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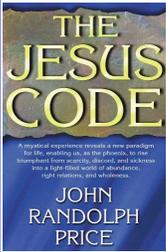
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June Classes

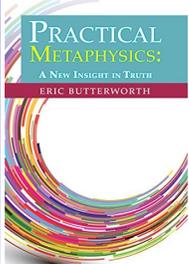
The Jesus Code Sundays at 9am Facilitated by Rev. Jim



In this very special book, John Randolph Price writes about a very vivid dream during the night of January 1, 1998, where he was emphatically denied access to the secret gate leading to Cosmic Consciousness. Both curious and concerned, he pondered what to do next. Then he was suddenly given the specific instruction: See Jesus for the Code. This unique story will teach you what it means to be "spiritual" in this world.

Practical Metaphysics: A New Insight in Truth

Wednesdays at 10am & 6pm — Facilitated by Karen Diehl, LUT—and Streamed over Facebook

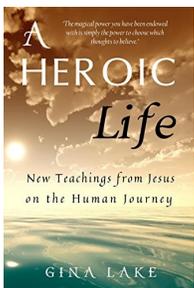


Learn what it means to live from a deeper place of consciousness—live the abundant, true life you desire—with this book from renowned spiritual leader Eric Butterworth.

The author of *Discover the Power Within You* shares his profound insights on living metaphysically. Through lectures, meditations, and activities, Butterworth's *Practical Metaphysics* will awaken you to the centered place of your own truth and offer you paths to health, love, prosperity, and peace of mind. Increase your spiritual awareness and improve your life with this inspiring collection of lessons created by the gifted minister and teacher.

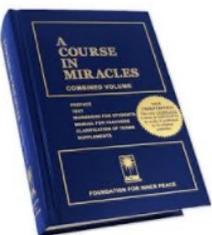
A Heroic Life: New Teachings from Jesus on the Human Journey

Sundays at 12:30pm — Facilitated by Karen Diehl, LUT



The hero's journey—this human life—is a search for the greatest treasure of all: the gifts of your true nature. These gifts are your birthright, but they have been hidden from you, kept from you by the dragon: the ego. These gifts are the wisdom, love, peace, courage, strength, and joy that reside at your core. *A Heroic Life* shows you how to overcome the ego's false beliefs and face the ego's fears. It provides you with both a perspective and a map to help you successfully and happily navigate life's challenges and live heroically. You will learn how to skillfully

manage changes, how to overcome difficulties, how to master your negative emotions, how to cultivate inner strength, how to be happy, and how to be true to yourself.



A Course in Miracles Tuesdays at 10:30am

In response to repeated requests, we have formed a group to study *A Course in Miracles*. Perhaps you'd like to explore miracles. Join us at 10:30am on Tuesdays. We will take an in-depth approach, using recorded lectures by Dr. Ken Wapnik, the world's foremost ACIM teacher. Please call Renee 623-

332-4981 if you are interested or if you have any questions.


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The Relationship of Tithing to Prosperity Consciousness

Tithing is a spiritual practice that is intended to expand your prosperity consciousness. Tithing practiced correctly is a movement of spiritual energy through your mind, heart, and hands. It is very important to understand that tithing prospers you when you practice it.

The correct practice of tithing is more a matter of quality of thought and feeling than of quantity of money. Tithing should be an effect of inner positive attitudes generating a positive energy into the world through a spiritual community. Prosperity consciousness generates positive energy which attracts physical manifestations of prosperity.

The attitudes behind tithing can be stated in the form of affirmations. By persistently repeating affirmations, you can develop the attitudes necessary for prosperity consciousness. Here are a few examples of prosperity attitude affirmations:

God is the infinite source of good. There is always enough.

Divine love flowing through me prospers all abundantly. Positive spiritual energy flows through my mind, heart, and hands prospering all that I do.

Tithing is an act of love and appreciation which expands your “more than enough” consciousness. Whenever you practice an expression of prosperity knowingness that reinforces and expands itself which in turn increases prosperity.

We are blessed and we are thankful for your support!

Women of Spirit Potluck—Saturday, July 7



Mark your calendars so you don't forget to come to Unity Spiritual Center's Women of Spirit as we celebrate our sisterhood, by making new friends,

getting to know current friends at a deeper level, and sharing laughter as we grow together.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th at 11:30 am in the Activity Center. We will share a potluck lunch.

Financial Statement Four Months ending April 30, 2018

Income	
Sunday Contributions	\$37,625.00
Less 10% tithes	\$3,762.50
Other Income	\$15,436.04
Net Income	\$49,298.54
Less Expenses	\$74,870.06
Net Operating Loss	\$25,571.52
Interest Income	\$36,520.67
Less 10% Tithe	\$3,652.08
Operating Income	\$7,297.07
Designated Income	\$2,680.00
Less Designated Expense	\$21.55
Net Income	\$9,955.52
Bequest Day Trust	\$481.46
Net Income	\$10,436.98

Update on the Homeless Project

Unity Spiritual Center assisted Betsy Dreyfus and Norma Dickson with The Homeless and Domestic Project. Between October and April, they gave out 1000 bags with personal grooming toiletries to the homeless here in the West Valley. The recipients of the personal care items have expressed deep appreciation for these gift bags.

Betsy and Norma are both snowbirds, who will be returning in the fall, when they plan to continue their assistance to the homeless. They said, “Our goal next year is to increase our output and with our Unity Spiritual families help, we will succeed.” They both expressed their gratitude to those who gave supplies and purchased the marmalade. While Betsy in Wisconsin this summer she will be “putting up” jars of berry jelly for us to enjoy as they raise funds for this project.

Please continue to bring your hotel/motel samples from your travels and place them in the black bucket in the social hall. In addition, there is still a few jars of homemade orange marmalade for sale in the bookstore. The jars of jelly are an excellent hostess gift to share with your friends and family during your visits this summer.

June 2018 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>June Birthdays</p> <p>4—Gayle Johnson 30—Frances Washington</p> <p>11—Renee Falkowski</p> <p>15—Laurie Allen</p> <p>17— Glenda Holley</p> <p>20—Sary Tavrytzky</p> <p>25—BJ Marshman</p>			
<p>3</p> <p>9am—Jesus Code—Rev. Jim</p> <p>10:30am—Balance in Your Life—Rev. Sharon</p> <p>11:45am—Fellowship Potluck (A-D Serve)</p> <p>12:30pm—A Heroic Life—Karen Diehl</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am Tai Chi</p> <p>10am Prayer</p> <p>10am A Search for God Group</p> <p>10:30am A Course in Miracles</p> <p>10:30am AA</p> <p>6pm Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am—Practical Metaphysics—Karen Diehl</p> <p>1pm—Al-Anon</p> <p>6pm—Practical Metaphysics—Karen Diehl</p> <p>6:15pm OA</p>
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<p>17—Father's Day</p> <p>9am—The Jesus Code— Rev Jim</p> <p>10:30am—Fathers—Rev. Sharon</p> <p>11:45am—Father's Day Taco Bar</p> <p>12Noon—Singles Planning Meeting</p> <p>12:30pm—A Heroic Life—Karen Diehl</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am Tai Chi</p> <p>10am Prayer</p> <p>10am Search for God</p> <p>10:30am A Course in Miracles</p> <p>10:30am AA</p> <p>6pm Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am—Practical Metaphysics—Karen Diehl</p> <p>12Noon—Lunch and Learn with Rev. Sharon</p> <p>1pm—Al-Anon</p> <p>6pm—Practical Metaphysics—Karen Diehl</p> <p>6:15pm OA</p>
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Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 7pm OA	8	9
14 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 7pm OA	15	16 8am Garden Trim 1pm Father's Day Setup
21 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 7pm OA	22	23
28 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 7pm OA	29	30

Office Closed



Father's Day

Father's Day is June 17 and the women have a heartfelt desire to make social time a special time

to honor the men. The men served the women a beautiful lunch for Mother's Day. They set the tables, with tablecloths and flowers, there were beautiful trays of meats and cheeses and the yummy tasting chocolate flowed onto strawberries from our chocolate fountain.

Therefore, to honor the men the women are planning a taco buffet. We invite the women to come to the church at 1pm on Saturday to prepare the food. The church will purchase the ingredients and we are inviting all of the women, if possible, to contribute five to ten dollars towards this gift to the men. Yes, we will copy the men and have strawberries to dip in the chocolate fountain. Maybe, we will have cookies to dip as well.



CommUnity Garden

The CommUnity Garden is ready to plant. Irrigation has been installed. We will add other raised beds over the next weeks. Would you like to sponsor one to grow food for the community? A \$100 donation buys the materials and installs the raised bed.

Would you like to plant your own bed? The \$100 donation will also reserve the bed for your use; plant what you'd like. The beds are watered automatically.

Love, Serve, and Remember



Come with me to a third-grade classroom...

There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop, because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never

happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, "Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat." He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, "Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!"

Now, all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. "You've done enough, you klutz!" Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispers back, "I wet my pants once too."

I love stories about people helping each other, but even more I love to see people helping each other as Susie did in this story.

The recent news about the Farm Bill in Congress has concerned me, because some in Congress are

proposing that more cuts be made to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program called SNAP. This is the program that provides food stamps that averages about \$125 a month to families that fall below a certain monthly income. The lunch program at schools is also on the table for consideration for cuts in funding. Over fifty percent of Arizona children receive assistance from the Federal lunch program.

In 2014 and again this year the Farm Bill is being threatened by fractious debates around food stamps. It is my belief that no child should ever be hungry. I feel that we should spend less on weapons of destruction and more on feeding, not only the people of our own nation, but also the people around the world. This country has been blessed with the ability to grow enough food to feed the world and I would love to see us move in that direction.

In my childhood years, between the ages of six and ten, I was a latch key kid who had to fend for herself for breakfast and lunch while my mother was at work, except for school days when my mother would give me a quarter to buy lunch at school. She went to work very early in the morning and she would set out a box of cold cereal for me to eat before school. I loved the toys in the cold cereal boxes, but I really didn't like the cereal, so often I went to school without breakfast. I remember being very hungry in the cafeteria line as I waited to be served lunch. During holidays and the summer months I often collected bottles, sold pigeon food to the tourists, or offered to take their picture together for a nickel, so I could go to the drugstore fountain to buy a root beer float. That was a little girl's answer to being hungry.

Last year, during my meditation the lot that Unity Spiritual Center owns behind the church kept coming into my mind. I saw it planted with fruit trees and many varieties of vegetables. This vision kept coming to me, so I brought it to our Board of Trustees with the thought of growing food for the Valley View Community Food Bank. The Board agreed that it would be a good use for the property and would save us the \$1,200 we spend each year having the weeds removed from the lot.

We are in the process of manifesting my vision of

Good Questions



This month I am going to attempt an answer to a question that arises within our classes and, certainly, within most of us from time to time.

A core message of New Thought is that there is only one presence and one power, God the good. There are not two powers: God and me, God and you, or you and me. There

is only one. It can also be said that there is one power and one presence active in the universe and in my life, God the good. Therefore we assert that you and I are an expression of the Divine. We do not know of, believe in, or otherwise recognize the possibility of anyone or anything that lies outside this. Yes, we can name names, like Adolf Hitler, Charles Manson, rapists, killers and thieves. They are not exceptions. They are equally expressions of the Divine.

Before you reject this assertion, let's look a little deeper. That which is called "I" is the soul essence of the individual. The soul, in the earthly conditions that we are all subject to, forgot. Joseph Benner, in *The Impersonal Life*, states it this way: "you gradually lost confidence in your true self, Me, the impersonal one within. In fact, you forgot Me, so that you did not know where to turn in your helplessness. It was only through losing the memory of your divine estate, and centering all your consciousness in these earthly conditions... So, through your mistakes and troubles and sufferings, your desire for relief caused the idea of evil to spring up in your mind."

So, again, what about the murderer, the rapist, as one class member recently asked? Here's what the experts say:

"While there is no set personality type for a sexual offender, the commonality between offenders is a severe sense of ineptness and low self-esteem. A lack of financial security, low education levels, and childhood experiences of abuse are often common factors, but not always.

The crux is the sense of personal inadequacy as it is this that drives the offender to offend, in order to feel powerful and in control. It is important to note that the lack of consent in sexual assault is more important

for the offender than any other stakeholder, the offender cannot feel completely powerful if the victim has a say in what happens."

Deep within each of these individuals there is an unconscious and in that unconscious we carry anger, unforgiveness, shame and a myriad of other thoughts, memories, and feelings. We are on a spiritual journey to reveal and heal that which lies there.

In a few these memories, feelings, and thoughts are expressed as anger, hate, and other actions that are then known as hate, murder, rape, or other sociopathic actions.

Why do people hate other people? What's at the bottom of hatred and bigotry?

For example, what exactly is it about a human being's sexual orientation that triggers hate? What's it to them — the haters of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people — whom other people are sexually attracted to and love? Why are transgender people so hated, so marginalized? Why is there so little respect for these courageous people?

Again, why do so many men hate women and express it in rape? Why do some men, think that they are superior to women? And what about hatred based on race, ethnicity, country of origin, religious or political beliefs? Why is hatred prevalent? Why is it such a big part of the human experience?

It's pretty sad when you think about it: Some hate people they don't know. They also express hate because it is permitted by the group they belong to.

Those that hate, seem almost invariably to hate those who are different. To some, "different" is bad. Why be afraid of the different people? Do we feel threatened? What exactly is the threat?

It certainly appears to be part of the character of some to hate whoever is different. What's the whole truth? Two more things. We don't recognize our attitudes about others; it's in our unconscious. We need to ask that it be revealed.

Often the justification is based on religion. The justification for the denigration of women goes back to the story of Adam and Eve in the Bible. Similarly, the justification for believing that some

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are inferior to Caucasians, indeed the justification for slavery itself, was based on the Bible story of the curse of Ham. Anti-Semitism has often been justified by the idea that all Jews are responsible for killing Jesus, who was, of course, Jewish. Then there's the belief that our religion is the one true religion and that asserts not only that others have no right to different religious beliefs but have no right to live. The very inference that others will be punished in "hell" is part of that thought system. That incredibly lethal idea comes to fruition in the oxymoronic notion of "holy war," which is perpetuated today by some radical Islamic interpretations of jihad, but which has a long and bloody history in Christianity as well, as evidenced by the Crusades and the Inquisition.

In conclusion, we ask what is going on? The #MeToo movement is bringing it to light and the answer is simple. As children of the Devine, we have simply forgotten. Our task, as Rev. Sharon has expressed, is to love, serve, and, most of all, remember.

Lunch and Learning

On Wednesday, June 20, 2018 you are invited to bring your lunch and share your spiritual thoughts, concerns, and joys. Rev. Sharon will be hosting this spiritual discussion group. We will meet once a month, usually on the third Wednesday of each month, at noon, to explore our spiritual insights.

Please consider topics you would like to discuss at future meetings. This time is meant to be a time to teach and learn from each other. It will also be a time to have an awareness of our moments closest to God.



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food for those in need. We have been in communication with the Food Bank and they are enthusiastic about fresh food being available to give to their clients. They have volunteers who are willing to work the garden, as are the foreign exchange students who have visited our Center as Mollie's guests.

The water meter is in, the irrigation pipes have been put in the ground where the first eight raised bed boxes will be. We are in the process of creating one raised bed box as a model for the volunteers. The Food Bank has someone willing to donate soil. The plan is to have everything ready for a fall crop.

My heart is full of gratitude at the thought that we are doing a small part to help with the problem of hunger in our community. The funds for this project, are initially coming from a gift to USC from the estate of Donna Lee Day. The ongoing funds to pay the water bill will come from our monthly community tithe.

I invite you to consider volunteering at the Food Bank to assist them in the community service that they provide. Some of you may want to help in the gardening project, others might want to assist in the Food Bank or at their thrift store. We may not be able to do all the things that the world needs to eliminate hunger, but we can do what we can do to make a difference. Please share this project with your friends and encourage them to consider helping in some way. Truly, this is a community project to serve our community.

At the present time, our attendance is less, and our budget is tight due to the transition of some of our larger donors. However, we will always remain a tithing church. We are called by God to help those in need. As a part of this call, we tithe ten-percent of your weekly contributions as our way of demonstrating our trust in God as the Source of all we have. USC was founded over fifty-five years ago and has been a tithing church from the start.

Service is the finest way of practicing the presence of God. May God help us see the opportunities that are always around us to do good. Many people in our Center and in our community are going through tough financial times right now and we are called to help.