

For practical understanding of Spirituality.



Spiritual Tools For An Abundant Life- "The 12 Powers of Man"

Using the Powers, One Month at a Time

October—Zeal

The ability to be enthusiastic, be passionate, start, motivate.



In today's world of so much activity, changes, things to do and problems to solve there can be a great need to take a breath and get ourselves centered to be able to gracefully move through the day.

I have found myself taking LOTS OF BREATHS as the news reports continue to bring to the forefront of all of our minds the Global Pandemic and the death tolls that continue to rise at an alarming rate.

This virus is not affecting **"virtually nobody"** (stats on 9/22/20) because

973,000 somebody's are deceased and there are family and friends who are related to every person who have lost their lives in the past 9 months.

We are all One Global Human Family and when one person suffers, we are ALL AFFECTED by their suffering.

This is a time for us to be purposeful in our faith.

Romans 12:3 "God has given unto all a measure of faith."

We all have faith but not all of us are using it and expanding it so that it will help us in our everyday lives.

Living a life of faith is not always easy or comfortable. It often takes courage.

It takes courage to go out into the world today amidst a pandemic and continue to take care of our tasks, our education, and our business affairs with peace of mind.

It takes courage to stand as thousands of people have had to do and face sickness and death.

It takes courage to look at a struggling economic landscape and believe that our needs will be taken care of.

It takes courage to speak up and speak out for justice in a country that has been allowed to do unlawful acts for a long period of time.

It takes courage to put PEOPLE FIRST over finances and political posturing.

It takes courage to have faith in God when there are so many things that are in need of change.

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Affirmations

Health-I am One with the pure, perfect, life energy of the Living God. Life, energy and power flow through every cell, every organ, and every function of my body. I am cleansed of all that would block the flow of perfect life in me now.

Prosperity-I am an open channel to receive God’s unlimited supply today. God’s wealth flows freely, joyously, and abundantly in my life.

Wisdom-I always know what to do and how to do it. I am always in the right place at the right time. The Infinite leads me and guides me into right action and right results today.

UCC Affirmations for October 2020

Monthly

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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Weekly

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

(Psalm 27:1)

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 121:1-2)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

For nothing will be impossible with God

(Luke 1:37)

REFLECTIONS

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October 15th

Rev. Leslie’s Birthday

November 2020

Annual Meeting



Unity Reading

Unity Guide to Healing-Seeking To Express Perfection

“The way to healing is first to reeducate the mind and to establish the presence of Truth in all the faculties. Then one must see the reality of the body and its functions and stamp every part with the perfect pattern which is the out-picturing of Christ ideas in individual consciousness. One must study his living habits and make them conform to the truth that good only is real, abiding, and truly active. When a person holds the thought that his body is pure, alive, and perfect in every part and uses this mental pattern to direct him in his thoughts and living habits, no disease can touch him. By reeducating his mind and reshaping his mental patterns, he causes the out-picturing in his body to become perfect.

The individual must do it himself, but he can know that God is working through him constantly. When our own consciousness corresponds to God’s perfect idea of us, we will express that perfection in every aspect of our physical being. The one who is truly seeking that which is of God is expressing the good and the true in thought. He does not think adverse thoughts or believe in impurity of any sort in the self or in others.”

W.O.W. Words of Wisdom Book Discussion

New Book-Spiritual Economics by Eric Butterworth

Join Rev. Leslie on Wednesdays at 10:30am (via conference call)

This new book focuses on the Prosperity Process.

Some of the contents include:

*Understanding Spiritual Substance-the Source of all things

*Fortune begins with you

*Visualization-your creative power

*If you can believe

*Gratitude

*Security in a changing world

*Giving and receiving

You are invited to this fun and informative discussion group.

Questions and answers are included in every discussion to bring

More clarity to the subject matter.

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We exercise our faith in Truth that there is an underlying goodness that is flowing out into the world of experiences every day no matter what the outer world of affects seems to display.

We affirm our faith in all things, not just the easy times and the prosperous events but the challenges and the struggles and the sorrows.

Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Let us join with each other today with a mighty faith in Spiritual Substance and with courage and strength declare that the Divine Right Solutions to ALL the things we need all around the world are coming forth into expression.

I have faith in the love of God.

I have faith in the healing power of God.

I have faith in the prospering power of God.

I have faith in the wisdom and guidance of God.

I have faith in the continuing goodness that is expressing through every person, everywhere.

Take a breath. Have faith. Stand firm in the Truth of our Oneness with God every day.

Affirm that all is well in my world. I am safe, secure, surrounded by God's Presence and Power everywhere I am.

Keep the faith.

Stay in Peace,

Rev. Leslie Venable, Spiritual Leader-Unity Christ Church

PRAYER LETTER

Dear Friends

October is one of my absolute favorite months of the year. We start to see the changing colors of the leaves and begin to feel a fresh chill in the air. We'll be seeing the Halloween decorations, and smelling the chili cooking on the stoves! I am so enthusiastic about it! And of course we all should be as October is the month where we celebrate ZEAL or enthusiasm for life.

To be enthusiastic is to be full of God (en-theos); and what better way to live our lives than being full of the Christ Spirit. Let's focus on the positive things in our lives this month and be excited about our role in making a positive difference daily.

Romans 12:11 ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Affirmation: I am the living, loving will of God in expression, full of the Christ Spirit of goodness.

Then prayer for the month: We affirm the comforting love of God in our lives reaffirming the presence of the Holy Spirit in all we think, say and do. We receive God's healing power.

Regardless of where you are in your Spiritual Journey, prayer lifts you higher and empowers you as an instrument of God. Taking the time (and it doesn't have to be long), to pray keeps you connected. Prayer is abiding in the presence of God-receiving the Christ and sharing your divinity.

Yours in Christ

Mary E. Biggs, LUT

P.S. Recommended book for the month – God is the Answer (Dana Gaitlan)

Thoughts from the Heart

There is Something Within my Being that is constantly inspiring me and pushing me forward to express more of Me. It ignites my imagination to soar to new and unfamiliar heights of creativity and It causes me to be cognizant of the light that shines Within. This overwhelming passion that I feel, to move forward and express fills me with a zealousness that I had never known.

As I sit and contemplate, "What could this be that is inside of me?", a tiny spark of Light starts to grow and expand Within my Being ; and I begin to Know and become more aware and acknowledge that It is the Christ residing at the Center of my Being. As this awareness grows, I am filled with zeal and enthusiasm as I step forward with a mighty faith and desire to clear away all those thoughts and beliefs that have in anyway hindered the expression of the Life that resides Within me.

As I continue to grow I am filled with gratitude for the Christ Within, as the energy that propels my life continues to flow with more intensity through me. It begins to feel like all the energy in the Universe is coursing through my Being and pressing me to again ask the question, "What is this that is occurring within me?" And of course, I again look to Charles Fillmore, our co-founder to explain what this could be that is happening to me. According to Mr. Fillmore in *The Revealing Word, it is Zeal. He states that, "Zeal is Intensity, ardor, enthusiasm; the inward fire of the soul that urges man forward, regardless of the intellectual mid of caution and conservatism."* He further explains that "Zeal is the mighty force that incites the winds, the tides, the storms; it urges the planet on its course, and spurs the ant to greater exertion. It is the urge behind all things. Zeal is the affirmative impulse of existence; its command is "Go forward!"

As this explanation resonates within me, I begin to experience and Truly know that it has always been that Spirit of God in me that has spurred me to do even the smallest things. I begin to remember how I have been guided along the way and spurred to new levels of awareness and excitement as I faced each new day. As I continued to let go and release and take no thought, it was as if the Universe would come support and greet me with more and more energy to do the things that needed to be done by me. With this growing awareness my vision becomes increasingly clear and I begin to willingly be guided by that still small voice that is always speaking to me.

I also begin to know that the direction I am to follow is very clear. With all the fervor that is within me I make the commitment to do all the things God has appointed for me to do and to willingly walk forth even though I may not always know what to do. I choose to trust in God and know that I am led on the path that is perfect for me. I also know that the Christ at the center of my being will direct my path and provide all the wisdom, power and enthusiasm I need to do the things that are mine to do.

So as we continue on our Spiritual path, let us the Christ of our Being and claim all what God has given us to do and knowing that we are provided with all the energy enthusiasm and zeal to do that which has been appointed for us to do.

Let Us Daily Affirm: I Am One With All Energy in the Universe Now.

Blessing as You Spiritually Unfold,

*Juankee J. McKinney
The Editor*

Shad Groverland Is New Executive Director



The Board of Trustees of Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM) is pleased and excited to announce the hiring of a new executive director to take over the lead of Unity Worldwide Ministries administrative offices. Rev. Shad Groverland has been selected by the Board following an extensive vetting and interview process and will begin working by early October.

The Board expressed its excitement about Shad's innovative vision and knowledge relating to upgrading and enhancing our technological and social media operations, as well as his passion and lifelong experience in the Unity movement.

Currently serving as co-minister of Unity of Boulder, Colorado, Rev. Shad expressed his deep gratitude for the Board's faith and trust in his experiences and leadership to guide Unity Worldwide Ministries and the Unity movement into the future.

Rev. Shad was born and raised in Unity, learning Unity's principles from his parents Rev. Jack and Norma Groverland. As a youth he was active in

YOU (Youth of Unity) programs both locally and at a national level. Though he grew up in church, his first passion was music production, which led him to earn a bachelor of science degree in sound engineering from the University of Colorado and start a 25-year career in sound production and management. He went on to use this degree in Los Angeles, mixing sound for television and feature films before moving on to Las Vegas to mix live concerts and theatrical productions.

Shad's skills and leadership were continually recognized throughout his sound engineering career. Starting as a sound technician with the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, he rose through the ranks to sound supervisor for the Grand and was promoted further to the position of production manager for MGM Resorts International. This corporate-level position was responsible for merging and overseeing the audio visual production departments for all ten MGM properties in the Las Vegas area.

Unity Leadership

After a series of life events in 2012, Rev. Shad received his own call to ministry. In 2015 he graduated from the Unity Urban Ministerial School and was ordained in 2016. While in school, Shad was hired by Unity of Las Vegas, Nevada, where he served for five years before answering the call to return home to Unity of Boulder to co-minister with his sister, Syntysche, and father, Jack.

Rev. Shad's Unity experience is vast and long-term. He served as youth director and Board Trustee for Unity of Las Vegas prior to ordination. A volunteer for the Southwest Region's conference of Unity, he was youth camp counselor, youth and family team leader, and NGU (Next Generation Unity) minister advisor.

In 2018, he was appointed to the UWM Board of Trustees and had the appointment confirmed by the convention body in 2019. He was elected secretary of the Board in 2019 and 2020. While on the board, Shad served on the Focusing Forward Core Team and Technology Team, the Convention Planning Team, Interim CEO and Consultant Interview Teams, as well as the HUG (Help Unity Grow) Team.

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