

Sister Maria of Jesus from Agreda

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PARADISE

In a vision, Sister Maria of Jesus from Agreda gazed upon the coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Here is how the religious narrates the episode: “I declared that the Virgin was positioned in the highest place, which is on the throne of the Trinity, and often I used this term to speak of mysteries so very sublime, as do also the Saints and Scripture itself. Although further clarifications are not necessary, for he who understands less I explain that the Almighty, being pure spirit without body, along with immeasurable, immense, and incomprehensible, has no need for a material seat, because He fills the universe, He is present in every creature, and not one of them can enclose, surround, or encircle Him, but rather – it is He who embraces every one of them in Himself. The elect (chosen), moreover, do not gaze upon Him with bodily eyes, but rather, with those of the soul; however, because they fixate upon some precise point – according to our way of understanding, we say that He is on His regal throne, even if He contains within Himself all of His own glory and within Him they participate in it. I do not negate however that the humanity of Christ and His Mother have a seat more eminent in

respect to the others, neither than among those who are up there in body and soul is there an order of greater or lesser proximity to them, but it is not here opportune to show in which manner this occurs...

Having placed Mary in the place prepared for her, the Three Persons revealed to the court her privileges. The Father, as a first principle, affirmed: “She was chosen as the first of our delights from all of them. She never rendered herself unworthy of the name of daughter, which we give her in our Divine Mind, and therefore has rights to our Kingdom, of which she must be recognized as the legitimate and singular Queen.” The Word made Flesh continued: “To my true Mother belongs everything which was, because of me, created and redeemed, and she must be the Supreme Queen over everything of which I am King.” The Holy Spirit added: “For the title of my one and only beloved spouse, to which she has reciprocated with fidelity, she must be crowned Queen forever.” Then, they placed upon her head a crown of glory of such new splendor and worth, that a similar one has never seen nor would it ever be seen in a simple creature.



Contemporaneously, a voice came from the throne, which proclaimed: “Most dear one, our Kingdom is yours. You are superior, Queen and Lady of the seraphs, of the angels, and of all beings; proceed and reign prosperously over them, because in our consistory we invest in you complete authority. You, full of grace above every other, you have humbled yourself in your opinion to the place most lowly: receive now the highest one, which is owed to you, and take part in our power inasmuch as our almighty arm has created. You will command as far as the center of the earth, you will keep Hell subject, and all of its demons and dwellers will fear you as the absolute empress of their caverns.”

