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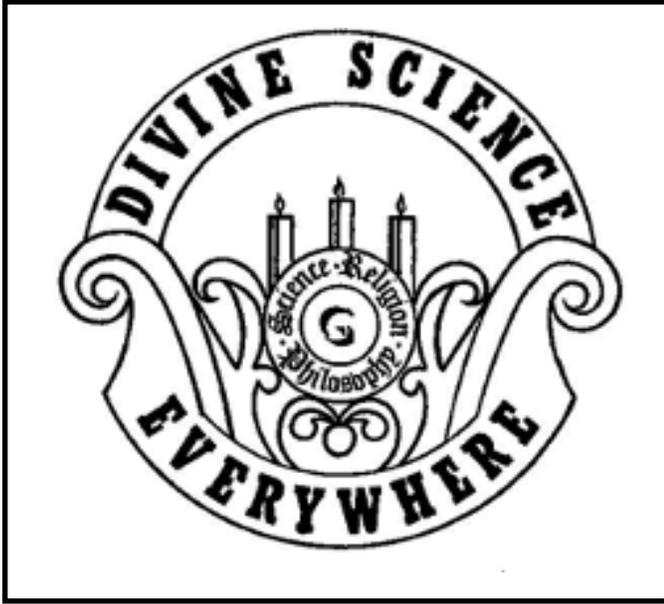
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BIENNIEL CONFERENCE

“SPIRIT IN ACTION”

August 19 – 20

Live-Streamed!

Only \$99

More details soon, but for now,

SAVE THE DATES

DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

May 1

I expect and accept blessings today.

May 2

I deserve to be happy.

May 3

Nothing is too good for me.

May 4

I expect, welcome, and give thanks for abundance.

May 5

The love I share is God's love flowing through me.

May 6

I am consistently, abundantly blessed.

May 7

Wisdom is my constant companion.

May 8

Thank you, God within, for the miracles I've known and for miracles still to come.

May 9

My life is a glorious adventure.

May 10

Every single day joy is available to me.

May 11

I'm not small compared to the universe; I am part of the vast, eternal universe!

May 12

Miracles are possible; they occur all the time.

May 13

My good comes to me easily and constantly; nothing can keep my good from me.

May 14

I have enormous potential.

May 15

Being one with God, I am one with all good; and so it is that I dream big and I allow my beautiful dreams to come true.

May 16

God is Love and I am part of God; therefore, I am lovable and I am forever loved.

May 17

Peace is possible...in me and in the world.

May 18

I am eternity having an experience in time.

May 19

Divine Light guides me toward happiness, prosperity, and success.

May 20

Life delights to express joyfully and abundantly through me.

May 21

My needs are met and my good desires are fulfilled.

May 22

My life overflows with love and happiness.

May 23

I bless everyone in my life with love.

May 24

I am kind, and my kindness is divine Love blessing others.

May 25

I forgive myself and others for mistakes, real or imagined, and I remember that God dwells within us all.

May 26

Divine Light fills and energizes every cell of my body.

May 27

I trust my Higher Power to help me in every way I might need.

May 28

I deny fear any place or power in my life today and I declare that God in me is blessing me always.

May 29

I am filled with peace, with loving kindness, with hope, and with joy.

May 30

I am divinely guided and guarded.

May 31

Thank you, God, for all the ways your love is made manifest in my life.

Excerpt from
“The Religion of Divine Science”
Short Lessons in Divine Science
by Nona Brooks

Love [is] the religion of Divine Science...An understanding of the principles of life is necessary; it is also essential to practice these in right thinking and right living; but it is religion, the realization of love, the warmth which glows through every experience, that truly blesses and uplifts.

If one is trying to progress without learning the meaning of God-Love, he [or she] is trying to tread the path without the light of day. If one is trying to preach, teach, or heal, without embodying in [one's] thinking and living the never-failing Power, Divine Love, he [or she] is but sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Love is the supreme gift; it is the kingdom of God within us. “God is Love, and those who dwell in Love, dwell in God, and God in them.”

Jesus gives two commandments: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Paul sees that “Love is the fulfilling of the law”; that, above prophecy, above the understanding of mysteries, above knowledge, faith, and deeds of charity, is Love. To John who loved most was given wonderful visions of Truth.

Love is the only way to realize Truth, Life, Self, All. A pure fervent love for God is followed by love for all...

Let us practice love in our thinking and in our doing.

Is there a dreaded task ahead? Let us delight in service.

Is there suffering? Let us know that Divine Love is the healing Presence.

Is there limitation in any way? Let us know that God is abundance and that God is Love; Love shares its abundance with all.

Do you know anyone who is fearing or disliking another? Know that there is blessing and perfect forgiveness.

May's Metaphysicians

DIVINE SCIENTISTS

Anna L. Palmer (1858 - 1944) – ordained by Nona Brooks in 1916, Palmer became president of the Colorado College of Divine Science and editor of Divine Science Monthly.

Claudine Whitaker (1892 – 1970) – Episcopal deaconess who became first a Divine Science and then Religious Science minister. She founded a church in Chicago which she led from 1943 to 1969. For much of that time she taught summer courses in Divine Science.

David S. Alkins (1922 – 2015) – was an Episcopal priest (graduate of both New England Conservatory of Music and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University) who served parishes in Texas and Washington state as well as working with various non-profit agencies. In 1979 he became the Dean of Brooks Divinity School (named for Nona Brooks, it was a Divine Science ministry school in Denver) and received an honorary doctorate in 1987. His two small publications were *Bridge Builders of Truth* and, *Jesus the Way Shower*.

Ida B. Elliott (1862 – 1957) – Divine Science founder Malinda Elliott Cramer's niece. Ordained by Nona Brooks (the originator of the Divine Science teachings in Colorado and the de facto leader of the movement after Malinda's death) in 1907. Ida wrote books of her own, had a ministry in Oakland, CA, and contributed to *Mind Remakes Your World* (edited by Ernest Holmes).

OTHER METAPHYSICIANS

Baha'u'llah (1817-1892) – founder of the Baha'i Faith which focuses on the unity of God, religion, and humankind. Baha'is affirm the dignity of all people and the validity of most religions. They place a high value on peace and justice and oppose racism and nationalism. Baha'u'llah believed God became especially present in various ages in the lives of select prophets, including Buddha, Jesus, and Mohammad. Baha'u'llah believed himself to be a prophet (and the one specifically foretold by the Bab), which would make him, also, a divine manifestation. He and his followers were persecuted for their beliefs and Baha'u'llah died in prison.

Hannah More Kohaus (1844 – 1914) – poet and hymn writer, best known for her “Prayer of Faith” which is recited or sung in many New Thought churches.

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) — Naturalist and social critic. While his writings were largely ignored in his lifetime, Thoreau's thoughts on social justice, freedom, and civil disobedience were to later influence Tolstoy, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King. A fiercely independent nonconformist, he followed no particular religion, but has been described as something of a Taoist sage. His mystical rapture with nature speaks to us today in our ecological concerns.

J. Krishnamurti (1895 – 1986) - born in India and adopted by Theosophist Dr. Annie Besant. Dr. Besant declared that Krishnamurti would become a global teacher whose coming had been predicted by Theosophists. The Order of the Star in the East was formed and the young Krishnamurti was to be its head. But in 1929, Krishnamurti renounced the role that was prophesied for him and dissolved the Order. For the next six decades he traveled around the world speaking to large audiences (as a global teacher after all!) about the need for a change in humankind. Rather than promoting any particular religion, he simply spoke of our universal longing for happiness and the need to release internal anger and fear which keep that happiness from us.

Julia Seton Sears (1862-1950) - Founder of the New Civilization Church. She was a metaphysical teacher known to both Ernest and Fenwicke Holmes. She was both a metaphysical healer and also a medical doctor. Her books include *Helpful Thoughts*, *The Science of Success*, *The Mystic's Goal*, and *The Key to Health, Wealth, and Love*. She stated, “There is nothing in all the world but life! Even Death itself is only life acting inversely.”

Prentice Mulford (1834 - 1891) - Author of Thoughts Are Things. One of the earliest New Thought pioneers (if not one of the better known). Mulford was a mystic who believed each person must discover Truth for himself or herself. His insights came more from reflection than from study. Some of his insights include: “To say a thing ‘must be’ is the very power that makes it” and “Every thought of yours is a real thing - a force.” At only 57 he died peacefully without any apparent illness or pain.

Tehilla Lichtenstein (1893 – 1973) – co-founder with her husband, Morris, of the Society for Jewish Science (a metaphysical interpretation and application of Judaism). She was born in Jerusalem and immigrated to the U.S. when she was eleven. After her husband, a rabbi, died, Tehilla took over the leadership of the Society for Jewish Science, making her the first Jewish woman in the U.S. with her own pulpit, even though she was never ordained a rabbi.

Thomas Troward (1847-1916) – Judge (in India) and New Thought pioneer, Troward influenced such thinkers as Emmet Fox and Religious Science founder Ernest Holmes. Troward believed that “Belief in limitation is the one and only thing that causes limitation.”

“Relax: It’s OK”
Easy Does It: Positive Thoughts for Daily Living
by *Larry Morris

The Taoist philosopher Chuang Tzu said, ‘I once dreamt that I was a butterfly – now I don’t know if I’m a man who dreamt he was a butterfly or if I am a butterfly dreaming that I am a man.’ We all go through times of uncertainty when we feel unclear about who we are and what we are supposed to do in this life. During these times of inner or outer unsettledness, we are tempted to try to find a quick solution or answer to resolve our uncertain feelings. Yet the way of wisdom may be to relax and realize that we may just be going through a time of inner reassessment. If we are too anxious to arrive at a conclusive answer to our situation, we may not give our innermost being a chance to unfold in a natural way. There is a process of inner realization that brings forth a solution in its own time and its own way if we but let it. When you feel insecure, relax and let your inner self bring forth your solution which will always be the ‘right’ solution for you.

*Divine Science minister (d. 2015), Larry Morris was a graduate of Brooks Divinity School and held a PhD from the University of New Mexico (mystical literature). Larry was the minister of Hillside Community Church in New Mexico.

Divine Science Statement of Being

God is all, both invisible and visible.



One Presence, One Mind,
One Power is all.

This One that is all is perfect life,
perfect love, and perfect
substance.

*[We are] the individualized expression of God and
[are] ever one with this perfect life, perfect love, and
perfect substance.

*Man is...and is...