

Creation goes on...

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New worlds emerge, civilizations spring forth in different parts of the world, nature and human beings create every time again a new interrelatedness, men and women of all names and traditions move on their way to a horizon they perceive and yet cannot see...

Down from the outer space, we get a glimpse of something different in human life...

Men and women of very ancient times after moving with their cattle, settle down somewhere... Women are tired of that continuous roaming around. Mankind learns how to settle. And men built houses as they perceive the women to whom they always come. Round.

Round are the houses of all the first sedentarian groups. There starts a new era. Culture is about to be born. The dependence of human beings on nature takes another shape.

But round are also the jars in which throughout the ages the most dissimilar civilizations walked miles to get water.

Round are the vases in the old civilizations of South America, Asia, Africa, Mesopotamia.

Round is the vessel of pure alabastre put in the tomb of the old Pharoah and through which, it was believed, he would drink his own immortality.

Round is the chalice of the celtic legend in which mankind pursues again and again its quest for womanhood.

Round is the womb of the Holy Church, that endless communion of men and women scattered in space and time, the womb from which all Christians are born, nurtured, cherished...

And round is the Grail.



The Grail which created us here as a community, the Grail we are creating all the time through all lives. The grail which created us ...

The women before us, the 5 of them - and how could I not mention Lyduine - who started that "adventure to faith"? Their goal: "to convert the world."

---Did we sat at times it was triumphalistic? Yes, we did. But let us be honest: the world could do with a bit of conversion right now, couldn't it?

The women who were able to awake the masses by thousands in Holland, England, Germany,---and who would laugh today at the need for the awakening of the masses, for a mass movement?...

The women who sailed to Indonesia and Australia in the conviction that this was going to be an international movement from the start -- and don't we say today that the women's movement is the most international of all movements?

The women who went to Africa and Latin America and stressed afain and again that this was not a traditional "missionary" gesture from the west -- and who wouldn't be in wonder at their tentative perception of what was to be come the North/South problem of survival in our time?

The women who, alone or in groups and teams went, as forerunners to new fields --the artists in our midst who awoke in all of us the deep levels of our primordial symbols; the worshippers who broke the circle of planning/efficiency/production/consumption and said that only one thing mattered; the builders who bought (or rent) houses, created spaces, originated events, enkindled fires...

All of them are here in this round, they are creating us...

What else can we do but to respond? The Grail is there to be created by us.



In a mysterious, unspeakable way, by the events of daily life that nobody knows about, by the things that happen and we don't even notice, by those actions that appear visibly in the world of ours.

The creation of the grail is at hand...

Again a new civilization is to be born. Again men have to change their relation with nature. Again women are called to give roundness to the edges of thought,

science,

technique,

facts,

cities,

education.

Christian women stand today by the tomb. They will witness a great fact, will announce it and - of course! - those men don't believe it. *Fundação Cuidar o Futuro* Once they had to go and see it by themselves. Today it is different. They will have to believe what women say.

And it won't be a dogma we will impose or a doctrine we will teach.

We will say very simple things which have to do with

food/freedom

shelter/tenderness

values/

wholeness/imagination

joy/ecstasy

happiness/passion

We will speak from our heart

and our words will create the facts.

We will face our own reality and will wrestle with our own inner world as well as with the world out there.



We will create our own life everytime again from the depths of our anxieties, fears, loneliness.

And like King Arthur in Cocteau's version of the Grail legend, we will once hear people crying out of delight and fascinating: "how beautiful! Its form is a marvel! Its perfume is penetrating everything! Its colours are a rainbow!"- And in great wonder and respect we will ask them: "tell me! tell me how it is, how it looks like, how it is shaped..." Those around us will say: "But cannot you see it?"

And we will have to answer with the greatest reverence for the mystery before us:

"I am just the one who helps others to see it."

Thus, suddenly in our midst the last newcomer will reveal us the Grail. And we will be born again in the new event, the astounding glimpse, the revealing thought. There is not other way:

--By creating the Grail, we are created by it.

