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### Sharing with Carol

#### Greetings:

I begin my column by telling everyone that I recently had a stroke. My recovery is well-facilitated while I am still in the hospital. I'm showing improvement every day. I am looking forward to getting back to my office and classes which will only be a matter of a few more days.

I am looking at this day as time for me to pay attention to my physical body. I have certainly been fortunate that I've been able to do so many things without having to really concern myself with the physical. I have always realized that I've had a wonderful basic self and surely have abused my body at times. Now I am learning many of the fine tricks that others learn in sports training or in school.

I am aware of the good care that the physical therapists and occupational therapists provide when one is in the hospital. I have been up and walking with a walker and have had a lot of attention to my right arm and hand.

If my note sounds simple, it is. I've learned to do the simple things, along with the knowledge of how much effort it takes to make a good body run smoothly.

Please support Sancta Sophia. That is the very best way to show your appreciation to myself and the school we provide.

Linda Oliver, administrative dean, really stepped up and has taken good care of the administrative duties. Katherine Zakutansky happened to be already on the program, so she's keeping the Intuitive Development classes going. We worked together last summer and she is quite capable! Before you know it, I will be home and able

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## Graduate Trimester III: DIVINE ALCHEMY- SYNTHESIZING SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY

by Rev. Robert Willson, Ph.D.

SEPTEMBER 7-11, 2009

MONDAY-FRIDAY

In this class, we will explore the problem of reconciling a non-dual world view in which all is perceived as one thing, with a world view in which all things are perceived as separate pieces of the whole, the dualistic world view. Enlightened mystics and some of the newer spiritual teachings agree that reality is a non-dual one. The perception of duality is difficult to reconcile with the idea of oneness. We will consider some of the spiritual teachings from world religions and esoteric traditions, and modern cutting edge discoveries in science which seem to point towards a unifying framework that synthesizes science and spirituality, the dual and the non-dual world views.

Western science separated the concept of physical reality from that of a spiritual reality more than three hundred years ago. What could be investigated by our five senses and our instruments as extensions of these senses, became what was called the "real world"; the realm of science. Everything else was relegated to religion or spirituality. Yet mystics from all cultures and throughout time say essentially the same thing: that the "real" is the oneness and the world of multiplicity is an "illusion". How can these two opposite points of view both be true?

With the advent of modern science, this dichotomy is resolving. Many paradoxes have been discovered in diverse fields in science which point to the need for a paradigm change in the scientific explanations. New data points to an inclusive world view which has as its underlying basis the intelligent unfolding of the universe. This foundation seems to include much of what the esotericists of the world in the past have called the Akashic record or spirit. Yet the underpinning of science seems to be a "plan" and "memory" of what is unfolding in all that is.

The following topics will be discussed to help us embrace a more unitive world view, one that synthesizes modern science and spirituality.

- ♦ Experiments using the "psychic" senses of children to perceive "subtle" light and the psychic world
- ♦ psychic phenomena of all kinds
- ♦ the "phantom" leaf experiments

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## **SPECIAL WEEK-END EVENT: "ISLAM—UNITY OF RELIGIOUS IDEALS"**

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

At Sancta Sophia Seminary we study and respect all world religions. We recognize that interfaith understanding and appreciation are of paramount importance. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Imam Salim Chishti and his wife, Tara Chishti, for a special weekend workshop.

The Chishtis offer a new and deeper understanding of Islamic religious ideals. Both belong to the Sufi Order International and speak at interfaith conferences in the belief that sharing one's way of life promotes harmony and peace. Imam Chishti writes, ". . . we are taught that the differences between people and nations are there for us to learn and to grow in our knowledge. That Allah put all these nations on earth together for a reason. Each has its own significance and importance and each has something for us to learn. We are not here to despise and fight with each other . . ." [www.ImamSalim.com](http://www.ImamSalim.com).

The workshop begins Friday evening, August 14, from 7 pm to 9 pm, and continues on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Lunch on Saturday is included in the \$100 fee. Housing is available. For details call 918 456-3421 or 800 386-7161, or email [information@sanctasophia.org](mailto:information@sanctasophia.org). To register, call the numbers above or email [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org).

#### **Biographical Sketches:**

**Imam Salim Chishti** is the resident Imam at the Abode of the Message. He was born in New York and early in his life entered a spiritual journey that has led him to find his heart's home in Sufism and Islam. He is has been an initiate in the Sufi Order International since 1983. Imam Salim has studied Sharia, Tariqa and Ma'rifa with several leading scholars, and speaks frequently at Sufi, Islamic and interfaith conferences, and he is regularly asked to represent Islam in interfaith conferences. Currently he is doing research on Islamic dream interpretation and spiritual healing practices in the Chishti lineage.

**Tara Chishti** has been on the spiritual path for 30 years. While brought up in the Catholic tradition she converted to Islam 7 years ago and became an initiate of the Sufi Order International in 1978. One's relationship to God on the path and living a fully embodied inner life in outer life is her primary focus. As a representative in the Sufi Order, a retreat guide and a healer Tara loves working with all those who are seekers on the path to help them fulfill their own God ideal. Tara is also a licensed Acupuncturist and Doctor of Chinese Medicine, her work on the spiritual path deeply influences her medical practice.

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## **INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE KINGDOMS**

*By Brenda Cutrell, Ph.D.*

### **Part Three: The Mineral Kingdom**

It is called the foundation because it apparently seems to be the most crystallized or rigid kingdom; the one that shows the least flexibility (when compared with the other kingdoms and from a human point-of-view). Yet it provides the building blocks. Its interrelationship with human beings is at the deepest unconscious levels. Its interconnected webs are so subtle, yet so seemingly dense, that we actually think that we are solid beings, and that the mineral kingdom is a portion of ourselves as humans.

The mineral kingdom participates intimately in our interactions with both the physical and etheric levels. In fact, it participates intimately in the physical and etheric levels of all of the kingdoms above it in density.

In its most conscious functions it acts as a stabilizer and circuitry for the life force of any particular being in interrelationship with it. This kingdom lends its structure to anything wishing to take on physical manifestation, no matter how subtle the level. Without it, physical manifestation would not be possible as we recognize it today.

The goals of the evolutionary stream that is the mineral kingdom are tied up with the fiery basis of all of Matter. Thus, as human beings are bridges for bringing Spirit into Matter, the mineral kingdom acts as the underpinning for those efforts, and the trampoline for sending the response of Matter into Spirit.

At this time there is a great effort to enter into right relationship with this kingdom on the part of a certain

portion (hopefully, growing every day) of humanity, rather than to simply exploit it for what it can provide for material wealth. Any organization or individual committed to sustainability is working towards this goal.

For example, I have seen agricultural practices where the workers have used particular formulas of liquids, of water and plant essences, to help repair the etheric webs that interweave the layers of soil. They used back-pack water sprayers and kept their wands in a constantly moving figure eight pattern as they sprayed, setting a certain rhythm in harmony with an intuitive sense of right action.

From the mineral kingdom's perspective, we humans in physical form must seem rather like a wart on the skin of the frog. As I peer into the mineral kingdom, I feel like I have intruded, uninvited, into a massive movement of consciousness. I feel like I have opened a tiny window or porthole into a vast system of interacting awarenesses that are too immense to really perceive me (my apology for the intrusion going unnoticed). When one considers that the mineral kingdom encompasses not only the solid earth matter that we experience with skin, eyes, taste buds, and noses, but also the vastnesses of air, water, fire, and space, as physical bodies we are definitely that wart on the skin of the frog.

As for humans causing damage and tangled lines with this kingdom, this has only become possible (for our civilization) through the way atomic energy is being used. But as I have already remarked, this kingdom is so huge

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# CREATING A NEW BLUEPRINT FOR HUMANITY

by Margaret Stephens

## Part 3: Initiation and the Etheric-Physical Vehicle

Initiation is a process of gradually refining and raising the vibratory rate of the matter of the personality vehicles until the physical, the emotional, and the mental vehicles are aligned into a harmonic whole and vibrating at a synchronous rate that will ultimately allow the fiery vibrations of the soul – and beyond – to be held within the human form without damaging or destroying the vehicles through which the energy of the higher realms seeks to express in the world of matter. Each initiation or expansion of consciousness raises the vibratory rate to a point that cannot be maintained at first, but which the individual must learn to handle and embody before the next expansion of consciousness can occur.

Most of humanity has already built its etheric vehicle out of the substances of sub-plane 7 (the most dense level) through sub-plane 3 (the less dense Life Ether). The great task before humanity today is to construct the upper two sub-planes of the etheric body (the sub-atomic or Light Ether and the atomic or Reflecting Ether) before the human family will be able to create an etheric-physical body of the vibratory quality that can successfully sustain solar fire (soul light) in a matrix or blueprint to manifest the outer physical form.

During the evolutionary processes of initiation, a cleavage must be effected between the higher two ethers (the Light Ether and the Reflecting Ether) and the lower two ethers (the Chemical Ether and the Life Ether). This cleavage is much more difficult to bring about than the cleavage between the lower and the higher desire nature because, first, the formless substance of the upper two levels must become formed and the unorganized higher ethers must be organized through meditation and contemplation. Then the cleavage, which takes place not within the etheric double itself but between the etheric double and the two higher ethers, can take place. When this cleavage successfully occurs, the underlying blueprint for the outer human form will be composed of matter that vibrates only to the sub-atomic and the atomic levels, thus allowing the manifestation of a dense physical body that is a clear reflector of Solar Fire.

At the First Initiation, known as the Transformation or Birth of the Christ Consciousness within the cave of the heart, 25% of the matter of the vehicles has been transformed to the vibratory rate of the atomic level. Said another way, 25% of the lunar pitris, who are the form builders that vibrate to the Fire of Matter, have been replaced by Solar Pitris, who are the form builders that vibrate to Solar Fire. Thus the very matter of the physical vehicle begins to consciously cooperate in the evolutionary process.

At the Second Initiation, known as the Transmutation or Baptism, the astral (emotional) body begins to come under the control of the mind, and the individual's desire nature shifts from the desires of the

animal soul to the desire (aspiration) to attain a higher spiritual goal. It is said that this is the longest phase of spiritual development and may take many lifetimes to accomplish. When the goal of soul alignment has been successfully achieved, 50% of the involutory lunar matter has been transmuted into solar matter.

The Third Initiation, which is known as the Transfiguration, is successfully achieved when 75% of the involutory or lunar matter of the vehicles has been replaced with the evolutionary forces or Solar Pitris. Before the Third Initiation can be embodied, the mental vehicle must be sufficiently cleared of illusions and glimmers so that Soul Infusion can occur. For this to occur, the sub-atomic and atomic levels of the etheric-physical vehicle must be well organized and functional so that when the cleavage between the etheric double and the upper two sub-levels occurs, the existence of the physical form can continue within the material world. The outer form of the individual human being is transfigured by its newly created blueprint – the underlying subtle matrix—which is now the Body of Light composed of the matter of the sub-atomic and atomic levels of the Etheric-Physical Plane.

Thus the great goal of the Third Initiation, which is the first major or Cosmic Initiation, is to transfigure the blueprint of the past upon which the 4th kingdom in nature (humanity) was manifested and to create a new etheric-physical matrix that will manifest the 5th kingdom in nature, the New Humanity—the Kingdom of Soul on Earth.

**Biographical Sketch:** *Margaret Stephens resides in the intentional spiritual community of Sparrow Hawk Village and serves on the Board of Governors of Sancta Sophia Seminary. She is also a senior faculty member and student advisor at the seminary, whose curriculum emphasizes esoteric and noetic sciences.*

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## INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS

with Rev. Carol Parrish and team

JULY 27 – 31

MONDAY—FRIDAY, am & pm

Learn the laws of the Higher Planes and use the available forces to create the life you desire. Metaphysics are not esoteric in nature but frequently we use a blend of the two. Learn the magic of creating joy and happiness and seeing the daily miracles your life can achieve. Techniques for integrating the physical and non-physical as a conscious participant will be taught. Learn how to be certain that you have the abundance Christ promised.

Join Carol as she and a talented team introduce us to these wonderful teachings. The costs for attending this class: for students already enrolled in the program \$250, and for all others \$275. Lunch is included and housing is available. For more information you can call 800 386-7161 or 918 456-3421, or you can email us at [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org) or [information@sanctasophia.org](mailto:information@sanctasophia.org).

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- ♦ unusual kinds of magnetism
- ♦ and many other new sciences, such as heart coherence that even seems to modify physical space.

To fully appreciate these new discoveries, we will review many of conventional science's "dogmas" from quantum physics, biology, astronomy and the mind sciences and present paradoxes in each area which point towards a new, more inclusive world view.

We will do a number of experiential exercises

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to help integrate and experience the inner meaning of these concepts. Although examining the underlying concepts of oneness may seem "heavy", we will have a lot of fun as we explore our subject and share our experiences that support a non-dual reality. Come with an open mind and an open heart, and we will have an exciting time exploring these ideas together.

Come and be a part of this enlightening *continued on page 6*

## INTERMEDIATE ASTROLOGY

WITH DENNIS ACREA

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 THRU FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, AM & PM

Join Dennis Acrea in August as he introduces us to the next step in his astrology classes with Intermediate Astrology. The universe is purposeful and filled with Lots of Vital Energy. Nowhere is this more profoundly evident than in the study of the Divine Science of Astrology and its application as an intuitive art for spiritual growth. Higher consciousness unfolds in ever deepening layers of self-awareness when we apply the Karmic implications of transits and progressions to our birth charts. Students will use their understanding of signs, planets, houses and aspects in order to see the daily movement of planets as the Soul's opportunity to evolve in this lifetime.

**Prerequisite:** Basic Astrology I & II or the equivalent, including knowledge of signs, houses and planets.

So, join us as we traverse this wonderful field of knowledge and gain a greater understanding of astrological

symbolism and meaning. This class is part of preparation for Esoteric Astrology in 2010.

The class will begin on Monday, August 3 and conclude on Friday, August 7, and go from 9 am until 3 pm. Lunch is included in the cost for this class which is \$250 for enrolled seminary students or \$275 for those not enrolled—all are welcome. Housing is available. For details call: 800 386-7161 or 918 456-3421, or email [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org) or [information@sanctasophia.org](mailto:information@sanctasophia.org)

**Biographical sketch:** Dennis Acrea has studied and practiced astrology for more than 25 years. He synthesizes volumes of information and varied approaches into an integrated whole. His students find him inspiring, affirming and fun. Dennis holds a degree in Public Health and a secondary teaching certificate.

# **ESOTERIC UNDERSTANDING OF SEX, LOVE, AND RELATIONSHIPS**

*by Rev. Carol E. Parrish-Harra*

**SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2009**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY MORNINGS**

A new and different understanding of intimate relationships can be found in spirituality. Sexuality, marriages and partnerships have great contributions to make in our daily lives and much of it happens without awareness.

We shall explore levels of consciousness and the challenges of sexuality, love and loving, as well as, marriage and commitment. All have far more impact than surface understanding. In our workshop, we shall explore how relationships change as we change; levels of consciousness and what they mean to us when healthy bonding occurs; and gain a deeper understanding of masculine and feminine values and how they compliment one another in the quest for wholeness. Each of us needs to know the power of mating, sexuality; and its part in healing and renewal; keys to healthy relationships, and the romantic attraction of various evolutions as they interact.

We will study challenges brought to our most

personal relationships as we develop and deepen our spiritual practices. Each aspirant faces change and adjustment as love confirms new meaning and greater value. Subjects of exploration are: levels of consciousness, masculine-feminine balance, the power of mating, sexual disciplines, homosexuality, keys to healthy relationships—and various evolutions of the cosmos functioning together.

So, join Carol as she walks us through the challenges and Joys of love, marriage and relationships on the esoteric level.

Cost to attend this enlightening class is \$250 for enrolled students and \$275 for others, all are welcome. Lunch is included and housing is available. Please call our registrar at: **800-386-7161** or email at: [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org).

## **RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE YOUNGER KINGDOMS**

*by Rev. Connie Swan*

**SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2009**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY AFTERNOONS**

We'll begin by considering humanity's place in the grand scheme of things, known to the ancients as the Great Chain of Being. Then we'll turn our attention to three kingdoms some esotericists describe as "younger"—the animals, plants and minerals. Although mainstream culture encourages us to regard ourselves as separate from and superior to our partners in the dance of creation, we are truly all in this together. Our very bodies are harmonies of mineral, plant and animal nature.

We share this web of life with all our relations. As the Divine Feminine expresses ever more clearly, it behooves us as stewards of the Earth to expand awareness of our relationship with other children of our Mother Nature. Humanity's role at this point in history appears to be of the greatest importance. Many are realizing that we are indeed "the ones we have been waiting for". Consciousness may well be the critical technology.

By bringing awareness and intention to our interaction with non-human realms, we work in support of evolution. We play our part in the evolutionary drama and thereby effectively serve the Plan as "World Servers" and "People of Good Will" becoming "the change we wish to see in the world".

We'll review esoteric writings old and new, but because the vast non-human realm communicates

wordlessly; we'll experiment with other profound and playful ways to encounter and relate. We'll use powerful techniques and our own spiritual gifts to expand our consciousness in this area. We may spend some time outdoors in the powerful natural site that is Sparrow Hawk Mountain. Optional activities will include watching the sun rise over the valley, splashing in the river—even a short float if there's interest, walking the labyrinth, conversation with friends new and old, and greeting the star beings in the night sky.

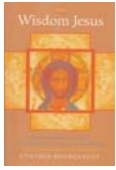
Consider spending the week with us in the scenic foothills of the Ozarks. You'll enjoy good company, new ideas and experiences. Just the retreat you need to finish out the summer of 2009! Call the registrar 800.386.7161 or email [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org).

**Biographical Sketch:** *Connie Swan* was ordained by LCCC in 2006 and serves as student advisor for Sancta Sophia Seminary. She delights in her interfaith ministry, which responds to calls from her community for a broad range of services, including ceremony and ritual, pastoral care and counseling, and co-creative Nature work. Her ongoing passion is the experience and expression of joy.

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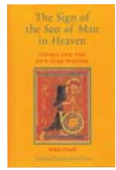
## The Wisdom of Jesus, by Cynthia Bourgeault, Ph.D.



"Repent, for the end of the world is at hand!" This term 'repent' has been used extensively in the Christian vocabulary, usually meaning to confess our sins, acknowledge how far off course we've wandered, and promise to turn our lives in a new direction. This new book explores, among other things, the word "metanoia" as a place to go "into the larger mind." It means to escape from the orbit of the egoic operating system, which by virtue of its own internal hardwiring is always going to see the world in terms of polarized opposites, and move instead into that non-dual knowingness of the heart which can see and live from the perspective of wholeness. This is the central message of Jesus. Join author Cynthia Bourgeault, Ph.D., in an exploration of what can happen when you put aside what you think you know about Jesus and approach the Gospels as though for the first time. Something remarkable may happen!

Shambala Publications, Inc, 2008 paperback, 223 pages, \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59030-580-5

## The Sign of the Son of Man in Heaven: Sophia and The New Star Wisdom, by Robert Powell



"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven" (Matthew 24:30). What exactly do these words mean? The deeper significance of these biblical words is explored in this book, which is concerned with a new wisdom of the stars in light of Divine Sophia. Humanity is now called upon to be extremely wakeful in the period leading up to the end of the Mayan calendar in the year of 2012. It is up to us to choose consciously to connect with the forces of light, to "link hands" with them, in the spirit of serving the higher goals of humanity's evolution. The great archetype is the Son of Man, whose every step was—and is aligned with the Divine Will expressed through the planets as they move against the background of the fixed stars. Join internationally known lecturer, author, eurythmist, and movement therapist, Robert Powell, in a compelling exploration of the profundity of this archetype. With this journey, the possibility emerges that we can learn to consciously align our will with the Divine Will expressed in heaven.

Sophia Foundation Press, 1947 (Second, expanded, edition) paperback, 98 pages, \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-59731-159-5

### Nest Notes

What's new at Sophia's Nest, formally the Village Bookstore and Village Gift Shop?

Books from Carol now available on CD:

**The Aquarian Rosary: Reviving the Art of Mantra Yoga** (\$12.95)

**The New Dictionary of Spiritual Thought** (\$19.99)

Other offerings include:

**Meditation Plus:** a Six CD set (\$30.00)

**Healing:** A Three CD set (\$30.00)

**From Churches to Temples of Initiation** (\$6.00)

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### Graduate Trimester III: Divine Alchemy-Synthesizing Science and Spirituality *continued from page 4*

experience, which is open to graduate students and all others interested in the idea of the ongoing struggle between understanding science and spirituality working in harmony.

Cost to attend is: \$500 for grad students and \$400 for all others (am only). For more information and questions, please call our registrar at: 800-386-7161 or 918 456-3421, you can also email [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org) or [information@sanctasophia.org](mailto:information@sanctasophia.org).

**Biographical Sketch:** Robert Willson received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1966. While doing his graduate work, he co-invented the plasma video for which he received an Emmy in 2002 and he was inducted into the Consumer's Electronics Hall of Fame in 2006. Willson worked in the industry on projects involving perception of displayed information, low light level television, and holographic imaging. He was a co-author of two books and published numerous technical papers. Robert was ordained in Spiritual Sciences in 1983. In 1990 he graduated from Sancta Sophia Seminary and was ordained

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### Our Village Lifestyle . . .

Our intentional community welcomes newcomers. Eclectic and inter-faith in our approach, we respect all spiritual practices leading to higher consciousness. We each strive toward self-mastery and the transformation of ourselves and humanity to make our world a better place for all.

Villagers are from all walks of life. We elect the guiding themes for our lives and are self-supporting and responsible. We strive to live in right relationship with one another and the world of nature. Most of us admit we do this better some days than others. We discourage actions that may lead to abuse: drugs, excessive alcohol, offensive sexual behavior, disrespect for others or the environment.

We believe community is the way of the future; thus, we have begun. We invite you to come and be with us in voluntary cooperation. *Welcome!*

# PRINCIPLES AND LAWS OF THE AQUARIAN AGE WORKSHOP

with Rev. Margaret Stephens

SATURDAY, JULY 18, (please note the change in times) 9:35AM TO 2PM

Our responsibility as disciples is to prepare to be World Servers. You are invited to discuss the Principles of the Aquarian Age. These principles are different from the Piscean principles which we have used in the past, and Margaret will explore the Laws that describe each Principle. This will be a thought provoking experience as we investigate together this subject in preparation for our future service as group leaders to our planet and humanity.

Join us for an information filled workshop as we explore the changes the Aquarian Age brings. Cost to attend this workshop is \$40. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be available. Housing is also available. Call 800 386-7161 or 918 456-3421, or you can email [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org) or [information@sanctasophia.org](mailto:information@sanctasophia.org), to register or if you have any questions.

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## Mysteries of the Divine Feminine

by Rev. Carol Parrish-Harra

August 10-14

Monday-Friday, am & pm

Mysteries once understood and valued are waiting for rediscovery. As corrections come into our modern awareness, so will healing, hope and renewal advance in our planetary life. "A bird cannot fly on only one wing" so says Agni teaching. Likewise humanity cannot express its highest operating at half it's potential. We live in an auspicious time as we seek to gain a sense of androgyny, both individually and collectively. We shall celebrate the divine feminine, her teachings and her beauty as we embrace an enriched path of Sophia, Mother Wisdom.

So, join Carol for a week of exploration into the Divine Feminine. This class is open to all! Cost to take part in this class is \$250 for enrolled students and \$275 for those not enrolled in any of our many programs. Lunch is provided and housing is available.

For more information and/or to reserve a place please call our Registrar at 800. 386.7161 or 918.456.3421. You can also contact the Registrar via email at [registrar@sanctasophia.org](mailto:registrar@sanctasophia.org).



### Did you know . . .

that you can hear our Sunday sermon and Communion homily on our website? The audios are normally accessible by Wednesday following, so even if you can't be with us in body, we can come together in spirit at any time.

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## FRIENDS OF SANCTA SOPHIA 2009-2010 CAMPAIGN BEGINS

September marks the kick-off for the annual Friends Membership Drive. Look for more information about our late summer fund drive and the benefits of becoming a member of this worthy group. Friends of Sancta Sophia, started by Jim Dillinger and Charles Harra in 2000, has helped sustain the school in a variety of ways over the

years, and the need in 2010 will be just as great.

When you receive the promotional material, please return the form with a check or credit card number, and we will send a thank-you gift. Your contribution to Friends of Sancta Sophia signals a commitment to spiritual education and the needed change it can make in our world.

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by Light of Christ Community Church. He teaches Rainbow Bridge Meditation, Inner Child Development, Coherent Heart procedures, and the Emotional Freedom Technique. He is co-pastor of Light of Christ Community Church, and is an advisor to both the graduate and undergraduate programs of Sancta Sophia Seminary.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM CAROL

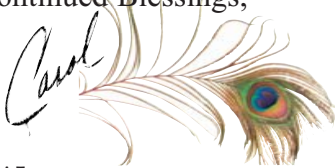
to care for things in my usual manner.

I want to thank everyone for the cards and the e-mails you have sent. LaRhonda, my assistant, keeps me well informed regarding your letters and calls.

Dear Friends,

I wanted everyone to know I am back at home and doing very well. I thank everyone for their prayers and ask you to keep them coming. While I am doing very well please forgive that I am not answering cards and letters at this time, but I am planning to as I continue my recovery.

Continued Blessings,



**Want your own copy of the 2009 Year-at-a-Glance, Schedule of Classes, or Seed Thoughts?**

**Contact:**

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or call: 800 386-7161

## REMEMBER THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING AND LCCC CONFERENCE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Now is the time to start planning to attend the Annual Homecoming and Light of Christ Community Church Conference on November 2nd. It is going to be a special time to be here this year (it always is!).

## ALERT!! MINISTERS & TEACHERS

**Don't forget your annual dues. Please send your check, with late fee, as soon as you are able. Call the office to charge to your debit/credit card. We appreciate you and your attention to this matter.**

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and has such a vast reach that it is difficult to imagine what may come from all of our actions.

**Biographical Sketch: Brenda Cutrell, Ph.D.**, is a member of the Sancta Sophia Seminary Board of Governors, has been involved with spiritual disciplines and practices, both individual and group, since the early 1980's. She was ordained by LCCC in 1991 and completed a doctorate of philosophy in religious studies in 2003 from Sancta Sophia Seminary. Her particular focus and interest has been the process by which a person works towards an expanded spiritual realization—or emancipation from three-dimensional consciousness, and begins to live as a soul. Brenda resides in the intentional community of Sparrow Hawk Village.

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2009 Mid-Summer & Fall Classes

## MID-SUMMER SESSION

July 18 **W**

Saturday, am & pm

### **Principles and Laws of the Aquarian Age**

*Rev. Margaret Stephens*

July 27-31

Monday-Friday, am & pm

### **Introduction to the World of Metaphysics**

*Rev. Carol Parrish & Team*

August 3-7

Monday-Friday, am & pm

### **Intermediate Astrology**

*Dennis Acrea*

August 10-14

Monday-Friday, am & pm

### **Mysteries of the Divine Feminine**

*Rev. Carol Parrish*

August 14 & 15 **W**

Friday Evening and Saturday, am & pm

### **Islam—Unity of Religious Ideals**

*Imam Salim Chishti and his, wife Tara*

## FALL SESSION

September 7-11 **\***

Monday-Friday, am

### **Graduate Trimester III: Convergence of Science and Spirituality Divine Alchemy- Synthesizing Science and Spirituality**

*Rev. Robert Willson, Ph.D.*

September 14-18 **\***

Monday-Friday, am

### **Esoteric Understanding of Sex, Love, and Relationships**

*Rev. Carol Parrish*

September 14-18

Monday-Friday, pm

### **Right Relationship with the Younger Kingdoms**

*Rev. Connie Swan*

**W**=Workshop

**\*** =CEU's Available