



SPIRIT IN ACTION

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Excerpts From Divine Science

Rev. Sylvia S. Eriksson was ordained by Brooks Divinity School, Denver, in 1998. Since 1999 she has been giving services at Unity of Melbourne Church. In 2007 she founded the First Divine Science Church of Australia in Melbourne.

Consciousness Ascending

How fortunate we Divine Scientists are to be inspired by the words of wisdom we read from our earlier writers. Recently I studied The Divine Science Way by Irwin Gregg, D.S.D., and in his chapter on Consciousness he writes, “The Spirit of Truth is God’s intelligence acting as a healing power within and through me.” He goes on to echo the words of St. Paul as he states, “We all live and move and have our being in this great Consciousness.”

When we think these statements through we are awestruck by the implications for ourselves and the growth of our own consciousness. We are thinking into, and with, the Mind of God! What appears to be your mind and my mind is really the individual use we each make of this one great Universal God-Mind. As God’s Divine Intelligence is Infinite, then our own intelligence has infinite possibilities.

There is no limit to what we can imagine, achieve, or be. There is no limit to that which unfolds from our very own Indwelling Spirit of Truth. Our every word, our every thought is infused with God-Power, and as our spiritual awareness grows, so we become aware of our own responsibilities.

As individualized expressions of God--God is experiencing Life through us and our actions, so we are not living just for ourselves--we endeavour to live the best life possible for God.

As we turn inward and examine our every motive we realize that we must bring ourselves into right relationship with God by endeavouring to embody the Love, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and all the Good that God Is! As we do this, we realize that we can no longer take direction from all the conflicting ideas and opinions in the visible, ever-changing world of appearances that surrounds us. We must turn inward and listen to the changeless, eternal, Spirit of Truth, “the still small voice” which becomes louder as we learn to listen to It, and trust It, to lead us to God’s All-Good.

As we enter into the silence and meditate upon the mystery of God’s loving goodness, Divine Intelligence leads us onward and upward, more truth is revealed to our ascending consciousness, insoluble problems are solved in seemingly miraculous ways and we find ourselves lifted into our rightful place.

We then learn to say, “Not my will but thine be done.” We find that all we need comes from the Indwelling Spirit of Truth: Guidance, Healing, Supply and Prosperity – all our questions are answered, all our needs are met. And so our Faith and Trust is strengthened as we see demonstrations of Divine Intelligence manifest each day.

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By entering the Silence daily, we have our mystical moments when our human consciousness expands to embrace the whole universe and everything in it. An ecstatic moment of absolute Truth shows us that all in the universe is interconnected and interdependent, every blade of grass, every creature, God and ourselves are all One.

There can be no separation. We are immersed in this Wholeness of Being wholly sustained by God's Love. How blessed we Divine Scientists are to know this Truth of Being.

Rev. Evelyn Ota was recently ordained by the Divine Science School in Washington, DC. She lives in Colorado, where she serves at the Pueblo Divine Science Church as a teacher and as a minister as the need arises.

Silence

The Silence is the respectful, worshipful, faithful attitude toward your Creator and the Law of your Good...In the Silence you respond to your good. You enter the consciousness of all good and live in the Presence.

The Divine Science Way, Irwin Gregg, D.S.D., p. 104

We all know the benefits of entering the silence, allowing our Christ nature to surface in our lives. Yet, how many times when an opportunity presents itself to us, one that can be disturbing in its nature, do we continue to dwell on that event.

As children, when we had our many learning opportunities--the ones that resulted in being put in time out--what a great chance was missed. Instead of saying, *you sit here and think of what you've done*, would it have not been more beneficial to sit with us, read a scripture and allow guidance to come through?

I've always thought that Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God* is certainly the best place to begin. This shows the Omnipresence of God; it certainly was no mistake that this is the beginning of the Bible. Can you see that God is within you? Can you see that God is in your friend you just had a spat with? We have been trained from childhood to look at our misgivings, instead of listening for true guidance.

Do we as adults still dwell on our misgivings, while we should immediately turn away from the deception and listen for Truth? This is learning to pray without ceasing, taking a moment to turn within and allow our true nature to show forth.

I find it encouraging at this point in the continued growth of our churches to see a way to help train the young souls who come to us. To listen to the still small voice within as we also listen to those small voices from without asking us to lead the way.

It is our understanding of the importance of an eternal connection to God that keeps us moving ever forward; praying without ceasing, acknowledging ever how precious, how magnificent this inspiration is for each and every soul.

DSFI Goals for 2012

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

News From DSFI Organizational Members

DSFI organizational members (churches, study groups and schools) have local services, prayer/study groups, retreats and seminars, and classes. Visit DSFI's website to link to member websites.

First Divine Science Church of Denver: Rev. Jane Kopp Resigns effective Dec. 31, 2011.

From the Church Board of Trustees - In Gratitude (as reported in Dayspring Newsletter) “In January 1984, our beloved minister, Jane Kopp, joined our community with her husband, the late Rev. Karl Kopp. As she transitions from her role as the minister of our community to a new focus as Director of the Brooks Center for Spirituality, we find ourselves incapable of adequately thanking her for awakening us to who we really are. From what we have learned from them both, we now look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to the continual unfolding of consciousness of our community. We take from her the example of an authentically lived life, present and available, boldly insisting on what IS here. We honor Jane as our Teacher of Teachers. We are grateful, however, that Jane will be among us, continuing to teach, knowing that we have much more of the undiscovered country to encounter with her.”

Pam Geddy, DSFI Board Member, Church of Denver Member and Administrator, wrote: “On December 18, 2011, the Rev. Jane Kopp of First Divine Science Church of Denver was feted by friends, relatives, and congregants. All were treated to a fine lunch, live music, and accolades from those who have benefited from Jane's ministry and friendship. Those who spoke mentioned Jane's wisdom, spiritual insight, welcoming nature, edifying instruction, and her mastery of cutting to the heart of an issue. After 27 years of service, Jane tendered her resignation as Minister of the First Church in order to focus on teaching and the revitalization of Brooks Center for Spirituality. She will continue to be a spiritual guide for Denver's community. We wish her well.”

Rev. William Freeman, Former DSFI Board President, wrote: “As representative of the Brooks Center for Spirituality, Jane Kopp served on the Board of the Divine Science Federation International for many years, including during a critical time in the organization's development. As Vice-President, Jane led the Board in its Long Range Planning process to determine its future course. In this leadership role, she brought a keen sensitivity to the many factors facing the Federation at the time and placed them in the context of DSFI's history and the realities of the emerging 21st century landscape.

Seeking to be inclusive and responsive to the interests and needs facing the Federation and its membership, with care and attention, she planned for and facilitated numerous discussions and meetings with the Federation Board, as well as with individual and organizational members. With her expert knowledge and understanding of both Divine Science and church organizational development, Jane was able to successfully lead this Long Range Planning effort and author the Board's Report that helped chart a new way forward.

Highly skilled, creative, clear, kind, and astute are just a few of the characteristics that come to describe Jane's significant volunteer efforts during her service on the Federation Board. In all of Jane's work with DSFI, she undertook considerable tasks with love and service, wisdom and good humor. We are most grateful for the many gifts that Jane has brought to the Federation and our teaching and wish her the very best as she focuses her creative efforts on the development of the Brooks Center for Spirituality.”

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(Brochures and Registration Materials available April 1, 2012)

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