



The Virgin Mary, posing for Photographers in Cairo, Egypt.

photo by Erol Dick

Religion is no illusion

by Shad Basiliou—

For the last five months, the so-called "Virgin Mary" has been appearing over the domes of St. Mary's Church, situated in the suburbs of Cairo, Egypt.

For the first time in history thousands of people have seen her at once. Call it mass hallucination if you wish. However this beautiful apparition, being totally

intangible could not possibly be justly treated in a photograph. The photograph shown here was said to be the closest possible representation possessing normal accoustical properties.

This news, after having covered newspapers all over Europe and the Middle East, is slowly reaching Canada — one of the largest "Christian" countries.

Why? Call it the Jewish influence in the press if you wish...It could be nothing other than the oasis of the Western mind. The irrational scepticism which criticizes what it fails to understand. The mind which is satisfied only by the tangible "How" of things. The mind which explains all that is foreign to the purely material frame of reference as "hallucina-

tion", "unrealities", "illusions" and "idiosyncracies". A mentality virtually incapable of a mental process not leading to a cul de sac. One could say that such a mentality is partially the effect of man's added prestige over the ages, for his success in dominating the earth. What he dreads most is that the reason for his fatalistic dominancy of this globe might be attributed to his obnoxious stink, rather than to his superior intelligence. However, he is now KING.

Religion is the only phenomenon to fear He is dominated by the delusion that religion is not synonymous with freedom. Religion, be it Buddhism, Christianity, Mohammedism, is the only synonym for the true meaning of TOTAL FREEDOM. God does anything except "control" our totality of being unlike what the fraudulent churches teach. Churches however should not enter a discussion on God, for they are merely extraneously superfluous social institutions for the production of conforming, unthinking, fatalistic vegetables.

Getting back to our superhuman apparition which does not seem to concern too many churches (for they are the mod-

ern breed—worldly and realistic, especially in their concern for their private interests). We find that it is humanly impossible to describe it, for it is a non-elusive aspect of reality which is neither amorphous nor chaotic and which has been manifested in terms perceivable to our human senses.

Both policemen and scientists have looked into the matter and were unable to ascribe it to a natural phenomenon. Both Moslems and Christians are being healed physically and mentally by her. The crippled are walking and the blind seeing. This could be a revelation of crucial importance occurring in our age. However, not many are concerned. Are we as far removed from reality as we are from nature? Is God bringing us back to the light? Must he reveal himself to us as he did to the ignorant people of the B.C. centuries? Have we digressed so far? I believe we have.

As you read this article and think of what an idiot I am, sickness, disease and misery are being wiped away from the lives of many.

I believe in magic!
Don't you?

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