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**Application for The 2023 Year-long Journey Into The Deep Masculine**

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*The Journey Into The Deep Masculine (JDM) is a rigorous year-long mentoring program for Illuman men. With appreciation for your thoughtful responses to our questions, and with respect for the effort and time of our administrative needs and guides, we ask that when you send us your application you have confidence that, if you are accepted to this offering, you can arrange the time away from home, finances, equipment, and transportation. Thank you.*

Because this is an "advanced" program (psychologically and spiritually speaking) that includes three in-person intensives in wild places, please answer the following questions:

1. Please list the soul-oriented and/or nature-based work you've previously experienced. This may include any wilderness programs, Illuman's MROP, ecotherapy, depth psychology, vision fasts, or other spiritual disciplines.
2. The JDM is heavily influenced by Dr. Bill Plotkin and the work of the Animas Valley Institute (both Dan and John are guides trained by AVI). How familiar you are with Plotkin's work? Have you been a participant in any AVI programs? If you were in attendance or have seen the videos of Bill Plotkin's talks at Soularize in 2018, what is your response to the material?
3. Have you read any of Plotkin's books, Soulcraft™, Nature and the Human Soul, Wild Mind, and/or The Journey of Soul Initiation? What if anything, intrigues you about the content of the books? (Feel free to be brief). Also, below is a list of books that may be a good indicator of your readiness for the JDM and whether the program is a good fit for you at this time.

*Wild Mind, The Journey of Soul Initiation, Nature and the Human Soul, Soulcraft*, by Bill Plotkin  
*The Universal Christ and The Immortal Diamond* by Richard Rohr  
*The Great Conversation* by Belden Lane  
*The Maiden King* by Robert Bly and Marion Woodman  
*We* by Robert Johnson  
*The World is a Waiting Lover* by Trebbe Johnson  
*Finding Your Wild*, by Dan Dolquist

4. We will be doing a lot of work with the Deep Masculine through the nature-based map of the human psyche outlined in Plotkin's *Wild Mind* and the five phases of descent into "soul canyon" as described in *The Journey of Soul Initiation*. We will also be giving special attention to the Divine Feminine, through which we come into a sacred marriage between Deep Masculine and Divine Feminine as outlined in *The Maiden King*. What is it about this work that appeals to you? In other words, please tell us why you are **longing** for this *Journey Into The Deep Masculine* adventure. (Please note, the balance of Deep Masculine and Divine Feminine are found in all genders and sexual orientations. The JDM is not limited to any specific gender identity or sexual orientation)
5. What makes this the right time in your life to enroll in this program?
6. If you have completed an MROP, briefly tell us who "went out" and "who came back." What happened for you/in you during the rite? (Please note, participation in an MROP is highly recommended but not a requirement for the program).
7. Any hints you might have about your "soul work" or the gifts only you can offer the world? Any numinous encounters, especially with the Inner Beloved, you want to share? Dreams/Nightmares? Revelations? Mysterious conversations with nature? (FYI This is not a test, just a question)
8. There is the distinct possibility that the third session will involve a 2 or 3-day solo and vision fast. You may be fasting in a location to which you will backpack on your own, the distance from our car basecamp to your solo site being up to you and the guides. You'll need to provide your own camping gear for all the sessions (borrow, rent, or purchase). Upon acceptance of your application, we'll send you a preparation package that includes a list of camping gear, or you can contact [Dan@wildvillage.org](mailto:Dan@wildvillage.org) and ask us to send you that camping list now. **Here, then, is question #8: Are you comfortable with this and are you confident you are physically capable of this?**
9. Due to the intensity of the nature-based work of the program, we will be asking you to sign a waiver for Illuman and the guides and are limiting participation to 8 men minimum with a maximum of 14. We also realize that some men may say after the first immersion, "The JDM program is not for me at this time in my life." After the first session you will have an opportunity to discontinue the JDM. However, if you continue, the rest of the program fee of \$1000 will be due, and no refunds will be available after April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The reason we are structuring the year-long in this way is protection against paying \$1500 for a something you will not completely participate in. Are you okay with all this?

Please limit this application to no more than eight pages. Thanks!

We are leaving this up to you, but when you submit your application, please include a non-refundable \$25 donation/application fee to Illuman at [Illuman.org](http://Illuman.org)

Please wait to make any travel arrangements until the program is confirmed.

After confirmation, you will get a detailed prep letter for session #1 at Joshua Tree, March 22-26, 2023

**Please put "First Name Last Name - JDM Application" in the subject line of your email, and send completed application to [Dan@wildvillage.org](mailto:Dan@wildvillage.org) Thank you!**