

## **RUBY FIRE TEMPLE**

### ***Tale of the Second Call to Gather***

I stayed an extra night at Angel Valley following the February 2-4, 2007 Ruby Fire Temple Gathering with the intent of having time to integrate the experience, walk the land, and get a fresh start back to Tucson on Monday, February 5.

*However*, I was awakened by whispers of *Come to the Well, Come to the Well*. Somehow, I immediately understood that this was a “call” from the Southern Sinagua, who had inhabited the nearby Verde Valley from A.D 600 to 1400. Their thriving agricultural community was centered around what later was called Montezuma’s Well by later explorers.

En route home, I felt no resistance to visiting the “holy well,” still considered sacred to tribes in this region, some of whom revere it as an emergence point between the worlds. I did not anticipate, though, that that it would be 3pm in the afternoon before I would head for Tucson filled with a strong sense that there was to be a 2008 gathering in this region that would activate the ancient future of the Sacred Order of Venus Templars in relationship to the mysteries of this Venus Temple.

The shortest route home was through Phoenix, but I was so charged, I could not make myself head into what would now be rush hour traffic. Instead, I took the much longer route through the mountains and did not arrive home until 9pm. The downloads received while at the Well and during the drive home are still impacting me and shaping what is being activated in the energetic field of those engaging the Ruby Fire Temple energies.

I’ve included endnote information for those wanting a deeper sense of this sacred region. But for synopsis purposes, the essence of what I understand is that the Sinagua have called us to remember to live in sacred harmony with the land and all Creation and that those who listen and consciously walk this land with open hearts will absorb the cellular memory of the land and of those who walked, and those who still do walk it, in a sacred way will awaken that memory within themselves and the soul group.

When I returned to the region in the spring, Shanti, Carol Rose, and I located Jackpot Ranch as the site for the 2008 Gathering. In December 2006, inspired by Lucinda, I’d mapped what appeared to be the pentagram landscape of this temple, which places the Well in the southeastern leg of the pentagram, with nearby Sacred Mountain at the point. The ranch, located between the pentagram legs, felt like an ideal grounding point. The dates that worked out were March 6-9, which falls in the third new moon window of the year. Given New Moons are seed points, it seemed appropriate to be seeding New Earth Star consciousness stirred with the re-activation of the Canary Island Blue Flame Temple of the New Covenant that would occur in the first new moon window of the year.

About twenty-five Venus Templars and others quickly registered for the 2008 gathering and anchored the energies for the event. Early Summer, 2007, a fortuitous and unforeseen connection with recently emerged Priest Knight Owen Couch, merged the Templar energy with the Well mysteries through his *Guardians of the Well Maidens* writing.

Other unforeseen “cosmic” factors that greatly expanded awareness of our Venus connection arose during my June 2007 trip to Kansas City to meet with the VTs there

(see *SanatKumara.LadyVenus attachment*). This led to the understanding that the culminating March 2008 gathering will be a ceremonial enactment of the reunion of twin sister planets Earth and Venus and their passage through the 44:44 Star Gate. Through this enactment, we open to the lighter, brighter New Earth Star frequency. **The guidance I have around this enactment is that it is a reflection of our soul group's collective readiness to live in/embody this heightened state of consciousness.** (See separate Star Gate email.)

On October 25, 2007, Robbie, Carol Rose, Shanti, and I set out to explore Sacred Mountain and the nearby V-V Heritage Petroglyph Site in what turned into an hour-long circuitous, bush-wacking climb up Sacred Mountain where we spotted the easily accessible trail just inside a gate a well-meaning, direction-offering person told us not to enter. Carol Rose aptly pointed out that the basic guideline for passing through the Star Gate is "Open the gate!"

Amidst the remains of the Sacred Mountain 60-room pueblo, which is to be believed to have been the pre-eminent village of the region, we ceremonially called in the directions with Shanti's conch shell and attuned to Robbie's haunting playing of her flute. Knowing that the field was set for the March gathering, we made the easy, twenty-minute descent down the white-stone mesa, laughing at the efforting of our uphill climb. Quite a metaphor for life!

But, the delay worked to our advantage! We arrived at the nearby petroglyph site just in time to witness the active interplay of boulders, glyphs, sun, and shadow that testify to indicators supporting that a cycle of annual, calendrical-based rituals and practices were associated with the Sinagua People of the Verde Valley. Had we arrived an hour earlier, we would have missed the amazing show!

These pre-visits shaped the March 2008 gathering. On Friday, March 7, participants will gather at the temple knoll creekside site where the February 2007 gathering concluded to reconnect with those energies and then move on to Montezuma's Well and Castle to commune with the Sinagua Ancestors, the waters, and the land.

On Saturday, March 8, after visiting the petroglyph site, the group will travel ¼ mile to Sacred Mountain, OPEN THE GATE, and co-create an enactment of the Star Gate Passage Ceremony. Everyone will be carrying Hopi Sunflower Seeds to be infused with New Earth Star consciousness. Those wishing to make the *direct* ascent to the top of Sacred Mountain to *gather greater vision* from the 360° vista will do so while others hold the energetic field inside the gate.

Many of the participants will journey to Hopi on Sunday where they will be able to absorb the frequencies of what one could say is the High Ceremonial Season for the Hopi. Even today, the Hopi, believed to be Sinagua descendants, make the material and spiritual preparations required for each planting ceremony and the actual planting in accord with the system the site suggests was used by the Sinagua. I am deeply grateful to the Sinagua Ancestors for "orchestrating" this opportunity to consciously engage our ancient future and to all who will be participating directly or long-distance in this auspicious occasion.

The gathering, itself, will commence on Saturday evening, March 8, with Venus Templar Jaime Almaillo's priest emergence ceremony. His emergence will be followed by communion chocolate and ceremonial receipt of Venus Templar Founding Member

Certificates and Foundation Star Degrees for Shanti and Cayelin. They join Nancy, Toby, Pamela, and myself as star degree recipients. The star degrees reflect and anchor a Venus Templar's extensive involvement with the Venus Temple energies and service to the Sacred Order of Venus Templars. Thanks, Pam, for these artistic, activational representations of this sacred work!

The most personally significant aspect of my process since receiving the "call" just over a year ago is that health factors arose that prompted me to turn over my coordinator role to Shanti and to withdraw my direct participation. The same physical challenge that arose soon after receiving the first intense wave of Venus Temples information and energy on July 22, 2006, re-occurred when a second wave, related to the Venus Cruxus activation, unexpectedly engulfed me in November 2007.

Not only did I decide to withdraw my direct participation in the March gathering, I capped the energetic portals through which I have been taking in new information. I knew I would have to be "rewired" to keep running the ever-intensifying energies and that I was at choice in making that decision. The **44:44** Star Gate passage, which I could do on my own, anywhere, would mark completion of the "vow" made **4000** years ago by **4** of us to fulfill the planetary purpose of the soul of the Magdalene. \*

I cancelled the ranch reservation and informed those registered of the change, giving them the option of getting their deposits refunded if they chose not to come. So much had shifted for so many since they had originally registered that my withdrawal was an opportune time for them to re-evaluate their participation. A smaller group of participants – all of whom live in the Southwest – emerged. In various ways, they each echoed Marlys' words, "It feels like we need to keep the energy moving with all this. I would dislike seeing it go by the wayside after all you and many have put into being a part of these waves of energy. I know the energy would be there anyway, but with some support and cooperation with humans on the planet it does definitely enhance everything."

The spirit in which Shanti and those carrying forth has done much to help me release the intense focus I have held in working with these energies (it would seem for 4000 years!). With my Mercury, Venus, and Moon in Sagittarius (Solar logos powers of focus concentration and vision) and Sun in Capricorn (structure), I've helped get us to the star gate "eye of the needle." Now Shanti (Mercury in Pisces), Nancy (Mercury, Sun, & Venus in Pisces), and Cayelin (Sun in Pisces), who have key roles in the gathering, can assist with the flow of forward movement on the other side. Blessed Be!

Like many of those not coming who find themselves in the flow of shifts that have occurred in their lives since the February 2007 VT initiations, I am experiencing an enlivening flow in my personal life as I move into a new way of being in Tucson now that I am no longer primarily a receiving/transmitting conduit. And I'm regaining my health! While I sense I will continue to hold the energetic integrity of the SOVT field and provide guidance accordingly, I no longer see this as being a primary aspect of my life.

I invite those inclined to link, as I will be doing, with the gathering participants (names below) throughout the gathering and to welcome Jaime as a New Earth Priest. He engaged his initiation cycle heart and soul and we are all blessed as he takes this next step in his soul's journey when he emerges on Saturday evening March 8.

## SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 6

5-7PM Dinner at Sequel's (used to be Spices) by the Super 8

7:30 – 9:00PM Welcome, Gathering Overview, and group sharing at Shanti's. Evening to include sharing about the 2006 France Journey by Cayelin Castell and Nancy Safford and the Canary Island Temple activation journey made by Carol Rose, Shanti, and Debrah.

Friday, March 7

10:00 AM – Noon Opening Ceremony at Ruby Fire Temple Knoll creek site

12:30 – 1:30 Picnic at Montezuma's Well picnic grounds (bring your own food)

1:30PM – 3:00 PM Experience Montezuma Well and commune with Sinagua Ancestors

3:00 – 5:00 PM – Visit Montezuma's Castle

5:00 – 6:30 Dinner in Rim Rock or Camp Verde

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Meet at Carol's house to discuss the Shamanic Astrology of this period with Cayelin and Nancy's Templar experiences.

Saturday, March 8

10:00 AM – Noon V-V Petroglyph Site

Noon – 1 PM Picnic lunch at V-V

1:30 – 4:00 PM – Sacred Mountain ---44:44 Enactment and ceremonial celebration

4:00PM – 6:30 PM – On your own for dinner

6:30PM – 7:30 PM – Jaime Alamillo's Priest Knight Emergence Ceremony at Shanti's

8:30PM – 10:00 PM – New Earth Visioning and Closing the Verde Valley portion of the gathering

Sunday, March 9

Gather with Nancy and go to Hopi land to ethereally plant seeds for the New Earth.

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Gathering Participants: 1) Alarya Jay, 2) Carol Rose Sanguinetti, 3) Cayelin Castell, 4) Debrah Moses-Alamillo, 5) Jaime Alamillo, 6) Mary Boles--priestess initiate working w/ Alarya, 7) Marlys Morgan, 8) Nancy Safford, 9) Peter Klien, 10) Shanti, 11) Spirit Dancer/Cathrine Estar.

Additional Emergence Ceremony participants will include Venus Templar Priest Don Richardson; Venus Templar Priestesses Sheila Richardson and MaryLynne White; Priest Dana Ross, Shanti's partner Tony, Jaime's son and his partner, and more.

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Notes from *Sinagua Sunwatchers An Archaeoastronomy Survey of the V-V Site* (Revised Edition 2007) by Kenneth J. Zoll

A.D 600 – 1400, the peaceful Southern Sinagua People developed a thriving economy and were actively involved in trading pottery, cotton cloth, and probably food to other people in Northern Arizona. By 1300, they lived in pueblos evenly spaced at 1.8 mi. intervals along Verde River and its tributaries.

Montezuma's Castle National Monument is a five-story, 20-room cliff dwelling that served as a "high-rise apartment building" for the Southern Sinagua from A.D. to 1400. Early settlers incorrectly assumed it was associated with Aztec emperor Montezuma.

Another set of dwellings surrounds Montezuma's Well. Limestone sinkhole, fed by artesian springs, formed by collapse of immense underground cavern. Over 1½ million gallons of water a day flow continuously, providing lush oasis in surround desert grassland. The Well empties into Beaver Creek. An irrigation ditch, dug by the Sinagua to irrigate their fields with Well water can still be seen at the MW picnic area. Prior to about 6000 BC the Well and BC were well-developed riparian vegetation areas.

The nearby V-V Site is the largest petroglyph site in the Verde Valley and one of the best preserved. It is well known for its Solar Panel, one of the primary west-facing panels, which is nearly vertical and very close in alignment to true north.

1/2 mile east of V-Bar-V site is an isolated white-limestone mesa known as Sacred Mountain containing remains of 60-room pueblo around a central plaza w/ 360-degree view. Thought to be the pre-eminent village of what is known as the Beaver Creek Community and may have been the largest area of agricultural production in the middle Verde Valley.

The ballcourt at base of Sacred Mountain suggests that this area was significant to the larger region. The ball game was an important equinox ritual to ensure the ascent and descent of the sun based on "sympathetic magic", marking the rebirth and death of sun-maize deity. The ballcourt was oriented approximately north-south to mark southern world of winter solstice and northern world of summer solstice. This practice facilitated ceremonial exchanges among different groups and the presence of a solar calendar at the nearby petroglyph site permitted accurate calculation of the time for the equinox games.

The Hopi are the most closely affiliated modern group to the culture and lifeways of prehistoric S. "the Hopi provide an ideal opportunity to study the actual operation of a system of pre-scientific astronomy."

The concept of time to the ancestral Pueblos cultures was probably more an organic experience than a mechanical one. They lived time as each day steadily changed in length throughout the year. Relied on their "body clock" to determine daily activities. Time was measured by events not by a daily calendar. The Hopi calendar is based upon careful observations of the sun and moon to regulate agricultural activities and ceremonies that defined their community. Their astronomical system is based on observing phases of the moon or rising and setting sun against known landmarks on the horizon.

Readings were (are) the responsibility of a religious leader called the Sun Watcher. By their readings of the sun positions, they knew when various ceremonies and plantings were to take place. This Water Clan man announced everything through the year. On the evening when the sun reached a specific position or the Moon entered a specific phase,

the sun chief calls a special meeting during which the leading members decide the date of the ceremony which is announced at sunrise the following morning. The anticipatory aspect of sun watching is the most important feature of the sun watcher's job because material and spiritual preparations are required for each ceremony.

*Note: This explains why, in my search for a Hopi presenter for the March gathering, I was either told that it was not possible to leave the reservation at that time of year or that we'd have to "wait and see: until much closer to that time.*

V-V petroglyph site observations employ midday sun. Boulders are an unusual but most likely natural formation. Light and shadow patterns displays occur on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. It only takes the Sun dagger seven minutes to mark the time, but in those seven minutes, a sense of wonder and an unusual oneness with the cosmos is created.

Successful farming, especially in drier climates, depends on knowing when to plant various crops. The Vernal Equinox sequence suggests an economic (agricultural) link by signaling the time for planting ceremonial corn (3/21), early corn (4/21) and main corn crop (5/21).

In some villages the Vernal Equinox activities take the form of night dances to create a pleasant atmosphere for all life and to encourage growth and to bring all-important rain for fruitfulness. Powamuy, or Bean Dance ceremony occurs late February or early March and celebrates the return of the Katchinam (Kachinas) to the Hopi villages. Beans, corn and some other seeds are brought into the heated kivas to force plant growth for ceremonial purposes and as omens for the coming planting season. (Katchina religion occurs in 14<sup>th</sup> century. Earlier Sinagua migration to Hopi mesas may have brought practices and beliefs that contributed to Katchina religion.)

*Note: When we were at the V-V site in October, the docent said that a Hopi Elder had countered the standard reason park rangers gave for why the Sinagua People left the fertile valley by saying that the Great Spirit instructed them to move to harsher land (the current Hopi mesas) in order to experience a harder life and thus expand their souls.*

Hopi sometimes refer to early cultural artifacts "to a time when the people were still 'becoming Hopi.' To them, Hopi history is not a history of one people, but a series of histories of clans who came together to become Hopi people–Hopisimom. Philosophically, 'Hopi' is not a tribe, an ethnic group, or a language, but a way of life.

**Spiritual link:** the V-V site suggests it was a very spiritual place to the Sinagua. There are 69 glyphs containing circular depressions tied to religious ceremonies similar to practices performed in historic Pueblo societies today.

**Ritual link:** Sun Watchers are also religious leaders. The sun shaft and shadow castings were part of a public display to announce events, hold ceremonies or provide teachings. People came to the site for these specific purposes. The site was a sacred space set apart from the space of daily living, as a ceremonial center. Sun Father arrived from his winter

house on the Vernal Equinox to provide warmth for the rebirth of the earth and fertility of the land. Historic Pueblos believe they are fundamentally dependent upon the Sun Father for whom they honor with shrines. Consistent to that V-V site was used as a sun shrine.

**Belief system link:** Unify people site where cosmos was employed as a means of validating their rituals, festivals and ceremonies. Explanation of this cyclical order by sun priest through religious stories and myths provided an explanation of the cosmos. The unusual petroglyph placement and quantity of symbols—concentrated on only one of the 13 panels, and the range of images above the stature of Sinagua adds to unusual placement and intentional purpose to engage the unique play of sun and shadow produced by two unusual stone outcroppings.

**Summary:** The Southern Sinagua complex linked time with the mythical, ritual and agricultural cycles of the ancient Verde Valley population.

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From *Under Her Wings: The Making of a Magdalene*, written when I lived in a cabin at the base of the Ruby Fire Temple knoll. See pages 225-229.

“In a 1998 phone session with Maia, she revealed the ancient import of my deepening bond with Magdalene. As she began the reading, Maia affirmed the strong presence of Magdalene and of Thoth, the Egyptian Lord of the Akashic Records, who opened my cosmic library scrolls for Maia. ‘I see you and two others (Cayelin Castell and Gina Garvaris), along with the soul that was Mary Magdalene,’ Maia said, “but previous to her historic incarnation with Christ when the four of you were together at the Temple of Venus. It’s in southern France near La Val Dieu, the Valley of the Gods. That lifetime—between 2,000 or 1,000 BC—you three took vows with the soul of the Magdalene in her planetary purpose.’

”Excitement surged through my body as I listened. I had been to La Val Dieu in 1996, where unknowingly, this vow was surely reactivated. But what I now understood was that our vow was to assist in fulfilling Magdalene’s planetary purpose, not simply to retrace her path. Of course we were to expand, move beyond, what she accomplished in her Piscean Age incarnation. We were to take her sacred union purpose into the Aquarian Age beyond the lands where she had seeded it!

”I was deeply moved as Maia continued with information directly from Mary Magdalene. Maia said, ‘She is calling you Hespara, which is derived from Hesperus, which means Venus. There is a strong energy of the Goddess principle of Venus connecting the two of you. She indicates that the point of recognition, fulfillment, and dedication you feel in your connection to her is anchored in the Temple of Venus in the Earth.’”