

## HOW MANY ROLES ARE IN AN ENTITY?

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In the original Michael channeling, it was said that each entity (spiritual family of roughly a thousand souls) contains two to five out of the seven essence roles (*server, priest, artisan, sage, warrior, king, and scholar*). For example, the Michael entity itself was said to have two roles, warrior and king. Later Die Quelle channeling by Varda Hasselmann said that each entity contains two to four roles.

However, many other Michael channels (including me) have consistently gotten all roles in each entity that we frequently work with, although certain ones may predominate. Perhaps there was a slight error in the early channelings that left out the word *predominantly*. In other words, maybe the original channeling should have read that Michael *predominantly or largely* consists of warriors and kings rather than implying *exclusively*. If there are only a small number of some other roles, that would have relatively little effect on the vibration of the whole entity.

The fact that Michael and Die Quelle are two causal entities channeled by many people, working with a specific, complex system, is unprecedented. The advantage is the breadth of what can be explored. The downside, since nothing is perfect, is that there are sometimes disagreements, which I think most of us have learned to live with to some extent. Often the discrepancies are not discussed much because they're uncomfortable—for example, disagreements on famous people's roles. In a sense, it's unfortunate that the information doesn't always agree, but on the other hand, it does encourage us not to be dogmatic and to self-validate.

Despite the fact that Sarah Chambers was the first Michael channel and was probably the channel of the information that entities consist of two to five roles, when she resumed channeling in the 1990s, I told her that I and other channels were getting all roles for the seven entities of our cadre, and her channeling confirmed that this was correct.

My understanding from my own channeling is that it is more common for entities not to have all roles, but that cadre groups with more experience on other planets (higher average numbers of previous grand cycles) don't tend to follow the usual

patterns as much, since, as Michael is fond of saying, “All is choice.” They are capable of more complexity and like to “mix things up” to make them more interesting. So, for example, after you as a spark of the Tao (our core part of self) have experienced several grand cycles in entities with two or three roles, it might become interesting to add more colors to the palette, so to speak.

As far as I know, none of the channels who teach that there are a limited number of roles in each entity are actually keeping track of them to see whether their own channeling bears that out. That would require assigning a unique number (and/or name) to each entity and recording all the roles channeled as being in it.

I do this. I maintain a database of all the charts I’ve channeled (close to 13,000 now) and can easily search for data. All the entities I work with often have all roles. I am open to the possibility that there is something wrong in my channeling that is getting all roles in many entities, but I am a very careful channel, and I don't know what else to do except to say that it's what I get. People usually seem to validate their charts.

At a workshop I conducted in Freiburg, Germany, there were three women whom I'd gotten as being in the same entity. They spent some time together and validated that they felt a connection, perhaps like cousins. However, each had had a different soul family description from Varda. Maybe all the descriptions are true of the same entity, like the Indian parable of the blind men and the elephant, each describing accurately different parts of the elephant. There are certainly many different things that could be said about any entity.

In any case, this issue is beyond our ability to prove, so we can either cling to dogma or keep an open mind. I’ve joked that I made the members of the Michael entity line up so that I could count them, the kings wearing crowns and the warriors carrying shields. God forbid anyone should suggest that there’s a scholar in there somewhere. Heresy!