



From Eclipse To Apocalypse

A Meditation Retreat

hosted by

**Joel Matthew Park, Sam Guzman, Gail
Dupre, and Richard Reho**

**At the Osage Forest of Peace in Sand
Springs, Oklahoma**

October 12 - 16, 2023

Arrival on Thursday afternoon, October 12

Departure on Monday morning, October 16

On August 21, 2017, millions of people gathered to witness what came to be called the *Great American Solar Eclipse*, the first eclipse whose path of totality travelled from coast to coast of the continental United States since 1918 (<https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/>). Significantly, it was the first solar eclipse to be *exclusively* visible in this part of the world since 1257!

Despite the unique nature of this celestial event, it does not stand alone. During this retreat, we will consider the possibility that this event ushered the United States (and, in turn, the rest of the world) into a “time of eclipse” — an approximately seven year period that is now coming to a close.

While there was only one celestial marker showing that we were entering the time of eclipse, there are two celestial gateposts showing us the way out. The first is the annular solar eclipse that will take place on October 14, 2023, whose path likewise travels from coast to coast of the continental United States, after which it continues south and will be visible in South America.

It is this celestial event that we will be celebrating during our meditation retreat, turning our inner gaze to the spiritual significance of this eclipse and its companions in the past and the future. To be clear: we will *not* be in the path of totality of this annular eclipse. However, we will experience around 75% totality, and will venture out to witness it in the gorgeous setting of the Osage Forest of Peace (<https://forestofpeace.org/>).

Joel Matthew Park and Sam Guzman will be guiding us through different perspectives as we consider the events of the past (the August 21, 2017 eclipse and the Great Conjunction on December 21, 2020); events of the present (the annular solar eclipse of October 14, 2023 and the total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024); and the future (a total solar eclipse on August 12, 2045).

Gail Dupre and Richard Reho will be guiding us through movement (cosmic and sacred dance) as a way to connect more deeply to these events.

Note that spaces are limited at this time to sixteen participants!

Daily Program:

October 12:

7:00-9:00pm: Welcome, conversation: what's brought me here?

October 13:

7:00-9:00am: Breakfast

9:00-10:30am: Movement; The Past: 2017

10:30-11:00am: Break

11:00am -12:30pm: Movement; The Past: 2017

12:30-2:00pm: Lunch Break

2:00-3:30pm: Movement; The Past: 2020

3:30-4:00pm: Break

4:00-5:30pm: Movement; The Past: 2020

5:30pm: Dinner.

7:00-9:00pm: Evening Celebration

October 14:

7:00-9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00-10:30 am: Movement; The Present: 2023

10:30-11:00 am: Break

11:00am-12:30pm: Conversation; witnessing the eclipse

12:30-2:00pm: Lunch Break

2:00-3:30pm: Movement; The Present: 2023

3:30-4:00pm: Break

4:00-5:30pm: Movement; The Present: 2024

5:30pm: Dinner.

7:00-9:00pm: Evening Celebration

October 15:

7:00-9:00am: Breakfast

9:00-10:30am: Movement; The Present: 2024

10:30-11:00am: Break

11:00am-12:30pm: Movement; The Future: 2045

12:30-2:00pm: Lunch Break

2:00-3:30pm: Movement; The Future: 2045

3:30-4:00pm—Break

4:00-5:30pm—Closing Conversation

5:30pm: Dinner.

7:00-9:00pm: Evening Celebration

Monday, October 16: Departure after breakfast

Accommodation from Thursday, October 12 for 4 nights with check out on Monday, October 16

The Osage Forest of Peace was originally founded by Sister Pascaline Coff, OSB, and the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in 1979 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. They were inspired by the work of Fr. Bede Griffiths, who devoted his life to interfaith dialogue between Catholicism and Hinduism in India. For more information, see here: <https://forestofpeace.org/history/>

Retreat participants will be sharing a space, staying in cabins with two beds in this idyllic and meditative forest setting. All meals are included. Important guest information can be found here: <https://forestofpeace.org/guest-information/>. We will strive to honor the policies, etiquette, and daily rhythm of the Osage Forest of Peace while we are guests there.

COST OF SEMINAR INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION AND ALL MEALS: \$650

The price for the Seminar includes:

- Room
- Board
- Participation in the retreat
- Airport transportation

*To register for the retreat, please visit <https://sophiafoundation.org/upcoming-events-sponsored-events/> and click the *Eclipse Retreat event*.*

Travel:

The address of Osage Forest of Peace is:

141 Monastery Road, Sand Spring, OK 74063

It is best to fly into the Tulsa International Airport.

Presenters:

Joel Matthew Park is a husband, father, and Christian Hermeticist based in Copake, New York. From 2011 to 2019 he was a life-sharing coworker at Plowshare Farm (a Camphill affiliate), farming and candle making with people from a variety of countries, ages, and developmental backgrounds. During this time, he earned a certification in Social Therapy from the School of Spiritual Science through the Camphill Academy. He has been living and working in Camphill Village Copake since 2019. After a time devoted to elder care, he has become increasingly involved in teaching in the Camphill Academy, on topics such as Stargazing, the Karma of Vocation, Theosophy, the Human Soul, the Festival Year, and Philosophical Perspectives. Joel has been a student of Anthroposophy since 2008 and a Christian Hermeticist since 2010. In 2014, he met Phillip Malone; together, the two of them have been investigating the Tarot of Marseilles since 2016. Since then, Joel has led two retreats on “Tarot and the Art of Hermetic Conversation” (2017 and 2019). The fruits of Joel and Phillip’s collaboration in this realm can be found at “The Unknown Friends”, www.the-unknown-friends.com. In 2015, he joined the Grail Knighthood, a group-spiritual practice offered through the Sophia Foundation. Through this, he met Robert Powell, whose work he had been studying since 2009. Since then, Joel has been working actively with him to continue the karma research Robert began in 1977 and exemplified in works such as *Hermetic Astrology*, volumes I and II, and *Elijah, Come Again*. After contributing to the *Journal for Star Wisdom 2018* (published Nov. 2017), he became editor for the journal’s continuation, the *Star Wisdom* series. The first volume of this series was published in November 2018. A selection of Joel’s writings can be found on his website, TreeHouse: www.treehouse.live.

Sam Guzman is a husband, father, podcaster, writer, and author. He has spent the past ten years in the area of Catholic men’s work and male spirituality. In 2018, in the midst of a spiritual crisis, he discovered Valentin Tomberg and *Meditations on the Tarot* the trajectory of his life was changed forever. Sam has spent the past 5 years reading and re-reading *Meditations* and immersing himself in the milieu of Christian Hermeticism. He currently writes on Christian Hermetic themes at his Substack blog, *The Way of the Heart*.

Gail Dupre and Richard Reho have been connected with the work of the Sophia Foundation since 2005. They are both ordained Priests of the Sophia Grail Circle and are long-time teachers and practitioners of Cosmic and Sacred Dance and Eurythmy as a spiritual path.