

EDUCATION ISSUE 2011-2012



DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH *of the HEALING CHRIST*

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Divine Science is based on the changeless truth that God constitutes the nature of all being and that God fills the invisible and visible realms of existence. This truth has never changed. This truth is as available to man now as it was to Moses, Elijah and Jesus. Nothing man does or fails to do will ever separate him from this Truth. Not only do we “live, move and have our being in the Truth,” “whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it nor anything taken from it.”

To the question of why does man suffer, Divine Science answers that Truth is not a doctrine but a personal experience. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, (*in that mind*) there is freedom.” One of the founders of our teaching writes that “true prayer is not begging for more wisdom, more supply, or more good. Infinite, all embracing Being cannot give us more than Itself. In sharing Itself with us It has given us all that we can possibly need. Our part is to accept.” Healing is not a special act on the part of God, but of man. Dr. Max Ballard, a former minister of the Divine Science Church in Washington, DC, defined the goal of practicing Divine Scientists when he said, “We are not here to demonstrate things, but to know God.”

Divine Science teaches that the fullness of Spirit is forever pouring Itself through the mind of man, limited only by the way man thinks and feels about life in general and about certain conditions and situations in particular. Therefore, all change begins as an activity in mind and through the law of cause and effect mind manifests as a personal experience. “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.” It is added unto us according to our emotional belief.

The physical evidence of any teaching lies not in the authority or history of an organization, but in the ability of an individual to prove the teaching. And so it is that Divine Science is recognized as a teaching organization. Therefore, in order to fulfill its *raison d'être*, a course of study in the Principle on which Divine Science is founded is offered through the Divine Science church in Washington, DC. We hope this special Education Issue will be of benefit as you plan your calendar for 2011-2012.

Purpose

The purpose of the Divine Science classes is to awaken the student to his inner potential as a spiritual being. The course of study in Divine Science consists of six classes designed to establish a conscious relationship with God. This study of metaphysics and the laws of mind lead to an unfoldment of consciousness.

Divine Science Course of Study

The Divine Science classes are sequentially arranged. The Basic Principle of Divine Science class must be taken first as it is a prerequisite to the other five classes. The Meditation and Spiritual Psychology classes may be taken when the Basic Principle class has been successfully completed. The Old Testament Bible class may be taken only after the Meditation and Spiritual Psychology classes have been successfully completed. The New Testament Bible class may be taken only after the Old Testament Bible class has been completed, and the Higher Training and Consecration class may be taken only after the other five classes have been completed.

Each class is 10 weeks long, tuition is \$65, auditing fee for those repeating the class is \$35.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association is composed of individuals who have successfully completed the Course of Study in Divine Science. It serves as a supporting arm of the Church by disseminating the Principle of Truth by sponsoring seminars, lectures and special classes. Graduates of the Divine Science classes are regularly invited to lead these presentations.

Basic Principle of Divine Science

Dr. Mayamerica Cortez, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011, 9:00 am (Spanish)

Mr. Wayne Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011, 9:00 am

Ms. Pamela Johnson, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 8, 2012, 9:00 am

There is no prerequisite to this class. It is open to all.

The Basic Principle of Divine Science class is the foundation on which all the other classes are built. It is during this class that the student's faith in an ever-present Presence is awakened. Practical Instruction in the application of the teaching is given from the very beginning. This class is offered two times during the church year.

Meditation

Rev. Maria Borrero, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2012, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

The Meditation class is approached in a well-defined, scientific manner and clearly establishes the difference between the cosmic and spiritual levels of awareness. The transcending spiritual

meditation process and its practical application to every-day living are emphasized in every session. Students are encouraged to audit this class often.

Spiritual Psychology

Rev. Donna Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 8, 2012, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

The class in Spiritual Psychology teaches the student to reason about life from the basis of the omnipresence of God. In our quest for Truth we learn to look beyond the appearance to that which is real and absolute. Spiritual Psychology presents the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life as an unfolding process leading to the realization of Oneness. The teachings of Jesus are studied as an approach to philosophy, religion, how to live the truth we have attained, and the understanding of cosmic consciousness. Units on prayer, the silence, healing, supply, and death, among others are presented in the class.

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/Old Testament

Ms. Karolyn Elskoe, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science, Spiritual Psychology and Meditation

This class examines the metaphysical interpretation of the Old Testament that when interpreted metaphysically reveals hidden meanings through allegories, parables and symbolic language. Students discover that the Bible is the story of their own unfoldment and awakens in consciousness the divinity of their own nature.

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/New Testament

Ms. Sylvia Anderson, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, January 8, 2012, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/Old Testament

This class moves the metaphysical study of the Bible into the New Testament. The class emphasizes the awakening of the Spiritual nature in man as told through the birth of the Christ. This one revelation in the consciousness of an individual transforms ordinary man and woman into children of God. In essence, the story of the Bible, when metaphysically understood, is the story of man as he moves from the Adam state to the Christ state.

Higher Training and Consecration

Rev. Janet Friedline, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2012, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: All of the above classes.

This class stresses the transformation of consciousness from a sense-awareness of life to a Christ-awareness of life. It gently presents to the individual student an opportunity to establish a spiritual basis from which to think and live.