

THE GRAIL

A HERO'S QUEST TO THE SELF



is next presented in:

**SEE THE CALENDAR ON THE
WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS**

WEBSITE: WWW.SHEMATRIX.COM

Each event runs 8:30 am to approx 8:30 pm
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Depending in the venue, it may be
Residential and extra accommodation
costs will apply.

The cost is \$895 and your place is only secured
by a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit
of \$450. Places are limited. On receipt of your
deposit, you will be sent preparatory informa-
tion and directions to the venue.

For REGISTRATION, further details and dates
of free introductory open circles, contact the
individual organisers of each event listed on
the website: www.shematrix.com

THE GRAIL - A Hero's Quest to the Self is offered
in response to a call from the men in our communi-
ties to access the space held sacred by the women
who have experienced **THE GIFT A Woman's Rite
to HerSelf**, also presented by SHEMATRIX.

SHEMATRIX is a collective of women which was
birthed in Byron Bay, Australia in 1996 and who
now have many members throughout Australia
and the USA.

We present **THE GIFT -A Woman's Rite to
HerSelf** and **THE GRAIL - A Hero's Quest to the
Self** worldwide. Our vision is:

*To ignite global awareness of the mysterious
interconnectedness of all life and to cherish each
individual as a gateway to infinite possibility.*

We recognise the lack, in our culture, of ritual
forms of initiation that honour the mystery of
life and its cycles. In manifesting this vision, our
intention is to create forms in which the Divine
may be consciously experienced, reclaimed and
lived within all beings. We wish that each individ-
ual claim their birthright as a divine being, living
an authentic life, free from suffering, in respectful
cooperation with the Earth and all its creatures.

There are many men and women who now trea-
sure this space and actively cultivate its wisdom
and sacredness in their lives. Their dedication
assists in this work being made more widely
available worldwide. If you'd like to speak more
intimately of this journey or would like details
on the next GIFT or GRAIL, please contact the
Organiser or visit our website.



SHEMATRIX

P.O. Box 397, Byron Bay, 2481 NSW AUSTRALIA
P.O. Box 8557, Aspen CO 81612, USA

E-mail: SHEMATRIX@aol.com
Website: www.shematrix.com



**A HERO'S QUEST
TO THE SELF**

**An extraordinary three day
Journey of Initiation
for Men**

Throughout history, The Grail has been symbolic of the Hero's quest, the supreme treasure to be claimed, won, or conquered. In its many forms, this quest has always required the courage to face demons, real or imagined. It is not a journey for the faint hearted.

THE GRAIL - A HERO'S QUEST TO THE SELF asks nothing less than the courage to meet your true self, however he chooses to reveal himself. It is not 'therapy' or fixing what's 'wrong', but rather a powerful exploration into the truth of each man's experience of himself and his full capacity. In the company of men, each on his own unique and courageous journey to authentic Being, we dare life to reveal more than we have ever allowed for ourselves before and to drink deeply from our own Grail of life-source. It is to embrace oneself as God-man and be humbled in that revelation.

IT IS A RITE OF INITIATION INTO THE SELF

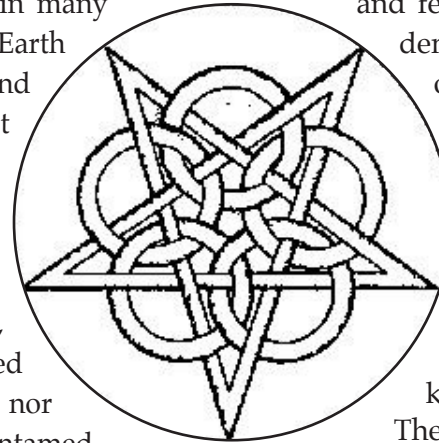
In his Rite each man is invited to dive in and surrender to the ultimate mystery. It is an outrageous leap of faith into NO-thing, the arms of the greatest force of love and the most ruthless revealer of truth. In asking his soul what it most wants of him, no strategy, no plan, no idea is of any use. It is a free-fall of let-go. An opening to life, NOW!

It asks that he be willing to encounter the unknowable territory of the Divine Feminine,

the world of infinite phenomena. All that is terrifying, inspiring, untameable, powerful, tender, creative, destructive, desirable, potent and fertile. It is She who drives men crazy with Her unpredictability, yet She who also inspires the pursuit of their noblest goals. She has been called Goddess in many traditions and in many forms. As Gaia, The Great Mother Earth herself, guardian of birth, death and rebirth, she seems to be crying out for reaffirmation in these times of perilous imbalance on our planet. She is asking that her warriors fully embody their potential. As a masculine expression of divinity, this man embodies the undivided self, a mind not split from body, nor spirit from flesh. He is all that is untamed, free and in service of life.

This three day journey of ritual initiation for men is paradoxically facilitated by women. It is recognised that in many ancient cultures, the final initiation into manhood happened in the presence of initiated women.

The three women from Shematrix function as Gate-keepers to the mysterious realm of the Sacred Feminine, the unknowable and unpredictable source that forms the Earth herself. Traditionally known as High Priestess, hers is the role of the midwife who helps birth that



which we think we do not know or cannot have or dare not express. It seems a particular healing is available in the presence of women, not afforded by men alone. It has been our experience that the embrace of the *whole* being, in compassion, transcends the dualities of masculine and feminine, light and dark, angelic and demonic, right and wrong, inner and outer, self and other. This initiation is an alchemical union of body and spirit. **THE SACRED MARRIAGE**

THE INTENTION in accessing this mystery through this extraordinary form is to support each man on his journey to his deepest knowing and reverence for all life.

The form is also created with the intention that once initiated, it continues to be an integral part of your life and you may choose to cultivate its sacredness in ongoing gatherings in your community.

If you feel drawn to be a part of this magical possibility, be prepared to set aside the linear, the logical, the need for it to make sense, or fit into any familiar paradigm. It doesn't. It is essentially unknowable, uncontainable, and formidable in its authenticity.