

# 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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**SOUL LINK**  
together on the spiritual path

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## SOUL LINK RETREAT (REVIVAL IV)

*Awakening to Oneness:  
Discovering the Spiritual Bond that Unites Us*

Enlightenment is a word for the breakthrough awareness and experience of the unity of all things. In our normal state of unconsciousness we function on the surface of life where the very real differences between ourselves, others, nature, and the universe often leads to competition rather than cooperation, dissonance rather than harmony, war rather than peace. But there is more to life if we have the eyes to see and the heart to sense the spiritual bond that unites us.

Science and religion, often thought to be oppositional in their worldview are now finding common ground in the notion that all creation is related. Author and teacher, Dr Don Ray, will lead us on a visual and verbal journey into the depths of both outer and inner space where we will encounter the sacred connection we share with one another, nature, and the universe. This bond is what many refer to as God.

Date: October 19, 2013

Place: Broadmoor Community Church (315 Lake Ave.)

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

Cost: \$30 early registration (by Oct 15), \$35 at the door. Lunch included.

Scholarships available.

Information: 648-3939

### Excerpt from *The Reassuring Universe* by Don Ray

Science no longer stands in the way of spirit. In the data of science and the calling of spirit we have seen a pattern in the universe and in life, a pattern consistent and continuous, repeated and relevant, a pattern revealing direction, direction in which we can choose to participate, to which we can choose to contribute.

But what of the nature of this universe (and other universes)? What of our nature; what of the nature of the Source of this universal direction: and most important, how do we relate to it, or it to us, or can we, or should we, or is the question meaningless? Are we alone, or are we part of...?

On these existential questions about the nature of the universe and life and ourselves and the prospects of relationship and connection with it all, might we not again trust science, not to provide answers, but to open our minds to recognize answers our heart already knows?

Let us move forward, science and spirit now reconciled, walking hand-in-hand. And as our words and pictures and quotes and ideas and conjectures flow before us, let us use them not as ends in themselves, not as authority to be memorized and taken too seriously, but as signposts to help us find that ineffable foundation and relationship that can carry us through the relentless challenges of life, even to the end of life.

## QUOTE CORNER

☞ All things by immortal power near or far,  
Hiddenly to each other linked are  
That thou canst not stir a flower  
Without troubling of a star

*Francis Thompson*

☞ All things are implicated with one another, and the bond is Holy, and there is hardly anything unconnected with any other thing...For there is one universe made up of all things, and one God who pervades all things, and one substance, and one law, and one reason.

*Marcus Aurelius*

☞ Tug on anything at all and you'll find it connected to everything else in the universe

*John Muir*

☞ Talk as much philosophy as you like, worship as many gods as you please, observe ceremonies and sing devotional hymns, but liberation will never come...without realizing the Oneness.

*Sankara*

## BOOKS FOR THE JOURNEY

*The Reassuring Universe* by Don Ray

THE UNIVERSE IS BIG, cold, violent, and doomed. What could be reassuring about this? Welcome on a voyage through a universe of personal relevance, potential, and purpose. Your voyage will cross the blank space on the way between science and spirit. Can these words even appear at peace together? The Reassuring Universe unveils the surprising spiritual potential and personal relevance of modern science.

*The Bond* by Lynne McTaggart (Free Press)

FOR CENTURIES, Western science and many Western cultures have taught us to think of ourselves as individuals. But today, a revolutionary new understanding is emerging from the laboratories of the most cutting-edge physicists, biologists, and psychologists. What matters is not the isolated entity, but the space between things, the relationship of things. The Bond. This book shows that the essential impulse of all life is a will to connect rather than a drive to compete.

*God and the New Physics* by Paul Davies

ANY STUDENT OF THEOLOGY or philosophy would do well to read this book. Certainly every point is covered with regard to the existence of God and the meaning/purpose of life. The key scientific facts are lucidly put forth in a way that even the least math-minded can understand them. For the blindly faithful the book will do little to effect your point of view...For those who are undecided or complete unbelievers the book will not make you feel closer to a personal God...but it may give you a sense of awe, a feeling of gratitude for the amazing universe of which you find yourself a part.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### ***SOUL LINK BOOK CLUB***

For many people reading is a source of stimulation not only for the mind but for the soul as well. The written word can heighten our awareness of God's presence and motivate us to attend to matters of a spiritual nature. Soul Link invites you to join with others who wish to share insights gleaned from their reading. The group will meet on (Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 16) from 6:30-8:00pm at Agia Sophia Bookstore (2902 W. Colorado Ave). For the September meeting participants will bring, and share with the others, a book that has had an impact on them. Call Vicki Rector (229-9868) for more information.

### ***CABO SERVICE PROJECT***

Last winter a group of people from Soul Link went on a service project to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico where they had a powerful experience serving the poor of that city. Once again we will offer that opportunity through "Travel With A Purpose." Our own Steve Shapiro will organize this project which will involve serving people in hospitals, daycare centers, orphanages, and community kitchens. This year's group will leave on October 16 and return on October 22. Please contact Steve (495-3400) if you're interested. Learn more at [www.thetravelconnection.info](http://www.thetravelconnection.info).

### ***CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING***

*(Events take place at Broadmoor Community Church, 315 Lake Ave.)*

- ***Laughing Yoga:*** Monday, 9:00am.  
Contact Scott Lovaas (684-3617)
- ***Yoga:*** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00am  
Contact Alison Nicholas at [alisonnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:alisonnicholas@gmail.com).
- ***Pilates:*** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am and 10:15am.  
Contact Megan Tilma at [m3tilma@gmail.com](mailto:m3tilma@gmail.com).

### ***PIKES PEAK JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION***

#### ***Slow Money, Slow Food***

Learn about slow money and food – movements with the goal of returning investments and the cultivation of food to the local community. Friday, Sept 20 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at Seeds Community Café, 109 E Pikes Peak Ave. Call 473-8206 for more information.

### ***RETREAT WITH DR. JAMES FINLEY***

Former monk and Thomas Merton scholar, Jim Finley, will facilitate a retreat based on the life and teachings of 14th century mystic Meister Eckhart. The retreat will take place at the Millennium-Harvest Hotel in Boulder, CO from Sept. 20-22. For details contact [www.finleyretreat.com](http://www.finleyretreat.com)

## COMING EVENTS

BOOK GROUP  
SEPT 23, OCT 28,  
NOV 18, DEC 16  
6:30 – 8:00PM

AGIA SOHPIA  
BOOKSTORE  
2902 W. COLO. AVE

### BOARD MEETING

Oct 10,  
5:00 – 6:00pm  
Soul Link Office

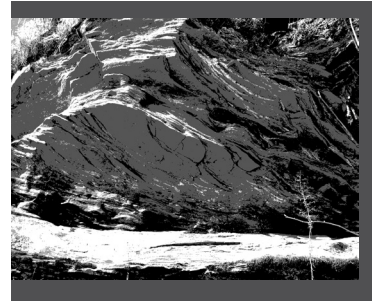


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AND THE COST  
OF PRINTING AND  
MAILING THE  
NEWSLETTER

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## AWAKENING TO ONENESS: DISCOVERING THE SPIRITUAL BOND THAT UNITES US

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

### Mail In Registration Form

Clip and return with registration fee no later than Oct 15, 2013

Please complete information below and send it along with your payment of \$30 per person to:

Soul Link, Inc.  
2514 W. Colorado Ave. Suite 205  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

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 \$35 per person.  
We hope you will invite a friend to join us for this time of reflection and conversation.