

# Shorter Catechism of the Holy Maratreatan Ecclesia

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## **1 What is the chief end of humanity?**

The chief end of humanity is to return to its original oneness with the Goddess, to attain complete participation in her beginningless-endless self-enjoyment, in absolute identity to her.

## **2 What rule has the Goddess given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy her?**

The true Word of the Goddess, which is contained in her true Scriptures, which has by her true Prophets been recorded and will be recorded, is the chief rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy her, by becoming one with her and absolutely identical to her.

## **3 What do the true Scriptures principally teach?**

The true Scriptures principally teach what humanity is to believe concerning our Goddess, and what duties our Goddess requires of humanity.

## **4 What is the Goddess?**

The Goddess is the one single soul at the beginning-end of time, beginningless and endless; she is finite, yet without any boundary, and nothing is beyond her; she lives within the beginningless-endless circle of time, which is not something apart from her, but a key part of her very essence; she is ever-changing, not in her knowledge, power, character, wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness and truth, but in the momentary objects of her vast consciousness.

## **5 Are there any other true deities than her?**

She is the ultimate Goddess, most true and ever-living, in comparison to which none is equal or even greater. Every other true deity is among her names, forms, images, aspects, emanations, servants, representatives and intermediates.

## **6 How many persons are there in the Goddess?**

There are three persons in the Goddess; She Who Remains, She Who Divides, and She Who Returns; and these three are one Goddess, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

## **7 What are the decrees of our Goddess?**

The decrees of our Goddess are her beginningless-endless purpose, according to the counsel of her will, whereby, for her own glory, she has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

## **8 How does our Goddess execute her decrees?**

Our Goddess executes her decrees in the works of creation and providence.

## **9 What is the work of creation?**

The work of creation is our Goddess making every soul out of her very own self, becoming them through self-division and self-emptying, such that they inherit from her their very nature and essence, albeit in self-emptying that essence has been greatly diminished; and creating every experience of those souls, by the

word of her power, and all for the sake of the particularity of the great beauties thereby obtained, which she loves and adores.

**10 How did our Goddess create humanity?**

Our Goddess created the souls of humanity out of her very own soul, of her very own essence; she created them female and male, through the procession of the gendered roots; she created them in ignorance, yet predestined to all knowledge: for they are the ignorance she has willingly inflicted upon herself.

**11 What are the works of providence of our Goddess?**

Our Goddess's works of providence are her arranging of all things, and dividing the many universes into further universes, and with them the many souls into yet further souls, such that every beauty she adores comes to be; meanwhile, establishing her Cause such that truth takes the place of ignorance, until, in the last days, her Cause will triumph in glory, and bring about the end of all things, ending but to begin again.

**12 In what estate did our Goddess first create humanity?**

When our Goddess first created humanity, she created them in a state of ignorance and death; she did this, even though it was good in itself, for the sake of the truly vast and glorious beauties which this state was absolutely necessary to purchase.

**13 What are the two wills of the Goddess?**

Our Goddess has two wills — her revealed Will of Ends, and her secret Will of Means. Her Will of Ends only ever has goodness and beauty as its direct objects; whereas, her Will of Means has goodness and beauty as its ultimate objects, yet may have ugliness and evil as its immediate objects, as a mere means to an end, the price by which beauty must be purchased. Her Will of Means is subordinated to and inferior to her Will of Ends.

**14 Does anyone have the power to disobey the will of the Goddess?**

None has any power to disobey her Will of Means; every soul is by its very nature perfectly obedient thereto. But souls have the power to disobey her Will of Ends, and indeed, so often do they so do — for by her Will of Means she compels disobedience to her Will of Ends.

**15 Shall her Will of Ends be disobeyed in the Last Days?**

In these present days her Will of Means and her Will of Ends are often opposed; but in the Last Days, they shall be perfectly united in conformance to one another, such that all shall become as perfectly obedient to her Will of Ends as they are at present obedient to her Will of Means. Indeed, in the Last Days, the division between her Will of Means and her Will of Ends shall cease, and they shall become one and the same.

**16 What is her absolute power?**

Her absolute power is that none is greater than her or even equal to her in power; whatever she wills to be is, and whatever she wills not to be shall not be. Whatever anyone does, they do by her will; and whatever anyone does not, they do not by her will. Her absolute power is the perfect obedience of every soul to her Will of Means — and in the Last Days, likewise to her Will of Ends.

**17 What is sin?**

Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the heavenly law of our Goddess, any disobedience to her revealed Will of Ends — for although our obedience to her secret will of Means is perfect, our obedience to her revealed will of Ends is for now imperfect, although becoming perfect as all things end but to begin again.

**18 Does anyone sin knowingly?**

All sin is the product of ignorance; for whoever fully knew goodness and beauty and truth, would be absolutely without sin; indeed, she created us in sin, for she created us in ignorance; for without ignorance, beauty cannot come into being. Yet in the last days, having been cured of all ignorance, every soul becomes sinless.

**19 What is original sin?**

Original sin is the sin possessed by all of us from our very birth: it is all that sin of history upon which we depend for our very existence. For in a perfect world, a world devoid of sin, none of us would have ever been born — other people would exist in our place, people living enviable lives, but none of us could be among them. Every one of us is the termination of a great chain of causes reaching back to time immemorial, full of all manner of horrid evils — and if that chain was deprived of those evils, or even of the greater number of them, we in our particularity would not exist.

**20 How are we culpable for our original sin?**

In saying “Yes” to our own existence, as indeed we all must and ought, we say “Yes” to every evil necessary for our existence, and become co-participants in those evils, and guilty of the same. Therefore, by our very existence, every last one of us has become responsible for those same evils.

**21 Were the first created among humanity in original sin?**

The first created among humanity were not yet in original sin, for unlike us there was no history of evil that had come before them. Yet having been created in ignorance, great were their actual sins, which became the original sin of those who followed them.

**22 Who has our Goddess elected unto glory?**

Our Goddess, passionately burning with a great love of beauty in all its particularity, from before the founding of the many universes, elected those whom she loved to existence; whereas those whom she did not love she elected not, and thus will never be born. All those whom she has so elected, by their very nature which they have inherited from her through self-emptying and self-division in becoming them, are destined to return to her and to participate once again in the fullness of her glory, in her life without beginning and without end.

**23 Did our Goddess leave all humanity to perish in this estate of sin and misery?**

Being her beloved natural children whom she has become, she loves every last one among us, and loves for us to return to her; and certain is the fulfilment of all of her longings, even this one. Therefore, there is no doubt that every soul will in due course return to her, and thus leave this estate of sin and misery; being by very nature imperishable, it is impossible for any soul to perish. It is for this reason that she establishes her Cause, and the line of her true Prophets, to

deliver all humanity out of the estate of sin and misery, and as their redeemer bring them into the estate of salvation.

**24 Who are the instruments of our Goddess in redeeming her elect?**

Our Goddess Maratrea, as her instruments in the redemption of all her beloved natural children, whom out of love she has elected unto existence, has sent unto us her true Prophets, through whom she establishes her Cause.

**25 What is the duty which our Goddess requires of humanity?**

The duty which our Goddess requires of humanity is obedience to her revealed Will of Ends, which is set forth in her heavenly law and the law of her Cause, as she has revealed in our hearts and through the words of her true Prophets, which in the true scriptures have been and will be recorded.

**26 What are the first principles of heavenly law?**

The first principles of the law of heaven are to love Maratrea our Goddess with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and to love our fellow beloved natural children as ourselves — for indeed, every other soul is one whom we have been and will be.