

# RELIGION

## ALTERNATIVES

### "The Perfect Being"

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Many Religious Lessons Are Now Being Taught Without Connection To Real Life, Nature, Common Sense, Natural Beauty And Love. Jesus, The Christ, Taught, Using Symbols Related To Nature, Beauty And Life As It Existed During The Time He Walked The Earth As Man. He used the natural—trees, lions, mountains for strength, etc., so that the people could readily understand. The Old Testament was written in symbolic language, and discoveries of Old Writings served to clear the meanings. These symbols carry out the hidden meaning of the lessons to which they have been assigned, and each one of them bears a message of love and beauty.

The Bible is a symbol of direction. It is called "The Light", "The Way", "The Word", and to all followers of The Way, it becomes a

Light, and is The Word of all that is good and holy. The Bible contains the Mind Of God, The Way of Salvation, The State of Man and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its histories are true, its precepts are binding, and the decisions are immutable. Mankind must read it to be wise, practice it to be holy, and believe it to be safe. The Bible teaches us how to avoid following false teachers, prophets and false Gods. It is a map for life travelers, it is the pilgrims staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's Character. Jesus Christ Is The Grand Object Of The Bible; it was designed for our good; and the glory of God is its end. Its lessons should fill our memory, guide our feet and rule our hearts.

Jesus, whose birthday we observe on the 25th of December, has many names recorded in the Books of Isaiah, Matthew and Psalms. Symbolic names which are applied to

Jesus are: "The Way", "The Light", "The Word", "The Lily Of The Valley", "The Sun Of Righteousness", "The Lamb Slain For The Sins Of The World", "The Lion Of The Tribe Of Judah", "The Rose Of Sharon", "The Bright And Morning Star". Jesus, descended from the house of David, thus the name "Lion Of Judah, is a literal fulfillment of this. Belief in the Trinity, in the Priesthood of our Savior, in the Beginning of this world, in the growth and development of all things, in the Law given by God, Himself, to Abraham, strengthened again under Moses, fulfilled by Christ and fully explained in John 3-16, is so wondrously brought out, that anyone may see the depths of it if they so desire and will five sincere thought to their study of the Word, the Bible.

Jesus is the Bright And Morning Star, the one for whom the Angelic Choir sang their song of praise over

the Judean hills, the One for whom Wise men came from world's end, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh—Gold For The King, Frankincense For The High Priest, and Myrrh For the Great Physician; Jesus is the One for whom the shepherds came to worship, after the Angels sang.

Jesus, The Lily Of The Valley, so called because it symbolizes a Christlike Spirit; associated with religion, chivalry and love. The Book of Ruth gives forth the lesson of the widow, who typified a Christlike Spirit, in becoming a woman of an adopted country and kinfolks, and by doing so, became the ancestress of Him, who was called The Lily Of The Valley.

Jesus, was called the Sun Of Righteousness, and, as an emblem of growth and power, we accept this as a means of strength, wisdom, development and power.

Jesus, The Lamb, calls to mind the state of meekness; a characteristic of all who profess to know the truth and light. "Blessed Are The Meek and lowly Jesus assisting those about him should mean to us the Jesus was The Lamb Slain For The Sins Of The World, innocent though he was.

Through the birth of Jesus, came Grace into the world. We are reminded that Five is the number of Grace and also represents the human body; four points represents the limbs and a single point, the head; our education, religious and academic, is received through five senses—seeing, feeling, smelling and tasting. Jesus taught frequently of "hearing the Word", and seeing, and walking, and heart feeling, and head learning knowledge, and heart learning wisdom. He thoroughly covered the five states of human life—Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Through the birth of Jesus, we are never left alone to ravel the highways and byways of life; the Holy Spirit Reigns Here on Earth And Is The Ruler Of The Day and keeps the passage clear between the Force and the Source, between man and God.

Through the birth of Jesus, The Christ, we have access to real life, nature, common sense, beauty and love. Through the Birth of Jesus, we have access to God's Almighty Power, God's All Knowing Wisdom, and God's All Embracing Love. Through the study of His Word, The Bible, we are made aware of God, The Father; God, The Son; God, The Holy Spirit; The Perfect Being, Whose Amazing Grace Covers Sinner And Believer Alike, And Through Whom Peace And Good Will Shall Surely Reign On This Earth. Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord, Glory And Honor To His Name Forever: Jesus, The Christ; The Perfect Being!

## North Portland Bible College

### UP COMING EVENTS

The Winter-Spring Semester of North Portland Bible College begins on Tuesday evening, January 17. All classes are in the evening, from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m.

#### THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE BEING OFFERED:

##### Mondays:

- Elementary Greek
- Developing the Christian Counselor, Part II

##### Tuesdays:

- Pastoral Epistles (Timothy and Titus)
- Inductive Bible Study

##### Thursdays:

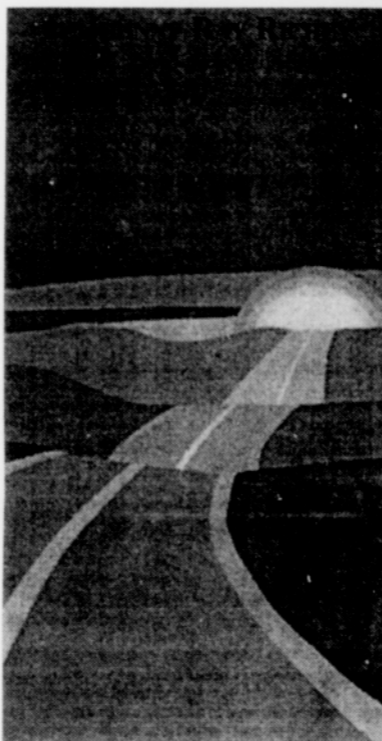
- Equipping the Saints, Parts II and IV
- History of the Black Church in America

Pre-registration can be made by calling 288-2919. Literature will be sent if requested.

Contact person: Beth Nance, 287-0885

## JOURNEY TO THE TRUTH

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



#### To my beloved brother:

Your spirit was strong like a lion in the jungle. Your fight my brother, was not in vain. You were a man of integrity, an honorable man. Your accomplishments were so outstanding in the hearts of those who will love you forever. My beloved brother, your inspiration tumbled the wall of racism and hate, and today they're still falling. You showed the world a hatred that can be in a person, but you never once hated them.

I will be like you my brother, I will fight with you. Yes, you are here today. I can hear your voice in my heart. I see your spirit in the face of others. God blessed you with such a profound gift, and you, with your kindness, have given it to me. Thank you my brother, for your love, and your message.

P.S...See you soon...

## Teaching About Islam: A Workshop

Islam, with more than a billion believers, may be the fastest growing faith in the world. Still, particularly in America, it is shrouded in mystery and clouded in stereotypes and misinformation. Even common textbooks contain poorly researched articles, thus perpetuating inaccuracies about the religion.

In an effort to provide K-12 educators with reliable, Portland State University's Middle East Studies Center is sponsoring an all-day workshop entitled Teaching About Islam: A Workshop for Educators, Saturday, Jan. 28. from 9 am. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 190 of the School of Business Administration at PSU (631 SW Harrison). Experts on Islam will present up-to-date information on the history and practice of this major world faith. Registration for the workshop is \$15. For information, call Marta Colburn at PSU's Middle East Studies Center at 725-4074.

## In Celebration Of

### Martin L. King Jr.'s

#### Holiday Family Night Out...

#### PRESENTS

#### A Cultural Extravaganza...

#### Featuring In Concert

#### Era LeVetee DeArmon

From Spokane, Washington

Friday January 13, 1995 8:00PM

Saturday January 14, 1995 8:00 PM

**DONATIONS:** \$4 Children & Seniors, \$6.50 Adults, \$8.50 Couples, & 12.50 Family of Five (tickets purchased at the door additional \$2)

Lutheran Community Center  
4219 N.E. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd.  
(503) 288-3370 or (503) 288-0867

#### Also Featuring

- Askari Storyteller and Drummer
- Ruby Reuben Dramatic Actress
- Humbolt Dancers
- Sojourner Truth Theater

Ticket Location: Mrs. C's N.E. 7th & Fremont  
Mona's Ethic Fabric & Fashion -- 2428 NE Broadway

#### The Lords Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the Power, and the glory forever. Amen! Matthew 6: 9-13

## Lighthouse Church Of God In Christ

8138 N Hudson  
Portland, OR 97203  
(503) 283-3558 \* Church (503) 283-0169 \* Home  
Elder Tom Moore, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 A.M.  
Y.P.W.W. 6:30 P.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday Prayer/Bible Band 7:30 P.M.  
Friday Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

"Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor And Are Heavy Laden,  
And I Will Give You Rest. Take My Yoke Upon You  
And Learn Of Me." Matt. 11:28-29

We have a place for you. Come fellowship with us!

**A Welcome Is Awaiting You!**

## We Welcome You to The

### Greater Saint Stephen

### Missionary Baptist Church

"Serving The Lord With Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Sunday School 10am

Morning Worship 11:05

Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study 7pm

Rev. G.L. Black I Pastor

3605 N.E. Mallory Ave.

(503) 281-8117 Portland, OR 97212



## Mt Olivet

### Baptist Church

8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd.,  
at Willis Blvd.

Worship Services 8:00am & 11:00am,  
Church School 9:30 to 10:30am,  
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30am & 7:00pm  
Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00am on KBMS  
A Teaching Church With A Reaching Ministry  
Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor  
Church Office 116 NE Schuyler St. • (503) 284-1954

## FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH

4224 S.E. 62nd Avenue  
(between Powell & Foster)  
Portland, Oregon 97206

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:45am

Evangelistic Service 7:30pm

Tuesday Pastoral Teaching 7:00pm

#### FRIDAY

Evangelistic Service 7:00pm

#### DAILY

Prayer 12:00pm & 6:00pm

(503) 774-5470

PASTORS: Bishop Robert Simpson, Jr. • Dr. Ida M. Simpson



## St. Mark Baptist Church

103 NE Morris St., Portland, OR 97212

- Sunday School - 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00am
- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting Tues - 6:30pm
- Bible Study Wednesday 6:00pm
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday - 7:00pm

Church Phone Number  
287-7457

We Invite You To Come And Worship With Us.  
The Church Where Everybody is Somebody And Christ Is All.  
Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor

## St. Paul Missionary

### Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Avenue • Portland Oregon 97203  
Church Phone: 289-0147 • Study Phone: 289-1911

Sunday Service 10:45  
Sunday School 9:30  
Bible Study 6:00  
Evening Service 7:00pm

Pastor, Re. James C.E. Faulkner