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Transforming Daily
“... with child of the Holy Spirit ...”
Matthew 1:18

This one phrase makes all the difference between Jesus Christ being the Lord, a liar, or a lunatic. If the Holy Spirit hadn't overshadowed Mary, then Mary would have been a woman of ill repute and the gospel a hoax. Once again, faith must dominate reason and faith exercised to believe. It was indeed a miracle that brought Jesus Christ into the world.

But does it take much more faith to believe in the miracle of the virgin birth than in any other birth? According to Jeremiah, before Jeremiah was formed God knew him. God sanctified him, and called him to be a prophet. I believe it is the same for all of us. Before we were even formed, before a zygote ever appeared, God knew us. Further, I believe my parents were born, within themselves with what would be me, and their parents within them with what would be my parents, all the way back to Adam and Eve. No random acts involved; all of it is of Divine design.

So, though conception, pregnancy, and birth is a marvelous miracle, it is no more difficult to believe that the very God who put me inside my mother and father put Jesus Christ inside of Mary's womb. In other words, it takes no more faith to believe that the Virgin Mary, who knew no man, could bring forth God's Son, than it takes to believe that a woman who knows a man, in the biblical sense, could bring forth a child. God is the author and finisher of our lives as well as our faith. He is in control!

Is the preponderance of how a virgin could bring forth a child a hindrance to your faith? Does the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary unsettle your perspective of the Divine? Remember, Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man and the way God chose to bring this union about was for Mary to be found with child of the Holy Spirit.