

Living a Soulful Life... and why it matters

with Francis Weller

- A 10-week series beginning January, 2018 -

“The world and the gods are dead or alive depending upon the condition of our souls.”

-James Hillman

In ancient times, the *Convivium* was a place to gather and explore the life of the soul. In this setting, the vast terrain of psyche was encountered, and the larger movements of soul could be seen circulating through daily life. It is through an ongoing engagement with matters central to the soul, that our lives are ripened and matured. Sustained attention and the courage to live fully, allow the moods and longings of the soul to connect us to the deep stream of the sacred.

Drawing from the rich lineages of psychology, anthropology, mythology, alchemy and poetic traditions, this series offers an in-depth exploration of practices and processes that honor the life of the soul. Come and drink deeply from the well of things as they are. Themes will include:

The Geography of Soul ♦ The Necessary Wound ♦ Giving Shape to the Universe: The Life of the Imagination ♦ Beguiled by Beauty ♦ The Third Body: Touching the Mysteries of Love and Friendship ♦ Anima Mundi: The Soul of the World, A World Ensouled ♦ The Artful Life: The Necessity of Creativity ♦ Ritual, Community and the Sacred ♦ Loss and Sorrow, Darkness and Duende ♦ Elders, Ancestors and the Eternal

Location: Ner Shalom, 85 La Plaza, Cotati, CA **When:** Thursday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 PM. **Cost:** \$150 advanced registration through 12/15/17. \$175 after or \$20/night. Live webcast: \$125 advanced registration through 12/15/17. \$150 after. For more information and to register, go to www.francisweller.net.



Francis Weller is a psychotherapist, writer and soul activist. Author of *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred Work of Grief*, and *The Threshold Between Loss and Revelation*, (with Rashani Réa) he has introduced the healing work of ritual to thousands of people. He founded and directs *WisdomBridge*, an organization that offers educational programs that seek to integrate the wisdom from indigenous cultures with the insights and knowledge gathered from western poetic, psychological and spiritual traditions. His writings have appeared in anthologies and journals exploring the confluence between psyche, nature and culture. His work was featured in *The Sun* magazine (October 2015) and the *Utne Reader* (Fall 2016). He is currently completing his third book, *A Trail on the Ground: A Timely Guide for Soul Activists*.