Redvelations

A SOUL'S JOURNEY TO BECOMING HUMAN

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This is my soul's story of becoming human.

It is my personal revelation (in red) about the universal importance of recovering and embodying the lost parts of our soul so we can become fully human and genuinely, wildly alive.

I'm offering this revelation in an unorthodox way:

through my experiences of remembering and reclaiming Sarah, the forgotten daughter of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, as the lost part of my own soul.

If your eyebrows have raised, or you want to close this book now, I understand.

My aim is not to convince or convert, and you are welcome to interpret my experiences however you wish.

What's more important than believing in *my* soul's reality is getting up close and personal with *your* soul's reality and doing whatever it takes to bring all of you home.

Although our soul is the truest and most essential part of us, we *can* lose our soul, or parts of it.

In fact, soul loss is an epidemic on this planet even, and sometimes especially, afflicting those of us who have done a tremendous amount of psychological and spiritual work. Symptoms may include:

A lack of meaning, purpose, and intimacy with ourselves.

Persistent physical ailments; emotional blocks; addictions; harmful, stuck patterns; and unhealthy relationships.

Tendencies toward transcendence, light, and perfectionism, and (often unconscious) avoidance of immanence, darkness, mess.

Feeling separate from and distrustful of our bodies, each other, and Life Itself.

Difficulty knowing our truth and expressing our unique gifts.

A haunting sense that no matter *what* we do, something vital is still missing.

And an unremitting ache in our heart for a Love we cannot find, and perhaps don't believe exists, or feel that we deserve.

Soul loss is behind many global issues we face, including: injustice, whether political, religious, or social; violence; disease; excess consumerism; and the ever-growing environmental crisis.

Which is one reason why I wrote this book: to do my small part in helping to improve and ease this hurting earth.

Here's the other reason:

When I turned thirty-four years old, it became frighteningly clear that if I did *not* embody my soul, I could not continue living.

While I put up quite a fight, eventually I chose to Live.

I chose to undergo the mysterious process of embodying my soul and becoming human, part of which required that I remember and reconcile my experiences of Sarah and share them in this book.

Although my particular process and soul's story may appear more unusual than some, its themes of

love and loss, betrayal and forgiveness, suffering and healing, death and resurrection,

are part of every human's experience.

In fact, *being human* is a wound and a trauma we all share. And yet, it is by embodying our soul and thereby becoming *fully human* that we can help heal ourselves and this planet.

Embodying our soul involves purposefully entering our wounds and facing, feeling, and embracing all parts of ourselves as well as the dark luminosity of Life.

Embodying our soul entails valiantly wrestling our divinity to the ground and spreading our humanity all over the place. Embodying our soul and becoming human is how

Love lands here and transforms here.

And it is, I believe, *why* we are here.

It ain't easy.
Incarnation takes work.

It takes blood, sweat, and tears; a wicked sense of humor; outrageous courage; and a heaping dose of devotion to Something our minds might not ever understand.

Unfortunately, due to dire conditions on this planet, soul work has become a privilege, and therefore a responsibility for those of us who have the time and means to do it.

I am aware of my privilege, and I take my responsibility seriously.

I know that everything we do for our soul supports all souls and this earth.

In other words, soul work is a form of activism.

It's a movement toward wholeness that we make together.

Therefore, *Redvelations* is more than a book about my personal journey toward wholeness.

It's a raw Call to a rare kind of action.

It's a fiery Reminder of the absolute necessity and indomitable power of *your* soul.

It's an open-handed offering respectfully placed on the often-overlooked Altar of Our Humanity.

It's an honoring of the Lineage of Life and a testament of True Love.

More intimately,

Redvelations

is my

heart

smashed

onto

pages.

Handle with care.

Cautions

Redvelations is not a light read because the soul is not a light thing.

There are suggested "breaks," but follow your body's lead.

I swear. Swear words and soul work go hand in hand, for me.

What I share in this book is not intended to diagnose or treat others.

When working with past trauma, a safe and secure environment and a strong support team are needed.

Redvelations shares an intimate relationship between a man and a woman.

I also use the labels: "Divine Masculine" and "Divine Feminine," "father" and "mother," and the binary pronouns "he" and "she."

Rather than interpret this literally or as heterosexism, I encourage you to focus on the *metaphoric* meaning

and the contrary, but mutually supportive, aspects we *all* contain, no matter our sexual preference, sex, gender(s), or beyond.

Bringing these universal aspects together within us

shatters all restrictions to Love, and creates and sustains Life.

Soul Speak

The fluctuating voice and prose-in-verse format of *Redvelations* are not literary devices, dramatic affects, poetic posturing, spiritual performance, or method (like channeling).

In "The Past" part of the book I allowed my soul to speak in her native tongue, which is not limited by time or historical language or references.

In "The Present" part of the book I allowed my humanity and my divinity to collide in my body and I wrote from their meeting place.

The Soul's Reality

Redvelations comes from my lived experiences, my body, and my soul's memories.

I used no outside sources (save the quote below), only inner Sources.

You might want to know more details than are provided in "The Past," but my soul shared only what she needed to. Many of my soul's memories contradict what we have been taught as history.

Expressing our soul exposes a Reality that can upset the reality we have subscribed to and collectively agreed upon.

The soul does not rely upon evidence, facts, or rationality.

The soul cares less about what you think and more about what you feel.

The soul's reality doesn't make a lot of sense, but it makes a lot of Love.

Much of this book takes place in the soul realm. The soul realm contains our past, present, and future.

It is where I remember my past experiences, locate and heal my core wounds, process my feelings, resource my innate wisdom, release trauma from my body, and reconnect with and retrieve fragmented pieces of my soul.

I do not use techniques, special abilities, practices, or tools like hypnosis, psychic powers, meditation, or hallucinogens to enter or work within the soul realm.

I simply and soberly sink into my body, ground into the earth, and open my heart. The soul realm is easily accessible. It blazes inside each and every one of us and permeates the physical reality outside of us.

It's Organic Reality.

In her brilliant book *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene*, Cynthia Bourgeault describes this realm as follows:

It is a realm that objectively exists . . . and it is from this realm that our human sense of identity and direction ultimately derive. . . . However one names it, the point to keep uppermost in mind is that it designates a sphere that is not less real but more real than our so-called objective reality and whose generative energy can change the course of events in the world.

Put differently: the soul realm is just as real as our external or material reality, and, some say, even more real.

Whether we are aware of it or not, we are profoundly influenced by this realm because before, after, and beyond our body we are a soul.

When we consciously enter this realm, we can connect intimately with our soul, and all souls, including the Soul of this Universe.

Therefore, our experiences in the soul realm are both personal and universal.

And, what we do in this realm directly impacts our daily lives, our bodies, humanity, and this entire planet.

In other words, what happens in the soul realm doesn't stay in the soul realm.

It affects All of Life.

Soul Authority

I do not believe we need any more spiritual authorities telling us what The Truth is.

However, I have learned that it is extremely important to allow the soul to express *its* truth with authority.

Especially if the soul has been silenced for a long time, like mine has.

In *Redvelations* I have (finally) allowed my soul to speak her truth with authority about such things, like

Who We Are, Where We Come From, Why We Are Here, and the Nature of Reality in this Universe.

I have also (finally) allowed my soul to share her experience of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, and her perspective on their teachings.

While I honor and champion your spiritual authority, reality, and truth,