

The Wandering Fool or Love and Its Symbols

SOPHIA
FOUNDATION

25th Annual
Meditation Retreat

Celebrating St. John's Tide & World Peace Day

June 20 - 24, 2019

Synergia Ranch, Sante Fe, NM

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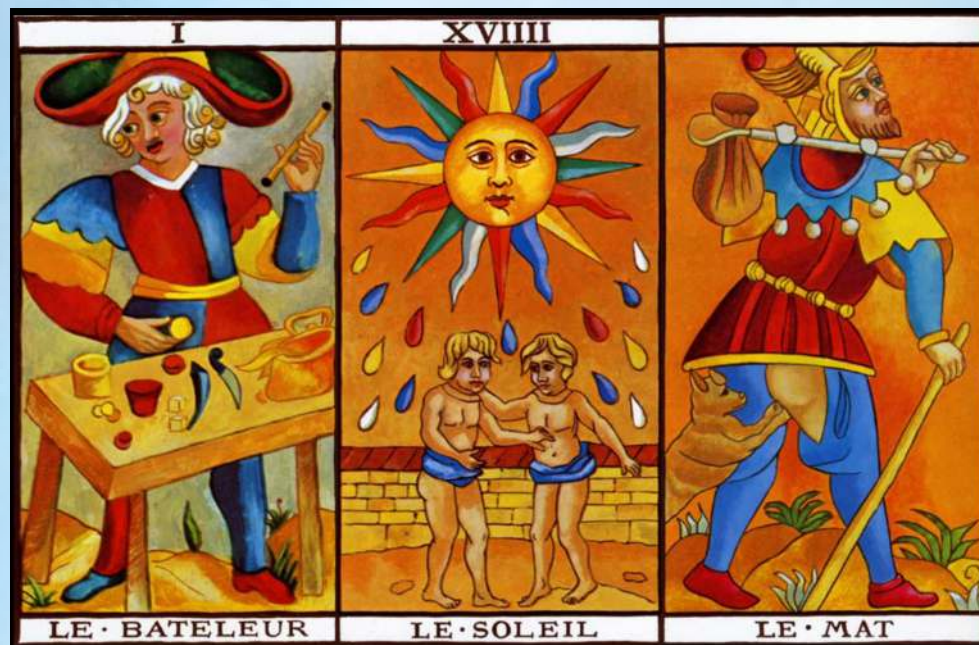
Karen Rivers PhD,

pianist Marcia Burchard,

and Our Sophia Community

“You still say that you will be taken for a fool, which is true, for the Way that leads us to the love of God is folly to the world.”

— Jacob Boehme



MEDITATIONS ON THE TAROT: A JOURNEY INTO CHRISTIAN HERMETICISM

“The Tarot depicts human qualities and virtues that must be transformed in order that they may assimilate the Christ and become a vessel for His activity. Although the Tarot predates Christianity, the Hermetic path from which it comes can be considered as a Christian path dating from before the time of Christ’s incarnation, in the sense that its teaching was intended to enable human souls to take into themselves the great Sun Being, Christ, even prior to His incarnation.

“The reason there are 22 Arcana of the Tarot is that human beings are endowed with 7 virtues, 12 capacities, and 3 qualities, all of which must be created anew by each individual. These virtues, capacities, and qualities are explicitly described in Meditations on the Tarot.

“If we seek the source of inspiration underlying Meditations on the Tarot, we come to a great individuality who in one of his incarnations, under the name Christian Rosenkretz, lived during the fifteenth century, when the Tarot originated. From life to life this individuality never ceases his labor directed toward bringing humanity into relationship with Christ. For Christian Rosenkretz has always—from incarnation to incarnation—lived as an exemplary model of this path, regardless whether humanity takes any notice of it or not—and this in spite of all that Rudolf Steiner, through his anthroposophical teachings, has tried to communicate to humanity on this important subject. The mission of Christian Rosenkretz is to lead all human souls to such a depth of inwardness that their hearts may blossom into an ‘inner Sun’—as is so profoundly described in the last Arcanum of Meditations on the Tarot, ‘The World’.” - FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE ACHAMOTH EDITION: INSPIRATIONEN ZU DEN GROSSEN ARCANA DES TARO XIV–XXII, GERMANY, 2007.

The program will begin with dinner on Thursday, June 20, followed by an opening talk on Meditations on the Tarot. Friday to Sunday will be filled with presentations Sacred Dance, Sacred Drama, Singing, outings to special sites, an evening World Peace and Prayer Celebration, Mystical Wedding Grail Circle.

The program will end Sunday evening. Departure will be after breakfast on Monday morning, June 24. We will celebrate World Peace and Prayer Day on June 21. *“It was shown in a dream long ago, that we would come to a time in this global community, when we would have to unite at our Sacred Sites once again to bring back healing. Many Nations would stand shoulder to shoulder in the Sacred Hoop. The future of our children’s health and wellbeing is dependent on our efforts. They need every person’s prayer from the Global Community.”*

— Chief Arvol Looking Horse



“The heart is the sun of the microcosm. For this reason Christian Hermeticism —in comon with Christianity in general —is “heliocentric”, i.e. it attributes to the heart the central place in all its practices. The great work of spiritual alchemy or “ethical Hermeticism” is the transmutation of the substances (“metals”) of the other lotuses into the substance of the heart (“gold”). “Ethical Hermeticism” (a term employed in Russia for spiritual alchemy) aims at the transformation of the whole system of lotuses into a system of seven hearts, i.e. to transform the human being entirely into heart. In practice, this means to say the humanisation of the whole human being and the transformation of the system of lotuses into a system functioning by love and for love.” — MEDITATIONS ON THE TAROT: THE HERMIT



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 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. For further information see: www.karenrivers.info



JOEL PARK, a Christian Hermeticist and social therapist, has been living and working in a Camphill affiliated community for the last eight years. He first encountered Meditations on the Tarot in 2010; since that time it has become the core element in his spiritual life. For the past three years, he has been investigating an experiential and conversational approach to working with both the Major and Minor Arcana, inspired by the anonymous author of Meditations on the Tarot. He intends to introduce this approach during the retreat, thereby bringing participants into the intuitive and spontaneously creative realm from which these Letter-Meditations originated. A familiarity with the text is helpful, but not required.

MARCIA BURCHARD, pianist/composer, will accompany our program.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Limited space available - registration on a first come basis.

LODGING AND FOOD INFORMATION

DOUBLE ROOM: \$ 55/NIGHT PER PERSON (4 NIGHTS) = \$220

SINGLE ROOM \$80/NIGHT PER PERSON (4 NIGHTS) = \$320

ALL ORGANIC MEALS DINNER 6/20 THROUGH BREAKFAST 6/23 = \$180

REGISTRATION FEE: \$498 if registered by March 31, 2019

\$598 if registered after March 31, 2019

Total Cost with Early Registration: \$898; w/ Single Room: \$998

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REGISTRATION REQUEST

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Thursday, June 20 - Monday June 24, 2019

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Roommate Choice: _____

Send Registration Form & Payment

To:

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4500 19th Street, #369

Boulder, CO 80304 USA

sophia@sophiafoundation.org

Phone/fax: 303-242-5388

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