

eNewsletter of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual

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WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series Presents

"Goddess and God after Feminism: What is the Nature of Divine Power"

An hour-long teleconference with Carol P. Christ

> January 16, 2013 1 pm - 2 pm EST

Carol will speak about the book she and Judith Plaskow are writing together, tentatively titled *Goddess and God after Feminism: Body, Nature, and Power.* Judith and Carol explore their changing views of God in light of their feminist commitments to transform religion.

Carol's feminism led her to reject a God imaged as a dominating male other. Her commitments to peace and justice led her to reject a God whose power is imaged in the Exodus, the prophets, and much of Christian tradition as the power of a warrior to destroy his enemies. Carol can no longer participate in the Protestant or Roman Catholic liturgies because of their invocation of God as male and their association of his power with war and domination.

She finds spiritual sustenance in the earthbased imaginary of Goddess feminism. In *Rebirth of the Goddess* and *She Who Changes*, Carol suggested that the divine power is relational omnipresence, not omnipotence. On the metaphysical level, the power of Goddess/God is the power of love and understanding. For Carol, Goddess/God is the most relational of all relational beings, a power who loves and cares about the fate of the universe and every individual, human and other than human, within it.

Carol P. Christ is a founding mother in the study of women and religion, feminist theology, women's spirituality, and the Goddess movement. She has been active in peace and justice movements all of her adult life. She teaches online courses in the Women's Spirituality Program at CIIS. Her books include <u>She Who</u> <u>Changes</u> and <u>Rebirth of the Goddess</u> and the widely used anthologies <u>Womanspirit</u> <u>Rising</u> and <u>Weaving the Visions</u>. One of her



HOW TO REGISTER

Email "Register Me Teleconference" to <u>waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org</u> by Jan. 15th in order to receive dial-in information.

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Save the Dates!

Upcoming Programs:

January 14: Contemplative Prayer with Mary E. Hunt, 7:30 PM (EST)

- Come to the WATER office or join us by phone.
- RSVP with "Register Me Contemplation" by Friday, Jan. 11, 2013 to <u>waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org</u> or

great joys is leading <u>Goddess Pilgrimages</u> <u>to Crete</u> through <u>Ariadne Institute</u>.

Carol also blogs on <u>www.feminismandreligion.com</u> on Mondays. See Carol's blogs which touch on the themes of her presentation for WATER:

What was Your Childhood Religious Tradition and Do You Still Follow by It?

Goddess as Love: From Experience to Theology

Why Don't Feminists Express Anger at God?

She Who Changes

Join us on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 to talk with Carol Christ on the subject of "Godess and God after Feminism: What is the Nature of Divine Power."

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February 11: Contemplative Prayer, 7:30 PM (EST)

Contemplative Prayer at WATER Monday, January 14, 2013

WATER offers a regular contemplative prayer opportunity each month. This is a communal meditation, a time of silence and reflection followed by a short discussion. Mary E. Hunt will lead the meditation.

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2013 to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org or call 301.589.2509 so that we can expect you. If you wish to join by phone, please indicate that so we can send you the phone-in number.

The office will be open at 7 PM for a cup of tea and conversation. Silence will commence promptly at 7:30 PM, so please be here by then. We will finish and be on our way by 8:30 PM. <u>Read more.</u>

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