



# Spirit in Action

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## Coming Home to the Presence

By Rev. William Charles Freeman, Ph.D.

*In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.*

– Isaiah 30:15

Daybreak greets us no matter where we are in the world. The weather does too. While it's snowing in the north, the sands are warming on the beaches in the south, it's clear and sunny out west, and it's raining in the east. No matter where we stand and look out in any direction, there appears to be constant change.

Essential Truth does not change. When we focus on the external, we can seek numerous ways to connect with the divine; when we move inward in our consciousness, we open to the Infinite and know that there is no intermediary to the Divine. It just Is. And we are One. Nothing stands between us because there is no between, only ever-present Being. Whether we choose to acknowledge and awaken to the Presence or not, Presence just is. It is with us, Is us, whether we perceive It or not.

“Things will be better when. . . .” “If only. . . , then I would. . . .” “When I get this task done, then I will be able to. . . .” These statements are misperceptions, conditional and predicated on apparent circumstance and change. Love, Truth and Life are unconditional and changeless.

Daybreak comes, the day unfolds and it comes again. Just as it presents an opportunity for us to begin again anew each day, each moment we are free to choose to become conscious of Oneness, and look away from a mistaken interpretation of life experience. We are called to use our free will to correct misjudgment and “. . . stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wished realized in . . . results, you will control yourself harmoniously” (Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health*, p. 392). Divine Science writers Malinda Cramer and Fannie Brooks James addressed this same idea and called it “mental fasting,”

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Thank you Rev. JoAnn Corsiatto for your lovely artwork now gracing the DSFI office.



**Rev. Maria Borrero**  
Bethesda, MD

*Love is the  
supreme gift;  
it is the  
kingdom of God  
within us.*

— Nona Brooks

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU DSFI Community Spotlight

By Jean Millett

*Love is wonderful and healing. I always look for the love in things, no matter what I'm doing.*

— Rev. Maria Borrero

Born in Puerto Rico, Maria came with her mother to New York City as a child. She married at a young age and lived with her husband and two girls in Connecticut, but she never found a church there that appealed to her. She recalls, "All my life I was seeking to have a relationship with God. I decided I needed to look for another job and leave Connecticut."

In 1991 Maria found a job in Washington, D.C. When she learned about the Divine Science Church there, she attended - and felt the minister was talking directly to her. She immediately began taking classes; soon Maria was teaching meditation, urging her students to "do the work daily; then when the big things (the lessons) happen, you will be better prepared for them." She loved being a teacher - it made her a student at the same time. Eventually Maria became a full-time minister in the church. She believes her move to DC wasn't for the new job, but to discover Divine Science.

When her husband became ill, Maria dedicated herself to his care and is grateful for that learning experience. She believes such lessons will also serve her down the road, that there is infinite opportunity for growth, to have a more intimate relationship with God.

As she adapts to retired life, Maria will be re-reading her Divine Science books. Her favorite author is Nona Brooks.

## 2017 Daily Study Emails

The DSFI Daily Study Email Committee is updating the 2017 program by introducing more messages by contemporary Divine Science leaders to accompany those written by Divine Science luminaries. Each study is enhanced by an appropriate photo, resulting in a nourishing daily dose of Divine Science for several hundred readers. To find a spiritual message in your Inbox every morning, email us at [dsfi@me.com](mailto:dsfi@me.com).

## A Transcendent Treatment

By Rev. Dr. H. B. Jeffery  
author and lecturer, 1872-1954

*“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.”*

Beloved of God – greeting!

In my integrity within me, where I know and see as God, I know and see you, O beloved, to be free, wise, and immortal.

I see you unfettered and unbound, triumphant! glorious! splendid!

I see you unweighted by human thought of limitation, unweighted by matter.

I see you unbound, undiseased, buoyant.

I see you strong! mighty! forceful! powerful! divine!

I see your eye lit with fire from on high!

I see your tongue tipped with celestial instructions!

I behold you bright! joyous!

I see you victorious! undaunted!

I see you spotless, beautiful!

I see you deathless, abiding!

I see you flawless, fearless, transcending yourself and all your affairs – independent!

I see you smiling! sound! sane! strong!

I see you to be the strong son of God, brother of Jesus Christ and joint heir of the Father to the kingdom!

I see you alive with God and upheld by His free Spirit forever!

All the world sees you as I see you, now and evermore.

## NEWS BITS

[Community of Infinite Spirit](#) in San Jose, CA is hosting its annual Soulful Living Arts Fair on Saturday, March 18.

[Sunshine Cathedral](#) in Fort Lauderdale, FL is offering a *Civil Rights History and Justice Tour* April 19-22. Tour Selma, Montgomery, Atlanta and Savannah.

Join us every  
Thursday  
at 7 PM (EST)  
for your **Spiritual  
Call-In.**  
**712-451-0011**  
access code  
**193543#**  
Discussion is based  
on the day's reading  
in [Daily Studies in  
Divine Science](#)

**Record of Myself** has been republished and is now available from DSFI as **Timeless Truth ~ Malinda Elliott Cramer's Record of Myself**. This Divine Science founder's personal account is inspiring for all spiritual seekers. Updated and edited by Rev. Dr. C. Will Mercer, this booklet can be ordered directly from DSFI by phone or through the website. 802-779-9019.

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**MONTHLY Divine Science CHAT** Talk with DSFI president Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart on the second Monday of every month at 8 PM (EST) to discuss Divine Science or the Federation plans and programs. Call **802-417-2204** for your one-on-one personal chat. **March 13** and **April 10**

## Coming Home to the Presence

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– “a fast of thought implies the careful choosing of every thought to which we shall give recognition. . . .” (*Divine Science: Its Principle and Practice*, p. 80).

When we are deeply rooted in Oneness, we truly can be with the sweeping changes that shifting winds of time may bring into our experience. Stephanie Kaza writes, “The deeper the stillness, the greater the capacity to respond to change when it comes” (*The Attentive Heart: Conversations with Trees*, p. 89). The apparent vicissitudes of human existence, experienced daily, illustrate that consciousness does matter.

The more we deepen in stillness, the more we deepen in our consciousness. As we do so, we steep in the Presence that allows us to be able to be with change, because we are not caught up in resisting transitory experience. Rather, we are centered in Being, through our realization of Creative Oneness. We awaken in consciousness and come home to Presence, realizing we never strayed, because we are ever One.

## DARK NIGHT, BRIGHT MORNING

A Seminar with Rev. Miriam Comer-Johnson  
May 19 & 20 in Weston, VT

We usually turn to religion when seeking a painless way to progress in life. We want to believe in something that will not fail us. It pleases us to hear that our salvation is based on our consciousness - what we think and say and do. The key to making the change is to endure the shift in consciousness - from what we think we should say and do, to what we actually feel within us.

It is a journey - a journey from the *Dark Night* of doubt, reservations and uncertainty and to a *Bright Morning* of faith, trust and confidence.

Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer-Johnson is a teacher, spiritual counselor, and author of *The Open Book of Revelation*. She has served as a full-time minister and conducted spiritual seminars in New Thought churches across the country. Miriam received her doctorate degree in Bible Interpretation. Her strength lies in the clarity with which she defines spiritual Law and spiritual Principle.

Hosted by New Thought Vermont - Divine Science in the Green Mountains, Rev. Peter Miller and Rev. William Charles Freeman, Ph.D. For more information visit [New Thought Vermont](#) and click on Events.

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## NEW! DSFI STUDY GROUP

Chapter by chapter, study *Divine Science Its Principles and Practice* with Rev. Rita Caiazza. Members will meet, via conference call, Mondays at 7:30 pm (EST) to share their responses to the reading. Starts March 20 for 14 weeks. Contact DSFI for more details and to sign up. 802-779-9019