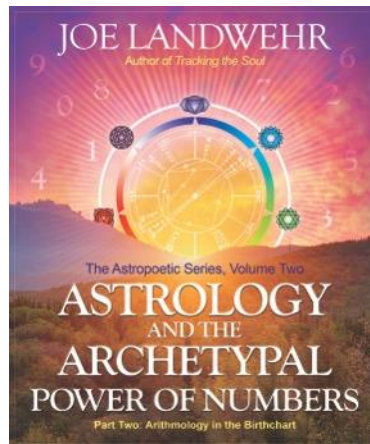


# The Astropoetic School of Soul-Discovery

## News From The Astropoetic School May 2019

Greetings from [The Astropoetic School of Soul Discovery](#) in the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina, where hope is irrepressible, despite all evidence to the contrary.

### More Reviews of My Latest Book



***one of the most original works  
I've seen coming out of our astrology community***

*Astrology and the Archetypal Power of Numbers, both Parts, is the work of a wise, hard-working, and resourceful person who has put much of his life-energy into using astrology to understand and guide others. I especially appreciate his determination to go beyond self-actualization and look at how we as individuals participate in a larger world, and that the astrological chart can give indications how this can happen. Daunting and difficult as it may be, Joe Landwehr's work deserves respect for its strong positive motivation and its great originality.*

Joseph Crane, director of [The Astrology Institute](#)

***with an impressive list of works cited***

*Mr. Landwehr presents a perspective on astrology, numerology and soul that be of interest even to folks not interested in numerology and its applicability*

to astrology. He does a very good job of deconstructing the modern materialist worldview that looks down on astrology, while also describing the limitations of religious fundamentalism. In his approach to astrology and numerology, Mr. Landwehr casts a wide net to capture support from contemporary psychology to quantum physics, and he does so in a thoughtful and intelligent way. I was very thankful for an impressive list of works cited, presented at the back of the book along with an index.

Armand Diaz - review for [Astrology News Service](#)

### ***tailors itself to the reader in a rare and special way***

*In this book, Master Astrologer Joe Landwehr weaves together streams of knowledge gained through decades of deep exploration and practice of astrology and numerology. This approach resonates with me, as I consider astrology to be, like poetry, a language of the soul. I tend to open a new book at random, like consulting an oracle to tell me what this work has for me. Vesta came forth, goddess of the sacred flame, one of several asteroid goddesses included. Right off, this spoke to my special interest in mythology and the cosmic feminine and made me feel at home. Though I'm not well-educated in numerology, Landwehr's discussions on planetary themes in the realm of numbers 1-9, engaged me at a new level, offering new insights on the astrology front as well. Landwehr's evocative phraseology reveals stimulating and useful insights on a variety of topics. This is one I keep handy to open up for inspiration, often ending up following a new trail made easy using his excellent, suggestive index, one of my favorite part of the books. Somehow **Astrology and the Archetypal Power of Numbers** tailors itself to the reader in a rare and special way. I recommend you give it a read and find out for yourself.*

M. Kelley Hunter, [Astro-Mythologist](#), author of *Dark Moon Lillith*

You can order my new book directly from [my website](#). While there, you can also view the [Table of Contents](#), read the entire [Introduction](#) and check out the latest [Reviews](#).

You can also purchase my other books: *The Birth of the Shining One* (1988), *Seven Gates of Soul* (2004), *Tracking the Soul* (2007) and *Astrology and the Archetypal Power of Numbers, Part One* (2011).

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places, please support your local bookstore, and if your favorite local book doesn't carry my books, please ask them to.

## Chakra Pattern Explorations

It has been 12 years (a full Jupiter cycle) since I published *Tracking the Soul With an Astrology of Consciousness* in 2007. For those who don't know, or who have forgotten, this book was an integration of astrology with the chakra system of yogic philosophy – in my mind at least, a natural fusion that allows us to address the question: "At what level of consciousness is this birthchart being lived?"

The answer, of course, comes not from the birthchart itself, but from what we bring to the birthchart. Having said that, however, as we look at the birthchart with the understanding that it is the consciousness we bring to it that makes it what it is, we enter an arena in which it becomes possible to make more conscious choices in relation to it. Within this arena, the birthchart becomes not just a static description of who we are, but a pathway to healing, personal growth and spiritual evolution – one that is specific to each of us.

I am by no means the first astrologer to suggest this more mature approach to astrology, but over the past 45 years, I have developed a model that goes beyond mere intent to encompass an astrological methodology. Within its inclusion of the chakra system, *Tracking the Soul* was my first step in that direction.

The chakra system is, for those who have explored it, an elegant way to understand consciousness as a motivational framework in which choices are made and life takes a particular shape reflective of our attitude toward it, the work we have done to heal our core wounds, and what we have learned as we have met specific challenges on our paths.

In *Tracking the Soul*, I explored the possibility that the workings of the seven major chakras, and our particular relationship to each could be mapped astrologically. As with all things astrological, this mapping is symbolic of where we begin this life, and not necessarily indicative of where we might wind up. But in the interrelationship between chakras, as they are mapped to the birthchart, it is also possible to find a path forward – whether that path be through seemingly intractable difficulties, or in taking our next steps on a path of creative self-actualization.

At the time I wrote the book, these musings were largely theoretical – although I did include some intriguing case studies, some of them of real people with whom I had worked in person. In the intervening years, however, I have learned a great deal more about how this integration of astrology and the chakra system works that I couldn't have known twelve years ago.

I have since written a couple of additional books that extend the work of *Tracking the Soul* into the multi-dimensional spiritual psychology of Pythagorean number theory. But the work itself still comes down to moving intention, life energy, and self-awareness through the chakras into more conscious, more creative and more empowered expression. This is the heart and soul of the work I do, and would now like to do more of with those of you who are willing to go there with me.

For those who feel called to this work, I would like to offer three options:

### **Option 1: Chakra Pattern Overview**

First, for those of you who simply interested in getting an overview of the chakra patterns in your own chart, I offer a chakra pattern reading. A chakra pattern reading will map all major chakra patterns in your birthchart – describing each in some detail, and indicating which of these patterns are being activated now by transit and progression.

This overview will include an extensive print-out – usually 20-30 pages long – created individually for you, given your current questions and life concerns. This is not a computer-generated report, but rather one created from scratch, with no two reports alike. Option 1 also includes an hour phone (or Skype) consultation with me, in which you can ask any questions, and we can explore any current issue you wish to discuss in terms of your chakra pattern profile.

The cost of this option will be \$200.

### **Option 2: Chakra Pattern Exploration**

For those of you who want to go beyond an overview and take your exploration deeper, I offer a six-session conversation about a particular chakra pattern in your chart – one that reflects what most concerns you now, and most likely, one that is currently being most intensely activated by transit and progression. Within this context, activation means that the chakra pattern in question is an arena primed for healing, growth and actualization at a higher level of expression.

Over the course of six one-hour sessions, we will explore the history of the pattern – that is to say, how it has played out within your actual life experience since birth; identify themes native to the pattern; and consider strategies for working with the pattern more consciously and intentionally. With focused intention, courage, the willingness to make changes, and enlightened action in the face of insight and understanding, it is possible to use this process to make major life changes and transformative quantum leaps.

The cost of this six-session exploration will be \$600. Option 1 is a pre-requisite for anyone wishing to take advantage of Option 2.

For the most part, the astrology behind Option 1 and Option 2 will be invisible, and our dialogue will be conducted in plain English. I have found that even among those who know astrology, the use of jargon can often get in the way of the more important process of gaining useful perspective with the capacity to precipitate meaningful change. To say, “Transiting Saturn is on my natal Venus – again!” (with accompanying eye-roll) is less useful than saying, “When I review my own history in relation to this cycle, I see a pattern of painful loneliness. I tend to feel withdrawn and socially insecure, often in the wake of an intimate relationship that is ending,” or whatever else it might be for you personally, in your own words.

For this reason, although I will be talking about your chakra patterns in the Chakra Pattern Exploration, I will couch what I say within the context of language designed to be accessible without special knowledge of astrology, or for that matter, of the

chakra system. The metaphors that you provide from within your own experience will take precedence over anything I might say, or anything we might find written somewhere in an astrological cookbook.

### **Option 3: Tracking the Soul Webinar Class**



For those of you with a working knowledge of astrology, who wish to better understand the system and how it works, I offer a 20-week webinar class. As with Option 1, the focus of the class will be on identifying all the major chakra patterns in your chart.

In addition, I will also teach you the astrological methodology by which I do this. You can perhaps get a sense of my approach by reading the book, but as mentioned earlier, what I have learned since then has evolved, so much of what I will be teaching you does not appear in the book. There are new methods for identifying chakra patterns; I now include the four major asteroids in my analysis; and the work has moved beyond mere diagnostics into more specific strategies for consciously and intentionally shifting patterns.

All of this will be covered in the 20-week class. Because I keep the class purposely small (no more than 6 students at a time), there is plenty of class time for exploration of individual patterns. In fact, this is meant to be a participatory experience; not just a series of lectures, and to the extent that you do participate, you will emerge with a much deeper and far more intimately personal understanding of one or more key chakra patterns in your chart. There will be optional homework assignments between classes to encourage your own exploration, and I will be available between classes by email for those who want more one-on-one attention.

The cost of this 40-hour course plus email exchange is \$1200. Anyone who signs up in the mad and merry month of May will receive **an automatic 10% discount** (\$120 off the full price).

There are no prerequisites for Option 3, but this is not a class for beginners. To derive maximum benefit from the class, you should have a strong working knowledge of basic astrological vocabulary, including signs, houses, planets, aspects, planetary patterns, transits and progressions, while not being dogmatically wedded to any particular techniques or approach to the birthchart. You need not know anything about the chakras.

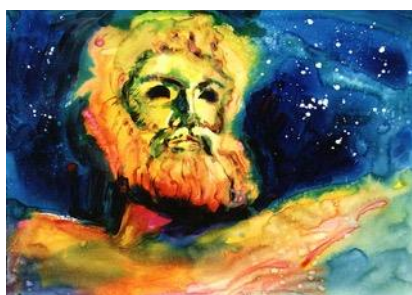
There will be an intake interview, and together we will decide if this is an appropriate class for you. The class will begin as soon as I have 6 registered (paid) students.

You can read more about the [webinar class](#) on my website.

*I was deeply impressed not only with Joe's level of astrological/metaphysical understanding, the system that he has birthed into form, but also his ability to assist one in gaining self-knowledge through weaving astrological cycles and personal history into a meaningful tapestry, rather than a tangled, incomprehensible mess of knots and threads. If you're hungry for a deep dive in self-discovery, take advantage of Joe's class - you won't be disappointed.*

J.F. – previous participant

If you are interested in any of these three options, or have questions, please contact me via email at [jlandwehr@astropoetics.com](mailto:jlandwehr@astropoetics.com), and we can go from there.



## **Basic Correspondence Course**

For those of you who are beginners, or who simply want to build confidence in thinking and feeling astrologically, I teach a basic course, covering basic vocabulary but at a depth capable of revealing fresh insight, even while contemplating the simplest astrological consideration.

I do not believe that the birthchart is a mishmash of hieroglyphic spaghetti, ready to be decoded, but rather a portal into a lifelong process of self-reflection, healing and personal growth – and it is this how I teach it. As the tag-line of Astropoetic School of Soul-Discovery suggests, this is a course of instruction “where your life is the classroom.” Astrology is merely a framework within which to see your life as a whole, and in all of its multi-dimensional parts, with fresh eyes.

*Now into the third year of your course, I'm astonished at the richness and depth of the poetic language of astrology I've been introduced to. It's like learning Italian and having unique access to a new and vibrant culture. In this case, it's the history and culture of my own life that has become an intriguing terrain to explore and develop. I can't imagine a more perceptive, inspiring and challenging guide. And I doubt that there is a more personalized and self-empowering way to study astrology out there. Thank you for turning those strange symbols and my own birth signature into a creative artform.*

S. F. – former student



This is not a course to prepare you to practice astrology professionally. It is a course in learning to apply the rich, poetic language of astrology to your own soul's journey. It is based not on memorization, but rather of self-observation in relation to astrological principles. It is not about knowing what the symbolism means; it is about learning how to recognize the wide panoply of surprising forms that any symbol or combination of symbols can take, and more specifically how the symbolism manifests for you. This approach to astrology is not a pathway to absolute truth, but rather a set of tools by which you can more consider more intelligently what is true for you.

I include a discussion of chakras and their relationship to the planetary dynamics of the birthchart, within the basic course, so for those of you who are thinking ahead, it will serve as an excellent introduction to the more advanced work of the Tracking the Soul webinar class.

The course is self-paced, and can be purchased in 6-lesson modules. Each module costs \$900 and includes homework, and a one-hour phone (or Skype) session after each lesson.

Module 1: The House

Module 2: The Signs

Module 3: The Soli-Lunar Relationship

Module 4: The Planets

Module 5: Planetary Dynamics

Module 6: The Evolution of a Birthchart (Transits and Progressions)

## An Excerpt from Lesson Fifteen

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### Planetary Relationships and Sub-personalities

Another way to think of the relationship between planets is in terms of the interaction of *sub-personalities* – a term developed by Italian psychotherapist [Roberto Assagioli](#). Sub-personalities represent relatively autonomous dimensions of the psyche – each with its own agenda, its own style, and its own constellation of issues and challenges. From time to time, one or more sub-personalities will dominate; often the core dynamic within a personality will involve some level of interaction between sub-personalities. Sub-personalities can cooperate with each other or clash and vie for dominance. When sub-personalities are completely autonomous, we have an extreme condition called multiple personality disorder. For most people, sub-personalities enter into internal dialogue with each and interact with varying degrees of creative synergy and conflict.

If, for example, a particular life challenge – say giving a public lecture – requires communication skills, humor, and charisma, the internal Teacher might join forces with the internal Comedian and the internal Showman to represent a compelling lecture. Intimate relationships routinely bring together the Lover, the internal Parent of the same sex, the Anima or Animus (opposite sex archetype) and the Wounded Child. Building a house requires the Planner and the Doer to cooperate with Design Artist/Architect and the Manager, who coordinates the various sub-contractors in the

building of the house. Most of the roles and activities that we engage in will bring together two or more aspects of the psyche in cooperation and co-creative synergy.

Within this dynamic, sub-personalities can also generate internal conflicts and ambiguities. Within relationships, for example, the Wounded Child can enter into conflict with the internal Parent of the same sex, who may have caused the wound in the first place, and is now in some way projected onto the partner. Making a decision to change careers after the loss of a job may bring together the inner Hero, the Pragmatic One and the Victim, who sabotages the Hero. A composer may bring the Romantic into her string arrangements, and give the horns the task of playing the Harsh Realist. The most challenging and ultimately rewarding tasks in life are those that require us to reconcile these diverse aspects and internal contradictions within our being. The goal of *psychosynthesis* (Assagioli's system of psychotherapy) is to integrate the sub-personalities into a complex and fully functional whole. To the extent that they are not yet fully integrated, sub-personalities will operate more or less independently of each other, sometimes cooperating and sometimes conflicting.

From an astrological perspective, each of the planets can be considered to be a sub-personality, or a complex of sub-personalities that share a common archetypal root. As we have seen, for example, the Sun can manifest as the Survivor in the 1<sup>st</sup> chakra, the Sustainer in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Ego-Driven Protagonist in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and so on. The Moon can manifest as the Wounded Child in the 1<sup>st</sup> chakra; the Needy or the Satiated One in the 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Narcissist in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and so on. Whenever two or more planets are in aspect to each other, the sub-personalities of each planet enter into relationship and psychological interplay with the sub-personalities of the other. This can occur in any chakra, or in more than one, depending on the chakra dynamic in play. However, the dynamic plays out, when two planets are in aspect to each other, you can rest assured that part of your life challenge will involve the integration of the sub-personalities associated with those planets. If two planets are not in aspect to each other, their phase will nonetheless describe the nature of their relationship in more general terms.

## **The Importance of the Soli-Lunar Relationship**

The most important planetary relationship in any birthchart is between the two lights: Sun and Moon. Together Sun and Moon describe the orientation of a soul to its evolutionary focus in this life – that is to say, what the soul is striving to accomplish in terms of psycho-spiritual development. By looking to see where the Sun and Moon are located in astrological space (within the wheel of houses), you can tell where – on what developmental tasks and in what area of life circumstance – the soul is likely to be focused in this life. By looking to see where the Sun and Moon are placed within the zodiac, you can learn something about the style and manner of approach you have chosen to take in order to carry out the soul's agenda.

Through exploring all of these contextual considerations with respect to Sun and Moon, you can learn a great deal about the central themes that will define a life, as well as the evolutionary goals that evolve out of those themes, the resources available to meet them, and the impediments to their realization. We started working with the relationship between Sun and Moon in Lessons 8 and 9, while exploring the elemental alchemy of Sun and Moon placements. In this lesson, we will expand this conversation to include other dimensions of the interplay between these two defining planets. In Lesson 14, we also began to contrast the solar



agenda with the lunar agenda, laying the groundwork for this lesson, in which we will consider the Sun and Moon as distinct sub-personalities, and explore the level of cooperation, creative synergy and/or conflict that defines their relationship.

This relationship takes various shapes at various times, depending on the predominant natal chakra placement of each planet, as well as the subsequent movement of Sun and Moon by transit (a monthly cycle), and by progression (a cycle that unfolds over the course of a lifetime). Basically, however, the following dimensions of this interplay will be a part of everyone's life process:

- 1) Physically, the Sun represents your constitutional strength and vitality. The Moon represents your vulnerability to stress, disease, the forces of entropy, decay, age, and your mortality. Together, on the physical level, Sun and Moon describe the way in which your body serves (or fail to serve) as a vehicle for your spirit. In particular, when health becomes an impediment to the pursuit or fulfillment of your solar agenda, the relationship between Sun and Moon is invariably implicated.
- 2) On the emotional level, the Sun represents your basic sense of self-esteem and wellbeing. The Moon represents everything that you specifically require for self-esteem and wellbeing, as well as everything that compromises them – all of the hurt and wounded parts of you, relegated to shadow, impaired in function, and burdened by unreleased or unresolved emotional residues. Together Sun and Moon describe a basic psychological framework in which you work to meet your basic needs, and to reclaim the lost, banished, neglected, repressed parts of yourself. On this level, the integration of Sun and Moon contributes to an integrated, radiant, functionally whole Self, colored by nuance, depth and emotional seasoning.
- 3) On the mental level, the Sun governs your fundamental attitude toward self and world, the consciousness that you bring to your life, and the basic intelligence with which you pursue the path of self-realization. The Moon governs the unconscious component of mind, memory, imagination, intuition, and the knowing that can only come through an open heart. Together Sun and Moon describe the way head and heart work together or fail to work together as an internal navigational system.
- 4) Psychologically, the Sun represents your ego, the central protagonist of your life – everything you consciously identify as "I." The Moon represents everything Other that the Sun encounters in the course of its journey toward self-realization, the antagonist as it is experienced within and without – everything that appears to challenge the ego in its passage through life. Internally, the Other will encompass the shadow, the anima or animus, the wise old man or woman, and other internal archetypes. Externally, the Other will encompass relationships with people who are very different than you are, and experiences outside your comfort zone, requiring you to learn about dimensions of your own being foreign to your conscious identity. Together Sun and Moon describe the process by which you grow from an ego-based view of the world into an expanded sense of Self that encompasses all of the interconnections that color the world by relationship.
- 5) Sociologically, the Sun represents your individuality – that which sets you apart as the unique being that you are. The Moon represents your humanity – that which you hold in common with others, and that binds you to the human species and human culture, as well as to the larger web of Life or planetary ecosystem. Together, Sun and Moon describe how you take your place or fail to take your place within the

greater whole of which you are part, and the part that you play in the larger melodrama by which human culture, civilization, and Life evolve.

- 6) Spiritually, the Sun represents your connection to Spirit – known in different ways by different individuals and cultures, but basically the Source of Life, Love and of the Divine Intelligence infusing all of Creation – evidenced as the light of consciousness and the spark of life within you. The Moon represents the embodied soul – the spark of Spirit temporarily housed in your body, bound to your memory-based sense of identity and to the emotional and psychological story line of your life. The cycle that is played out between the Sun and Moon represents the evolving relationship between soul and Spirit within the context of the evolutionary journey from Spirit to soul and back again. This dimension of the soli-lunar relationship can be understood within the context of reincarnation, but also within the context of a single life.
- 7) Within a single life, this dynamic manifests as the interplay between solar and lunar agendas introduced in Lesson 14. The solar agenda revolves around the actualization of your creative potential as a being who partakes of Divine Intelligence. The lunar agenda revolves around healing the emotional and psychological wounds that keep you fragmented and unable to fully identify with your Wholeness. The Sun demands clarity of purpose, linear resolve, and individuation. The Moon demands healing, wholeness, and self-transcendence. As you pursue your solar agenda, and attend to the lunar issues that arise as you do, you discover and undertake your soul’s journey – one through which suffering is gradually transmuted into a deeper source of strength and a more integrated identity. Spiritually, this journey of the soul is described by the relationship between Sun and Moon.

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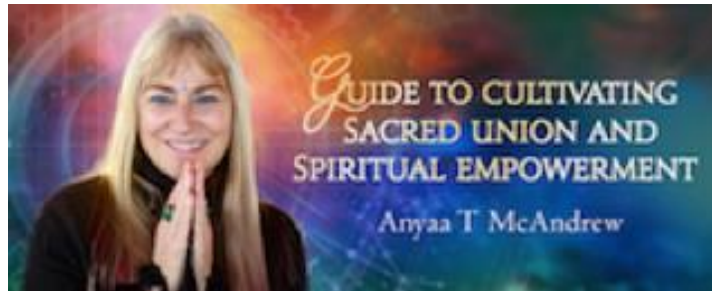
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### **Quote of the Month**

from *A History of Western Astrology, Vol 2* by Nicholas Campion

*When we put aside the mechanical cosmos . . . astrology becomes less a matter of prediction or even of knowledge, than of personal union with the One. It was, to be sure, a reaction to the disenchantment induced by the dead universe of materialistic science and the grim, unrelenting horrors of industrial society, a rejection of modernity which was itself the very basis of Modernism. This was not, as some have claimed, escapism or a flight from reality. Quite the reverse, it was a desire to overcome the alienation from nature, to return to Eden, to attain a state of enchantment and meet reality, that is, spiritual reality, head-on.*

## Two Offerings by my Partner Anyaa McAndrew



### RENAISSANCE OF THE SACRED FEMININE: STARS, STONE & STORIES OF SCOTLAND 2019



**September 2 – 15, 2019**

For the sixth year in a row, SAMS co-founder and creator of the Shamanic Astrology Paradigm, Daniel Giamario, will collaborate with Shamanic High Priestess Anyaa McAndrew of Full Moon Sanctuary on another Renaissance of the Sacred Feminine adventure. We will return to Scotland, in the Fall of 2019. Join us in Glasgow to begin our journey by coach to the beautiful Argyle~Kilmartin Valley area (western Scotland) for 6 nights, then to the Isle of Lewis (the largest island of the Western Isles or Outer Hebrides).

*I went on last year's pilgrimage to Ireland, which was one of the most magical journeys I have ever taken. Daniel's deep knowledge of astrology, archaeoastronomy and the mythology of ancient peoples combines with Anyaa's embodiment of sacred feminine wisdom to produce an unforgettable experience. Choice accommodations, excellent food and a truly remarkable assemblage of seasoned participants are enough to put this trip over the top of anyone's bucket-list.*

Contact [anyaamcandrew@gmail.com](mailto:anyaamcandrew@gmail.com) for more information.

Or to register, go [here](#).

**Space is limited to only 4 more participants!**

Men are encouraged! We have 16 women and 5 men so far! Come on, guys!

## **THE SACRED UNION: DANCING WITH THE INNER BELOVED**



**Near Lake Tahoe from September 27 – 29, 2019**

In this workshop, you will:

Discover the nature of your inner other, your inner masculine or feminine.

Learn ways of bringing them alive within you.

**Learn about the Stages of Development of your Inner Beloved:**

**Stage I – Childhood Wounding**

**Stage II – Relationships as projections**

**Stage III – Transforming our unknown shadow aspects into gifts.**

Discover the “complexes” that challenge our relationships and how to work with them.

Learn methods for completing the work of the Sacred Marriage leading to greater happiness.

Join [Anyaa](#) for an exploration toward greater wholeness, health and completion. Emerging from her decades of experience working as a transpersonal-shamanic psychotherapist Anyaa has developed a method of integrating the opposites within ourselves, a method of becoming more whole and complete as we pursue our greater potentials.

As a bonus, there may possibly be a guest appearance by yours truly.

For more information or to register, visit [Anyaa's website](#)  
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