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OMNIPRESENCE

“...good is all there is...Being is Spirit. To be is to be Spirit.
Then the Eternal Being, or Spirit, is the I Am of every individual.”
Malinda Cramer

“God is Creative Spirit, everywhere present, eternally here. In [God] is all life...”
Fenwicke Holmes

“The Truth of God is and has always been expressed in the following terms:
OMNIPRESENCE, OMNIPOTENCE, OMNISCIENCE.
Omni-presence: all-presence; one and only presence.
Omni-potence: all-power; one and only power.
Omni-science: all-science; one and only knowledge.
There is no other presence no other power, no other knowledge but the one.
Study this, learn it, consider it deeply, receive it fully, state it often.”
Fannie B. James

“...there is an Almighty Power lodged in your subconscious depths...”
Joseph Murphy

“[We are] the expression of God and [are] forever one with [our] Source.”
Ida B. Elliot

“What does omnipresence mean to me? It means...God is everywhere present, around me, beneath me and above me, on the right hand and on the left. And it means God within me. The fact that I am...is proof that I must be in the Being of God...I am an idea in Mind, an extension of [divine] Consciousness.”
Irwin Gregg

“The Omnipresence of good is in a positive state of harmony, health and perfection always.”
Daisy Baum

“God is Wisdom, Truth, inconceivable Love. God is present everywhere, has infinite power, knows everything; and so on. It matters not how well you may think you understand these things; go over them repeatedly.”
Emmet Fox

“...all that God is, is everywhere present.”
Pansy Cantrell

“Divine Science teaches that [we are] in God, of God and like God. Omnipresence, its supreme affirmation, shows that God includes [us]...God is universal life...”
Nona Brooks

Honoring Some of History's Divine Scientists

(taken from Sunshine Cathedral's "Spiritual Heroes":

The following are featured in August at Sunshine Cathedral)

Malinda Cramer (1844 – 1906) – former Quaker, New Thought Teacher and the original founder of the Divine Science movement, including the International Divine Science Association, Harmony Magazine, and Home College of Divine Science. After decades of infirmity, she prayed, **“Is there a power in the vast universe that can heal me?”** The answer was an enlightening experience whereby she realized God as Omnipresence and all life as part of that Presence. Knowing herself to be one with God, she knew that health and happiness were her natural inheritance. Her health began to improve and she founded Divine Science movement. She once said, **“Healing is taking place all the time and we know it is God who is doing the work.”**

W. John Murray (1865 – 1925) – Murray had been a Roman Catholic priest before being attracted to metaphysics. He studied with Emma Curtis Hopkins and was ordained by Nona Brooks into the ministry of Divine Science. In 1906 he started the Church of the Healing Christ in NYC. He was so successful as a spiritual healer, he once got in trouble with the authorities for “practicing medicine without a license.”

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. Fox wrote, **“The universe is run exactly on the lines of a cafeteria. Unless you claim – mentally – what you want, you may sit and wait forever.”**

Honoring Other Metaphysicians from History

(taken from Sunshine Cathedral's "Spiritual Heroes":

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Louise Hay (1926 – 2017) – Louise had a difficult start to life. She was abused as a child, dropped out of high school, became a model and married a successful business man, but 14 years later they divorced. In her 40s she discovered the Science of Mind philosophy and studied to become first a Religious Science Practitioner and then a minister. She survived cancer and became a writer, painter, motivational speaker, and publisher. Love, forgiveness, and affirmations were her trademark tools for healing and transformation. Her career as a spiritual leader lasted almost 50 years wherein she gave people hope and courage to face the difficulties in life. At the outbreak of the AIDS crisis, she started “The Hayride”, a popular support group for people diagnosed with a disease that at that time had no treatment. After a long and fascinating life, Louise made her transition about two months before her 91st birthday.

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DSFI News in Brief:

DSFI President Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins was a featured speaker at the International New Thought Alliance (INTA) online Conference July 20-22 (he spoke the evening of July 21)

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From the Office of the DSFI President Daily Reflection & Prayer

Larry Morris was a Divine Science minister who held a PhD in spiritual literature. He was ordained through Brooks Divinity School.

Aug 1 – One all
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Everywhere present Power, we are in you and of you and forever part of you. You are the All-in-all expressing through all, and so we have access to the allness that you are. We may sometimes feel isolated, but in Truth we are part of the One that is All; and All that the One is and All that the One has, is available to us, now and always. Alleluia! Amen.

“How could we not be a part of everything? If we are part of everything, then we have access to the allness of life.” Larry Morris

Aug 2 – Self-kindness
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Omnipresent Love, because I am part of you, Love is what I am, and since Love is what I am, I am capable of loving myself and treating myself lovingly. As I treat myself gently and lovingly, I will offer others kindness, and the more I live in love, the more joy I will experience and share. I love myself, and as I am one with all Life, my love blesses all lives. I rejoice, and so it is.

“...when we feel unsettled or uncertain about ourselves...let's try to practice self-kindness and self-gentleness...Relax, let go and just simply and without strain be you and let that be enough.” Larry Morris

Aug 3 – Divine guidance
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Divine Wisdom guides me and inspires me and shines a light on my path. I relax and allow myself to know this Truth and to be grateful for it, and the answers and ideas that I need come to me, perfectly, and right on time. Oh yes! Amen.

“When you feel insecure, relax and let your inner self bring forth your solution which will always be the right solution for you.” Larry Morris

Aug 4 – Relax
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Serenity is my right, my choice, my Truth right now. I relax and embrace peace: blissful, blessed, joyful peace. Thank you, Source of peace. Amen.

“Right now, each of us can just relax, let go, let things be...Now...relax even more...Ah – there’s only peace. Let’s rest in this peace for a little while.” Larry Morris

Aug 5 – Breakthroughs
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

How many times have challenges shown us our resilience, determination, wisdom, or revealed how much others love us? How many times has pain yielded to healing which was followed by new joy, peace, and fulfillment? “Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning!” I believe in the morning. I give thanks for the morning. Amen.

“...a crisis is also a call to action – it is an opportunity to have a breakthrough...”
Larry Morris

Aug 6 – Why worry?
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Dear God, today I place my trust in you. All is well. Thank you, God. Amen.

“The remedy for worry seems to be trust: trusting ourselves that we will do what we need to do when we need to do it, trusting others to do what they need to do when they need to do it, trusting the universe and life itself to do what it needs to do when it needs to do it. Since it’s all running itself anyway (including us) perhaps we can release our worry and let it be.”

Larry Morris

Aug 7 – Call it good
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

God calls creation “very good.” When I call something good, I enjoy it, I see it as beautiful, I appreciate it, I expect and allow it to thrive; at very least, I don’t allow it to bring me down. Today, I look for the good, I see the good, I affirm the good, and I experience the good. My life is very good! Thanks be to God. Amen.

“When we decide to stop calling something bad, we begin immediately to see the good in it... When we can give an experience in our lives our blessing, it lets us go.” Larry Morris

Martha Smock was a Unity minister and editor of Daily Word for more than 3 decades.

Aug 8 – I am
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

I am one with pure Being, perfect Love, infinite Goodness, all Wisdom; I am one with the Source and Substance of all that is. My highest and truest Self is divine. I focus on my Truth and allow it to shine forth today. And so it is.

“There is that in us which is perfect, pure, all-wise, all-loving, all-powerful.
When we affirm the truth, we are affirming our oneness with absolute good, with God.”

Martha Smock

Helen Zagat was the minister of the Divine Unity church in New York City and author of the New Thought classic, *Faith & Works*.

Aug 9 – Practice the presence
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

I pause in this moment to turn inward, to become aware of the Inward Light, to know that God in me is my endless Source of peace, hope, and joy. Throughout this day I will turn to God, focus on God, trust in God. God is. I Am. All is well. And so it is.

“True prayer is really the practice of the Presence of God...Turn to God first. Your life will be transformed by the practice, when it is sincerely followed.” Helen Zagat

Aug 10 – One power
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Thank you, God, for the consciousness of unity, for the awareness of One Power, and It completely good. Let Good now be made manifest in my life and in my world. Amen.

“When we know that God is All, and that God creates only good, we know that there cannot be a separate entity of evil...God is Omnipotence, All-Power, and so no lesser power can contend with Amightiness.” Helen Zagat

Aug 11 – A self-treatment by Helen Zagat

“In all humility, I turn to God, the One Mind, Creator. And yet, I realize...my oneness with the One Presence and the One Power. I let that Power work in me and through me. I am given strength, mentally and physically, to do all that I need to do. I rejoice in this sense of oneness, and in the Truth that Spirit within does all things. I do not take to myself the glory, but I do realize that I have divine qualities, and that they show forth in proportion to the faith and vision that I have.”

Aug 12 – God can do it
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

My God, my Life, my Source, my highest Truth – you are all Power and with you all things are possible, and so it is that today I expect and allow you to meet my every need and to fill my heart with abundant joy. Thank you, God. Amen.

“God is Omnipotence – all power. I rejoice in this truth, and I am strengthened in faith, for I know that with God all things are possible.” Helen Zagat

Aug 13 – Inner vision
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

O let my inner vision be high and holy! Let me see in Spirit through faith: beauty, perfection, harmony, wholeness, vitality, abundance, love, and joy; and may the Good which I visualize, materialize, in the perfect way and perfect time. I know it will. Yes. And so it is.

“The more that we hold in mind the beauty, the permeating essence, and the infinity of Substance, the more does its perfection come into perfect form for us.” Helen Zagat

Aug 14 – God-Life
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

There is one Life, omnipresent, perfect, and everlasting. This Life is my life now. Life of my life, Life expressing in, through, and as my life, I trust you to fill my life with your goodness, with joy, peace, love, vitality, and abundance. I allow your goodness to shine through my life-experience. I allow you to bless me continuously, and to bless others through me. There is one Life, it is Good, for it is God-Life, and so I rejoice! And so it is.

“God is Life. There is only one life, God-Life.” Helen Zagat

Aug 15 – Accept your good
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Thank you, dear God, for the blessings I've known, the blessings I expect, and even for unknown blessings already on their way to me. My life is good and is meant to be good, and so I expect and accept your good into my life-experience. I know that you withhold nothing good from me and that by right of consciousness, I can be, do, or have whatever is truly good. Thank you, God. Thank you. I am a magnet for blessings. Avalanches of Good are coming my way. And so it is.

“When we have faith we accept our good... The acceptance is the signing and the sealing that bring the Substance into visibility. When we give thanks, we make a thing truly our own. And so we thank God for [divine] goodness; and we make that goodness ours.” Helen Zagat

Malinda Cramer was the original founder of Divine Science.

Aug 16 – Spirit is our life
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Infinite Spirit, you include us in Yourself, and in You is endless perfection. And so it is that we have no unmet needs. You are our sufficiency. With gratitude, we receive your gracious gifts. And so it is.

“Infinte Spirit’s instruction to the individual: Thou are my very self manifest. I am thy life, power and substance; I live in thee, and thou by Me; and we can never be separated...I am everywhere, and include all within Myself. Thou art good because I am goodness; thou art living because I am life; thou art loving for I am love; thou art true for I am truth...Thou art at this time whole and complete and lack nothing, for I am thy sufficiency.” Malinda Cramer

Emmet Fox was a Divine Science minister, popular speaker, and prolific author.

Aug 17 – God permeates my being
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Divine Life flows through me now. I express vibrant life. I love my life and I live as one who is divinely blessed. And so it is.

“The vitality of God permeates every fiber of my being.” Emmet Fox

Aug 18 – We are capable of perfection
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

I am in God, of God, filled with the light and love God...I can't be anything other than good. My mistakes are moments, not who I am. My fears are illusions, not substance. My regrets are thoughts which can be changed and healed. Evil would be other than God and God is all. Sin would be missing God, but there is not a spot where God is not, so we can never lose nor be lost from God. Today I choose to remember my innate goodness, to embrace it, to express it, and to know that what is true for me is true for all people. And so it is.

“If we really are the children of God, capable of eternal and flawless perfection, there can be no real power in evil, not even in sin, to keep us permanently in bondage.” Emmet Fox

Aug 19 – Difficulties can be overcome
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

I can overcome every difficulty. There is one Power, it is all good, and Good must prevail. Problems can be solved, challenges can be met, difficulties can be overcome. I now claim blessings. Good is at hand. Good must be made manifest. With faith and gratitude I declare it to be so. Amen.

“Begin every treatment (no matter how many you may give) by saying,
‘I can overcome this difficulty.’” Emmet Fox

Aug 20 – Forgiveness
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

God, carrying around old resentments is exhausting. I can't control what other people think, say, or do; and so far, I haven't figured out a way to have a better past. However, I can release the past and I can choose to not carry around old burdens and old hurts. When I forgive, I heal, I soar, I thrive. I forgive those who hurt me, intentionally or otherwise, and I forgive myself for my mistakes, and I know that Love is what is true of all of us. So, let love prevail. I choose healing. I choose joy. Amen.

“If your prayers are not being answered, search your consciousness and see if there is not some old circumstance about which you are still resentful.” Emmet Fox

Aug 21 – Spirit
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Spirit is our reality, our truth. I Am Spirit. I Am eternal. Yes. Amen.

“Spirit is that which cannot be destroyed or damaged...Matter wears out, but Spirit does not because Spirit is substance....You are Spirit...You are eternal, divine, unchanging Spirit, in your true nature. The whole universe is a spiritual creation but we see it in a limited way.” Emmet Fox

Aug 22 – Never alone
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

I don't know what the future holds, but when I get there I can be sure that God is with me. I'm never alone, and when I remember that, I banish fear and move forward with joyful optimism. Let my heart be glad. Amen.

“Never look back. Always go right ahead. Even if you are quaking, go right ahead...Remember that God is always on the road ahead.” Emmet Fox

Aug 23 – God will meet the lack
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

When I wish to be wise, may I recall that God is Wisdom. When I need to be kind, let me remember that God is love. When healing is needed, I will know that God is life. When I feel alone, let me quickly return to the Truth that God is Presence. And when tempted by the word “impossible”, may I know that God is All-Power. God is Life and Love, Wisdom, Presence and Power. And what God is, I Am. And so it is that all must be well and all will be well and all is well. Thanks be to God. Amen.

“If you seem to yourself to be lacking in certain necessary qualities, seek that aspect of God which will meet your lack.” Emmet Fox

Edgar White Burrill was a literature professor, a graduate of the Denver Divine Science College, and was active in Divine Science and Unity ministries.

Aug 24 – God is good
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

God, as you are everywhere, Good is everywhere. You are All Good, and You are All Presence. I am immersed in Good right now, and I take comfort and joy from this Truth. Amen.

“As the air in this room and all about us is filled with countless unseen vibrations, so also is it filled with Good, God’s presence.” Edgar White Burrill

Nona Brooks was a Divine Science pioneer and for many years the primary leader of the Divine Science movement.

Aug 25 – God’s good is for all
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Mother-Father God, you don’t have favorites. You don’t show partiality. Joy isn’t for just some. Hope and peace aren’t for a select few. All your gifts are given to all your children. We are learning to see and seize your gifts, to trust your goodness and our worthiness. We grow daily, and our blessings will continue to increase abundantly. Thank you, Goddess/God, for the Love that you are, for the Good that you offer. Amen.

“God is universal life, health, harmony, and these belong to each of us.” Nona Brooks

Aug 26 – God is all
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

I cannot be apart from God because I am forever a part of God. There is only God, and God doesn’t sleep. God is moving, acting upon God’s Self, creating out of God’s Self, expressing continuously and marvelously. God is All, and therefore, all is well.

“...there is only God and God in action...” Nona Brooks

Aug 27 – The body
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

My body is a manifestation, an incarnation, of divine Life. I bless my body by knowing it to be whole and holy, and I allow it to thrive. Divine Love fills every cell of my body. Thank you, God! And so it is.

“...the body is the living presence of God...we glorify it by knowing it be God’s spoken word in form.” Nona Brooks

Aug 28 – Jesus
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Jesus showed us the ropes, as it were. He demonstrated a life filled with love, courage, and good will. He demonstrated the power of having a new thought about inherited traditions and texts. He showed the power of living in the consciousness of divine unity. Like an older brother who experienced what we must, but did it first, Jesus shows us how to be aware of God in us, and how to tap into that divine power for our good and the good of the world. Thank you, Brother Jesus. Thank you, God, for the Wayshower. Amen.

“I never really loved Jesus and found him companionable until I studied his life in the light of omnipresence. I think of him now as an elder brother...” Nona Brooks

Aug 29 – One with God
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Omnipresent Goodness. Omnipresent Love. All-Presence. One Power, and It, all Good. I give thanks for this joyful thought and blessed experience. Praise to you, God in me, all around me, Source of all that is. Amen.

“When I was a child, I was told...that I...could not please God...I came to believe that I was weak and sinful...What terrible psychology to bring a child up on... You can imagine what a comfort it was to me when I learned of Omnipresence; it taught me that I am one with the God of Love, and Power within me is the ability to live up to the divine idea. Through this teaching I have learned that...God’s will for us is freedom and happiness.” Nona Brooks

Aug 30 – Truth
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

God bless philosophers and scientists, psychologists and wise grandmothers, poets and prophets, Nature and musical composers, artists and architects, Hindus and Sikhs, imams and rabbis, priests and pastors, metaphysicians and medical experts, pets and ancient texts...God bless every person, place, and thing that reveals the truth of Love. Love is the Way. Love is what is Real. We give thanks for every communicator of this Truth. Amen.

“Divine Science rejoices in the truth wherever it is found.” Nona Brooks

Aug 31 – God’s immediacy
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Nona Brooks affirmed: “God is everywhere, therefore God is here. What God is...is here... therefore, health, joy, love, wisdom, supply and power are here. This knowledge is my certainty of good.” And so I know that God is here; Good is here, now. Thank you, God. And so it is.

“Our method of work is similar to all other metaphysical groups. In a nutshell, it is this: Keep your thoughts and feelings true to the foundation principle of the universe, God’s universal presence. This will bring the realization of God’s immediacy.” Nona Brooks

