



ASTARA

*DONATE  
SPREAD THE LIGHT  
Giving Program*

## AN ASTARIAN

In Astarians there's no dogmatic trace~  
We see the light of God in every face:  
In mosque, cathedral and in synagogue~  
Wherever we may lift our cry to God.  
We join the Wise Men, following a star,  
And find a Christ a cross an avatar  
In Buddha's shrine we feel a stir within,  
We bend the knee when chants the Muezzin.  
We seek to understand what Moses taught,  
And honor what the Hindu sages brought.  
The Mysteries of the pyramids inspire,  
We honor Zoroaster and his fire  
Respect what wise Confucius had to say:  
Will seek the wisdom found the Tao way.  
Wherever hearts and hands are raised in prayer,  
In every shrine a living God is there.  
And whatsoe'er the Godward path may be  
The Astarian will give it dignity:  
True lighted souls seek only to ascend,  
All paths that lead to God must somewhere blend.

EARLYNE CHANEY

## WHAT IS ASTARA

ASTARA was created to help you fully realize the potential within you.

Through study of the ancient mysteries, the wisdom of the world's great religions and the revelations of great philosophers, you are guided down an inner path toward the great wisdom within.

While embracing the teachings of All religions, ASTARA avoids the dogma of any. ASTARA is a "Tempe of Light" that urges you to become your own priest or priestess through your own self-unfoldment.

Through its teachings, ASTARA aspires to help you climb the spiritual stairway to find your place in the sun.

ASTARA offers you the tools to release yourself from any limiting mental constrains and set free the God that resides within.

You are urged to seek what is Truth for You.

ASTARA is dedicated to helping you make your life what the Divine intended it to be; full of radiance, light, peace, serenity and continuing growth.

## ASTARA IS GRATEFUL

Astara is grateful to be here now, open to all who seek, those who have supported it through the years and help carry the torch into the future for more luminous and bright Light exposure on the path ahead.

Generous sharing has fueled the Astara Light for years and will continue to do so for many decades to come. However, Astara needs your help.

The following are completely funded by individual donations and gifts:

Daily Outreach Ministry to the congregation via phone and letter correspondence

Over 415 complimentary, annual classes taught via Zoom and produced on YouTube

Thousands of prayer petitions blessed, organized and produced free for any who asks for healing or prayers online, through the mail or in person annually

Book publishing and re-issue of out of print texts by the Chaney's

Archiving and storage of 70 +year old images, recordings and original writings of the Founders and they accomplishments

Publication of the Voice of ASTARA (a 65 year tradition) and the monthly Newsletter Blessing mailing, digitalizing and distributed to thousands of members

The ASTARA corporate headquarters administration, rent, licenses and utilities

***Astara teaches that to tithe regularly a portion of one's substance to some spiritual purpose is a law unto itself as a mean of impressing the subconscious that one is worthy of blessings.***

***Those who do are so utterly amazed at the unexpected good which often comes their way.***

### ***-First Degree Lesson***

Know that the Light will continue to touch you and your loved ones and give thanks, for you are now manifesting Heaven on Earth.

We Give Thanks. We Give Thanks. We Give Thanks.

-The Astara Board of Directors

## ASTARA'S HEALING SCIENCE

One of Astara's principal goals is healing- attaining spiritual, mental and psychological health for you, for your loved ones and for our planet.

You will learn of Astara's healing science through experience.

Astara uses healing and prayer petitions that Astara reverends and ministers work with daily.

If you should feel the need for healing in your life or for loved ones, we encourage filling out the free healing petition and submitting it to Astara either by mail or digitally.

"An Astarian never Walks Alone"

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Astara has always maintained the foundation of the ministry through the prayer petition process as given to Astara by Earlyne Chaney.

Making a connection with the individual in need by holding a physical prayer petition card causes an etheric connection between the blessings (healers) and the petitioners.

The Astara Reverends bless the prayer petitions daily.

There are thousands of petitions coming in from the website, through the mail and via phone calls to Astara.

Our volunteer Reverends reach out personally to check on petitioners via telephone on a weekly basis.

Follow up calls are made to engage and generate feedback from the ones who submitted requests.

Physical prayer petitions are placed in a large bowl in the sanctuary at Astara.

This gives a physical image to direct the "prayer energy".

Special cases and healings are petitioned out to Head Reverends for concentrated healing work.

Earlier this year Astara began to engage the congregation on Tuesday evenings at 6:15pm pst to help bless the prayer petitions.

This has become our most popular Zoom event and the results and feedback are super positive.

Astara encourages you to participate and share your light with those in need.

Now more than ever, people need the connection and community of shared Love and Light that brings inner peace and healing.

Astara's prayer petitions and blessings are a powerful tool free for all to share.

## GIFTS TO ASTARA

To make a gift to ASTARA, there are many options for you to consider.

ASTARA'S Planned Giving brochures provide information on the various opportunities available, and the benefits offered by each.

You will learn about planned giving vehicles that provide you and your family with options for financial support and tax advantages, while at the same time offering benefits to ASTARA.

Including bequests, gifts of real property, retained life estate, appreciated securities, mutual fund shares, life insurance, charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, and retirement plan assets.

ASTARA invites you to read through the brochures to determine the ways in which your contribution can make a difference.

Inside this brochure is a brief description of the various outright and planned gift options. Please contact ASTARA for more comprehensive information and assistance.

In addition, you are welcome to contact us to discuss the gift options we have available:

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HILLS ESTATE, CA 90274

Rev. Matt 323.596.7007  
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## THANK YOU

***Astara owes its longevity to the people, through the decades, that have preserved it, studied it, loved it and kept it going - but most of all it has survived because of those who have shared its Light.***

***"Set your dreams toward greater heights and let your souls reach out for yet more Light."***

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## OUTRIGHT GIFTS & PLANNED GIFTS

When donating to Astara, there are outright gifts and planned gifts.

### OUTRIGHT GIFTS

An outright gift is for the present and in general qualifies for an immediate income tax deduction.

### PLANNED GIFTS

A planned gift is for the future. It is tax-wise philanthropy to minimize the cost of giving while maximizing the benefits for yourself, your family, and ASTARA.

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### OUTRIGHT GIFTS INCLUDE

- Monetary gifts
- Automatic recurring gifts
- Memorial or tribute gifts
- Matching gifts
- Gifts of appreciated securities
- Mutual fund shares
- Tangible personal property
- Real estate
- Gifts-in-kind

In general, outright gifts qualify for an immediate income tax deduction.

## MONETARY GIFTS

A monetary gift is the most popular type of charitable gift.

Monetary gifts are fully deductible, up to 50% of your adjusted gross income in the year of the gift.

You may take unused deductions over the next five years.

Gifts can be donated by mail, online, PayPal, PayPalMe, or telephone

### Mail

ASTARA  
725 DEEP VALLEY DRIVE  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274 USA

### Online

<https://shop.astara.org/products/donate>

### PayPal

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=FVYTS9DPBU6G6](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=FVYTS9DPBU6G6)

### PayPalMe

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/astaralight>

### Telephone

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## AUTOMATIC RECURRING GIFTS

Many donors wish to make automatic recurring gifts on a monthly basis by credit card or by debit from a checking or savings account. These are the lovely ASTARA Angels.

To become an ASTARA Angel, you may set up and manage your own automatic recurring payment with your own PayPal account.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=FVYTS9DPBU6G6](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=FVYTS9DPBU6G6)

You may also reach out to ASTARA to set up and manage your recurring donation with a credit card, debit card, or bank account.  
[rev.matt@astara.org](mailto:rev.matt@astara.org)

## MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE GIFTS

A memorial gift or gifts in-memory-of is a gift made after the passing of a loved one to memorialize and honor their life.

A tribute gift is a way to honor or celebrate a loved one, special occasion, or to recognize someone dear to you.

## MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies offer matching gift programs and encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations.

Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of your gift.

If you wish to make a gift to ASTARA, please check with your company to see if it offers a matching gift program that will match your gift, and make the most of your donation.

If your company offers a matching gift program, you can request a matching gift form from your employer and ASTARA will provide the requested information and details.

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## GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Your gift of long-term appreciated securities to ASTARA provides you with an income tax deduction for the full market value of the donated stock or bonds.

Long-term appreciated securities must have been held for more than one year.

Fully deductible up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Allows you to bypass the capital gains tax on any unrealized appreciation on the security.

You may take unused deductions over the next five years.

## GIFTS OF MUTUAL FUND SHARES

Mutual fund shares that have appreciated in value make an excellent charitable gift with tax advantages similar to gifts of appreciated stocks and bonds.

Generally, your mutual fund company must transfer the shares you wish to donate to a new account in ASTARA's name before they can be distributed to ASTARA.

The process for completing the gift can take up to several months.

## GIFTS OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Gifts of tangible personal property may be used by ASTARA to spread the light, or sold so that ASTARA is able to realize proceeds through their sales to help meet the many responsibilities of the organization.

You may wish to make a gift to ASTARA of works of art, jewelry, gemstones, automobiles, rare books, stamps, coins, musical instruments, or other valuable collectibles.

Gifts of intangible personal property, including copyrights, patents, and mineral rights, also make valuable gifts to ASTARA.

Special rules apply to tax deductions for gifts of tangible personal property, which are detailed in Astara's Planned Giving brochure series.

## GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

You may be considering giving real estate as a way of making a substantial gift to ASTARA.

Almost any type of marketable real property can be used to make a charitable gift.  
(Donation of real estate is subject to acceptance by ASTARA.)

The specific types of property that can be donated include primary residences, vacation or second homes, condominiums, undeveloped land, rental property, apartment buildings, commercial buildings, farms, ranches, forest land, and mineral rights.

The property should, however, be unencumbered - as mortgaged property can pose practical problems for ASTARA and might result in adverse tax consequences for the donor.

With an outright donation of real property to ASTARA, you are entitled to a charitable deduction based upon the fair market value of the property as determined by an independent appraiser.

## OTHER TYPES OF REAL ESTATE TO GIFT TO ASTARA

A Gift With Retained Life Estate by deeding your home, vacation home, or farm to ASTARA, and retaining the right to use the property for your lifetime (and your spouse's).

A Life Income Gift by placing appreciated real estate into a charitable remainder trust.

The property is sold inside the trust, with proceeds reinvested to generate income for distribution to you during the term of the trust, with the remaining assets to go to ASTARA at the end of the trust term.

A Bequest by making a testamentary gift to ASTARA of your property in your will or revocable trust.

## GIFTS IN-KIND

In-kind gifts are non-cash gifts and may include goods, services, or expertise.

Instead of giving money to purchase goods or services, the goods or services themselves are given.

In-kind gifts qualify for an immediate income tax deduction and ASTARA will provide an in-kind donation receipt.

# PLANNED GIFTS

## BEQUEST

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Planned giving is also referred as to asset planning or legacy giving.

It encompasses “tax-wise” philanthropy.

When an Astarian has the intention to contribute a major gift beyond their lifetime, this is a planned gift.

A planned gift is for the future, whereas an outright gift is for the present.

The goal of the planned gifts discussed below is to enable you to minimize the cost of giving while maximizing the benefits for yourself, your family, and ASTARA.

### PLANNED GIFTS INCLUDE

- Bequests
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plan & IRA Assets
- Retained Life Estate

Your planned gifts will help spread the teachings and healings based on universal truths.

A bequest to ASTARA made in a will or a living trust allows you to make a substantial contribution without diminishing the assets available to you during your lifetime.

Most gifts by will or living trust are either specific, general, or residuary bequests.

A specific gift is a donation of a particular piece of real property, stock, or other clearly identified asset(s).

A general bequest usually takes the form of a specific dollar amount given to ASTARA.

A residuary bequest generally involves a specific portion or percentage of the entire estate that is paid to the residuary beneficiary after all specific bequests have been satisfied.

A bequest is deductible for federal estate tax purposes, and there is no limit on the amount of the estate tax charitable deduction.

In addition, bequests generally are not subject to state inheritance taxes.

You can make a bequest to ASTARA by creating a new will, adding a codicil (appendix) to your present will, or including ASTARA in your revocable trust

### LANGUAGE RECOMENDATION

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath  
the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars  
or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate  
or \_\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_  
or all of the residue of my estate  
to ASTARA, a California non-profit, Tax ID 95-1717002;  
for its general purposes.

Please refer to *ASTARA Bequests Spread the Light: Planned Giving* brochure series for additional information and language.

## CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) are gift arrangements that enable you to receive an income from the trust for yourself and or another beneficiary for life or for a term of years.

A CRT naming ASTARA as the remainder beneficiary, at the end of the trust term, will distribute the assets to ASTARA.

CRTs are irrevocable trusts, and they can be funded with cash, real estate, publicly traded stocks and bonds, or other types of assets.

There are two types of CRTs

- 1 charitable remainder annuity trust
- 2 charitable remainder unitrust

### CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST

A charitable remainder annuity trust offers the income beneficiaries a fixed annual income stated as a flat dollar amount or as a percentage of the value of the initial trust assets.

### CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST

A charitable unitrust provides a variable annual payment, based on a percentage of the trust as-sets (not less than 5%) as revalued annually.

### BENEFITS OF CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

By setting up a CRT for the benefit of ASTARA, you can realize the following benefits.

- Annual income for yourself and/or other beneficiaries.
- Immediate federal income tax deduction.
- Elimination of capital gains taxes on the transfer of appreciated property.
- Estate tax savings.
- Gift to ASTARA of the remainder interest in the trust property.

Please refer to *ASTARA Charitable Remainder Trusts Spread the Light: Planned Giving* brochure series for additional information and language.

## CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

A charitable lead trust (CLT) that names ASTARA as the income beneficiary will provide ASTARA with an annual income during the term of the trust.

At the end of the trust term, the assets of the trust pass to the beneficiaries named in the trust.

You can fund a CLT with publicly traded securities, income producing real estate, partnership interests, or a combination of the above.

By setting up a CLT for the benefit of ASTARA, you can realize the following benefits.

Charitable gift tax deduction for the present value of the annual trust payments to ASTARA.

No tax to you on any income earned by the trust.

No capital gains tax on appreciated property transferred to the trust.

Elimination of gift or estate tax on any appreciation in the assets during the term of the trust.

Please refer to *ASTARA Charitable Lead Trusts Spread the Light: Planned Giving* brochure series for additional information and language.

## LIFE INSURANCE

You can donate a life insurance policy to ASTARA or simply name ASTARA as the beneficiary to receive the insurance proceeds.

For a gift of a paid-up policy, you will receive an income tax deduction equal to the lesser of the cash value of the policy or the total premiums paid.

To qualify for the federal charitable contribution deduction on a gift of an existing policy, you must name ASTARA as owner and beneficiary.

## RETIREMENT PLAN AND IRA ASSETS

Using your retirement plan as a gift vehicle can be a tax-efficient way to fund part or all of your bequest to ASTARA because your interest in retirement plans that remain in your estate are often subject to both estate and income taxes when received by your heirs.

In the case of a large estate, the effective combined tax rate on a retirement plan may exceed 70 percent.

You can name ASTARA as the beneficiary or contingent beneficiary on the following.

IRA

Keogh

401(k)

Tax-deferred annuity

Other qualified plan

Because ASTARA is tax-exempt, beneficial ownership of the plan passes from you to ASTARA upon your demise without any income tax or estate tax.

Please refer to *ASTARA Retirement Assets Spread the Light: Planned Giving* brochure series for additional information and language.

## RETAINED LIFE ESTATE

You can donate your home, vacation home, or farm to ASTARA while retaining the right to live in it for the rest of your life (and your spouse's life) or for a term of years.

Your donation will qualify for a federal income tax deduction, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

You may take unused deductions over the next five years.

While you retain the right to live on your property, you continue to be responsible for all routine expenses, including maintenance fees, insurance, property taxes, repairs, etc.

If you later decide to vacate your property, you may rent the property to someone else, or sell the property in cooperation with ASTARA.

Please refer to *ASTARA Retained Life Estates Spread the Light: Planned Giving* brochure series for additional information and language.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please reach out to Reverend Matt

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## TAX DEDUCTABLE

ASTARA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Tax  
ID: 95-1717002

Your tax-deductible gift will help us make the  
Ancient Wisdom accessible to all.

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[WWW.ASTARA.ORG](http://WWW.ASTARA.ORG)

## WELCOME

All are welcome at Astara.

Whatever your religion, or if you have none at all, you are invited  
to pursue your spiritual search through Astara.

Let this Channel of Light help you see the path of life in  
its authentic glory and true possibilities.

People from all faiths study esoteric teachings and mystic  
philosophy through Astara.

If you search for that deeper something... discover for yourself the  
joys and riches of Astara.

## ABOUT ASTARA

Astara is a non-profit spiritual organization whose mission it is to spread  
teachings and healings based on the universal truths found in the Book of  
Life Degree Lessons.

Astara's teachings bridge the gap between contemporary Eastern and  
Western spiritual philosophies, presenting their mysteries in a clear context  
with the wisdom of ancient spiritual truths.

Since 1951, Astara has existed to provide humanity with the knowledge of  
the Laws of the Universe, so that they may learn to make decisions based  
upon their own Higher Guidance.

Spiritual self-realization is emphasized and information is provided to guide  
each individual on their own sacred life's path.



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