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The Feminine Face of Money: Living Soulfully and Erotically in a Material World

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The Feminine Face of Money, Bainbridge Island WA ([www.femininefaceofmoney.com](http://www.femininefaceofmoney.com))

**Abstract:**

What emotional roadblocks in a woman's relationship with money might hinder her thriving amidst life's real or anticipated transitions? This question was explored with twenty women in a money emotions seminar for women designed by women. Together, the participants crafted supportive relationships of understanding through dialogue with their money stories and respectfully witnessed the unspoken silences of internal dialogues which cannot be articulated via the dialogical. A holistic approach employed by The Feminine Face of Money encouraged women's wisdom to reveal itself through bodily experience, contemplative practices, dreams, and creative forms of inner exploration and expression such as art, music, and story-telling.

Two community-based organizations, one for-profit and one not-for-profit, collaboratively joined forces amidst the protracted, global Great Recession of 2008 to offer this interactive learning experience in their local living economy. The half-day workshop was hosted in "nested public homeplaces", meaning public spaces of dialogue and possibility were created by the two organizations, one nested within another. The money emotions seminar for women designed by women, a self-contained public homeplace, was nested within The Feminine Face of Money membership community at-large and within The Women of Wisdom Foundation's annual conference. A short video documents the seminar's highlights ([www.youtube.com/user/DianneJuhl](http://www.youtube.com/user/DianneJuhl)). Research results indicate that affirming a woman's dignity and ways of knowing can generate transformative shifts in her emotional relationship with money, and a woman's evolving financial life may be akin to a series of initiatory experiences demanding her courage and creativity to navigate successfully and thrive. The Feminine Face of Money continues listening into what enlivens a woman's conscious living in the material world.

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