

# Divine Science

Established 1886 by Malinda E. Cramer

Divine Science was founded by Malinda Cramer as early as 1886. By 1888, she opened her Home College in San Francisco, and began publishing her periodical, "Harmony." Malinda ordained Nona Lovell Brooks in San Francisco on December 1, 1898. On January 1, 1899, Nona, along with her sisters Fannie Brooks James and Alethea Brooks Small, established the First Divine Science



Church of Denver. Many in the Divine Science movement maintain that the Brooks sisters were co-founders with Malinda Cramer, despite the chronology, due in large measure to Cramer's untimely death following the San Francisco earthquake of 1906.



Divine Science was once the largest New Thought denomination, with churches in many major American cities, including Emmet Fox's great Church of the Healing Christ in New York City. The denomination declined in the latter part of the 20th century as Unity and Religious Science gained populations across the country and today is quite small. Divine Science is experiencing a resurgence, with new churches being opened in several cities,

including the United Divine Freedom Church of the Healing Christ (adopting Emmet Fox's legacy) in New York City's Harlem neighborhood.

Divine Science is a Christian New Thought denomination that teaches practical, reasonable living based on the omnipresence of God. Divine Science is an extremely positive approach to life, seeking to accept the good in people and all of life. Divine Science stresses that God is not a physical man in the sky, for this limits our ability to perceive God's true nature. God is Spirit, everywhere present, the one and only Spirit behind, in and through all things, visible and invisible.

Divine Science denies the existence of any power or presence opposed to God. It sees that there are evil appearances and suffering in the world, but ascribes these to man's ignorance and erroneous use of God's laws of life.

Divine Science seeks to relate religion to daily needs, affirming that for every need there is God's perfect answer. Its main textbook is the Bible, and it relates its lessons to your life and everyday experiences.

Divine Science chooses to believe that there is good in every religion. Different religions are like spokes on a wheel with the hub being God. They may be set apart by a variance of belief and approaches but they are all seeking the one God as the hub of all life. Consequently, Divine Science does not deny anyone the right to have their own beliefs.

Divine Science sees worship as serving God by uplifting and glorifying God's spirit in man in positive, joyous ways. It seeks not to emphasize one's sins of the past, but instead gives attention to the good that exists in every person and what can be done with the now to transform one's self and his life.

## Divine Science Statement of Being:

God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all;

This One that is all is perfect life,  
perfect love, and perfect substance.

We are individualized expressions of God  
and we are ever one with this perfect life,  
perfect love, and perfect substance.