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Greetings of Love and Light,

Welcome to 2015! I suspect that I'm not the only one who was glad to bid farewell to 2014. Since the transformation of December 2012 many of us have experienced two years of intense challenges that brought opportunities to heal and release much of our past baggage. We need to travel light in the fifth dimension, so clearing and cleansing has been the name of the game. But if we've done our homework, this year can be different. The energy of 2015 is an 8, which brings the promise of prosperity and abundance as well as a great deal of forward motion and power. Now is the time to manifest our dreams.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's even more important now to find a few moments to be still and go within to your sacred heart space. Visualize a column of white light above your head, slowly descending and filling every cell, every organ, every vein and artery. Feel this powerful light radiate from the temple of your heart. Feel the light flowing out from your heart in a downward loop encircling your lower three chakras, connecting with Mother Earth, and coming back up to the heart. Gathering more Light and Love, now see the energy flowing upward out of your heart space to encircle the higher chakras, connecting with your Divine Self at the crown and then following the flow of the energy back to the heart. As you visualize this energy flowing within you, allow your mind and heart to join in union. See and feel your New Year, your future, as already manifested before you. It is not a dream! You can taste it and feel it and enjoy it! Now take a long, slow, deep breath and bring yourself back to this time and place. Realize that you have created your desired future. Now manifest it!

This is the power that the energy of 8 can bring. Now it's our choice to use this power for the highest and best for all humanity.

Mother Maryesah

Coming Soon

The Sanctuary of the Magdalene presents

"The Path of the Rose" A Retreat for Spiritual Transformation and Inner Awareness March 28-29, 2015

Transformations Spirituality Center, Nazareth (Kalamazoo), Michigan For more details, please visit our website at <u>www.magdalenerose.org</u>.

BOOK CORPER

This page will feature a review of a pertinent book related to the on-going work of the Sanctuary of the Magdalene. Please visit our website for additional study material and suggested readings.

Seeing Red

"As I learned more about choice, and looked over the extensive evidence in all the cases I had testified in, I realized that what was happening in the FLDS [Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints] was human trafficking – both for labor and for sex. In mainstream society, money and lust are the currency. In the FLDS, salvation and position are the currency, but the forced acts of labor and sex are the same – the very definition of slavery. And whether greed or God is the currency, it is not right to own another's free agency."

Rebecca Musser in The Witness Wore Red

Recently Mary Magdalene has nudged me to ask what I believe to be a very important question: If she was walking among us today, what causes or issues would she be supporting and/or speaking out against? The one issue that immediately came to mind was human trafficking and child sexual abuse. Have you noticed how often these issues are currently in the news? It brings to mind the quotation from the Gospel of Luke: "Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light." We live in a time when everything is an open book. The Light and the energy of the 5th dimension are revealing all secrets.

Given the sex abuse scandals in the Roman Catholic Church, the story that Rebecca Musser shares should not be so shocking, and yet it is. For me at least, this scandal is worse than anything we know about in the Roman Church, if only because here we have institutionalized rape and abuse of young girls and all in the name of God. Several years ago you may remember hearing about a raid by the state of Texas on a religious cult community. I remember hearing bits and pieces on the national news, particularly that the state had removed a number of children under suspicion of abuse. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. In the fall of 2013, NBC Dateline did a two-hour investigation of the story. I don't usually watch Dateline, but I happened to catch part of the program and I was mesmerized. The program coincided with the publication of Rebecca's book, a harrowing account of life inside the polygamous Mormon cult and her courageous journey to create a life outside while testifying in court against those church leaders who had threatened her and her family with damnation and physical harm.

As a teenager Rebecca became the nineteenth wife of eighty-five year old Prophet Rulon Jeffs. Beyond her own unhappiness in her marriage, she watched as her sisters were forced into relationships that were often physically and emotionally abusive, with no way out. When Rulon Jeffs died, Rebecca faced the prospect of another marriage and she found the strength to refuse. However, her refusal meant little and the marriage would have taken place had she not packed her bags, leaving her life and her family behind her. Bereft of everything and everyone familiar to her, she writes powerfully of the pain and the courage that created her new life. And then the other shoe dropped. The state of Texas pursued the leaders of her church, including Rulon's son Warren, and sought to prosecute them on multiple charges of sexual misconduct. Though Rebecca had been of age when she married, many of the girls being forced into relationships were as young as twelve. Rebecca had important inside knowledge of a world that baffled the investigators. They asked for her assistance and ultimately her testimony. In her court appearances, she defiantly wore red, something that was totally forbidden for women in her church.

Why were the women of the FLDS forbidden to wear red? Rebecca does not say in her book and perhaps she was never told. But I would speculate that it is because the color red has long been associated with prostitution. It is also associated with Mary Magdalene and we now know that, tradition not withstanding, Mary Magdalene was **not** a prostitute. Esoteric teaching tells us that the red veil that is so much a part of her iconography was actually a symbol of a powerful group of women headed by the "Great Mother," the mother of Jesus. So in that time, there were many women wearing red veils and it was a sign of distinction and wisdom.

So how did we lose that meaning? Margaret Starbird speaks of this loss in her book <u>Bride in</u> <u>Exile</u>. "What did we lose when we lost the Mary whom scripture calls the Magdalene? We lost the color red, the deep crimson of passion, of the blood mysteries, of compassion and Eros in the Jungian sense of relatedness."

Red is a very powerful color that connects us to our root chakra and our basic human needs and emotions. I see Rebecca Musser as a latter-day "Magdalene" in the most positive sense of that word, embodying the strength, courage and passion of the one who is so identified with the color red. She writes: "Suddenly the fire that I was known for welled up inside of me, and I could not stop it. My head pounded with the heat. 'I will not say yes to something I don't agree with, Warren.' 'You know this is what God and Father want,' he said. 'No, I do not. I do not know that this is what God and Father want for me.' Warren's eyes turned to steel, filled with cold malice. '*I. Will. Break. You*,' he said, with deliberate pronunciation on each word. 'And I will train you to be a good wife. You have had too much freedom for too long, Becky. No matter who you marry, I will always have jurisdiction over you.'"

Warren Jeffs is now serving a long prison sentence for rape and child sexual abuse. Rebecca Musser has become a "best-selling author, highly sought after keynote speaker and agent for social revolution." She could not be broken.

Sanctuary Update

Much has been happening within the Sanctuary of the Magdalene since last summer. We are busy planning our next retreat at the end of March (see enclosed brochure) and plans are going forward for our next Mystery School in August. We will be celebrating the 08-08-08, which is the number of the Christ energy. Put the dates of August 7-9 on your calendar and plan to join us for a powerful weekend of transformation.

New to the Sanctuary within the last months have been our Circle gatherings that began the end of November and progressed through a labyrinth walk to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Sanctuary member Linda Adamcz has a labyrinth in her backyard that she has graciously agreed to share with us on a quarterly basis, so we will be celebrating the equinoxes and solstices with labyrinth walks on the Sundays nearest those dates. Our next one will be on March 22 in honor of the Spring Equinox. In between we will be gathering for another kind of journey, visiting the different world religions and learning of the pilgrimages that are a sacred part of these different religious traditions. After our gathering on February 1 to release the old of 2014 and welcome the new manifestations of 2015, we will journey to Jerusalem on February 22 and then on to Mecca in April. Also in April, look for a book study mid-month, mid-week on Marianne Williamson's <u>Everyday Grace</u>. The journey continues!



Prayer Corner

Your prayers are requested for Denise Thompson, who continues her brave fight with cancer, and for Cathy Newton, who is hospitalized in Virginia. Are you or your friends or loved ones in need of prayer support? Let us know by emailing maryesah@magdalenerose.org. The information will be

shared across our network. You are never alone and there is no separation.



MARY MAGDALENE: Finding Your Soul Purpose

This is a message from Mary Magdalene channeled through Mercedes Kirkel.

Question: I have two questions about soul purpose. The first one is: Did you always know your soul purpose? The second one is: How do we know what our soul purpose is? I know there are signs and gifts that we receive, but I feel like I'm still in the waiting room.

Mary Magdalene: Relative to your first question, "always" is a very long time. (long space of silence) As far back as I can reach, I have known my soul purpose.

Relative to your second question, not knowing your soul purpose is a sign of not being in your heart. The foundation of not being in your heart is being divorced from your body, fundamentally, as well as your sexuality and your emotions. This is a very contemporary problem.

What will help you is to know yourself through these vehicles – through your body, through your sexuality and really your energy system, and through your emotions. And the thing that tells you more than anything is your passion. What do you have passion for? This is a sign of your soul path, your soul purpose. It is a sad state that so many people are not in touch with their passion. It's a sign that something has gotten shut down.

When you find your soul path, a team of wild horses couldn't keep you from it. So look for the signs; look for the little corners. Look for something that gives you joy. Look for something that gives you energy. Look for something that you do even when you're tired, even when you're sick, even when you're supposed to be doing something else. (She laughs gently.) Find your passion. And that will point you to your soul purpose.

Is that helpful?

Questioner: (emphatically) It is.

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