

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**Submitted by Namaste – Rev. Kristin Hawkins**

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***Introducing - "Namasté 101" - a Four Week Introductory Class beginning April 27th***

"*Namasté 101*" offers the perfect opportunity for those that want to know more about Namasté, our vision, values and the principles that we teach. Learn more about the workings of our Spiritual Community and our denomination, and take the opportunity to share with others in our church. At the end of this class you will also have the opportunity to choose to become a member of Namasté Science of Mind and Spirit Center.

### ***Learn about***

- ***Namasté - what it Means, where we came from, what our Vision is...***
- ***Science of Mind and New Thought ...***
- ***What We Believe...***
- ***Spiritual Mind Treatment and our Ministry of Prayer...***
- ***How to work with Practitioners of Religious Science...***
- ***Classes, workshops and services of available at Namasté...***
- ***The avenues of participating - ways to be of service and leadership opportunities...***
- ***The benefits of Membership...***

Please join Rev. Kristin in this 4 week class, beginning Thursday, April 27th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. There is no charge for the class. Simply sign up by responding to this email, and then come to our classroom in Suite 103 of the World Trade Center in Long Beach on the 27th!

If you have further questions, please feel free to email Rev. Kristin or call the church office at (562) 980-7610.

Week 1: where RS fits in .. where did we come from

Week 2 – what do we believe

3: what and how we practice what we believe

4. Namaste history, how we operate, how to participate .. membership

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Build a sense connection - know each other, board, pracs, minister – sense of belonging
- Get the basics of what Namaste Is, what RS is, what tools we teach, ways to participate ... membership option

**TIME:** 4 – 2 hr classes

**SETUP:** Circles of chairs, name tags, contact lists (request for name tag); trifold  
**PARKING**

**Class 1**

7:00 Invocation

7:05 Introductions of Staff and Students

- Name, what do you spend most of your time and energy on right now in your life?
- Connection to Namaste – Religious Past
- what you want for self from this class....

7:50 Overview of class

1. Objectives Review
2. Topics covered –
  - a. New thought and Religious Science .. what is it
  - b. Namaste .. it's history and vision
  - c. What do we believe – the basics
  - d. How do we practice what we believe - Our form of prayer, Practitioners, Classes and services available
  - e. Ways to participate .. how we work (BOT)
  - f. Membership
  - g. Opportunity to learn some without full blow Foundational
  - h. Not designed to be learn ALL – most important questions answered – on your minds
3. Design of Class
  - a. Interactive Lecture
  - b. Experiencing what we are talking about as much as possible
  - c. Get to know each other – small group interactions
  - d. Q&A
  - e. Let me know if there are things you'd like to know!
    - i. Email – my business cards
  - f. Agreements:
    - i. Let us know if not here – call Church number – leave message in box 7
    - ii. Be on time – as much as possible
    - iii. Confidentiality
    - iv. Speak from own heart and experience –
4. Name tags.....

7:55 History: Tonight – begin process of SOM and New Thought – the history of the movement...

- Purpose of Religion in General?? Spirituality (rules versus principles)
  - Discussion??
  - Nature of God, Man ... answer to universal questions
    - Why Here?
    - What happens next?
  
- Personifying God
  - Encyclopedia of Gods ... 2500 Deities of the world
  - Used to relate and understand the nature of man and God
  - At core .. still same universal questions
  
- New Thought Movement
  - Refers to the modern metaphysical movement .... Beyond look at individual God figures, focuses on nature of Spiritual Universe.
  - Wide range of philosophical, theological, psychological and practical approaches to God
  - Different than New Age ... broader term includes occult, crystals, tarot...
  
- Basis of New Thought ... History of thought about the Universe....
  - Several Places to look for history of man's ideas about the universe or god:
  - Genesis: 1:27 ..
    - created in the image and likeness of God
    - The time that the subjective soul of man was born
    - Not starting point of new thought, however
  - Hindu Sadas .. 3000 bce was maybe start of written tradition
    - Vedas are largest recorded writings
  - Basis of new thought not in one religion ... but in threads that run through all of them.
    - Ie – idea that our thought is creative ... tenant of RS
      - Veda – “what you see you become”
      - Jesus – “as you believe it is done to you”
      - Today .... Holmes .... Change your mind
  
- New Thought is really old old thought.....
  - Western Christian Theology ...
    - Judgemental punishing God
    - Only way to know god through Jesus
    - God outside of us
    - We are born sinners
    - Belief in Good and Evil

- Council of Nicea in 325 ce .. published creed – any opposition to was executed.
- From New Thought Perspective ... after adoption of creed, got away from Jesus teachings
- New Thought resurrects the God Consciousness that was born with the creation of the Universe. Reality begins within. Understood by Vida, Moses, Jesus. Reject born sinner and born in image of God.

➤ History of R.S.

- Ernest Holmes ... founder
- Start with Influences ... Metaphysical Chart – Healing Side
  - **Phineas Parkhurst Quimby** (1802-1866)
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  - **Unity** - Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, Emilie Cady
    - Lessons in Truth
    - Publishing house
    - Love based
    - Build up healing consciousness thru affirmations and denial
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    - Main influence was bringing Love not just Law
- Other Influences:
- Emerson (1803-1882)
    - “Father of New Thought”
    - God is Love and Wisdom
    - God is all that there is....
    - Man is part of infinite oneness of God
    - Every human is master of won destiny... creativity
    - Essays – Over Soul, Self Reliance
  - Judge Thomas Troward (1847-1916)
    - English
    - Mental Law focused ... conditions are effects
    - Creative Process
    - Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning, Edinburg h Lectures, Creative process of the Individual;
    - Precise, logical

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- Born Maine
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- Read Troward Series of Lectures on Troward
- Asked to speak at Metaphysical Library in LA
  
- By 1917 speaking regularly
- Ordained in Divine Science
- Wrote

- 1918 moved to New York til 1920
- 1923-1925 back to NY
  
- 1927 started SOM Magazine
- 1927 Founded Institute for RS and School of Philosophy
- 1954 CRS
- Married Hazel

8:45 More History – Q&A time

➤ Video.....

RSI

Numbers Today

160 + 85 study groups; 60 k membership  
Denver, Agape, San Diego, Seattle

What We Believe.... – tri fold

Questions next week .. with basic principles of RS

Place of Jesus

Sin

Hell/Devil

Other questions....

8:55 Close

## **Class 2:**

### **Invocation**

#### **New People Introductions**

Name, where energy goes; what you want from class; connection to namaste

#### **Recap of Last week**

Agreements Review

Let me know if not here

Confidentiality

From heart

Recap of New Thought History Discussion

Ernest Holmes History

#### **Religious Science – the Church**

180 churches, 80 study groups; 60 k membership

Denver, Agape, San Diego, Seattle largest

RSI smaller – ½ numbers last estimate

#### **What We Believe:**

Holmes – truths from Science (provable); philosophy; religion

Study of SOM is study of 1<sup>st</sup> cause, Spirit, Mind, or that invisible essence, that ultimate stuff and intelligence from which everything comes, the Power back of creation – the thing itself.

Implications to us!!!!

January series in talks – tape series available.

Omnipresent - everywhere including in us. No Boundaries

(Hologram)

All there is – present in all things – including sickness,

lack

PRESENT IN AND AS US

Omnipotent - all powerful – creates from it's word. So do we.

Thought is creative.

Cause and Effect.... Important to distinguish

We are not punished for our sins but by them

R.S. does not teach what to think, but how to think.

OUR THOUGHT CREATES WITHOUT LIMITATION

Omniscient All Knowing

Implication is that we are part of the all knowingness of God

We experience infinite knowing according to our beliefs

Creative law has tendency to validate what we believe to be

true

Reticular brain – filter out what is not like us  
Experience God to degree we embrace it.....  
AVAILABLE TO US ANY CLARITY

The Way It Works:

As We Believe, so it is. Refocus on Spiritual Truth of Selves

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Next week spiritual practices we teach to use these  
principles

What We Believe Statement – have group read aloud?

**Small Groups – answer these questions.... Based on what I've said....**

Questions?

Sin

Jesus

Hell or the Devil?

**BREAK**

**Holmes Video Clip**

**History of Namaste**

November 1998- Vision group

Feb 1999 - PreChurch

July 1999 - Sundays

November 1999 – Church status

March 2000 – Dedication and Installation

Vision Process – experience it – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month.

Plant seeds

Stay open – not attached, not in head.

What is the next step

When not loose energy

Vision Statement – Back of trifold

Expression – Place where we are one

Grandest Divine Idea

Values of Namaste

Honor you where you are

Meaning behind

Holding selves as empowered and creative beings

Series in past – first talks

Will do again.....

**Next Week – Spiritual Practices – what we offer....**

**Close**

### **Class 3:**

**7:00 Invocation**

**7:05 New People? – Practitioners intro's**

**7:10 Recap of Last Week**

- Agreements
  - Confidentiality, Share without judgement of my beliefs, from heart, call if not here
- Recap – New thought History, What R.S. Believes – Omni's and Q/A
  - Omnipresent – implication in as me
  - Omnipotent – all powerful – creative out of word – implication – I create
  - Onmiscient – all knowing – we experience to degree we believe, embrace.
- Q and A's
- Focus Tonight on What we Offer.

7:30 Spiritual Practices..... What is the purpose....????

Not what to think, but how to think....

Experience to the degree we are conscious of It!

Star: - 6 points

#### **1. Education**

- a. reading, classes
- b. LIU, Accredited, workshops....
  - i. Foundational Class
  - ii. History/Philosophy .... Roots, Bible Wisdom
  - iii. Practical Applications .... F freedom, self mastery
  - iv. Consciousness/Spiritual Practices .... Spiritual practices, practical mysticism

**2. Meditation-** All forms, listening to god within....

**3. Affirmations** - examples ... use them ... positive and present tense.... Not denial .....

4. **Prayer** – our form..... Spiritual Mind Treatment
  - a. Steps:
    - i. God Is ... list on board what god is.....
    - ii. I Am ... if omni's are true then I am
    - iii. Therefore
    - iv. Thanks
    - v. Release
  - b. Example: what is condition ... what is desired. walk through steps
  - c. **Practitioners here this week** - experience prayer, prac sessions, etc. – small groups.....

5. **Tithing** ... history, affirm good, god is source

6. **Being of Service** – community outreach, belonging, participation
  - Thanksgiving, xmas, service via namaste .... More next week

**Next Week** Membership; Namaste History, how we operate, board of trustees ; Opportunities to be involved....

**Closing**

## **Class 4**

### Belonging Meditation

#### Review

Agreements

Week 1 – history of N.T.

Week 2 – Basic Principles of R.S.

Week 3 – Spiritual Practices

Week 4 – about Namaste Vision, How we operate, Opportunities to be involved, membership

#### Namaste Vision

November, 1998

- Living Room – to support me in clarifying ministry
- Thursday Gathering as well
  
- Vision started to emerge of new spiritual community. In the context of SOM, looked at what we wanted in SC.
  - Explored Values First – Integrity, honoring others where they are, compassion, seeing perfection, balance, holding self as cause, honesty, celebration.
  - Values turned to what we are committed to....
    - Healing any sense of separation
    - Holding selves as empowered creative centers
    - Remembering who we are....
  - Committed to turned to Vision statement (see back of flyer)... Experiencing the grandest divine idea of self and others. Knowing the precious and awesome beings we are....
  - Captured in vision slogan - .... The place where you and I are One.

February, 1999

- Pre-Church Status

July 1999

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Service

November 1999

- Charter Membership/ Charter Received

January 2000

- First Foundation Class

March 2000

- Church Dedication/ Installation

April 2000

- First Namaste 101 Class

## How We Operate:

- Emma Curtis Hopkins... if you see a problem, it is yours!
  - Not about just me or practitioners – about our community
  - Important to live principles as we run the church
- Board of Trustees – 3 year terms....
  - intro board, have them say how got involved....
  - Board role.... Direction and health of church
    - See charge from Dedication
    - Agreement model of decisions
- Vision Group
  - Guided by Spirit. Not out of head
    - Open to all

## Being Involved:

- Sunday Service Support
  - Engagers, ushers, etc.
  - Office support – programs, printing, etc.
  - Your ideas – newsletter;
- Community outreach – thanksgiving, xmas family project, etc.  
Ideas – just propose them!

## Membership

- The Benefit
  - "Voting Rights"
  - Serving on the Board
  - Namaste and Our Delegates to UCRS
  - Intangible – feeling part of.....
- The Commitment –
  - By The Bylaws – read them
  - From The Heart
    - At dedication, looked at bylaws... and took another step – to Rev. Linda asking what we were dedicating ourselves to.. what our commitment was.... Came down to 3 things.
      - Learn and practice to best of ability the Principles
      - Go right to person
      - Financial Support/ Time Support

- The process of Membership
  - Completion of this class or equivalent
  - Signed Application per bylaws
  - Confirmation by Board
  - New Members Sunday – recognition and opportunity for all to make commitment
  - Sunday Brunch following
  
- Next Step
  - Give everyone the Membership form
  - Return to me tonight – or by May 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)
  - Board confirms
  - New Members Sunday on June 4<sup>th</sup>!
    - Brunch afterwards at Ascari – 11:30 – 1:00pm

Final Questions:

Closing:

Acknowledge no matter what way participate.....

Foundational class on June 8<sup>th</sup> – starts

Around room ?

Blessing.....

Definitions:

**1. New Thought:**

- Refers to the modern metaphysical movements whose philosophy teaches that we are living in a Spiritual Universe.
- Wide range of philosophical, theological, psychological and practical approaches to God. Not New
- Theory and method of mental life with specific references to the healing and quickening attitudes which make for the improvement of conditions generally.
- Neither single church, nor cult or sect. Not one Spiritual leader.

**WHAT IS IT, WHEN DID IT START**

SOM is New Thought Philosophy: how does it fit?

New Thought - Movement of mind or consciousness - the mind of god.

Science - says big bang signals start of conscious mind. - 20k million yrs

Most traditions teach that the subjective mind of god moved and it manifested in today as what we know as the physical universe.

Take a Look at the history of thought about the Universe - that is traceable Narrative account - recorded.

Genesis 1:27 - created in the image and likeness of God.

The time that the subjective soul of man was born.

Not the starting point of history of new thought, however.

Hindu sadas - sandscript - 3000 bce was perhaps the start of written tradition.

Hindu priests recorded largest religious writings - vidas.

This is the starting point.

Rishis looked at world from subjective point of view.

They were the first to look at reality starting inside – that we know of.

No one religion has cornered truth.

From the vida – told that “what you see you become.”

From Jesus - as you believe it is done unto you.

Today - the answer to what we shall be is contained in what we are now thinking – EH, other “New Thought” leaders

Holmes pointed out that we can change our mind - and change effect.

This is somewhat different than others.

Foundation of old thought - resides in the mind of god.

## **New thought - is it in opposition to old thought.**

Define old thought: Western christian theology. Judgemental punishing god, jesus is god, god outside, born sinners, good and evil. Became early roman theology. Council of nicea - 325 ce - published athanasian creed. One this was accepted - episals creed - any oposition was executed.

From New Thought Perspective: After adoption of creed, as christianity is becomming romanized - that is we are getting away from Jesus teachings - when st. Augustine authored the fall and redemption - adam and eves original sin to jesus sacrafice = mans redemption. In order to benefit - have to be born again. Fundamentally negative concept of man. Destroyed all interest in scientific progress for 1000 years. for st. Augustine , science contributed nothing to salvation. SOM allows religion and science to work together - to reveal truths.

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Old thought beliefs are threads in other religions.

### **What are the old - New differences.**

Trinity - three distinct persons in one. God as three persons. It is a mystery and we are not supposed to understand. SOM - Spirit, soul, body of God - three aspects - one Spirit. Same as Jesus view and original christian church.

Virgin birth of Jesus - we do not buy into. It separates him from us. Isiah 7:14. Read from 7:1 to 14 and will see that isiah was not talking of mary.

Crucifiction of Christ - assention to heaven. If jesus was god - how could man kill god.

Jesus death was an atonement for mans sins - past, present, future. All goes into fall redemption theology. Jesus says heaven and hell are within.

The devil - out of zorastorism - jewish people adopted prince of darkness and prince of lightness after came back from captivity. Hebrewism had no devil.

Second comming of Jesus - no place in bible does it say so - come on cloud means you are totally successful - acts

Communion - body and blood of jesus

Spirits in Rebellion - not a comprehensive study. Braden considers quimby as father of new thought, and ignores European contribution. Quimby made great

application of work, but not revealer of concepts - he was a healer not a philosopher.

## 2. Metaphysics

Philosophy that focuses on the nature of God, the nature of the universe including the process of creation, and the nature of knowledge (via one mind).

- Branch of philosophy that deals with 1<sup>st</sup> principle, and seeks to explain the nature of being or reality.
- Consists of
  - Ontology – branch of metaphysics deals with ultimate nature of being or reality
  - Cosmology – Branch of philosophy deals with study of universe, it's form and nature
  - Epistemology – study of the theory of origin of nature, methods and limits of knowledge.

Philosophy that deals with the question of what life is, how man relates to the world, and why we are here.

History

### 3. **Two pillars of Truth in New Thought.**

- Ethical Side – Emerson and others
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#### 6. **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 1803-1882

- Sometimes called Father of New Thought because of his articulation of many of its fundamental concepts.
- Omnipresence of God
- Man is individualized expression of God, One Mind
- Spiritual Laws that execute themselves
- Love is the motivational factor in Creation
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## **ByLaws on Membership**

### **Article IV Members**

#### **Section 1 Application of Members**

Any person may become a member upon making written application wherein that person asserts that they are committing themselves to personal spiritual growth and to supportive active membership in the Church as outlined in Section 3 below. Members who are age 14 or older and who have been members for over 60 days are qualified to vote. Individuals shall hold membership in only one Member Church.

#### **Section 2 Membership Confirmation**

Membership in this Church shall be considered active following application of the prospective member, and subsequent confirmation by the Board of Trustees.

#### **Section 3 Membership Duties and Privileges**

The collective Church Members shapes the direction and future of Namasté Science of Mind and Spirit Center, as members have voting privileges on church business and may serve on the Church's Board of Trustees as outlined elsewhere in these bylaws. As such, members are asked to make a personal commitment when they choose membership. This includes a commitment to embrace the teachings of Religious Science, to participate in the activities of the church, and to contribute to the support of the church, both financially and/or through time and service.

The church officers and the Minister shall provide orientation for those interested in becoming new members of Namasté Science of Mind and Spirit Center for the purpose of supporting new members in being well informed and clear on the commitment they are making.

#### **Section 4 Termination of Membership**

Membership in this Church shall be automatically terminated by death, resignation, withdrawal, or transfer of membership to another church.

The Board of Trustees of this Church shall have full power and authority to terminate the membership of any person or persons due to one of the actions below.

- A. Any member where the records show that for a period of one year or more there has been a complete lack of interest, either materially, or from the standpoint of participation in the services and/or affairs of this Church.
- B. Any member who has clearly demonstrated antagonism, or opposition to the purpose of this Church or its teachings and vision.

Any member terminated by the Board of Trustees shall be notified of such action in writing.

#### **Section 5 Membership Record**

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, a true, complete and fully up-to-date permanent record containing at least the names and addresses of all members of this Church. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to promptly record in the minutes all new members of this Church, when confirmed by the Board of Trustees, and to delete therefrom all terminated members upon the adoption of a resolution to terminate. Such record shall establish membership of record for all purposes and shall be available for inspection by any member of this Church at all reasonable times.

## FROM OUR DEDICATION:

### **And now to the Board of Trustees of this church.**

You are charged by your acceptance of the leadership position to which you have been elected to uphold the principles of Science of Mind in relationship to the business of the church. You are partners in this covenant with the minister

It is your charge to see that the business practices are in total alignment with the principles and concepts of Science of Mind. In all matters that come before you related to the church, do you commit to see that they uphold, enlarge, and are compatible with the purpose and vision of the church?

It is important that the Board be a living representative of the vision and you, as individuals, are to see that all members of the Board not only have an understanding of their duties and responsibilities but are committed to the principles of Science of Mind and the vision of your church. Do you accept this charge?

Will you also dedicate yourself to believe in the power and value of prayer/treatment when there are conflicts of opinion or decision? And turn first to treatment and meditation – secondly to your Practitioner or other spiritual support person, and thirdly to speak with clarity and honestly only to the people involved for the resolution of the issues and challenges?

### **And now I ask the Practitioners of the church to stand....**

Recognizing that Infinite Spirit is the head of this ministry, as a practitioner of spiritual mind healing your charge is to see through the fog of fear, superstition, and doubt. Knowing that conditions flow from causes and not the reverse and to dedicate yourself to consciously work at the level of cause and to court the Presence of Love/Intelligence in your every decision and action as a Practitioner. **Do you agree to this?**

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## **MEMBERS:**

Now I ask everyone who is a member of this church to stand. Will those who attend but who are not official members but who consider themselves as dedicated to the vision of this church please join them.

As the guiding body of this ministry and as its spiritual family members, it is your charge to participate in it's activities a high level of ownership. There is no such thing as a church and its members, there is only a church as its members. Will you commit to supporting this church in time, treasure, and talent?

Will you commit to spending time in prayer/treatment, meditation for the highest good of this ministry and participate by putting these universal principles into practice in your life to the best of your ability to do so?

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do freely choose membership to Namasté Science of Mind and Spirit Center!

As a member of Namasté I am making a personal commitment to:

- Experience and express the grandest Divine Idea of myself and of others,
- To participate in Namasté activities with a high level of ownership,
- To spend time in prayer and meditation for the highest good of this church,
- To practice the universal principles taught in Religious Science by applying them in my life to the best of my ability to do so,
- To turn first to treatment and meditation – secondly to a Practitioner or other spiritual support person, and thirdly to speak with clarity and honesty only to the people involved for the resolution of any issues and challenges I might face,
- To support Namasté with time, treasure, and talent in a consistent, committed and identifiable way.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Namasté Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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