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BIENNIEL CONFERENCE: "SPIRIT IN ACTION"
August 19 – 20

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Spirit in Action

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The Divine Science Federation International (DSFI) experienced Spirit in Action during the global pandemic. The leadership of DSFI responded to the apparent crisis by giving thanks for the resources we had, for the faithfulness and creativity of our members, and for the divine guidance upon which we metaphysicians depend.

Of course, spiritual maturity isn't just about what we can achieve in challenging times, it also is about how we can encourage others as they navigate their own paths of unfoldment.

Throughout pandemic, DSFI continued to share daily lessons by email and Facebook. Our daily lessons are free and anyone can subscribe to them.

In addition to our daily lessons, we changed the format and increased the frequency of our newsletter. "Spirit in Action" is now a monthly newsletter and includes daily devotions as well biographies of Divine Scientists from our history and other iconic metaphysicians. There is usually a lesson from one of our early pioneers as well. This is another free service DSFI provides.

DSFI welcomes donations from our members and friends but we also use modest membership fees to help with our operating expenses. Last year, however, we didn't charge fees per se, but instead, asked every member and prospective member to simply make a donation of any size to secure their membership.

Also, last year the DSFI executive board decided to bless DSFI ministries in pandemic by tithing to DSFI member organizations. We won't always tithe to our own centers, but the time seemed right to do so this once.

Another gift we were able to give our members as a free resource was a booklet of mine titled, *Divine Dozen: 12 Steps for Overcoming Problems in Life.*

Right before pandemic and throughout, DSFI benefited from some significant cash and in-kind gifts as well as a bequest, and a tithe from Community of Infinite Spirit on the sale of some property; so, it was our joy to share the blessings and participate in the circulation of divine supply by giving back in various ways.

In August it will be time for the DSFI biennial conference. This year we are offering it online and for only $99. Two days of teaching, praying, and meetings without the expense of travel or lodging for conference registrants and the conference itself is only $99.

The conference title is the same as our newsletter title: *Spirit in Action*. We want to share how Spirit has moved in our lives and ministries over the last two years and how we can prepare for a post-pandemic world. This affordable and convenient conference opportunity is meant to energize all of us and give us joyful expectation for the future. The conference is open to everyone regardless of Divine Science affiliation.

Divine Science Federation International BIENNIEL CONFERENCE: "SPIRIT IN ACTION", August 19 – 20. Live-Streamed! Only $99. Registration information can be found at DivineScienceFederation.org

DSFI is blessed to be a blessing, and for this, I am grateful.

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DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 1

I Am full of Life and Joy.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 2

Ground of Being, Universal Wisdom, Cosmic Breath:
We experience you with every loving thought; we express you with every loving act. You are always with us, and this Truth gives us hope, courage, and peace. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 3

There is a Power that can lift me up when I feel down, help me smile when frowning seems more natural, replace loneliness with companionship, fear with hope, and turn regret into lessons leading to empowerment. There is a Power! And it is in me and with me always. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 4

I think of someone today and beams of light radiate from my heart to theirs. I bless them and I give thanks for the miracles that are available to them. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 5

I am vibrating with enthusiasm and joyful expectation.
Miracles are on the way and I am ready for them.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 6

Thank you, God, for blessings I've known and for blessings still to come.
Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 7

Someone needs help, God.
I know you are offering them the blessing they need most.
You are their help, their source, their comfort, their constant friend.
Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 8

Heal my fear thoughts, God, so that I will accept more good into my life.
Fear is such a saboteur. I won't accept fear's lies today.
I deserve good in my life.
Today, I receive my good with gladness and gratitude.
And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 9 (contribution from Isabell VanMerlin, DScP – Dover, NH)

Have lots of questions?
There's only one real question;
God is the answer.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 10

My Higher Power is helping me today.
I make wise choices. I speak with honesty, kindness, and optimism.
I wish happiness and well-being for others. I act with integrity.
My Higher Power is helping me flourish, and as I thrive, I help others thrive as well. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 11

God is All; what good news this is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 12

I Am part of God. By Nature and Design, I Am Divine.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 13

Peace. Joy. Harmony. Vitality. Abundance.
These gifts are within me, part of me, always available to me.
I call them forth now and choose to live my best life. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 14 (contribution from Isabell VanMerlin, DScP – Dover, NH)

All Creating God
You're too wonderful for words!
How can I thank You?

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 15

Love embraces me always. I Am loved. I Am Love.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 16

Love is always right.
Today I love myself and I love others as I love myself. Love wins.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 17

Ask-Believe-Receive. That's a well-known prayer formula.
But what if I don't know what I need?
What if I'm not even super clear about what I want?
Sometimes, even asking isn't as simple as it might seem.
So, today, my ask is just this: Let me be and do my best.
My best is definitely something I can believe in and today,
and I'm ready to receive it.
May I experience what is highest and best. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 18

There is nothing to hinder God in me from expressing through and as me.
All is well. I give thanks. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 19

Thank you, God, for all the ways that you are showing up for me today.
Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 20 (contribution from Isabell VanMerlin, DScP – Dover, NH)

You Salty God You!
Well of Creativity
You buoy us up!

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 21

As God is the Ground of being, my Isness is part of God's;
and so it is that Good is always available to me.
Blessings abound.
Miracles are on the way.
I perceive and receive them.
Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 22

I can heal. I can prosper.
I can grow. I can succeed.
I can shine. I will. I do. And so it is.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 23

I deserve to be successful. I deserve love in my life.
I deserve to be happy.
The Universe offers me unfathomable blessings,
and I embrace more and more Good.
My life is wonderful and is getting better all the time.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 24

Nothing is too good for me.
Nothing good is beyond my reach.
There is nothing to prevent me from living my best life.
Life loves me and provides for me.
I am abundantly and continuously blessed.
Grateful for the Good I've known, I am open
to receive more Good than ever before.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 25

Thank you, God, for every good thing in life. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 26 (contribution from Isabell VanMerlin, DScP – Dover, NH)

Every day is new
yet constant always with You
Omnipresent God.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 27

I think of someone today who is facing fears, who is experiencing
a challenge, who is burdened with uncertainty or regret.
I now see the Truth of who that person is: this beloved one is a child of
God, a being of Light, an incarnation of divine Life.
I see this blessed one whole and full of joy.
O dear one, I give thanks for the miracle you are!
God in you is ministering to your every need. Alleluia! Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 28

God is the great I Am; I am THAT I Am.
God in me, as me, is me.
My mortal experience isn't all of God, and yet all that I truly am, is God.
I Am a drop in the Ocean, and what the Ocean is, the drop is.
The drop is part of the Ocean, and in essence, the Ocean
is in the drop. I Am part of God! All Good is possible. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 29

I Am blessed! As one who is blessed, I bless others.
As I bless others, I am blessed all the more.
What a beautiful cycle of giving and receiving, receiving and giving.
Thanks be to God.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 30

Dear God, my hands are your hands.
In my human words, your divine voice can be heard.
Let the Love that you are be expressed through me today,
and may that Love work miracles in our world. Amen.

Spirit in Action Affirmation
August 31

What miracles will be made manifest in my life today?
I Am willing and ready to receive them.
Bring on the good stuff, Universe!
Today is meant to be a wonderful day, and I am thankful.

Reflection Notes

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THIS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE THE WISDOM & EXPEREINCE OF:

DIVINE SCIENCE FEDERATION PRESIDENT
REV. DR. DURRELL WATKINS

INTERNATIONAL NEW THOUGHT ALLIANCE PRESIDENT
REV. DR. TIMOTHY STEWART

REV. CANDICE GEE
(TRAINED & ORDAINED BY MICHAEL BECKWITH)

REV. JACQUI TRISH ATKINS
A STAFF MINISTER AT THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF THE UNIVERSAL FOUNDATION FOR BETTER LIVING, CHRIST UNIVERSAL TEMPLE. REV. JACQUI IS ALSO KNOWN FOR THE GOLDRUSH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND FOR HER WORK WITH INTA.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:
Rev. Kathy Beasley (ORLANDO), Rev. Christine Emmerling (San Jose), Rev. Shaun Furlong (Pueblo), Rev. Dr. Craig Harris (Secaucus), Rev. Margarita Rodriguez (Fort Lauderdale), Rev. Cindy Lippert (Albuquerque), Rev. Lynda Pantoja (Fort Lauderdale), Rev. Dr. William Freeman (Weston, VT), and Rev. Dr. Peter Miller (Weston, VT)

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, VIDEOS, A WORSHIP EXPERIENCE, AN ORDINATION SERVICE, A WORKSHOP, & A PANEL DISCUSSION.

CONFERENCE TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:
PRAYER
THRIVING IN PANDEMIC
LOOKING AHEAD BEYOND PANDEMIC
CREATIVE MINISTRY BEYOND TRADITIONAL PARISH MODELS

NO TRAVEL COSTS. NO LODGING COSTS. JUST $99 FOR THIS ACTION PACKED 2 DAY CONFERENCE. PLAN TO ATTEND THIS VIRTUAL EXTRAVAGANZA AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEGUES ABOUT IT. THIS EVENT OFFERS SO MUCH AND ASKS SO LITTLE. DON'T MISS THIS GREAT BLESSING.

NEW THOUGHT LUMINARIES FOR JULY

Divine Science

Malinda Cramer (1844 – 1906) – former Quaker, New Thought Teacher and the original founder of the Divine Science Church. 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. His successor was Emmet Fox. 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 followed W. John Murray as the minister of the Church of the Healing Christ. 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."

Harvey S. Hardman (1878 - 1966) – was the founder of The Mental Science Institute and School of Philosophy and was one of the lead ministers of First Church of Divine Science in Denver.

Other New Thought Traditions

Mildred Mann (1904 – 1971) - Mildred Mann was mentored by Emmet Fox. New Thought author, Alan C. Anderson, studied with Mrs. Mann for many years. Mann became the founder of the Society of Religious Pragmatism, later reorganized as the Society of Pragmatic Mysticism. The teachings of the Society were based on the practice of the Presence of God in daily life.

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. It wasn't until she was in her 40s that 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.

Henry Thomas Hamblin
From Dynamic Thought (1921)

I want you to realize:
That within you are infinite power and possibilities.
That the inward Power can be aroused and brought into expression by holding high ideals in the mind and by affirmations and meditation.
That it is necessary to spend a short time in the Unseen both night and morning.
That by so doing you can enter a super-conscious realm where your word is creative...
That it is only by following high ideals that true success can be achieved.
Therefore, picture a higher life--the highest you can conceive, and affirm that it is yours.

Henry Thomas Hamblin (1873 – 1958) was an English New Thought author. The essence of Hamblin's philosophy was of the omnipresence, omnipotence and all-goodness of God.

Emmet Fox

Of what does the consecrated life consist? Your life is a consecrated one when you are ready at all times to do the will of God—when you are willing and anxious that God may be fully expressed through you, through your thoughts, words, and deeds, during every hour of the day. You are not concerned with the question of results. Results belong to God. “Here am I; send me (Isaiah 6:8).”

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Ida B. Elliot
From "The Science of Being" (1941)

Divine Science is based on a belief in the Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotence and Omniaction of God – One Presence, Knowledge, Power, and Action. In other words: God is all, both invisible and visible; one Mind, Intelligence and Substance, one Spirit, Life and Law. This Mind is the source of all wisdom, love, knowledge, understanding and power. Its action is the expression of these inherencies which [we call] the 'Law of the Lord.' This Law is also called the 'will of God' or, 'God in action.' [Humanity] is the expression of God and is forever one with its Source. But, believing in two powers, [we] thought [ourselves] separated from the true Source and came into the bondage of…false beliefs. Hence the basic statement for [our] work is: 'I accept the Omnipresence without any reserve.'

Ida B. Elliott (1862 – 1957) – Divine Science founder Malinda Elliott Cramer's niece. Ordained by Nona Brooks.

Rev. Ike
From "The Nature of My True Self"

For you to experience love correctly, you have to love yourself, your DIVINE SELF. You can't give other people what you haven't first given yourself. Love the DIVINE SELF of you. Love the GOD-IN-YOU. Love the RIGHT IDEA of yourself.

Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II "Rev. Ike" (1935 – 2009) taught that health, wealth, harmonious relationships, and protection could all be achieved by those who practiced his system of metaphysics, the "Science of Living."

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…

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