

LIVING GNOSIS

An Introduction to Christian Gnosticism

Presented by Brooke Wood, Sophian Initiate

Saturday, October 31, 2009

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Potluck & Dance—5:30-9:00 p.m.

At Safe Haven Center

242 Old River Rd., Pelzer, SC

In this workshop we will take a look at Gnosis ("knowing") as it unfolds through the Sophian Lineage. Founded in the Light Transmission that came through Yeshua (Jesus) and Mary Magdalene, Sophians seek to remember always that we are Christ-bearers for humanity. To do this we hold fast to a continuum of meditation, prayer, and study that spans many esoteric subjects including the wisdom of the never-ending Kabbalah.

Brooke will present an overview of Gnostic Christianity's basic beliefs and stories that have been passed down through oral tradition and sacred discourse, much of which has been recorded for the first time by current lineage holder, Tau Malachi, founder of the Sophia Fellowship based in northern California.

Who were Yeshua and Mary Magdalene really? Who is the Human One of Light? What does it mean to "gnow"? What is the importance of the Dark Mother and the Dark Bride? These and many more important questions that form the foundation for Sophian beliefs will be discussed and experienced through chant, meditation and movement during the workshop.

5:30-6:45—Potluck and free time for walking the labyrinth

7:00-9:00—Dancing with Mary Magdalene as the Dark Bride—*The Holy Bride has many faces, both bright and dark. Experience Samhain (All Hallows Eve) through Mary as Kali-Kallah on this night when the veil between the worlds is most thin. We'll begin with the Standing Stones Ritual, followed by dances and a shamanic journey to meet our spirit guide, Miriam of Magdala, as the Dark face of Sophia, Daughter of Holy Wisdom.*

**Pre-registration requested: \$15 for workshop only; \$5 for dance only; \$15 for both with registration.
To register, e-mail or call Linda McMakin: (864)787-2871 —lindamcmakin@aol.com**

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**Brooke Wood's** search for answers began at a young age with her yearning to experience and understand God. Her desire led her to join the church at the age of 11 and also led to her first mystical experience at the age of 13. Her spiritual journey was renewed in recent years as she began practicing meditation and studying esoteric Christianity. New doors of understanding and fulfillment began opening up for her through studies of the Kabbalah and the living Sophian Gnostic tradition with Tau Malachi, a Gnostic bishop and founder of Ecclesia Pistis Sophia (Sophia Fellowship). Brooke is an initiate of Ecclesia Pistis Sophia and currently leads an active study circle in Fredericksburg, Va. She lives with her husband, Peter Wood, British artist and wall decorator, who is also integral to the Sophian work, in Radford, Virginia. For more information about the Sophia Fellowship, go to [www.sophian.org](http://www.sophian.org).