



# John of God

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## *Event Details*

September 28–October 1, 2009

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## Release of Liability and Disclaimer (Adult Release)

All participants must sign this Release as a prerequisite of entry into the John of God program being held at Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, Inc. (Omega) on September 28–October 1, 2009 (The Event). ***Please sign and bring this Release with you to The Event.***

I hereby represent and warrant that I have full authority to enter into this Release and to be bound by all of its terms and provisions. For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I understand and agree that:

- The Event, its organizers, John of God and all assistants, employees and volunteers of John of God, Omega and all of Omega's officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents and contract workers, and all heirs, successors and assigns of the foregoing (all of the foregoing being herein sometimes called RELEASEES) shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, expense, claim, or cost that I may suffer prior to, during or following the Event, or in any way arising out of or in connection with the Event, which loss, damage, expense, claim or cost include financial, physical, emotional, psychological or spiritual injury or trauma, death, accident, deterioration of existing condition (whether or not disclosed by me in connection with the Event) or property loss;
- RELEASEES shall not be liable or responsible for providing or arranging for medical or other treatment for me or on my behalf. Any treatments, services or products provided at The Event shall not be a substitute for, replacement of, or adjunctive to, any existing or proposed medical treatment that might have otherwise been, or in the future may be, recommended for me;
- RELEASEES shall not be liable or responsible for any effect or lack thereof, of any services, treatments, food or products sold or provided to me or on my behalf.
- RELEASEES have not and do not promise, suggest or imply the cure, improvement, or alteration of any illness, deformity, disability or medical or psychological condition that I now have or may possibly have in the future. I understand that my participation in The Event is not a substitute for the advice and treatment of a licensed physician;
- I acknowledge that no pressure, influence or encouragement has been applied to persuade or encourage me to attend and participate in The Event. I am an adult over the age of twenty-one and I have chosen to participate in The Event of my own free will. I assume full responsibility for any risks or consequence relating to The Event and my participation therein, and/or any outcome associated with The Event.
- I waive, release, and surrender any claims I now have or in the future may have against any and all RELEASEES in connection with or arising out of The Event, any action or inaction of any and all RELEASEES relating thereto, and my participation therein;
- I understand and accept that changes may occur in connection with Event activities, scheduling and organization, and will not hold any RELEASEE liable or responsible for such changes;
- The terms of this Release shall be governed by the internal laws of New York State.

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Signature of Person Granting Release

Date

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Print Name

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Address

Phone

## **Release of Liability and Disclaimer (Release on behalf of Minor)**

The parent or legal guardian of any minor child must sign this Release on behalf of such minor child as a prerequisite of such child's entry into the John of God program being held at Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, Inc. (Omega) on September 28–October 1, 2009 (The Event).

***Please sign and bring this Release with you to The Event.***

This Release is signed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 on behalf of my minor child (Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (herein called my Child), by (Parent's Name) \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of my Child and have full authority to enter into this Release for myself and my Child and to be bound by all of its terms and provisions. For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, for myself and my Child I understand and agree that:

- The Event, its organizers, John of God and all assistants, employees and volunteers of John of God, Omega and all of Omega's officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents and contract workers, and all heirs, successors and assigns of the foregoing (all of the foregoing being herein sometimes called RELEASEES) shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, expense, claim, or cost that I and/or my Child may suffer prior to, during or following the Event, or in any way arising out of or in connection with the Event, which loss, damage, expense, claim or cost include financial, physical, emotional, psychological or spiritual injury or trauma, death, accident, deterioration of existing condition (whether or not disclosed by me or my Child in connection with the Event) or property loss;
- RELEASEES shall not be liable or responsible for providing or arranging for medical or other treatment for my Child or on my Child's behalf. Any treatments, services or products provided at The Event shall not be a substitute for, replacement of, or adjunctive to, any existing or proposed medical treatment that might have otherwise been, or in the future may be, recommended for my Child;
- RELEASEES shall not be liable or responsible for any effect or lack thereof, of any services, treatments, food or products sold or provided to or on behalf of my Child. RELEASEES have not and do not promise, suggest or imply the cure, improvement, or alteration of any illness, deformity, disability or medical or psychological condition that my Child now has or may possibly have in the future. I understand for myself and on behalf of my Child that participation in The Event is not a substitute for the advice and treatment of a licensed physician;
- I acknowledge that no pressure, influence or encouragement has been applied to persuade or encourage either my Child, or me on behalf of my Child, to attend and participate in The Event. I am an adult over the age of twenty-one and I have chosen to have my Child participate in The Event of my own free will. I assume full responsibility for any risks or consequence relating to The Event and my Child's participation therein, and/or any outcome associated with The Event.
- For myself, and on behalf of my Child, I waive, release, and surrender any claims I and/or my Child now have or in the future may have against any and all RELEASEES in connection with or arising out of The Event, any action or inaction of any and all RELEASEES relating thereto, and the participation of my Child therein;
- I understand and accept that changes may occur in connection with Event activities, scheduling and organization, and will not hold any RELEASEE liable or responsible for such changes;
- The terms of this Release shall be governed by the internal laws of New York State.

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Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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Print Name

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Minor's Name

Minor's Age

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Address of Parent or Guardian

Telephone

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Address of Minor (if different than above)

## **PREPARING FOR THE EVENT**

A visit to John of God is a powerful experience. You may wish to meditate and set an intention for what you would like to receive from the experience. You may find it helpful to write down your healing request and carry it with you in your pocket during the event to help you stay focused.

As the event approaches, try to avoid any disruptions in your work or personal life. The fewer distractions you have, the more energy and attention you will have available to assist with your healing.

At the Casa, John of God's healing center in Brazil, they say that the Entities do 25 percent of the work, the Divine contributes 25 percent, and you hold the remaining 50 percent. Stay actively involved in the process, continually asking yourself "What do I want?" and "Why am I going to this event?"

The Entities request that you wear white, loose-fitting clothing. Please come with the appropriate clothing, as Omega is located some distance from retail shopping.

**A healing session with John of God and the Entities is not a substitute for any medical treatment you are currently undergoing. DO NOT STOP ANY CURRENT MEDICATIONS OR MEDICAL TREATMENT.**

## **REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT**

To support your healing, try to attend as many of the days as you can. Very powerful healing can take place simply from being present at the event.

You will need to purchase a ticket for each day's attendance. You can register for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, or any combination of days. To stay in on-campus housing, you must stay four consecutive nights and attend three consecutive days of the event. Off-campus housing is available in nearby communities.

## **DAILY SCHEDULE** (Subject to change)

Attendants will be located throughout the event to provide you with assistance and directions. You will be well taken care of.

8:00–8:30 a.m.	Arrive at Main Meditation Hall to receive instructions
9:00 a.m.–Noon	Morning session
Noon	Lunch
1:00–1:30 p.m.	Arrive at Main Meditation Hall to receive instructions
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Afternoon session

## **MEDITATION ROOMS**

There are three meditation rooms (also called current rooms). No room is better or worse than any other. They all serve slightly different functions and healing takes place in all three rooms.

- Main Meditation Hall. All participants can sit in the Main Meditation Hall and meditate.
- Mediums Meditation Room. This room acts like a “spiritual shower” where participant’s energy is cleansed before going before the Entity. Anyone who has passed before the Entity during a previous visit may sit in the Mediums Meditation Room unless otherwise instructed. Sometimes this room is also used for overflow if the Main Meditation Hall is too full.
- Entities Meditation Room. This is where John of God and the Entities will do their work. Only those who are invited to can sit in the Entities meditation room and then only for the day of the invitation.
- Blessings Room: After passing before the Entity, he may direct you to receive a special blessing, a powerful energy transmission. You will be directed to the Blessings Room to receive the blessing. Afterward, you may return to the Main Meditation Hall and continue to meditate until the session ends.

Upon arrival, you will be directed to sit in one of the meditation areas and begin to meditate. We cannot overemphasize the healing power of the meditation rooms. A major part of the healing work of the Entities happens in these rooms. As we receive healing our energies are also used for healing others.

The healings received in these rooms are sometimes dramatic and immediate. Sometimes participants will have spontaneous spiritual interventions and will need to be taken to the infirmary. Usually, however, the healings are subtle and sublime, unfolding over time. It may be several months later that they are seen in retrospect. Do not underestimate the power of this.

Please arrive on time to each session. It takes time to build up the energy field to allow the Entities to incorporate in Medium João’s body; sometimes it will be an hour before sufficient energy has been generated. In the meantime, the healing work of the unincorporated Entities continues.

Meditation sessions are different each time. Some might be blissful, and others challenging and downright painful, depending on what you are working through.

Here are some important points to remember while in the meditation rooms:

- While sitting, keep your arms and legs uncrossed.
- Keep your eyes closed to maintain an energetic connection with the group and to avoid taking on what others might shed as they pass through the rooms.
- Maintain silence and a contemplative attitude.

- Follow the instructions of the session leaders, which may include the suggestion to pray or they may lead you through a visualization.
- If you have the urge to sleep, let yourself sleep; this may help the Entities get a controlling ego out of the way so they can work on you.
- Try to maintain thoughts of lovingkindness and forgiveness, avoiding thoughts of ill will towards yourself or others.
- If you need to leave the room, raise your hand and someone will assist you.
- If your work becomes too challenging, silently ask the Entities for help and, if necessary, put up your hand and someone will come to help you. They may bring you blessed water; offer suggestions on how to continue working; or suggest a break to sit in the gardens for a while.
- To ensure there are no blocks in the flow of energy, carry backpacks or handbags in your hand, wear your hair loose, and avoid tying knots in your clothing.

## **PASSING IN FRONT OF THE ENTITY**

Passing before the Entity is a very powerful process. The energy transference that takes place can work on physical, emotional, and spiritual levels. Some will feel nothing; for others it will be a powerful experience.

During each session, those who will be going in front of John of God and the Entity will be organized into the following lines and guided through the entire process. (The lines are not necessarily called in this order.)

- **First-Time Line:** For those participants who have never been before the Entity, nor had their photograph taken before the Entity.
- **Second-Time Line:** For participants who have already passed before the Entity or had their photograph taken before the Entity here or in Brazil.
- **Spiritual Intervention Line:** For participants who have been instructed by the Entity to have a spiritual intervention.
- **Revision Line:** For participants who have had a spiritual intervention that have not been re-assessed, including all those who had a spiritual intervention at the last event in the United States and have not been to Brazil since.

Do not pass before the Entity twice during the same session. If you see the Entity during the morning session, you must wait until the afternoon to be seen again. If you see the Entity during the afternoon session, you must wait until the following morning to see the Entity again.

If you are participating for one day only, you will need to pass by the Entity a second time during the afternoon session. Wait in the Main Meditation Hall and join the Second-Time Line when it is called.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ENTITIES**

As you pass in front of the Entities, they may recommend a variety of next steps. For those in the First-Time Line, the Second-Time Line and the Revision Line, the Entities may suggest one of the following:

- A spiritual intervention either immediately or in the next session. Wait in the Main Meditation Hall during the next session and join the spiritual intervention line when it is called.
- A spiritual cleanse. You would be directed to have a seat in the Entities Meditation Room for the remainder of the session or to follow other instructions.
- Return to one of the meditation rooms.
- There may be no suggestion made, in which case you can sit quietly and meditate in the Main Meditation Hall until the session ends.

Regardless of your instructions, you have made a connection with these powerful healing forces. Stay connected with them through meditation, sitting quietly, and taking drinks of blessed water.

If you have just had a spiritual intervention, you may receive other instructions but, in general, you must not return to any of the meditation rooms for the remainder of the day and it is strongly suggested that you stay in bed or in a very restful place.

At the end of each session, everyone, unless told otherwise, should have a drink of blessed water before leaving.

Once you have passed by the Entity once, you may meditate in the Main Meditation Hall or in the Mediums Meditation Room during the next session unless you are instructed otherwise.

Assistants will be on hand to help guide you through this entire process.

## **FOLLOW UP INSTRUCTIONS**

The results of the spiritual treatment you will experience while at Omega are likely to unfold over several months. Participants often feel worse before they feel better, as with conventional medical treatment. If you have a spiritual intervention during the event, you will receive verbal and written instructions you need to follow. For 40 days after your treatment, everyone should observe the following:

- Abstain from sex and the arousal of sexual energy for 8 days.
- Do not drink alcohol.
- Do not eat any pork.
- Avoid hot, spicy food (no black, white, or hot peppers).
- Do not lift anything heavy for 8 days.
- Continue to drink large quantities of the blessed water.

- Do not stop taking any medications you are currently taking and do not stop any medical treatment already underway.
- Abstain from heavy exercise like weight lifting, yoga, running, power walking, etc.
- Abstain from all energy healing modalities like Reiki, acupuncture, Healing Touch, tarot card readings, etc.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Wheelchair Mobility**

Omega's campus, though hilly, is accessible to wheelchairs. We have limited housing facilities that can accommodate wheelchairs; register early or see our accommodations page for other options.

### **Blessed Water**

The results of your spiritual treatment are likely to unfold over the course of several months. You can support this process by drinking water that has been blessed by the Entities. Water will be available to drink at the end of each session and will also be available for purchase to bring home.

During and after the event, drink as much blessed water as possible. When you return home, drink at least a small amount of water out of a glass each day. When drinking, consciously connect with both the water and the Entities.

If you had spiritual intervention, you are encouraged to drink the water undiluted. If you didn't, you can keep your supply of water going by adding 5 parts of non-blessed water to 1 part blessed water. Let it stand for eight hours before using.

Do not keep this water in the refrigerator or chill it.

Blessed water is also a wonderful gift for those who cannot attend the event. If you are giving blessed water to others, please ensure you also provide instructions on how to use the water. There is no problem transporting the water, but it may need to be in your checked luggage if you are traveling on a plane.

### **Blessed Water Tent**

Blessed Water will be available for sale next to the Main Mediation Hall.

### **Photographs of Those not Attending**

At the event, you may present to the Entity photographs of those who cannot attend in person. Please write their name, age, and address on the back of the photo. The photographs are taken back to Brazil and worked on for one year. You may want to bring some blessed water to these people.

### **Lunch and Refreshments**

Lunch is included in your facility or housing fee.

### **The Omega Bookstore**

The Omega Bookstore will be selling the following:

- Blessed crystals from the Casa de Dom Inácio in Brazil
- Books and DVDs on Medium João's work
- CDs of the music played throughout the event.

### **Photography and Recording at The Event**

Please do not take any photos at the event and do not record the event in audio or video formats.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

Omega reserves the right to cancel a program at anytime.

Refunds are available (less a \$50 processing fee) within the following deadlines: For a 5-day program beginning on Monday with housing beginning Sunday, the refund deadline is close of business on Saturday, nine days preceding the workshop. For a weekend program with housing beginning Friday, the refund deadline is close of business on Thursday, eight days preceding the workshop.

Nonrefundable credit toward a future Omega program (less a \$50 processing fee) is available if you give notice between 7 and 1 day(s) before an event. For a 5-day program beginning Monday, the credit deadline is close of business the Saturday immediately before the workshop. For a weekend program, the credit deadline is close of business the Thursday immediately before the workshop. Credit may be applied to any Omega programs for one year following date of issue.

No credit or refund is available if you cancel on Friday for a weekend program, Sunday for a 5-day program, or on the workshop's arrival day; if you do not show up; or if you leave an event early for any reason. Some programs may have special cancellation policies; please see workshop descriptions.