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SAINT HELENA SERIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**BIBLICAL WISDOM FOR POST-BIBLICAL TIMES:
Learning to Read the Bible Like A Mystic**

Presented by Rabbi Rami Shapiro
October 12 – 14, 2012



*REGISTER THROUGH THE CONVENT OF SAINT HELENA
Program Cost \$135 with deposit of \$65
Convent accommodations \$60 per night with deposit of \$60*

*Friday and Saturday: at St Augustine's Episcopal Church
3321 Wheeler Road, Augusta GA 30909 706 738 6676
Sunday: at The Convent of St Helena*

Sometime beginning in the 4th century BCE a small group of radical Jews lost their faith; not their faith in God, but their faith in what people were saying about God. Like everyone else, they were taught that if they obeyed God, God would take care of them, but when they looked at life they saw good people suffering and wicked people prospering. Something was terribly wrong.

A new notion of God and a new understanding of life and how best to live it was needed, and they began to supply it. They wrote aphorisms and proverbs, parables, and philosophical rants. They challenged and rejected the conventional thinking of their time, and left us with books of deep brilliance that speak to our time no less than theirs. These are the books of the biblical Wisdom Tradition: Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, and Wisdom of Solomon, and their spiritual offspring the Gospel of Thomas and Pirke Avot, the Ethics of the Sages. While not speaking in one voice, they do point in one direction: salvation through wisdom rather than revelation.

In this exploration of the Wisdom Tradition we shall examine some of what they have to teach and how it can become the foundation of a profound way of life for all of us: a biblical wisdom for post-biblical times.

Rabbi Rami is the author of six books on the Wisdom Tradition, notably, *The Divine Feminine*, *The Way of Solomon*, *Ecclesiastes Annotated and Explained*, *Proverbs Annotated and Explained*, and *Ethics of the Sages*. We urge you to look at Rami's website: www.rabbirami.com. You will learn a lot about this humorous, humble wise man who says:

To me, religions are like languages: no language is true or false; all languages are of human origin; each language reflects and shapes the mindset of the civilization that speaks it; there are things you can say in one language that you cannot say or cannot say as well in another; and the more languages you know, the more nuanced your understanding of life.

Judaism is my mother tongue, yet in matters of the spirit I strive to be multi-lingual. In the end, however, the deepest language of the soul is silence.

Read below to hear what other spiritual teachers have said about Rami.

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Rabbi Rami is a great mystical teacher, and a living witness to the importance of interfaith life. Andrew Harvey, author of The Direct Path.

Rabbi Rami fuses intellect, passion, and humor in a beautiful and powerful way that radiates truth and brings us into contact with the universal touchstone of divine grace. Wayne Teasdale, author of Mystic Heart.

Rabbi Rami's rascality and humor are fabulous, and the way he makes complex ideas accessible is masterful. And beyond both, there is a precious transmission that comes through. Dr Joan Borysenko, author of Soul's Compass.

REGISTRATION

Program cost: \$135; a deposit of \$65 will confirm your registration. Checks, MasterCard and Visa accepted. Lunch included on Saturday. All meals included for overnighters in the guest houses.

For overnighters: Our guest houses are named Ascension House and Jo's House. Guest house rooms for this seminar will be shared two persons per room, with either two twin beds or one queen bed. We can house a maximum of 11 guests. **\$60 per night; deposit of first night's stay (\$60) will confirm your reservation.** For those staying in our guest houses, your meals will be provided.

Saturday lunch and refreshments on Friday evening and Saturday morning will be available to all registrants at the seminar.

Register by phone or email: 706 798 5201 ext 1 or augustaconvent@comcast.net. Your reservation will be confirmed when we receive your deposit. Please be sure we have your email address and phone number in any correspondence. Thanks for being prompt with your deposits as reservations are confirmed in the order in which deposits are received. Make checks payable to "OSH" and mail to: Convent of St Helena, **c/o Guest Registrar**, 3042 Eagle Drive, Augusta GA 30906-3326.

For local hotel information, see <http://www.osh.org/events.html>.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, October 12, 6:30 pm Registration with refreshments

7:00 – 8:30 pm, Session 1 with Rabbi Rami

Location: ST AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3321 Wheeler Rd Augusta GA 30909

Saturday, October 13, 9:00 am Registration with refreshments

9:30 – 3:30, Sessions 2, 3 and 4 with Rabbi Rami. Lunch provided.

Location: ST AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3321 Wheeler Rd Augusta GA 30909

Sunday, October 14 AT THE CONVENT OF ST HELENA, 3042 Eagle Drive, Augusta GA 30906

7:30 morning prayer

8:00 Holy Eucharist with Rabbi Rami preaching. All are welcome to receive at our altar.

DIRECTIONS:

Please see <http://www.osh.org/directions.html> for directions to the Convent of Saint Helena. See <http://www.st-augustines.org/directions.html> for directions to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, the site of Rami's workshop on Friday evening and Saturday.

**Thank you and we look forward to your company.
Blessings on your day!**