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Taming the Lion: *the path of transformative love*

Attuning to the Current of Teth
The 21st MERKABAH Retreat with Joseph Lee

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In this Merkabah we will link the fire of Divine Volitional energy with the water of Compassion and Divine Memory. This work completes the interlacing flow between the three dynamics of the Central Self. Once active, our identity is experienced as the result of the focus of three streams higher energy: willing from Geburah, thought-formation from Tiphareth and feeling from Chesed. As these vibrate in union we can become a conscious mediator for higher supernal forces. It becomes possible for the Indwelling Ego to unite with the Self in Kether. Our previous work opened the inner eye to the life force flowing through all manifestation. In this Merkabah we will prepare ourselves to not only see that inner world but to see it illumined by Light from the awakened Higher Mind. Over these many years participants have been prepared with knowledge and purified by love. As the inner senses begin to reveal the vital soul of things, we will gradually relate these soul images to their Higher Truths. When these insights cultivate our personality and correct our responses to life, nature responds differently to us because life itself responds to illuminated intelligent love. In this way we may come to experience the Directing Intelligences behind the vital forces of nature. Once the linkage is active we are able to distinguish astral forms that are true to their High Plane Source from those that distort it. In other words through our years of esoteric work we discover that what links us to the Archangels is that we have succeeded in identifying them as aspects of ourselves.

***Invoke the Light
become the irresistible gentle hand***

Enter into the **Intelligence of the Secret of All Spiritual Activities** so the gifts of that confluence may be bestowed: our vibrant instinctive forces can be placed under the guidance of the Higher Self, our sexual energies can be linked to our crown center connecting us to higher states of consciousness, our passions that do not serve the Self can be purged, our personalities can be refined to hold and express the energy of the Self in a way that serves the unfolding of consciousness in all forms of life.

***The question now is,
"Will you take the invitation and embrace the challenge of transformation?"***



Joseph Lee is a recognized teacher in the tradition of Mystery School teachers which reaches back into antiquity. His interest in esoteric spirituality became evident in his childhood. As a teenager he was studying Theosophy, mystical Christianity, and Qabalistic texts; at eighteen he was contacted by a group of Initiates and began his formal training in the Western Mystery Tradition. He experienced his spiritual education more often as a remembering than learning new information. For over twenty-eight years, he has worked closely with extraordinary teachers from many traditions. Through his study groups, retreats, and lectures Joseph carries on the tradition of passing a sacred Arcana "from mouth to ear." To facilitate the availability of the Ancient Wisdom, Joseph has founded and teaches through regional Mystery School Study Groups. In addition to these monthly programs he creates annual Merkabah Retreats, and various seminar programs throughout the year in different regions. He is also a popular presenter at the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.), and other organizations. Joseph is known for his lively, challenging, intense and humorous style of teaching. You can email Joseph for information on his groups, programs, and transformational private sessions at JRJLEE@earthlink.net and visit his site at www.Joseph-Lee.com

The Merkabah Retreats: A movement from theory to practice.

If you are ready to advance from studying metaphysical and spiritual theory to full immersion into the mystical transformative process itself, the Merkabah Retreats could be your next step. The Merkabah retreats are an opportunity to enter into the practical work of the western mystery tradition. The sacred chanting, esoteric meditations and attunements to the initiatic current of energy stimulate highly specific spiritual growth in the participant as well as an accelerated unfoldment of mystical abilities. Each program is designed to affect a distinct aspect of spiritual unfoldment. Through these retreats we will focus our intent upon transforming our subtle and gross bodies and linking into progressively higher and more refined energies.

The retreat format has been chosen as an opportunity to surrender deeply to your transformational process. Therefore I suggest that you leave all other projects, reading material, and concerns at home when you arrive. I strongly encourage you to lodge with the group. The extensive meditations and chanting often place people in a deep altered state. Our goal is to raise the vibrational rate of the group and sustain it for prolonged periods. Staying on the facility will give you the luxury of not having to descend prematurely missing a deeper level of transformation.

I invite you to attend.

Joseph

NOTE: The 22nd Merkabah will occur this Fall on October 31, November 1 & 2, 2008

*The Merkabah Retreats with Joseph Lee are in no way related to the work of Drumvaldo Melchizedek, and do not use any of the techniques of his "Flower of Life" seminars, nor his Merkabah meditation. The word Merkabah is an ancient Hebrew and Egyptian word that means "Chariot", and does not refer to any specific teacher's techniques nor their use of that word.

WHAT TO BRING: Clothes appropriate to mountain terrain and weather (We'll be up in the Smoky Mountains), **alcohol is strictly prohibited** by the facility, no smoking in the buildings, please refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes, bring prescription medications, **alarm clock**, etc. Journaling/note-taking will only be permitted during some of the lectures. **You may choose to bring your own bed linens (2 full-sized beds are in each room), an egg-crate foam mattress top, towels, pillow and blanket as previous participants were more comfortable with their own linens.** All recording devices are prohibited.

FOOD AND LODGING: Each room at Steiner Bell has two full sized beds, a bath, and balcony (many of which overlook the Smoky mountains). Private rooms are sometimes available for an additional fee. Wholesome simple food choices have been made from the catering possibilities. A limited number of vegan or vegetarian meals can be specially ordered.

LOCATION & DIRECTIONS: Wa-Floy Village (Steiner-Bell facility) 3610 East Parkway Gatlinburg, TN

Directions from Knoxville Airport (Alcoa/Maryville TN) to Wa-Floy Mtn. Village and Steiner Bell Lodge by car: (Distance: 52.2 Miles – Travel time: 1.5 hours. Begin by setting your mile meter to zero.) Leaving the Knoxville Airport take the ramp marked “129S-Maryville/Alcoa”. As you continue on 129 bear left at the fork toward “Maryville, Townsend, Smokey Mtns, to N411 to N321”. At 4.1 miles you'll cross “Lamar Alexander Pkwy” and continue forward on 321 north. At 21.9 miles turn left to continue on 321 north. At 37.2 miles turn right to follow 321 north. At 46.1 miles turn left at Light #3 to follow 321 north. At 52.2 miles turn right into the “Steiner-Bell Lodge”.

Wa-Floy Village is a large complex of buildings nestled in the Smokies, complete with running brooks, pioneer trails, and deep silent groves. Time will be available for hiking and quiet walking meditations.

By Air: Fly into Knoxville TN Airport, rent a car there and follow the directions above.

FEE: The Retreat Fee is \$430.00 per person (Make check or money order payable to “Joseph Lee”). The fee includes double occupancy lodging, meals, and tuition. (If **POSTMARKED** by May 15, 2008 \$430.00. If **POSTMARKED after** May 15, 2008 \$475.00. No exceptions will be made.) You are encouraged to contribute to a scholarship fund that will be used to offer full or partial scholarships to aspirants in need who wish to attend the 21st Merkabah.

SCHOLARSHIPS: If you are committed to The Work but are unable to attend due to financial difficulties you can apply for a scholarship. Fill out the complete registration form. Enclose a check for the maximum amount you can afford. You will be notified if matching funds become available. You will be required to participate in a work-study program that will involve various duties during the program. All scholarship recipients will be required to arrive at 1:00 PM on 05/23/08. If scholarship funds do not become available your check will be returned.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All registration funds are **Non-Refundable**. (Way-Floy Village has a non-refund policy. If you cancel your retreat reservation, Wa-Floy Village and the caterer will still charge me as if you were there. So it is necessary that I establish a non-refund policy as well.) If you cannot attend after registration, your fee will be used in the 21st Merkabah scholarship pool. *Exception:* Registrants who register with partial payment waiting for matching scholarship will receive a full refund if matching funds do not become available.

MORE INFORMATION: For more information please call (757) 460-4477 or send email to JRJLEE@earthlink.net. Please do not contact Steiner Bell or Way-Floy directly, we are simply renting the facility from them. **Retreat space is limited so enroll early!**

SCHEDULE

Friday May 23, 2008 Registration and check-in will begin at 6:00 PM at Steiner Bell Mountain Haven. If you arrive early please enjoy visiting Gatlinburg but please do not drive to Steiner Bell. The employees at Steiner Bell and the other facilities are not involved with the Merkabah Programs and will not be able to register you. Have dinner before you arrive. Evening program will begin at 8:00 PM. A late evening snack will be provided.

Saturday May 24, 2008 Program will begin before breakfast and proceed into the evening. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late evening snack will be provided.

Sunday May 25, 2008 We will begin before Breakfast and depart at 1:00 PM. Breakfast will be included.

DETACH AND RETURN

Register me for: **The 21st MERKABAH** Retreat with Joseph Lee May 23, 24, 25, 2008
Please Complete Fully and Print or Type all information clearly. Retreat space strictly limited so enroll early.
Additional information will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP+4 _____
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
PHONE (home) _____ PHONE (work) _____
CELL PHONE _____ FAX _____
E-MAIL (please print in clear block letters) _____
RETREAT FEE _____ Total retreat fee: \$ _____

If postmarked by May 15, 2008 \$430.00

If postmarked after May 15, 2008 \$475.00 (No exceptions)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION FROM ME IS: _____ Total scholarship donation: \$ _____

I REQUIRE A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND THE MERKABAH RETREAT.

THE AMOUNT I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MY OWN SCHOLARSHIP IS: _____ Total contribution to my own scholarship: \$ _____

(Please enclose a check for the maximum amount that you can contribute toward your own retreat fee. You will be notified as soon as matching funds have been received. If matching funds are not available your check will be returned.)

I REQUEST A PRIVATE ROOM FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$68.00 (Limited availability.) Fee for private room: \$ _____

I ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE VEGAN (absolutely no animal products including eggs or dairy) OR VEGETARIAN (omit only all meats) MEALS.

(Check only one) Vegan or Vegetarian

Please note any other special dietary requests (we cannot guarantee any special menu items) _____

IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A ROOM WITH: _____

(Make check or money order payable to Joseph Lee) TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Joseph Lee reserves the right to refuse registration to inappropriate applicants.