From Gathering to Gathering: The Blessing Way

Dancing the Aramaic Beatitudes with Darvesha

September 15 & 16, 2012

at the Groom Creek Schoolhouse

Prescott, AZ

Join us for a journey through the first 7 Beatitudes as translated in "Prayers of the Cosmos" by Neil Douglas-Klotz. When the words of Jesus are linked to their Aramaic origins, new and deeper spiritual meanings come to life, allowing us to dissolve into a universe of love, grace and understanding in the here and now.

In each of the first 7 Beatitudes we find that the counsel of Jesus creates an opening within us that makes space for the guidance of the next Beatitude. As we integrate each successive message, we find ourselves able to birth a new part of ourselves, radiate love from our deepest space, reconnect with our life purpose and join the Peacemakers who can be called the children of God.

Through chant, breath work, meditations, being in nature, singing, dancing, and art, we will explore each of the seven Beatitudes in depth, then dance them as a complete cycle at the end of the retreat on Sunday afternoon, deepening in the counsel Jesus gave us on how to better lead our lives.

Darvesha Victoria MacDonald, from Silver City, NM, is a sheikh in the Sufi Ruhaniat International, Chair of the Dances of Universal Peace Leaders Guild, and an Experienced Farmer for the Ziraat stream of the Ruhaniat. She has been a student of Buddhism for 30 years. It was her love of nature that led her in the early 80's to the Himalaya, where she encountered the Buddha Dharma and received teachings on Interdependence. Since that time, she has dedicated her life to helping others realize that all beings are interconnected, and that a life dedicated to the service of the Whole, the Creative Matrix, is in our own best interest and what makes us happy. Website www.darvesha.net.

Times and Locations: 9 am – 4 pm both days at Groom Creek Schoolhouse. Saturday evening Dances of Universal Peace, 7 – 9 pm at our usual location, First Congregational Church in Prescott. See website for maps & directions.
Cost: For entire weekend, $125 if registered by August 15th or $150 after August 15th. Saturday night Dance $10 for those not attending the entire retreat.
Meals: Lunches will be potluck (no kitchen facilities). Please bring a dish or beverage to share, your drinking water, and if possible your own place setting to prevent use of paper and plastic dinnerware. We will go out to area restaurants for dinner on Saturday.

Please remember that some people are sensitive to artificial fragrances.

For more information and registration please contact:

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