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DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 1

I Am thankful for my life and its many blessings.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 2

I expect Life to provide for my every need.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 3

I give thanks for grace equal to every need.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 4

Nothing can separate me from the Love that God is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 5

I celebrate the beauty of my life.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 6

God withholds nothing good from me.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 7

God is All Good and all good comes from God.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 8

I will not let my heart be troubled; neither will I be afraid. I have peace within.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 9

Thank you, God, for all the possibilities that exist for me. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 10

Nothing is too good to be true.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 11

I deserve all the best, always.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 12

I Am a magnet for blessings.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 13

I believe in and expect miracles.

- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 14
I allow my Good to show up for me, today and every day.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 15
Thank you, Divine Wisdom, for the guidance you offer Amen.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 16
I love myself and I choose to love my neighbor as I love myself. PS, everyone is my neighbor.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 17
God's blessings are flowing into my life and I am so thankful.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 18
I ask for blessings. I believe I deserve blessings. And I joyfully receive the blessings that come my way. And so it is.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 19
There is one Power and I can tap into It at any time. I choose to tap into this Power right now.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 20
The Universe is friendly. Life is generous. I deserve Good and my Good is available to me and will not be kept from me. Amen.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 21
The Truth I need is revealed to me in the best ways and at the perfect time. And so it is.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 22
I witness miracles. I attract miracles. I experience miracles. I am a worker of miracles. And so it is.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 23
I live in an abundant universe and cosmic riches supply my every need. I am thankful for this. Amen.
- Spirit in Action Affirmation – September 24
There is one universal and divine Power and I am part of it; It expresses through and as me. I trust this Power to guide me, provide for me, and watch over me. All is well. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 25

I give thanks to God within for the blessings I've known and for blessings still to come. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 26

Fear has no power over me because I focus on Love and perfect Love casts out fear. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 27

I live in the Light and the Light illumines the possibilities that exist for me. Alleluia!

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 28

I Am a child of God and nothing will ever change this beautiful Truth.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 29

I Am ready for a healthy relationship with money and I choose to live in the expectancy of on-going prosperity. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation - September 30

Everything is getting better and better as I live consciously in the light of divine Love.

NEW THOUGHT LUMINARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Divine Science

Grace L. Faus (1897 - 1988) - founded the first Divine Science churches to operate in Washington, D.C. Ordained in 1934, she retired from pastoral ministry in 1969 but continued to teach religious courses from her home in Colorado.

Helen Brungardt (1931 - 1998) - a New Thought minister with training in and connections to Rosicrucian spirituality, the Science of Mind, Unity, Kriya Yoga (Center of Spiritual Awareness), and Divine Science. She was the minister of Symphony of Life Church in Corrales, New Mexico and a member of the International New Thought Alliance.

Irwin Gregg (1904 - 1982) - author of The Divine Science Way. Gregg succeeded Nona Brooks as the Dean of the Colorado College of Divine Science (later known as Brooks Divinity School). In 1957 he was one of the founders of the Divine Science Federation (still operating today).

Other New Thought Metaphysicians

Emma Curtis Hopkins (1849 – 1925) – a student of Mary Baker Eddy's and for a time an editor for the Christian Science Journal, Emma and Mrs. Eddy eventually had a parting of the ways. Emma started her own seminary in Chicago and taught students who would become the greats of New Thought, including: Helen Wilmans, Myrtle and Charles Fillmore, a Mrs. Bingham (who introduced metaphysical healing to the Brooks sisters), Annie Rix Militiz, and briefly late in her life, Ernest Holmes. Because of her influence over the founders of so many New Thought groups, ECH is often called, "the Teacher of Teachers."

Genevieve Behrend (1881 – 1960) – writer and lecturer. In her life she met Mary Baker Eddy and Abdul Baha (the son of the founder of the Baha'i Faith). She also studied with Thomas Troward for two years (the only individual/personal student he ever had). She taught "mental science" which included the use of "visualization." Her best-known book is *Your Invisible Power*. She said, "Do not fear to be your true self, for everything you want, wants you."

Uell Stanley (U.S.) Andersen (1917 – 1986) – self-help and inspirational writer. Andersen believed that the physical world is derived from the mental. He believed that a sustained mental image, backed by faith, would become real in the realm of experience. His writings include *Three Magic Words*, and, *The Magic in Your Mind*. Anderson taught: "Everything which you can conceive and accept is yours! Entertain no doubt. Refuse to accept worry or hurry or fear. That which knows and does everything is inside you and harkens to the slightest whisper." He was influenced by the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, Emmanuel Swedenborg, and Edgar Cayce.

Other Philosophers & Mystics

Socrates (469 – 399 BCE) – believed in the mind/body connection. He said, "One ought not to attempt to cure the body without the soul." He also believed in the continuity of life beyond the death of the body. Rather than focusing on the Greek gods of his time, Socrates believed in tending to an "Inner Voice." He was executed (by poison), but said, "You can kill my body, but you cannot kill me." The story of a noble teacher who is executed but who cannot stay dead is also found, of course, in the Christian gospels!

Plato (427 – 347 BCE) – taught that there was a definite energy that emerged out of the cosmic nothingness of "mind." He suggested that this energy was the product of thought and it resulted in ideas which precede manifest form. In fact, Plato believed ideas were the source of life, purpose, and meaning. He believed souls (self-aware consciousness) pre-existed before their human incarnation and that they came to this life with prior knowledge. He believed that everything existed in relation to its resemblance to a Universal Form.

Aristotle (384 – 322 BCE) – believed the universe is governed by [spiritual] law. He defined God as “the first cause and the final cause of all being.” Believing in the perfection of God, Aristotle also believed that everything in the world aspires to share in that divine perfection.

Philo (circa 20 BCE – 50 CE) taught that it is our duty to offer love and kindness towards others. He seemed to be able to harmonize Plato’s philosophy with teachings of the Hebrew scriptures. He often read the scriptures allegorically rather than literally. He believed that God directs all activity through the Logos (the power of Ideas, Reason, Wisdom).

Rumi (1207 – 1273) – Sufi poet from Afghanistan inspired by the love of a mentor and friend (their relationship may have been romantic as well). When his “friend”, Shams, left for Damascus without telling him, Rumi was heartbroken and poured his feelings into his poetry. They were later reunited, but eventually, Shams disappeared again. This time it was believed he may have been murdered. Rumi continued to pour himself into his writing, using romantic phrasing and imagery as he pondered things divine. He also practiced meditative dancing which inspired the Whirling Dervish movement.

DSFI BIENNIAL CONFERENCE: SPIRIT IN ACTION RECAP
By DSFI President, Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Last month’s conference was a delight! Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Trish Atkins (UFBL) gave a powerful keynote address and every speaker shared meaningful words of wisdom. Practical advice was shared and several described the conference experience as “healing.”

There were 48 registrants and exciting reports, e.g., the “beyond the walls” success stories of Divine Science centers in California (Community of Infinite Spirit) and New Jersey (Quimby Memorial Church), the continued programmatic and broadcasting growth at Sunshine Cathedral (Fort Lauderdale), the exciting education/spiritual direction/retreat ministries (on-line & in person) of New Thought Vermont, the work of DSFI and our sister organization, the Divine Science Ministers Association, the incredible space sharing and renovation activities in Roanoke (Valley Community Church – they now have three congregations worshipping there every Sunday), the work of Divine Science chaplains, 6 newly ordained Divine Science ministers in 2022 (4 ordained During the DSFI conference = Revs. Stephen J. Kosmyna, Kathy Beasley, DonnaChristine Park, & Kevin Tisdol, & 2 the previous month at INTA = Revs. Sean O’Shay & Jeff Radcliffe), the shoe drive ministry of Rev. DonnaChristine Park, the film and spiritual coaching ministry of Rev. Cindy Lippert, and the ecumenical relationships in New Thought (Rev. Candice Gee of Agape ministries is also an INTA board member and a DSFI member and she explained why; many of our ministers

have credentials in other traditions, our keynote speaker was a UFBL minister, and an interfaith seminary was one of our sponsors)...the ONENESS of Truth was demonstrated throughout this beautiful conference.

The blessings included a financial update reminding the Federation members that DSFI has tithed back to member organizations for two consecutive years, that 2022 DSFI conference was only \$99 per person and didn't involve travel or lodging expenses, and that DSFI (between checking and investment accounts) has almost \$200k.

DSFI continues to offer a monthly newsletter, a daily email lesson, a biennial conference, and there are 2 DSFI approved ministry schools (The Samaritan Institute & United Divine Science Ministerial School). DSFI maintains a website & a Facebook page.

Whether the 2024 conference is online or a hybrid (online & in person) will be decided by a post conference poll sent out at the end of August 2022.

Also, at the 2022 conference a new tradition was established: DSFI Awards.

The Anne Kunath Award for Ministry Renewal. The Anne Kunath Award is for people who have led renewal of a ministry or who have successfully pioneered a new ministry.

The Award is a cash prize and an accompanying certificate. The inaugural award was \$200.

The Irwin Gregg Award is for legacy leaders who have either served Divine Science for many years or who have made a significant contribution to the on-going legacy of Divine Science.

The Award is a cash prize and an accompanying certificate. The inaugural award was \$200.

The Fannie Brooks James Award is for Divine Science theologians. The FBJ Award is for academics whose study and teaching of the Divine Science theology of omnipresence has made a demonstrable impact in people's lives and in the Divine Science movement.

The Award is a cash prize and an accompanying certificate. The inaugural award was \$200.

The first recipients of these awards at the 2022 Spirit in Action Divine Science Federation Conference were:

The Anne Kunath Award: Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart

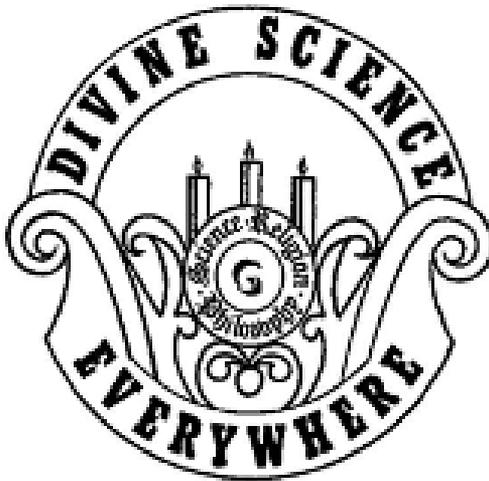
Dr. Stewart was instrumental in reviving DSFI, has long been a leader in DSMA, and is currently involved in renewal efforts for INTA as its president.

The Irwin Gregg Award: Rev. Mary Emma Dryden
Rev. Dryden has been a parish minister, spiritual teacher, and longtime DSFI leader.

The Fannie Brooks James Award: Rev. Dr. Christopher Bazemore
Dr. Bazemore is a psychologist, teacher, ministry school leader, highly regarded New Thought theologian and has contributed to the printing and distribution of classic New Thought texts.

We were overjoyed that the Spirit in Action conference had sponsors: The Sunshine Cathedral, The Samaritan Institute, Happening Out Television Network, Divine Science Ministers Association, Sage Coaching and Counseling, the International New Thought Alliance, and Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary.

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SEPTEMBER LESSONS

There is but one All.

This one that is All, is the living presence of God everywhere.

This all-inclusive One is Love, Life, Wisdom and Power.

I am in and a part of this Presence now.

Divine Life is my life.

Divine Health is my health.

Omnipresent Strength sustains me.

Omnipresent Love enfolds me and flows through me in perfect peace.

God is all there really is and I am a part of this one great reality.

Daisy Baum

"We are familiar with the expression that all things are possible to God. We all believe that there is a Power greater than we are, a Power that knows how to and that can and will meet all our needs. We all have needs. And, of course, we would like to have them met. There is nothing wrong with our wishing to be happy or well or prosperous, and there can be no harm in wanting people to like us. We certainly have a need to love, and to be loved. And so, if we do believe in a Power than can meet all our needs, suppose we turn the proposition around and say: Why then, shouldn't these needs be met? Why shouldn't God do it? This will at least give us a new approach to the possibility of faith and a new light on how to use it."

Ernest Holmes

"In the old prayer, people sought to get that which they needed and desired; in the new prayer, we seek to give of ourselves, to commune with God that the divine will may be known to us, and to give of ourselves to our fellow humans according to this Purpose; in other words, we seek to cooperate with God, the Giver of all good gifts. Instead of beseeching a faraway power, we are affirming the immediate presence of an abiding Power. Instead of begging for bounty, we are working to realize the abundance that is ours by divine heritage. The great lesson of prayer today is that we are one with God; the high purpose of prayer is to establish this relationship in our thinking. Instead of the old conception of a God who is reluctantly withholding divine favors...and who, therefore, must be appeased and besought in order [to] grant favors, there is a new concept--Infinite Spirit sharing its all."

Nona Brooks

"What Do You Expect?" Florence Scovel Shinn (1940)

Faith is expectancy, "According to your faith, be it unto you." We might say, "according to your expectancies be it done unto you;" so, what are you expecting?

We hear people say: "We expect the worst to happen," or "The worst is yet to come." They are deliberately inviting the worst to come.

We hear others say: "I expect a change for the better." They are inviting better conditions into their lives.

Change your expectancies and you change your conditions.

How can you change your expectancies, when you have formed the habit of expecting loss, lack or failure? Begin to act as if you expected success, happiness and abundance; prepare for your good. Do something to show you expect it to come. Active faith alone will impress the subconscious...

"My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from [God]." This is a most important statement from the 62nd Psalm. The soul is the subconscious mind, and the psalmist was telling his subconscious to expect everything directly from the universal; not to depend upon doors and channels; "My expectation is from [God]."

God cannot fail, for "[God's] ways are ingenious; [God's] methods are sure." You can expect any seemingly impossible Good from God, if you do not limit the channels. Do not say how you want it done, or how it can't be done. "God is the Giver and the Gift and [God] creates...amazing channels."

Take the following statement: "I cannot be separated from God the Giver; therefore, I cannot be separated from God the Gift. The gift is God in action."

My Notes



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...