

Sophianic Animism USA: A Gnostic free church – Declaration of Formation

Definition

Sophianic Animism USA: A Gnostic free church (aka SA USA) Is a Gaian Tantric initiative – where Gaian Tantra (Planetary Tantra) is defined as a set of techniques, bequeathed by the Goddess Herself to visionary teacher John Lamb Lash and through JLL to “humanity at large” – which is to say, the self-selected group of humans who will take it into their minds and hearts and utilize it – for intimate communication and interactive magic with the Planetary Logos, Gaia-Sophia – an objectively and experientially real divine being who directs and guides willing humans toward the greatest possible fulfillment of individual potential and into individual and collective participation in Her brilliant, incisive and entirely beneficent and beneficial Correction of the human experiment on Earth.

SA USA is conceived and framed as an organized assembly of Shaktas – humans who live in a power-sharing arrangement with the Aeonic Goddess Gaia-Sophia, who originated in the Pleroma, the core regions of the Milky Way galaxy, who anomalously fell into the galactic spiral arms and who eventually morphed into the planet Earth. All of the terrestrial biosphere is absolutely dependent on Her for its survival and opportunities to thrive.

An assembly or association – we prefer the term "collegium" – of self-selected Sophianic animists now, on this ___th day of _____, 20___, brings into being a church that is devoted to strengthening bonds between willing humans and the planetary Mother Goddess and to propagating the supernal story of how She came to be the Earth, how humans came to be situated in the earthly biosphere, and the evident reality that Her devotees now have the opportunity to participate in Her Correction of the Divine experiment that is human life on this planet, and the course of human history on Earth. For us, participation in Her Correction includes establishing and participating in the activity of this church.

Basis and Tenets

"Sophianic Animism draws its founding elements from the Gnostic movement of antiquity," as states the definitive essay by John Lamb Lash entitled **Sophianic Animism in 500 Words**. Whereas most other religions take their beliefs from ancient books, such the Torah, the Bible, the Quran and so on, and it may be readily assumed that SA USA takes its beliefs from Gnostic writings such as the Nag Hammadi Codices, in fact, the ancient Gnostic texts are too fragmentary, and their meaning is too uncertain, for them to serve as scripture for us in the traditional sense. Members of SA USA deem the **Home Story**, **Fallen Goddess Scenario** or **Sophianic Myth**, as reconstructed from the existing Gnostic materials by scholar and visionary teacher John Lamb Lash, to be the *essential message* of those Gnostic writings.

Furthermore, we affirm or assert the gnosis that divine revelation is gradual and progressive; it is disclosed via instruction given to individuals who share it with others in a variety of ways, and all Shaktas (hence all members of the collegium) are individually guided by the Goddess after establishing a two-way relationship with Her. Hence, the collegium of SA USA, through its governing ministers, will see fit to canonize such materials, whether of ancient or modern origin, as promote and embody the unfolding of Her revelation to Her devotees. From the outset, we claim as foundational and definitive documents,

and as the core of an initial canon, the **Sophianic Myth**, **Sophianic Animism in 500 Words** and **The Terma of Gaia Awakening**.

For a detailed recounting of the basic tenets (beliefs and practices) of SA USA, to whomever the subject may be of concern we recommend consulting the document, **Tenets of Sophianic Animism USA**.

Mission

The mission of SA USA includes propagating the Sophianic vision story and providing a framework for cultivation of individual self-love and in human lives, individually and collectively, of the **Nine Loves of the Anthropos** (expounded via yet another foundational canon): freedom, truth, beauty, innocence + pleasure, learning + sharing, power and mystery (where '+' denotes complementarity or pairing). In order to accomplish that mission, SA USA is primarily focused on education and human development, personal and collective evolution, up to and including the evolution of the human species as a whole – but only in the context of co-evolution with the Earth and its innate Wisdom (the Aeon Sophia). All of the teaching included in propagation of the Sophianic view of life via the collegium is oriented toward and around the willing and devoted involvement of its members in Her Story, the narrative of the Mother Goddess.

Governance

Governance of the church shall be by a body of ministers referred to as the CNS or "central nervous system" of the collegium, intended to function in a manner similar to the brain, heart and gut, in relation to the body as a whole, of the human animal. This ministerial body will be entrusted with primary decision-making for, and guidance and direction of, the collegium. The national-level collegium will have its own CNS and local collegiums (assemblies or churches) will have theirs, following the same pattern or template as the national level.

Additionally, regarding aspects of governance: Details concerning the appointment and replacing of members of the CNS, the roles they are expected to fulfill and the qualifications for those roles are discussed in a separate document entitled **Sophianic Animism USA Ministerial Roles**. The procedure by which grievances or difficulties involving collegium members are to be handled is touched on by that document and more fully exposed in the document entitled **Sophianic Animism USA Grievance Resolution Procedure**. Requirements for membership and related matters are described in the document entitled **Sophianic Animism USA Membership: Criteria, Details and Guidelines**. Physical assets are handled via a trust relationship in which the appointed Minister of Assets (a member of the CNS) functions as trustee; in due course, a private **Declaration of Trust** shall establish that relationship.

Part of a Worldwide Network

SA USA shall include and host an **International Conference of National Collegiums of Sophianic Animism** – an informal platform for dialog, sharing, exchange, collaboration and mutual aid among Shaktas living in and representing different geopolitical nations and their indigenous ethnic strains of the Anthropos, the human species as a whole. The Conference is expected to progressively develop as national churches of Sophianic Animism come into being in various countries, helping to facilitate consistency and cross-fertilization among the perspectives of the various national churches via their representatives.

