

Rev. Thomas Janssen BIO

In his secular life, Rev. Thomas graduated high school in Decatur, MI. He studied Electrical Engineering Technology at ITT Technical Institute in Ft. Wayne, IN and Electrical Engineering at Indiana Institute of Technology, also in Ft. Wayne, IN. Most of his Electronics career was with military contractors, one of which sent him to work in Saudi Arabia for 5 years – a pivotal time in shaping his world view. Leaving that work in 1992 he has mostly made his living with computer related service and sales. In 2015 he retired and still does free lance computer work part time. He has three sons, 6 Grandchildren (2 Step), 4 Great-Grandchildren (1 Step). He lost his mother 5 years ago and his father in April 2020 from the Covid infection but his two sisters survived. He feels blessed to have a brother and 3 sisters all living near him in Michigan. He loves to travel and experience other cultures and history. His hiking trips have taken him to the bottom of the Grand Canyon 10 times, Sedona, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, Spain and New Zealand. The Grand Canyon has provided him some powerful Spiritual experiences - in 2022 he will return for the 12th time. In 2021 it's 5 National Parks in Utah and the Scotland in 2023.

In his Spiritual life, he was raised Roman Catholic. Always the *doubting Thomas* he often asked questions that challenged church doctrine. Not finding fairness in any Christian doctrine he was agnostic (is there a God?) for a time in his early 20's. The Edgar Cayce readings introduced him to the concept of the continuity of life through rebirth – birth from Spirit into human form and then back to Spirit, with each life building on the previous experiences. This was the missing piece for him to find fairness if there's repeated opportunities to get it right. He explored many philosophies and Religions before joining 11 others in a ministerial class in 1988 taught by Rev. Jeannette Fisher. She was a gifted Spiritualist Medium and Pastor of the *Temple of Love and Healing* in St. Petersburg, FL, a Spiritualist church chartered through UCM (Universal Church of the Master in California).

Thomas was ordained a UCM licentiate minister in 1991 and as a full minister in 1992. This required two years classes, workshops and one year serving in that church twice a week. His studies and interests have been varied to include: science, philosophy, all religious beliefs, Native American Spirituality, Shamanism, Theosophy, Meditation, Reiki Healing (he became a Reiki Master teacher in 1995 and trained 100's students in North Carolina and Virginia), Shinju, Hermetic Philosophy, Silva Method, World Leadership Training (Coptic Fellowship), Course In Miracles, The Book Of Enoch, Channeling, Out Of Body Travel, Past Life Regression, and 12 Step Recovery are all part of his eclectic mix of interests.

His 2004 Grand Canyon revelation? **“I am the Creator, experiencing the creation, as the created.”**

He says, “It all connects into *Oneness*, God is the *Creative Force* at the source of everything, the *All that Is*. I am an eternal Spiritual Being having this temporary Human Experience.”

Namaste! (the Divine within me honors the Divine within you.)

