

# Virgins and Counterfeits

The founders of Christianity were so little gifted with originality, that they copied from the Egyptian and Hindu religions their several apostrophes to their respective Virgin-mothers. The juxtaposition of few examples will make this clear.<sup>1</sup>



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<b>Hindu</b>	<b>Egyptian</b>	<b>Roman Catholic</b>
<b>Litany of our Lady Nārī: Virgin</b>	<b>Litany of our Lady Isis: Virgin</b>	<b>Litany of our Lady of Loretto: Virgin</b>
1 Holy <i>Nārī</i> — Mariāma, Mother of perpetual fecundity.	Holy Isis, universal Mother — <i>Mut</i> .	Holy Mary, mother of Divine Grace.
2 Mother of an incarnated God — Vishnu ( <i>Devakī</i> ).	Mother of Gods — Hathor.	Mother of God.
3 Mother of Krishna.	Mother of Horus.	Mother of Christ.
4 Eternal Virginity — <i>Kanyābhāva</i> .	Virgo-generatrix — <i>Neith</i> .	Virgin of Virgins.
5 Mother — Pure Essence, <i>Ākāśa</i> .	Mother-soul of the universe — <i>Anukī</i>	Mother of Divine Grace.
6 Virgin most chaste — <i>Kanyā</i> .	Virgin sacred earth — Isis.	Virgin most chaste.
7 Mother <i>Tanmātra</i> , of the five virtues or elements.	Mother of all the virtues — <i>Maāt</i> , with the same qualities.	Mother most pure. Mother undefiled. Mother inviolate. Mother most amiable. Mother most admirable.
8 Virgin <i>Triguna</i> (of the three elements, power or richness, love, and mercy).	Illustrious Isis, most powerful, merciful, just. ( <i>Book of the Dead</i> )	Virgin most powerful. Virgin most merciful. Virgin most faithful.
9 Mirror of Supreme Conscience — <i>Ahamkāra</i> .	Mirror of Justice and Truth — <i>Maāt</i> .	Mirror of Justice.
10 Wise Mother — <i>Sarasvatī</i> .	Mysterious mother of the world — <i>Mut</i> (secret wisdom).	Seat of Wisdom.
11 Virgin of the white Lotus, <i>Padma</i> or <i>Kamala</i> .	Sacred Lotus.	Mystical Rose.
12 Womb of Gold — <i>Hiranyagarbha</i> .	Sistrum of Gold.	House of Gold.
13 Celestial Light — <i>Lakshmī</i> .	Astartē (Syrian), Ashtōreth (Jewish).	Morning Star.
14 Ditto.	Argua of the Moon.	Ark of the Covenant.
15 Queen of Heaven, and of the universe — <i>Śakti</i> .	Queen of Heaven, and of the universe — <i>Sati</i> .	Queen of Heaven.
16 Mother soul of all beings — <i>Paramātmān</i> .	Model of all mothers — <i>Hathor</i> .	<i>Mater Dolorosa</i> .
17 <i>Devakī</i> is conceived without sin, and immaculate herself. (According to the Brāhmanic fancy).	Isis is a Virgin Mother.	Mary conceived without sin. (In accordance with later orders).

