



GALAHAD RIDES OUT OF CAMELOT

Knights and the Holy Grail

Many of the stories of the knights of old are a mixture of fact and fiction – some bits true and some bits not. The dragon parts are not true, of course, but some of the tales about the knights may have happened. One famous knight you may have heard of was Sir Galahad, who had many adventures trying to make the world a better place. Like the other knights, he searched for something called the Holy Grail. “Grail” is an old fashioned word meaning cup or dish

or chalice. The Holy Grail was thought to be the cup that Jesus used when He was having the last meal of His life with His disciples, and which one of His followers later used to collect Jesus’s blood when He was crucified. But the cup is not really an actual cup. It is just a symbol. It really means the love of God and everlasting life.

In the time of Jesus, the believers found the Holy Grail (that is, the love of God and everlasting life) through believing in Him. In the time of the other Manifestations of God, like Muhammad and Zoroaster and Moses and Buddha and Krishna and the Báb, the believers found it through them. In this day, when we turn to Bahá’u’lláh, we find it again. It is the most precious thing in the world.

Bahá’u’lláh often talks about the Cup of the love of God. In the following quotation, He calls the Manifestations of God the “Youths of Heaven”, and says:

“Drink ye your fill from the Cup which the Youths of Heaven have raised above your heads.”