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RISE UP INTO NEW LIFE!

by Jim Gaither



As you know, Easter is a celebration of the stories that Jesus of Nazareth was resurrected from the dead. The Bible reports several other cases of resurrection. Elijah and Elisha reportedly brought children back to life. Jesus reportedly raised a child and his friend Lazarus back to life. There are even non-biblical accounts of resurrections. For example, the philosopher Empedocles is reported to have raised back to life a woman who had been dead for thirty days! Some doubt that such stories are *factual*, but believe them or not, the important thing is that the stories illustrate a *truth* about the Universe: *resurrection is one of the infinite possibilities of the Universe.*

The “resurrection possibility” is not just about people rising up from apparent death, though it is about that. The “resurrection possibility” gives you the assurance that you can rise above any setback, whether the setback is in health, career, finances, or some other area of life. The “resurrection possibility” may also be called a “principle,” since it is true everywhere all the time. Hence, we may speak of the “Resurrection Principle.” The “Resurrection Principle” is inherent in the way the Universe operates.

We may understand this Principle by considering relevant phenomena, such as the blossoming of perennial flowers and the continuity of identity through many bodily forms. In the case of perennials, every year the flower appears to die; every year it rises up again from the earth to shed its beauty upon the eyes. Likewise, continuity of identity remains through all life’s changes. From the time you were born, you have inhabited many bodies—as infant, child, youth, and adult—yet your *identity* has always

been *essentially* the same. You continually “rise above” your old bodily dwelling into a “new life.” As a Spiritual Being, you have the innate power to rise above any state of mind or condition into new life.

Many of us know instances of individuals coming out of comas. In biblical times what we call a “coma” would have been seen as death, since then they did not have the technology to distinguish a coma from death. Many of us also know instances of individuals who were momentarily dead according to all the best modern medical technology, and yet they came back to life. Such cases are as surely instances of “resurrection” as any story in the Bible. It is important to recognize that such resurrections are not matters of religious affiliation. Principle is no respecter of religious affiliation. The Resurrection Principle is the same for everyone, regardless of religion, nationality, gender, age, or any other human category.

Do you need some kind of “resurrection” in your life? Do you need some kind of re-vitalization or renewal? Are you facing a career or financial setback and so seeking to “rise up again”? Are you experiencing a health challenge that you need to “rise above”? Perhaps you feel a need to completely “re-invent” yourself, and so, “resurrect” your identity into a new and different life. All such “resurrections” are possible because of the Resurrection Principle.

How can you access and actualize the Resurrection Principle? The way can be summarized as: *Choice, Concentration, Cleansing, and Commitment.* We will examine this “**Fourfold Path of Resurrection**” in a Sunday series at The Center beginning March 14th and ending on Easter Sunday.

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Unity Center Activities

TUESDAY LECTURE SERIES BY JIM GAITHER

12:00 Noon & 6:15 pm

Continuing the Series:

“HEALING LIVES THROUGH SCIENTIFIC PRAYER”

The Truth of God can be demonstrated by the healing and transforming effects of practicing scientific prayer. Your prayer practice can have a beneficial influence in your own life and in the lives of others. In this course you will learn the principles of scientific spiritual treatment through instruction and experiential exercises..

Mar. 2 – “Divine Remedies” - Part 4

Mar. 9 – “Divine Remedies” - Part 5

Mar. 16 – “Covenant with God

Mar. 23 – “Practitioner Review”

New Series:

“TEN CLASSICS OF WORLD SPIRITUALITY”

Through the ages, humankind, longing for enlightenment and liberation, has looked for a spiritual dimension beyond the senses. That grand quest has produced profound and beautiful writings that have, to some degree, enlightened and liberated humanity. This series is an overview of ten of the greatest texts from great spiritual traditions. Later in the series, we will also review: “Plato’s Republic,” “Tao-Te-Ching” (Taoist), “Granth” (Sikh), “Bhagavad-Gita” (Hindu), “Dhammapada” (Buddhist).

Mar. 30 – “The Gospel of John”

Apr. 6 – “Dionysius the Aeropagite” (Christian)

Apr. 13 – “Job” (Jewish)

Apr. 20 – “Rumi” (Sufi)

Apr. 27 – “Upanishads” (Hindu)

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“CIRCLE OF PRAYER” MEDITATIONS

Tuesdays, 11:30 am & 5:45 pm

This half-hour of Spiritual Intunement, led by Jim Gaither, is a beautiful prelude to the Tuesday Lectures, and a time to join in The Center’s “Circle of Prayer” to radiate a powerful Healing Energy of Life and Love to all who have requested special prayers.

“GOD AT WORK”

Mondays, 12:00 Noon – Beginning March 1st

God is at work in our lives at all times. By aligning ourselves with this Dynamic Creative Power, we can shape our experience in positive ways to live healthy, prosperous, joy-filled lives. Jesus taught us the Inner Laws of Consciousness that determine our outer experience. This course, based on the parables of Jesus as interpreted by Ervin Seale in his book *Learn to Live, The Meaning of the Parables*, will show how the Transformative Power of God works in our lives. Taught by Rod Kennedy, Unity Spiritual Education & Enrichment graduate, member of Unity Center Board of Trustees, author, and entrepreneur.

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WEDNESDAY MEDITATION SERVICES

by Justin Morley

12:00 Noon & 6:15 pm

Devoted to personal and spiritual growth and renewal, this inspiring hour features a dynamic and stimulating lecture dealing with basic Metaphysical Principles and how to apply them effectively in your life, and a guided healing meditation designed for the tapping and release of the Healing Flow of the Infinite within. It is a beautiful time of renewal for body, mind, emotions, and affairs of life.

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WOMEN IN UNITY

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

A powerful group experience, this sharing time provides an opportunity for women to express their thoughts and feelings in an atmosphere of love and trust, and to learn from one another how to apply Spiritual Principles in their lives and careers—a wonderful time of mutual spiritual support. Sir John Templeton’s book, *Wisdom from World Religions*, is used as a study-guide for discussion and meditation. Facilitated by Sondra Pugh and Ann Stenson.

ABOUT UNITY CLASSES

All classes (except special workshops) are presented on a love-offering basis, with each student evaluating the help received and giving accordingly. Suggested offering: \$15.00 per session...or more, as your grateful heart guides you.

“YOUR HEALING HERITAGE”

Thursdays, 6:15 pm

This practical guide to the Infinite Healing Presence within each of us continues. This class offers enlightening healing lessons that will enable you to develop and become established in an abiding consciousness become healthy in mind, body, emotions and affairs of life, which is your Divine Inheritance. It will help you develop and become established in an abiding consciousness of health and wholeness, which is your natural state. You will explore different techniques that will enable you to begin to experience high-level wellness. Each class includes a Chakra Balancing (energy center clearing), a Creative Visualization Healing Meditation, and the “Oneness” Prayer and Healing Circle. Taught by licensed Unity teacher, healing therapist, and Interfaith minister, Marion A. Gambardella.

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ACTING CLASS

Fridays, 6:30 pm

Come and explore your latent talent and creativity. As you work on scenes and monologues using your body, mind, and spirit, you will realize the power of your uniqueness and doors will open to a deeper understanding of your Inner Self. No acting experience is necessary...only a desire to find new ways for self-expression as you discover a new you. Taught by Broadway actress/singer, Carolyn Maye Middleton. For details, call Carolyn at (212) 838-4775.

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UNITY IN HARLEM STUDY GROUP

Sundays, 3:30 pm

Ross Carnegie Piano Studios, 246 West 137th Street,

This dynamic study group presents a wonderful program of learning Truth Principles every Sunday afternoon through the study of many important spiritual and metaphysical books. There are also a variety of special events and guest speakers. Led by licensed Unity teacher, Carol J. Hunt.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Led by Marion A. Gambardella
Friday, April 2nd – 3:00 pm

We invite you to join us for a beautiful time of experiencing the profound spiritual message of Good Friday and its relevance to modern living. There will be beautiful music by our gifted musical artists. Come and immerse yourself in this wonderful prelude to a glorious personal Easter Resurrection.

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“IMAGINE UNITY! 2014”
Appreciative Inquiry One Year Success Journey
Saturday, March 6th – 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

February 7th, 2010 was the first anniversary of our *“Imagine Unity! 2014”* Appreciative Inquiry Initiative. This process enabled program participants to focus on what worked well in the organization, to connect the insights of the past and present to their dreams and visions of future, and encouraged them to think and act as if their vision of Unity in 2014 were a reality.

On Saturday, March 6th, three “Imagine Unity! 2014” vision teams will present the year’s accomplishments along with stories of how they overcame challenges as well as their goals for the future. All are invited to attend.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS
Marion A. Gambardella, Director

Our Health and Wellness Programs (Mind, Body, Spirit) will offer healthy-living classes, seminars and workshops presented by licensed and certified local practitioners and therapists. In late March we will begin a bi-monthly support group meeting for the family caregiver. And there will be special events with well-known guests from the medical and holistic field. Watch for details on the following upcoming events:

- ***Sunday, April 11th, 2:00 pm - “A Care for the Family Caregiver Program”*** presented by Sheila Warnock, founder and president of “Share the Caregiving, Inc.,” and author of *Share the Care*.
- ***Sunday, May 2nd, 2:00 pm - “A Fresh Start: Rejuvenate Body, Mind and Spirit,”*** presented by Dr. Susan Smith Jones, well-known motivational speaker and Hay House author of twenty books and five hundred magazine articles.
- ***And...Coming Soon:*** More workshops, exercise classes, energy healing, monthly senior fellowship day, musical and art programs, and a special workshop, “Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions,” for the chronically ill, sponsored by Stanford University.

We are also pleased to offer spiritual counseling and prayer support on weekdays with Jim Gaither and Marion Gambardella. For more information, call Marion at The Center.

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Unity In the Community
SHARE A BUNNY WITH LOVE AND KINDNESS

You can help bring Easter cheer to local homeless children. Bring a soft, cuddly, new stuffed toy bunny, filled with your love, to The Center *Sunday, March 7th through April 2nd*. Let us allow our lights to shine as we share our Easter Love and bring “Unity to the Community.”

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THE DISCOVERY ROOM

Our beautiful bookstore on the lower level of The Center is open on *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm; Friday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm; closed Monday and Saturday*. We invite you to stop in often and browse through our wide selection of Unity and related metaphysical publications, including all of Eric Butterworth’s books:

**UNITY’S
CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

You are never farther from the prayer-support of Unity’s Prayer Circle than a telephone call or an e-mail request. You will be held in the loving light of Truth. Many have been helped and healed.
May we help
you?

*The Wisdom of
Eric Butterworth*

*T*he New Insight In Truth is all about “Unitivity,” the Principle of Cosmic Relatedness, Love, Oneness. And, this is what Jesus was all about.

Jesus expressed this Principle in a nutshell: “I and the Father are one.” [John 10:30, ASV] He was not saying that he was unique, rather, he was articulating the Principle of Unitivity. Later in the Book of John he refers to it in this way: “That they all may be one; thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us;...that they may be made perfect in one.” [John 17:21 & 23, KJV]

The Principle of Unitivity is the missing link in religion. We have talked of God around us, guiding us; and God in us, breathing through us, healing us, etc. But we cannot grasp the full implication of Truth until we realize God expressing *as us...* with no separation, “...that they may be made perfect in one.”

The Truth is: You are a Whole creature. You can never be less than God expressing as you. But when you lose this awareness and wander into the “far country” of self-limiting thought, you “come to know want.” However, when you “come to yourself” and return to “the still point within,” you release the Divine Flow of Life and Creativity from within yourself. In other words, you can never lose your relationship with God, but you can lose sight of it. Healing is not altering anything in your basic relationship with God—doing something to or getting something from God. It is simply becoming aware of your changeless Spiritual Unity with God.

The sad fact is that few people live their lives in the consciousness of unity. Despite their religious practices, their prayers, and their flaming altar fires, human creatures—from antiquity to modern times—have struggled in the thought of separation instead of Oneness. All the basic problems that beset mankind today—lack, sickness, and war—have their roots in the widespread belief in separation.

It is my conviction that, in time, all institutions of learning will recognize the concept of Unitivity as the higher corollary of “Relativity.” Thus, they will build their entire educational systems on the complete integration of knowledge with the Knower, and of creation with the Creator. In this Unitivity system, students will be trained to hold fast to the thread of Spiritual Unity—whether they are in the laboratory, the athletic field, the observatory...or the chapel.

Sunday Services of Creative "Worth-ship"

At The Unity Center
Our Beautiful Landmark Building
213 West 58th Street
11:00 am

Lectures by

Jim Gaither, Minister

Eric Butterworth named Unity's
Sunday Service

"An Experience of Creative 'Worth-ship,'" a special time of spiritual growth leading to self-realization and self-worth.

Mar. 7 – THE UNIVERSAL RELIGION

There are many religions with many different creeds and practices. Nevertheless, the *common ground* of the many is what is most important.

"THE FOURFOLD PATH OF RESURRECTION" SERIES:

Mar. 14 – THE RESURRECTION PRINCIPLE: CHOICE

Overcoming even the most extreme challenges is a choice.

Mar. 21 – THE RESURRECTION PRINCIPLE: CONCENTRATION

Concentration is the key to power for overcoming.

Mar. 28 – THE RESURRECTION PRINCIPLE: CLEANSING Palm Sunday

In the process of working through challenges, we may need to cleanse our consciousness of past priorities.

Apr. 4 – THE RESURRECTION PRINCIPLE: COMMITMENT Easter Sunday (See Next Column)

UNITY'S GREAT EASTER HOMECOMING "THE RESURRECTION PRINCIPLE: COMMITMENT"

The culmination of "The Resurrection Principle" is the great triumph over all adversity and limitation. This requires great commitment on our part to the Truth that is symbolically represented in the Easter Story. With that commitment to Truth you can experience "Eternal Life"...*here and now!* Join your Unity Family for our Easter Homecoming and celebrate the Resurrection Principle in you. Jim Gaither will be joined by our extraordinarily gifted musical artists, Stephen Lehew and Paul Trueblood, who will provide a glorious musical framework for the hour.

Over the years, many lives have been dramatically changed, even saved, by the great message of renewal and the experience the love of joy generated at this very special Service. *Don't miss this wonderful Celebration of the Resurrection Principle.*

Apr. 11 – HOLISTIC LIVING

To live a full life, we must think holistically.

Apr. 18 – DOES GOD HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR?

The Bible says, "God laughs." Does this mean that God has a sense of humor? Do you?

Apr. 25 – DON'T STRESS...PROGRESS! Effectively coping with "stress" may be the single best "health care."

"DISCOVERY CLASS"

The "Discovery Class," for children ages 5 - 12, is held every Sunday during the Service. Each week our dedicated teachers use a combination of lessons, prayer ("quiet moments"), Bible stories, and music and art to both engage and enlighten the children.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY LECTURES
www.UnityNewYork.com

Log on to our website and listen to all of Jim Gaither's Sunday talks and selected Tuesday "Circle of Prayer" meditations.



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With Jim Gaither and Karen Tudor

Thursdays, 3:00 pm – www.unity.fm

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