

The Mystical Body

Billy Graham has to explain the mystical Body of Christ, which is a myth, something with no corporeal reality. It is an imaginary concept only, as it must be explained as having no more substance than a myth. They cannot give it any corporeal reality. The true *corpus*, the Body, is real. It is one, not divided; it is tangible.

The Christian “Body of Christ” is only mythology; it is fictitious and imaginary or legendary. Did the man Yahshua have an imaginary body? If it is a real body, as the Greek word *soma* means a corporeal body, then it has the substance of reality as opposed to the fiction of mystical belief.

Christians have to make up a fictitious, mythical, mystical Body of Christ. When you are baptized they tell you that you are baptized into that mystical body. It is only a mystical or “mysterious oneness” (as Billy Graham calls it) they say you are baptized into. The euphoric feelings at baptism that many have is the only “evidence” that their “Body of Christ” is real. But it is not; it is fictitious.

Mythopoeia (the Making of Myths)

You can call it *mythopoeia* — to engage in making a myth. To explain the gospel as a myth is necessary because they do not have the narration of the witness before everyone’s eyes. Acts 2 and 4 was the witness before everyone’s eyes. That is why the angel said, “Go and give the narration of it; go and explain what they are seeing” (Acts 5:20). The witness in Mt 24:14 was not imaginary, but was actually seen. It was a corporeal, tangible thing that people actually saw.

But they don’t claim that you can actually see it in Christianity. To them, it is enough that it is only mystical. So the natural man can’t perceive it (Jn 17:21-23). But our Master said the love of His disciples (Jn 13:35) was something that you *could* see, as was the unity of Jn 17:23. They have to see that, so the true Body obviously must be corporeal.

Corporeal means having a corporal, bodily existence, having material substance. Can there be any mystical reality? It is mysterious — not seeing, but believing it is there. You are supposed to know it is there, even though you don't see it. That is a mystical belief, which means a belief that is really incomprehensible. It's a mystery. You don't see it, but you believe that it is there as a mystical body, a non-corporeal reality.

Christianity is nothing but a myth as far as being the Body of Messiah on earth is concerned. It has no reality as a visible Body in every locality. The Body of Messiah is something that needs to be observed. It needs to be in a place where it is observable with all of its working parts. 1 Pet 2:12 speaks of an observable reality, just as your human body is observable.

You can't see someone's soul, but you *can* "see" it in his emotions and thoughts as they become actions. So you could see our Father in the soul of our Master Yahshua — by how He was. You can see our Master in us. We are His witness; we show the world how His Body functions. The word *corporeal* means having the nature of a body. It means having a material nature, one that is perceptible by the senses — tangible.

Jn 13:35; 17:23; Acts 5:20 — These all speak of something that has to be seen and observed, and then there is a narration to explain it. In this way, the gospel is proclaimed as a witness. It can only be done when the Body has a corporeal form.

A Bodiless Existence?

Col 1:18; Eph 1:22-23 — The Body is the fullness of Him who fills all of His Body, which is us. A body is the whole physical structure of the person, animal, or plant, which is observable. What is a bodiless existence? It is either myth or death. The Holy Spirit cannot have a bodiless existence on earth. He is not anywhere else on earth except in us. That is why we call Him *holy* — set apart for His holy people. We are set apart for Him, and He is set apart for us. We are both *holy*. That is why we need to be holy as He is holy. We need to be wholly set apart for Him as He is wholly set apart for us (Jn 17:10,

NIV). That is what *holy* means. A bodiless existence is a myth. A bodiless or dissembled existence is disembodied or insubstantial; it is an existence without a *corpus* — non-corporeal.

A body is physical. It has a physical reality as opposed to merely a mental, mystical, or spiritual existence. A body that is mystical, or mythical, cannot be seen. Bodily existence is physical, as in a human body. The best place I know that talks about the Body is 1 Cor 12:12. There is no separation between the members because we are all functioning under the Head with one spirit and one soul. “So also is Messiah.” What does that mean? It means just this: as Messiah is, so is His Body. It has to mean that, because in verse 13 it is speaking about the Body that we are immersed into (1 Cor 12:14).

The anatomy of the Body is explainable, and all of its functions are as Eph 4:16. It is under our Master Yahshua’s direction that the whole Body is perfectly adjusted and united by every joint that furnishes it. The Body is supplied by the particular function of every part, thus bringing about the growth of the Body for the building up of itself in love.

Corporeal refers to the material substance of the Body, as opposed to the spiritual. A spiritual body is one that you can’t see, but you persuade yourself that it is there. There is no bodily function in the Christian Church. I have never seen it because the members all scatter after they go to church and there is nothing to be seen. They are not together, having all things in common.

Corporeal is *somatic*, which is the scientific word referring to the body as distinct from the psyche. *Psyche* is the soul. The Body is corporeal, *somatic*. The antonym of *somatic* is mental or psychic, which is spiritual in nature. *Somatic* is the body as distinguished from the soul, the mind, or psyche. *Somatic* is corporeal, physical, and is seen. The love of Jn 13:35 cannot be just mystical love. It has to be seen that we live together every day, with every person doing his part. The world will know that God loved us as He loved His Son when they see love and unity.

Psyche is human soul which reaches all parts of the body. You can see its expression in every part of the human body — not just the brain. The brain is just an organ carrying out the orders of the soul. Put a brain by itself and it does not do anything. *Psyche* is the human soul, which reaches all parts of the body serving to adjust the total organism to the needs and demands upon it. It adjusts the body to whatever the demands are in the environment around it. There are needs and demands in the body. If there was no one who prepared food, or washed clothes, or went shopping, how could we function as a *body*? The body functions in that way just to live. That is just one aspect of the body.

Psychic, meaning “of the soul,” is spiritual. It is beyond the natural, beyond the physical process. A body without a soul is dead. The soul is sensitive to forces beyond the physical. The physical alone would not be sensitive to demonic spirits, or to the Holy Spirit, or to love. It is the soul that goes beyond the physical. 1 Cor 12:12 — The soul and the spirit can only be seen and observed through the body, through its bodily actions. 1 Pet 2:12 — They observed the behavior of the Body of Messiah. The behavior of the holy priesthood (1 Pet 2:9-10) is *observed*; your attitude is observed, your temperament is observed, and your self-control is observed.

That is why I only ate one muffin. I wanted another one, but I didn’t eat it. We do not live on just the physical level. There are many psychic things that you get from your parents or you can accumulate in childhood. Our Master said, “When you see Me, you see the Father.” When you see us, you see Who dwells in us. You see the church down the road and what do you see? Nothing — absolutely nothing. It is a mystical body. They get in their cars and go their own separate ways. They don’t live in a place where you can observe their behavior. There is no body there.

So the soul and the spirit of a person can only be seen through his body. With the Body of Messiah, you can see Yahshua. Others observe our behavior, our attitudes, and our temperament. It is not just what we say, but how we say it. It is not just what we do,

but how we do it, and not what we hear, but how we hear it. If you don't have glory, what you hear can be passed on to others and something starts in the Body. It was not *what* you heard, but *how* you heard it. Naturally, you transmit what you heard the way you heard it. You pass it on and communicate the same way.

Then someone gets a bad attitude toward a brother or sister because of the way you, lacking glory, passed on what you heard or saw. Then there is alienation between a brother and a sister and they kind of shy away. Don't you do that? When you hear something negative about a person, don't you shy away from him, just a little bit? But once you go and hear from him directly, you find out that it is not that way at all. We have to have communication with each other, see each other eye to eye. You can't do it by calling someone on the telephone.

Jn 14:6-9 — The Father can only be seen in His sons now. The world can't see our Father in our Master Yahshua anymore. Stephen saw Him, somehow, standing at the right hand of the Father (Acts 7:56). He did not see God there, as though the Father and the Son were the same (for "no one has seen God at any time," 1 Jn 4:12), but he saw them as one in Spirit — he saw "the Son of Man" standing somehow in the presence of the glory of God.

So the Father can only be seen now through His sons. If you see us, you see the Father. We ought to be able to say that, but we may not be ready yet, because we still have our quirks and iniquities. But if you could see our Master Yahshua, you could see the Father. Yahshua is not the "Everlasting Father" (as some read Isa 9:6), but He is the *eternal source* of salvation (Heb 5:9). You see a lot of things in the Bible that are translated "Father" when they should have translated the word as *source*.

1 Cor 12:12-13 — "So also is Messiah." It has to be speaking of Messiah's Body. Messiah's Body on earth as a witness has corporeal reality. So *body* in the Greek is *soma* (#4983), meaning a *corporeal* body. *Soma* does not mean a mystical body. It is corporeal. Why don't Christians just look it up in the Greek? It is a corporeal body which

is seen (Eph 1:23; 4:16; Col 1:18; 2:19; Rom 12:5). A body has substance and reality as opposed to a mystical non-existence. The human body is a vessel for the spiritual part of man — his soul (*psyche*) and spirit.

If someone sees us, they see as much as we represent of our Master. They see as much as you yourself see of our Master.

Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me, and My Father will love him, and I will disclose Myself to him. (Jn 14:21)

That is individual. He discloses Himself to different degrees within the Body of Messiah, and the one who has the greater discloser should be sharing it with all. He should share with the one that doesn't have that degree of relationship.

We all need to grow with a growth that comes from our Father (Col 2:19). How do we grow up into every aspect? By someone helping us, by speaking the truth in love to us. Then will we grow up in every aspect into our redeemed humanity. I guess it starts with our spiritual aspect and then it goes to our social, mental, emotional, and physical aspects, even redeeming our reactions, the way we react in situations.

So these are just a few things that might help us to write an article about the “mysterious unity” of Christianity. Regardless of our differences and denominations, Billy Graham says¹ there is “mysterious unity” in Christianity. If you want to, you can receive an evil spirit that will empower you to believe that. It gives people euphoric feelings, but it is believing a lie. It is believing that something that doesn't exist really does exist, namely that there is an invisible body. You just can't see it.

David Zerubbabel — It struck me what you said about how the soul reaches every part of the body, how every part expresses what the soul is connected to. We who observe one another can sense with great sensitivity little movements. The way someone walks, his posture, his mannerisms, and his countenance — everything expresses what's going on in the soul. If

¹ On page 31 of his booklet, *Growing as a Christian*, Billy Graham says, “I have learned that although Christians do not always agree, they can *disagree agreeably*,” and “within the true church there is a *mysterious unity* that overrides all divisive factors.”

the soul wasn't there it would be a limp glob of flesh. Mic 4:5 says how everyone walks in the identity or the personality of the spirit that he is in communion with. How does that translate to the Body of Messiah?

We can go to a community and sense the health of it by the various things that are expressed physically. Some of them are the hospitality, the warmth, and on down to the condition of the houses. It is expressed through the Body.

Mic 4:5 — We will walk in the name of our God *forever and ever*. The last part of that phrase never caught my eye before. It means “into the coming ages” — not just in this age, but in that eternal dwelling place of Elohim. In Mic 4:5, *walk* means expressing, living, and carrying out the desires of the spirit you are in communion with.

Shoer — I was amazed to hear that the Greek word for body is *soma*, and that it means corporeal, physical. The meaning of the word *body* in Christianity has evolved to such a degree that it has the opposite meaning. It has become mystical. They can't even comprehend that the body would be a physical body in unity and oneness. I envisioned a laboratory with all of these jars, with a brain in formaldehyde, and all of the other body parts. That is the Christian religion. It is obvious that it is a “mad scientist” type of thing that they are calling the “Body of Christ.” But the true Body of Messiah is actually a living, breathing, functioning body that expresses itself because it is filled with His Spirit. As you said, the soul is seen in every aspect of the body.

Yochanan Abraham — It makes it clear to me what sorcery is. You can sense the workings of sorcery in Christianity. That is how it works. Those spirits convince you that something is there, but it is really not there. They are trying to animate a dead body.

Paul Gregoire — In the early church, the apostles had to explain what people were *seeing*. Now the preachers have to explain what people are *not* seeing.

Christianity teaches the narration without the play. *Mystical* has to do with mystery. You don't see it, but you are supposed to believe it. It is a “mystical body” that they are baptized into. When we are baptized, the corporeal Body lays hands on us. The Holy Spirit is passed on not from heaven but from our brothers and sisters. He has come to them and they pass Him on to us when we are baptized.

Shoer — Then you go home with those same people. They bring you home and take care of you.

Soreph Gamaliel — Augustine, when faced with wicked priests in his day, had to decide whether baptisms at their hands were valid. He concluded that it didn't matter what the state of the priests was; the sacrament is holy because Christ is holy. The validity of the sacrament is Christ, so the validity of the Body of Christ is based on Christ in heaven, not the group of people on earth claiming to believe in His name. Now you see the reality of that: the pedophile priests still administer valid sacraments. And Christ can't be divided, so the Church can't be either, they say.

Aharon Cohen — The Apostle John said, "If you don't confess that He came in the flesh, then it is a spirit of the evil one." Over the years you hear all the people that come against us saying, "Are you the only ones?" After twenty years of hearing this, I have still never, not one time, heard anyone saying it because we are this way or that way. What they are saying is that you can't say that there are *any* "only ones" — that there has to be a visible body. It has nothing to do with us personally, but merely the fact that we are saying that all of His followers ought to be one.

1 Cor 12:13 says we are all taught by one Spirit. So supposedly that one Spirit that they call the Holy Spirit is teaching them contradictory things and leading them in contrary directions. You can see that something is wrong there. That's the mystical body.