



Let it

Be

2021

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What  
We've  
Lost

Setting the Stage

Wisdom is a Woman  
(Proverbs 8:1ff)

The Cosmic Woman  
Revelation 12



# Setting the Stage

God portrayed as  
female

Mother Bear (Hosea 13)

Mother Eagle (Deut. 32)

Gives Birth (Deut. 32)

Comforting Mother (Is. 66)

Mother Hen (Mt. 23)



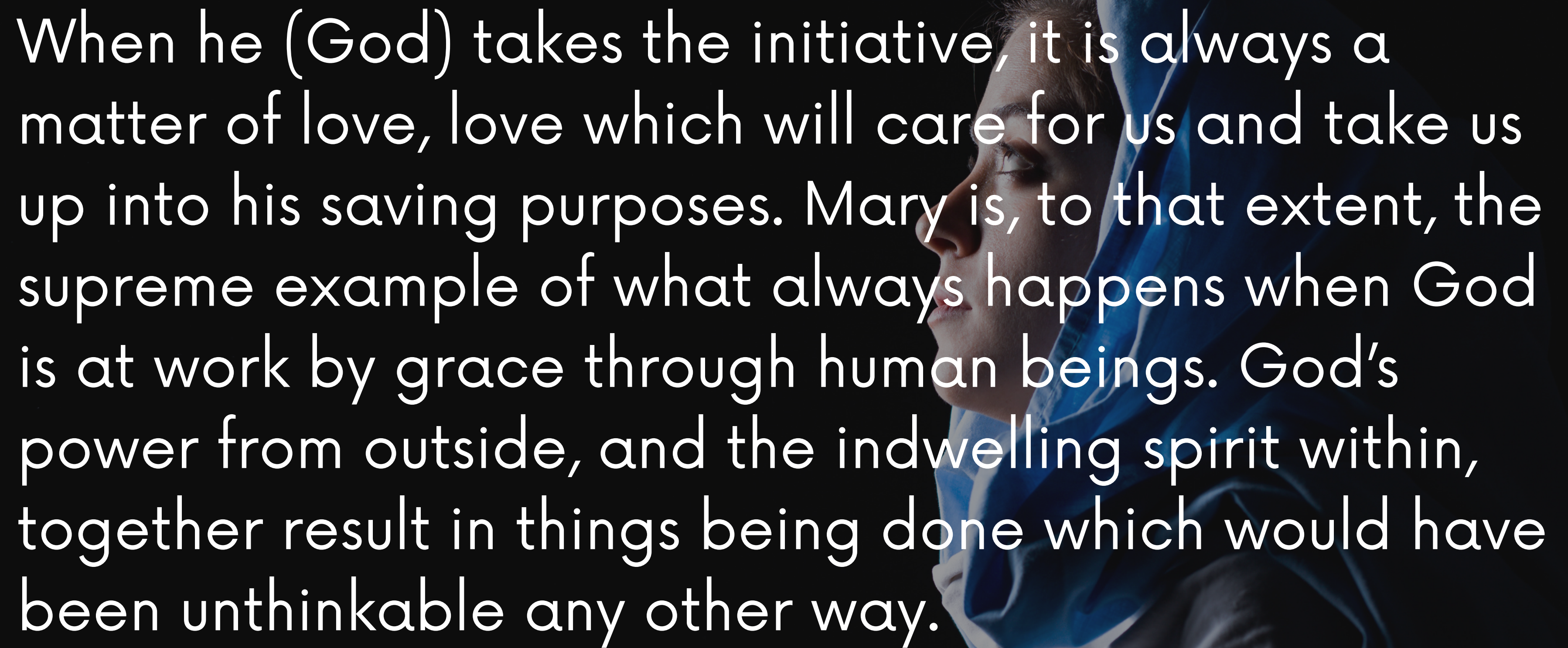
Theotokos  
Mother of God  
Queen of Heaven  
Notre Dame  
La Virgen  
Nuestra Senora  
Our Mother of Sorrows









A woman wearing a blue headscarf is shown in profile, looking upwards with her hands clasped in prayer. The background is dark, and the lighting is soft, highlighting her face and hands. The text is overlaid on the image in white, with the author's name in orange at the bottom.

When he (God) takes the initiative, it is always a matter of love, love which will care for us and take us up into his saving purposes. Mary is, to that extent, the supreme example of what always happens when God is at work by grace through human beings. God's power from outside, and the indwelling spirit within, together result in things being done which would have been unthinkable any other way.

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# Luke 1

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

## Luke 1

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

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## Luke 1

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called [b] the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.

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# Luke 1

37 For no word from God will ever fail.”

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



What We've Lost in Mary

Our "YES" to God








Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of Wisdom  
"Let it Be"

Paul McCartney





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He has been mindful of the  
humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations  
will call me blessed,

Luke 1:48





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