



Interfaith Story Circle

Stories of the Mystics

In his book *More Together than Alone*, poet Mark Nepo's asks: "How do we understand and access the magic of what we know together which no one can know alone? Because of the subtlety of this knowledge across time, every tradition has its mystical way of inquiring about our place in the community of life. Many traditions offer mystical schools of inquiry devoted to embodying our direct connection with life as a whole."

Mystics find distance between themselves and the Divine to be intolerable. Many are poets, such as Rumi who has written:

**I am not from east or west
not up from the ground
or out of the ocean
my place is placeless
a trace of the traceless
I belong to the beloved"**

— Rumi

Our storytellers: Described as the "disobedient kabbalist," **Heather Mendel** is a South African-born mystic, author, artist and consciousness counselor drawn to the call of the mystical where myth and metaphor reside, where we connect deeply to Divinity and divination. A longtime member of IFSC, **Suman Joshi** says: "I adore stories. Everyone has a story. Anchored in Hinduism, I embrace mystical magic of every religion to enrich my life."



**Come share your stories related to the theme or just come to listen.
Either way, you will be warmly welcomed.**

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