

**Subject: Sermon Ideas – Oneness & Diversity: One Heart, One World**

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David Bruner and I have been following the same annual theme of Oneness and Diversity: One World One Heart. Together we have selected to review diversity through various lenses including the diversity of world faiths, cultural differences, etc. Here is the year's scheme we have been following. I offer it to you as a resource for those who might be interested in similar annual themes. For those who are interested, I would be happy to give all my talk notes too.

**2003 Sunday Topics and Themes**

**Yearly Theme: “Oneness & Diversity: One Heart, One World”**

**January** – Theme: (SOM- Healing) Book: The Anatomy of Healing Prayer – by Ernest Holmes

5 – The Healing Light – Guest Speaker Mary Murray Shelton

12 – Changing the Track of Time – Guest Speaker Mary Murray Shelton

19 – Your Divine Templates – Guest Speaker Mary Murray Shelton

26 – What Happens When We Give a Treatment – Guest Speaker Mary Murray Shelton

**February** – Theme: Buddhism Book: Heart of Buddha’s Teaching, by Thich Nhat Hahn

Other books: Buddhism For Beginners by Thubten Chodron

Awakening The Buddha Within by Lama Surya Das

2 – The Four Noble Truths: Is Everything Suffering

9- The Noble Eightfold Path: Doing it Right

16 – Other Buddhist Teachings: Wake up, Wake up

23 – Turning the Wheel of the Dharma: The Buddha Speaks

**March** – Theme: Judaism Book: Living A Life That Matters by Harold Kushner

Other books: Basic Judaism by Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Every Person’s Guide to Judaism by Stephen J. Einstein & Lydia Kukoff

2- What Really matters In Your Life?

9 - Personal Integrity: Jonah

16 – Are You Really Happy?

23 – The God of Moses

30 – Measures of Success: Noah

**April** – Theme: Christianity Book: Learn to Live: The Meaning of the Parables by Ervin Seale

**Other Books:** Meeting Jesus Again for the 1<sup>st</sup> Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith by Marcus Borg

Jesus: What He Really Said & Did by Stephen Mitchell

6- Parable of the Sower

13- Palm Sunday – Parable of the Wheat and Tares

20 – Easter: Arise

27 - Parable of the Mustard Seed

**May** – Theme: Native American Book: Walking On The Wind: Cherokee teaching for Harmony and Balance by Michael Tlanusta Garrett

4 – Clearing the Muddied Water

11- Walking in Step With The Greatest Circle

18 - All In Good Time – Guest Speaker Deborah Johnson, Diversity workshop also available

25 – Crossing The Bridge

**June** – Theme: Summer Program Book: Creative Mind and Success by Ernest Holmes

1 The Power We Have is Within Us

8 We must learn to govern life by an inner realization

15 Practice – Denials, Affirmations and Non Resistance

22 – Expanding our Thought with Spiritual Mind Treatment

29 – Practitioner Sunday

**July** – Theme : Islam Book: Taking Back Islam: American Muslims Reclaim Their Faith, by Michael Wolfe

Other Books: Islam, A Concise Introduction by Huston Smith

Islam: A Short History by Karen Armstrong

6- Islam and Violence

13 Jesus through a Muslim Lens

20 Sufi – Guest Speaker Mary Shelton

27 What makes Rumi Whirl?

**August** – Theme: Hinduism Book: The Bhagavad Gita: A Walk Through for Westerners by Jack Hawley

3 - One God, Many Names

10 – Forgiveness from the Yoga Philosophy – Guest Speaker Dr. Fred Luskin

17 - Born Again! A Hindu Perspective

24 - Who am I?

31 - Truth is a Multi-Layer Cake

**September** – Theme: Taoism Book: Tao Te Ching, A New English Version by Stephen Mitchell

7 – Knowledge of the Tao

14 – Letting Go of Opposites – Guest Speakers Dr. Kim Kaiser, Dr. Joyce Duffala and Maggie Cole, RScP

21 – Without Seeking Acclaim

28 – Tranquil, But Unceasing

**October** – Theme: Adventures of the Heart Book: Money Magic: Unleashing Your True Potential for Prosperity and Fulfillment by Deborah L. Price

5 Redefining Your True Net Worth

12 - Love and Power, Fear and Control

19 – The Path to Fulfillment

26 - The Alchemy of Faith

**November** – Theme: Art of Sacred Living Book: Walking In This World: The Practical Art of Creativity by Julia Cameron

2 – (Art Show and Festival) – Discovering a Sense of Origin

9 – Discovering a Sense of Proportion

16 – Discovering Perspective

23 – Discovering Adventure – Guest Speaker Kathy Hearn

30 – Discovering Personal Territory

**December** – Theme: Paganism Book: Paganism: An Introduction to Earth Centered by Joyce & River Higginbotham

7 – What's A Pagan?

14 – An Earth Based Religion – Guest Speaker Mary Shelton

21 – (Solstice) A Pagan View of Deity

28 – The Living Universe