

Poem 3:

Mary said to the angel: “How will this be as you say, since I am a virgin and there is no fruit of virgins?”

In that moment it was very necessary to question, so that the mystery of the Son dwelling in her might be explained to her.

Mary inquired in order that we might learn from the angel concerning that conception which is a sublime matter beyond understanding.

Behold how beautiful Mary is to the one who sees her, and to everyone who is capable of discerning.

Mary asks the angel that she might learn from him about her conception, because it was hers and for the profit of everyone who listens to her.

Eve had not questioned the serpent when he tricked her. She remained silent and firmly believed the treachery.

But Mary heard truth from the faithful one, and still in this way she sought out an explanation.

Blessed Mary, who by her questions to Gabriel, taught the world this mystery which was concealed.

For if she had not asked him how it would be, we would not have learned the explanation of the matter of the Son.

The beauty of the incarnation which appeared openly is because of her; she was the reason that it was explained to us by the angel.