

Magdalene Community Gathering

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Quick Recap

The Magdalene community gathered to discuss and reflect on themes of silence and women's voice in religious texts. The group explored how women have historically been silenced by various systems and circumstances, using examples like the Laurence des Cars-President Director of the Louvre, Giselle Pellicott's case and Dolores Huerta's experiences. They examined biblical passages from the Gospel of Mary and the Gospel of Thomas regarding Mary Magdalene's role and teachings. It was pointed out how all the women who were "silenced" still spoke up and compared that to Mary Magdalene's place in the group's lives 2000 years after attempts to silence her. Another part of the discussion in particular focused on her potential role in making the first Christological confession. The discussion included reflections on a recent conference about Mary Magdalene at Kanuga and a video presentation by Diana Butler Bass and Elizabeth Schrader and of Mary's significance in Christian theology. The conversation ended with plans for further gatherings, including a potential presentation on the ascent of the soul, and a reminder about the upcoming Easter season.

Welcoming and Meeting Structure and Updates

The group welcomed a new member who recently attended a Mary Magdalene conference at the Kanuga Conference led by Elizabeth Schrader and others, which she found very enriching and potentially leading to future events. The group introduced themselves.

Mary Magdalene Study Group Introductions

The meeting focused on introductions for new and existing members of a Mary Magdalene study group. Members shared their locations and how they discovered the group, with several founding members noting the group's evolution from a book study group led by the late Dr. Betty C. Adam over two decades ago. A new member explained how she recently attended a Magdalene conference and reached out to this Houston group for guidance on structuring a similar local group.

Mary Magdalene's Role in Christianity

The group discussed Mary Magdalene's role in Christianity, particularly focusing on her potential Christological confession and her significance in the Gospel of John. A member mentioned the Gospel had to be modified to be included in the Canonical Bible. The discussion included reflections on a recent presentation by Diana Butler Bass about Mary's importance in Christian tradition. It was noted that the Bass and Schrader presentation pointed out that the Holy Spirit in her or her wisdom knew the full meaning of the Gospel of John had to wait until we are humans were ready for it.

They explained how Mary's teachings and significance were sometimes dismissed by male disciples like Peter, because she was a woman although even Peter and the Savior loved her above all women. The

group examined how women throughout history have been silenced by various systems and circumstances or for causes

The group also considered hosting future gatherings on topics like the ascent of the soul and the divine verses the sacred, with a member potentially leading a meditation on the ascent of the soul. It could turn into a two-part series.

The next Gathering is scheduled for April 26, 2026