

# The Sacraments

## Holy Orders

The sacrament of Holy Orders, means ordaining and recognizing someone who has attained a certain level of spiritual development. It is again an outer symbolic intention of something not yet attained internally. Mostly young men and women that are ordained are very far from being fully actualized humans. They merely have a lot of intellectual knowledge and degrees and have done very little inner spiritual work. Ordination is fine as an intention and heinous as the conferring of spiritual holiness on those who have power and authority over others, when they do not have any. This harkens back to the Divine Right of Kings, when the king was conferred with the power of God over his subjects and no-one could question him except God – in other words there was absolute rule no matter how evil the authority was.

This same right has been conferred on clergy and priests. They have been put in the position of intermediaries between the common people and God which gives the church an immense amount of temporal power in the guise of spirituality.

This power was represented in churches by a rood screen (barrier with a cross between the Nave and the High Altar where only the priests could go.) This very much represents the dualities of the unaware ego, where God is external and male and only special people can hear Him and speak for him or attain the Higher Mysteries of Consciousness.

Cromwell (1599 – 1658) represented the stage of development that rebelled against this understanding. His troops swept through churches destroying rood screens and Catholic symbols and icons in England and Ireland. I am sure he did not do this with awareness, but something was shifting in the consciousness of the populace that has still not been fully realized – that “God” or consciousness resides in every cell of your own body and in every particle of the Universe and that you yourself have access by going deeper into yourself - into the Holy Temple of your own being - and that every aspect of this inner temple *is you* and *you* are the one responsible for discovering the Truth of Love within yourself. You do not need an intermediary. You are your own High Priest or Priestess. How will you accept this responsibility fully, how will you remove any barriers that bar you from entering the Holiest of Holies within your own being? Prepare a ritual of ordination for yourself.



*“He who stops being better stops being good.”*

*“Keep your faith in God, but keep your powder dry.”*

*“I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, think it possible you may be mistaken.*

*“Subtlety may deceive you; integrity never will.”*

*“I desire not to keep my place in this government an hour longer than I may preserve England in its just rights, and may protect the people of God in such a just liberty of their consciences...”*

*~Oliver Cromwell*

*Vincenzo Carducci. Museo del Prado*