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## The Grail, What Is It?

Since this is the first edition of the *Grail*, it seemed appropriate to me to treat the subject of the Grail itself. The Grail is many things to many people. To some, the Grail is the cup that Christ drank from at the last supper. For others, the Grail is the body, bloodline, and womb of Mary Magdalene. Sometimes this is known by the *Old French* term *sangrail*, meaning Holy Grail or royal bloodline. The movie, *The Da Vinci Code*, makes these points quite explicitly. All of these descriptions of the Grail are outward physical perceptions of the Grail. The inner perception of the Holy Grail's truer meaning is much subtler.

The word *Grail* is derived from the *Middle Latin* word *gradalis*, where we also get the *Latin* word *gradus*, which means step or degree. Our modern *Latin* word would be *Gradient*. In other words, the Grail itself is like a ladder with seven steps on it. Each step is a grade higher than the one below it. These are gradients or steps in higher consciousness.

The word Holy is derived from the Greek word *Helios* which refers to the Sun. Thus, the Holy Spirit is the Sun Spirit. The Holy Bible is then the Book of the Sun. Therefore; all the Solar Mysteries take place on Sunday. In the field of astrology, the Sun represents the individual consciousness of the person involved.

Ultimately, what we are dealing with here are the many gradients of higher consciousness. Like the seven chakras of Eastern philosophy, there are seven levels of consciousness for each human being. To find the Grail is to reach the higher stages of consciousness. The highest human stage of consciousness in Western terms is Christ Consciousness.

The Masters of Wisdom teach that there are seven rays of creation. This is why we have seven days in a week. Each day has a planetary ruler. Friday is ruled by Venus. The Venus mysteries take place on Fridays. Thus, the Muslim holy day is Friday and it is part of the Venus mysteries. The Muslim star and crescent are really the phases of Venus. Saturn rules Saturday and is part of the Hebrew mysteries. The ancient Hebrews paid homage to the star *Chokma* or Wisdom and is recorded in the Old Testament (Amos 5:26). This is the planet Saturn and it rules Saturday or the Jewish Sabbath. The Sun rules Sunday and is of course, the solar mystery stream. All forms of Christianity are based on the solar mysteries.

For every mystery stream there is a shadow stream that is the counter image of the progressive stream. This counter image or shadow is the unredeemed part of the mystery stream and shows a misuse of the stream's original energy. Thus, there are counter solar mysteries that work against the true light of the intended stream. In the solar mystery case, it would be the anti-Christ stream. This counter image stream can only hinder, but never defeat, the intended progressive streams of the seven rays. These counter streams serve to develop us and ultimately will be redeemed by us as we evolve through them. The main thing here is to recognize the difference and to not be taken in by the counter image.

The gradient or *Grail* of consciousness in humanity can be divided into at least four main compartments, according to modern science. True science will always reflect spiritual truth, and true spiritual knowledge will always support the findings of real science. The four levels of human consciousness are waking or *Beta*, dreaming or *Alpha*, dreamless sleep or *Theta*, and a trance like state or *Delta*. These states of consciousness have been measured by brain scientists in cycles per second (CPS). Each state has its own CPS or

wavelength. *Beta* is 14 CPS, *Alpha* is 7-14 CPS, *Theta* is 4-6 CPS, and *Delta* is ¼ to 4 CPS. A Buddhist monk, who has been meditating for twenty years, can reach the Alpha state in just under two minutes.

Initiates are human beings who are ahead of the rest of us in spiritual development by thousands of years. Any high ranking initiate has what is called a continuity of consciousness. This means that at every one of the four stages of human consciousness, they are fully self aware and functioning. They do not dream, or sleep, nor are they ever unconscious. They are consciously one with their Higher Self. They have transformed the personality to be in absolute harmony with our Spirit Man. They have reached full Christ consciousness. They have obtained the Grail.

Stories like *Parzival* by Wolfram Von Eschenbach tell of the grail knights who seek the Holy Grail. Works such as this are the foundations for the stories of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Parzival, also known as the “fool”, is the one knight who finds the Grail in this story. He actually finds the Grail castle twice. The first time he is not developed enough to know where he is. He needs to develop so that he can be aware when he is on higher levels of consciousness. The story of *Parzival* is our story. We are also in need of development in higher consciousness.

To find the Grail and not lose it is to see the spiritual within the physical world. We are not to shun the physical world. This doctrine was taught at one time by ancient Eastern teachers, and it was proper at that time in human history, but it does not apply now. Consciousness is not static. Human consciousness changes in time as well as the whole physical brain and universe. We are to learn from the physical world. It is our training ground. Use your time wisely. The goal is that, eventually, all of humanity will find higher self awareness as a species.

At that time in the distant future, we will all have found the Grail and will be ready to work consciously with the higher progressive gods. Humanity as a whole is now known as the Hierarchy of Love by the higher progressive gods. The day will come when we will not experience death and reincarnation anymore. That cycle will end. We will together co-create a new earth esoterically known as the New Jerusalem.

We will then have the resurrected immortal body/vehicle like the Christ and the Masters do. Our

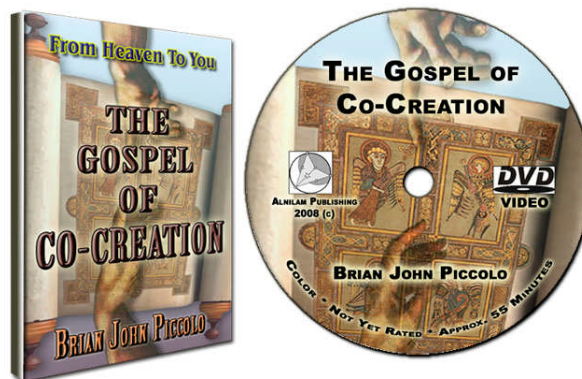
divine body is the vehicle of the Grail itself and is the result of spiritual development and consciousness. The higher gods need us to complete their own evolution just as we need them. It is all for one and one for all. We eventually all get there together. Those who are ahead of us at this time send their love and inspiration and eagerly await the dawning of Sons and Daughters of God to become manifest. I welcome you today to join the great quest for the Holy Grail.

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