



New World Vision

The Unity Center of Divine Love & Light
Touching Hearts, Transforming Lives

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Unity of Divine Light,



For the past several weeks our Sunday Messages have been directed at **“Practicing Inclusivity”** a 6 week series inspired by the workbook of the same name written by Shariff Abdullah. Much of the series format, Sunday message content and activities for the group that has been meeting Sundays afternoons were provided by Reverend Lauri Boyd, Unity Minister in Columbia,

Missouri to whom I am most grateful. The talks can began October 7th and be heard on podcast at www.theunitycenter.org.

Inclusivity is the principle that all of humanity, all of creation, all beings are inextricably connected to each other. It is the “essence of what has been called the Golden Rule.” It seems that the practice of exclusivity, which is viewing and treating other people, other beings, creation and God as separate from myself is what I have been taught most of my life! The result of such

thinking is an attitude of “as long as I’m okay, then I hope you are okay, but if you are not that’s really not my business, so good luck!”

Along with Shariff Abdullah I have to ask the questions: “Is the world working for all beings? Does everyone have enough to meet the basic necessities of life? Where does the Golden Rule fit into a world where people are starving, homeless, persecuted, subject to all kinds of violence and prejudice? Where the planet and its inhabitants, both human and non-human, are being destroyed by greed and misuse of power? Where “them and us” and name-calling, finger-pointing and blaming “the other” seem to be the order, or rather disorder, of the day?”

Practicing Inclusivity is about **Changing Consciousness**. Changing the consciousness of humanity is the business of changing consciousness one person at a time. It is a spiritual solution really. So today I offer you an early Christmas gift...an opportunity to take the **Inclusivity Pledge** on page 3 that is designed to encourage an inclusive way of life and can be renewed on a daily basis. It is a good self-examination tool and may also serve as a guidance mechanism. Take time to be still. May you know Good within you and above you, Rich

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Celebration - 11 a.m.

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Teen programs, Sunday School
for all ages at 11 a.m. service

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The Inclusivity Pledge

I believe in inclusivity. I believe that our lives are inextricably linked one to another. We cannot wage war against anyone without waging war against ourselves. Therefore, I will practice inclusivity with myself, my family, my community, the natural world, and all others. I will actively work toward the goal of an inclusive society, a world that works for all.

I know that we are One. Therefore, I will give to you what I want for me. I know there is enough for all.

I want everyone to win. Therefore, I will work to resolve all conflicts to every party's satisfaction.

I want acceptance. Therefore, I will accept myself for who and what I am, I will accept you for who and what you are, and I will accept all others for who and what they are. Even if I resist your behavior, I will accept you as a Child of God, a part of the Divine.

I want no harm. Therefore, I will not harm myself or you or any others, by thought, word, or deed.

I want forgiveness. Therefore, I will forgive myself, I will forgive you, and I will forgive all others.

I want to be free. Therefore, I will not let others dominate, control, or manipulate me. And I will not dominate, control, or manipulate you or others.

I want peace. Therefore, I will be peaceful with myself, with you, and with others.

I want love. Therefore, I will love myself, I will love you, and I will love all others.

Signature _____

Date _____

Upcoming Talk Titles

Nov. 11 Society and Inclusivity

Nov. 18 Deep Inclusivity

Nov. 25 Angels Among Us,
with Rev. Kris

Dec. 2 A World of Hope

Dec. 9 Special Guest Speaker,
Dr. Orestes Gutierrez, with "From
Bondage To Liberation"

Dec. 16 Giving Birth To Peace

Dec. 23 I AM God's JOY!

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve - "Glory To
God In The Highest"

Dec. 30 Creating A New World!

Don't Miss These Dates!

Christmas decorating and potluck
is Nov. 25 after service.

Christmas Quilt Raffle has begun!
The beautiful quilt by Sue Jarvis
benefits the Dream Fund.

**25th Birthday and Christmas Party
potluck** will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec.
7, at the Unity Center of Divine
Love and Light. (Music and dance
from 7-9) with Diminishing Faculties
(Michael Robinson's band)

**Winter Solstice Celebration and
Potluck** with Buffalo Trace Society
2-6 p.m. Dec. 15 at Unity Center.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:
Glory To God in The Highest! 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 24.

Reflections from Kris

Discard Duality Thinking

Sometimes it is good to go back over things we've learned and revisit them. In our world, **duality** is both an old idea and the first filter we learned to look through. No one had to teach us. Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, calls duality "double-mindedness", which he defines metaphysically as **"Contemplation of a world both good and evil; mental acceptance of a principle of evil as well as of good. This constitutes a denial of God as omnipresent good."**



In our experience, our entire lives are seen, understood, imagined, and innately attuned to this duality way of thinking. Duality is a belief in the realm of opposites. If there is good, there is bad or evil. It can manifest as a belief that if we have good for a while we will soon feel the pendulum swing you back down to that dreaded place of lack, or illness, or suffering.

Fact: if we believe in duality, we cannot have sustained good, or love, or success. This kind of thinking does not fit the nature of a divine being, the nature of the Christ. If Jesus believed in duality, He would not have been a man of miracles, a man of the resurrection and ascension. Nor would He have challenged us to follow Him, saying in *John 14:12* "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." Jesus invites us to break the mold of the unreal sense of stagnation that is offered by the world of duality rather than by the gift of eternal life.

Personally I believe as I heard recently, "we didn't come here to die and go to heaven. We came here to bring heaven to earth." This is definitely a change of thinking which calls us to quit believing that our good is limited. In **The Golden Key** by Emmet Fox, we are shown a way to take a break from duality thinking long enough to create a perfect moment or a new horizon. Fox says, "...it is God who works, and not you, and so your particular limitations or weaknesses are of no account in the process. You are only the channel through which the divine action takes place, and your treatment will really be just the getting of yourself out of the way." In short the method is: "Stop thinking about the difficulty, whatever it is, and think about God instead. This is the complete rule, and if only you will do this, the trouble, whatever it is, will presently disappear. It makes no difference what kind of trouble it is. It may be a big thing or a little thing.

It may concern health, finance, a lawsuit, a quarrel, an accident, or anything else conceivable; but whatever it is, just stop thinking about it, and think of God instead..."

So our task is to be aware of what we are thinking. If the thought of a problem comes up before we find the answer revealed, we must **Golden Key it**, i.e. cease thinking about the problem and begin thinking of God. We think Truths we know of God like: "God is everywhere present, and therefore God is here in the midst of me. I AM filled with God Life, God Love, and God Energy! I AM at peace." Then we can go about our day single-mindedly, repeating this process as often as required. We can do this! And we can have a lot of fun and spiritual growth in the process.

Namaste, Kris

Tithings



Each month Unity Center of Divine Love & Light tithes 10% of Sunday Offerings: 4% goes to Unity Northwest Region; 3.5% to Unity Worldwide Ministries; 1.5% to Unity World Headquarters; 1% to a local community organization that meshes with our mission statement of “Touching Hearts, Transforming Lives.”

Forms are available at the Center for your community tithing suggestions.

Dr. Orestes Gutierrez will be back Sunday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.!

Dr. Orestes Gutierrez will share the latest research in neuroscience and illuminate a simple practice that engenders gratitude, true happiness, and well-being.

“In Advent, we prepare for the arrival of Christ consciousness. With this Awakening we discover true freedom. Ancient scripture states the human mind can lead to bondage or liberation. Modern science has revealed why our brains are hardwired to create unhappiness, suffering and negativity. The cunning human mind ensnares us in bondage and we become slaves to our thoughts and emotions. Liberation comes from freeing ourselves from this dreadful mental prison, and becoming masters of our thoughts and emotions.”

“Liberation is not reserved for a select chosen few or some Shangri-La moment in the future. The happiness and freedom that comes from liberation is available to us all, here and now. Through ancient wisdom, modern science, and Unity teachings Orestes shares how we are empowered to become conscious choice makers and manifest our destiny. Advent reminds us that entering Christ consciousness is our birthright and can happen at any moment!”

Dr. Gutierrez completed training at the renowned Mayo Clinic for 3 years after completing active duty in the United States Navy during the Iraq War. As a Family Medicine Resident at Mayo Clinic Florida, he presented original research on exceptional longevity and nutrition internationally. The Florida Academy of Family Physicians awarded him its Distinguished Scholar Award in 2009. He is the author of [L.O.V.E.S. The Answer!](#) and [Three Steps To Superior Health](#). To learn more about Dr. Gutierrez go to **www.LUMINAREPRESS.COM**.

We, at the Unity Center of Divine Love & Light, loved his presentation this summer and we are so excited to have Dr. Gutierrez with us again!

From the Board

Are we good stewards of the Earth? After all we recycle and minimize waste by using washable dinner ware. What if we could take that a step further and become an EarthCare Ministry.

Introducing:

Unity EarthCare Program, fully supported by Unity Worldwide Ministries. Fostering awareness of our spiritual oneness with the Earth and promoting active care of creation.

There are 3 levels of commitments: Earth Care Covenant, Earth Care Commitmen andEarth Care Congregation. For general information about the EarthCare ministry visit: <http://www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare>.

EarthCare helps us discover what Spirit calls us to do to care for our Earth home. We would like to explore the possibilities. To become part of the team please contact Wendy Denman 509-466-1769 dreamwldi@gmail.com.

***Blessings and Love,
Wendy Denman, Board President***



North Spokane Baha'i Community invites you to see..

The Gate: Dawn of the Baha'i Faith
Saturday, Nov. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m.
Unity Center of Divine Love & Light

"The path to *guidance* is one of *love* and *compassion*, not of force. This hath been *God's method* in the past, and shall continue to be in the future!" ***The Bab***

"As the world suffers from the divisive forces of strife and intolerance, a new Faith advocates the oneness of humanity's major religions as a path toward world peace. **The Gate: Dawn of the Baha'i Faith** is the groundbreaking documentary that tells the amazing, true story of the Prophet Herald know as the Bab, His message and the origins of a new era in world religion."

Ongoing Study Groups

Kids at Heart

2nd and 4th Tuesday at noon to 1:30 p.m.

Prayer, discussion, support, friendship, activities – Ages 50-plus, facilitated by Pastor Rich (see schedule, at left)

Youth of Unity

Meets Sundays during 11 a.m. service

Next Generation Unity

Meets the second Sunday of the month soon after service

What's Happening in the Stars!

"2019 The Year of the Choice Point"

In these catastrophic times, we look to the Astrological alignments to understand what is really going on! Govinda will show you how to take advantage of the Celestial Cycles now, in the year 2019 and Beyond.

Subjects to be discussed:

- **Pluto Crosses the Ecliptic**
- **Evolution of the Collective Soul**
- **Radical Climate Changes**
- **How did we get here?**
- **Responsibility & Mastery**
- **And so much more!**



In Spokane

Saturday, Dec. 1

1-3 p.m.

Unity Center of North Spokane

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Govinda Miller has over 45 years of experience as a professional spiritual astrologer, counselor, lecturer, author and meditation instructor. He earned university degrees in Business & Psychology - with expertise in Jungian psychology.

Govinda is available for Private Readings in Priest River or by phone. To schedule your appointment please contact Govinda at: (208) 448-2093 or

Email: Govinda@AstrologyWithGovinda.com

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\$15 suggested donation

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4 PM
4123 E. Lincoln Road

Please RSVP: (208) 448-2093
Suggested donation: \$15

An introductory “mini” AVP Workshop at Unity Center of Divine Love and Light . This 3-hour experience will provide a brief introduction to AVP, and allow participants to determine if they want to attend a full workshop. “Alternatives to Violence Project” is an interactive 18-hour workshop which teaches interpersonal conflict resolution skills through a series of step-by-step processes. We join together to explore our own corners of violence and seek more satisfying ways to respond.

These experiences build a sense of community and trust through exercises focusing on:

- Affirmation - Building self-esteem and trust
- Communication - Improving both listening skills and assertive methods of expression
- Cooperation - Developing cooperative attitudes that avoid competitive conflicts
- Creative Conflict Resolution - Getting in touch with the inner *Transforming Power* to resolve violence.

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(509) 489-6964. Thank you!

*“I AM a member of an organized
thought force dedicated to
unleashing the Power of Love
upon this earth!”*