



SPIRIT IN ACTION

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Excerpts From Divine Science

We are responding to your interest in writings by contemporary Divine Scientists. Here two active DSFI ministers share their thoughts, inspired by the writings of Malinda Cramer.

Rev. Ed Rosenback from Vallejo, CA is a recently ordained Divine Science minister and a Lifetime Member of DSFI. His writings have been published in Science of Mind magazine and New Thought Quarterly.

Acceptance – the Key to Healing

Malinda Cramer wrote that those being treated by Truth should make a practice of going alone for at least 20 minutes twice a day to recognize the All-powerful Good present throughout their bodies and everywhere around them (p. 173, *Divine Science and Healing*). The importance of doing this inner work cannot be over-stated; in fact, it is the key to acceptance of Omnipresent Good, in which no thing contrary to the Divine Nature can exist.

Oftentimes, we may forget who and what and Whose we are, and by so doing we invite less-than-desirable experiences into our idle minds which can manifest in our bodies, our environment, or events in our lives. Mankind has, indeed, devised “many inventions,” not all of which have been life-affirming. What we, in our minds, accept (whether consciously or unconsciously) lays the foundation for our experience. God intends only Goodness for His creation, but we can, if our consciousness is not focused on that Good, set a pattern of causation into motion which does not follow the intended ideal. Yet that Divine Ideal ever rests at our core, for we are Divine beings, made of Divine Substance.

To the one undergoing metaphysical or spiritual treatment, Malinda Cramer says, “Do not think of disease or give attention to any sense of inharmony; be restful and happy, and let your concentration be that of repose and clear vision . . . Know that health and rest, satisfaction and prosperity are for you and that you are to enjoy a realization of them” (p. 173, *Divine Science and Healing*). This lays the groundwork for acceptance of the Good – that which God wills for all of us.

Mrs. Cramer goes on to admonish, “Let nothing interfere” (*ibid*). We are to keep our focus on the Divine Presence which is everywhere evenly present, the Source and Substance of all Being in Creation. (This is keeping the eye single, as scripture advises.) When we keep our focus on “the prize” as St. Paul called it, we shall attain that good focused upon.

To me, maintaining a healthy focus involves an *awareness* of the Good, followed by an

affirmation of that Good Omnipresent. When we fully *accept* that Good, without equivocation or inner argument, we shall express It and will be healed of whatever condition may have engaged our attention beforehand.

In spiritual treatment, there really is nothing to be healed, only Truth to be revealed. We do not focus on the problem, we do not treat the condition, we accept the Truth that God is all there is, wholly Good and expressing only Good. As Mrs. Cramer said, "A Divine Science healer knows only good, and can only practice what he knows" (ibid, p. 175). Every patient must "Let go of false beliefs and opinions and lay hold of the Truth" (ibid, p. 176). Accepting the Truth makes whole; this is Divine Law and the basis of Divine Science healing.

Rev. Rosemarie Volpone, a truth seeker for many decades, was ordained as a Divine Science minister in February 2011. She lives in New York State and is planning to be in Florida during the winter months.

Abundance

Abundance according to the dictionary is *an extremely plentiful or over sufficient quantity and supply*, yet most of us go about our daily lives seeking that which we already have.

In her book Divine Science and Healing, Malinda E. Cramer states, "He who overcomes seeming poverty knows no lack, no law by which poverty can be brought about and made real." *Give and ye shall receive*. Do we understand that giving and receiving are one and the same?

One may say *I am poor and have nothing to give*. Mother Theresa once took a bowl of rice to a widow and her children. Upon receiving the rice, the woman divided the portion in half, put on her shawl and went out the door. When she returned Mother Theresa inquired, "Where did you go?" She replied, "I took half to my neighbor; I cannot feed my family when I know that my neighbor's children are hungry too." If you think you have nothing to give, think again.

Consider this--each one of us is given 24 hours a day, that is an equal distribution of wealth, wouldn't you say? Abundance is not just material possessions and money. Imbedded deep within each of us lies a spark of the divine. We all have the capacity for compassion, forgiveness and love. Ask yourself, do you give and accept the fruits of the spirit freely and without reservation? Do you treat others as you wish to be treated?

I am reminded of a quote by Martin Luther King: "If a man is called upon to be a street sweeper, let him sweep the streets so that all the angels in heaven may say *there is the greatest street sweeper that ever lived*." It matters little what we do, we must be willing to do it well. Seek ye to become a cheerful giver and a joyous servant. No man plants a tomato seed and harvests an ear of corn. We reap what we sow.

Malinda Cramer teaches us, "When you have read a science lesson and made your affirmations do not turn from truth and murmur about your conditions, thereby affirming sickness, unhappiness and yourself."

Enter the silence as often as you can. Pray without ceasing, love without limits, show kindness to all and remember to give thanks. As Divine Scientists we are all about consciousness raising. Let us recognize that abundance is our birthright and live accordingly.

DSFI Goals for 2011

1. To serve our members
2. To share the loving teachings of Divine Science worldwide
3. To be sustainable – fiscally and in every other way

Letter from DSFI President, Rev. Mary Emma Dryden

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I update you on the activities underway to support our DSFI Organizational and Individual members. Our able Administrator Patricia Kreitzer and dedicated Board members and volunteers are making great strides:

- **Daily Studies in Divine Science** (DSFI At-One-Ment), bound and edited--with a color cover, this reprint is now available for purchase. A perfect companion piece, ***The 2012 Inspiration and Reflection Calendar*** (DSFI At-One-Ment), should be at the DSFI office by the time you read this. The Order Forms have more information about these two publications, which will make great Christmas gifts, individually or as a set.
- Our inviting new website--**DivineScienceFederation.org**--is open for visits, book purchases, and increased outreach to spiritual seekers on the web.
- Progress is being made on the portable 6' by 5' triptych—a **Wall of Celebration and Remembrance**, which will give each of us an opportunity to honor those people or organizations that have special meaning to us.
- Beautiful spiritual **greeting cards** have been designed and donated by Sharry Bernatz using photography by Dick Vance (two Divine Scientists from Missouri). Please contact the office for more information and to place an order.
- SAVE THE DATES! Plans are advancing for **the DSFI 2012 Biennial Conference, *Living Truth in an Ever Changing World***, August 8 - 11 in Burlington, Vermont. This is an opportunity to be immersed in a spiritual environment with fellow Divine Scientists--to be recharged and uplifted.

Each of these projects moves us closer to the realization of our three goals: to serve our members; to share the loving teachings of Divine Science worldwide; and to be sustainable--fiscally and in every other way. We hope you will be drawn to join us through prayer and donations of your presence, your unique talents, and your financial support.

Please contact me with your comments and suggestions (cell 917-664-1616).

Thank you, Mary Emma Dryden

President, Board of Directors

News From DSFI Organizational Members

Organizational Member Happenings – Calendar of Upcoming Events

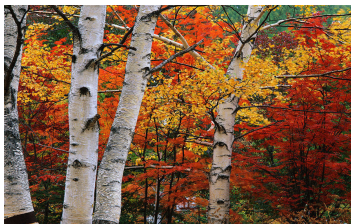
Many DSFI organizational members (churches, study groups and schools) have ongoing local services, prayer/study groups, retreats and seminars, and classes. Please check our website to link to their individual websites for particular information for your immediate location.

- A wonderful celebration was enjoyed at the **Divine Science Community Center in San Jose, CA** on Aug. 28. It commemorated the **20 years of service by Rev. Christine Emmerling** as Senior Minister. Many attended in appreciation for the ministry and vision that Rev. Christine has unfolded. Today, the center has the traditional Sunday service, but also serves the many paths of spirituality and most importantly continues the teachings of Divine Science.
- Join in the adventure and discovery of a **book discussion group via conference call** using Learn to live, The meaning of the Parables by Ervin Seale, Monday nights for 6 weeks, beginning November 14th at 8:30 pm eastern time. If you are interested please contact Rev. Rita Caiazza (**Quimby Church in Secaucus, NJ**) at 631-561-3236 or ritacaiazza@yahoo.com
- The **First Divine Science Church of Denver, CO** reports that they are offering two sections of a class on Emma Curtis Hopkins' Scientific Christian Mental Practice, having group meditations on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings, welcoming new members and enjoying a revival in Sunday school with two new teachers.

Note: Member Organizations - please send DSFI upcoming (Feb/Mar/Apr) news to share with our readers of events that would be of interest to our distance travelers to be included in the next DSFI newsletter. We so appreciate the Divine Science work that is ongoing by our organizational members.

We invite you to join Divine Science Federation International!

Log onto our website for details.



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