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The deification of the “Virgin Mary” in Christendom has been taken to an extreme in the last century. She is now declared to be Queen of the Universe.

When we went on vacation to my wife’s hometown in Michigan, we visited a religious bookstore which seemed to have only merchandise produced by “the church.” Along with the sale of crucifixes, rosary items, and such, was a book entitled Mary, Queen of the Universe. The book spelled out a doctrine which essentially made Mary a god; even Jesus was depicted as being under the authority of His “mother” in heaven.

As you travel in Florida on I-4 south of Orlando, near Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney), on the east side of I-4 is a large and beautiful church (basilica) with its name displayed in very large lettering for all interstate travelers to see. The name of that church is Mary, Queen of the Universe.

Specific prayers that are memorized and recited also indicate the supposed godhood of Mary. They are called “Prayers of the Rosary.” Here are some examples of the words from these prayers.

The “Hail Mary” prayer: Hail Mary, full of grace...” Only God is the arbiter of grace (one who judges who shall receive grace). John 1:14 says that Jesus is the one **full of grace**, not Mary. The recitation implies that Mary is an arbiter of grace as she is asked in the prayer to “pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.” The prayer also says, “Holy Mary, mother of God...” She is not the mother of God. She was only the human mother of the incarnate (fleshly) form of the eternal Yeshuah, Jesus. He was God before this worldly creation was even made. He was its maker who spoke this world into existence (John 1:1-5) thousands of years before Mary was born.

The “Hail Holy Queen” prayer: It starts out “Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy, our life...” and near the prayer’s conclusion it also says, “O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O holy mother of God...”

Jesus made it very clear that we are to pray only to God, and to nobody else. We come in prayer to God, our Father, only through Jesus. Jesus said in John 14:6, **“No man cometh to the Father, but by me.”** We can only pray to Father God (Yahh, Yahweh, Jehovah) through Jesus. To pray to any other person or entity violates Jesus’ own instruction and constitutes idolatry. The “church” has also created other unbiblical doctrines in their push to venerate (deify) Mary. Perhaps we will touch briefly on these false teachings at a later date. In the meantime, pray and worship in no name other than the name of Jesus.