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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

(A) CCC 518

Christ's whole life is a mystery of recapitulation. All Jesus did, said and suffered had for its aim restoring fallen man to his original vocation:

(B) Irenaeus's Paradigm of Recapitulation

In his recapitulation theory everything which had gone wrong or turned away from God the Creator is restored and made new. Christ restores the true image of Adam; the Cross recalls the tree of the Fall; Mary is what Eve was intended to be, but lost through her disobedience... Irenaeus sees both Christ and Mary as untying the very knot that Adam and Eve had bound together through their disobedience. He recalls the genealogy of Luke which has Christ ascending back to Adam and thereby re-creating what had gone awry (Lk 3:23-38)... The entire chain-like consequences of sin are carefully untied all the way to where the knot began. (B. Buby, *Mary of Galilee*, p. 20-21)