

For October the Ascension Book Group will read *War In Heaven* (1931) by Charles Walter Stansby Williams (1886-1945). Williams takes us on a 20th-century version of the Grail quest, with an Archdeacon, a Duke, an editor, the mysterious “Man in Grey”, and a child playing the old Arthurian roles. Throughout, Williams reminds us that these legends were above all about divine, not just human, romance. While filled with marvels and black magic, the novel also suggests that the devil just might be what the face of God looks like to those who have sought destruction, just as that face is love to those who have sought love. The choice, Williams affirms, is always ours. Examining the distinction between magic and religion, this eerily disturbing book graphically portrays a metaphysical journey through the shadowy crevices of the human mind. The Ascension Book group will meet to discuss *War In Heaven* in Wheeler Hall on Thursday evening October 25 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. For questions contact Ken Kelling at (773) 853-2337 or [kjjk07@gmail.com](mailto:kjjk07@gmail.com). *War In Heaven* ISBN 978-0802812193.