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The key to the era of peace

great sign', title taken from the twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse, (Revelation) 'the great sign that appeared in the sky, the woman clothed with the sun.'

Here we perceive that at Fatima, The Woman of Scripture, Mary, provided very clear messages that she, (The Immaculate Conception), and *her children*, (The Church), would triumph over *the red dragon* of Revelation 12 and that her *children* would be those who delighted in giving devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

The Woman of Scripture

It is no surprise that *The Woman* would triumph over *the red dragon* for Scripture says so at the very beginning. Refer Genesis 3:15 which states:

***And I will establish a feud between thee and the woman,
between thy offspring and hers;
she is to crush thy head,
while thou dost lie in ambush
at her heels.***

Here again we are brought face to face with *the woman* - mentioned in Scripture at historical moments of world events

* declaring her triumph **from the start**, in Genesis;

* noting her majesty and Queenship, as of a conqueror, **at the end**, in the conflict against evil, in Apocalypse;

that is to say, at the beginning of Scripture and at its end!

But yet again do we observe *the woman* of Scripture **at the beginning and at the end** of Christ's work on earth!

In Cana of Galilee, Jesus began his miracles and made known the glory that was his. John 2:11. This all-important start of his Ministry of Salvation resulted because of *the woman* who asked Him to work the miracle of changing water into wine.

Jesus answered

Nay, woman,

why dost thou trouble me with that?

My time has not yet come. John 2:4.

At the end of His earthly Ministry Jesus, from The Cross, when each word from His dying lips came only with super-human effort, again deliberately highlighted *the woman* of Scripture:

Woman, this is thy son.

... This is thy mother. John 19:26.

This woman, this person, is The Immaculate Conception; The Immaculate Heart.

Islam and The Immaculate Conception

The famous Bishop, Fulten J. Sheen, in his article *Mary And The Moslems* found in the Mindszenty Report Pages: 1 - 3 - Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation - considers this exceptionally important matter which affects the whole world. The good Bishop states the following:-

P The Koran, which is the Bible of the Moslems, has many passages concerning the Blessed Virgin.

First of all, the Koran believes in her Immaculate Conception, and also, in her Virgin Birth.

The third chapter of the Koran places the history of Mary's family in a genealogy, which goes back through Abraham, Noah, and Adam. When one compares the Koran's description of the birth of Mary with the apocryphal Gospel of the birth of Mary, one is tempted to believe that Mohamed very much depended upon the latter. Both books describe the old age and the definite sterility of the mother of Mary. When, however, she conceives, the mother of Mary is made to say in the Koran; "O Lord, I vow and consecrate to

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