

A Heavenly Chalice in our Time—  
The 2017 Solar Eclipse and the Cross of Light  
Living Waters Retreat Center, Challis, Idaho  
August 18 - 22, 2017

with

Estelle Isaacson  
Karen Rivers, Ph.D.  
Marcia Burchard

The Moon covered the face of the Sun and the Sun's corona emerged – a magnificent vista: the radiant appearance of the great “light aura” of our star at the heart of our solar system.



Featuring observation of the total solar eclipse, August 21, 2017.

Witnessing a total solar eclipse is one of the most profound experiences that one can have in this life upon our planet Earth. —Robert Powell

When there is an eclipse of the Sun, something quite different takes place during the changed circumstances on that part of the Earth upon which the solar eclipse takes effect, something very different than when a solar eclipse is not taking place. If we know that when the Sun's rays shine upon us will forces stream up toward the Sun, then we can imagine how an eclipse of the Sun can have a definite influence upon the streaming of the will, which is something spiritual. The Moon intercepts the rays of light coming from the Sun; this is the physical aspect. The streaming of the will up from the Earth is not held back by the physical matter of the Moon; it streams into the darkness of the eclipse. This is a moment in time, even if only brief, during which earthly will forces stream out into cosmic space in a different way than when there is no solar eclipse.

## A Chalice in the Heavens in our Time: The 2017 Solar Eclipse and the Cross of Light



The program will begin with dinner on Friday, August 18—three days before the solar eclipse. Dinner will be followed by an opening conversation. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with Sacred Dance, Singing, presentations by Estelle Isaacson and Karen Rivers, outings to special sites, evening Sophia Grail Circles: The Liturgy to the Etheric Christ and the Seven Last Words from the Cross, and star gazing, all in preparation for the Eclipse. Monday morning we will drive to the midline of the eclipse to view it in its totality, offering prayers and meditations for the Earth and our World condition. The program will end Monday evening. Departure will be after breakfast on Tuesday morning, Aug. 22.

On the day of the eclipse, the Moon will remember the Raising of Lazarus (Jul/26/32) as it comes into alignment with the star Eta Leonis in the constellation of Leo. The shadow side of the Moon will be turned toward the Sun, becoming for us a Grail chalice of the wisdom of transformation. During the solar eclipse we have the opportunity to courageously face our shadow self—to realize our soul's descent as the sacrifice of our being—so that through the light of the Christ Sun we may come to know our True Self more fully. This is the Grail journey. We may receive from the Holy Grail wisdom for our transformation, and for the transformation of the Earth! The Cross of Light that rays forth as the Sun emerges from the shadow of the Moon reflects the Cross of Christ shining in the heart of the redeemed Lucifer's radiance—devotion to redemption through love.

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**ESTELLE ISAACSON** is a contemporary mystic and seer whose first work, a trilogy *Through the Eyes of Mary Magdalene*, presents her visions of the life of Christ as seen through Magdalene's own eyes, and subsequently Magdalene's journeys in Gaul leading up to her death in the sacred cave La Sainte-Baume in Provence where she lived the life of a hermit for some thirty years. Estelle's latest book, *The Grail Bearer: Tellings from the Ever-Primal Story*, contains visions of the Holy Grail seen "through the eyes of Repanse de Schoye. Estelle is also coauthor with Robert Powell of *Gautama Buddha's Successor: A Force for Good in Our Time*, and *The Mystery of Sophia: Bearer of the New Culture—The Rose of the World*. Estelle has worked as an alternative healing therapist since 1999.

**KAREN RIVERS**, Ph.D, author of *Love and the Evolution of Consciousness: a Study of the Transformation of the Human Soul, the Double, and the Spirit*, together with Robert Powell, co-founded the Sophia Foundation where she teaches and co-leads pilgrimages to sacred sites around the world. In 1995 Karen founded Chrysalis Productions, a community theater company for children and adults. In 1996 Karen founded the Rosamira Circle, "the Rose of Peace", which seeks to awaken within children and adults an understanding and respect for all faith traditions, toward the realization of world peace. Karen also works as Director of the New Chartres Academy, as a faculty member of the Wisdom School of Graduate Studies. For further information see: [www.karenrivers.info](http://www.karenrivers.info)

**MARCIA BURCHARD**, pianist/composer, received an MA in Music from Dominican University of California, where she also taught piano, music theory, and composition from 1998 to 2010. She has worked with the Sophia Foundation since 1998, providing piano accompaniment for Choreocosmos workshops as well as original compositions, including music for the Chrysalis Productions sacred dramas *Parsifal* and *The Mystery of Love*, and choral settings of the Sophia Foundation *Prayer Sequence* and *The Beatitudes*. Her 4 CD set of *The Harmonies of the Starry Spheres*, is available through the Sophia Foundation.

## FEES AND EXPENSES

**Limited space available - registration on a first come basis.**

### LODGING AND FOOD INFORMATION

DOUBLE ROOM 2 BEDS OR ONE KING SIZE BED - \$48.00/NIGHT PER PERSON (4 NIGHTS) = \$192

SINGLE ROOM - \$86.00/NIGHT PER PERSON (4 NIGHTS) = \$344

ALL MEALS FRIDAY DINNER THROUGH TUESDAY BREAKFAST = \$112

REGISTRATION FEE: \$498 if registered by March 15, 2017

\$548 if registered after March 15, 2017

**Total Cost with early registration: \$802; w/single room: \$954**

**Total Cost with late registration: \$852; w/ single room: \$1004**

**payable to the Sophia Foundation**

**LIMITED TO 35 PARTICIPANTS - REGISTER EARLY**

**Living Waters Ranch Retreat Center**

**3599 Garden Creek Road**

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**FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION:** <http://livingwatersranch.org/about/locate-us/>

Living Waters Ranch is located on 142 acres near scenic Challis, Idaho.

It runs  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile along Garden Creek surrounded by a beautiful mountain view.

**Those who have registered will receive travel information.**

### REGISTRATION REQUEST

**A HEAVENLY CHALICE IN OUR TIME: THE 2017 SOLAR ECLIPSE AND THE CROSS OF LIGHT**

Friday, August 18 - Tuesday August 22, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Circle One:

Double Room: Cost before March 15, 2017 — \$802      Cost after March 15, 2017 — \$852

Single Room: Cost before March 15, 2017 — \$954      Cost after March 15, 2017 — \$1004

The total amount includes the registration fee, housing, and meals.

**Final payment (total less \$200 deposit) due June 1, 2017**

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**Send \$200 Deposit and Registration form to:**  
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