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## **PREFACE TO THIS EDITION**

This paperback book represents the abridged edition of a much larger textbook bearing the same title. The “big book” is three times longer and contains information which is critical to a completed understanding of the doctrine of hierogamy. It is a book used in the catechumen program of the Cambrian Episcopal Church of the Grail, of which, this author is currently its presiding overseer.

The first four chapters of the textbook are largely concerned with the question of whether Jesus was married or not. That seems to be a topic of some popular interest, and considering that the body of literature dealing with this question is still quite small, this abridged edition has been introduced to the popular market as our contribution to the debate.

It is a debate which has barely just begun and it won't go away soon.

Because this book is an abridged edition, the reader will come across, from time-to-time, references to Appendices and later chapters which are not contained in this volume. Those references are purposely left in this text to give the reader a better idea of what issues are addressed by the “big book.” I hope you won’t be too frustrated or confused.

This edition also lacks an Index. Sorry. However, the Table of Contents is fairly detailed and ought to provide the reader with a good reference for where major topics can be found.

If you want to purchase “the big book”, you may contact us at the address found on the title page or look for us on-line at [www.grailchurch.org](http://www.grailchurch.org).

Happy reading!

- James Stivers, 2005

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