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Spirit & Truth has been “reimaged” for 2016. Readers of Spirit & Truth will spend 2016 going through the bible. Of course, simple reflections and prayers won’t cover every word in or every story of the bible, but what this year’s reflections will do is take some passages from every book of the bible and use those passages for contemplation and prayer. Hopefully, readers will be inspired to read more of the bible on their own, but even if they do not, they will still have been exposed to some thoughts from every single book of the bible, and they will have used ideas inspired by biblical passages as part of their affirmative prayers.

The scriptural quotes for the daily reflections are paraphrased by Rev Dr Durrell Watkins. The daily prayers were written by Durrell Watkins.
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Workshops are designed for the benefit of all New Thought seekers of Truth
whether ministers/practitioners or members of spiritual communities.
Spiritual Heroes: July & August

July 1: Anna Pauline “Pauli” Murray (1910 – 1985) – civil rights pioneer, feminist, author, attorney, and first Black woman ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. She didn’t speak openly very often about her sexuality but there is plenty of evidence that she was lesbian and possibly identified personally beyond the traditional gender binary categories. In 2012 she was uplifted as a holy woman of God (“saint”) by the Episcopal Church.

July 5: Charles Fillmore – Founder of the Unity School of Christianity. Known for his allegorical interpretations and practical application of scripture, Charles was called an “American mystic.” After attributing a physical healing to spiritual practices, Charles (with his wife Myrtle) founded the Unity Church and movement.

July 6: Jan Hus (1372-1415)—Czech reformer and martyr. Born to a poor peasant family, Hus was ordained a priest and eventually became rector of Prague University. Long before the Protestant Reformation, Hus was an enormously popular and fiery preacher who spoke against corruption in the medieval church and translated the Bible into Czech. When he refused to stop preaching he was excommunicated, jailed, and burned at the stake. His spiritual descendants eventually became the Moravian church.

July 9: Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)—First African-American Catholic priest. Tolton was born to Catholic slave parents who escaped during the Civil War. From an early age he felt a call to the priesthood. He studied in Illinois, and later in Rome, before being returned to the US to be ordained and work with struggling Black Catholic congregations. Though frequently marginalized by the establishment, he exposed racism in the church and worked for integration and equality.

July 21: Albert Luthuli (1898-1967)—Zulu chief, Nobel laureate. An important early leader in the struggle against apartheid, Luthuli was a Zulu chief raised in a Christian home. He became a principle leader in the African National Congress, and was frequently imprisoned for leading strikes and boycotts, and burning his passbook. In 1960 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The driving force in his work was his personal faith in God and belief that, despite how things looked in South Africa, justice would one day prevail.

July 22: St. Mary Magdalene—“Apostle to the Apostles.” Mary of Magdala (near Capernaum) was one of a group of women who traveled and
worked with Jesus. She followed him all the way to the cross, even when the men had fled in fear. She has long been the subject of sacred art and literature, and been an important model for the leadership and role of women in the church. She reminds us that there were many women leaders among Jesus’ first followers. Despite later myths, there is nothing in the bible to indicate she had been a prostitute.

**July 28: Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II “Rev. Ike” (1935 – 2009)** – a prosperity preacher who taught that health, wealth, good luck, harmonious relationships, and protection from adversaries could all be achieved and experienced by those who practiced his system of metaphysics. His seminary taught the “Science of Living” and his business institute was the home of “Thinkonomics.” His church was a large, remodeled theatre in Washington Heights (NYC) and he believed that combining affirmative prayer with generous giving could result in an empowered, joyous, and even opulent life.

**July 29: William Wilberforce (1759-1833)**—Abolitionist. The life of Wilberforce proved that a politician can also be moral and heroic. As a member of the House of Commons he supported political and social reforms, most especially his long and persistent fight against slavery and the slave-trade. Slavery was finally abolished in the British empire just weeks before his death. Seven hundred thousand slaves were freed. He was buried in Westminster Abbey as a national hero.

**July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)**—Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Many modern liberation theologies (in which gay and feminist theologies are rooted) have come from Latin American Jesuits.


**August 4: Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)** - Missionary doctor and Nobel laureate A person of many talents and interests, Schweitzer earned doctorates in theology, philosophy, and medicine. He was a noted organist and interpreter of the music of J. S. Bach. His work as a medical missionary founding his own hospital in Africa led to receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952.

**August 9: Blessed Edith Stein (1891-1942)**—Carmelite martyr. Raised in an Orthodox Jewish home, Edith was a brilliant scholar even from an early age. She devoted herself to philosophy and declared herself an atheist. After reading the writings of St. Teresa of Avila
she was baptized as a Catholic. She continued to attend synagogue with her mother each week. Her academic reputation grew as she taught in universities, but with Hitler’s rise to power she lost her position and entered a Carmelite convent. She understood from the start where events would lead. She was taken to Auschwitz, where she cared for abandoned children — “Pietà with the Christ” she was called.

**August 11: St. Clare (1193-1253)**—Abbess at Assisi. At the age of 18 Clare heard a sermon by St. Francis that changed her life. A beautiful woman from a wealthy family, she determined to turn her back on the social station offered her. She founded an order that embraced poverty and service. As she lay on her deathbed she was visited by the countless lay and clergy who had been touched by her humility and kindness, including the Pope.

**August 13: Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)**—Nurse and health care reformer. Raised in an affluent British family, Florence became interested in nursing at an early age. Her inspiration grew from her life of prayer, and against her family’s wishes she found her life’s purpose in addressing the sufferings of the poor and ill. Her work improving hospital sanitary conditions in the Crimean War won her a large following. She was known as the “angel of mercy.”

**Emmet Fox (1886-1951)** – Divine Science minister and writer who while he lived Fox addressed some of the largest audiences ever gathered to hear one person’s thoughts on the religious meaning of life. He is thought to have influenced Norman Vincent Peale and was popular in the early days of the AA movement.

**August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)**—Polish Franciscan priest and martyr. “Father Max” was a scholar, mystic, and missionary who demonstrated compassionate acceptance for all people, from Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz to the Buddhists and Shinto he worked with in Japan. Arrested by the Gestapo, he spent his time in the death camps comforting others and confronting evil with love. He went so far as to offer his own life to save a Jewish escapee. Sent into an underground bunker to starve to death, after two weeks he was finally executed.

**August 15: St. Mary** —Mother of Jesus. As a young Jewish girl, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She followed her son in his ministry right to the cross, and was active in the early church.

**August 21: Georgia Harkness (1891-1974)**—Theologian and social critic. Harkness was the first woman to teach in a mainline Protestant
seminary in the USA. She was a theologian, pacifist and Christian socialist. She demanded economic justice for all people, opposed racism, and supported ordination for women.

August 24: Simone Weil (1909-1943)—Philosopher and mystic. Born in France to a well-educated, nonreligious Jewish family, Weil had a brilliant mind and was drawn to philosophy. She dabbled in the labor movement and always identified with the suffering masses of humanity.

August 25: St. Genesius the Comedian (d. circa 300) – St. Genesius is the patron saint of actors, comics, dancers, clowns, and torture victims. According to legend, he performed a series of plays that mocked Christians. During one performance for the Emperor Diocletian where he was making fun of baptism, he had a vision of angels and converted to Christianity right on stage! At first the Emperor thought it was part of the humor, but after he realized the comedic actor was suddenly serious, he ordered him to renounce his instantly embraced faith. For refusing to comply with the Emperor's order, Genesius was beheaded.

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"And if you be led of the Spirit you are not under the law."

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

We have to go back many centuries to find out what it really means to live the life, or as Paul puts it, "live by the Spirit." He saw and told us in plain, simple words how to do easily that which we are striving to demonstrate today. All of the Illumined have appreciated the same law of beautiful living, for Truth is eternal and changeless and must be perceived by all alike. The perfect inheritances of the Universal Source are ready to flow through us into outward expression, and it is our place to make the channel so clear that the glory of the Omnipresence may be able to shine without obstruction. We who claim to have caught a glimpse of the indwelling One may, by cultivating the fruits of the Spirit, ‘make straight the pathway of the Lord.’ Joy and tenderness, love and peace without a ripple of emotion, serenity that nothing can disturb – these will combine to make the inner and the outer as one.

Having become conscious of our Divine nature, we are now walking the path which leads eventually to the fullness of that health, peace and satisfaction which we know has been given us, even though it may not yet be manifested. We are bringing our thought under control, and purifying our words and actions...

Worry, doubt and fear become unknown to us, for we trust the Divine action everywhere. Judging no longer by appearances, we see the inherent goodness of every manifestation of life. We do not hate nor despise anyone or anything, but do our part in our place to the best of our ability. We cease to think and talk of our bodies and their sensations, for we live constantly in the full realization of the Allness of the Good. In this state, the Truth of the body is made manifest to us and we rejoice in its harmony and peace. As we find God everywhere, the whole universe revealing [the divine] Presence…ignorance is replaced by the light of Divine Wisdom; and walking in that light, we see the Truth of all things, people and places. The Truth so clarifies the past, and maintain our connection with the Divine Mind. Thus we think with the [Spirit] and are guided into fuller enlightenment, so that every common day is filled with delight, and the inner peace is established in our consciousness forever.
Because I am one with All that is Good, I know that fear has no power over me and my life is filled with infinite possibilities, wonderful opportunities, and grace equal to every need. I am continuously and abundantly blessed, and so it is that I am thankful.

1 – Children of God
“We are all children of the same God.” Malachi 2.10

All people have sacred value. We are all the children of God. Alleluia!

2 – Unending Goodness
“Divine mercy never comes to an end.” Malachi 3.6

Thank you, God, for your inexhaustible goodness. Your grace is sufficient for me; your love never ends. And so it is that I confidently declare: All is well! Amen.

3 – Lots to be Happy About
“For those who honor the Mystery of Life, the Light of Goodness will shine with healing in its rays; and, you will go free, jumping happily like playful calves in the pasture.” Malachi 4.2

Spirit of Life, I give thanks for joy, for healing possibilities, and for the many blessings coming my way. Amen.

{Tobit, Judith, 1 & 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch are “deuterocanonical” texts of the Old Testament. Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox consider them to be canonical, most Protestants do not but some still value them for their theological, literary, and historical value.}

4 – Mindful of God
“I was fully mindful of God.” Tobit 1.12

I choose to remember that God is the All-in-all, everywhere fully, evenly present, and I can recognize and commune with this divine Omnipresence whenever I desire to do so. I will be fully mindful of God. Amen.
5 – Blessings Will Come
“I went to physicians for a cure for my condition, but the more they treated me, the worse I got...However, Ahiqar took care of me for two years.” Tobit 2.10

Sometimes the cure comes quickly, sometimes it is delayed. Sometimes the cure comes by medical means; sometimes the cure comes by spiritual means. No matter what happens, hope and love will sustain me and the blessings I need most will come to me in time. I am held forever in the love of God; and so it is.

6 – Praying Through the Sadness
“I was heartbroken and I began to cry. I also started to pray.” Tobit 3.1

No matter how difficult things may seem, I can always pray and in prayer I am reminded that divine Love is with me and will never let me go. Prayer brings me comfort and so I am thankful. Amen.

7 – Healing Angel
“The Angel Raphael showed up to offer healing.” Tobit 3.17

May the angel of healing strengthen and renew my body and fill me with radiant life! Amen.

8 – Affirmation Rather than Negotiation
“God is not like a human-being we can bargain with for favors.” Judith 8.16

I don’t need to beg or bargain with God. God is All Power and All Presence. Trusting in divine Omnipresence, I affirm that all is well and I allow it to be. If the blessing is delayed, I wait patiently for it, reminding myself that ultimately all is well. Amen.

9 – Let’s Be Helpers
“Judith prayed for God to guide her in the ways that would help her people.” Judith 12.8

Dear God, I want to be an asset to my community, a blessing to my church, a source of encouragement to my friends, a channel of your love to someone in need. I want to be my best, do my best, and share my best. May my efforts truly help others. Amen.

10 – Spiritual Law
“Heaven forbid that we should ignore the divine law.” 1 Maccabees 2.21
I know that we are spiritual beings living in a spiritual universe governed by spiritual laws. As I learn and cooperate with the laws of the universe, I accomplish amazing things in my life. And so it is.

11 – Act As If
“Maccabeus acted like a giant.” 1 Maccabees 3.3

I am thankful that I can always “act as if.” I can be generous as if I were very wealthy. I can be hopeful as if I had been promised that all things are possible. I can be courageous as if I were born to be a hero. I can face challenges as if I were amazingly strong. When I act as if something is possible, I find that it is!

12 – Don’t Be Afraid of the Size of the Obstacle
“Judas said, ‘Do not be afraid of how many they have on their side.’” 1 Maccabees 4.8

Circumstances may seem overwhelming, the odds may not look favorable, but I can choose to be optimistic no matter what the situation is. Not easy doesn’t mean not possible, and so it is that I embrace the power of hope at all times. Alleluia!

13 – Heaven Help Us
“Let us call out to Heaven…” 1 Maccabees 4.10

Heaven, the presence, power, and light of God, is always accessible by prayer. Today and always, Heaven helps us. Amen.

14 – God’s Love Leaves No One Out
“Creator, look kindly on those who are despised and detested.” 2 Maccabees 1.27

As spiritual seekers, we are to see “that of God” in all people and to affirm the sacred value of all people. None are despised or rejected by God. Let us always give voice to the all-inclusive, unconditional love of God. Amen.

15 – God is Watching
“God is watching us and cares about us.” 2 Maccabees 7.6

The divine Presence watches over me with a love that will never end.

16 – God’s Gracious Will
“God does not rejoice in destruction.” Wisdom 1.13
I know that God’s will is for me to be happy, well, cared for, safe, and abundantly supplied. May God’s gracious will be done. Amen.

17 – Imperishable
“God made us so that we would never perish.” Wisdom 2.23

We are part of God, one with God, forever in God, each an expression of God. There is but one Presence, one Life, one Power and It is eternal; therefore, I am also eternal. I am made from and by that which is everlasting and All Good. Alleluia!

18 – What We Put Out, We Get Back
“The punishment of the wicked matches their thoughts.” Wisdom 3.10

We aren’t punished for our sins; we are punished by our sins (false judgments, mistakes, bad attitudes, fears, unwise choices). But the good news is that our habitual thoughts form our attitudes and our attitudes determine how we experience life. If I want a change in my life, I can begin by changing my thoughts. What I think about habitually I will bring about eventually. I choose uplifting thoughts today. And so it is!

19 – Equal Opportunity Divinity
“The Supreme One shows no partiality.” Wisdom 6.7

Divine Love includes everyone. And so I rejoice! Amen.

20 – Wisdom
“I prayed and Wisdom came to me.” Wisdom 7.7

Creative Intelligence, Universal Mind, Omniscience: As I acknowledge, trust, and celebrate my oneness with you, you express through me and help me to make wise choices that bless me and others. Thank you very much. Amen.

21 – Wisdom & Good Fortune
“When I received Wisdom I also received an abundance of good things.” Wisdom 7.11

When I seek wisdom, that is, when I seek to embrace right thinking and right action, blessings seem to flow into my life in great abundance. As Jesus said, seek first the realm of God and everything good will be added to you. Thanks be to God. Amen.
22 – Divine Breath
“Wisdom is the mighty breath of God.”

Spirit of wisdom, Mother of hope and healing, joy and justice - blow through my life today. Dispel my fears, scatter my regrets, and remove the obstacles to abundant living. Let blessings flow mightily into my experience of life. Amen.

23 – Wisdom Makes Achievement Possible
“Wisdom is the reflection of divine Light…the image of divine Goodness. She can do all things and renew everything…”

Divine Wisdom helps me accomplish my good goals and achieve my good desires. Wisdom reminds me that all things are possible, and so it is that I am thankful. Amen.

24 – Wisdom Makes Everything Better
“I chose Wisdom as my constant companion, knowing She would advise me in the good times and comfort me in the challenging times.”

In good times and difficult times, Wisdom is the ideal companion. She helps me make the most of the good times and recover from the rough patches. For the gift of Wisdom, I am grateful. Amen.

25 – Prayer for Wisdom
“Give me wisdom!”

May the Spirit of wisdom guide me always. Amen.

26 – Wisdom is From God
“Wisdom is from God. God poured her out abundantly on all that God created.”

You have poured wisdom, O God, upon all that you have made. That means the gift of Wisdom is available to me, and She will lead me in the paths of hope, health, and happiness, peace, purpose, and prosperity. With gratitude I receive these blessings now. Amen.

27 – Divine Favor
“God made us in God’s own image and fashioned us from the earth. God gives us strength and wisdom and knowledge. God looks favorably on our hearts. God has made an everlasting covenant with us.”
Goddess/God, eternal Spirit: you have filled our lives with wonder, with opportunities, with possibilities. You have loved us, and fashioned us from the Love that you are, and you will hold us throughout eternity. For this good news I am thankful. Amen.

28 – What Wisdom Wants
“Divine Wisdom delights in harmony among loved ones, friendship among neighbors, and mutual devotion of spouses.” Sirach 25.1

Harmonizing Spirit of God, bless my life and my relationships. Let there be peace and joy in my life and in my world. Amen.

29 – Grateful for Love
“True friendship offers happiness.” Sirach 25.9

For all the love that is in my life, and for all the ways that I can share love, I give thanks. Amen.

30 – The Blessing of Love
“One who has a good spouse has reason enough to be very happy. A love-filled life is abundant.” Sirach 26.1,3

Divine Love, I rejoice for those who have found true love. May they be happy. I bless those who have known true love, even if their loved one is no longer physically present to them; may their memories bring them joy. And I pray for those who long for love but who have not yet found it; may they find the one who is perfect for them. Let love bless, enrich, and heal every heart! Amen.

31 – Allowing the Heart to Heal
“The vengeful will suffer.” Sirach 28.1

That which we sow, we tend to reap in abundance. As I forgive past mistakes, release past regrets, and let go of past resentments, I allow my heart to heal and I begin to see again what is good in life. I can keep my heart safe without trying to hurt others. I can seek justice which restores rather than destroys. I can release the past and embrace a better future. The past is past and the future has infinite possibilities! And so it is.

"God is all of me - my mind, my consciousness, my realization, my thought, my word, my body."

Fannie James
Divine Science is the oldest of the New Thought teachings. Its spiritual message is centered on the truth of God as One. The Principle of the omnipresence of God means that God expresses as all Wisdom, all Power, and all Substance. The knowledge of God’s omnipresence and the application of that truth to our daily experiences bring the realization of abundant life—a life of health, harmony, power, and prosperity; a life that abounds in good and that frees us from limitations.

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY

July 3
The wisdom of Pearl C. Wook
“As we turn in consciousness to life, it turns to us and gives us of its bounty, all that we are able to take. It does not limit us…Life is waiting at the door of our minds to fill us, when we open the door, with whatever the need is. It makes no charges, but it does make a demand, and that is that you open the door, and your work is over. ‘Behold I stand at the door and knock; [and if anyone] will open, I will come in…’ The fullness of life doesn’t come as the result of a search, but as an awakening. Awake thou that sleepest.”

Galatians 6.7-10, 15-16, 18
Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy…May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.
July 10

**The wisdom of Aesop**
“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

**The wisdom of the Dalai Lama**
“My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.”

A religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

He said, “That you love…God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”

“Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

“A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’

“What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

“The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

July 17

**The wisdom of John Adams**
“You will ever remember that all the End of study is to make you a good [Person] and a useful Citizen.”

**The wisdom of Richard Bach**
“The questions are diamonds you hold in the light. Study a lifetime and you see different colors from the same jewel.”
Luke 10.38-42 (NRSV)
[Jesus] entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But [Jesus] answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

July 24
The wisdom of Mary Baker Eddy
“Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious, Adorable one. Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present. Enable us to know—as in heaven, so on earth—God is omnipotent, supreme.
Give us grace for today; feed the famished affections; And Love is reflected in love;
And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.
For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all, and All.

The wisdom of Lala Winkley
“God, lover of us all, most holy one, Help us to respond to you to create what you want for us here on earth. Give us today enough for our needs; forgive our weak and deliberate offenses, just as we must forgive others when they hurt us. Help us to resist evil and to do what is good; for we are yours, endowed with your power to make our world whole.”

Luke 11.1-11, 13 (New American Bible & Lamsa Translation, adapted)
[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “…teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”] He said to them, “When you pray, say: [Abba, you are throughout the universe, hallowed is your name. Your presence is among us. May your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Meet our needs each day and forgive us our sins, for we have also forgiven all who have offended us. And do not let us enter into temptation; but deliver us from error].”
And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door
has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What [parent] among you would hand [their child] a snake when [the child] asks for a fish? If you then, who are [flawed], know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the [Divine] give the holy Spirit to those who ask [for It]?”

July 31
The Wisdom of A Course in Miracles
“If you but knew the meaning of [divine] Love, hope and despair would be impossible.”

The Wisdom of Nona Brooks (adapted)
“Omnipresence shows us these truths: All humanity has a common Source. Every human being is a Child of God. The nature of every soul is Godlike, for the Creator shares Itself with the creation. Each of us is therefore equipped with all we need to lead a wholesome, joyous, useful life.”

Colossians 3.2, 10-11
Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth…Clothe yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Ada B. Fay was one of the early bible instructors at the College of Divine Science in Denver.

Agnes Sanford (1897 – 1982) was the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries and the wife of an Episcopal priest. She became a world renown healer, and taught that the bible was more than information…it contained the energy of faith which could work miracles. She believed that healing was possible if we would “pray down” our doubts and expect something good to happen. Her first book, The Healing Light, teaches her beliefs about healing through prayer. She acknowledged that effective prayer principles were universal, not limited to any one religion and she firmly believed that “experience comes before theology.” Visualizing success, affirming our Good, giving thanks for our Good,
imagining healing energy flowing through us, and quoting affirmative bible verses were among the prayer techniques she offered.

Sanford described God in non-anthropomorphic ways, such as the “medium” in which we live and the “Breath of life.” She called divine Life “a flow, living water, love vibrating through us, an active electricity.” She described the need to re-educate the subconscious mind so that it will work on our behalf instead of against our interests. Teaching ourselves new thought habits was essential, she believed, to experiencing miracles. She also believed the return of Christ had happened at Pentecost, and that Christ continues to return every time we extend love, kindness, or forgiveness in our world.

Though her background was Protestant and her theology was very compatible with the New Thought movement, she also had charismatic experiences.

**Albert Grier** (1864 – 1941) was graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in science. He then studied for the ministry and was ordained a Universalist minister. He founded the Church of Truth and taught New Thought healing principles as well as the early Christian message of wisdom and love. He viewed Jesus as a teacher who demonstrated that the Christ Consciousness was within each of us, and by following Jesus’ teachings we could become aware of that indwelling Christ Consciousness and demonstrate it as Jesus did. Grier said, “Jesus’ achievement was this - he discovered the Principles on which Life is being carried on . . . that each human being is the [child] and heir of God . . . inheriting by divine right the powers of God. And to become perfectly at-one with God is the purpose of all evolution, of all development.”

**Anne Kunath** was a protégé of prosperity teacher Catherine Ponder. She was the founder of the Divine Science Church of Today in San Antonio, and was one of the founders of United Divine Science (a renewal movement meant to bring together various teachings and traditions of the long standing Divine Science movement). She is now living in retirement.

**Annie Rix Militz** (1856 – 1924) was the founder of both the New Thought publication *Master Mind* magazine and the Home of Truth. She was a student of Hopkins and a friend of the Fillmores. ARM offered a very progressive and non-violent understanding of atonement. She wrote, “The Atonement is the process and the truth and the state of being (‘the Way, the Truth and the Life’) that heal the sense of separation such as belief in the first place, that [humans are] separate from God; in
the second place, that [humans are] separate from [one another]; and third, that [a person] can be separate from himself [or herself]. All three of these are healed by the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ, who came walking the Way, announcing the Truth and living the Life that heals every sense of separation.”

Carrie Munz was an Assistant Minister at First Divine Science Church Denver and was a teacher at the Divine Science College during Nona Brooks’ time of leadership.

Daisy Baum came to Divine Science after suffering profound grief from multiple losses in her life. She not only found comfort, she also became a Divine Science teacher and practitioner.

David Alkins (1922 – 2015) was an Episcopal priest who also became the president and dean of Brooks Divinity School (formerly the Divine Science College in Denver). He died in 2015 at the age of 93. He wrote, Jesus the Wayshower: Historical, Theological, & Metaphysical Insights into the Life & Teaching of the Master.

Emma Curtis Hopkins (1853 – 1925) studied to be a school teacher and later a Christian Science Practitioner. She and Mary Baker Eddy had a parting of the ways and Hopkins opened her own New Thought seminary in Chicago. She taught a “Mrs. Bingham” (who taught Nona Brooks). Hopkins also taught Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, Annie Rix Militz, and after she retired, Ernest Holmes. Because she influenced so many New Thought leaders, she is called “the teacher of teachers.” One of Hopkins’ affirmations that is still widely used is, “There is Good for me and I ought to have it!”

Emmet Fox (1886 – 1951) spoke to huge crowds in NYC. He was ordained a Divine Science minister by Nona Brooks and was a popular author (whose works are still widely read today). He taught that life is consciousness and to a large degree we experience what we think about most. His book, The Sermon on the Mount, was very popular among early members of the AA movement.

Ernest Holmes (1887 – 1960) was the younger brother of Fenwicke Holmes, born in New England. Holmes studied the bible, world religions, and the works of such great metaphysicians as Emerson and Troward. He was ordained in the Divine Science movement, founded the Institute of Religious Science & School of Philosophy (later Church of Religious Science, now Centers for Spiritual Living), and wrote the Religious Science textbook, The Science of Mind. Like other New Thought teachers, Holmes believed that we live in an intelligent Universe.
governed by spiritual laws, and that we can change our experiences and the quality of our lives by changing our thoughts. He called his form of affirmative prayer “Spiritual Mind Treatment” which includes Recognizing the divine Presence, knowing our unity with It, affirming our Good, expressing gratitude and releasing the prayer-treatment to the activity of the Law of Mind.

**Fannie James** (1954 – 1914) was a Divine Science pioneer and the sister of Nona Brooks. Fannie was the first of the Brooks sisters to attend a class by Malinda Cramer (the original founder of Divine Science). Fannie was writing about Divine Science principles even before the Divine Science College was operational and she became the college's second president.

**F. Bernadette Turner** held degrees in Sociology, Education, Social Work, and Psychology. She started life as an Episcopalian but later found Divine Science, took courses to become a minister, and was ordained. She served Divine Science congregations in Illinois and Virginia. In her 80s she became an Episcopal priest and served as a chaplain at the retirement home where she lived.

**Fenwicke Holmes** (1883 – 1973) was the brother of Ernest Holmes, the founder of Religious Science. Fenwicke was graduated from Colby College and attended Hartford Seminary. He was originally ordained as a Congregationalist minister and later as a Divine Science minister. He was an editor, writer, director of a metaphysical healing clinic, and for a time, the minister of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ in NYC. Fenwicke’s thinking was greatly influenced by Christian D. Larson. Fenwicke helped his brother Ernest establish the Institute of Religious Science & School of Philosophy. He lectured internationally and was influential in the early days of the Japanese New Thought movement, Seicho-No-Ie which was founded by Masaharu Taniguchi.

**The Fillmores** (Charles, 1854 – 1948; Myrtle, 1845 – 1931) were New Thought leaders who founded The Unity School of Practical Christianity in the Midwest. The Fillmores believed in prayer and communion with God. Charles Fillmore said, “Go within…seek, ask, know, meditate, pray…and you cannot miss God.” The Fillmores also believed in the healing power of affirmative prayer. Charles defined the Trinity “metaphysically” as Mind, Idea, Expression.

**Grace Faus** (b. 1897) pioneered the First Divine Science Church of Washington, DC.
H. B. Jeffery (1872 – 1954) taught classes based on the work of Emma Curtis Hopkins at the Unity School of Christianity, worked with New Thought pioneer Thomas Troward, and was highly regarded by Unity co-founder Myrtle Fillmore.

Helen Schucman (1909 – 1981) was a psychologist on the faculty of Columbia University. She “scribed” A Course in Miracles, describing the process as “inner dictation.” A secular Jew, she actually attributed the wisdom of the Course to Jesus. A Course in Miracles is a metaphysical teaching that features God as Love, Heaven as our true reality, forgiveness of self and others as a healing power, and it refers to all people as “the Son of God.”

Helen Wilmans (1831 – 1907) was a journalist, author, metaphysician, and proponent of the "Mental Science" movement.

Helen Zagat (1893 – 1975), a Divine Science minister, was the author of the New Thought classic, Faith & Works. She was a graduate of Barnard College.

Henry David Thoreau (1817 – 1862) was a transcendentalist poet and philosopher.

Horatio Dresser (1866 – 1954) was the son of metaphysical healers who himself became a New Thought writer. He was a philosopher, having earned a PhD from Harvard where he also worked as a teaching assistant. In his later years he attended a Unitarian parish.

Irwin Gregg (1904 – 1982) was handpicked by Nona Brooks to take the helm of the Colorado Divine Science College. He was one of the Divine Science leaders who formed the Divine Science Federation in 1957 and for many years was considered by some to be the primary leader of the Divine Science movement. He retired in 1974 and was the author of The Divine Science Way.

Joel Goldsmith (1892 – 1964) was a spiritual healer and a teacher of practical mysticism and is read by many Divine Scientists.

Joseph Murphy (1898 – 1981) was a former Jesuit priest, a pharmacist, and a psychologist and was ordained in both the Religious Science and Divine Science movements. He was the minister of the Divine Science Church in Los Angeles and was the author of the self-help classic, The Power of Your Subconscious Mind.
Karl Kopp (1934 – 2005) was an English professor, playwright and minister who served the First Divine Science Church of Denver. He created an arts program at First Church that featured concerts, poetry readings, and lectures.

Larry Morris (d. 2015) held a PhD in spiritual & mystical literature and was a Divine Science minister. He was the author of *Easy Does It*.

Malinda Cramer (1844 – 1906) was the founder of Divine Science. Her family background was Quaker. Malinda was an unhealthy teenager, and she later moved to California hoping the weather would improve her health. It did not. One morning in 1885, Cramer reportedly was sitting in prayer and simply asked, “Is there a way out of my condition? Is there a Power in the Universe that can heal me?” She experienced “illumination,” and realized the Omnipresence of Good right in that moment. She was healed from the belief that her condition controlled her, and consequently, her condition improved as well! She realized that the Power for healing was God, Omnipresence.

Cramer founded a school and started a magazine in 1888, and she organized the International Divine Science Association in 1892 (the forerunner to the International New Thought Alliance). In 1898 Cramer ordained Nona Brooks. Shortly after (and possibly because of) the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, Malinda Cramer died. Many records of Cramer’s were lost in the earthquake. She had connected with kindred spirits in Colorado (Nona Brooks and her sisters) who started to call their work Divine Science also, and Colorado became the new home of the Divine Science movement.

Mary Baker Eddy (1821 – 1910) was born in New England and became the founder of the Christian Science Church. She wrote *Science and Health with Keys to the Scriptures* (the text, along with the bible, of Christian Science). Her philosophy is not unlike in some ways the writings of Kant, Hegel, and Quimby. Christian Science is concerned with healing, and its founder, MBE, is believed to have been a student of Quimby’s.

Masaharu Taniguchi (1893 – 1985) founded Seicho-No-Ie in Japan where it has over 5 million members. SNI has become a world-wide New Thought movement. SNI doesn't ask people to give up any religious affiliation to be part of their system; in that way, they are inter-religious and transdenominational.

Taniguchi came to realize: "All evil things are nothingness. They could never be the product of Divine Will but of [the human] deluded mind".
“Everything that occurs in [one’s] environment is a reflection of his [or her] mind. The same is true with [one’s] physical body”, "The Phenomena are non-existent. That which is truly real and eternal is only God and [God’s] manifestations. [The human-being] is truly a child of God [and] is already immaculate and redeemed." People claimed to be healed of diseases simply by listening to Taniguchi lecture.

SNI calls the impermanent and ever-changing world of appearances the “phenomenal world.” Shinsokan is the meditation technique taught to help people experience the Universal Reality commonly called “God.” “True Image” is what SNI calls one’s true Self, one’s Real identify, the harmonious and divine essence of All That Is.

Max Ballard (1914 – 1998) was ordained by Nona Brooks and pioneered Divine Science churches in Colorado and Missouri. He also served a Divine Science congregation in Washington, DC.

Mikao Usui (1865 – 1926) was the founder of the complementary healing technique known as “Reiki” (universal life-force energy). Reiki practitioners allow themselves to be a channel of Universal Life-force Energy, imagining symbols as they place hands on or near certain spots of a person’s body (they also give “distant treatments” for people far away). Practitioners share the energy but remain detached from the outcome. They trust the energy will flow freely to accomplish whatever is most needed. The principles Reiki practitioners try to live by are simply: “Do not be angry. Do not worry. Be grateful. Work with diligence. Be kind to people.” Reiki is not a religion and can be practiced by people of any or no faith tradition.

Nona Brooks (1861 – 1945) was born in Kentucky to a Presbyterian family at the start of the Civil War. The family moved to Colorado, and when Nona’s father died, the family was left in a financial hardship. Family members, including Nona, developed health challenges, but Nona was encouraged by her friend “Mrs. Bingham” to attend a class she was teaching. Mrs. Bingham had taken lessons from Emma C. Hopkins and had experienced a healing and was now sharing what she had learned. Mrs. Bingham kept stressing “Omnipresence”, that is, that God is everywhere, including right where we are. Hearing that God was Good and God was always present, Nona finally discovered that she had been healed of her particular malady.

Brooks (with her sisters Fannie James and Althea Small) had taken to teaching New Thought classes and offering healing prayer in their community. Fannie began corresponding with Malinda Cramer of San Francisco, who as it turns out was teaching the same principles (she had
experienced a spiritual awakening during a time of prayer). Cramer called her system “Divine Science” and Brooks and her sisters adopted the term. Fannie thought this made sense as the principles were “scientific”, that is, they could be systematically taught, repeated, and demonstrated, and they were obviously “divine” as they were based on the idea that God is everywhere and equally present. Cramer visited Brooks and her sisters in Colorado and apparently the sisters and Mrs. Cramer continued to cooperate with each other. Nona was a pastor, a lecturer, and the president of the Divine Science College in Denver.

**Norman Vincent Peale** (1898 - 1993) may have been influenced by Divine Science minister Emmet Fox and was a contemporary and acquaintance of Religious Science founder Ernest Holmes. Methodist turned Dutch Reformed minister Dr. Peale wrote the popular self-help classic, *The Power of Positive Thinking*.

**Paramahansa Yogananda** (1893 – 1952) was born in India and at age 17 became a disciple of Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri. After graduating from Calcutta University in 1915, he took monastic vows and began his work of teaching about God and the yoga tradition. In 1920 he founded the Self-Realization Fellowship. To his most dedicated students, he taught the spiritual science of Kriya Yoga. He believed in and taught that each person could have his or her own personal experience of the divine. His direct disciple, Roy Eugene Davis, is still teaching today.

Because of Yogananda’s continual, unbroken communion with the divine, it is said that at the time of his death he made a “God-illumined…conscious exit from the body.” A notarized statement signed by the mortuary director states that Yogananda’s body had no visible physical disintegration even three weeks after his death.

**Phineas Quimby** (1802 – 1866) was born in New Hampshire (USA) and is generally considered the father of the New Thought movement. He spoke of the “Christ Principle” and considered Jesus to be an inspired soul. He said that mind as matter and mind as invisible essence (or solution) are controlled by a Superior Wisdom, which Jesus understood. Long before Einstein discovered that energy and mass are equal, identical and interchangeable, Quimby was saying that mind as form and mind as solution (or essence) was the same thing. Quimby was known as a healer. He reasoned that dis-ease is really a belief and beliefs can be changed. To change the underlying thought is to change the condition. He described his healing hypothesis in these words, “the trouble is in the mind, for the body is only the house for the mind to dwell in . . . If your mind has been deceived by some invisible enemy into a belief, you have put it into the form of a disease, with or without your
knowledge…I come in contact with your enemy and restore you to health and happiness.” Julius A. Dresser and Annetta Seabury Dresser were patients of Quimby and may have been the first to effectively organize what has since been called New Thought. Warren F. Evans (see below) was also a patient of Quimby’s and became the first to give literary form to Quimby’s New Thought ideas and methods of healing.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson** (1803 – 1882) was born in Boston and was graduated from Harvard at the age of 18. He was a Unitarian minister, poet, and essayist. He wrote, “There is one mind common to all individual[s]…Every[one] is an inlet to the same and to all of the same. Of the universal mind, each individual is one more incarnation.”

**Robert Winterhalter** (1936 – 2010) was, according to his bio in his book *The Odes of Solomon: Original Christianity Revealed*, a graduate of Lakeland College (BA), Iliff School of Theology (MRE), the College of Divine Metaphysics (DD), Kentucky Christian University (PhD). He also studied in Divine Science and Unity religious training programs and was an ordained Divine Science minister. He was a bible scholar, author and a teacher of New Thought metaphysics and theology.

**Rocco Errico** was reared in a Roman Catholic household, attended a Pentecostal bible college, was ordained in the Assemblies of God, studied for a decade with the Eastern Bible scholar George Lamsa (1890 – 1975), has been awarded multiple honorary doctorate degrees, is a Divine Science minister, an author, and the founder of the Noohra Foundation.

**Thomas Troward** (1847 – 1916) was a judge in British occupied India. He studied the scriptures of Islam, Hinduism, as well as the bible and he wrote about Judeo-Christian scriptures and on metaphysics. His work influenced Ernest Holmes and is still read by New Thought students.

**Warren F. Evans** (1817 – 1889) was born in Vermont and became a Methodist minister until he discovered the works of Emmanuel Swedenborg. He later had a healing experience (after visiting Phineas Quimby) and he became an exponent of the New Thought movement. He supposedly once said, “When the chatter of the mind ceases in real meditation, then the nothing that you think meditation is the greatest something there is.”

**W. John Murray** (1865 – 1925) was a Roman Catholic priest who later studied with Emma Curtis Hopkins and was ordained a Divine Science minister by Nona Brooks.
Centered in the love and light of God, aware of the Presence that will not and cannot let me go, I deny that there is any challenge I cannot face or any problem that cannot be solved. I believe and declare that divine Power is attending to my every need and that miracles are at hand for me. Thank you, God. Amen.

1 – Sadness Doesn’t Have to Last Forever
“Do not give in to sadness.” Sirach 30.21

Thank you, God, for all the ways peace and joy can return to us. I give thanks for support groups, for self-help literature, for friends, for spirituality, for psychologists and medical professionals and joyful endeavors. When things happen to make us sad, we can recover, we can heal, we can reclaim our joy. For this great gift, I give you thanks and praise. Amen.

2 – Sometimes I Need Help
“Come to our aid, O God.” Sirach 36.1

Help me when I need help, God. Show me the way that is best for me. Stir up hope and courage within me. Renew my happiness. Keep me safe. With gratitude and joyful expectation I receive these blessings, and more. Amen.

3 – Thank God for Medicine
“Honor physicians, they are gifts from God. God makes the earth a pharmacy as it yields healing herbs. Doctors can ease our pain. Still, pray to God for healing when you are ill, and God will kindly respond. And call the physician, too, if you need to do so. You may need the skill of a doctor as well. God works through the medical practitioner to diagnose a condition correctly and to treat it properly.” Sirach 38.1, 4, 7, 9, 12, 14

Alleluia! I give thanks for all who possess gifts of healing. I give thanks that divine Omnipresence works through doctors and nurses, therapists and researchers, and others who offer aid in healing. I pray for healing and allow the answer to come as it may; it might come to me by means of medical science. However the healing comes, I receive it with gratitude. God’s healing love is at work in my life now.
4 – For God’s Sake
“Hear us and help us, God, for your own sake.”  Baruch 2.14

It brings God joy when we thrive. God would of course desire for all that is within God to be well and abundantly blessed. Our Good is God’s delight, and so I pray: God bless me abundantly and continuously, and be pleased in how my life is progressing. Amen.

5 – I’ve Been and Will Be Blessed
“You’ve been very good to us, God.”  Baruch 2.27

When I remember the many blessings in my life, I am filled with gratitude; and as I am thankful for the Good I have known, I seem to attract more Good into my life. This is the Law of Attraction and I will use it wisely and well. I am blessed and I am glad and grateful. Amen.

{In the Eastern Orthodox bible, there are texts not found in Roman Catholic or Protestant bibles. 1 Esdras, 3 Maccabees, and an extra chapter in the Psalter (Ps. 151) as well as the Epistle of Jeremiah (it is separated from Baruch) are texts found in Orthodox bibles that aren’t found elsewhere.}

6 – Something Great Within
“God sent an angel to me, and took me from my family farm, and anointed me. My siblings were impressive, but I was somehow chosen. And I, though cursed by our enemy, was able to defeat him.”  Psalm 151

There is something great within me! God put it there, God knows it is there, and as I tap into it, I am able to accomplish amazing things. Thanks be to God!

7 – Worship & Serve
“Worship God and serve the people.”  1 Esdras 1.4

I enthusiastically explore the mystery of life, and I ask the deep questions, and I revere the beauty and possibilities in the world…that is, I worship. I also care about others, I am generous with my time, talent and treasure, and I participate in the shared life of the community…that is, I serve people. The spiritual life is simply to worship God and serve people; I do so gladly.
8 – Prayer Can Make a Difference
“The high priest Simon calmly prayed: ‘Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, Holy One, attend to us who are being oppressed.’”

3 Maccabees 2.1-2

Sometimes things aren’t fair, but God is still God. Sometimes people can seem harsh or cruel, situations can seem overwhelming, conditions can be troubling, but there remains the One Life, the Eternal Presence, That which is All Power, and so it is that I am never alone and never without hope or some form of help. Dear God – please help me. Thank you. Amen.

9 – Beyond Idols
“Idols are not truly gods. They can’t even help themselves; how could they possibly help you?”

Epistle of Jeremiah v.49

What have I idolized? What have I given too much power? All things are in and part of God, but nothing is the totality of God. I can see God in nature, a loved one, a sacred text, even in the mirror. Let me know, however, that God remains more than what I can currently see or understand. And so it is that our great God is always available to give me strength and peace. Amen.

{The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the “Mormons”, have “another Testament of Jesus Christ.” That is, in addition to the Old and New Testaments of the Protestant bible, they also have “The Book of Mormon” which they consider to be sacred, divinely inspired, and of historic value. We are including just a few passages from The Book of Mormon.}

10 – Divine Love Never Lets Us Go
“God never expects us to do anything that we cannot do.”

1 Nephi 3.7

What I feel called to do, I know that I am empowered to do. God does not call us to fail. Let me discern my purpose wisely, and then trust that I can fulfill it. Amen.

11 – I Can Do It
“I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.”

1 Nephi 20.10

Even when things are difficult or uncertain, God’s love enfolds me and God’s light shines within me. Even when life seems topsyturvy, I am God’s miracle, not God’s mistake. Thank you, God. Amen.
12 – Something Good Might be on the Way
“God shall consecrate your afflictions for your gain.” 2 Nephi 2.2

What looks like trouble or disappointment can be used for good. From the deep, thick mud a beautiful lotus flower can blossom. From the ashes of despair, a phoenix of hope can rise. A moment of difficulty is not necessarily the end of the story. Something good may yet be on the way. Thank you, God, for the power of hope. Amen.

13 – In Time I Will Succeed
“Do everything in wisdom and in order. There is no rule that says someone must run faster than she or he can! Do what you can. Be diligent and patient so that you will in time win the prize. This is the wisdom of doing things in an orderly way.” Mosiah 4.27

I may not achieve something as fast as I would like, or as easily as someone else did; but I can do what I am able to do, and continue progressing toward my goal. In time, I will succeed. And so it is.

14 – Affirm & Share Divine Goodness
“We will bear one another’s burdens that they may be light. We will mourn with those who mourn. We will comfort those who are in need of comfort. We will affirm God’s goodness at all times.” Mosiah 18.8-9

God, through me, offers hope and comfort to those around me. Let divine Light shine through me to bless and guide others. Amen.

{Christian communities in the first three centuries of the Common Era had many sacred texts available to them. Some communities preferred some texts over others. Not all of those ancient texts were canonized when the biblical canon was closed in the late 4th century, but they were rediscovered in the mid-20th century and have proven to be a rich source of study for scholars as well as a source of devotion for spiritual seekers. Some of these non-canonical texts are included as follows.}

15 – Just Thanks
“The thanksgiving of the human who reaches you is this alone: that we know you. We have known you, O light of mind. O light of life, we have known you. O never-ending endurance…we worship your goodness.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, God. Just, thanks. Amen.
16 – Lighting Up the World
“There is light in a person of light and that person lights up the world.”
Gospel of Thomas

I am a being of Light, and so it is that I light up the world. Alleluia!

17 – Divine Life Permeates Everything
“Lift the stone, you will find me there. Split the wood, I am there.”
Gospel of Thomas

There’s not a spot where God is not; and so it is that wherever I am, God is, and all is well. Amen.

18 – God Cannot Be Limited
“My God, no one conceals your holy place.”
Odes of Solomon (4)

God cannot be limited to any text or tradition, religion or ritual, space or place. God is omnipresent, and so it is that whenever, wherever, and however I attempt to commune with God, I am able to do so. This brings me joy. Amen.

19 – I Am in and of God
“Everything is of God.”
Odes of Solomon (6)

God is the one Presence, the Omnipresence, and so All That Is, is in and of God…that includes me! And so it is.

20 – Open to Joy
“Open your hearts to dancing Joy!”
Odes of Solomon (8)

God of all joy, fill my heart with gladness today. Amen.

21 – God Expresses Through Each of Us
“I am the wife and the virgin. I am the sterile woman with many children. I am the bride and the bridegroom. I am my father’s mother. I am the servant of my servant.”
The Thunder: Perfect Mind 1.6, 7, 9-10

The All-in-all expressing as all cannot show partiality. We are all ONE. We all have sacred value. We are each an incarnation of the Divine. Today I will remember this Truth for myself and for all people. And so it is.

22 – The Christ Within
“Bear my peace within yourselves. The Child of Humanity is within you; follow it! Those who seek it will find it.”
Gospel of Mary 4.2, 5-7
As I seek the Inward Light, the Christ Principle, the divine Presence within me, I do make contact with It. It is the I AM that I am. And so it is.

23 – Choose the Good
“Mary turned their hearts to the Good.” Gospel of Mary 5.9

When I meet someone who is afraid, who expects the worst, who is unaware of their own enormous potential, may I help them see and seize the good in life. Amen.

24 – The Way Shower
“Jesus enlightened them and showed them a way.” Gospel of Truth 4.3

Jesus, an enlightened Soul, shows me the way to enlightenment, reminding me that I am one with God and that All Good is possible. I am grateful to the Way-Shower!

25 – Whole & Free in God
“Paul feared nothing, having rights in the freedom of God.” The Acts of Paul & Thecla 18.2

Even while we work for improvement in the world, we can know that in the kin-dom of God we are already whole, free, and deeply loved. And so it is.

26 – Mind Power
“The lamp of the body is the mind.” Dialogue of the Savior

My habitual thoughts impact my health, my relationships, my finances, my entire life. I choose the thoughts that create my world. May I choose thoughts that bless, empower, heal, harmonize, and prosper. Amen.

27 – Focusing on the True & Lasting
“Giving too much importance to earthly things diverts our thoughts from That which is Eternal to that which is impermanent.” Gospel of Philip

Experiences and things are temporal, but my True Self is divine and eternal. When I focus on this Truth I am empowered, uplifted, and filled with joy. Amen.

28 – Never Hopeless
“Don’t be afraid. I am with you always. I am the Father, the Mother, the Child; I am the incorruptible Purity.” Apocryphon of John
I am forever part of the vast Universe. I am never alone. I am never without hope.

29 – Bowing Before the Mystery
“The One is the invisible Spirit.” Apocryphon of John

Energy of life, you cannot be fully known, adequately defined, or limited to any tradition or vocabulary. And yet, however we seek for you leads us deeper into you. You are invisible, and yet we experience you; we commune with you. We can never contain you and yet we are enlivened as we consider that you are flowing through us at all times. Infinite One, my heart bows before the Mystery that you are. Amen.

30 – God is My Treasure
“I came from you. You are my mind…You are my treasure; open for me. You are my fullness…You are my rest; give me unlimited perfection.” The Prayer of the Apostle Paul

Source and Substance of life, you are the All-in-all. I am, therefore, filled with your light and enfolded by your presence. Unlimited possibilities exist for me; and so it is.

31 – The Rich, Intimate Nature of Spirituality
“Jesus and his companions came to Bethany. A woman whose brother died was there…Jesus went with her into the garden where the burial tomb was. Jesus rolled away the stone from the door of the tomb and going in where the young man was, he stretched forth his hand and raised him by the hand. And the young man looked at Jesus and loved him and begged to be with him. They went into the young man’s house. The young man was very wealthy. After six days Jesus told him what to do and in the evening the young man came to Jesus, wearing only a linen cloth over his naked body. And he spent the night with Jesus who taught him the mysteries of God.” Secret Gospel of Mark

Spirituality is a deeply intimate experience. It is life giving, world changing, and mind expanding. For the richness of the spiritual path, I give thanks. Amen.

"You are one with the good of God. Affirming in prayer abundance in all things, you turn your thoughts now to God’s prosperity – to the one true source of your good – God.

God has richly supplied all creation with bountiful good."

Christopher Ian Chenoweth
SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 7
Isaiah 1.17 (NRSV)
Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

The wisdom of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
“Make space in your life for the things that matter, for family and friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. Without this, you will burn out…and wonder where your life went.”

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your [God] has been pleased to give you the [Realm]. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
August 14
The wisdom of Osamu Dazai
“Even if Mary gives birth to a child who is not her husband’s, if she has a shining pride, they become a holy mother and child.”

The wisdom of Ada Fay
“Imagine someone today becoming conscious that all life is Divine… The first necessity of all creation is light, the first creative word was ‘Let there be light’. Every child is a creation, a Divine creation. Divine illumination came to Mary’s inmost consciousness; first the light, understanding, inward illumination, then next ‘the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.’ …The birth of Jesus was a natural birth and Mary was the first who perceived the divinity of it. …Mary was a consecrated soul. The divinity is what is born of God and that means every child.”

“Mary rushed to see her cousin Elizabeth. As soon as Elizabeth laid eyes on her she was filled with excitement and shouted out, ‘Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb…’ And Mary began to pray: ‘I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened— I’m the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others. Divine mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before God. God scatters the braggarts and knocks tyrants off their high horses, and pulls victims out of the mud. The starving poor are invited to a banquet; the selfish reap what they have sown. God has promised grace and mercy, and that promise is good, especially right now.’”

August 21
The wisdom of Sai Baba
“Love one another and help others to rise to the higher levels, simply by pouring out love. Love is infectious and the greatest healing energy.”

The wisdom of Elizabeth Towne
“I Am whole now. I Am pure spirit, and God is my health now and forever. My body is already reflecting God’s wholeness.
I thank thee, oh God, for my perfect health, happiness, and abundance of life.
I rejoice in thy wholeness now and evermore.”

*Luke 13:10-17 (Common English Bible)*

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn’t stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, “Woman, you are set free from your sickness.” He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, “There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day.”

[Jesus] replied, “Hypocrites! Don’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn’t it necessary that this woman, a [descendant] of Abraham [and Sarah], bound…for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?”

When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

*August 28
Sirach 10.7
Arrogance is hateful to God and to mortals, and injustice is outrageous to both.

*The wisdom of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*

“People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.”

*Hebrews 13.1-3, 5-8, 16 (NRSV)*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for [Jesus] said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “[Christ] is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”
Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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**Increasing Your Good**  
*By Anne Kunath*

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I had the opportunity this week to discuss "Divine Ideas" with some people.

There are many steps to attracting all the necessary things to the completion of your goal:
~ Recognizing the nudge, desire, thought to be yours to accomplish.
~ Acknowledging that you really want it.
~ Accepting your responsibility to take the steps as they come to you.
~ Having an action step on whatever comes to you to do as soon as it comes to you.
~ Being aware that if you don't do the idea that comes, the idea will be given to someone else to do.
~ Empowering yourself as the authority of accomplishment

No one else can interfere with your accomplishment as long as you hold the vision, keep quiet about your goals, energize your dream and never, never let someone else convince you that your goal cannot be done.

Hold a sense of joy with every idea you receive. (Remember, you do not receive the idea all at one sitting. Ideas come as you recognize, acknowledge, accept the responsibility and do the work).

What does a Divine Idea mean?
1. A Divine Idea comes from the inner part of you and is a nudge from your soul that there is a higher goal for you to accomplish.

2. You are given a thought. As you concentrate, meditate, ask for information, the thought attracts the substance, the people, the ideas, the money to bring it all into the result you can perceive. (This all comes if you realize the idea is complete with everything necessary for
completion. Stop your mind from thinking you have to do everything yourself. Let the universe help.)

3. Time must be spent in planning, visualizing, and claiming the Divine Idea is now in the process of becoming complete through you. (Feeding energy to the idea)

4. Accept ideas from others but hold to the principle that you were given the idea and all suggestions will be in accordance with the principles of good.

5. The reason for keeping quiet and loving your idea is that other people frequently try to take over the authority which will destroy the theme of success consciousness. Talking too much or listening too much to others’ opinions will kill a Divine Idea for you and subsequently the idea goes away.

I trust this will clarify some points for you about Divine Ideas.

Keep quiet about what you are going to do.
At any hint of doubt from anyone, never mention it again (doubt is defeating).
Tell only those who will hold the completed vision with you.
Remember, fear, doubt, anger, resentment, negative talk, etc are destructive to accomplishment.

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