

## A Sermon on Dionysus and Staphylus

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for June 2nd, 2024 (and beyond)

This is a meditative sermon in idea format for your consideration.

IDEA: Dionysus had a son with Ariadne and that son was named Staphylus, which means grape cluster in Greek. Staphylus was one of the Argonauts. Jesus' blood is wine served by some denominations. Is Jesus a re-branding of Staphylus? "Staphylus, husband of Methe and father of Botrys. The family held court in their palace at Assyria. They received Dionysus as guest and held a banquet in his honor. Staphylus died a sudden death the next morning after the feast; to console his wife and son, Dionysus named grape bunches after Staphylus, drunkenness after Methe, and grapes after Botrys." Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staphylus#:~:text=Staphylus%20died%20a%20sudden%20death,the%20two%20gods%20concerning%20Beroe>. Is Jesus a re-branding of Staphylus? In vino veritas, indeed.

I share the above in loving memory of Wat Tyler and Priest John Ball who were executed for questioning the Catholic Church and telling people not to tithe. Happy Wat Tyler and Priest John Ball Day!

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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