



Today's Lesson
**Living in Process –
By Divine Appointment**
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It is a commonly held belief that a divine appointment is defined as an incident or meeting that might initially seem to be random but is soon recognized as having been caused by God.

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In Unity we use the term *Divine Appointment* to mean that we are always in our right place at the right time, regardless of the appearance to the contrary. This activity of being works in our lives to help bring about an awareness of God in our life and affairs. You don't have to believe in God, or the fact you are always where you need to be, because it's going to work in your life anyway due the principle of divine order.

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We are always given an opportunity to answer the call, a call to embrace the divine essence that dwells within us, to live life by allowing our divine nature, the Christ within, to be expressed by performing and demonstrating the spiritual truths taught through out the ages. Your divine appointment with life and the human condition is an opportunity to let your light shine.

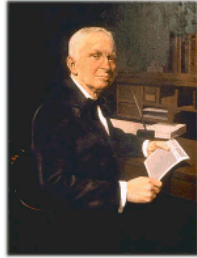
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When one looks back over the events in their lives they can see those divine appointment moments that brought them to were they are today on their spiritual journey. In Christianity there is a teaching that all humankind will have a divine appointment with the second coming. In short, Jesus is to return and make things all right again.

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I like how Paul Ferrini writes about the second coming in his book, **Reflections of The Christ Mind:**
A teaching lives only to the extent that people understand it and live it. It is like a musical composition. It doesn't come alive until someone performs it. When you understand the spiritual teachings and practice them in your daily life, you become a beacon for others. Through you, the truth comes alive, through you truth lives. This is the second coming. It is not an activity that is physical, it is an activity that comes through the heart and mind of you.

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Fillmore wrote in the Revealing Word: *The second coming is the result of building the principles of spiritual truths into the consciousness of humanity, where they can begin to be express through every man and women.*

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For me, all my divine appointments have been a second coming of sorts. Every time I experience one it is an opportunity to validate the Christ in me and say, *“It is not me, but the Christ within that does the work. Thank you, God.”*

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I believe our divine appointments give all of us the choice of adding to race consciousness and as Fillmore stated, *build the principles of spiritual truths into the consciousness of humanity for all to express.* And the choice comes from within us.

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The late Eric Butterworth, Unity minister and author had this to say about the second coming:

Eschatology, the doctrine of the second coming and judgment day, is based on dogma created centuries after the death of Jesus by the early Christian Church. It is based on the letters of Paul and his mission to prepare the people of his day for Jesus’ return.

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To this very day, we still here the message of “get ready for the second coming.” For thousands of years, the message has been very much the same, so why hasn’t it happened? It’s because Paul never knew Jesus on a personal basis. He never had a chance to really hear and understand Jesus’s reply to the Pharisees, Priests, and disciples when they asked, when is the kingdom coming?

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“The kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will you here others saying, look it’s over there, no, it’s over here. Instead look within yourself for it’s coming, for the kingdom of God is within you.” (Luke 17:20)

History teaches us what Jesus knew in his heart. Civilizations and nations were never destroyed by outer conquest or by God’s wrath. They have risen or fallen by the rise and fall of human consciousness.

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The fall of Rome, for instance, was an inside job. If humankind is in trouble today, it is not because God's mad, but because of the ego centered mindfulness of outer directed consciousness.

The danger is not in the atom, that is energy that has always been, but in the human condition that frustrates our inherent potential of expressing our Christ mind.

The kingdom of God is within each and every one of us. If you wish to experience the second coming then it's got to be an inside job.

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Author, Paul Ferrini shared his divine appointment with the second coming and what it can mean for us:

1. The teachings of Jesus is about remembering. It is about becoming conscious of the truth and living it.
2. It is not enough just to know the words of his teachings. Words are easily forgotten. Words must become actions, and must be put into practice.

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3. By focusing so much on how great Jesus was you have forgotten your own greatness.
4. When you think of Jesus, remember that his life was about empowering people to live to the fullest, and not to dwell on the miraculous things others have said he had done.
5. The power to change your life is within you, the power to do greater things than Jesus is within you.

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We are all living in process, no one is excused from this activity. It is our responsibility to look at all our events and know that they have been by divine appointment, so that we may have the opportunity to experience a personal second coming.

Let the feelings and experiences come without judgment and bless them with the knowledge that you are where you are by divine appointment and always ready for your second coming.