

# The InnerFaith Light



A NEW THOUGHT COMMUNITY  
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## Dear Spiritual Partner



I wish you a Joyous Easter. Easter is a time of renewal, a time of new beginnings and a time of the recreation of energy as we unfold in the Light of its true

meaning. In the Ritual of the Empty Tomb, the Christ as the Wayshower for all mankind demonstrated to his followers the final and most difficult work to be accomplished on this physical earth.

That work is transmutation of matter into spirit. When this has been learned, man and woman will have gained mastery over sickness, age, and death. In esoteric terminology, this attainment comes with the Initiation belonging to earth, the densest of the four elements. It is the last of the four Great Initiations. When the light of this sublime illumination has been spread abroad, altars will be erected to the Christ in our physical laboratories as well as in our churches. The spirit behind and within matter will have been recognized.

In the Mystery School parlance we are told that with the Earth initiation comes

liberation from the wheel of birth and death. Through the processes of Initiation mortality puts on immortality. This is its all-inclusive end and aim. To the consciousness of the Initiate life and death are but different aspects of the spirit's progressive unfoldment.

The Rite of Resurrection is the rite of the impersonal life. In the experience of the Mystic Death the student becomes aware of the illusion of matter and the limitations of finite life. The Resurrection consciousness brings the realization of the oneness of all life with God. The stone of separation has been rolled away. Henceforth, one who has passed into this sublime experience knows that no ill can affect a part without hurting the whole, and that no good can come to the one without at the same time benefiting all.

In this Degree consciousness is lifted to the higher spiritual planes. This is possible only when we surrender our ego state to the Higher Mind of Christ Consciousness. This is the advantage that we share in our New Thought movement, and that is that we are Eternal Now! We shall go higher yet!

Namast'e and Love,

~ Dr. Sharron Stroud

## **Surrender**

As we go into the Easter Season it is a time for letting go of the old cross or surrendering what we feel are burdens in our lives. Think about how resentment serves any purpose in your life whatsoever. Does believing in lack and limitation serve your truth of divine heritage? These are shadow thoughts that keep us from feeling the Divine within our Soul. The following is a meditation to fill your heart and soul with Divine Truth and Love. Drink deeply from the endless Wellspring of Love.

In the stillness of my heart, I now surrender all the old ways that no longer serve me. What I once thought was real was simply an illusion. I gladly and willingly burn the old and make way for the new.

“Behold, I make all things new,” enters my heart and springs forth to bear witness of the Beautiful Spirit I AM. I breathe in this glorious Sweet Breath of God and let it open portals of light and understanding. I feel only unconditional love bubbling up from the depths of my Soul. It is spilling out and overflowing to all humanity and serving the precious Christ Spirit that I am.

Praise be to the Christ Spirit within that declares the newness of each moment. I go forth in love, joy, happiness, peace and harmony on this sacred path so sweet. I know my savior is before me always preparing the way.

I no longer feel fear for Perfect Love fills my heart, soul, mind and body. I am so grateful to release the burden of the cross I once carried for so long. I am fearless, free and fully conscious of the Divinity of all humankind. I make known my love for all by seeing through my Father’s eyes forever more.

Thank you loving holy precious Spirit for this Truth. I shall dwell in the House of Love forever more. And so it is, Amen!

Blessings of Love ~ Ellen of Joy

## **Things Aren't Always What They Seem**

### **An experience meant to be shared**

This morning while I listened to the morning news on the radio, I thought I heard them say that Iraq was responsible for the explosion at a substation in the Canyon Crest area of Riverside on Sunday morning, which caused a power outage for 6,000 residents.

My mind, never one to sit idle, ran with that idea. I thought about how small the world is and how people from the other side of the world can affect our lives. I thought about March AFB, which is close to Riverside, and how I had never been concerned for our safety and how foolish I had been to allow that false sense of security.

When I looked at the local section of the newspaper in our break-room a few moments ago, there was an article that said "a rat" was responsible for getting into equipment in an unmanned substation and caused the doors to blow off the substation which caused the power outage.

Oh dear! My mind had done it again. Such a creative process if only I can only train it to use the energy wisely.

Break time over - back to work. Have a lovely day.

~ Galo Kostka

## **Thoughts from Rev. Rich**

### **A Fond Embrace**

In this issue I want to share some thoughts about embracing change. I know of nothing more uncomfortable than being complacent and bored with life; lost in the nothingness of the something, the feeling that there is somewhere to go but not knowing where that someplace is, not knowing just what it is that makes me feel at peace and yet vibrant and alive. Here are some personal thoughts that could open you up to peace, life and change.

- 1) Release yourself from stagnation by running head long into change. Whatever the change may be, it will at least set you in conscious forward motion.
- 2) Be ready and willing to listen for inner guidance, even if it seems to come from outside of you. Take advantage of all possibilities. Know that whatever comes to you will come through you and eventually energetically be released from you.
- 3) Give yourself the benefit of your own doubts or intuitions. Hold your very own intuitive Divine peace at all times. Allow all good to recognize you and thereby create a home within you attracting to you even more of the Good that is God.
- 4) Remember you are attracting your own desires. Avoid the popular conscious conflict; replace it with a worthy and valuable change, a conscious contact.
- 5) Be willing at times to mould instead of mold.
- 6) Small change is good but large bills are better, change for the better.

Love and Blessings, Rev. Rich Cress

## **New Senior Minister**

Rev. Sam Satkin has been appointed as the new Senior Minister for Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide.

### **Message from Rev. Sam**

I am honored to be a part of the Ministerial Staff, and to be able to study and work with Dr. Sharron Stroud. She is recognized for her successful Ministry and highly acclaimed for her wisdom and knowledge of Religion, Mythology and Spiritual Practices. I have not only chosen her as my Spiritual Leader, but as my teacher.

I have been in religious Science since 1983. I joined the Palm Desert church of Religious Science and started taking introductory classes for Science of Mind in 1985. It took me ten years to complete the Ministerial Program. I truly had no idea that I would ever be a Minister. Considering my background in the world of business and what I considered a great marriage and social life, this was far from what I expected. But, the practices of the Principles and the choice of Spiritual Philosophy led me to the world of wisdom, self-realization, self-love and service.

I trained and worked with one of the most successful Ministers in the field of Religious Science. I have studied under great masters and I have continued to study in the areas of addiction and mental health.

My Ministry includes teaching and counseling with the family members of the mentally ill in a program called Family to Family, under the direction of Riverside County Mental Health. I continue to be of service in the fields of addiction and co-dependency. I originated the first chaplaincy program for Practitioners with Rev. Gordon West at Eisenhower Hospital. My

responsibilities at the church varied, and when the church had no pastor, I assisted the Board as the Minister on campus.

I am a teacher. I am a way shower. I am a student and will be forever as I listen to the Spirit within me. I choose to know Spirit as my life and government.

I am pleased to be a member of your compassionate Spiritual community. May the Light of Wisdom shine upon your chosen pathway in life, illuminating choices of higher possibilities in the areas of peace, love and creativity.

~ Blessings, Rev. Sam Satkin

### **Dear Loved Ones**

This last month has been exciting with many changes. I have heard this from so many of you. God has a way of knowing when we need a boost or change. As long as we remain out of judgment this is always a right thing, even if a little sorrow goes along with it. It is so wonderful to know we are never alone. One of the ministers is always available to call upon, to talk to and pray with you knowing God is always in us, through us, as us. How wonderful to truly know this.

~ Love and Blessings, Rev Arline Hoover

### **Founder's Valentine Brunch**

On Feb. 13, I hosted a Founder's Valentine Brunch at my home in Indian Wells. The fabulous food array was prepared by Master Chefs' Tony Smith and Jay Sadler. The food was not only wonderful to look at but delicious to eat.

The day was clear, sunny and beautiful and fun was had by all. Dr. Sharron talked on the joy of tithing and everyone was invited to talk about being a founder

or maybe why they would like to join. Listening to each other in our church family allowed us to know each other better. I want to thank everyone who came and especially Tony and Jay for tithing their time and talent to make this an event we'll remember. Also, thanks to those who joined in the kitchen for clean-up duties.

~ Joy, Rev. Arline

### **The Ministerial Team**

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Rev. Roberta Temple	760-323-9746
Rev. Roger Bambenek	760-318-9977
Rev. Lou & Lloyd Brushett	760-770-9263
Rev. Sam Satkin	760-327-9610

### **Honoring Local Merchants**

Every year the Palm Springs Pet Spa graciously provides exquisitely crafted baskets that are chock full of treats and treasures for every pet at our annual May Day Pet Blessing. These gifts are greatly appreciated by our loyal companions and their moms and dads! Thank you for sharing a gift of love.

~ Bill Lewallen, Editor

### **Palm Springs Pet Spa**

Joey and Benton Palumbo built the Palm Springs Pet Spa upon three basic principals:

- 1) Treating your companion with the same love and attention that we show our own pets. Every client who is entrusted to our care is treated with love and gentleness.

2) Offering excellence in grooming, using only natural products that will enhance the beauty and health of your companion.

3) Creating a clean and safe environment for your baby. The shop is cleaned throughout the day and sanitized at night. We think this is one of the most important things that we can do for the health of your pet.



These principles and, sticking to them, is what sets us apart from other shops.

Your pet's health and safety are paramount to us.

Thanks to the great support of Desert residents and organizations like InnerFaith Ministries Worldwide, the Pet Spa celebrated its second anniversary this November. When we first started, we had one groomer and Joey bathed every dog. Now, we have three groomers, two bathers and another shop.

### **North Spa**

Albertson's Shopping Center  
1751 N Sunrise Way Suite F-3  
Palm Springs CA. 92262  
760-322-9385

### **South Spa**

Sunny Dunes at Industrial Place  
405 S Industrial Place  
Palm Springs CA 92264

We look forward to meeting your companion's grooming needs in the future.

~ Joey and Benton Palumbo

## **Furry Companion Quotes**

"If you think dogs can't count, put three cookies in your pocket and then give him only two of them."

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Holy Saturday Desert Regional Hospital**



Mother Goose, Peter Rabbit, and Friends will be passing out 200 Easter Baskets at Desert Regional Hospital to the AIDS Hospice

patients and the pediatric ward on Holy Saturday from 2-4 PM. If you would like to join us, hippity hop over to meet us there at 2PM.

## **Prosperity Treatment**

There is One Life that Life is God's Life and that Life is my Life now. What is true of God is true of me. The active ingredient in my life is Spirit, the Life Force, which breathes the very sweet breath that maintains and sustains me in my daily life.

The active ingredient in my financial affairs is Spirit. I accept this at the deepest level of consciousness. I invite the miraculous into my life that it may

increase my understanding of living life in the Kingdom of more than enough. God is expressing Life as me, by means of me. I know that I am God's perfect idea manifested into form and God is unfailing lavish abundance. Therefore, I truly am abundance in expression by means of Spirit as me.

At the innermost sacred part of me, the Divine garden center, I plant my idea of being an avenue of prosperity for it is my divine heritage. God manifests the Inner Kingdom to the outer world in all of my affairs. God is the hidden splendor within that is the seed of all seeds, which knows itself by its very own true nature. God is the original source of every seed that grows.

I realize now that it is God's good pleasure to always provide me with expected and unexpected income. Yes, I do invite the miraculous in and reveal its hidden splendor by means of me. I welcome every avenue of income and good into my life now. God truly is the fulfillment of all my needs. How sweet it is.

I gratefully accept the Prosperity Seed that I am and plant it firmly into the Garden of Divine Mind and allow God to manifest in beautiful streams of income. I share all that I have for the good of all mankind and serve humanity with love and joy. I circulate all that I have as nature does in the process of all life.

I release this treatment and surrender all to God and have complete faith and conviction that all is accomplished and completed in the Heavenly Mansions of Mind now.

Thank you God for being the active ingredient in my Life now and forevermore. And so it is.

## **Join the Unexpected Income Program**

What to expect: The unexpected income program is the first step toward becoming prosperous. It is a wonderful experience to learn how to increase your income, and after having learned how to use the Law of Increase for money, you can use this law for all areas of your life and become truly prosperous. We will teach you how to increase your income through unexpected sources. This means receiving money from sources other than your regular earnings. Dr. Sharron has gathered the prosperity secrets of the ages for your use and understanding. Many thousands have experienced the thrill of receiving money in surprising and wonderful ways.

You will receive support: The Ministry of Prayer will assist you in this new adventure. They will treat daily for 30 days.

What to do: Your part is to spend at least ten minutes each day focusing on the Daily Treatment

What to Learn: You can learn to experience the abundance of the Universe. Recent scientific studies support the age-old law, "It is done unto you as you believe."

## **Ancient Wisdom**

If you think you are free,  
You are free.

If you think you are bound,  
You are bound.

For the saying is true:  
You are what you think.

-Ashtavakra Gita 1:11

# InnerFaith Memories

## Rev. Roberta's VIP Brunch & Rev. Arlene's Founder's Valentine Brunch



## **Science of Mastery Classes Begin Thursday Evenings May 5th - June 30th**

**Science of Mastery Mini Course I with Rev. Rich Cress**  
**Science of Mastery Mini Course II with Rev. Ellen Chambers**  
**Science of Mastery Advanced Mini Course with Rev. Sam Satkin**

The tuition is 100.00 with a 10% discount for Seniors and Couples

## **Science of Mastery**

### **Why Take Classes? Isn't coming to Church each Sunday enough?**

The basic principles we study are profound, but not necessarily easy to embody and practice in our daily lives. Sunday morning is where we hear about our potential, but the classroom is where we experience practical application of the principles.

The ongoing process of regular Science of Mind class attendance is where we begin to embody a true change in our consciousness.

### **What happens in class?**

The dynamics in the Science of Mind classes offer fertile ground for growing new ideas. Each Science of Mind class takes on an energy of its own which stimulates the individual's mind.

Through lectures, discussions, and workshops, the student learns how to personalize the same metaphysical principles used by spiritual masters throughout history.

### **Is there tuition for classes?**

Yes. Taking a Science of Mind class requires a commitment of both time and money. The truth is, little can be achieved without commitment. Your financial and emotional investment are important for change.

### **What will you learn?**

- You will learn about your unity with an infinite power for good which you can use.
- You will learn how to apply universal principles in your daily life and get results.
- You will learn the art of positive prayer called Spiritual Mind Treatment
- You will learn the value of daily spiritual disciplines and commitment.
- You will learn that you have found new friends and relationships with your classmates - people who think as you do.
- You will learn you really can create a new life by changing your thinking and beliefs.

### **What is the value of taking accredited classes?**

A certificate of completion is issued at the conclusion of all classes when the attendance and other requirements have been met. After an individual has

completed the required and accredited classes, he or she may be eligible to become a licensed Religious Science Practitioner or a Minister.

### **What Graduates Are Saying**

"Through classes, I have learned that Science of Mind and medical science come to the same conclusion ...the body is self healing and that mechanism is God's gift. Classes are great!"

"Science of Mind classes gave me tools to raise two wonderful daughters and transformed every relationship in my life for the better."

"in the process of taking SOM classes, I was able to unlock my potential and learn tools that enable me to get my 'ego' self out of the way and allow my inner potential to unfold."

'After taking the SOM class, not only did I fulfill my goals, but I really learned self-acceptance and love for myself and others. I am more at peace than ever before."

"The principles taught in these classes enabled us to double our business and triple our income! They are a must for everyone."

"I discovered I am here on this planet to make a difference and it begins with what I think, say and do."

### **How do you know you are ready for Science of Mind classes?**

If you desire to take charge of your own experience and sense there is more to life than you are currently experiencing...

If you would like a new and exciting perspective through which to see life, and make new friends who are like-minded in the process...

If you want positive change in your health, relationships and prosperity, resulting in a greater inner peace and sense of wholeness...

**YOU ARE READY!**

**CELEBRATE WITH US**

**Camelot Theater**

760-318-3196

Baristo & Farrell in Palm Springs

Every Sunday Morning at 10:00 Am

Guided Meditation at 9:30 AM

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