



The Mystery Tradition of Miraculous Conception

Mary and the Lineage of Virgin Births

by Marguerite Mary Rigoglioso



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Book Review

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To this day, the dogma of the Immaculate Conception has either been accepted with blind faith or dismissed as nonsense. However, zealous scholars show us there is a third option. In *The Mystery Tradition of Miraculous Conception*, Marguerite Mary Rigoglioso explores the figure of Mary, as well as those of Anne, Elizabeth, and Sarah, reconstructing a lineage of holy women that the passing of centuries has erased from memory. Among these holy women, Mary is the highest example. Rigoglioso starts from an apocryphal text, the *Infancy Gospel of James* (a more accurate title is *Birth of Mary, Revelation of James*), and makes further references to the Roman, Greek, and Egyptian traditions. In this way, she reconstructs Mary's childhood and shows how Jesus's Mother was not just a passive victim but "a conscious priestess of divine conception."

The Immaculate Conception has always interested me, and finding a book on this subject has been a pleasure. I recommend other curious readers to approach *The Mystery Tradition of Miraculous Conception* with an open mind. The material is new and exceptional, and although Marguerite Mary Rigoglioso is very precise and exhaustive, you will find yourself in a world that (I believe) you never suspected existed. Give yourself time to understand everything because the picture is fascinating. For me, discovering that Mary was part of a specific group of holy women that links her to Sarah is one of the most exciting discoveries I have ever made. I recommend *The Mystery Tradition of Miraculous Conception* to those who have never found convincing answers to their questions on this delicate subject. Rigoglioso will put them on the right track.