



A Message from GGSC Board President, Michael Franklin We Live in Interesting Times

There is a saying, taken to be a curse, that goes “May you live in interesting times.”

The saying first appeared in the West in 1936 in an address by Sir Austen Chamberlain, an influential British statesman. Speaking in response to the German violation of the Treaty of Locarno, Chamberlain said “It is not so long ago that a member of the Diplomatic Body in London, who spent some years of his service in China, told me there was a Chinese curse which took the form of saying: May you live in interesting times. There is no doubt that the curse has fallen upon us. We move from one crisis to another. We suffer one disturbance and shock after another.”

Much like Chamberlain and the people of 1936 Britain, we now live in “interesting times.” Coronavirus and the attendant pandemic, economic disasters, personal losses and general disruption of our society have impacted our daily lives in ways we could never have imagined. Simple pleasures such as taking a walk or chatting with a friend

have become complex and risky endeavors, and the core parts of life-earning a living, getting an education, maintaining a comfortable home, attending religious services- have faced conditions and setbacks that sometimes seemed almost insurmountable.

We are indeed experiencing chaos, danger and anxiety, but these conditions bring with them excitement and opportunity. In adapting to the onslaught of these “interesting times” we have found new ways to work, with remote or at-home working becoming the norm rather than the exception and proving to be quite productive. Home schooling and distant learning have gone mainstream and have evolved to fill the needs well for at least a while. We are adapting our homes and ourselves to our being in them continually, becoming more efficient in using our space and surroundings, becoming better cooks.

Our religious services have become virtual rather than in-person, thereby affording us the opportunity to meet each service with people from around the world in addition to around the neighborhood; bringing us Mediums from far and wide to join our own Mediums to provide the messages of peace, hope and continuity which we need so much.



I do not remember a time in our history which was so full, which day by day brought us so many new objects of anxiety and of interest. But, I also do not remember a time when so many worked together, took to the streets in such numbers in the name of justice, or showed such kindnesses, large and small, in the face of tragedy.

Through this time and its challenges, our understanding of each other has grown in great measure; and while understanding each other is not enough, it is an indispensable beginning. These are times of danger and uncertainty, but they are also the most creative of any time in modern history.

We may never see again what we once considered “normal life”, but I believe that we now have and are building can far surpass what was and move us on to a better and more complete existence.

Zoom services
Sunday 2:00 pm
and Wednesday 7:00 pm
Request an invitation in advance,
see below for information

Would you like to participate?

If you have an interest in attending and participating in these on-line services, please email the Reverend Del Lauderback, del-lauderback@gmail.com, with your request for an invitation and link to these services.

Invitations to the GGSC on-line services contain date and time information, the link to connect to the service, and the schedule of workers who are planned to work at that particular service.



While the Church is closed, Continuing Zoom Services are Popular

In addition to members and friends who attended services when we were still meeting at the church, pre-pandemic, over these past months our international Zoom services, with participants from as far as England and Japan, have been able to serve a number of people who had been unable to attend the church in person due to distance or time schedules.

Here are just *some* of those who have been very supportive of our Zoom services:

Evelyn Chezum, Cecillia Li, Janet Vegas, Dawn Terrell, Lourdes Dos SantaMaria, Sakura Marina, Val Sasser, Angela De Barardino, Nin Cestero, Norman Price, Christine Guiteriez, Atsuko Ishibashi, Sonya Guadalupe, Evelyn Fong, Willow Woo, Valerie Chesty, Springer Teich, Rodney McClain, Samantha MacLeod, Kelly Hurst, Peppertree Shiksha Bambi, Mandy Lydster, Fernanda Bueno, Carol Green, Charvonne Kemp, Kevin Taylor, Tom Hein, Bagha Rosin, Bethany

Decof, Vicky Scesa, Aida Castilli, Eddy Scarfanni, Tatiana Dutra e Mello, Yzobel, Eliana Moore, Stephanie Jonah, Richard Lefeif and Sue, Lisa Ahern, Brenda Joyce, Debbie Langwell, Linda Talbott, Charlotte Hennessy, Lisa Tonga San Juan, June Johnson, Jenah Yangwas, Branda Flannery, The Rev. Glenn Haddick, Phyllis and Tom Fraley, Steve Reimers, and Garry Edwards.

Many Have Helped

Many members have helped by participating in the on-line services as mediums, speakers, service conductors, and healing service conductors, including Barbara Dullea, Dave and Melissa Haddick, Licentiate Minister Charlyn Spitzer, Susan Hazard, Michael Franklin, Tom Flynn, Haruka Takate, Sheila Medina, Tom Merrick with his music, and co-hosts Rey San Juan Tonga and David Lauderback in addition to the leadership of the Rev. Delaney Lauderback.



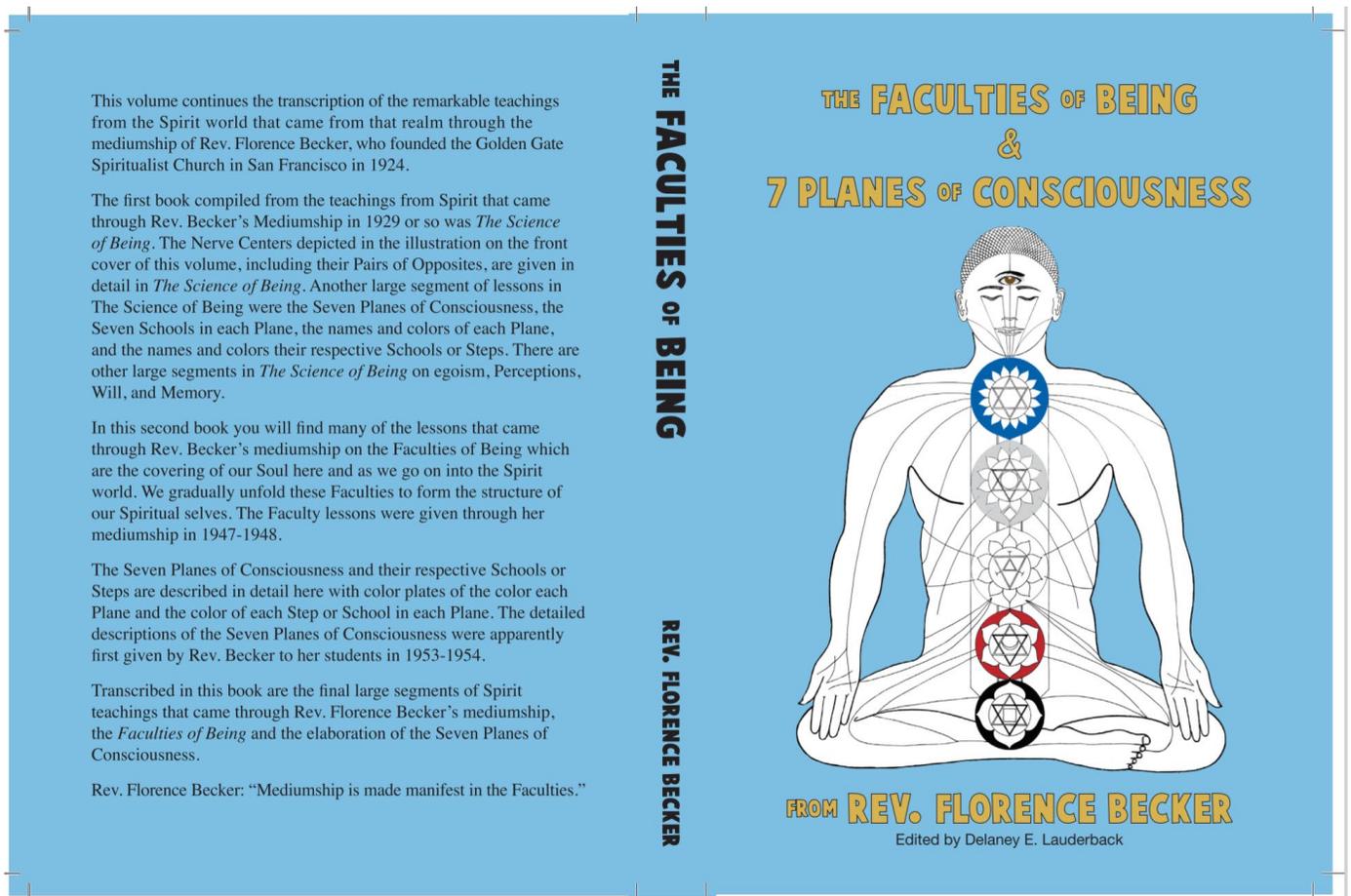
Work on Church Continues During Closure

Gene Carpenter has been making improvements to the church interior. He has replaced some of the more worn chair seats in the sanctuary with seats from chairs in better condition that were in storage. The Rev. Lauderback says "The sanctuary chairs almost all need to be recovered but having the worst seats replaced is a big help." Gene repainted both of the restrooms and refinished the floor near the pantry door in the healing chapel, which was discolored due to a previous, repaired, roof leak. He also worked on the beautiful marble landings at the Franklin Street entrance stairway.

New Publication of Moonface Addresses from Spirit Soon Available for Sale

The Rev. Delaney Lauderback has transcribed many of the monthly addresses given in the church from the Mohave Indian Moonface and his spirit teacher Benjamin brought through the trance mediumship of John Houldsworth over more than 20 years. These messages are now being published in a book format and should be available soon for \$14.00 plus postage.





Front and back cover art and art of the Seven Planes of Consciousness
by Delaney E. Lauderback with AG Graphics, San Francisco
digital image of drawing by Louis Kruger, 1929

Recovered Florence Becker Class Notes Compiled in a Book Now Available for Purchase

Information on The Faculties of Being formed a major segment of the work that came from the spirit world through the mediumship of the Rev. Florence Becker in 1947 and 1948.

Rolla Haddick wrote down these lessons as he received them from the Reverend Becker during classes with her and not long after the Reverend Becker passed to the

spirit world, passed them on to the lyceum adult class

This new book, *The Faculties of Being & Seven Planes of Consciousness*, continues and expands on the teachings of the Reverend Florence Becker which were compiled in *The Science of Being* from the information received from spirit twenty years earlier.

The first section of this book is devoted to the Faculties of Being. The Reverend Becker taught that these Faculties are the covering of our soul here in the physical body and we progress in the spirit world

as we gradually unfold these spiritual Faculties which form the structure of our spiritual selves. The lessons describe 14 Faculties of our Being which come together in groups of three. For example, the first faculty is Duty, Gratitude, and Tolerance. Gratitude is the core of everything. It is the gift we receive from spirit when we aspire to do our duty and expresses in the world as tolerance.

Reverend Becker said that when she looked at someone, she only saw their soul which is perfect. This is tolerance.

Contemplation on each of these sets of qualities provides a richly rewarding topic on which to meditate.

The second section of this book is devoted to the 7 Planes of Consciousness. The Reverend Becker taught that these as the spiritual planes we progress through as we learn to unfold and apply each of the Faculties of Being. Each of the 7 planes is described as having seven steps or schools which were tabulated in the first book of her lessons, *The Science of Being*. In this second book, each of these steps or schools is described in greater detail. Included are color pages for each of the 7 Planes which illustrate the color of each plane and of each step or School within that plane for easy reference.



This second book, *The Faculties of Being and the 7 Planes of Consciousness*, with the continuing lessons from Spirit brought through the mediumship of the Reverend Becker and transcribed and edited by The Rev. Delaney Lauderback has 9 color pages and is available for \$9.00 a copy plus postage. If you have an interest in purchasing this book or the upcoming book on the Moonface Addresses, please email the Reverend Del Lauderback,

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