ephesians 3 ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have **boldness** and **access with confidence** through our faith in him.

Some Roman Catholics believe that before one enters heaven you first must spend some time in purgatory and suffer there to purge you of sin and make you righteous. There is no such a place. When God forgive, he forgives completely. Jesus is our substitute. God not only forgive the sins of his children, but he also declares them righteous or good upon salvation.

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Explaining the appearance of Mary at Fatima in Portugal.

In 1917 three shepherd children claimed that Mary appeared to them at Fatima in Portugal. During these appearances some of them would see and hear her while others might just see her, depending on the day. There were also a crowd gathered during some of these appearances and then the crowd could not observe her at all, but just the three children could. Whenever an angel or messenger of God appeared to someone as recorded in the Bible everyone that was supposed to be able to see and hear the angel could see and hear him. When God spoke to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, they became scared and asked Moses that God should rather speak to him and then he relays the message to them. Moses had to then climb up the mountain so that God could speak softer for only Moses to hear God speaking. When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain he took only Peter, John and James with him. They were the only ones that experienced this incident and all three of them saw and heard Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah. When God therefore supernaturally appears in our world through a messenger the appearance is natural and honest for all to see that is around. The fact that some could see and hear the appearance of Mary tells you this appearance was not of God but rather demonic. This is how magic works. The magician uses occultic powers to make things appear and disappear. Magic is nothing but false signs and wonders and this appearance of Mary at Fatima was also a false sign. Her main and overwhelming message was to

pray to Mary, something that is occultic in itself. Her message therefore immersed Roman Catholics into pursuing her more vigorously and to then sin in the process.

2Corinthians 11¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan **disguises** himself as an angel of light. Many Roman Catholics has dragged this ancient mysticism into their Christian faith that started during the dark ages, when the Bible was not translated into the home language of Christians, but was only in Latin and Greek. Why in the world would modern Christians who have a Bible in their own language follow these dark practices? Because when you immerse yourself into sin Satan blinds you to the fact that you are in darkness.

2Timothy 2²⁵ God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Now if the Roman Catholic Church finally decides to denounce prayers to Mary and the saints and their veneration as if they are gods, then they must not throw out the baby with the dirty bathwater. Just stop the idolatry and the ceremonies that go with it, do not remove all these beautiful statues and paintings of holy men and women of the past. Honouring these people are fine, just don't talk to them while they are dead. Wait until you maybe see them alive one day, then you can talk to them all you like. In the meantime, let them rest in peace. All the images and paintings in Roman Catholic churches create a religious and holy atmosphere that make the Bible come alive through its characters. The one thing that should however always take central stage in any church service, is the truth that comes out of the message of the Bible. When that happens, God speaks to his people. He is present through the gift the speaker practices that brings the message of truth concerning the things of God's kingdom. Jesus said in John 4 that the true worshippers will worship him in **spirit** and in **truth**. The spirit refers to your inner man or your mind. In other words, worship of God is conducted when you **contemplate** the **truth** of God in your **mind** and then you **react** to it with acceptance, faith, admiration, thanks, praise etc for him. This can be done through music or religious ceremonious with symbolism. But it should primarily be done through teaching and preaching the truth from the Bible as that is the source of God's revelation and message to us.

The Roman Catholics that pray to Mary and the other dead saints are not much different from the many heathens in Africa, that have for generations worshiped and prayed to their dead forefathers, who are also their heroes, just like the saints are to the Roman Catholics. Which doctors call up the spirits of these dead forefathers to consult them. These dark practises have gone on for too long. Just because the ancient church started these bad and dark practices, does not mean the modern Roman Catholic Church has to follow in their footsteps. The Roman Catholic Church of today own them nothing. **The Roman Catholic Church of today own Jesus everything. Reform!**