

ATTUNING TO THE STARS: STAR-GAZING AS A SPIRITUAL PATH

Seminar with Dr. Robert Powell in Assisi, Italy

Sunday, 19 August – Friday, 24 August 2018

“Oasi Sacro Cuore” (Sacred Heart Oasis) Retreat Centre

Viale Vittorio Emanuele II 5, 06081 Assisi, Italy

Musical accompaniment by violinist Vitale Cotofana

English/German – with translation into Italian by Uberta Sebregondi

This year the workshop will be focused on “The Great Teachers of Humanity” and the greater panorama of their weaving together for humanity’s evolution, opening new spiritual mysteries in our time.

During this seminar, Robert Powell will present some new research findings, especially relating to the year 2018—a year during which a new relationship between the angels and humanity is beginning, opening a path through which we can reconnect with the cosmic and spiritual dimensions of what is taking place in the world at the present time, and offering an opportunity to connect spiritually with the stellar configurations during the pivotal year of 2018. This direct interaction between the human being on Earth and the angels and other heavenly beings connected with the stars is intended to help toward developing the capacity to receive the wisdom-filled teachings of the angelic hierarchies, and to bring them into our earthly daily life. “As above, so below.”

Attuning to the Stars

Assisi is located on a natural terrace facing south-west, allowing beautiful evening star-gazing, which we shall practice with the goal of developing a modern path of the magi to find the spirit in the universe. Moreover, thanks to Rudolf Steiner’s clairvoyance, eurythmy originated, through which we have received the gestures and sounds corresponding to each planet and zodiacal sign. These gestures open gates of access to cosmic forces. We shall explore the star mysteries through star-gazing and consciously reconnect—through the archetypal gestures and sounds of the cosmic dance of eurythmy—to the heavenly bodies and their spiritual forces, bringing harmony into ourselves and our surroundings, by dancing to violin music the cosmic dances of the planets in the signs of the zodiac, according to what we see in the starry heavens through star-gazing.

The inspired movements of cosmic dance allow vital currents of life forces to flow inside and around us. One could consider sacred and cosmic dance as meditation in movement, leading to a connection with the highest aspects of the cosmos manifesting through the planets and the signs of the zodiac.

Robert Powell is an internationally known lecturer and author. After graduating with a Master’s degree in mathematics at England’s University of Sussex, he specialized in the history of astronomy and was awarded a PhD by the Polish Academy of Sciences for his thesis on the history of the zodiac. In 1982 he completed the training in eurythmy at the Goetheanum in Dornach (Switzerland). He does research into astronomy, astrology, and eurythmy, and he is a co-founder of the Sophia Foundation. He is also founder of the Choreocosmos School—the School of Cosmic and Sacred Dance. His writings include: *History of the Zodiac*; *The Zodiac: A Historical Survey*; *The Sidereal Zodiac*; *History of the Planets*; *History of the Houses*; *Hermetic Astrology, Vols. I + II*; *Christian Hermetic Astrology: The Star of the Magi and the Life of Christ*. He has also written *Chronicle of the Living Christ*; *The Christ Mystery*; *The Sign of the Son of Man in the Heavens*; *Divine Sophia—Holy Wisdom*; and produced the 6-tape set: *The Sophia Teachings*, also available as a book. His recent publications include: *The Mystery, Biography & Destiny of Mary*

Magdalene, The Astrological Revolution (with Kevin Dann), *Christ & the Maya Calendar* (with Kevin Dann), *Elijah Come Again, Prophecy-Phenomena-Hope: The Real Meaning of 2012*, and *Cultivating Inner Radiance and the Body of Immortality*; he is also editor of the yearly *Journal for Star Wisdom*. His three most recent books are: *Astrogeographia* (with David Bowden, 2012), *Gautama Buddha's Successor: A Force for Good in Our Time* (with Estelle Isaacson, 2013), and *The Mystery of Sophia: Bearer of the New World Culture—The Rose of the World* (with Estelle Isaacson, 2014). He is also the editor of the yearly *Journal for Star Wisdom*. Visit the websites: www.sophiafoundation.org / www.astrogeographia.org / <http://steinerbooks.org/Books/SearchResults.aspx?str=robert+powell> / www.choreocosmos.info (German)

See daily program and workshop details below

Daily Program

The seminar begins with dinner on Sunday evening, 19 August, at 19:00 (7:00 pm) followed by an overview of the week. For those who are interested to read about Christ's healing water discovered in the 1950's at the Sanctuary (Santuario) of Collevaenza—about 1 hour drive from Assisi—see Robert's description on pages 10-24 of the Advent (fall) 2013 issue of *Starlight*, available as a PDF free download: http://sophiafoundation.org/images/stories/Documents/starlight_advent%202013.pdf

[If this link does not work, go to www.sophiafoundation.org and click "Activities" then "Starlight"]

05:30	(optional) Morning Meditation in Nature with movement (sacred dance)
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:00-09:30	Morning Meditation with movement (sacred dance)
09:30-10:45	Cosmic Dances of the Planets in the Zodiacal Signs
11: 15-12:30	Lecture Series: Attuning to the Stars
13:00-14:00	Lunch
15:00-16:15	Lecture Series: Star-Gazing as a Spiritual Path
16: 45-18:00	Cosmic Dances of the Planets in the Zodiacal Signs
18:00-19:00	Break
19:00-20:30	Dinner
20:30-22:00	Stargazing OR Celebration/Meditation with music

The seminar ends on Thursday evening, 23 August, at 22:00 (10:00 pm) after the closing musical meditation/celebration that evening. Departure after breakfast on Friday, 24 August 2018. See separate flyer for the Choreocosmos seminar in Roncegno, 25-31 August.

COST OF COURSE WITHOUT ACCOMODATION AND WITHOUT MEALS: EUR 280

Full payment of the course fee due on August 19

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE COURSE

19-24 August 2018

Name:

Address:

Phone number and email address;

Amount due on 19 August for the course: EURO 280

Please send your registration for the course to:

Uberta Sebgondi, viale Guglielmo Massaia 18, Sc. N/1, 00154 Roma, Italy.

Phone from USA 01139-06-45544847, Mobile 01139-335-6749935, [39 = code for Italy]

from Europe: 0039-06-45544847, Mobile 0039-335-6749935. Email: usebgondi@gmail.com

See information below for details concerning accommodation and travel

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING ACCOMMODATION—PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION YOURSELF, WHEREVER YOU CHOOSE TO STAY IN ASSISI.

FOR THOSE STAYING AT "OASI SACRO CUORE" Viale Vittorio Emanuele II 5, 06081 Assisi,

ACCOMMODATION TO BE BOOKED DIRECTLY: Tel: +39 075-812576

Email: info@oasisacrocuoreassisi.com <http://www.oasisacrocuoreassisi.com/>

DAILY RATES 2018 — per person/per day —

Bed and breakfast: €37

Half board: €45

Full board: €52

Oasi Sacro Cuore is situated in a large natural park, a short distance from San Damiano http://www.santuariosandamiano.org/home_eng.html and St. Clare sanctuaries <http://www.sanfrancescoassisi.org/en/st-francis/places/basilica-of-st-clare>

TRAVEL:

Train: 2 hours from Rome, or about 3 hours from Florence, to Assisi railway station. / From Sant'Egidio airport (Perugia) to Assisi takes less than ½ hour. Here with links: • [How to reach Assisi by car](#) • [How to reach Assisi by Train](#) • [How to reach Assisi by Air](#)

From Rome, or from Florence:

By train: Take the train to Assisi.

By bus: Daily bus connections depart at 12:30 from Roma Fiumicino Airport (Terminal 3-Arrivals): Bus stop adjacent to exit doors no. 5 and 6 (of Terminal 3-Arrivals) and arriving in Assisi at 4:45 PM.

ARRIVAL on Sunday, 19 August. Accommodation and Seminar at “Oasi Sacro Cuore” Retreat Centre, Viale Vittorio Emanuele II 5, Assisi. Just in front of the bus stop directly connecting to the Assisi train station and to the upper historic center of Assisi.

Free private parking. Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/nZZiJtZeoH2>

Dinner at 19:00 (7:00 pm). After dinner, at 20:30 (8:30 pm), Robert will give an overview of the week.

Oasi Sacro Cuore Retreat Centre is situated into a large fresh and silent garden, with olive trees opening on the road to San Damiano, which can be reached in 5 minutes by foot, as well as Santa Chiara. No evening closing time. DEPARTURE on Friday, 24 August after breakfast. (Breakfast is at 08:00 am).

SEE SEPARATE BROCHURE (www.sophiafoundation.org) FOR THE TREE OF LIFE SEMINAR FROM 12-19 AUGUST 2018 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS ASSISI STAR-GAZING SEMINAR. THE TREE OF LIFE SEMINAR IS ALSO IN ASSISI AT OASI SACRO CUORE RETREAT CENTER, MAKING IT EASY TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH SEMINARS.

SEE SEPARATE BROCHURE (www.sophiafoundation.org) FOR THE CHOREOCOSMOS SEMINAR FROM 25-31 AUGUST 2018 FOLLOWING ON THE SECOND DAY AFTER THIS ASSISI SEMINAR. THE CHOREOCOSMOS INTERNATIONAL WEEK IS AT THE ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SPA HOTEL “CASA DI SALUTE RAPHAEL” IN RONCEGNO, WHICH IS LOCATED ABOUT ½ HOUR DRIVE SOUTH-EAST OF TRENTO (TRIENT). THE THEME OF THE 2018 CHOREOCOSMOS SEMINAR IS “THE LIFE AFTER DEATH AND THE JOURNEY OF THE SOUL INTO INCARNATION” – WITH ITALIAN CONCERT PIANIST FABIO BERELLINI ACCOMPANYING THE COSMIC DANCES.

ARRIVAL ON 25 AUGUST FOR DINNER AT 7:00 PM; DEPARTURE ON 31 AUGUST AFTER BREAKFAST.

Depending on the number of participants, we could consider the possibility of renting a minibus with a driver for the transfer on Friday 24 August from Assisi to Roncegno (about 530 km, five and a half hours drive).