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CHRISTIAN IDOLATRY
PART 3

Yesterday I spoke of (the burning incense) in the worship of “the queen of heaven.” Heaven here is plural as in heavenlies, the stars, the universe of celestial bodies. Thus the “queen of heaven” is the same as the translation for “queen of the universe.”

This had become a common practice in southern Israel (Judea and Jerusalem). This pagan idolatry is addressed in chapter 44 of Jeremiah in verses 17, 18, 19, and 25. The idolatry of such incense offered to idols is found in verses 3, 8, 21, and 23. It was because of their doing this that caused God to send them into Babylonian captivity.

However, this adoration of the queen of the universe (heaven) still goes on today. It is perhaps the most prominent and the most frequently practiced feature of the largest church in Christendom. It is prayer and adoration given to “Mary, Queen of the Universe.”

Instead of praying to Father God in the name of Jesus, they pray to the “Virgin Mary.” The “Hail Mary” prayer is nothing short of pure idolatry. Many that are part of this church also have images of Mary. This church’s doctrine puts her authority above that of Jesus’ authority in asking her to tell Jesus what to do. In essence, it is as though they are making her a god. We will address more about this later.

All of this adoration of Mary deifies her. This deification directly violates the first three of the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20:3-5. These commandments are:

1. Exodus 20:3: ***“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”*** Those that worship Mary put her before God.
2. Exodus 20:4: ***“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven (or molded) image...”*** Statues are made of Mary, and various saints that are prayed to.
3. Exodus 20:5: ***“Thou shalt not bow down thyself (in prayer or worship) to them.”*** Many pray to Mary, and often bow down to her image or a rosary image. They may also pray to their “patron saint.”

All these commandments are broken when they do the opposite of what the commandment says. The paganism in these acts runs much deeper than what is simply mentioned here.

We will explore it deeper tomorrow. It will become clearer as to how this church has made Mary to be a god.