

The Gnosis Institute & The Gnostic Society Present:

Illuminating the Da Vinci Code

An exploration of the power of a sacred story in our culture
& an experiment in deepening a public conversation

Sept 12th : Stories Untold & Half-told
The Surprising Power of a Story

Uncovering the larger issues buried in the Novel & Phenomena

Sept 19th : Our Stories of Stories
The Nature of Sacred Stories

What stories do we tell about stories, & what do they tell about us?

Sept 26th : Pulling back the Veil
The Spiral Sacred Quest
Our Sacred Stories as experiences, guides, & quests



The Holy Mary of Magdala by the Rev. Troy Pierce

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Director of the Gnosis Institute

For More Information Visit:
<http://gnosis.org/davinci.htm>



**The "Holy Blood,
Holy Grail"
Movement Story**

**Christian Origins
& History
Shadow Story**

**"The Goddess"
Movement Story**

"Grail" Documents
Remains of Magdalene
Hidden Marriage &
Bloodline

Church Doctrine
Origins as Political
Imperial Power

The Sacred Feminine
The Female as Sacred
A Gilded Age

Destruction of Templars
Fear of Evidence Leads to
Extortion & Suppression

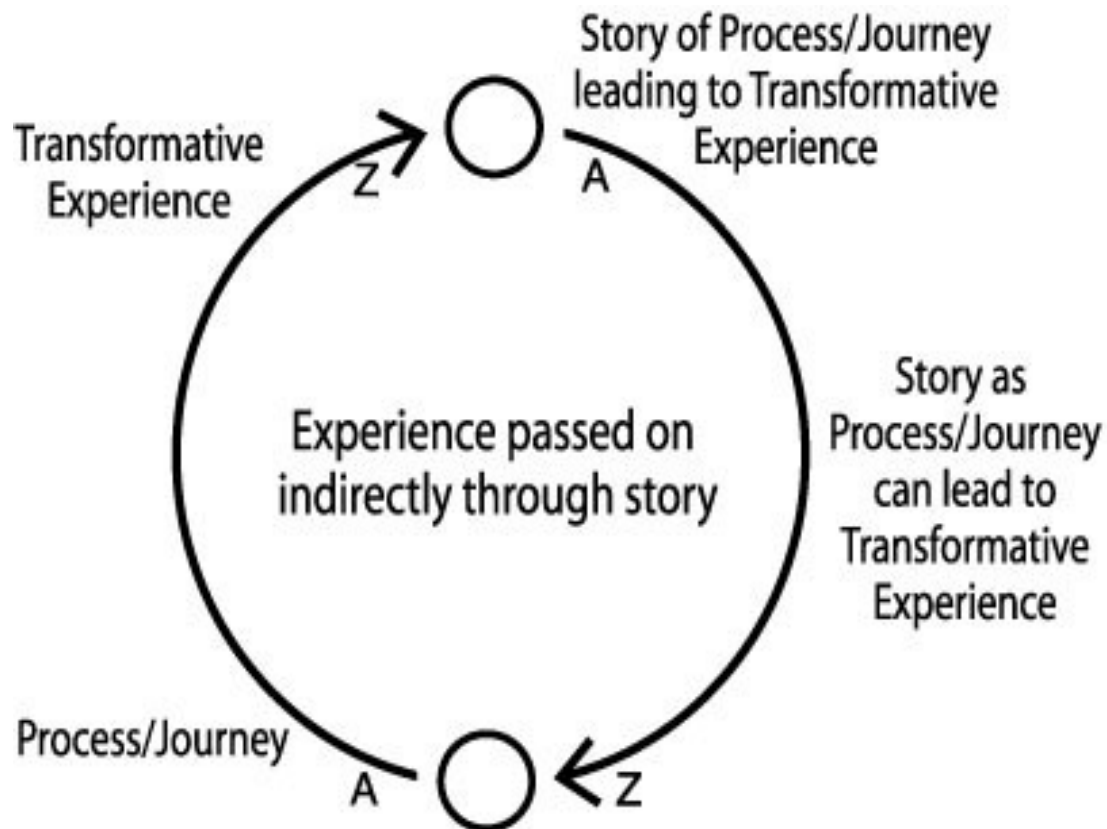
Cannons, Crusades
& Inquisitions
Suppresses
Texts/Knowledge

Persecution of
Women as "Witches"
Suppression of
the Feminine

Conspiracy to
preserve Secret &
Bloodline

Jesus as not Divine →

← The Importance
of Mary Magdalene



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The Story as

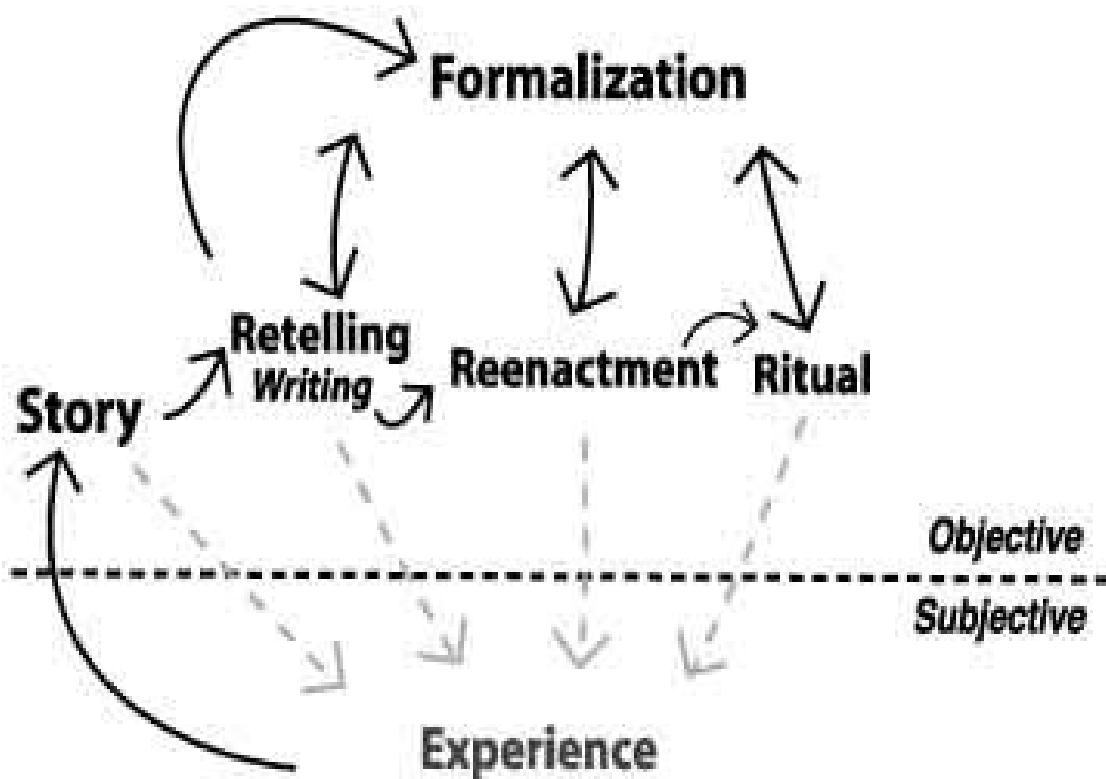
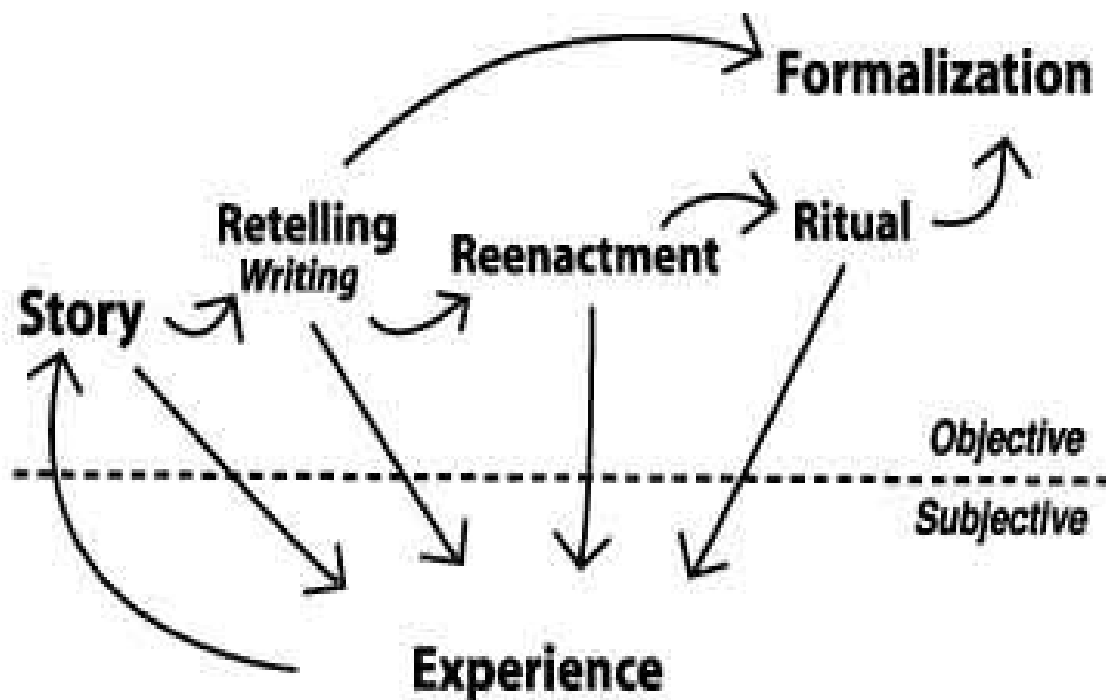
Formalized

Story as History - distant
One Meaning of the Story
External/Objective Meaning
Matter/Objective = Real
Control - The Cannon

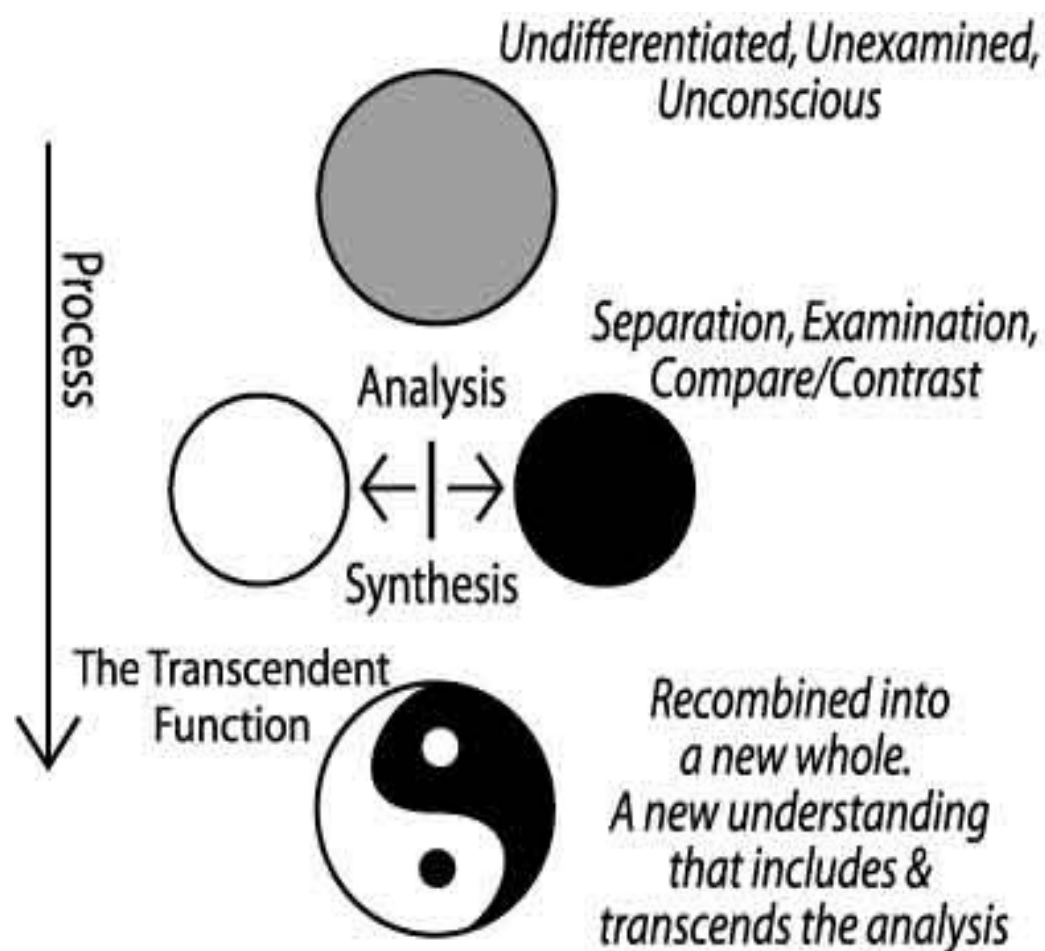
Experienced

Story as Guide - immediate
Many Meanings to the Story
Internal/Subjective Meaning
Psyche/Subjective = Real
Openness - 'Enormous Fictions'

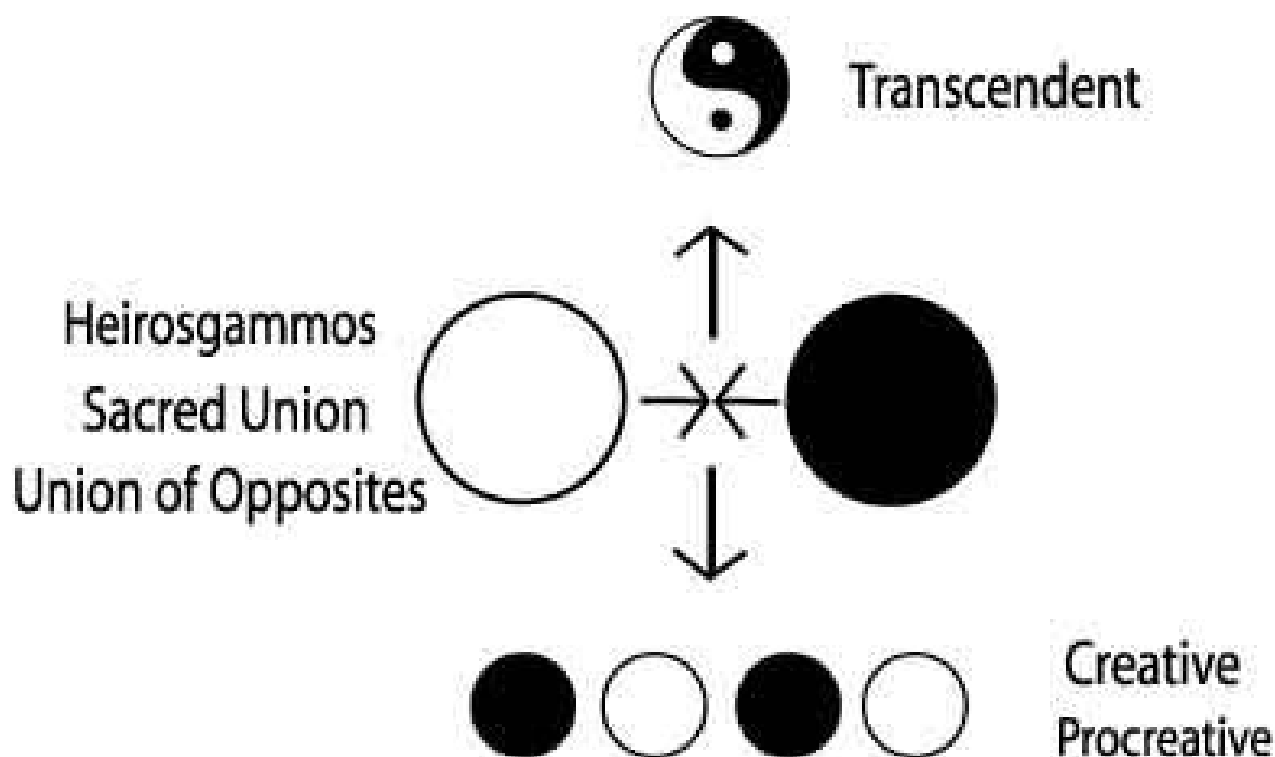
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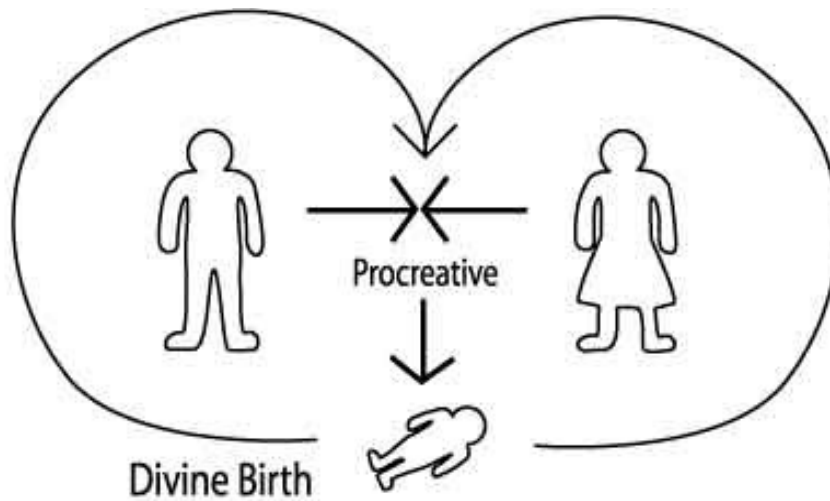


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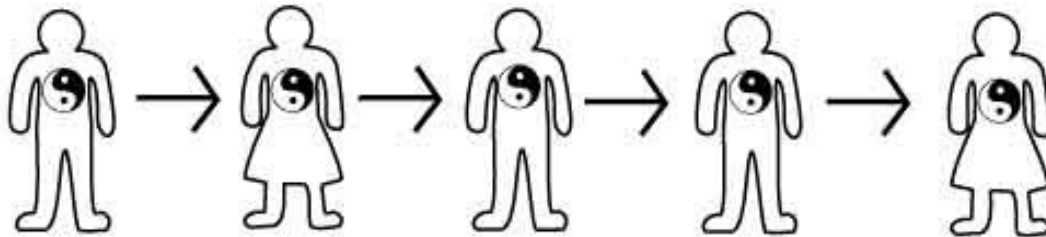


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Heirosgammos
Sacred Union

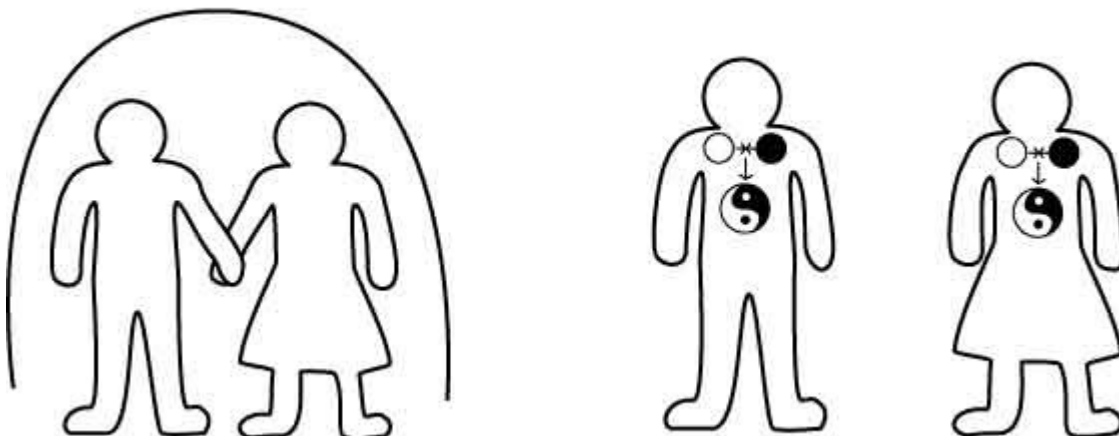


"Kiss" "Procreative"

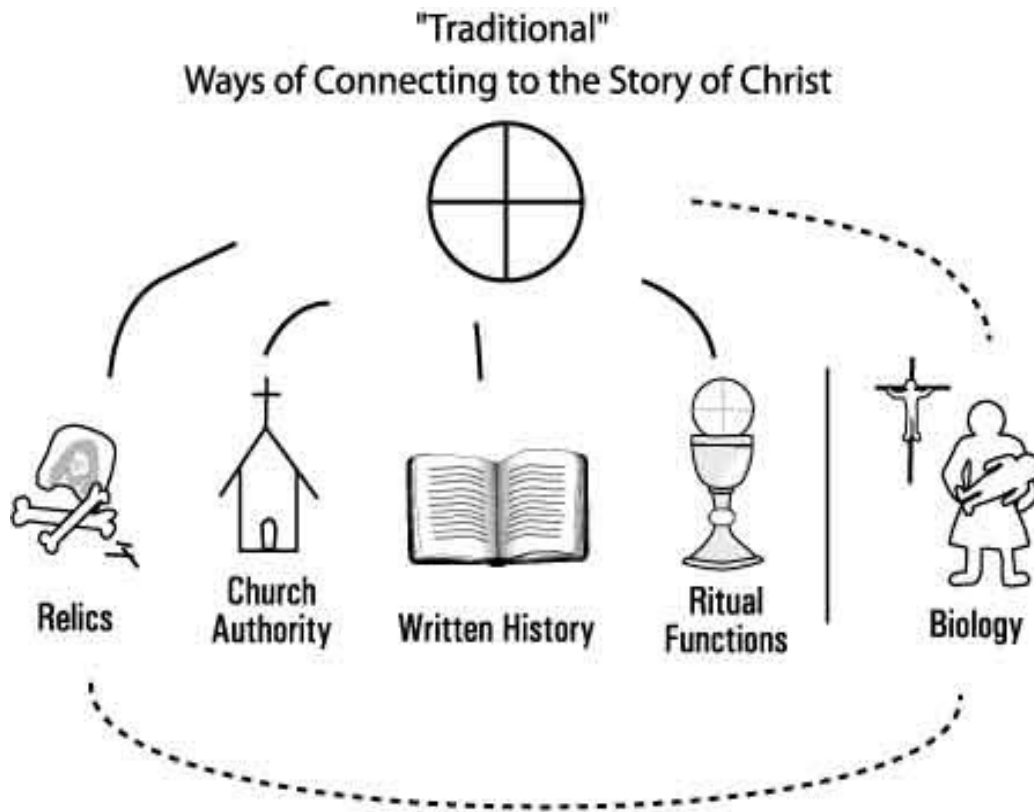


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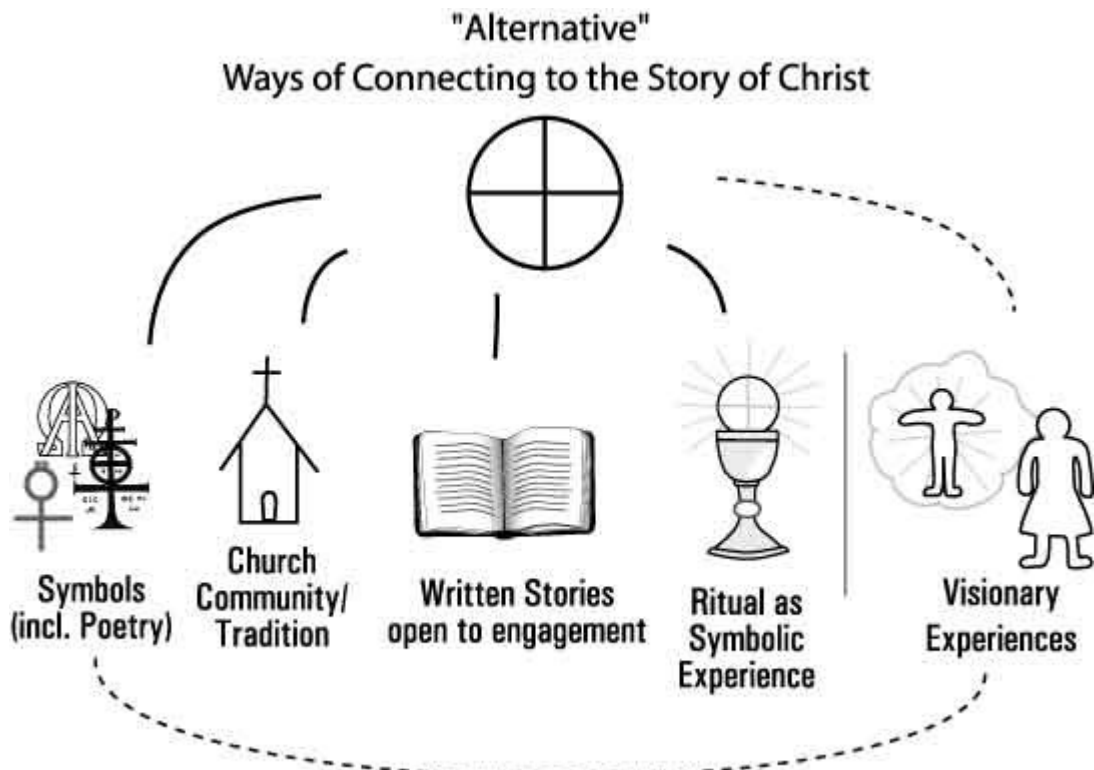
The Bridal Chamber Mystery



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Canonical Images of Mary Magdalene

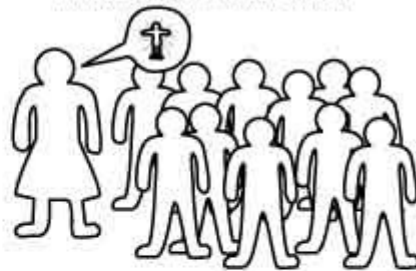
Had been cured of serious illness
"Possessed of Seven Demons"



Help support ministry
from her own means



Announces the Resurrection



Medieval Stories



Penitent Woman with ointment
identified as a Prostitute

Modern Stories



Wife

Gnostic Texts

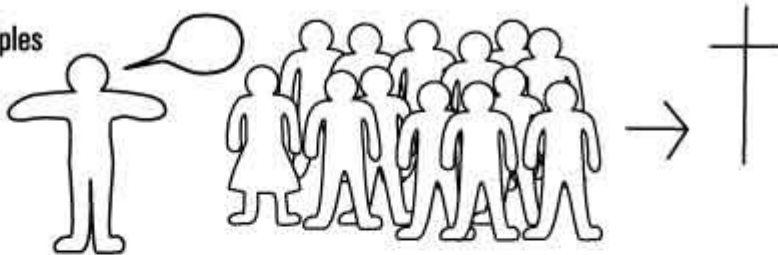


A very close Disciple

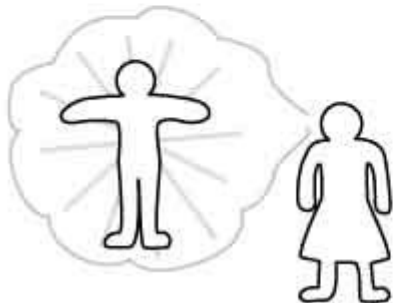
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Gospel of Mary Structure

Jesus teaches the Disciples
incl Mary Magdalene
before the crucifixion



Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene
in a vision. She talks with him about it.



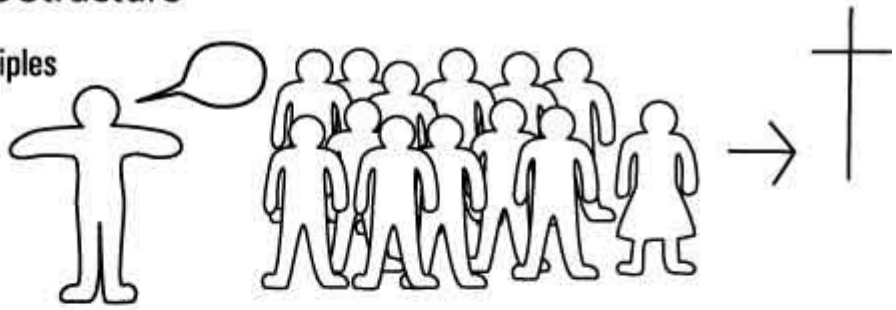
Mary Magdalene teaches the Disciples
what Jesus taught her



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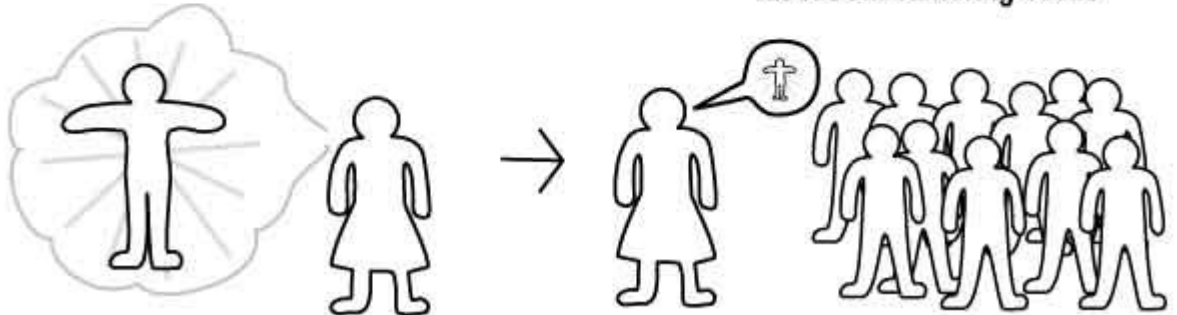
Canonical Gospels Structure

Jesus teaches the Disciples
incl Mary Magdalene
before the crucifixion



Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
so that she doesn't recognize him at first

Mary Magdalene teaches the Disciples
about encountering Jesus



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