

education. All too often those who are not theologically trained, in reacting against a serious error, go to the opposite extreme and fall into another error which may be even worse than the one that they are combating.

It is sad to observe that the back of the tract presents an error that is far worse than even the erroneous attitude that Roman Catholics take towards the Virgin Mary. The Bible does not teach that the Second Person of the Trinity merely took a human body. It teaches that "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Christians believe that Jesus is truly God, the Second Person of the Trinity. They are equally sure that Jesus is a real man, not merely having a human body, but possessing all the qualities of a real human being. Mary was not simply the mother of the physical or earthly body. She was the mother of "the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5).

Chapter VIII, 2 of The Westminster Confession of Faith declares:

The Son of God, the Second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

The tract says: "The Lord Jesus Christ never called Mary His mother. He called her 'woman'. It is impossible to make a negative statement like this. The Bible frequently refers to her as His mother, as, for instance, in Acts 1:14 and John 2:12. We read in Luke 2:51, "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart." It is ridiculous to think that during these next ten years he always called her "woman." He must have frequently called her "Mother". John 19:26 is one of the two places where Jesus addresses His