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The three stars on Mary's forehead and shoulders refer to her virginity before, during, and after the birth of Christ.

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