

## 2017 Year of Mary



This program will be a response to Mario, he calls himself the 'Vigilant Christian', and what he means by that is he is trying to warn Christians about Mary and the Catholic Church. If you watch any of his videos, he is an anti-Catholic bigot and the reason is because he's a fallen-away Catholic and they are the worst just like the best Catholics are converted Protestants. What he is upset about is that Pope Francis did a tweet proclaiming 2017 as the 'Year of Mary'. Well I was surprised Pope Francis did that. I oppose practically everything he does. I personally think he is the False Prophet; but he does throw a few crumbs to traditional Catholics like me and others just so that we don't completely blow our stacks at everything else he says and does. But it's interesting that Mario focused on one of the few things Pope Francis has ever done that is correct: 2017 could be and I think will be, as I will show you in a minute, a true year of Mary. So go ahead, Mario, what's your objection?

***'This doctrine that Mary is a virgin, I guess you could say goddess that is an emissary between man and God, is heresy.'***

Now Mario, it is you who are calling Mary a goddess. No Catholic would ever call Mary a goddess. That is a straw dog that you are knocking down; that's very easy to do but it is a lie, both about Mary and about Catholics.

***'We all know Mary was a created human being just like you and I. We don't need to pray to Mary we don't need to bow down to statues to kiss her feet etc.'***

No, and you don't need to kiss photographs of your wife and children either Mario, but a lot of people do. That is not worship; that is a sign of love, a sign of affection. We Catholics love Mary. The Bible says that all generations will call her blessed. We Catholics fulfill that prophecy better than any of you non-Catholics. And why should anyone listen to you as a source reference for Mary? That would be like asking a Ford dealer about Chevy. If you're going to buy a Chevy would you go to a Ford dealer? Of course not. So don't ever ask a non-Catholic about

Mary; you'll never learn the truth. If you want to learn about Mary, ask a Catholic.



***'Okay, well first of all, let's go ahead and debunk something right here for all the Catholics listening, this isn't true ok? Mary was not a virgin until the day she died.'*** No Mario, you are lying. When the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to conceive a son, what does Mary say? She says: ***'How can this be, I do not know man?'*** Mary says, I DO NOT know man. That is her lifelong commitment to virginity. Does this make any sense: If an angel appeared to a woman and said she is going to have a son and she is engaged, is that the first question she would ask: how can this be? Of course not!

She would assume, like any natural woman, that she and her husband were going to have a child. That's not the first thing she would ask; but Mary asked that because she knew that she has a lifelong commitment to virginity. Please Mario, read your Bible very carefully.

***'Yes, Jesus was conceived while Mary was a virgin but the Bible clearly talks about the fact that Jesus had brothers.'***

No, Mario, Jesus did not have any blood brothers or sisters. The term at that time could refer to other members of the family; it could refer to cousins, it could even refer to other members of the same tribe. In fact, we have the same thing today, for example, fraternity 'brothers'. If you're in a college fraternity you may call the other guys in the group with you 'brothers', fraternity brothers, but they have no blood relationship. It's not that hard to figure out, Mario.

***'So after Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, she and Joseph had intercourse.'***

Where does it say that in the Bible, Mario? The Bible never says that Mary and Joseph had a physical relationship; and it's very dangerous to add to Scripture. Let me ask you a question: when Jesus was dying on the cross he gave his mother Mary to the Apostle John; he told him to take her into his home. Would that be possible under the Jewish

customs of those days if Jesus had blood brothers and sisters? Of course not, Mario, you need to let the Bible interpret the Bible.

***'She is highly favored. Ok, I'm not saying Mary is bad but I don't want us to elevate a woman. Mary wasn't any more divine than any of us, ok? She wasn't a divine person.'***

No one saying that Mary is divine, at least no one I know. I know we Catholics are accused of that but why don't you go to the source and ask a Catholic? It's because Mary is a created woman that her crushing of the head of Satan will be such an amazing feat! She's a little, teenaged, Jewish girl. That is why it will be so humiliating for Satan. Read Genesis 3, verse 15: ***'I will put enmity between you and the woman'***. Mary is the 'woman'. Jesus often refers to her as the 'woman'. That is her title. That's her title in Revelation. You don't have to worship Mary; you should not worship Mary, but you must give her the honor and respect which the Bible gives her. She is ***'blessed among all women'***. And next, Mario, you are going to admit that you are a fallen-away Catholic.

***'Ok, because you're literally praying to Mary. I went to a Catholic Church. My family's Catholic, I was baptized a Catholic, did all the little rituals as a child in school and I remember when I would do sins and I would go sit with the priest what I would have to do is pray to Mary and say 'je vous salut Marie' which is in French the Hail Mary.'***

'Je vous salut Marie' means the same as 'Hail Mary' in English. Those words were spoken by the Archangel Gabriel. They come from the mind of Almighty God. God is the one who said the first 'Hail Mary'. God was not worshipping Mary. Prayer can also be praise or petition. God was praising Mary. She is blessed among women. No other human being ever created has earned such an amazing title. That is why we Catholics, when we recite the 'Hail Mary', we are simply repeating the words of Almighty God. We are not worshipping Mary, we are praising her, just as He did!

***'So, no, no, no, 2017 is the year of Jesus Christ, to be entrusted to Jesus and for us to focus on him. I certainly have no objection to dedicating the year 2017 to Jesus Christ.'***

As you say, we should dedicate every year to our Lord and Master, but 2017 is also very significant; it is the only year in all of human history that the 'Great Sign' will appear in the constellations. Jesus said there would be '**signs in the sun, moon and stars**' to announce his second coming. And the Bible calls it the 'Great Sign' when the Virgin appears in the constellations, and she is clothed with sun, with the moon under her feet, on her head a crown of twelve stars and she is in childbirth. That great sign, which describes Mary and the Church, will occur on September 23rd and 24th in this year of 2017. Now, I don't think Pope Francis actually knew what he was doing. I'm not sure he is aware of this tremendous sign in the stars and the sun and the moon but nonetheless, dedicating 2017 to Mary is highly appropriate and we are going to see that occur. So Mario, I hope you watch my video called 'Stellarium' where I introduced to the world this amazing stellar phenomenon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5ZTvwago38>

