

MEDITATION

How beautiful the Mother



Our Mother is so beautiful in her continuous recollection as shown us by the gospel: 'But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart' (Lk. 2: 19).

That full silence fascinates the soul who loves.

How can I live like Mary in her mystical silence when our vocation at times is to speak in order to evangelize, always exposed in every kind of place, rich and poor, from cellars to streets, to schools, everywhere?

Our Mother also spoke. *And she gave Jesus.* There has never been a greater apostle in the world. No one ever spoke such words as she, who gave the *Word*.

Our Mother is truly and deservedly called the Queen of the Apostles.

And she kept silent. She kept silent because the two could not speak at once. The word must always rest against a silence, like a painting against a background.

She kept silent because she was a creature. For nothingness does not speak. But upon that nothingness Jesus spoke and said: himself.

God, Creator and All, spoke upon the nothingness of the creature.

How then can I live Mary, how can my life be perfumed by her beauty?

By silencing the creature in me, and upon this silence letting the Spirit of the Lord speak.

In this way I live Mary and I live Jesus. I live Jesus upon Mary. I live Jesus by living Mary.

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