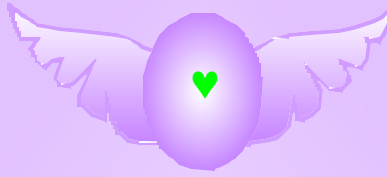




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*"Gratitude in my heart, gratitude in my mind,
gratitude in my body..."*



Why Be a Minister? . . .

Becoming a minister in these troubled times is about finding the center that will hold and holding it for all our sakes. It is about dropping the metaphor of mechanical beings arising accidentally from the void and inhabiting a senseless, inanimate planet before returning to the void; and instead finding truth in the metaphor of spiritual oneness with our living planet and a Source that is purposeful, infinite, loving, and present. It is about understanding how we program our minds with these metaphors and in so doing, program Reality which is the Larger Mind. Literally, it is about survival - of the species, of life on Earth, of Mother Earth herself. *“May I become enlightened for the sake of all Beings”...*

Hyster, Traditions, & Trends . . .

Hyster is the Greek for womb. We are birthed through our “hyster”. In this program, we will look at where we come from, the commonality of the original Nature-based religions and their psychology, and how they changed from a beautiful gift to the terrifying pathology that ensued.

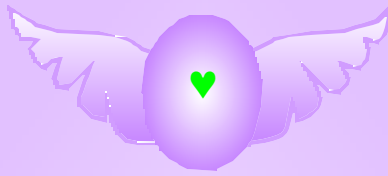
“In the beginning was the Word.” Of the thousands of thoughts that each human thinks daily, 80% are said to be negative. As our thoughts truly program our reality, this is nothing less than a planetary death-wish. Thoughts are prayers, and our prayers are always answered.

Each lesson begins with a prayer and a meditation for programming the mind in a positive way. *As your own reality reflects your positive programming, you will become a living example of the power of prayer.*

In this program, we take our meditations from the various traditions that we study. Goddess-religion both before and after the Indo-European conquest, World-wide Shamanic traditions, the Mystery schools of the major religions, the rise of Catholicism and Patriarchy, cults and dogma, the rise of science, the future coalescence of science and religion, and the meaning of the Doomsday paradigm - all are studied in this program.

Ritual, Ceremony & Initiation . . .

Rituals, even a morning cup of coffee taken religiously, bind us to the line of time. They provide structure and orientation. Rites of Passage program our minds for change and growth. The more conscious we become about who we really are outside of time, the more effectively we can structure time to provide a rich and profound life experience. Time is an illusion created by the Larger Mind of which we are all a part. Without time, there could be no life. Conscious ritual allows us to honor Time, who in many traditions (Hindu, Buddhist, Greek, Mayan...) is known as Maya, Goddess of Time and Illusion through whom all Earthly manifestation occurs. Conscious meditation, done ritually, allows us to focus intention and integrity on energies and attributes which we would have manifest (magically!) on Earth.



Find Your Personal Ministry . . .

*“Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold...”*

Integrity is the key to a center that can hold. Integrity is about integrating all your inner voices, so that you focus your intention in a way that even the forces of the Universe will respect and aid you. This course is designed to help you integrate and focus your vision on manifesting your own unique ministry. The course is in three parts, and will normally take about a year to complete.

Our Three-Part Program . . .

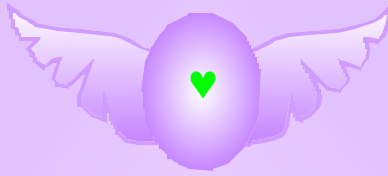
You will receive weekly lessons by email for approximately 6 months, each of which contains a concept and practice that builds on the one preceding to gather power through integrity and understanding of centeredness and magic. You will also receive personal mentoring on your assignments and interesting information about traditions, science, and history. You will learn how to do ritual, give sermons, understand symbols and metaphors, and be responsible for trance states. The first part of our three part home study program ***ordains you as a legal minister*** in all of California - able to do weddings, funerals, rituals and other rites of passage - and elsewhere subject to local ordinances. It also confers on you the degree of ***Bachelor of Spiritual Arts*** for your knowledge of metaphysics, religion, ritual, and the human spirit.

The second part is the acceptance of your proposal for further study in an area of specialization or interest, followed by your written thesis summarizing the results of that study. This is for your ***Master of Ministry*** degree.

Third, completion of a second thesis - stating your intention and the specific steps already taken and still to be taken to implement your own unique ministry - confers on you the title of ***Doctor of Divinity***.

Workshops Available to our Graduates . . .

At completion of your Bachelors degree, you may want to participate in special workshops offered by Metaphorum Ministries at Harbin Hot Springs in Northern California and our nearby facility at Anderson Springs.



About Metaphorum Ministries . . .



Metaphorum Ministries was incorporated as a religious non-profit in the State of California on October 21, 1996. It was alternately inspired by and is the inspiration for the current Ministry Program at Harbin Hot Springs, being founded and taught by Harbin's Head Minister, Ann Prehn, who created the curriculum to share with both programs. Over the years, we have had the input of many of Harbin's celebrated workshop leaders and teachers, including Chandrika Leary, Diana Lonsdale, Lorindra Moonstar Frances, Gordon Clay, Bhagavan Das, and Felicity Artemis Flowers. Ann says, "*It is knock-you-to-your-knees awesome when you think about it that anything exists at all - and quite magical to cultivate a grateful awareness of that. Since that's our basic premise, we're pretty accessible to most world views. We're inclusive.*"

Some of Our Graduates . . .

Kathryn Hall was already founder of the *Birthing Project, U.S.A.* and *The Center for Community Health and Well-Being* (<http://www.birthingprojectusa.com/kathrynhalltrujillo.htm>) as well as a Master of Public Health from UCLA before coming to us for a doctorate. She has since incorporated her ministry, "FeatherDance", into worldwide outreach programs for women of color and their children.

"My ministry is manifesting herself in ways more wonderful than I imagined...

Ann, thank you for only being a phone call away. You are helping me make a dream come true."

Winslow C. Rouse submitted "Guided Imagery as a Palliative in Hospice Care" for his masters degree. He is now a hospital chaplain.

Sophia K. Mubarak wrote "Mastery of Transformations via Hypnosis Trance States" for her masters degree. Her doctorate on awakening women's spirituality led to her ministry, *Sophia Wisdom Mystery School*.

Robert Huang's masters thesis is titled "The Rise and Fall of Martiarchal Society in China," and his doctorate, "Suggested Women's Legal Rights in China". He writes:

"I really have learned a lot from you and the Ministries that have enhanced and broaden my thought and idea of life. Thank you for your grammatical corrections for my thesis. To write a thesis about how to help and save women and baby girls in China is certainly not enough, the theory must be put into effect by all means. [My wife and I] plan to go China together to contribute our money, time and effort..."

Barbara Koenig writes, "*Dear Ann, It is with gratitude...that I submit to you the requirements for completion of the Basic Course. It has been a joyful journey! Thank you for the wisdom and creativity you have provided.*" Her masters thesis is titled, "A Bridge to Peace - Blending Beliefs and Finding Common Ground in Religions".