

Dear Wisdom friends,

This letter comes to let you know that once again I'll be joining the Global Enneagram Summit, coming right up this **June 5-9**.

Somewhat to my amazement, since I don't think of myself as primarily an enneagram teacher, the talk I gave at last year's summit turned out to be one of the more popular events of the conference, so I was invited back for 2017!! I'm delighted to be joining my dear friends Richard Rohr, Russ Hudson, and A. H. Almaas (and an stellar cast of others) on this five-day, "teach-in" event.

Three things you should know. First of all, **it's free**. All you have to do is sign up. Second, **it's virtual**. You don't have to go anywhere in physical space/ time. Every event is available right on your computer. And third, no, you don't have to do the whole thing. **Participation is entirely voluntary**. You can tune into the interviews you want, all of them graciously hosted by Summit moderator Jessica Dibbs. You can pick and choose among the talks or teachers you're most interested in. But fair warning here: this year's array really is so spectacular that the greater challenge may be to decide which talks NOT to listen to.

"My" day is June 8. I'll be giving a talk called [\*\*"The Finger Pointing at the Moon: Is there life beyond Types?"\*\*](#) This talk/interview will be aired at **1 pm Eastern time**. In it, I return to the age-old spiritual conundrum: does "enlightenment" (a.k.a. "non-dual attainment") happen within type or *beyond* it? Is it tantamount, as perhaps a majority of enneagram teachers proclaim, to the highest personal realization of the specific virtue of any give type, or does it mean *moving beyond any and all identification with type*? I'll explore the issue primarily from the perspective of Christian mysticism, and particularly through the very parallel and still ongoing discussion of St. Paul's "new man," the one transformed in Christ. Does this person still retain individual characteristics and features? Or does "the drop melt into the ocean," "the onion skin peel back its final layer and disappear into thin air?"

But fasten your seatbelts: the whole Thursday session, exploring the universal spirituality of the enneagram, looks to be simply spectacular. I'll be preceded at noon by Richard Rohr, discussing "The Enneagram and God-Talk." Then at 2, right after my talk, enneagram pioneer Claudio Naranjo will discuss "The Enneagram and Awakening." And at 3 my brilliant friend and mentor A.H. Almaas will tackle "The Enneagram and Enlightenment." That's quite the knock-out sequence!

As I said, the Summit is free. All you have to do is sign up. Visit the [\*\*Enneagram Global Summit website\*\*](#), then navigate around to see all the treasures to be found there!

I'm hoping very much that you'll join us for part or even all (!!!) of this global summit. Good stuff here!

Thanks and blessings,

Cynthia