



The Crowning of Mary - Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola, San Sebastián (Spain)  
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## ***What Will the Reign of Mary Be Like?***

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**W**e would be mistaken to think that the elect, when they depart for Heaven, consider their mission on earth to be over. On the contrary, the true role of those who are saved begins beyond the threshold of eternity. This is what Dr. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira called the post-history of a soul, even more substantial and efficacious than that of earthly existence, even though the latter may have been outstanding and full of glory.

In view of this, we might well ask ourselves: how does Our Lady's maternal intervention manifest itself in the events after her Assumption into the heavenly homeland?

For the Author, the post-history of the Blessed Virgin is divided into three great phases: break of dawn, sunrise and radiant midday. The era of the dawn extended from the first times of the early Church to the zenith of the Middle Ages. Sunrise began with the outbreak of the Revolution,<sup>1</sup> the nefarious process of deterioration of Christian Civilization that has led to the chaos, atheism and insanity of our days. And the radiant midday will begin with the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – preceded, as everything indicates, by a chastisement of apocalyptic proportions.

Here we will deal with the last of these stages, namely that of the Reign of Jesus Christ through His Mother.

### ***Glorious future, surpassing all imagining***

For the Author, it is impossible to transmit what he carries in his soul about the glorious future reserved for the Holy Catholic Church during the Reign of the heavenly Virgin. He has no words to describe the Church, renewed and resplendent with grace by the action of the Divine Holy Spirit, who will act in its favour in Mary, with Mary and through Mary.

A passage from Baruch's prophecy offers a pale idea of the intuitions that fill his heart with enthusiasm: "Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the

righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under Heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, ‘Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness’” (5:1-4).

However, the plan of the Most High will surprise even souls of the greatest insight, for He “is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think” (Eph 3:20). Anything that can be imagined about the triumph of Mary’s Heart and the consequent exaltation of the Church are but a mere sketch of the marvels which the Lord of Hosts will perform in order to glorify His beloved Daughter, His virginal Mother and His immaculate Spouse.

***Desires that hasten the divine intervention***

This sublime reality does not, however, exclude another even more beautiful one, pointed out by Dr. Plinio: “As the just gradually form an idea of what the Reign of Mary will be like, it draws nearer to us.”<sup>2</sup> It is proper to prophetism not only to foresee and announce, but in some way to hasten and even to have a foretaste of events detected from afar.

On receiving the news that a small cloud resembling a man’s hand was rising on the horizon, Elijah predicted the torrential rain that would fall on Israel and revitalise the soil made barren by the implacable drought with which God had punished the sins of the people for three years. He immediately sent word to King Ahab to return to his palace without delay, to avoid being stopped by the rain on his way (cf. 1 Kgs 18:41-46).

Beyond the physical phenomenon, the fiery prophet also discerned in the little cloud a prefigure of the Virgin who would bring to earth another deluge, not of water but of grace: the very Divine Source

of grace, who would redeem the human race made sterile by the disobedience of our first parents. And Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich<sup>3</sup> says that, choosing three of his disciples, Elijah sent them as messengers to the pagans of the north and of the south, even as far as Egypt, to announce to them that they should prepare themselves, for a Virgin was coming from whom the Saviour of humanity would be born.

This episode shows that when certain souls are taken up by the wind of grace to soar in the firmament of Our Lady’s future exaltation, they must let themselves be led fearless-

ly. Although they always fall short of the reality, their ardent desire to see the honour of the Mother of God avenged hastens the manifestation of divine justice and mercy.

Accordingly, the Author wishes to offer some considerations regarding the future, based on the prophetic commentaries of his spiritual master, Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira. He thereby wishes to reinforce the inspirations of grace that speak within souls, urging them to confidently await the divine intervention in events that will bring about the end of revolutionary domination and the establishment of the Reign of Jesus through Mary.

***“Souls will breathe Mary”***

In Dr. Plinio’s prophetic expectation, the Marian era will be a time of bestowal of unprecedented celestial gifts: “It is my hope that Our Lady will give us unimaginable, highly augmented gifts, so much more beautiful and more admirable than those already known, that we are left speechless.”<sup>4</sup> Now, for such a communication of graces and designs to be realized, humanity must follow the same path trod by Mary Most Holy: that of Sacred Slavery.

In the Reign of the Virgin, humanity will participate to a high degree in the love that unites the Divine Holy Spirit with Our Lady. According to the expression of St. Louis de Montfort, “souls [will] breathe Mary,”<sup>5</sup> that is, they will feel they are the object of her unfathomable and gratuitous love, and as a result will love Her with confidence, fervour and tenderness. From this ineffable affection will spring a mutual discernment of spirits, through which they will contemplate in each other the specific aspect of the Mother of God that each is called to reflect.

However, this will only be accomplished through a very intim-



Elijah sees the small cloud - Cathedral of Autun (France)

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ate bond of spiritual slavery with the Sovereign of the Universe, entirely composed of enthusiasm, veneration and tenderness, as well as a radical disposition for service, obedience and holocaust. In this way, the whole of society will be raised to a new plateau of the supernatural life, fulfilling entirely the words of St. Paul: “if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Cor 5:17). The whole of Public Opinion will radiate the image and likeness of Jesus through Mary’s Universal Mediation.

***Reign of clemency, love and sweetness***

From this perspective, how should the Reign of Mary be defined?

It will be the reign of the clemency, love and sweetness of Our Lady, the historical era in which her spirit will be present in every creature and her love will cover, like a white and discreet mist, the whole earth. Just as today the pestilent and filthy breath of the Revolution is inhaled everywhere, characterized by revolt, egalitarianism and unbridled sensuality, during the Reign of Mary the delicate perfume of the presence and virtues of the heavenly Queen will be breathed, both in souls and ambiances, as well as in customs and even in civilizations.

The great prophet and apostle of Mary, St. Louis de Montfort,<sup>6</sup> explains that in the souls of the paladins of her Reign, Our Lady will engender such a superior sanctity – it being a participation in her own virtues – that they will be, in the order of grace, like cedars of Lebanon compared with the shrubs that were the Saints of previous eras.

To these elect She will show and give herself completely, as never before. There will be a moment when each one of her children and slaves will see Her as if transfigured before them and will experience the torrents of love and mercy that emanate

from her Heart. All will be cleansed, forgiven and restored. The Reign of Mary, the utmost realization of the Reign of Christ, will be founded in souls.

***The Secret of Mary will be revealed***

This apogee of supernatural vitality will make the Church and society an image of the glorious Body of Christ. Substantially it will always remain the one and same Mystical Body, but it will be adorned with new qualities, which will impart to it a most intense light. Man will continue

to be subject to the evil tendencies instilled by original sin; however, it is to be expected that that these, in most cases, will remain subject to reason illuminated by faith as a result of an extraordinary motion of grace granted by divine mercy.

To achieve this degree of sanctification and renewal of His Mystical Spouse, Our Lord will do for humanity something analogous to what was done for the disciples in the days after Easter Sunday: He will open their minds so that they may understand the Scriptures (cf. Lk 24:45). Then the Secret of Mary<sup>7</sup> will be revealed, which involves a truth that is known, but not fully understood and loved. In this regard, Dr. Plinio states:

“I have the impression, while not having the certainty, that the Secret of Mary will be a new light on a previously manifested truth, but whose interpretation will be particularly striking in this period of history. This truth, contained in official Revelation, would concern the very essence of God and, from there, God’s relationship with Our Lady, the Church and all souls. Consequently, humanity’s relationship with the universe – in the cultural, political, social and economic spheres – would be profoundly conditioned by this new perspective, on which a special light would be shed.”<sup>8</sup>

Nevertheless, the Secret of Mary will not be limited to the simple assimilation of a truth, although this is necessary, since one cannot love what one does not know. A clear notion concerning Our Lady will produce in hearts an effect similar to that experienced by the disciples on the road to Emmaus when they heard the teachings of the Divine Master: “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?” (Lk 24:32).

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Msgr. João venerates the statue of Mary Help of Christians at Tabor House, in June of 2015

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***A new civilization will arise from these graces***

The full revelation of this Secret will open minds and hearts to two specific aspects of Our Lady. On the one hand, there will be an extraordinary deepening into the comprehension of her relationships with the Three Divine Persons, as mentioned above. In the light of this relationship, the union among souls will attain such a calibre that, as Dr. Plinio explains, “a kind of peace and tranquillity would be established among men, giving rise to a new civilization.”<sup>10</sup> And, more especially, “a relationship with the Hearts of Jesus and Mary would be inaugurated, marked by a note of intimacy previously unknown.”<sup>11</sup>

On the other hand, as a consequence of a theological development favoured by special graces and perhaps mystical gifts, the Universal Mediation of Our Lady and her role in the salvation of humanity will become evident, highlighting



Portrait of the Immaculate Heart of Mary that belonged to Dr. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira

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the super-excellence of her sanctity. As a corollary, light will be shed on the enigmatic revolutionary process and the false prophets that sustain it, which have enveloped the Church in darkness.

Dr. Plinio also points out that “this new understanding would open such a breadth of grace for men, would give such a filial and, at the same time, humble character to the bond with Her, that it would raise the level of piety of the faithful and, *a fortiori*, of the clergy to a height only vaguely envisioned by previous ages. Thus, when the moment comes for the revelation of the Secret of Mary, our hopes for sanctity will multiply a millionfold!”<sup>12</sup>

As a result, the good will be exalted as never before, and evil will be execrated to the fullest extent. As this blessed age progresses and reaches its apogee, the foundations will be laid so that the honour due to the Creator is fully rendered, thereby bringing history to a glorious end. ✧

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<sup>1</sup> It may be perplexing to qualify as sunrise a period that is distinguished by the systematic demolition of Christian values and the decadence of the Church itself, wounded by the sins of her children. However, in the midst of the battles of the Bride of the Lamb against the gnostic and egalitarian Revolution, men and women emerged whose virtue contained a strength and splendour characteristic of and foreshadowing a historical period of outstanding sanctity. St. Louis-Marie Grignon

de Montfort, for example, is a Saint who far transcends his own time, fully worthy of the Marian era he himself announced.  
<sup>2</sup> CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA, Plinio. *Talk*. São Paulo, Dec. 19, 1981.  
<sup>3</sup> Cf. BLESSED ANNE CATHERINE EMMERICH. *Visiones y revelaciones completas*. Madrid: Ciudadela Libros, 2012, v.II, p.316.  
<sup>4</sup> CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA, Plinio. *Conversation*. São Paulo, Jan. 6, 1981.

<sup>5</sup> ST. LOUIS-MARIE GRIGNION DE MONTFORT. *Traité de la vraie dévotion à la Sainte Vierge*, n.217.  
<sup>6</sup> Cf. Idem, n.47.  
<sup>7</sup> In his writings, St. Louis de Montfort refers to the slavery of love for Mary which he proclaimed as a secret revealed by the Most High of a sure way to holiness. More than in pious practices, this secret consists in doing all things with Mary, in Mary, by Mary and for Mary (cf. ST. LOUIS-MARIE GRIGNION DE

MONTFORT. *Le secret de Marie*, n.1; 28).  
<sup>8</sup> CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA, Plinio. *Talk*. São Paulo, July 28, 1980.  
<sup>9</sup> CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA, Plinio. *Talk*. São Paulo, Aug. 30, 1986.  
<sup>10</sup> Idem, *ibidem*.  
<sup>11</sup> Idem, *ibidem*.  
<sup>12</sup> CORRÊA DE OLIVEIRA, Plinio. *Conversation*. São Paulo, Apr. 28, 1987.

# Queen of the Latter Times

St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort



## *Mary must be better known to humanity*

God wishes therefore to reveal Mary, His masterpiece, and make Her more known in these latter times:

1. Because She kept herself hidden in this world and in her great humility considered herself lower than dust, having obtained from God, His apostles and evangelists the favour of being made known.

2. Because, as Mary is not only God's masterpiece of glory in Heaven, but also His masterpiece of grace on earth, He wishes to be glorified and praised because of Her by those living upon earth.

3. Since She is the dawn which precedes and discloses the Sun of Justice Jesus Christ, She must be known and acknowledged so that Jesus may be known and acknowledged.

4. As She was the way by which Jesus first came to us, She will again be the way by which He will come to us the second time though not in the same manner.

5. Since She is the sure means, the direct and immaculate way to Jesus and the perfect guide to Him,

**T**he salvation of the world began through Mary and through Her it must be accomplished. Mary scarcely appeared in the first coming of Jesus Christ so that men, as yet insufficiently instructed and enlightened concerning the person of her Son, might not wander from the truth by becoming too strongly attached to Her. This would apparently have happened if She had been known, on account of the wondrous charms with which Almighty God had endowed even her outward appearance. So true is this that St. Denis the Areopagite tells us in his writings that when he saw Her he would have taken Her for a goddess, because of her incomparable beauty, had not his well-grounded faith taught him otherwise.

But in the second coming of Jesus Christ, Mary must be known and openly revealed by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus may be known, loved and served through Her. The reasons which moved the Holy Spirit to hide His Spouse during her life and to reveal but very little of Her since the first preaching of the Gospel exist no longer.

Our Lady's power will especially shine forth in the latter times, when satan will lie in wait for her heel, that is, for her humble servants and her poor children whom She will rouse to fight against him. Who will these chosen souls be?

Above, the Virgin with the Child Jesus crushing the devil - St. Peter's Cathedral, Vannes (France)



it is through Her that souls who are to shine forth in sanctity must find Him. He who finds Mary finds life, that is, Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. But no one can find Mary who does not look for Her. No one can look for Her who does not know Her, for no one seeks or desires something unknown. Mary then must be better known than ever for the deeper understanding and the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity.

6. In these latter times Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, power and grace; in mercy, to bring back and welcome lovingly the poor sinners and wanderers who are to be converted and return to the Catholic Church; in power, to combat the enemies of God who will rise up menacingly to seduce and crush by promises and threats all those who oppose them; finally, She must shine forth in grace to inspire and support the valiant soldiers and loyal servants of Jesus Christ who are fighting for His cause.

7. Lastly, Mary must become as terrible as an army in battle array to the devil and his followers, especially in these latter times. For satan, knowing that he has little time – even less now than ever – to destroy souls, intensifies his efforts and his onslaughts every day. He will not hesitate to stir up savage persecutions and set treacherous snares for Mary’s faithful servants and children whom he finds more difficult to overcome than others.

### ***The most fearful enemy of the devil***

It is chiefly in reference to these last wicked persecutions of the devil, daily increasing until the advent of the reign of anti-Christ, that we should understand that first and well-known prophecy and curse of

God uttered against the serpent in the garden of paradise.

It is opportune to explain it here for the glory of the Blessed Virgin, the salvation of her children and the confusion of the devil.

*“Inimicitias ponam inter te et mulierem, et semen tuum et semen illius; ipsa conteret caput tuum, et tu insidiaberis calcaneo eius – I will place enmities between you and the Woman, between your race and her race; She will crush your head and you will lie in wait for her heel” (Gn 3:15).*

God has established only one enmity – but it is an irreconcilable one – which will last and even go on increasing to the end of time. That enmity is between Mary, His worthy Mother, and the devil, between the children and the servants of the Blessed Virgin and the children and followers of Lucifer. Thus the most fearful enemy that God has set up against the devil is Mary, His holy Mother.

From the time of the earthly paradise, although She existed then only in His mind, He gave Her such a hatred for His accursed enemy, such ingenu-

ity in exposing the wickedness of the ancient serpent and such power to defeat, overthrow and crush this proud rebel, that satan fears Her not only more than Angels and men but in a certain sense more than God himself.

This does not mean that the anger, hatred and power of God are not infinitely greater than the Blessed Virgin’s, since her attributes are limited. It simply means that satan, being so proud, suffers infinitely more in being vanquished and punished by a lowly and humble servant of God, for her humility humiliates him more than the power of God. Moreover, God has given Mary such great power over the evil spirits that, as they have often been forced unwillingly to admit through the lips of possessed persons, they fear one of her pleadings for a soul more than the prayers of all the saints, and one of her threats more than all their other torments.

What Lucifer lost by pride Mary won by humility. What Eve ruined and lost by disobedience Mary saved by obedience.

By obeying the serpent, Eve ruined her children as well as herself and delivered them up to him. Mary by her perfect fidelity to God saved her children with herself and consecrated them to His divine majesty.



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Mary and the Holy Spirit  
Museum of Religious Art, Cusco (Peru)

### ***The race of the Virgin fighting against the race of the serpent***

God has established not just one enmity but “enmities”, and not only between Mary and satan but between her race and his race. That is, God has put enmities, antipathies and hatreds between the true children and servants of the Blessed Virgin and the children and slaves of the devil. They have no love and no sympathy for each other.

The children of Belial, the slaves of satan, the friends of the world, – for they are all one and the same – have always persecuted and will persecute more than ever in the future those who belong to the Blessed Virgin, just as Cain of old persecuted his brother Abel, and Esau his brother Jacob. These are the types of the wicked and of the just.

But the humble Mary will always triumph over satan, the proud one, and so great will be her victory that She will crush his head, the very seat of his pride. She will unmask his serpent’s cunning and expose his wicked plots. She will scatter to the winds his devilish plans and to the end of time will keep her faithful servants safe from his cruel claws.

### ***In the eyes of the world little, but great in holiness***

But Mary’s power over the evil spirits will especially shine forth in the latter times, when satan will lie in wait for her heel, that is, for her humble servants and her poor children whom She will rouse to fight against him.

In the eyes of the world they will be little and poor and, like the heel, lowly in the eyes of all, down-trodden and crushed as is the heel by the other parts of the body.

But in compensation for this they will be rich in God’s graces, which will be abundantly bestowed on them by Mary. They will be great and exalted before God in holiness. They will be superior to all creatures by their great zeal and so strongly will they be

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supported by divine assistance that, in union with Mary, they will crush the head of satan with their heel, that is, their humility, and bring victory to Jesus Christ.

Finally, God in these times wishes His Blessed Mother to be more known, loved and honoured than She has ever been. This will certainly come about if the elect, by the grace and light of the Holy Spirit, adopt the interior and perfect practice of the devotion which I shall later unfold.

Then they will clearly see that beautiful Star of the Sea, as much as faith allows. Under her guidance they will perceive the splendours of this Queen and will consecrate themselves entirely to her service as subjects and slaves of love. They will experience her motherly kindness and affection for her children. They will

love Her tenderly and will appreciate how full of compassion She is and how much they stand in need of her help. In all circumstances they will have recourse to Her as their advocate and mediatrix with Jesus Christ. They will see clearly that She is the safest, easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus and will surrender themselves to Her, body and soul, without reserve in order to belong entirely to Jesus.

### ***True apostles of the latter times***

But what will they be like, these servants, these slaves, these children of Mary?

They will be ministers of the Lord who, like a flaming fire, will enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love.

They will become, in Mary’s powerful hands, like sharp arrows, *sicut sagittae in manu potentis*, with which



Our Lady of Help, by Bernardino Mariotto  
Civic Museum of Morrovalle (Italy)

She will transfix her enemies.

They will be as the children of Levi, thoroughly purified by the fire of great tribulations and closely joined to God. They will carry the gold of love in their heart, the frankincense of prayer in their mind and the myrrh of mortification in their body. They will bring to the poor and lowly everywhere the sweet fragrance of Jesus, but they will bring the odour of death to the great, the rich and the proud of this world.

They will be like thunder-clouds flying through the air at the slightest breath of the Holy Spirit. Attached to nothing, surprised at nothing, troubled at nothing, they will shower down the rain of God's word and of

eternal life. They will thunder against sin, they will storm against the world, they will strike down the devil and his followers and for life and for death, they will pierce through and through with the two-edged sword of God's word all those against whom they are sent by Almighty God.

They will be true apostles of the latter times to whom the Lord of Hosts will give eloquence and strength to work wonders and carry off glorious spoils from His enemies. They will sleep without gold or silver and, more important still, without concern in the midst of other priests, ecclesiastics and clerics, *inter medios clericos*. Yet they will have the silver wings of the dove enabling them to go wherever the Holy Spirit calls them, filled as they are with the resolve to seek



Pentecost - Shrine of the Mother of Good Counsel, Genazzano (Italy); inset, St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort - Private collection



Lastly, we know they will be true disciples of Jesus Christ, imitating His poverty, His humility, His contempt of the world and His love. They will point out the narrow way to God in pure truth according to the holy Gospel, and not according to the maxims of the world. Their hearts will not be troubled, nor will they show favour to anyone; they will not spare or heed or fear any man, however powerful he may be.

They will have the two-edged sword of the word of God in their mouths and the blood-stained standard of the Cross on their shoulders.

They will carry the crucifix in their right hand and the rosary in their left, and the holy names of Jesus and Mary on their heart. The simplicity and self-sacrifice of Jesus will be reflected in their whole behaviour.

Such are the great men who are to come. By the will of God Mary is to prepare them to extend His rule over the impious and unbelievers.

But when and how will this come about?

Only God knows. For our part we must yearn and wait for it in silence and in prayer: "I have waited and waited." (Ps 39:2). ✧

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the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Wherever they preach, they will leave behind them nothing but the gold of love, which is the fulfilment of the whole law.