

“Claiming My ‘Peace’ of Heaven in 2011”

Today’s Lesson
A Labor of Love

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“I am giving you a new commandment: That you continue to love one another in the way I have loved you, that you also love one another. This is how everyone shall know that you are my disciples, if you have that love toward one another.” (John 13:34-35)

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Over 122 years ago two individuals dedicated everything they had to honoring and teaching the spiritual truths taught by the Master Teacher. It was truly a labor of love.



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Charles and Myrtle Fillmore saw Unity as the link in the great educational movement inaugurated by Jesus Christ;

To discern the Truth and prove it;

To claim no special revelations;

To help and teach humankind to use and prove the spiritual principles as taught by the great Masters.

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They saw their efforts as a ***labor*** of love to the world community through the activities of:

Love

Awakening

Benefiting

Overcoming

Regeneration

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Juliet: *“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”*

The beauty in Unity’s teachings of practical Christianity is that it does not require its members to use only one name for God.

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Jesus used Abba (Father) when addressing God. As to the nature of God, he was very clear on this point: *“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

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Other names for God are: The Infinite, Source, Unknowable, Energy, Spirit, Being, Higher Self, Universal Cause, The Ultimate, Infinite Love, Grace, Prime Mover, The Great Physician, The Presence, Universal Flow, Higher Power... just to name a few.

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The Fillmorian Vision:
To give people the opportunity to learn, use, and practice the spiritual principles so that they could experience a greater awareness of God and a profound sense of well-being.

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Unity helped to usher in a whole new understanding about our relationship with God.
What we called God did not matter.
Our understanding and connection to that spiritual life force and energy is what was important.

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Learning to let go of self-will (ego) and acknowledging that we don't always have the answers.
Learning to trust what is best about ourselves; to be still and listen to the small voice within; to be open and receptive to Spirit's call.

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Practicing and applying affirmative prayer and meditation in our daily routines so that we are able to center ourselves with a sense of peace and serenity.
Knowing that we are co-creators of our world and therefore can't blame others for our experiences.

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Fear vs Freedom Syndrome

Unity offered anyone who wanted it freedom to take back their lives.

No longer did they have to live a life of fear. Fear of an angry God, fear of hell and damnation, fear of lack and limitation.

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However, not everyone who came to Unity stayed with Unity. It was just too hard to put into practice.

The old time "religion" gave them something outside of themselves to blame for all their problems.

Unity gave them something within themselves to make the changes they needed for a sense of well-being.

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Trouble At The Border

When people realize for the first time they are responsible for their own lives, experiences and circumstances, it scares them. It's what we call "trouble at the border." Rather than deal with it they return to the comfort of their old pain and suffering.

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An Invitation

This labor day weekend I invite you to take some time and just be with the truth within you. Allow the essence of **love** to enliven you, as you **awaken** to the **benefits** of **overcoming** your challenges, thus allowing you to **regenerate** your life and affairs.