

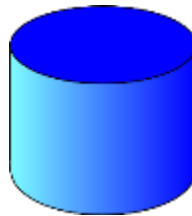
# Mary's Assumption Whets Our Appetite

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Think of a square, a circle, and a triangle plotted out on a two-dimensional plan.



Now imagine those figures elevated through the introduction of a third dimension in a cube a sphere, and a pyramid.



They have not so much lost their former identities as found them heightened, deepened and perfected. What if there were a conscious subject who lived exclusively in a two-dimensional world? He would know only squares, circles, and triangles and so on.

and if you spoke to him of cubes, spheres, and pyramids, he would find your language utterly impenetrable, so much nonsense. Heaven is a symbol for a higher dimensional system that contains our familiar dimensions but that also elevates them and situates them in a richer context.

Mary, who exists now in this other world, is not so much *somewhere* else as *somehow* else. The doctrine of Mary's assumption both whets our appetite for this higher world and teases our minds into consideration of it.