

CAHOKIA RETREAT- 2008

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE
THAT SHAPE THE PRINCIPLES
OF THE EARTH CHARTER

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- POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE:
CHARACTERIZE SACRED
MYSTERY.
- POWERS CONVERGE IN:
PRINCIPLES OF EARTH CHARTER.
- THE GREAT TURNING: HOW
CHANGE WILL COME ABOUT.
- GUIDED MEDITATION ON
EARTH, OUR HOME .

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

- SEAMLESSNESS
- CENTRATION
- ALLUREMENT
- EMERGENCE
- HOMEOSTASIS
- CATAclysm
- SYNERGY
- TRANSMUTATION
- TRANS-
FORMATION
- INTER-
RELATEDNES
- RADIANCE

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

- IF THE UNIVERSE IS THE PRIMARY REVELATORY EXPERIENCE OF THE SACRED MYSTERY WE CALL GOD,
THEN
- ALL OF THESE POWERS EMERGE FROM THAT MYSTERY
- POWERS ARE IMBUED IN ALL OF CREATION.

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

- IF THE HUMAN IS THAT WONDER OF CREATION THAT ENABLES THE UNIVERSE TO PERCEIVE ITSELF IN CONSCIOUS SELF AWARENESS,
THEN
- THESE POWERS CAN BE ARTICULATED, ACTUALIZED, AND MANIPULATED BY HUMANS IN POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE WAYS.

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

FOCUS:

- HOW SEAMLESSNESS AND ALLUREMENT CONVERGE IN:

HONORING AND CARING FOR EARTH,
OUR HOME:

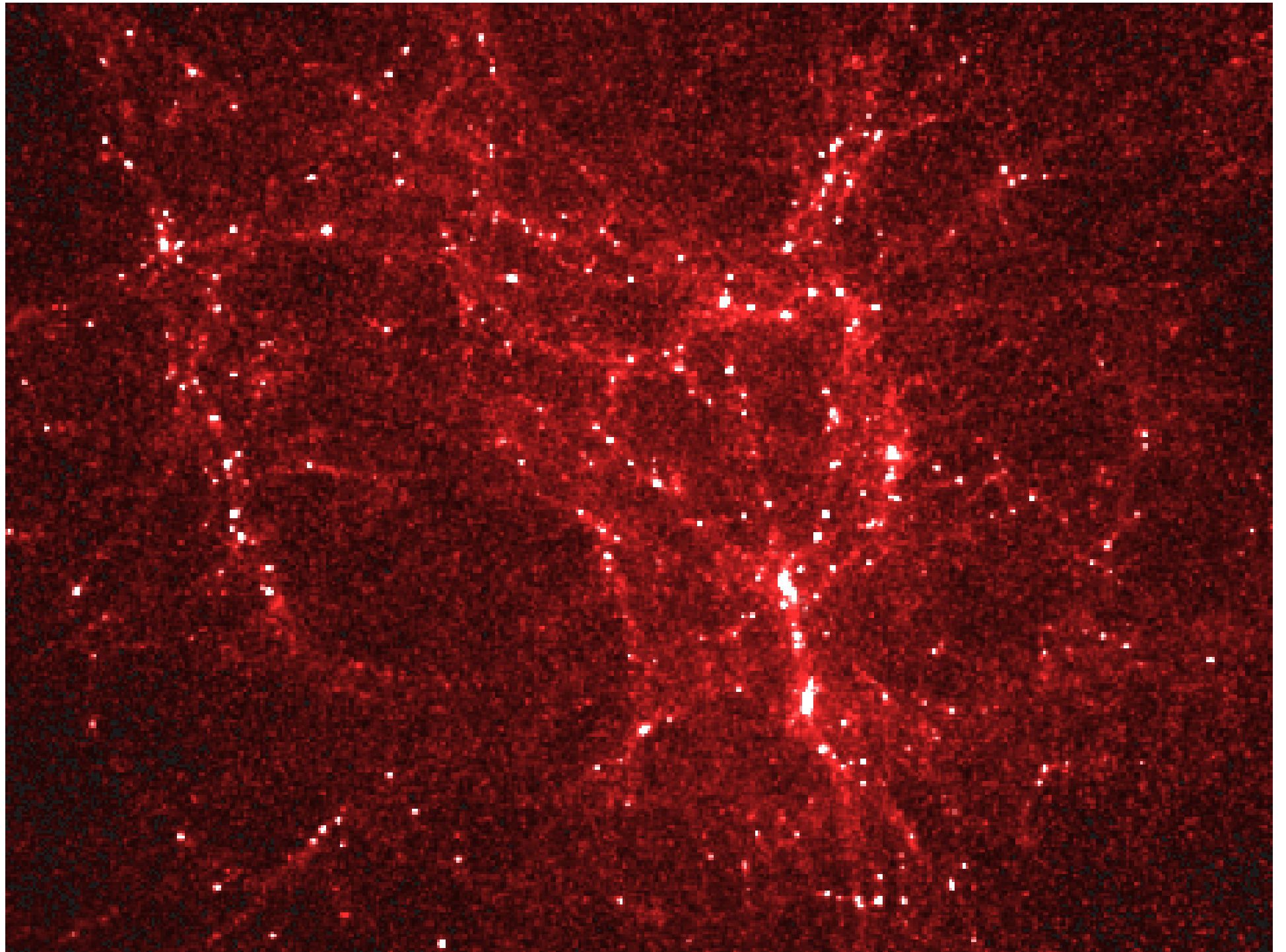
PRINCIPLES OF EARTH CHARTER:

- A SHARED VISION OF BASIC VALUES
- ETHICAL FOUNDATION FOR AN EMERGING WORLD COMMUNITY.

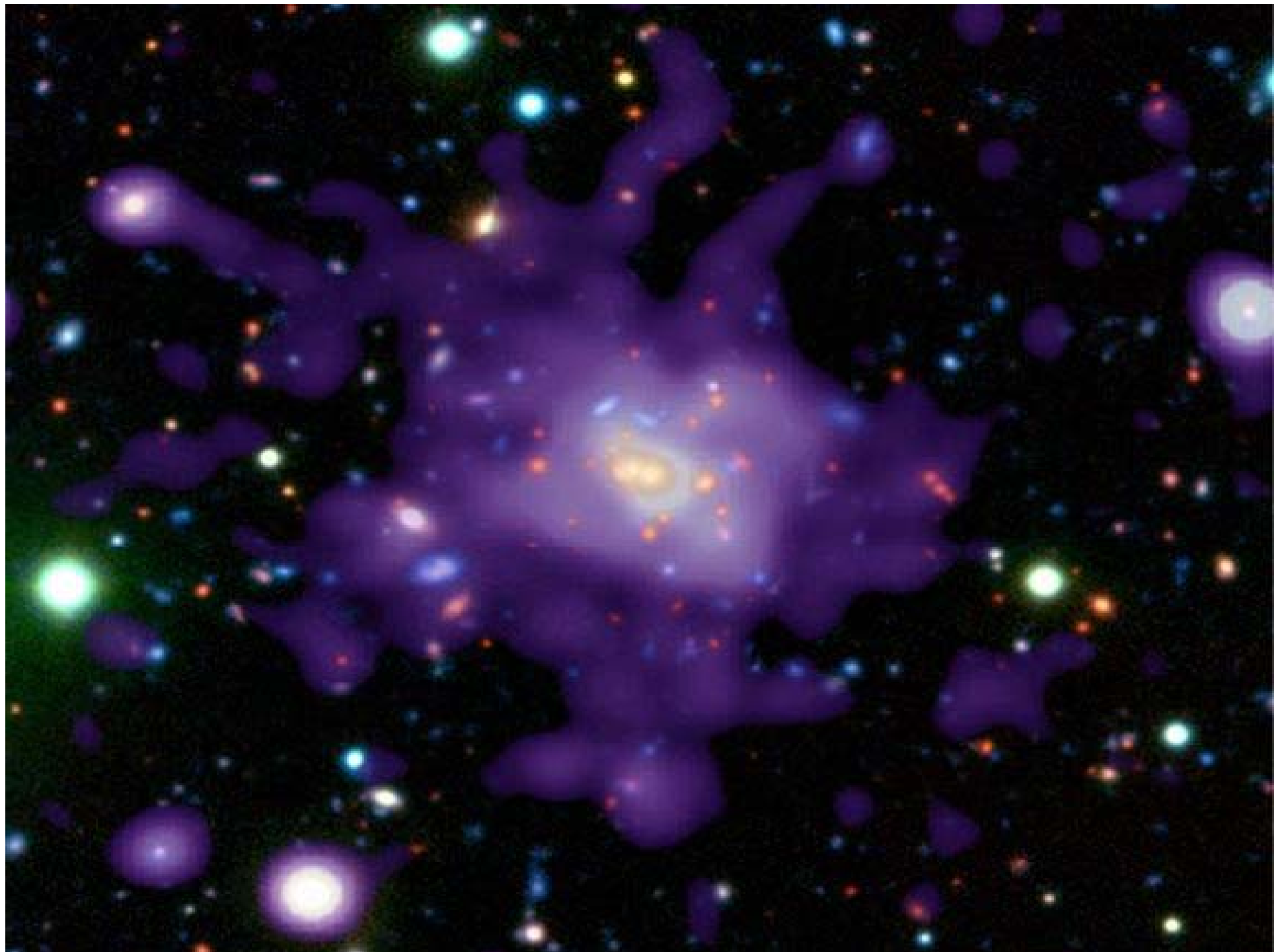
POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

SEAMLESSNESS:

- THE SEA OF ENERGY OR QUANTUM FIELD FROM WHICH EVERYTHING COMES INTO EXISTENCE AND VANISHES FROM EXISTENCE (THE REALM OF PERCEPTABLE REALITY).
- EVERYTHING THAT COMES INTO EXISTENCE BEGINS AS A BUNDLE OF POSSIBILITIES.
- EVERYTHING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SPACE AND TIME ARE BOUND TOGETHER (INTERCONNECTED).







POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

WHAT SEAMLESSNESS TEACHES:

- AWARE OF THE REALITY THAT WE ARE ONE WITH ALL THAT IS.
- EMBODIMENT OF HOPEFULNESS THAT EVOKES FRESH POSSIBILITIES ABOUT BEING, LIVING, AND LOVING.
- WE COME INTO EXISTENCE FROM MYSTERY AND GO BACK INTO MYSTERY

POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

ALLUREMENT (ATTRACTION):

- GRAVITATION IS THE INTERACTIVE POWER THAT HOLDS THE UNIVERSE TOGETHER.
- RELATIONSHIP OF SUN TO EARTH AND OTHER PLANETS.
- POWER THAT DRAWS THE GALAXIES TOGETHER IS AT WORK IN HUMAN SELF-AWARENESS.
- CHARACTERIZES ALL OF CREATION.



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POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE

ALLUREMENT TEACHES:

- SEXUAL REPRODUCTION AND SEXUALITY.
- THE BELOVED IS FORMED AND SHAPED BY THE LOVER.
- PASSIONATE IMMERSION IN THE BEAUTY OF NATURE AND IN THE WORK OF THE WORLD.

THE EARTH CHARTER

SEAMLESSNESS, ALLUREMENT, AND THE OTHER POWERS CONVERGE IN HUMAN AWARENESS TO SHAPE THE VISION AND DREAM OF HUMANKIND FOR THE EARTH AS ARTICULATED IN THE PRINCIPLES:

TO FORGE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL EARTH'S CHILDREN.



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THE EARTH CHARTER

PRINCIPLES:

- RESPECT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LIFE
- ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY
- SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
- DEMOCRACY, NONVIOLENCE, AND PEACE

THE GREAT TURNING

THIRD GREAT REVOLUTION:

- HOLDING ACTIONS
- NEW STRUCTURES, AGREEMENTS, AND WAYS OF DOING THINGS
- CHANGE OUR UNDERSTANDING, PERCEPTIONS OF REALITY
 - RECOGNIZE OUR CONNECTEDNESS
 - DEEP ECOLOGY (ECOLOGICAL SELF)

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