

The Order of the White Moon Goddess Gallery Presents

The Black Madonna

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The Black Madonna, has been honored since the 12th century according to our earliest recordings in France, Africa and the Middle East. In the 13th and 14th centuries, Byzantine style icons were found in Italy. (1)

As recent as 2016, the Black Madonna has been honored in icon form. "Our Lady Mother of Ferguson". A work co-created by writer Mark Duke and visual artist Mark Doox. This work was commissioned by Rev. Dr. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones of Trinity Church Wall Street. (2)

Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest introduced the icon, Our Lady of Ferguson and All Those Killed by Gun Violence on July 9, 2016. The icon is Mary, as a black woman with her hands up. Her womb is a picture of Jesus "in the crosshairs of a gun". This slogan was birthed in Ferguson, Mo., following a death.

"An icon is an invitation to prayer and meditation, Fr. James wrote."(2)

"Our Lady prays for all who are targeted by gun violence: African-Americans, the poor and marginalized, and police officers.

All are her children.

All are our brothers and sisters.

Let us ask Our Lady to pray for us. (3)



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Healing Ritual to the Black Madonna

This can be done sitting or standing in sacred space.

Ground using sage, incense or oils.

Create the Reiki Fire Serpent symbol in the air for clearing energy.



Envision protective white light surrounding yourself.

Speak your prayers, thoughts, and wishes to the multiverse and to self.

Give thanks for all that is and will be.

Create the Fire Serpent symbol again to complete the ritual.

The herstory of the Black Madonna is vague and mysterious. Is she portrayed as she was or was she white washed? Where did her image begin and why?

There is another period, 2350 bce, when the mother and child are revered. Auset (Isis), and her son Horus are similar stories of divine births. The daughter of Geb and Nut, wife of Osiris, God of the underworld. "Her name in Greek means throne."(5)



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Mary is the Mother of God, the Christ. A similar story of creation is told. A husband/father in spirit and not of whole body. Created fully with divine spirit.



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Is Horus like Jesus? Is Isis Mary?

Both Auset and Mary created male rulers. Both had absent husbands in the creation process somewhat. Both sons avenged their fathers. Both are worshipped as Gods. (6)

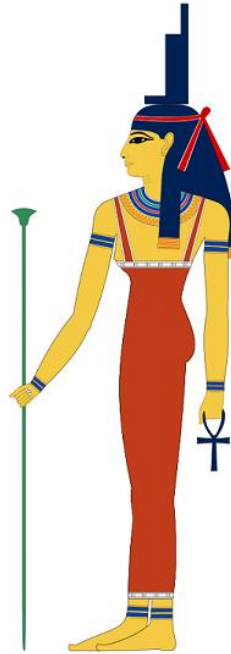
Although the similarities are there, the main difference is magick. Jesus had it. Auset had it. Little is said of Horus in this respect. Is it possible the story was taken from the history/herstory of Auset and combined to Mary and Jesus. Yes.

The similarities between Isis and Horus and the Mary and Jesus images is being largely ignored by many. The Christian myth may have been borrowed from the Egyptians for the male son deity, "it definitely ripped off the iconography for the female mother goddess. The result: Images of Isis continue to spread worldwide under another name and her worship continues to this day". (7)

The mystery of Auset continues thru and within the Virgin Mary as the Goddess. She creates herself to be found by those who seek her.

As a seeker, one who seeks knowledge, it is always present when we look. She finds us in conversation, in our dreams and of course on our path.

Egypt, the home of the mother. The birthplace of life mirrored today. As we envision this image what does it mean for us? Only the self can answer that question.



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