

★ 2017 June SHAPE Mount Shasta Retreat Intensive ★

Friday, June 23 - Sunday, June 25

Surfing the Kundalini to Higher States of Being, Awareness & Joy:
Deciphering the Tree of Life & the Tree of Knowledge

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Our Pre-Retreat TeleSeminar Special

Thursday, June 15 / 6 PM - 8 PM (PDT)

All Rivers Lead to the Same Ocean:

Kundalini & Your Havingness for Your Spiritual Path

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Our Post-Retreat TeleSeminar Special

Thursday, June 29 / 6 PM - 8 PM (PDT)

Surfing in the Pocket of the Kundalini:

Your Havingness for the Grace of The Holy Spirit

“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being.

“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

“The lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” [Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17]

“Then Satan whispered to him; he said, ‘O Adam, shall I direct you to the tree of eternity and possession that will not deteriorate?’” [Quran 20:120]

“Two birds, inseparable friends, cling to the same tree. One of them eats the sweet fruit, the other looks on without eating. On the same tree man sits grieving, immersed, bewildered by his own isolation (an-isa). But when

he sees the other lord (isa) whole and knows his glory, then his grief passes away. When the seer sees the brilliant maker and lord (of the world) as the Person who has his source in Brahman, then he is wise, and shaking off good and evil, he reaches the highest oneness, free from passions.” [Mundaka Upanishad 3.1.1-3]

“Sages speak of the immutable ashvattha [sacred fig] tree, with its taproot above and its branches below. On this tree grow the scriptures; seeing their source, one knows their essence.” [Bhagavad Gita 15:1]

“The nameless is the beginning of heaven and Earth.

The named is the mother of the ten thousand things.

Ever desireless, one can see the mystery.

Ever desiring, one sees the manifestations.” [Tao Te Ching, Verse 1]

“The Foundation of all the other sounds and letters is provided by the Three Mothers, Aleph, Mem and Shin; they resemble a Balance, on the one hand the guilty, on the other hand the purified, and Aleph the Air is like the Tongue of a Balance standing between them.

“The Three Mothers, Aleph, Mem and Shin, are a great Mystery, very admirable and most recondite, and sealed as with six rings; and from them proceed Air, Fire, and Water, which divide into active and passive forces. The Three Mothers, Aleph, Mem and Shin, are the Foundation, from them spring three Fathers, and from these have proceeded all things that are in the world.” [Sepher Yetzirah 3:1-2]

Dear SHAPE Community & Graduates of Clairvoyant Programs, AHA! & Our Psychic Tools & Life Mastery Practices Course,

Throughout the ages and across the globe, there have been sacred references to the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good (Wholeness) and Evil (Division). They appear in the creation stories of most cultures. As well, mystics, saints and sages from around the world, who have attained cosmic consciousness have at times described their direct experience of reality with similar metaphors.

“The Tao that can be told is not the eternal Tao,” thus begins the Tao Te Ching, a multi-tiered guidebook for returning to eternal life ascribed to Lao Tzu. Those who attained enlightenment cannot speak of what they experienced directly. There are no words to adequately describe the experience nor is it possible to put into words that which cannot be named. So, if such a soul were to offer us some kind of guidance that we may follow to our awakening, he or she would have to do so using metaphors as clues and providing allegories for us to decipher.

Yet, how would we be able to decipher such esoteric sign-posts? Certainly, it would not be from intellectually trying to figure it out, for the intellect only deals with that which can be named and told. We would need to turn our eyes inward toward eternity and limitlessness. We would need to access our intuitive knowingness to reach the shores of Spirit. And, we would need some sort of vehicle to carry us across the great chasm of ignorance to our full comprehension. That vehicle is what has been called the Mer-ka-bah [light-spirit-body or chariot]. Both the fuel and the GPS for driving the vehicle are Kundalini-Shakti. The maps that we each have been given that show us where the GPS is taking us and for what purpose are the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge. They may help us get over our distrust of the GPS. And the Shaktipat Initiation is a bit like kick-starting your Mer-ka-bah with a fill-up of Kundalini-fuel.

Are you ready to launch your Mer-ka-bah and branch-out on the Tree of Knowledge? Naturally, you wouldn't want to be left out on a limb when you do. So, we welcome you to join us to learn to hang-ten on the waves of the kundalini. In this SHAPE Mount Shasta Retreat Intensive, you'll learn to read the sets of kundalini waves and surf them to higher states of being, awareness and joy. We'll explore the deeper meanings of the allegories of the Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life to begin deciphering the maps that show us the way to free our consciousness and gain our entrance into Eternal Life.

We'll examine what kundalini is, its purpose, what it does and doesn't do, and how it affects each of us. You'll get to look more deeply at the various paths that the kundalini takes through the body as well as the path of consciousness that it guides us through. You'll learn the care and maintenance of the kundalini and its channels as well. During this intensive, you will be able to cast-off many long-held fear pictures and doubts in relationship to the kundalini and its side-effects.

As you can see, I've used two different metaphors in the title to this particular retreat intensive. Even though the kundalini energy is most often equated with qualities of fire, I first chose a water-related analogy of surfing the kundalini. This part of the retreat has to do with how we need to learn to relate to the kundalini. You don't have to be a surfer to know that in relationship to waves in the ocean, resistance is not only futile, but could even be fatal. Fight a big, powerful wave and you drown. As far as energy waves are concerned, kundalini can be like a powerful ocean wave. We have to first learn how to relate to it, if we hope to ride it to the shore of enlightenment. So, we'll work with you on how to treat your kundalini.

The other metaphor in the title is a tree. Two trees, in fact: The Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge. Trees are rooted first and then grow into branches and bear fruit on those branches. Where is life rooted and what path does it take to bear its fruit? Where does the knowledge of duality begin and what avenue does it take to bear its fruit? For this aspect of our retreat intensive we will explore both the path of manifestation and the path of consciousness and enlightenment represented by these trees and the role kundalini plays in these processes.

As with each of our SHAPE Intensives now, this one will be initiatory in nature for everyone who participates. In this retreat, we'll further explore what has been traditionally called shaktipat initiation and how it pertains to your spiritual growth process. Shaktipat is a Sanskrit term that literally translates as "power falls upon". It refers the initiation of spirit within a person by the grace of Shakti or the descent of the Holy Spirit. In this process, we'll also address each of the main psychic "knots" that the kundalini loosens and "unties" along its path and how that applies in your expanding consciousness. Remember that you'll be preparing yourself for all of this from the time you commit to participating in this retreat intensive. (Hint: Your growth periods may have something to do with this process. Heheheh....So, enjoy!) We'll also help you along prior to the retreat intensive with our SHAPE Pre-Retreat TeleSeminar Special so that you can heal yourself from past conflicts regarding the kundalini and to help you raise your havingness for the spiritual path that it leads you on. Following the retreat we'll of course offer you a Post-Retreat TeleSeminar Special to help you integrate your retreat experience and raise your havingness for the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that you can surf in the pocket of the kundalini in your daily life.

We're definitely looking forward to seeing you in Mount Shasta in June. We will have a profound, wonder-filled gathering of kindred, loving, luminous souls ready to take their next steps.

With deep gratitude, love and joyous laughter,

Michael

