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Genesis 1: The Dragon, 2020, LCS "A New Earth"

Genesis 4: The Snake, 2020, LCS "Gestation, She Rises"

The Song of Genesis: 7 Stars, 7 Masters, 7 Dragons <u>A Year-Long Apprenticeship Program ~ The 2023 Application</u>

Please answer the questions below. Add extra pages for the narrative answers. This application is privileged and private and will only be read by the administrators of this apprenticeship program. The application will assist you, each year, in focusing your intent in entering this training. It provides the material for a conversation with Laura each year without assumption. It is our hope that it will also provide an annual means for you to commit to your evolving understanding of possession, gui shen, true qi, the Tao, even acupuncture itself.

Your application will assist us in ascertaining whether this on-going training is appropriate for you at this time. If you are not admitted into this year's residency, Laura will meet with you to focus your training for the coming year, should you want to reapply next year. We begin this residency program knowing that the training is many years. To become a cardiologist is a minimum of 7 years residency following 4 years of intensive medical school! This training is not necessarily for anyone who wants it, neither is it to be kept from any practitioner serious about entering it. The safety and stability of each practitioner is paramount.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Name:

<u>DOB</u>:

Emergency Contact: (name, email, phone)

Email and Phone:

Date:

Hospital, preferred: (only if necessary)

<u>Doctor</u> (name, location and phone): If you are currently on any psych meds, please include your psychiatrist/therapist as well as general practitioner.

Acupuncturist: (if relevant)

Professional License:

Education/Degrees/Year Graduated:



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FOR ALL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS

OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION – Briefly write about the following.

If you were part of the residency in 2021 only include new information and/or new understanding of your history in this application.

1. Other work history that you believe would be important for us to know/relevant to this work:

2. <u>Life circumstances current or foreseeable that are/will become part of this training</u>: This might include family, children, illness, other training programs, re-location, time constraints, etc. Please include any new information here.

3. <u>Medical History (relevant) as well as a brief description of your current physical and mental health</u>: Please list all current medications. Do you foresee any limitation to the training either physically or mentally? Please be specific if there are supports to your health that you require, and therefore need to be included in the structure of the training. Please list any serious allergies. Include any history of addiction and also recovery. Use of mind-altering substance is not permitted in this training.

<u>NARRATIVE QUESTIONS</u> –This writing will be anywhere from 3-10 pages long. For those returning for a second year, there is no need to repeat yourself in detail from the application of 2021, but allow the answers to arrive as fully as possible. For those who are applying for the first time, welcome.

1. <u>Please write a short description of your current practice, that includes your needs/aspirations for</u> <u>further training</u>? This will include your current understanding of the medicine that you are currently able to offer as well as where your experience/training falls short of the need and what you see is possible. Include in this your perception of some of your strengths and weaknesses as a practitioner. If you were part of SOG 2021 it is important to write something here of how the training lives in your life and practice now.

2. <u>What is your current understanding of possession</u>? What experience do you bring, personally, if any, to this question? This might include your own experience of living inside a possession or your experience of living very near to someone who was living inside a possession. From both your clinical experience and your training until now, what is your experience of and current idea of what de-possession actually is? If you were part of SOG 2021 it is important to write about how your consciousness, your awareness and your experience of possession may have been changed from the work of 2021.

3. If you can, please share one dream or one clear experience inside the light of a 7 Dragons treatment that communicates your connection to or vocation with The Song of Genesis: Such a dream might involve training experiences in the night or a memory returned from Antiquity or a direct experience of the magic of this medicine. Please share the experience and then your reflection of it. If you were part of SOG 2021 this question will also come likely from direct experiences during our time together.



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4. If you have been part of the training in the 7 Dragons with Laura over the past 12 years (or part of

Year 1 of the apprenticeship program), please answer the questions here. If you are coming here for the first time, you need not answer this question.

- 1. What matters most to you about working inside the Song of Genesis? And, therefore, what inspires you to enter the training more deeply?
- 2. How has the training thus far impacted your life? Some might speak of growth, others development, others skill and truth. How have you changed as the result of training in this Song of 7?
- 3. What have the major obstacles been in developing yourself as an instrument in the past year? What from 2021 is essential to bring to light here? Being teachable? Entering the movement of a treatment more deeply, skillfully and authentically?

5. If you are arriving to this training for the first time, please write telling me something of what brings you here. What are you seeking in this training?

6. <u>Difficulties in yourself being taught that you foresee, that would be of use to tell me</u>. This could include fears, learning difficulties, deep concerns that remain unanswered, etc. If you were part of SOG you may have more succinct and clear thoughts here, from your experiences in 2021.

7. <u>Anything more</u>? Why you would like to enter this training? Anything you have not said that you would like to say.

Signature:

Date:

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Sarah H. Paulson, In Accordance, 2022

Laura C Stelmok, "Resurrection, She is Summoned", Summer Retreat, 2022



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