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Chapter 12—A New World Vision

“When you begin to see things from the high perspective of the ever-presence of God-substance, you will be in the creative flow of substance, which will bless your life with sustained affluence. And it will go forth from you as a prospering influence in the world.”
Eric Butterworth

One of Unity’s most basic fundamental spiritual laws tells us: Wherever substance is at all, the whole of substance must be; and because substance is omnipresent, the whole of universal substance must be present at every point in space at the same time. In other words: there is no place that God is not.

Eric further states, “We all live and do business in the world, so it is not easy to maintain a high level of faith. In this time of mass communication, we are all exposed to a steady barrage of doom and gloom from forecasting economists, who use very convincing business statistics and ‘economic indicators.’ We would do well to listen to Paul: ‘Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your mind from within.’”

Eric reminds us that Truth students hold to the vision of the spiritual human being. This view of individuals says that they “rise to the occasion to draw forth the wisdom and creativity required to take the next logical step in the progress of civilization.” In doing this we begin to change human thinking which will in turn change human consciousness. When we change our own personal consciousness we change the mass consciousness to that degree. Many of our leaders and congregants articulate a sense that Unity is on the edge of a breakthrough. We are at a critical point in our history as a movement, and as a human family. The world is ready for our message. This breakthrough will happen through our changing consciousness.

Of course, we are faced with seemingly very difficult personal as well as worldwide economic challenges, but we know that these are the best of times, for we have the unique opportunity to give birth to a new heaven and a new earth, first within ourselves, and then out into the world.

This issue concludes the study of *Spiritual Economics*, but it does not conclude the everyday work of remembering who we are and who we came here to be. We as Truth students must do our best to maintain a high level of faith. We are here to remember

the law of consciousness and personally become responsible for our own contribution to it.

The Power of Prosperity is now 4 years old and with the introduction of our Thriving in Unity, it has become a support tool for the prosperity principles of our movement. To learn more about Thriving in Unity, go to unity.org/thrive. Next year's study, Catherine Ponder's *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*, begins in January. We look forward to another year of prosperity with you. All ministers and spiritual leaders are invited to participate in CEO James Trapp's prosperity prayer calls, at 5 pm Central on Wednesdays. Check your *Minister's Update* for instructions.

The Bible says:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." Rev 21:1

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." Rom 12:2

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever." 1 John 2:15-17

Unity says:

"The people of the world today are so zealous for the solution of economic problems that they have forgotten God. They do not ask for wisdom to guide them in the nation's industrial affairs, but they plan and scheme and wrangle and get deeper in debt; that is, into the clutches of the beast of greed that puts its mark of slavery upon all who worship it." Charles Fillmore

"We can think globally, but we live locally, and the new world must be born in us!" Rosemary Fillmore Rhea

"People all over this earth are today coming in to this 'New Jerusalem' which is let down out of heaven. They are being renovated and purified by an inner life current entering their bodies through their mind, and they can testify that this new heaven and new earth is not an illusion but a veritable fact." Charles Fillmore

Practices

- In meditation, visualize what a new heaven and new earth would look like for you. Who would be there? What do you see? Take in that feeling of being in the Kingdom of God. Now, come back to the present, bringing that feeling with you. How can you see it in the eyes of those around you? Go back and forth between your vision and the present until you feel the new heaven and new earth in your present surroundings.
- Take out your journal after your meditation and write what comes. Then make a list of what you can do to bring forth this new heaven and new earth. Centered in God, what are you doing or planning to do, to co-create a world that works for all.
- Your prayer triad is essential for you to reach this new heaven and new earth. We are reminded that where two or more are gathered, the Christ is present. As a triad talk about what transformation within you is necessary for the new world vision to become a reality.