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News from the Grail Settlement Vomperberg

2nd Half of the Year 2014

What is the appropriate attire for an hour of worship conducted in the sense of the Grail Message?

In order to obtain the right understanding of this matter, there must first be clarity on the meaning to man of the hour of worship carried out in accordance with the Grail Message by Abd-ru-shin. The hour of worship should be an hour of joint veneration or adoration of God. It gives man the space and opportunity – free of every day issues and constricting thoughts – to turn to the Creator and LORD full of thanksgiving.

What makes it “joint” arises only from the fact that several persons have this desire to venerate and to worship God. Other joint activities such as the singing of songs or reciting prayers together do not take place in an hour of worship held in accordance with the Grail Message. Each participant remains entirely alone with his personal preoccupations; in this way he will benefit most from the hour of worship.

If a person wants to approach a true veneration and adoration of God, an attitude related to this must arise within him which he himself would describe as solemn and sacred and which allows him to completely give himself to the will of God. Quite naturally, there is also a willingness to adjust himself outwardly to the proceedings and guidelines for an hour of worship which the LORD himself gave us. This requires that he pushes back his own wishes, concepts and desires so that he is filled only with the deep yearning to be allowed to attend the hour of worship. Only in this way can he open himself to the happening of the hour of worship and approach the veneration and adoration of God in the right way.

If an understanding of the solemnity of an hour of worship has taken on form in a person, it will be a natural consequence that this person wishes to be dressed for an hour of worship in manner which is elevated. Everyday-wear is not appropriate for participation in an hour of worship. This also includes the Sunday attire and casual wear as is commonly worn today. As orientation for a befitting attire for an hour of worship, people can refer to the central-European culture during the earthly years of Abd-ru-shin.

Accordingly, for the men a classic black suit or at least a dark suit is appropriate. In addition a pair of black shoes, black socks, a white shirt and a silver-grey tie. Coloured ties are subject mostly to fashion trends and such influencing elements can be distracting and thus disruptive to other persons attending the hour of worship.

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The women, when selecting their clothes, should act in accordance with the statements of the Grail Message regarding the female personality. It would help them, to refer to the example given by Frau Maria and Fräulein Irmgard; for through these eminent personalities hints that deserve special attention were given to us. Above all, the attire should support the dignity of woman. The cut of the clothing as well as the choice of colour and type of fabric should form a harmonious picture with the female body. This requires that the body is sufficiently covered. The attire for an hour of worship should therefore have a high-necked top, long sleeves which at least reach below the elbow, and a skirt length, which when seated covers the knees sufficiently. Likewise formal shoes which entirely enclose the feet and appropriate stockings are also a part of this.

When it comes to the attire for hours of worship garish colours and fashionable adornments do not fulfil the aim. Slits in dresses and skirts, which can open when walking are inappropriate. Also, long hair worn loosely can sometimes appear untidy and thus trigger unnecessary thoughts in other worshipers.

The style of attire for women and men should be taken from the cultural environment into which they are born in this earth life, because it is only the clothing of one's own culture that can reflect the natural dignity of one's personality. In regard to its elevation and correctness, the attire of worshipers in other lands, for instance in Africa, is to be adapted to what has been mentioned for the European cultural background.

The design of clothes worn for an hour of worship should be chosen in such a way that they do not incite opinions on other worshipers. They should be neat and clean and should neither be casual nor should they express exaggerated simplicity. Any thoughts of a display of status is out of place. One should not aim to provoke any particular attention with one's way of dressing.

When attending an hour of worship the Grail cross should be worn visibly, for the women on a chain and for the men wearing suits on a pin on the left, under the lapel. For women, it should not be covered by other necklaces. There is no need to wear jewellery in order to express the solemnity of an hour of worship. Jewellery, if at all, should therefore only be worn in an unobtrusive manner. In winter, if one wears a suitable winter coat over one's attire for worship, the Grail cross should remain under the coat.

Here as everywhere else, dogmatic rules are not advisable. A woman who aspires to the noble goal of pure womanhood, would in her daily life dress according to her own female personality. She would not try to conform to rules of fashion or choose a form of clothing that imitates the male way of dressing. Such a woman would in a very natural way always choose a special, elevated attire for participating in an hour of worship. And this aspiration through its effects also inspires man to do his very best with regard to the way he dresses. –

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Participating in an hour of worship which is in accordance with the Grail Message is not a right that one can acquire or assert. The premises in which hours of worship take place are the result of the combined effort of crossbearers, who build the basis for this through their financial contribution, their labour and the time they spend on it. Each individual person should feel himself encouraged to contribute his own part if he has the wish to experience a joint hour of worship.

It is expected from each participant that he adjusts in a natural manner to the guidelines for participation in an hour of worship. If a crossbearer wants to attend the hour in a place of worship which is maintained by a circle of other crossbearers, he should contact the person responsible beforehand to clarify this.

If one wishes to attend an hour of worship in the hall of worship on the Grail Settlement on Vomperberg, we kindly require crossbearers who do not worship regularly with us on Sundays and are therefore not well known to us, to contact the office of the Grail Administration on Vomperberg at the latest on the morning of the day prior to the particular hour of worship in order to find out if it is possible for them to participate.

The Funeral in the sense of the Grail Message, also called the “Grail Funeral”

The Grail Funeral in the first place is to be seen as a help and direction for the deceased, who henceforth has to tread his path in the beyond. The words and acts provided for this serve to guide him to the luminous heights. Only secondly are the words spoken by the officiant directed at those who attend the funeral, whereby they can help them to grasp the meaning of life in the right way.

After his demise, the deceased has a limited time frame in which he can still experience what is spoken and done around his earthly body. This applies also to the words and acts of the Grail Funeral. With a longer period of time, the disintegration of the earthly body no longer allows for this and the soul, which has been released from the body no longer has the possibility to experience things of coarse gross matter. Then the soul can only experience activity in the medium gross matter that surrounds it and this only until it continues its ascent upwards towards the light.

In the two Lectures “Death” and “Departed this Life” in the Grail Message by Abd-ru-shin, a picture is conveyed to us in which this aforesaid time frame of the passing over into medium gross matter is explained. During his time on earth in the last century, Abd-ru-shin lived in central Europe. In that time, it was the practise in that part of the world to conduct a funeral between the third and fifth day after the passing on of a person. This time frame can perhaps be drawn out to seven days after the passing on.

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Thereafter, it can be assumed that the departed no longer has a connection to coarse gross matter.

If the funeral takes place after the seventh day, this only serves the persons who are attending the funeral. It will then not be a help or a direction for the departed, because what he perceives is now the plane of medium gross matter or already even a plane lying above it.

Even earthbound souls no longer maintain their connection with coarse gross matter once the decay of their physical bodies is progressing. It is true that the volition of an earthbound soul is directed towards coarse gross matter, but there it can only have a perception or an influence if a spiritually weak earthman allows himself to be misused for this. Such a desire, however, which leads to a binding is not a goal that a human being striving for the light wants to aim for.

If a reader of the Grail Message wishes to have a funeral in the sense of the Grail Message after his earthly death, he should convey this wish to his relatives or those close to him during his lifetime to prompt them to respect it and, when the situation occurs, to get in touch with a contact person of the Grail Movement. The best thing is that this wish should also be put down in writing. In some countries, such as Germany, a deposit can already be made in advance, which will then be used for the travel expenses of the officiant conducting the Grail Funeral.

In life today, circumstances sometimes occur which prevent a timely Grail Funeral. If such delays are expected, then the family should get in touch with the office of the Grail Movement as soon as possible so that a way can be determined, whereby the deceased can nevertheless be given a helping accompaniment. For instance one possibility is that the closed casket is placed in a room where the officiant then reads the words of the funeral text aloud. Through these words of the LORD, a helping direction can be given irrespective of what then happens afterwards with the discarded earthly body.

Residing and Living on the Grail Settlement on Vomperberg

For readers of the Grail Message “In the Light of Truth”, who have found the salvation of God in this message, its author is also of high import. As a result, for these people, the place here on earth where Abd-ru-shin anchored his message and his further activity has a special meaning as well. This place is the Grail Settlement on Vomperberg.

Apart from its lofty spiritual purpose the Grail Settlement combines several areas, which are listed as follows in no particular order. It is not intended to give more

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importance to one area in comparison to others. Together everything forms a whole. This will be just a rough outline, which does not take into consideration any bordering areas or areas of transition between sectors:

Abd-ru-shin's tomb in the shape of a pyramid is an area that makes plain to the visitor the presence of the will of God on earth. In its crypt are interred the mortal remains of Abd-ru-shin, Frau Maria, Fräulein Irmgard and Herr Alexander. The pyramid stands at the place called "Gralshöhe" ("Grail Heights"). The dwelling in which Abd-ru-shin and his family once lived and which today is inhabited by the Bernhardt family also belongs to the place called "Gralshöhe". Also the building of the Grail Administration Vomperberg as well as the Alexander Bernhardt Publishing House, which is based at the same address, can be considered to be on "Gralshöhe".

The large hall used for worship and for Festivals and the bell tower are slightly below this area. In addition to the Sunday hours of worship, commemorative as well as festive hours and, three times a year, the High Grail Festivals take place in this hall.

The largest area is formed by apartments, guest rooms, meeting rooms and lounges, cafeterias as well as the related kitchens and other rooms. Nearly 50 persons live permanently on the Grail Settlement. An additional 350 guests can be accommodated here during the Grail festivals.

Furthermore, there are workshops and warehouses, a large indoor ridding hall as well as buildings to accommodate the horses and for storing hay and straw. Meadows, woods, gardens, streets and squares are also part of the Grail Settlement and require care and maintenance.

The people who live permanently on the Grail Settlement are of different age groups, so old and young people, and also six children live together here. Most of the adults work on the Grail Settlement in various fields of activity and herewith offer a helpful contribution. Among these, 20 people are employed permanently by the Bernhardt company and deal with the majority of the work to be done. With the adults, it can be assumed that it is their profound wish to be allowed to live on the Grail Settlement Vomperberg; they all have found a solid foundation for their path in life in the Grail Message.

With regard to the area of the housekeeping of our guest rooms, guest apartments and all that is connected with it, it is however a fact that we are ever again faced with the departure of our female employees. This has different reasons. Some of them intended to support us only for a limited period of time and then return to their planned careers. Others strove to start a family and moved to their spouses hometown. For a few, the work here was too one-sided or difficult. Maybe they also did not find the recognition, which they had expected or hoped for.

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We therefore find ourselves again in a situation where we are looking for one or two employees for the aforesaid area so that in 2015 we can once again open all available guest houses. On reflecting about this ever recurring need to search for new personnel, we decided that in the future for this field of activity, we would not only look for women but that we can also contemplate that such work can be carried out just as well by men. The idea that in the future our guest rooms will be cleaned by men may still appear somewhat strange to some people, however, we have an open mind about such an experience. ~~You will find the corresponding vacancy notice at the end of this newsletter.~~

Also, in respect to those residing on the Grail Settlement, who are not in the employ of the Bernhardt company but who support us in using their best endeavours, we must acknowledge that we are all getting older. As a result the possibility of lending a helping hand is increasingly reduced. We would therefore at this point like to point out that new apartments are being built on the Grail Settlement at the moment, which will allow people to move in, who would like to get involved in the various areas of activity. Such a step should however be considered carefully and demands a comprehensive assessment.

Life on the Grail Settlement on Vomperberg has its own rhythm. The three High Grail Festivals determine the course of the year; the climax of the week is the Sunday hour of worship. The work is mainly focused on making it possible that the Grail festivals and hours of worship can take place. Thus the guest area forms the foundation for the accommodation of guests attending the festivals and hours of worship. The purpose of the work inside and outside the buildings, on the roads, on the wood and grass lands as well as in the gardens is to provide an appropriate environment for the Grail festivals and hours of worship. The Administration is in charge of the organisational tasks.

Geographically Vomperberg is situated in the Tyrolean mountains whose climate is now and then harsh and cold, which is sometimes also reflected in the behaviour of the Tyroleans towards others. When our guests populate the Grail Settlement, this brings about a lively interaction. The times between Grail festivals are quiet here and those who are used to having many people around will then find the place deserted of people.

For each crossbearer who wants to open himself to the salvation of God, Vomperberg is however the place to which he wants to feel connected. Whoever then strives to make the step to live and to help with the work on the Grail Settlement, his innermost desire should be supported by the conviction that this earth life was given to him in order to spiritually strive towards his completion. Where this inner desire is still accompanied by earthly wishes, these usually come to the fore very quickly and make the earth life the priority. Such persons are not in a position to find true happiness and real joy in life on Vomperberg.

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Grail Festivals and Seminars

In **Bucharest, Romania**, a Grail Festival took place from 11th to 13th July.

- 37 crossbearers took part.
- 3 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 1 married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant, which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 1 child received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered by Siegfried Bernhardt.

On the **Grail Settlement on Vomperberg** in September, we celebrated the “**Festival of the Pure Lily**”.

- 777 crossbearers took part.
- 11 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 1 newly married couple and 1 married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.
- 6 crossbearers received the call to become gold crossbearers.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant, which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 3 baby’s and 3 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered at the High Festival by Siegfried Bernhardt and at the After Festival by Mrs Diane Bernhardt.

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In **Nigeria**, in the Temple on **Grailland**, a **Grail Festival** took place from 19th to 21st September.

- 1657 crossbearers took part.
- 47 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 1 newly married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.
- 8 crossbearers received the call to become gold crossbearers.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 16 babies and 11 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered by Siegfried Bernhardt.

On the day before the Fore Festival, the 18th of September, Siegfried Bernhardt held a Seminar, at which the following concepts were explained.

“The Grail Festivals, the Grail Acts, the Callings, the Grail Movement”

In the wake of the Grail Festival in Nigeria, a **Grail Festival** also took place in **Tema, Ghana** from 26th to 28th September.

- 202 crossbearers took part.
- 20 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 1 married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 2 babies and 3 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered at the High Festival by Siegfried Bernhardt and at the After Festival by Mrs Diane Bernhardt.

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On the afternoon of the High Festival day, a **seminar** by Siegfried Bernhardt took place at which, questions submitted in advance received detailed answers.

From the 27th to 29th September, a **Grail Festival** also took place in **Congo**, in the city of **Kinshasa**.

- 117 crossbearers took part.
- 6 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 1 married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant, which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 2 babies and 4 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered by Mr Nda-Ngye.

On Saturday the 11th of October, a **seminar** from Siegfried Bernhardt took place on the **Grail Settlement**, Vomperberg. The topic was:

“The living Word of the LORD”
– What does this Statement mean? –

Closer consideration was given also to:

the written word
the word of truth
the clarifying word
the judging word
the creative word

The Word of the LORD from which the upbuilding of the new era or the upbuilding of the kingdom of God on earth ensues.

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Other **seminars** took place on the 18th of September in France and on the 22nd of November in Great Britain. Both seminars were held by Siegfried Bernhardt and included the topics:

“The Revelation of John” and

“The living word of the LORD in form as
the written word
the word of truth
the clarifying word
the judging word
the creative word”

On the **Grail Settlement on Vomperberg** in December, we celebrated the “**Festival of the Radiant Star**”.

- 480 crossbearers took part.
- 6 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 1 married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.
- 4 crossbearers received the call to become gold crossbearers.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant, which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 3 baby’s and 3 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered at the High Festival by Siegfried Bernhardt and at the After Festival by Mrs Diane Bernhardt.

Also in **Nigeria**, in the Temple on **Grailand**, the “**Festival of the Radiant Star**” was celebrated.

- 1929 crossbearers took part.
- 54 supplicants were sealed to the Light.
- 2 newly married couples and 1 married couple received the blessing from out of the Holy Grail for their union on earth.

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The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 14 babies and 21 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered by Dr. Nwanze.

At the same time in **Congo**, in the city of **Kinshasa** the “**Festival of the Radiant Star**” was also celebrated.

- 133 crossbearers took part.
- 12 supplicants were sealed to the Light.

The climax of the Grail Festival was the Holy Meal of the New Covenant, which was administered to the participants.

On the day of the After Festival

- 3 children received the blessing from the Light.

The Grail Acts were administered by Mr Nda-Ngye.

Announcement

On Easter Monday, the 6th of April, on the **Grail Settlement on Vomperberg**, a **repeat of the seminar** of Siegfried Bernhardt on “The living Word of the LORD” will take place.

Questions will be answered at the end of the seminar.

Time frame: 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

Registration in writing at the Grail Administration Vomperberg.

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The work on the various translations has continued. The language the next publication will be in remains undecided for now.

The preparatory work on the next volume of the book series “Past Eras Awaken” is almost finished, which will allow this, the 4th volume, to be printed before Easter 2015.

With regard to the sphere of international activity, a new publishing partner has joined the Alexander Bernhardt Publishing Company:

Burkina Faso: Éditions Alexander Bernhardt Burkina Faso
www.alexander-bernhardt-bf.com

Other planned publishing partners are still awaiting official registration in their countries.

Work in and on the buildings of the Grail Settlement Vomperberg

Also in the 2nd half of the year the main work focused on the **new construction** of the building which would be known in the future as **Vomperberg Nr. 15**. The structural work is complete; the excavation pit refilled. Work on the roof-structure was satisfactorily completed for the whole construction project. It was possible to move all the supply lines for heating and for hot and cold water, the sewage pipes and rain water discharge in the surrounding area of the building. Already the surroundings of the house now has its final landscape.

Windows were installed in the entire building and the house entrances were closed with temporary doors so that work inside the building could be continued over the winter.

A large boiler was installed in a purpose-built boiler room for the new central heating system, which has already been put into operation and now supplies the Grail Administration building, Vomperberg Nr. 14, House 16, Cafe West, Vomperberg Nr. 23, and the Conference House, Vomperberg Nr. 17, with the necessary amount of water for heating and hot water. The individual buildings were connected to the new central heating system through underground mains heating pipes. Finally, work has begun inside the building with the laying of the electricity cables.

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In the new connecting building between the new construction and the building of the Grail Administration, Vomperberg Nr. 14, the work has advanced even further. Here also the electricity cables have been completely laid and the walls plastered. In this building the work on the floor screed has also mostly been completed.

In connection with this work, comprehensive **renovation work** started in the **basement of the Administration building, Vomperberg Nr. 14.**

It was possible to complete the paint work on the Grail House, Vomperberg Nr. 10.

The renovation of the **staircase of the House Vomperberg Nr. 3** was also completed.

The wood railing **along the street above the Alpengasthaus Weberhof, Vomperberg Nr. 4** has now been replaced by a new iron railing.

Considerable progress has been made with the work in the **Waldhaus, Vomperberg Nr. 35.** This is demonstrable by the fact that new windows and exterior doors have been installed.

On the **south-side of the Hall of Worship**, the garden fence was replaced by a new one as previously announced.

In **Gästehaus, Vomperberg Nr. 5**, two guestrooms and their bathrooms were renovated. In the basement of this building the large washing machines and dryers, each with a capacity of 30 kg of laundry were replaced by new machines.

Planned work intended for the 1st half of the year 2015

The main focus will be on the work on the **new building Vomperberg Nr. 15.** It is, however, not expected to complete the building in the 1st half of 2015.

The renovation work which has started in the **basement of the Administration building, Vomperberg Nr. 14**, will be continued and completed.

The work in the **Waldhaus, Vomperberg Nr. 35**, will also be continued.

The ground floor hallway of the **Gästehaus, Vomperberg Nr. 5** will be painted and the carpet replaced.

Furthermore, various other **renovation** work is planned in and on the buildings.

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Donations

Donations in 2014 achieved a welcome level. This was partly due to the fact that a group of crossbearers supported the project of the new construction of Vomperberg Nr. 15 – the former “Reihenhaus II” – with additional donations.

I would hereby like to express my thanks to all donors and all those who have supported the Grail Settlement Vomperberg in any form in the course of the year. I would like to combine this with my best wishes and hope that in the new year the plans that we all are striving for will achieve the desired results.

Grail Settlement Vomperberg, January 2015

Siegfried Bernhardt