

# Welcome to Metaphysics I !

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I AM NOW in the presence of pure Being, and immersed in the Holy Spirit of life, love and wisdom.

I acknowledge Thy presence and Thy power, O blessed Spirit; in thy divine wisdom I now erase my mortal limitations and from Thy pure substance of love bring into manifestation my world, according to Thy perfect law.

Charles Fillmore

# 1 A Metaphysics

Metaphysics is the branch of philosophy that is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality and being. In its broadest sense, the study of metaphysics explores areas that are considered to be above and beyond the physical sciences.

# Metaphysics

- *“The systematic study of the science of Being; that which transcends the physical. By pure metaphysics is meant a clear understanding of the realm of ideas and their legitimate expression.”*

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- Unity metaphysics is based on the recognition of divine ideas as the fundamental, eternal truth that underlies and transcends all physical manifestation.
- Divine ideas are the spiritual patterns that pertain to all of us. They are the components known to our mind that constitute what we call Good.

# IN SUMMARY

- Metaphysics is the study of the ultimate reality that underlies and transcends the physical realm. In Unity, we refer to this reality as *Divine Ideas*.

# IN REFLECTION

*God's world is the real world.*

*In God's world life is eternal.*

*In God's world good is unending.*

*I live in God's world of eternal life and  
endless good.*

# 1 B What Is Truth?

- Unity acknowledges that the term Truth represents the perfect ideas that God has created.
- Truth is absolute, unlimited, unchanging, and complete.

# Some fundamental questions:

- What is the character of God?
- How does God create?
- What is the real character of humankind?
- What relation does humankind bear to its Source?
- What is the ultimate destiny of humankind and the universe?

# What is Truth?

- The perfect ideas that God has created.
- Not “all the Truth there is.”
- Not “all the facts that are know.”
- Anything that acknowledges, verifies, supports, or expresses divine ideas is called “Truth” in Unity terminology.

# 1 C Absolute/Relative Truth

- Absolute Truth: the sum total of all divine ideas in their original purity and power.
- Absolute Truth: the pure, ideal good that encompasses Divine Mind. Changeless.
- Relative Truth: That aspect or dimension of good that we experience in the physical realm. Constantly changing.
- Relative Truth: Based on our human experience and the appearance of things in the physical world.

# Relative Existence

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By shifting our awareness from the relative to the Absolute, we change our thinking and use the power of thought to manifest greater good in our lives.

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# Think of it like this:

- First Cause: is the Absolute Realm. It is God, or Spirit; it is Good. It is also known as Primal Cause.
- Beauty, a Divine Idea, is First Cause. It is in in the Absolute; therefore, this Divine Idea does not change.

# Think of it like this:

- *Effect: thoughts and feelings about Beauty or thoughts and feelings about creating a beautiful garden are effects of the Divine Idea of Beauty. These are in the relative realm since thoughts and feelings about Beauty or creating a beautiful garden can and do change.*

# Think of it like this:

- Second cause is in the relative realm. Second cause is an effect of First Cause, or Primal Cause. So, if the First Cause is God, or Divine Ideas, then the second cause would be thoughts and ideas that are generated from these Divine Ideas.