Mary Magdalene Gathering

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Presented by: the Magdalene Community – Houston, Texas

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Take a moment to

- **Breathe**
- **Center**
- **Open your heart**

May the cosmos guide you back to yourself.

Temple of Venus Astrology

Making Connections through Stories

Some stories never die and are older than recorded times

Some stories get retold, oral traditions, images and written versions

Some stories shape our world, what stories are playing out today

Other stories drive us to know more

The Ascent of the Soul

Gospel of Mary

Mary answered (the disciples) and said, What is hidden from you I will proclaim to you.

8) And she began to speak to them these words: I, she said, I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to Him, **“Lord I saw you today in a vision.”** He answered and said to me,

9**) Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me.** For where the mind is there is the treasure.

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Gospel of the Beloved Companion

42:2 “My master spoke thus to me. He said, ‘Miryam, **blessed are you who came into being before coming into being, and whose eyes are set upon the kingdom, who from the beginning has understood and followed my teachings**. Only from the truth I tell you, there is a great tree within you …

42:3 **then he showed me a vision** in which I saw a great tree that seemed to reach unto the heavens; and as I saw these things, he said, ‘the roots of this tree are in the earth, which is your body. The trunk extends upward through the five regions of humanity to the crown, which is the kingdom of the spirit.

The more we study, the more we ask:

Who was Mary Magdalene?

- Priestess of different Goddesses?
- Wealthy Benefactor of Jesus and the Disciples?
- Beloved Companion to Jesus?
- Apostle to the Apostles after witnessing the Resurrection?
- Leader of a movement? As we learn from the Non-Canonical Gospels?
- An Extraordinary Ordinary Woman? As Andrew Harvey describes her?

Or maybe The Magdalene is

A continuation of one of the world's oldest stories.

And one of the reasons why her story is so needed today

Venus Retrograde, Mooning Star and the Gates

On October 3rd, Venus went retrograde in the evening sky.

She will rise as **morning star** on October 30 and her retrograde ends November 13.

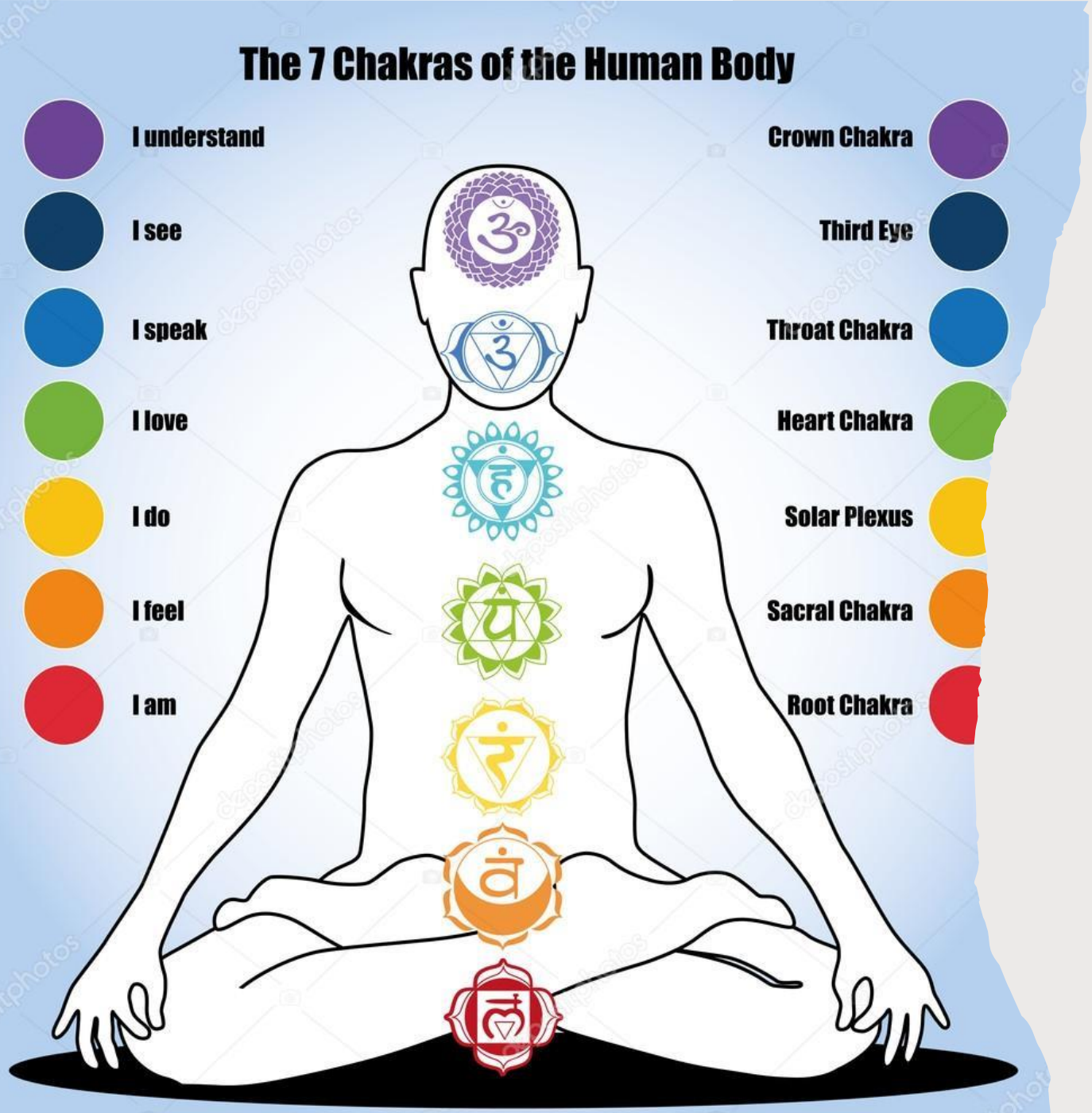
Starting December 3rd, she conjuncts with the moon which is the first gate and each month thereafter is another gate.

She continues as the morning start until July 5, 2027 when she meets with the sun and then she'll be in the underworld 85 days-a long time.

On September 27, she rises in the evening sky and starts her ascent through the gates.

Inanna's Descent and Rise Through the Seven Chakra Gateways

Damascena Tanis
Red Moon Revival



The framework offered by the Venus cycle tradition, maps Inanna's seven gates to the seven chakras, the energy centers of the body moving from crown to root.

The gate-to-chakra framework is a modern astrology system credited to Daniel Giamario and Cayelin Castell.

What is the Connection?

Each gate is not simply a checkpoint of loss. It is a threshold of purification, a shedding of what the mythologists called a "false vestment of power," the ego armoring that keeps us functional in ordinary life but cuts us off from something deeper and truer.*

- **Isn't this what the Magdalene brought to us? After we grew tired of all the ego of the world? Or the teachings and dogma of traditional church?**

- **Damascena Tanis*
  Red Moon Revival

The first gate of the Venus cycle
The Crown Chakra

This is the Crown Chakra: To surrender it is to surrender the certainty that the universe organizes itself around your authority. This is the first and perhaps the hardest stripping, because it is the loss of the story we tell about who we are at the very top of our identity and the distortions of who we think we are.

- Did the Magdalene have to ‘give up’ being the special disciple of Jesus-the one who knew all--once he was gone?
- Was that needed so she could acquire new roles of Apostle to the Apostle, Comforter, or Teacher?

The Second Gate: Third Eye — The Earrings of Perception and Scepter

- The Third Eye Chakra, the seat of perception, intuition, and the stories we believe about what we see.
- In ordinary life, we see what we expect to see; we build entire inner worlds from the maps we've been handed. The scepter represents the power to define reality. To lay it down is to agree, at least temporarily, that you no longer know what anything means.

In our studies, we have had to realize that the world we were handed wasn’t true and realize that perhaps we didn’t know what anything meant anymore.

- **The Third Gate: Throat Chakra**
  The Lapis Necklace of Voice

The lapis Necklace at Inanna's throat are removed at the third gate, and with them goes her voice — her capacity to name herself, to speak her truth, to declare her will into the world.

The Throat Chakra governs authentic self-expression and carries particular weight for women who have **been silenced, exiled, or labeled dangerous for speaking**.

- **How many centuries was the Magdalene not able to speak her truth?**

How many centuries was she silenced…and by whom?

In *Pistis Sophia*, when Mary has expounded the 'mystery of repentance' in a Gnostic sense and been congratulated by Jesus for her insight, Peter protests: 'My Lord, we are not able to bear with this woman, speaking instead of us; she has not let any of us speak but often speaks herself'

In Corinthians 13:34-35: Women[a] should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. **35** If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.[b]

- **What voices are being silenced or labeled dangerous today?**

- **The Fourth Gate: Heart Chakra The Breastplate of Compassion**

At the fourth gate, the breastplate covering Inanna's heart is removed. This is the middle gate, the fulcrum of the journey.

- The Heart Chakra is the bridge between the upper and lower centers, between heaven and earth, between mind and body. The breastplate is protection, the armoring we build after grief, betrayal, and loss.
- **This gate asks us to approach what lies below not with fear but with an open and vulnerable heart. This requires that we move toward the thing that most terrifies us while remaining completely undefended.**

This reminds one of Stefan’s reference to how vulnerable the Magdalene was or might have felt when she agreed to tell the male disciples what ‘they had not heard.’

What did she have to move toward,
when she was completely undefended.

- Standing at the cross?
- Searching for the tomb?
- Staying when the others left?
- Standing up when the disciples were in grief?
- Or in the after stories or legends of:

rudderless boats, traveling to distant lands, her gospel as the base for the writings in the Gospel of John, followed by Cathars, the early Church proclaiming she was a prostitute, then the penitent?

What grief or betrayal or loss have we dealt with in our lifetime? Are we dealing with today? When were we left undefended? What have we learned from her?

Eight gates of the Celestial Skies

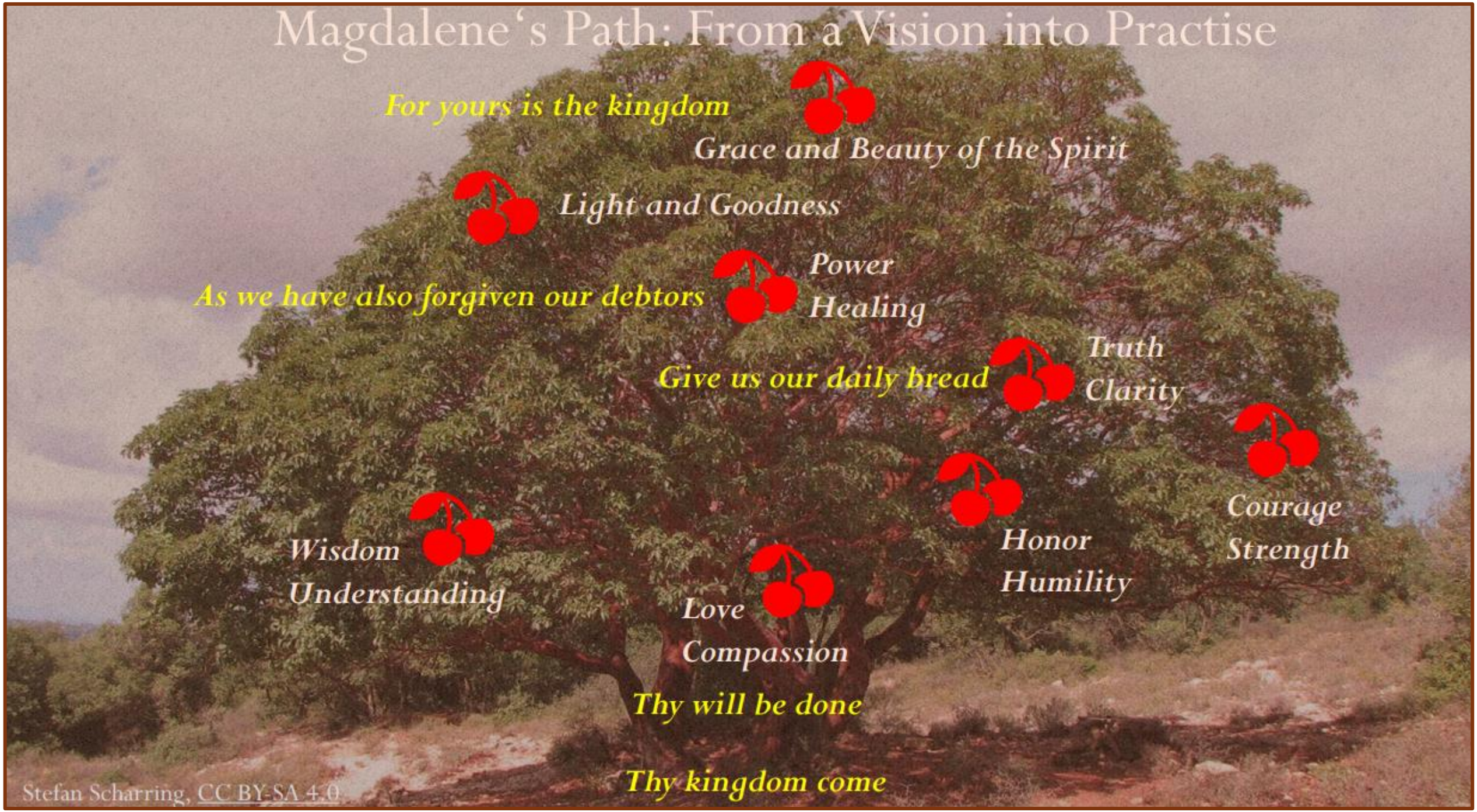
Eight boughs of the Tree of Mary's vision

- In the morning sky, Venus is releasing any distortions related **to first the crown chakra**, then the brow chakra, then the throat chakra, then the heart chakra, and she just keeps descending and letting go of different things related to the different chakras. **She is letting go of what's not serving in that chakra energy.**

- And then in the evening sky, she starts at the ***root chakra*** and rises back up to she gets to the crown chakra.

- And sometimes there's an **eighth gate** in both the morning and evening. So then in the morning, we'll work with the **earth star chakra** if it's an eighth gate. And in the evening, we'll work with the **soul star chakra** when there's an eighth gate.

Magdalene's Path: From a Vision into Practise



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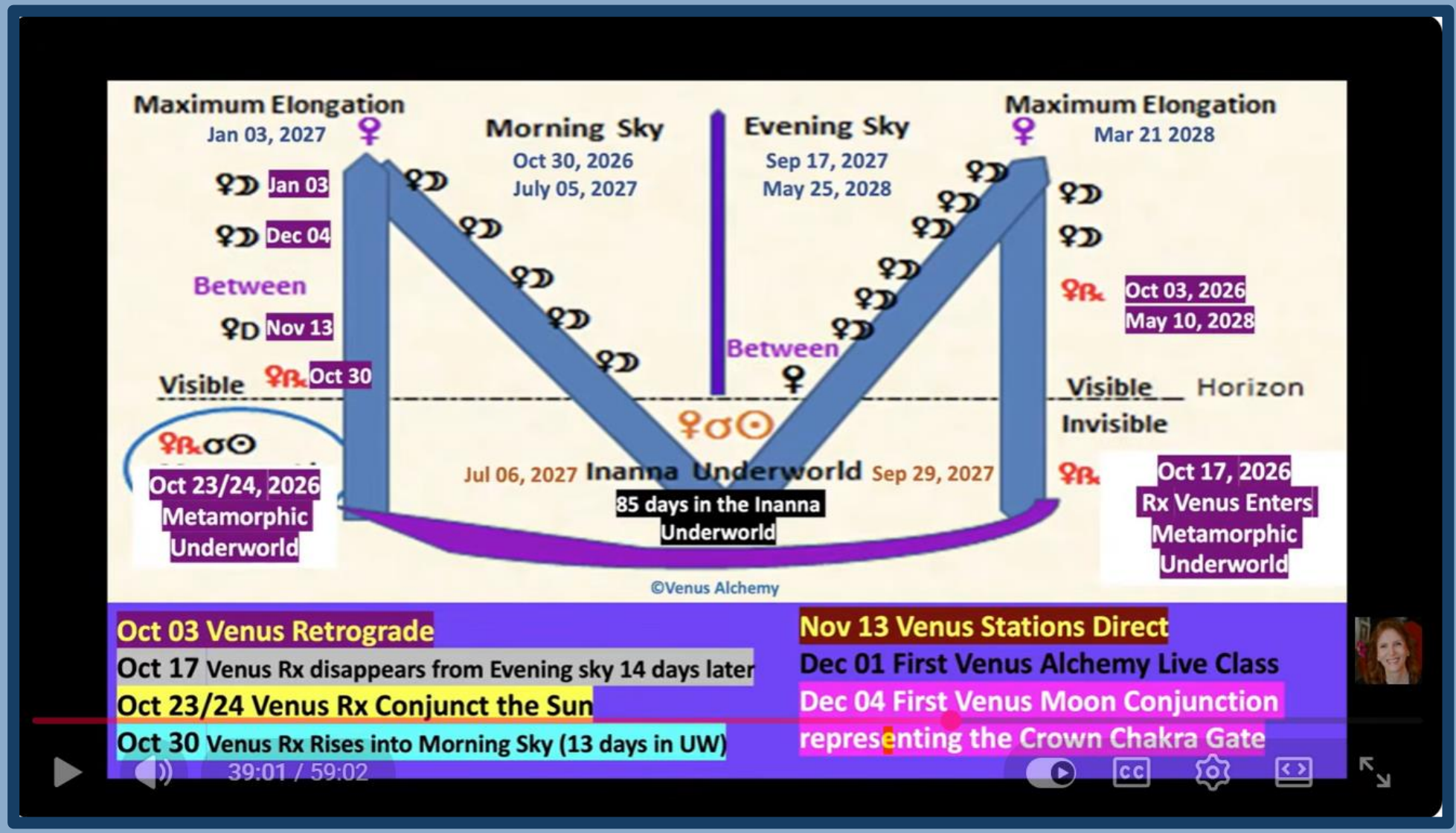

Recent YouTube video from Soul Aware hosted by KG Stiles and featuring Cayelin K. Castell.

Reflections and Discussion

Prayers

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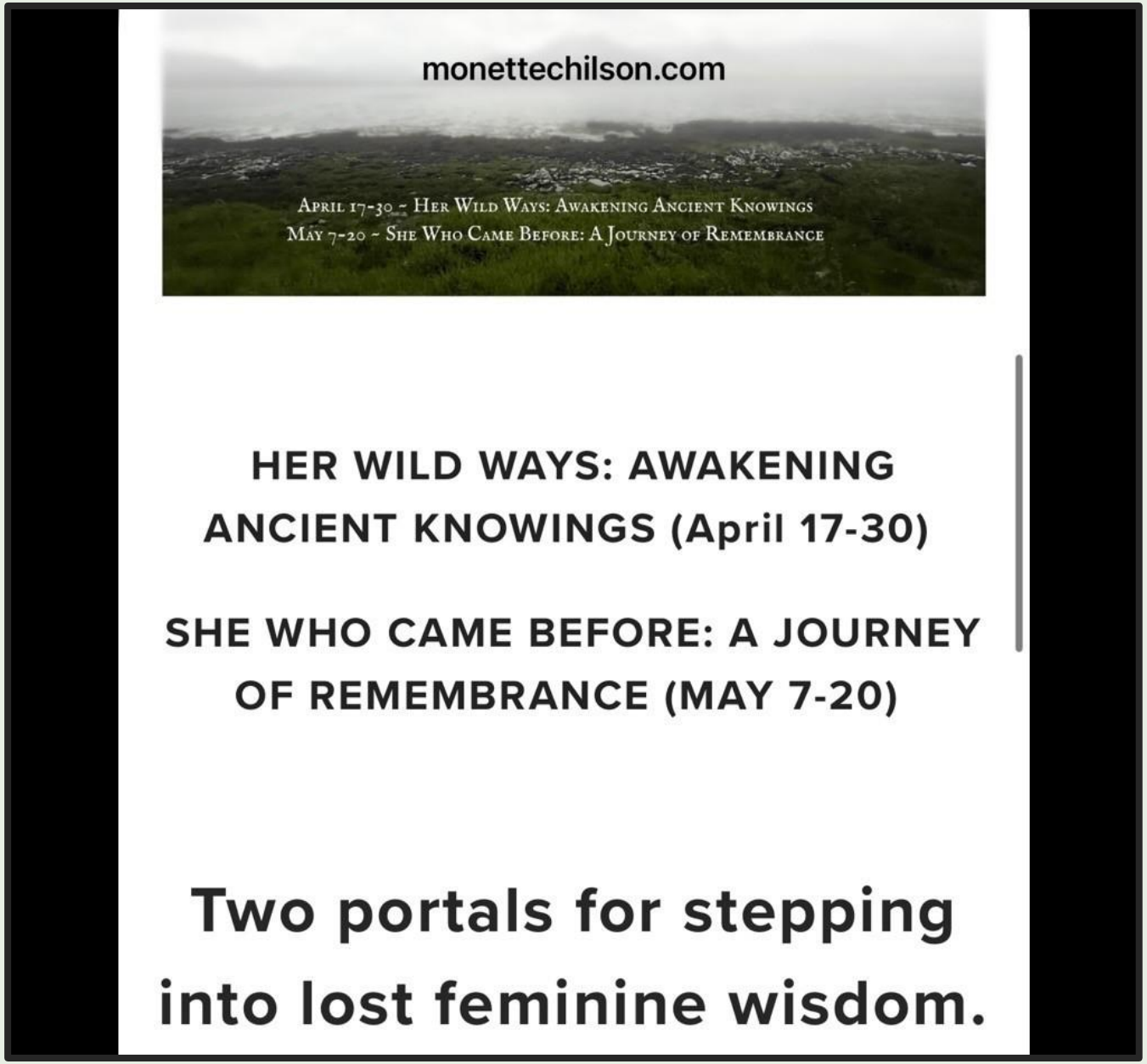
Announcements



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Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86124238084?pwd=cHDcB9Bs4pr8zpdUERV8uyjl0fSBLr.1

Notes:

This will NOT be recorded or transcribed, as per Jehanne's request.

Please join us to learn more of this fascinating Gospel.

All are welcome! Invite your friends and share on social media

Closing Thought

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. All things are bound together.
All things are connected.”

Chief Seattle

[The disciples asked:] "Teach us about the material world. Will it last forever or is everything impermanent?"

The Teacher answered: “All that is created, everything that is formed, every natural thing, all exist interdependently in and with each other.

Gospel of Mary
translation by David Curtis

Our next gathering will
be on ??
November 22, 2026
or November 29