

# ORDER OF SERVICE

- DATE: MARCH 6, 2011
- 10:00 A.M. MEDITATION
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## Inspirational Thought(s)

*"Creation is always happening. Every time an individual has a thought, or a prolonged, chronic way of thinking, they're in the creation process. Something is going to manifest out of those thoughts" - [Michael Beckwith](#)*

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*"I believe that you're great, that there's something magnificent about you. Regardless of what has happened to you in your life, regardless of how young or how old you think you might be, the moment you begin to think properly, this something that is within you, this power within you that's greater than the world, it will begin to emerge. It will take over your life. It will feed you, it will clothe you, it will guide you, protect you, direct you, sustain your very existence. If you let it! Now that is what I know, for sure" - [Michael Beckwith](#)*

## THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT:

Law of Cause and Effect: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he," applies to the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions of one's world. There are certain well defined principles and Laws which govern our health, our wealth, our today and our tomorrow. There is no question that our thoughts and actions create, are the cause for the effect and that we reap what we sow. The basis for this Law is the Golden Rule which is stated in various ways in all religions, -\*\* therefore, be kind, be loving, be of service, think good for yourself and for others, trust in God to bring you all your good and life will follow accordingly.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### How to apply Weekly Sermons to Our Lives

Rev. Coverson's sermon (2/20/11) titled "**The Stride to be all that you can be**" The Principles (Natural Laws) will help you in your stride to be all that you can be. Being in harmony with the natural laws which govern the universe is a start to your journey. Sometimes we step out of them when you don't embrace spiritualism. The principles connect to the bible as well and centers around love and treating all people right. Surround yourself with love and embrace others. Everything flows around your commitment to serve. Universal laws that we transgress, have an impact on our lives thru the law of cause and effect. Our obligation is to serve the Universe by keeping the Laws. You keep laws working in your life when you do things to serve others.

Ask yourself "why do you want to join the church?" You want to be in a family you have an opportunity to pick A family of like minded people make the world better. When you join this church, you are a part of a family that accepts you as you are. This is a gift and purpose to live a more balanced life. Know that I am god, love, spirit and peace. I am a part of this Universe. We all make up God's Universe, to know what and is in life sometimes you need to sit back and go with it. Tap in to this God Power! You are on a journey and you will not be stopped, State that I am on my way! \_\_\_\_\_

Study the God's Universal Laws and use them in your life daily.

### SERMON for 1 November 2009 - by Rev. John M. Kohlenbereger

#### **When Life isn't fair ...** *The Acts within the Circus of Life*

While discussing the legal system, as I sat in a philosophy class the other day, I heard one of the students claim, "**life isn't fair**". This immediately triggered a memory of what I used to reply to that same comment when I was 15 or so. I agreed that "Life isn't fair", in those days and then added, "**Life is a Circus!**"

**AND ... This circus goes in circles, with 3 Rings** - Like a circus, life always has lots of activity and is constantly moving, with changes; bringing in daring acts, balancing, lions and horses, with lots of drama. In a real circus this is part of the thrill of the experience. Thus, in our lives things must always be moving and changing to keep it interesting. If it ceased to move and change we would label it "death".

As the circus had an opening, a phase of activities and a closing, so life has a past, present and future - a 3 ringed circus. Through our memories we can dwell on those things that brought us truth, beauty, joy and love. However in the ever present now, we can aspire to create more of those feelings and experiences we desire in our continuing life. I say "feelings and experiences" because, you only borrow the "things" in life and thus when the circus is over and you must exit, you can only take the memories, feelings and experiences with you, even though they still may be in 3-D.

The third ring of this circus, then, is the future that we build, based on the foundations we build today. This is where our hopes and dreams come into play. Though these things live only in the energy domain of our minds, our minds work electromagnetically, and thus create situations around and within us. *Made in the image of God*; we are creators! Therefore, we are not pawns, we are participants, with God!

**Bring in the animals** - Like the animals in the circus, sometimes we just need to jump through the hoops of life. Then, there are those who feel that life is mean to them, or that their life doesn't measure up to somebody else's lofty Ivory Tower standard. Some of these people will act like wild animals as they feel fears and frustrations and that the world is, or they are, not as "perfect" as the "shoulds" they have heard. Thus, these humans act like animals themselves. However, as William James (posthumously) said, "*Your beliefs are the lens of perception that you look through to view life. You then make your choices based on those perceptions, whether your lens is rosy, blue, green or even black.*" This is why the man Jesus talked so often about beliefs.

It is our beliefs and perceptions that determine how we further shape our thoughts and actions to create the life we want. And, like when we're at the circus, when we feel like we're in a chamber of horrors, all we need to do is step outside to discover "a whole new world", full of sunlight, beauty, love, joys and different excitements for our senses.

**Send in the clowns** - A new perception of life that I discovered when I was 30 something, that helped me deal with driving the crowded Los Angeles freeways at rush hour was to change my view of why other drivers did things that would surprise me and upset me. What I began doing was to look at them as if they were clowns in a circus, rather than some "stupid person" that "purposely" did something I didn't like. You see, clowns can be jokers. This allowed these drivers, in my mind, to do unusual or even "stupid" things - even cut me off in my lane and I could laugh it off rather than getting mad or upset.

**Finding Perfection in the acts of life** - Later on, when I became 50 something, I realized that our "perfection" is simply in being a human being ... whatever we are. I then realized that our ability to forget, not know how we affect others or even what we do to ourselves, even act "stupid" is part of the process of simply being human ... as God put us here to be! So, I realized that if the All Powerful God had wanted me or any of us to be otherwise, even a prickly pear cactus instead of a human, we would be that exactly. Thus being and becoming human is a part of the perfection that we not only seek, but have come to earth to discover. Indeed "being human" is a part of our process to discover our own divine nature, that the Christ so often talked about. He did not just talk about his divinity, but yours as well!

**IN CLOSING** - When life just isn't seeming fair, think again, reconsider, look at it in a fresh new way and maybe you can enjoy the circus that life really is. And as my old Chinese Sage teacher told me once upon a time, when my life was falling apart: "*Sometimes when it seems that life is hard and you aren't growing at all, is when you are growing the best.*"