

# The Invisible Offering

1-5 September 2021

New Eden Retreat Centre, The Netherlands



***“This dynamic of ‘invisible offering’ is like a sacred current – all that is implied here is that we recognise the beauty of this current and let it flow through us however it will.”***

**Pir Elias Amidon**

In the final paragraphs of *The Open Path*, Pir Elias speaks of the invisible offering we receive as we participate in ‘the natural gift of awakening’. He explains, this awakening isn’t a private attainment – it ‘gives of itself’. It arises as a natural, open generosity. We are offered a simple principle: if you wish to deepen your realisation, ‘give it’. Be it. Let it offer itself through you. Rest in it as often and as naturally as possible and allow its presence to do the rest.

In this retreat we will explore together ways to deepen and rest in the natural gift of awakening allowing the invisible presence to offer itself to us and through us, including, silence, friendship, guided meditation, zikr (musical meditation), poetry, sohbet (mystical conversation) and other experiential practices.

***‘The purpose of life is to become more living, to allow the soul to live more. Life comes naturally to the soul, if only we open ourselves for the spirit to rise.’***

**Sufi Inayat Khan**

The Venue is residential; all meals and refreshments will be provided; it has plans in place should social distancing still be necessary in September 2021. Full programme details and

**A Sufi Way/Open Path Programme under the guidance of Pir Elias Amidon**

prices will be available early in the New Year. This early notice is to enable early booking in diaries.

Do contact us meantime if you are interested in participating:

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## Invisible Offerings Update: April 2021

We are awaiting confirmation from UK, US and NL/EU governments that travel to and from The Netherlands will be able to go ahead in September 2021 without fear of last-minute cancellations and/or financial penalties. We are very hopeful but also feel that we must wait just a few more weeks for clarity. We know that the venue, New Eden, does have local measures in place to ensure that social distancing and other Covid protocols, can be followed if necessary.

*We are so looking forward to this gathering, it's hard to wait and hold our excitement! But we believe that in just a few more weeks the situation will be so much clearer and we must hold our patience until then.*

Meantime, assuming it will all go ahead, if you would like to join us, please write to [suzanne@sufiway.org](mailto:suzanne@sufiway.org) to have your name added to the 'interested' list . We will then be sure to update you over the next few weeks as further information, including costs, becomes available. We will also let you know once registration is open.



There is also a plan for a day trip (outside of the retreat timetable) to the Universel in Katwijk and also The Hague, to both the Sufi Museum and the cemetery where many of our wider Sufi family are buried. Please let us know if you are interested in joining in this also. To whet your appetite – do check out the websites for both the Universel and Sufi Museum: <https://www.universel.one/> and <https://www.sufimuseum.nl/>

**We look forward to being together in September and to hearing from you and keeping in touch meantime.**

**Elmer, Simon and Suzanne**