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# THE DAWN OF THE FIAT

A MEDITATION

Proverbs speaks in the voice of Wisdom. The Church has long applied this language to Mary—not because Mary existed before creation or is herself the eternal Wisdom, but because she was eternally known and willed by God within His providential plan as the woman who would become the Mother of Wisdom Incarnate.

*“I was set up from eternity, and of old before the earth was made.”*

PROVERBS 8:23 (DR)

Before the mountains were established and before the hills were brought forth, God knew the woman from whom His Son would take flesh—the Theotokos, the God-bearer, the Mother of God.

And then, on an ordinary morning, she entered creation.

*The world did not notice.*

Yet the daughter of Eve had been born who would one day freely give the answer for which creation waited:

# FIAT

Where Eve’s disobedience had closed the human heart against God, Mary’s obedience would open herself completely to His will. St. Irenaeus saw this mystery very early in the life of the Church:

*“The knot of Eve’s disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary.”*

ST. IRENAEUS · AGAINST HERESIES III, 22, 4

The Catechism preserves this ancient understanding:

*“The Virgin Mary ‘co-operated through free faith and obedience in human salvation.’ She uttered her yes ‘in the name of all human nature.’ By her obedience she became the new Eve, mother of the living.”*

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH §511

Her great Fiat had not yet been spoken on the morning of her birth. But the woman who would speak it had entered the world.

**THE DAWN HAD COME.**

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*Nativity of the Theotokos*

By your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness;
Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin,
celebrate and sing to you:
**“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos,**
**the nourisher of our life.”**

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