

# Soul-Link, Inc.

“ . . . fostering an awareness of and response to the sacred in nature, human nature and events of everyday life.”

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Together on the Spiritual Path

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## SOUL LINK RETREAT

### *“Honoring the Soul’s Code: Naming Our Gifts, Claiming Our Place”*

Who am I, really? Who am I beneath the self (persona) with which I meet the world? How can I get in touch with my soul and be true to it in all the actions and interactions that comprise my life? This retreat, led by Sue Kiernan and Tom Stella, is designed to help us reconnect with our essential self, and thus live a more productive and gratifying life.

**Date:** February 10, 2007

**Place:** Julie Penrose House (Mesa Rd. behind the Broadmoor)

**Time:** 8:30 (registration), 9:00 - 2:30 (retreat)

**Cost:** \$25 early registration, \$30 at the door. Scholarships available

**Information:** 776-2672

### **From *The Soul’s Code*, by James Hillman**

There is more in a human life than our theories of it allow. Sooner or later something seems to call us onto a particular path. You may remember this “something” as a signal moment in childhood when an urge out of nowhere, a fascination, a peculiar turn of events struck like an annunciation: This is what I must do. This is what I’ve got to have. This is who I am...

If not this vivid or sure, the call may have been more like gentle pushings in the stream in which you drifted unknowingly to a particular spot on the bank. Looking back, you sense that fate had a hand in it...

These kinds of annunciations and recollections determine biography as strongly as memories of abusive horror...

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Despite early injury and all the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, we bear from the start the image of a definite individual character with some enduring traits.

[This book] wants to resurrect the unaccountable twists that turned your boat around in the eddies and shallows of meaninglessness, bringing you back to feelings of destiny. For that is what is lost in so many lives, and what must be recovered: a sense of personal calling, that there is a reason I am alive...

... it does speak to feelings that there is a reason my unique person is here and that there are things I must attend to beyond the daily round and that give the daily round its reason, feelings that the world somehow wants me to be...

## *Quote Corner*

“In the final analysis, we count for something only because of the essential we embody, and if we do not embody that, life is wasted.” - C.G. Jung

“To dare is to lose one’s footing temporarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.”  
- Soren Kierkegaard

“This is the first, wildest and wisest thing I know, that the soul exists, and that it is built entirely out of attentiveness.”  
- Mary Oliver

...”Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting. The soul that rises with us, our life’s star, has had elsewhere its setting and cometh from afar.” - William Wordsworth

“I am more worried about unquestioned answers than unanswered questions.”  
- Anonymous

## *Books For the Journey*

*Seven Sins for a Life Worth Living* by Roger Housden (Harmony Books)

The bestselling author of the Ten Poems series encourages us to go against the grain, put our feet up, make fools of ourselves, and celebrate our imperfections. Housden describes the seven pleasures that can free us from the “national obsession” with being productive at every moment. Peppered with eclectic quotes from philosophers and poets, scientists and artists, this is a wake-up call to revel in the “warm, juicy, satisfying: world around us.

*The Way of the Dreamcatcher* by Steve T. Georgiou (Novalis)

A disillusioned young man journeys to a remote Greek island in search of renewal. By chance he meets an elderly hermit who helps him in his quest. This sage turns out to be none other than Robert Lax, friend of Thomas Merton and major spiritual poet of the 20th century. Together they consider questions such as: From where did we come? To where are we going? How shall we get there? This book is dense with insights that cultivate living slowly, quietly, surely.

*The Soul’s Code* by James Hillman (Random House)

“We need a fresh way of looking at the importance of our lives.” This book offers a highly accessible and imaginative approach to life, not only a new way of seeing but, in addition, a way to “resurrect the unaccountable” and thereby recover what has been lost of our intrinsic selves.

# Soul Link Happenings

## Concert "Music for the Spirit, Songs for the Soul"

It has become a Soul Link custom to sponsor singer-song writer Joe Uveges in concert. Joe, and vocalist Susan Rissman will entertain us with a blend of thoughtful, humorous, lively, and soul-soothing songs. The concert will take place at **First Congregational Church** (Tejon and St. Vrain) on **Friday, February 23rd** from **7-9pm**. The cost is \$10 early registration, and \$12 at the door. Make checks payable to Soul Link, and send to 2413 N. Cascade Ave, Colo. Springs, CO 80907

## Bishop Spong Returns

Retired Episcopal bishop, theologian, and author, John Shelby Spong, will return to Colorado Springs on the weekend of **May 4-6**. He is an outspoken advocate for those on the margins of institutional religion, and a critic of Christian churches that have lost the spirit of the founder. The particulars of his visit have not been determined at this time, but he will likely speak at Shove Chapel on the Colorado College campus on Friday evening, conduct several workshops at First Congregational Church on Saturday, and preach at the church's second Sunday service. As the time draws near, you can find out more about the schedule by calling FCC at 635-3549.

## Soul Link Groups

There are three on-going groups that meet to discuss matter of the soul:

**The film group** uses videos as a catalyst for conversation, **the book group** reads a variety of stimulating authors, and **the spiritual support group** uses their own experience as a way to help those in the group to deepen their spiritual lives. Each of these groups welcomes new members. If you are interested in participating you may call the group leaders:

Film Group: Lori Rose 574-9578

or Joel Burke soullinkfilmgp@peoplepc.com

Book Group: Jim Gilroy 684-9846

jamesgilroy@aol.com

Support Group: Sheilah Shapiro 495-8111

## Coming Events

Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, June 11:  
**Potluck Discussions**  
(Soul Link House, 6:30pm)

Jan 24, 5:30pm:  
**Board Meeting**  
(Soul Link House)

Feb 13, 6:30pm:  
**Book Group**  
*The Soul's Code*  
(Soul Link House)

**Film Group**  
Jan 21, 2:00pm:  
*Merchant of Venice*  
March 4, 2:00pm:  
*Elizabeth*  
(Soul Link House)

Jan 28, 1:00pm:  
**Spiritual Support Group**  
(Soul Link House)

Feb 23, 7-9pm:  
**Concert**  
(First Congregational Church)

There are currently 338 names on our mailing list. If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter, have them call the office at 776-2672. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please call and ask that your name be deleted. Each newsletter is also posted under the Resources tab on our website at [www.soullinkonline.org](http://www.soullinkonline.org).



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*Saturday, February 10, 2007*

Mail In Registration Form - *Clip and return with registration fee no later than  
February 6, 2007*

*Please complete information below, and send it along with your payment of \$25 per person to:*

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Name(s) of person(s) attending \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Drop-ins are welcome the day of the retreat. The registration fee “at the door” will be \$30 per person. We hope you will invite a friend to join us for the is time of reflection and conversation.