

My Questioning From Rome, Part 2 – The Blessed Virgin Mary

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- In 1984, I decisively acknowledged my sin nature, and received Jesus Christ as my saviour via **1Cor 15:3-4**
- I remained in the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) for ~3-4 years. **There are TRUE believers in the RCC!**
- But around 1985, I started really reading my Bible **Ps 119:130 Rom 10:17**
- God reasons **Isa 1:18** He is systematic **Isa 28:10** He is not the author of confusion **1Cor 14:33**

Introduce Schreck, Alan, Basics of the Faith: A Catholic Catechism, 1987

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p.279 - Deepening Understanding of Mary: Christian Tradition

Mk 7:9, 13; Jn 10:35; Mt 24:35; Deut 4:2; 12:32; Prov 30:6; Rev 22:18-19

p.281 - Mary's Perpetual Virginity

- 6) **Mk 3:31-35** Why try to eradicate the fact that Jesus had literal siblings?
 - a. Why interpret “brothers” as “cousins” vs. scripture w/ scripture precision?
Jn 2:13-17; Ps 69*:8-9
 - b. **Mt 13:53-58; Mk 6:3** Why does the Bible even give specific names of his brethren?
 - c. **Gal 1:18-19** Why does the Apostle Paul name James in his letter to the Galatians?
- 7) **Gen 38:16, 26** What does it mean to “know someone” in the Bible?
Judg 11:38-39; 1Sam 1:19-20; Gen 19:5; 1Ki 1:4
 - a. **Mt 1:18-25** Why does Matthew say that Joseph didn't know Mary “til” Jesus was born? Is this not consistent with the other clear verses that Mary had other children after Jesus? Is this not consistent with Jewish societal norms back then?
 - b. Why the attempt to change historical fact?

p.282 - Mary's Immaculate Conception

by definition of Pope Pius IX in 1854

p.283-284 - The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

by definition of Pope Pius XII in 1950 by petition

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My Questioning [which led me away] from [the Church of] Rome

- It's one thing if it's just a few contradictions, but even that is hard to swallow. In this case the contradictions are systemic, and **this is just the tip of the iceberg!**
- Also BEWARE of complicated “explanations” vs. Simple written truth.
- Do you really want to know the TRUTH in Reality, Life, and the Universe, including the TRUE God/Creator and YOUR TRUE PURPOSE in life?

Heb 11:6	Diligently Seek
Acts 17:11	Receive & Search Daily
John 5:39	Search for Jesus
2Tim 2:15	Study
Acts 24:14	Believe what is written

John 8:32 *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

Rev 18:4 *“Come out of her, my people, and partake not of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”*