

## Vol. 1 Issue 3-Conference on Practical Christianity

### Quarterly Reports Due With This Issue

Quarterly Reports are dues at the end of March. These reports are important so that the Conference on Practical Christianity complies with IRS requirements for non-profit corporations. Do not think that you have to perform all of the reporting categories on the form. The IRS is only interested in what you did and not in what you did not do. Please return the form in a timely manner so that we do not have to waste newsletter space by reprinting the form in each issue. Thank you for acting in a professional manner.



### Fillmore Theological College Adopts Seal

New Seal Adopted:

Fillmore Theological College has adopted its seal that will appear on the website and on all official documents.

Rev. Don Hudson, Chancellor of Fillmore Theological College and Barbara Hudson, Dean of Admissions have been busy this month in an effort to bring our school fully on line. At present the basic Unity Fundamental Module is available online. Simply go to <http://fillmorecollege.com/> and click on the Moodle link to be taken to the online classrooms.



New Seal

Fillmore Theological College is now registered as a not for profit educational institution. Rev. Hudson is also in process of applying for distance learning college accreditation.

Fillmore Theological College is looking for mentors to help students in their educational process. If you are interested please contact Rev. Hudson at: [DHudson758@aol.com](mailto:DHudson758@aol.com) and ask for a mentor application.



### Changes in Ordination Requirements

Not only are there changes in the Ordination Certificate but there are also changes in the requirements for ordination.

Each applicant for ordination will have their educational and training credentials compared to the ministerial educational requirements of Fillmore Theological College. The

evaluation will determine if the candidate would benefit from additional education provided by Fillmore Theological College.

The Conference of Practical Christianity is dedicated to present Truth students, churches and study groups with highly qualified ministers

trained to serve God in spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ, the interpretations of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and the legacy of the Unity movement.

Your comments are invited.

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#### Credo Statement

*We are an alliance of like minds believing that the nature of God is love expressed as absolute Good and that this understanding leads to love, joy and peace in our lives, in our communities and in the World.*



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## New Conference Brochure Available

We have designed a new informational brochure for the Conference on Practical Christianity. The purpose for the new brochure is to tell prospective members a little bit about organization by answering some basic question regarding our beliefs, our purpose and our direction.

The brochure is in black and white but color can be added according to your budget. You are encouraged to order copies for your church or study group. Membership is open to all who wish to join. The membership health of our organization depends much on members getting involved in recruiting new members.

If you are a minister and a member of the Conference on Practical Christianity you can benefit by having your congregants join as individuals in support of you ministry. If your congregation is involved they are aware of the many Practical ideas presented in our newsletter concerning our movement and thriving in the good life God has given to us.

The brochure is available in two ways:

As a template from which you may make as many copies as you wish. (Free)

Printed in quantities of 100 for \$15.00.

The idea is to pass them out or to put a stack of them on your literature table at church. Put them on community bulletin boards. Any place is a good place to distribute the brochures.

We are seeking members but moreover we are desiring to expose as many people as possible to the benefits of practicing Practical Christianity in their daily lives.

To spread the teachings of Practical Christianity is certainly a wonderful way to contribute to the good of the world. This is your opportunity to make a difference. Take the time to order your brochures, today.

If you order a quantity of brochures you will receive them **not** folded for ease in shipment. The brochure is a trifold product. One will be folded for you so that you can see where the folds occur.

Mail your check to:

**Conference on Practical Christianity**

**Brochures**

**P.O. Box 1221**

**Greeneville, TN 37744**

## From Myrtle Fillmore's Healing Letters—To Truth Teachers

As you learn to see the fullness of God's life and love and power and substance in others, you will know that you need not pour out your own for them. You will have the knowledge and the light to call their attention to what they have and to prompt them to use it.

You ask, "What's wrong with me?" My dear, we are not looking for the "wrong" things; with our spiritual eye of faith that beholds only the divine image and likeness, we are seeing you as the Father created you in the beginning--whole, illumined, full of faith, perfect. By seeing you from God's standpoint we help you to manifest your innate divinity.

Take your eyes away from appearances as they seem to the limited, human vision. Be diligent in holding to your innate Christ perfection under all circumstances.

The word of Truth is the power that does the work effectively, and when you use the word instead of your own vital force, when you wish to help others, there will be no after effects in your mind or body. When you practice the laying on of hands you weaken your powers of resistance and easily take on the condition you wish to dissolve in your patient.

It is a limitation to try to use your personal power in healing others. Constantly keep in mind the truth that "I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works." Say with Jesus, The Father who dwells in me does his works.

It is necessary for the healer to establish himself in the consciousness that perfection is the only reality; there is only one Presence and one Power in the universe, God, the good omnipotent.

Myrtle Fillmore—Healing Letters pages 131-132

*When heart and mind and body are filled with the consciousness of the love of God and fellow human beings, we prosper.*

Myrtle Fillmore

# The Science of Being and Christian Healing

## About Practical Christianity

Excerpted from:

### The Science of Being and Christian Healing

by *Charles Fillmore* Contributed by *Robert Kent*

The following is not the entire article but does contribute to defining the philosophy of the Conference on Practical Christianity. For a copy of the entire article please email Rev. Charles Smith at [revcharlie@micoks.net](mailto:revcharlie@micoks.net) and ask for "about Practical Christianity."

The Article:

**Students are asking what relation this teaching bears to Christian Science, Mental Science, Theosophy, and Orthodox Christianity, and where we get our authority.** To answer these queries will require the space allotted to a lesson, and we shall, therefore, count this as a lesson explanatory; not of the regular course, but necessary thereto.

**Religion is natural to man.** The religious nature has always been considered first and highest in man's constitution. **Every man has a religion of some sort,** and in his extremity, he calls upon his God. **In the exercise of his inherent freedom of choice, man selects that form of religious belief that best suits him, or meets his needs,** and there are all kinds of religions in consequence, because **man really makes his own religious belief.** Fundamentally, **there is but one religion, but many interpretations** of it. In the Divine economy, **every man is free to form his own concept of God,** and his relation to Him. This constitutes religion.

**Every man should reason out his own religion,** and adjust himself to it. **In this way, he becomes acquainted with his Source, and learns the law of his being. If he adopts the religion which another has formulated, he is memorizing instead of unfolding from within.** The law of right development for the soul is individualism. **God is personal to every one of us,** and we must know Him intimately before we can be truly religious. **This, then, requires that we shall adopt the course that will most speedily open our souls to this individual acquaintance with the Most High, and the system of religious training that will "show us the Father," is the one we should seek.** **Jesus said, "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father,"** and, **"The Kingdom of God is within you."**

It is universally admitted that **Jesus Christ is the greatest teacher of all the ages,** and from a religious standpoint, **his**

**doctrine far surpasses that of any other.** It covers the whole earth, and is now accepted by intelligent people everywhere. **It appeals to the religious and moral natures of all who are trying to do right,** and those who follow the teachings get the fruits, and thus demonstrate that it is founded in Truth. Thus, **we cannot help but be followers of Jesus Christ, and our whole aim is to do as he did, and draw from the same great Universal Fount.** In doing this, we find **that we follow very closely the doctrine of the Christian church, yet not being trammelled by external rules of church worship, we open our spiritual natures to the inner, or esoteric, side of Jesus' doctrine. We find that there is an occult, or inner, teaching in Christianity,** which those who look upon it in its historical light only are, ignorant of. Yet we do not put aside the historical part, but seek to join the within and the without, and make of them a perfect whole. We accept Christ in his spiritual nature, and the ideas which he promulgated as the saving power that is redeeming the race from the effect of the transgressed law. **We believe that Jesus Christ was everything that he proclaimed. We do not, however, forget that we are following him, and do as he did.** He said, "Ye shall do these things and greater." We do not worship his personality, but seek through him to find the Principle, or Father, who dwells within every one of us. "In Him we live, move and have our being," and He lives, moves and has His being in us.

**It is not the object of our work to build up another sect or to establish churches.** We come, as John the Baptist came, crying, "Make straight the way of the Lord." The church must eventually accept the doctrine of complete regeneration of both soul and body. **We propose to establish schools for the purpose of instructing Christians in this esoteric part of Jesus Christ's religion.** We are not working in opposition to the Christian church, but in harmony with it. **We recognize that in every church organization there are a few who are in the Spirit, and understand, though it be "through a glass darkly," the real character of Christianity.** Consequently, Primitive or Practical Christianity, as we teach it, is in perfect harmony with the accepted religion of the Christian world.

*All causes are essentially mental, and whosoever comes into contact with a high order of thinking must take on some of it.*

Charles Fillmore

*There are opportunities everywhere, just as there have always been.*

Charles Fillmore

# The Conference of Practical Christianity

**Ministers Handbook**– The Conference on Practical Christianity is looking for a person to begin to compile various types of services for inclusion in a Minister's Handbook of Services. This handbook will be a manual to be used to supplement special Unity based services for all occasions. Each category would contain at least three choices for the minister to choose from or to use as a template. It will be published by the Conference on Practical Christianity and offered for sale and will also serve as a gift for newly ordained ministers.

**For the Newsletter, "Logo"** - We are always looking for articles for the newsletter. If you have a subject that is dear to your heart why not write a short article for your CPC Newsletter? Articles should be emailed to [revcharlie@micoks.net](mailto:revcharlie@micoks.net). In addition to articles of instruction and principle we are looking for items that tell us about your church, activities in your church and news about members of your church. All articles and other items should be presented in line with our Unity thinking and Philosophy.

**On Practical Christianity**– "Christianity is not practical until it climbs down from the pulpit and goes into the home. Charles Fillmore knew this. This is why he chose the words Practical Christianity as a sort of secondary name for Unity. Personally, I like the idea of Practical Christianity. It sounds to me like a religion that rolls up its sleeves and goes to work on our daily problems right along with us. And that is exactly what religion should do. Practical Christianity for You, James E. Sweeney, 1956

## All I need to know about life I Learned from the Easter Bunny

Don't put all of your eggs in one basket  
Walk softly and carry a big carrot  
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears  
There's no such thing as too much candy  
All work and no play can make you a basket case  
A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention  
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day  
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits  
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans  
Good things come in small sugarcoated packages  
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket  
An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare  
To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell  
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey

## HOW ADAM HAD IT EASY

1. He is the only man who has never been compared to the man she could have married.
2. He had no in-laws to drop in.
3. There were no Jones for him to keep up with.
4. There were no credit cards or shopping centers.
5. He never had his dinner interrupted by window salesmen.
6. He got away with wearing a simple wardrobe.
7. He never had to shovel snow!
8. If he had gone bald, who would have known that wasn't normal?
9. There was no "standard weight and height" tables—and the word fat meant good.

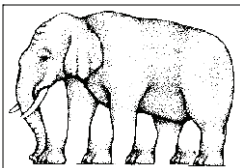
## Points to Ponder

He hoped and prayed that there wasn't an afterlife. Then he realized there was a contradiction involved here and merely hoped that there wasn't an afterlife.  
-Douglas Adams

"When everyone is against you, it means that you are absolutely wrong-- or absolutely right."  
-Albert Guinon

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking that created them" - Albert Einstein

If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.- [Carl Sagan](#)



How Many Legs?

Two boys arrived yesterday with a pebble they said was the head of a dog until I pointed out that it was really a typewriter.  
-Pablo Picasso

He who can take no interest in what is small will take false interest in what is great. -  
-John Ruskin