

**FUNDAMENTALS OF DIVINE SCIENCE**

**LESSON VIII**

**REVIEW**

This is your first review lesson. It is important for you to review what you have gained from your study of Divine Science. We could devote many years to the study of these basic lessons and receive a deeper awareness of their meaning each time. In fact, we recommend that you review these lessons as you advance your studies.

The title of our textbook, *Divine Science: Its Principle and Practice*, has a message for each student. Intellectual perception of Principle is the first step, of course, but it is our practice of its application to every phase of life that brings us the spiritual consciousness that is our goal. We are going to review now, to see how well you understand what you have learned.

Before you begin your review reading, we suggest that you sit down quietly by yourself and let your mind become as clear as possible. Repeat several times to yourself, “God’s peace is flowing through me now,” or any meaningful affirmation of peace. After you feel that stillness that moves through your mind and body as a gentle realization of God’s Presence within you, change your affirmation to one of wisdom. Know yourself as a channel of Divine Mind. Know that the intelligence and understanding of God are seeking at this moment to find expression through you.

Declare to yourself that the Spirit of Truth has led you to your studies. Affirm that as you reread these chapters and lessons, your realization will be deepened and the light of perfect understanding will illumine your consciousness. As you continue to read, you will find the main points coming clearly to your thought. These great truths may be profound and immense; theologians have pondered over them for centuries. Yet they can become clear and simple. Through them, a clear realization of God’s Presence can come to you.

**ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON VIII**

Reread Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of *Divine Science: Its Principle and Practice*.

**Affirmation:** THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF GOD BRINGS PEACE TO MY MIND, HEALTH TO MY BODY, AND ORDER TO MY AFFAIRS.

**Bible Quotation:** “Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace, in peace because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.” (Isaiah 26:3-4)

**Written Assignment:** Write an article of about 700 words. Choose one among the following subjects:

The Omnipresence of God  
God and Man  
The Bible  
The Work of Thought

The Inherencies  
Spirit and Substance  
Trinities  
Jesus Christ

**MORE REVIEW - MID SESSION**  
**BASIC PRINCIPLE OF DIVINE SCIENCE**

In the late 1880's Nona Brooks, Fannie James and Aletha Small, sisters and founders of Divine Science, worked with Emma Curtis Hopkins and Malinda Cramer. Later, they established the Divine Science College and the First Church in Denver.

The Bible plays an important role in Divine Science. Divine Science bases it's teaching on the Bible and especially the teachings of Jesus.

The Bible is not a book dictated by God, but is the record of man's search for God and the unfolding concept of God through man's history from Adam to Jesus (from Adam Consciousness to the Christ Consciousness). It is a psychological textbook, containing case studies of men and women and their difficulties and how God helped them solve the problems.

At times, the Bible seems contradictory, but when studied as a whole and not piecemeal, it is the story of every person. It is the textbook of life.

It teaches us both Law and Divine Love, the Old Testament being the Love of Law and the New being the Law of Love. Most importantly, the Bible is largely symbolic, and it is not intended to be taken literally.

God is changeless, absolute and eternal. God's nature is expressed through many channels. Some of the more obvious ones are the Bible, Natural History, Intuition, Reason, Personal Experience, Man's ideals and aspiration and the Race Experience.

We must realize that every manifestation is an expression of God, through the Universal Mind.

God is described also as Omnipresent Good. Omnipresence is defined as everywhere, present (All in All).

We, as individuals, to bring God (good) into our lives, must "Practice the Presence", meaning opening yourself to your true nature. Once you start, there will suddenly be a realization that through your inner self you know the Truth.

We identify the Inherencies of God as, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Power, Life, Joy and Love. They are also your inherencies, as God and you are one.

God's Qualities are Peace, Beauty, Truth, Order, Harmony, Principle, Law, etc.

Spirit - Substance and its Dimensions are Oneness, Trueness, Righteousness, Hereness, Nowness, Allness and Wholeness.

There are many Trinities (triune being) identified in this course.

The Basic Trinity is Creator, Creative Activity and Creation.

The Universal Absolute Trinity is: Father, Son and Holy Ghost or Spirit. The Trinity of Divine Mind is: Mind, Idea and Consciousness. The individual Trinity is the Christ Mind, Conscious Mind and Subconscious Mind.

When you see that you are an expression of the One Mind, and you are making your Conscious contact with this Mind you then realize the importance of keeping your thinking (and being) in line with the Universal Truth.

The Indwelling Christ is the Divine Idea in all men. There is a distinction in Divine Science between Jesus, the man, and the Christ, the son, the Divine Idea of man held in God mind. Therefore we realize that each and everyone is a child (son) of God.

The Jesus Christ Principle: I am That I am was the Song of Moses. Jesus Christ - the Song of the first Christians.

The Jesus Christ Principle is the principle of making God manifest or visible.

The Law of Expression - like begets like - represents the Creative Process. The Way in which Divine Mind creates is the unfailing Law of the Universe. Law is the Creative nature of God in Action. Therefore all things emerge from the Invisible into the Visible through Consciousness, Mind carries its images (Thought Pictures) into visibility. Our personal experiences are governed by the same law. Through individual consciousness, our imaged thought pictures are carried into the visible and become conditions and circumstances of our bodies and affairs. In harmony and disorder follow only when we misrepresent the Divine idea. This mental law is stated, "as a man soweth - so shall he reap".

Law of Spirit, a higher expression of Law than the mental realm - states "that which is born of Spirit is spirit" - like begets like.

Our real Self-image can never change because it is eternal; however, by our habitual thinking, conscious as well as subconscious, we can change what we believe or see or experience.

The Supremacy of Good. You are perfect and complete by nature as you are made in the "image and likeness of God".

Evil has no real power; it is only the seeming power you give it by your attention.

This is a brief review of the lessons to this point. It is by no means all you should review. This review hits the high spots, leaving to each of you a broad field to explore carefully by reviewing your notes and studying the text book.

Remember you can only know the Truth through practice and experience. Through these means, Truth becomes your life.

In this way, your lives will be full of Joy, Happiness and Understanding.

REVIEW - Part II

During the past several weeks, we have had the opportunity to learn the basis and principle of Divine Science and how it can be applied in our daily lives.

Our spiritual development depends on our own individual being - how we think - how we abide - and how we apply knowledge to increase our understanding of Truth.

Here are some highlights for your review and contemplation:

1. What is Divine Science? Divine refers to the nature of God; “science” is a system. Divine Science is a systematic study of God and His Omnipresence.
2. Divine Science teaches how to establish harmony in our lives on all levels.

We do this by turning within to the Christ Consciousness. By letting go of all negative thoughts from our mind. We open the channel for the Good that is God to flow forth into the objective world.

We make this contact by affirmation, prayer, meditation and entering into Silence.

3. We know the inherencies or attributes of God are life, love, wisdom, power, knowledge, understanding and joy. These are also the inherencies of man.
4. Evil is separation from God - ignorance of the truth, and has no creative power to uphold it.
5. God is all - God is Cause - God is Creator and Source of all being.
6. The Law of Cause and Effect is that the Invisible is all cause; and the visible is effect, or result, and has no power of itself.
7. We are Spirit, living a divine Life; our heritage is perfection.
8. Man is God-like, a living soul; God-in-action; the activity of God.
9. Reality refers to God; ALL in all; changeless.
10. Absolute: the Omnipresence; eternal and changeless.
11. Ignorance of Truth is the cause of suffering. Truth frees. It eliminates any power associated with duality.
12. Spirit is Substance - Substance is Spirit. There is no limitation except that which we ourselves accept.
13. Life is the activity of God; God is Life; this is the Life Principle.

14. Divine Science is the Science of Love, which is the basis of all being; the principle of harmony. It reveals God.
15. Mind: the conscious mind thinks and has the power of choice; no limitations. The subconscious mind accepts and works upon the ideas of the conscious mind and bring them into manifestation. Man does not create - God is the only Creator.
16. The Law of Expression is “like produces like.” Mind is perfect and changeless. It is our thoughts, put into mind, that change. Mind, idea, and consciousness enter into the law of expression.
17. Truth is Reality, unchangeable. Truth is God. Abide in Truth. Live a life of truth.
18. Prayer is the acknowledgement of Truth. We learn to pray. See Chapter on Prayer in Blue Book.
19. Treatment and healing. Knowing that God is Health and that Health is the natural state of our being. See Chapter on Healing. We do not heal, it is the Father that brings to us a recognition of the Truth.
20. Christ Consciousness is our direct connection with the One Mind. It is through this channel that we are made aware of God.

Remember, at all times that “I am” is your spiritual Self, your eternal being. What we are is the result of our thoughts, so control your thinking and thus control your destiny.

I want you to know that if I have been able to give you some information that is helpful in your spiritual unfoldment remember that I am only an instrument to assist you in becoming aware, recognizing and realizing your true self. I am sharing with you a format and exposure to the tools. It is up to you to work with the tools and accept the Truth of your Being. No one is too weak or too strong - abiding in the Truth will increase the joy of living. “seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6.33)