

# Thomas

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Thomas Janssen likes to be referred to as *Thomas* when doing Spiritual work – it is his Spiritual name. *Hawk* is his animal totem. He usually does not use his clergy title due to the tendency to stereotype. He was ordained as a UCM (Universal Church of the Master) licentiate minister in 1991 and as a full minister in 1992 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The three years of ministerial training included studies of the Bible, other sacred texts and a wide range of metaphysical thought. Including apprentice training with the gifts of the spirit, healing and speaking at services. Additionally for 2 years he served with Rev. Barbara Walter, a most gifted healer and trance channel, sitting in her weekly trance circle and assisting in her Largo, FL church healing services. During his 6 years in Charlotte, NC he was a regular speaker at The Brigade of Light church of Rev. Marian Starnes. He also served on the Brigade's Charlotte board of ministers.

He is a Reiki Master and also has some training in Shin Ju Jyutsu, Shinju. Other studies include out of body travel, Silva Method, Coptic World Leadership training, and a host of Spiritual development courses. He's a student of Hermetic Philosophy, The Course In Miracles, The Mystery Schools, Kabbalah, Christian Bibles, the Koran and the Upanishads. He follows the teachings of *Yeshu* (Jesus) which are universal principles and steps toward personal transformation. He says, "Jesus' true message was, 'follow me' rather than 'worship me.'

As a Reiki Master Teacher he attuned hundreds into this healing art in workshops throughout North Carolina and parts of Virginia until his move back to Michigan in 1999. His spiritual interests extend back into his earliest years but these interests intensified in the middle 80's after some difficult life situations brought him to make deep inner changes. Emotional healing provided fertile ground for his spiritual interests to blossom and grow. He says he discovered the Reiki healing art "in that *feeding frenzy* period of study where you can't read enough books, go to enough workshops, see enough channeling sessions or have enough experiences!"

For this very left brained Virgo and electronics engineer *Reiki* was the first experience that was powerful enough to break through to allow for right brain experiences. Since then his multifaceted course of study has been focused to open the heart center which requires developing the right brain feminine/creative/spiritual energies. He says, "it is essential to open the heart center first before developing our other gifts." "Power without Love will always be abused." "And expect this path to always take you through your personal *stuff*." "The blueprint for your life plan, your soul's agenda, lies right there before you, hidden in plain sight – look for the stuff you are trying to avoid and ignore."

He lives in Marcellus, MI and serves on the board and as Co-Pastor of *The First Spiritualist Church of Prayer* in South Bend, chartered with the ISA (Independent Spiritualists Association). He serves the ISA on the Education Committee, as Web Master and with Public Relations. He is the Web Master and Communications Specialist for Cairn Stone Adventure Tours. This year he plans to day hike North Rim to South Rim at the Grand Canyon National Park – his 10<sup>th</sup> crossing.