

***The School of Spiritual Psychology  
Invites you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sophia Conference***

***A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reimagining the World  
In the Light of Sophia***

***THE BIRTH OF A NEW BODY, A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS  
AND A NEW EARTH***

***The Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Center  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
August 19-24, 2008***

The School of Spiritual Psychology resumes these immensely important Sophia Conferences after a seven year holding in the heart's interior. So much has changed. The year of the last conference, 2001, saw the symbolic dissolution of the power of the binary, mental world that sees things in polarities and oppositions that are absolute. The continuing strife displays the resistance to this dissolution. Knowledge of the Way of Unity is needed. This conference not only speaks about but also demonstrates the wholeness of spherical consciousness. Within this consciousness the world becomes the interior activity of love, and the body the gathering moment of felt connections not only with others but of the spiritual worlds. Come, participate with an international group of practitioners of the heart, the Way of Sophianic Consciousness.

**Location**

We continue in this conference, as in our past gatherings, to re-vision conferences so that they are in form and action what we speak about. The unified realm of a new body, a new consciousness, and a new earth is brought into play in the conference by placing presentations in the context of music, poetry, art and open conversation. The place of the conference, Santa Fe, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Center were chosen to intensify the theme of the conference. Here you will feel the strong elemental forces of nature, the azure blue sky, the play of light, the liveliness of earth. The retreat center sits on a rose quartz hill, the stone of heart and love.

Santa Fe is located about an hour from the Albuquerque airport. A special shuttle goes directly from the airport to the retreat center. Instructions for the shuttle are given in the registration packet. For those who are driving, directions will be given in the registration packet.

**The Presenters**

**Joseph Chilton Pearce** is the author of eight books *including* **Evolutions End, Crack in the Cosmic Egg, Magical Child, Biology of Transcendence**, and, most recently, **The Death of Religion and the Birth of Spirit**. He has lectured at most major universities in the U.S. and all over the world. His major topics concern the development of intelligence in children, and the spiritual aspects of our species in general. His focus has been on the biological nature of the mind-heart connection.

**Robert Bly** is one of the most prolific and hotly debated American artists and cultural critics of our times. As the psychologist Robert Moore has said of him -- "When the cultural and intellectual history of our time is written, Robert Bly will be recognized as the catalyst for a sweeping cultural revolution." He is author of twenty books of poetry, thirteen books of poetry translations and ten books of cultural criticism. Some recent books include: poetry - **My Sentence was a Thousand Years of Joy, The Urge to Travel Long Distances, The Night Abraham Called to the Stars**, translations – **The Winged Energy of Delight: Selected Translations, Kabir: Ecstatic Poems, Lorca and Jimenez: Selected Poems**; prose – **Seven Sources of Shame, The Maiden King** (with Marion Woodman), **The Sibling Society**.

**Ruth Bly** is an author, depth psychotherapist, practitioner of dreamwork, and observer of the soul. She is a regular presenter at the annual **Great Mother and the New Father Conference** which has been held for the past thirty-four years.

**Nicanor Perlas** (Philippines) is President of the Center for Alternative Development initiatives in Manila. He is also professor in the doctoral program on Applied Cosmic Anthropology at the Asian Social Institute and Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of **TruthForce**. He is author of **Shaping Globalization, Civil Society, Cultural Power, and Threefolding**, which has been translated into nine languages. He is the 2003 recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, or the Alternative Nobel Prize for laying the theoretical and practical basis for creating a better world.

**Robert Sardello** is co-founder and co-director of The School of Spiritual Psychology which began in 1992, and co-editor of Goldenstone Press. He has written **Money and the Soul of the World** (with Randolph Severson), **Facing the World with Soul, Love and the Soul** (re-issued as **Love and the World**), **Freeing the Soul from Fear, The Power of Soul: Living the Twelve Virtues**, and **Silence**. His main emphasis has been to develop theoretical and practical approaches to perceiving and being in right relation with the Soul of the World, showing that humans are pulled from the time stream from the future rather than pushed from the past, and developing the interior, spherical consciousness of the heart. He is an independent teacher and scholar.

**Cheryl Sanders-Sardello** is co-founder and co-director of the School of Spiritual Psychology and co-editor of Goldenstone Press. She is the administrative director of the School. She focuses teaching and writing on the spiritual psychology of embodiment and sensing, the spiritual psychology of aging, and our spiritual connection with those who have died and the implications of those practices for the health of the social world. She is an independent teacher and scholar and has taught all over the U.S, Canada, and the U.K., as well as the Philippines and Australia.

**Robert Simmons** has been working with stones and their spiritual properties for over twenty years. He is author of **The Book of Stones**, co-author of **Moldavite: Starborn Stone of Transformation**, and author of the award-winning visionary novel, **Earthfire**.

He is Editor of Heaven and Earth Publishing. He is co-founder of Heaven and Earth, a crystal, jewelry and mineral company specializing in high-vibration stones and gems.

**Gail Thomas** is President of the Trinity Trust in Dallas, a non-profit organization working with the city of Dallas in the design and implementation of a \$1.7 billion project that will revitalize the Trinity River Corridor of Dallas. She is founder of The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture and founded its Center for the City. She has co-edited **Stirrings of Culture** and **Images of the Untouched** and edited **The Muses**. She consults with cities on bringing the city into harmony with the cosmos.

**Joanne Stroud** is Director of Publications at the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture where she has, among other accomplishments, pursued her deep interest in the creating elements of the world. Under her direction, the works of the French philosopher of the elements, Gaston Bachelard, have been translated and published. These books include **Earth and Reveries of the Will, Water and Dreams: An Essay on the Imagination of Matter, Air and Dreams: An Essay on the Imagination of Movement,** and **Fragments of a Poetics of Fire**. She is co-author of the four volumes **Choose your Element – Earth, Air, Fire, Water,** and **The Bonding of Will and Desire**.

### **Artistic Presentations**

Artistic making is an integral aspect of the conference, involving all participants. There will be sitar music offered by **David Whetstone**. David teaches Raga and Sitar at Macalister College, is a composer, and works closely with Robert Bly.

**Kathy Warner** is a collage artist who works with individuals and groups in expressing the soul dimension in picture-form. She is co-founder of Heaven and Earth Jewelry, and co-author of **Moldavite: Starborn Stone of Transformation**.

**Timothy Shiu**, graduate of Yale University and the Cleveland Institute of Music, with studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and the Julliard School. He teaches at the University of Memphis. He is a founding member of the Maia Quartet, performing extensively throughout the United States as well as in Italy and Japan. He is currently a member of the Ceruti String Quartet.

### **Registration**

Conference Fee - \$450.00 if ALL fees are paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Or, you can make a Deposit of \$250 to hold your place now...

Room/board fees and conference fee of \$495.00 due by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Room/Board fees at Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Center: These prices include all meals beginning with dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup> through lunch on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Price varies depending on room. All rooms are double rooms. If you know your roommate, please indicate their name on the form...we can also assign your roommate.

### **ALL ROOMS ARE DOUBLES**

There are a limited number of rooms with private baths –

rm/bd. Per person \$537.00 plus tuition  
(to reserve a double room for one person the fee is \$712.00 plus tuition.)

There are many more double dorm rooms with bath on the same floor...  
per person \$437.00 plus tuition  
(to reserve a dorm room for one person the fee is \$512.00 plus tuition.)

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Other Sophia Conferences/School of Spiritual Psychology events attended (you  
may list them on the  
back.) \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please check the room you prefer. Rooms will be assigned to the first to register.  
We will let you know right away if there are no more of your first choice of rooms.  
Double w/bath \$537.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Single w/bath  
\$712.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Double.dorm \$437.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Single dorm  
\$512.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit due at time of registration  
\$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

All fees paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>. (balance of tuition \$200.00 plus room/board  
fees) \_\_\_\_\_ After June 1<sup>st</sup>. (balance of tuition \$245.00 plus room/board  
fees) \_\_\_\_\_

All fees must be sent in by August 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pay by check made payable to  
The School of Spiritual Psychology, or with M/C or Visa.

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Commuters are asked to eat all meals with the conference as part of the community. Food and facility fees are \$290.00 for commuters. This fee is required by the center.

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