



Reborn from Breath and Heart: Meditations with the Aramaic Jesus and the Native Middle Eastern Mystics

A Weekend with Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz

August 10-12, 2018

The New School
3 Burton Woods Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45229



*“The sign of the Breathing Life of All in you is: movement and rest.”
– Gospel of Thomas, Saying 5 –*

During this retreat, we will use teachings and practices suggested by the words of Jesus in his native Aramaic language, as well as other mystics of the Middle East, to deepen in our own sense of activity and repose in life. How do we find balance between the needs of the inner life and the outer life? Can we find harmony between our genuine need to pursue goals in life and a sense of deep surrender to the source and goal of everything?

The Native Middle Eastern spiritual traditions stem from an ancient nomadic tradition in which life is seen as change and movement, and the inner self presents a community of voices, which are seeking healthy balance, fulfillment and joy. Using the form of a native Middle Eastern “sesshin,” we will alternate gentle moving meditation in the form of Dances of Universal Peace with sitting in silence to absorb the wordless experience further into our hearts. Many of Jesus’ teachings, as well as those from the ancient Jewish mystics and Sufis, present a deep inner process of transformation.

Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz is an internationally recognized religious studies author and a senior teacher in the Sufi Ruhanniat International order. He is co-founder of the International Network of the Dances of Universal Peace (www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org). His groundbreaking work with deepening our understanding and connection to the message of Jesus through midrash-style rendering of His words from Aramaic was first published in *Prayers of the Cosmos*. A frequent speaker and workshop leader, Neil is the author of two other books that focus on his Aramaic work, *The Hidden Gospel* and *Blessings of the Cosmos*. In addition, he has published books on inter-spiritual meditations and practices including *The Genesis Meditations*, *The Sufi Book of Life*, *The Tent of Abraham* (with Rabbi Arthur Waskow and Sr. Joan Chittister), *Desert Wisdom*, *Original Meditation* and *The Little Book of Sufi Stories*. He has also edited several books and produced audio series with Sounds True containing teachings on the Aramaic approach to Jesus, including *Original Prayer*, *The Healing Breath*, *The Hidden Gospel* and “I Am” *The Secret Teachings of the Aramaic Jesus*. More detailed information about his work can be found at www.abwoon.org.

In this retreat weekend, Neil will draw teachings and new Dances of Universal Peace from his most recent work on the Jesus traditions in early Aramaic Christianity as well as the broader colors of Native Middle Eastern spirituality. This non-residential retreat is open to all. Some prior contemplative prayer or meditation experience may be helpful, but is not necessary.

Time: Friday evening (7:30-9:30 pm), Saturday (10 am-9 pm), Sunday morning (10 am-12 pm). Saturday lunch, dinner and two tea breaks included.

For Additional Information: Contact Margaret at Cincinnati Dances of Universal Peace, email: Cincinnati.DUP@gmail.com

Registration Form

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REGISTRATION FEE: \$240.00 (or \$195 with early-bird discount before June 1)
(Includes full weekend registration, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and all coffee/tea breaks)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please answer the following questions to help us facilitate your experience:

Do you have any **dietary restrictions**? If so, please share your specific needs with us below so we can plan the food offerings accordingly.

Have you *previously attended* a workshop or other event *with Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz*? Yes ___ No ___
If so, what was the most recent event?

For our out-of-town participants, do you wish for your email provided above to be added to a contact group for arranging to share hotel and/or transportation among group members?
(If you check yes, the registrar will add you to the group and send you the link.) Yes ___ No ___

Please indicate your method of payment:

Check enclosed for \$195 (before June 1) _____ **Check enclosed for \$240** (after June 1) _____

Make checks payable to “**Abwoon Resource Center**” and send to the registrar at:

Margaret Kupferle
2401 Ingleside Avenue, Unit 3B
Cincinnati, OH 45206

OR

Use PayPal: \$195 (before June 1) _____ or **\$240** (after June 1) _____

For **PayPal** (which includes option for payment by credit card): Log into your *PayPal* account, click the “Send Money” tab and enter the e-mail address resourcecenter@abwoon.com. You can also send money via *PayPal* by using a credit card without owning a *PayPal* account. Information at: www.PayPal.com.

Registration is open until **Wednesday, August 8, 2018** unless venue capacity is reached earlier.

(Refunds available through June 1 w/\$25 processing fee; after June 1 until August 10, 2018 w/\$70 fee; Nonrefundable after August 10, 2018.)