Discover the mystery and magic of the Archangel Michael-Apollo ley line as we journey to some of Greece’s most powerful sacred sites—places of ancient goddess worship, some of which are off the beaten tourist path. As we meditate and pray along the ley line, which is one of the Earth’s primary meridians, we experience the tremendous spiritual power of the ancient sacred sites. We also balance masculine and feminine energies within us and assist in healing the Earth.

Just as the body has subtle-physical flows of masculine and feminine energy moving through it, so do the meridians of the Earth. Apollo and Athena are the names given to the masculine and feminine Earth currents that weave around the ley line. The Apollo and Athena lines pass through the sacred sites that we will be visiting on our pilgrimage, spiritually empowering these extraordinary places.

At these sites of ancient goddess worship, we will be connecting with and discovering the memories of our pre-patriarchal roots. We will rediscover an era which still lives inside of us, a time when men and women lived more in equality, when masculine and feminine, yin and yang energies were more balanced in the collective consciousness of humanity. As we journey and process as a group, we reawaken this ancient memory, which has been banished for millennia to the far reaches of humanity’s collective psyche. We begin to remember our own inner balance between masculine and feminine, and we become more whole inside ourselves.

Throughout our journey, Claudia will perform sacred dance and energetic healing work, Brad will guide us and explain about the places of spiritual power, and as a group we will participate in ritual and ceremony for transformation and healing.

Beginning our two-week pilgrimage in Athens, we will journey on the mainland by bus to visit the ancient sacred sites of Dodona, the Nekromanteion, Meteora and Delphi and return to Athens where we visit the Acropolis and Parthenon. Near the end of our retreat, we spend time on the beautiful island of Aegina, a short ferry ride from Athens, where we meet with our friends and hosts, Vasiliki Skrekou and her family. Here we will visit powerful energetic temple sites, gather in ceremony and experience the lost art of ancient sacred Greek dance, performed by Vasiliki.
Our Intention for the Journey

Over the past eight years Brad and Leslie have guided pilgrimages to these ancient, sacred sites and discovered the enormous spiritual power stored in the Earth there. In his manuscript, *Discovering Archangel Michael*, Brad has written about the extraordinary energetic experiences that he and Leslie shared at these centers of incredible spiritual power. Of particular significance is the profound degree of feminine energy trapped in the Earth at Dodona and Delphi—ancient, sacred sites where Neolithic people worshipped the Great Earth Mother goddess many thousands of years ago, prior to our modern age of Patriarchy. Our pilgrimage is an invitation to come and access that primordial feminine energy, to bring it up from the Earth, into the body and out into the world. The feminine energy is so greatly needed at this time to help balance the extreme level of unbalanced masculine energy in our modern era.

As Brad explains: “Millennia ago, our ancestors danced as a form of sacred expression and ceremony. Music, movement and mudra enlivened the priestesses, who moved energy to heal people, uplift the spirit, transmit *shakti* (divine, healing energy), transmute collective energy and create shifts in consciousness. When I first saw and experienced Claudia performing her sacred dance ritual, distant memories began to stir within, and some very ancient, internal part of me whispered, ‘I remember you from many thousands of years ago! We used to do this in previous cycles, and these healing ceremonies were practiced regularly in our culture.’ I especially remember this from lifetimes lived in ancient Greece, and I knew that one day we had to go there with a group and reactivate that divine feminine energy stored in the Earth and within each of us!”

Channeling sacred dance and primordial Earth energies from the mists of the past, Claudia revives this sacred, mystical art form from the age of the goddess and makes it as alive for us today as it was millennia ago.

CoreLight sponsored one of Claudia’s “Temple Dance” events in 2013, and you can learn more about her and her work by reading the flyer for that previous event. Learn more about Brad here.
**The Brazilian Connection**

Our beloved friend and translator, Ivana Portella, will translate everything Claudia says into English and everything Brad says into Portuguese. So, all Portuguese-speakers and English-speakers are welcome on this trip!

**The Greek Connection**

We are very happy and excited that our dear friend Katia Mavrelli (right) will once again be our tour guide for the pilgrimage and that Vasiliki Skrekou (left) and her family will host us on the island of Aegina. As native Greeks, they open a rare and special door into the heart-centered local culture that would not be opened otherwise, adding an intimate and personal welcome to our experience.

**Dodona**

Dodona is the most ancient sacred site on the Greek mainland and has very few visitors due to its distant, isolated location in the mountainous region of Epirus, not far from the Albanian border. It was a goddess worship site until at least 2,000 BC and later became a sanctuary of Zeus starting in about 1,300 BC. Unspoiled and dramatic, the soft, powerful and enveloping energy takes one back easily to the fullness and balance of those ancient times. Like Delphi, Dodona was an oracular, priestess site, not as famous as Delphi, but much older. We will visit the ruins of Zeus’s temple and meditate in the shade of a hallowed oak tree where the divinations, prophecies and sacred ceremonies were performed in ancient times.

**The Nekromanteio**

Along the Northwestern coast of Greece, on a small hill that was once surrounded by water, is an ancient and mysterious site sacred to the Goddess Persephone, through which the Athena line passes. The Nekromanteio is dedicated to Persephone and was famous throughout ancient Greece as the gateway to the underworld, or Hades. An extraordinarily powerful and influential site, it is where the ancient Greeks could consult with the dead and was reputed to be a place where people lost their fear of death. Our experience of meditating in the cave-like structure has been that it acts as an opening or gateway to the subconscious, allowing easy access to shadow to facilitate clearing. After a short time of meditation there, one feels reborn in a powerful and vibrant way.
**Meteora**

Meteora literally means, *middle of the sky, suspended in the air or in the heavens above*, and is one of the finest gems in the Greek crown. Originally built by hermits who wanted to escape the distractions and limitations of the physical world, the network of monasteries sits mind-bogglingly high atop huge, primordial pillars of rock. We will ascend to the heights of these masterpieces of nature to visit two monasteries and to admire and take in the breathtaking views.

**Delphi**

The ancient oracular site of Delphi, the center of the Greek universe and its most venerated shrine, is a supercharged, multi-layered vortex of intense spiritual light. The Earth currents are extraordinarily powerful there. Because Delphi has been a pilgrimage destination for millennia, there are many levels of energy that remain as a result of the devotions of countless pilgrims, from the worship of the Earth Mother in Neolithic times to the more surface layer of Apollo’s reign during the classical Greek, Hellenistic era.

A magical vortex of joy, Delphi has extraordinarily beautiful, mountainous surroundings with a vast, pristine and intensely silent valley below, which seems to whisper its mystical secrets in the forceful, hallowed winds. It is no wonder the ancients chose this site. Such astonishing natural beauty is graced with great spiritual power.
The Island of Aegina

A luminous treasure just an hour by boat from Athens, the island of Aegina has an ethos of timelessness and a rich, fascinating history. The ancient mysteries have survived here through the interpretation of myths, which makes it an ideal destination for our pilgrimage. As we visit the temple of the goddess Aphea-Athena, who represents a bridge between the previous age of Mother-goddess worship and our modern age of Patriarchy, we will explore archetypal alchemy—a synthesis of masculine and feminine energies, both personally and collectively, the balance we so need at this pivotal time in our evolution into the next phase of our Being.

One of the highlights of our adventure last year was being hosted at Aegina in true Greek style with generosity, open hearts and lots of love by our friends, Vasiliki Skrekou and her family. We are very happy to return there and collaborate with the Skrekous, who offer their beautiful home, walled garden and pool so that we can perform our sacred ceremony and energy work in a comfortable, intimate and private setting.

The Parthenon, Athens

Like innumerable ancient pilgrims before us, we will follow the Sacred Way to the famed Acropolis, a craggy outcrop of rock about 100 meters high that rises above the city of Athens, a graceful beacon of inspiration amidst the smoggy, urban sprawl. The crown jewel of the Acropolis is the Parthenon, a masterpiece of Classical Greek architecture. It is the temple dedicated to Athena, the goddess of wisdom and the patron of warriors.

The Athena earth current has a very distinct yin quality, a potent feminine vibration. And as Athena is yin, Apollo is yang. We will meditate along both the feminine and masculine ley lines and experience how they each feel in our bodies.

We will stay at the finest boutique [hotel] in Athens, near the Plaka, which is one of the most attractive parts of the city. There, we can enjoy its narrow, winding old-fashioned streets and alleys, its stucco-fronted homes and occasional gardens of palms, fruit trees and honeysuckle spilling over the high walls. Mostly a pedestrian area, the lack of cars is refreshing, and there are plenty of shops, cafés and green, shaded squares.

The grand finale of our pilgrimage will include a precious meeting with Zasha von Gerlach, who is Vasiliki’s 73-year-old, wise and reclusive teacher of ritualistic ancient Greek dance. Zasha approaches ritual through incorporating sacred geometry and reconciling polarity in the training of the body—for example balancing chaos and ecstasy with order, which are the opposites of Dionysus and Apollo.
Tentative Itinerary
Details may change, depending on the weather and prevailing energies in the moment


Day 2: Aug. 27 ~ Today we enjoy a quiet day after the long transatlantic flight. Departure from hotel around 10am. Drive to Kalogria beach. On the way coffee stop at Corinth canal. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the pool or the magnificent Kalogria beach. Opening circle by the water in the late afternoon. Overnight at Kalogria.

Day 3: Aug. 28 ~ After a nice breakfast, we start our drive to the north. On the way we pass by Rio-Antirio bridge. Upon arrival to Piges we enjoy lunch with fresh fruits and salads. Late afternoon hike by the Acheron River and learn the mythology behind the sacred river. Overnight Piges.

Day 4: Aug. 29 ~ In the morning visit the famed Nekromanteio, where the ancient Greek people would participate in sacred ceremony and communicate with the invisible realms. Late afternoon participate in sacred ceremony and Claudia’s dance by the river. Overnight Piges.

Day 5: Aug. 30 ~ Today we spend the whole day at the famous oracle of Dodona. In the morning we drive to the sacred site (aprx 2 hours drive) and discover the hidden treasures here with a break for a delicious picnic lunch in a nearby scenic meadow. Overnight Piges.

Day 6: Aug. 31 ~ In the morning drive back to Dodona for meditation and picnic lunch. Continue to Meteora where we enjoy our afternoon by the pool with stunning Meteora views and a gathering at the amphitheater. Overnight Meteora.

Day 7: Sept. 1 ~ Today we discover the second largest monastic community of Greece. In the morning visit two monasteries at Meteora and enjoy the breathtaking views. Lunch at Kalambaka town and drive to Delphi. Overnight Delphi.

Day 8: Sept. 2 ~ Explore the sacred area of Delphi. Morning visit to Athena Pronaia site and meditate at Kastalia spring. Late afternoon museum visit, experience the magic of the ancient Temple of Apollo where the oracle pronounced her prophecies, and linger at the archaeological site until closing time. Overnight Delphi.
**Day 9: Sept. 3**  ~ Sacred ceremony with Claudia in the morning in an exquisite, private, natural setting in the Delphi countryside, with unparalleled views of the peaceful, silent valley below and the majestic Gulf of Corinth in the distance. Afternoon at leisure or return to Delphi ruins. Overnight Delphi.

**Day 10: Sept. 4**  ~ Depart Delphi and return to Athens. On the way we enjoy the peace and enchantment of Osios Loukas Monastery and meditate on the ley line. Delicious picnic lunch and drive to Piraeus port. Board ferry to Aegina. At the port our dear friend Vasiliki will be waiting for us. Upon check-in at her family’s home, we are given a key-offering ceremony by our hosts, with dinner to follow. Overnight Aegina.

**Day 11: Sept. 5**  ~ After homemade breakfast walk to Kolona and visit small museum. Circle and sacred dance with Vasiliki and Claudia either before or after lunch in the house. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the pool or Kolona beach. Dinner at Aegina town. Overnight Aegina.

**Day 12: Sept. 6**  ~ In the morning visit Aphea’s temple or Hellanios Zeus sanctuary and meditate/dance in the area. Lunch in the house or at local restaurant and ferry back to Athens. Hera hotel rooftop dining with Acropolis view. Overnight Athens.

**Day 13: Sept. 7**  ~ In the morning visit New Acropolis museum and walk to Philopappos hill, where we meet Zasha. Lunch in the area and afternoon visit at the sacred hill of the Acropolis. Farewell dinner at Hera Hotel rooftop. Overnight Athens.

**Day 14: Sept. 8**  ~ Departures or extend your stay in Greece.
Logistics

The cost of the trip is $6,950. The trip includes: all breakfasts, lunches and dinners, lodging and domestic transportation in Greece, except airport transfers.

The trip does not include: Airfare, transfers to/from Athens airport and items such as laundry, phone calls, snacks and alcoholic beverages.

For single occupancy, please add $800 to the cost.

A deposit of $950 (non-transferable and non-refundable), is due by March 10 in order to reserve your space. The balance can be paid in 5 installments of $1,200.00 (from April to August) on the 10th of each month.

Please plan to arrive no later than Saturday August 26, as we will depart for our first destination early the next morning. If you would like to arrive a day or more early, this can easily be arranged via our dear friend and tour guide, Katia Mavrelli. She is also available to help arrange tour packages following our retreat for those who would like to stay longer. For example: 3 days on Santorini, 5 days on Santorini and Naxos, or a 4-5 day cruise to: Mykonos (Delos), Santorini, Crete, Rhodes, Turkey-Ephesus and Patmos.

To register for the trip, please contact Dhari Gray at the CoreLight office.
email: dhari@corelight.org or (505) 424-8844, extension 5.

Refund Policy

We will refund your balance, excluding the deposit, 60 days prior to your departure. Reservations canceled between 30 and 59 days prior to the departure date will forfeit 50 per cent of the trip total. Reservations canceled less than 29 days prior to departure are non-refundable. If we are forced to cancel due to what we reasonably perceive are conditions that would jeopardize the health or safety of our travelers, all money will be refunded or applied to a later journey. Our experience has been that we have never had to cancel for these reasons at any time in our 25-year history.

Other

The time we are in retreat is late summer, and we can expect beautiful warm weather. After we receive your registration and deposit, we will send you further information about what to bring, flight schedule, etc.

To attend the retreat you will be required to purchase travel medical insurance, including “medical evacuation” insurance with a minimum deductible of $100,000 USD. (This can typically be purchased for approximately $100 USD.)
Total price of this retreat package: $6,950 (double-occupancy).

**Included in the retreat package:** The cost of the journey is $6,950, which includes all accommodation, meals, transportation in Greece (except airport shuttle), tips and entrance fees.

**Not included in the retreat package:** Airfare, transfers to/from airports, alcoholic beverages and personal items such as laundry and phone calls.

**Roommate Selection (please choose one)**

- Name of preferred roommate: ____________________________________________ (I have made a confirmed agreement with this person.)
- I do not have a preferred roommate; please choose one for me.
- I would like a single room (which is $800 extra).

**NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF $950 (USD) DUE BY March 10, 2017.**

- Please charge the nonrefundable deposit of $950 (USD) to my credit card below. Or contact Dhari Gray at dhari@corelight.org or (505) 424-8844 ext. 5.

**Payment Schedule**

- 5 X $1,200 (double-occupancy). This amount will be charged to my credit card on the 10th of each month, from April to August.
- 5 X $1,360 (single-occupancy). This amount will be charged to my credit card on the 10th of each month, from April to August.

Name on card: ________________________________________________________________

Your CC #: _________________ Expiration Date: _________________

Billing Address (City, State, Zip): ________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date: ____________________

**APPLICATION ESSAY**

Please write a short essay answering the following questions:

- What are your intentions for coming to the retreat?
- Please explain what you hope to receive from the experience and what you hope to give.
- How would you respond if for some unexpected reason, there arose the need to change the itinerary of the pilgrimage? How would you feel and how would you act?

Please return this form to:
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Balancing Masculine and Feminine, an Earth-Healing Pilgrimage in Greece
Registration & Release Form

Please read and sign:

I ____________________________________________________________________________, do hereby release CoreLight, Brad Laughlin and the CoreLight staff from any injury or damage which I may sustain during the Balancing Masculine and Feminine Retreat in Greece, August 26 – September 8, 2017. The right is reserved to alter the itinerary or to cancel the tour prior to departure. In the event that this trip is cancelled, liability will be limited to a refund of all payments received. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person at any time should such person’s health, mental condition, physical infirmity or general deportment impede the welfare and enjoyment of other participants. Any physical disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when this registration is presented. We recommend the purchase of travel accident insurance, baggage insurance and trip cancellation insurance.

This pilgrimage involves hiking and walking. The Acropolis requires walking up steps, and there are two optional hikes in Delphi up paved mountain paths about 120 meters. We will take a ferry between Athens and the island of Aegina, which is about a one-hour ride each way.

☐ I have physical issues that may prevent me from being able to cope with the walking, hiking and/or boat rides. (Please describe on a separate page.)

☐ I am in good physical shape and will have no trouble walking and hiking, and I am okay with a one-hour boat ride.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INTENTION OF PILGRIMAGE
By signing below, I acknowledge that this trip is a pilgrimage and not a party. Although we will have fun and although our experiences may bring great joy, happiness and relaxation, the purpose of the journey is not to indulge in having a party. I am attending this pilgrimage in the spirit of service to the Earth, to higher consciousness and to my own spiritual growth. I am taking this journey not only to drink in and appreciate the exquisite beauty and spiritual power of the sacred sites of Greece, but also to serve and to give something back.

I have read the above and agree to the terms and conditions as stated.

Signed: _________________________________________   Dated: ______________________________

In case of emergency, please give us a contact person:
Contact Name: ________________________________  Relationship: ________________________________
Phone numbers: __________________________________________________________________________
Physician: ________________________________  Physician’s Ph. #: ________________________________

Are there any health conditions (heart disease, diabetes, etc.) that we should know about? If yes, please describe:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please describe:

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