

Newsletter ~ October 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1st Wednesday

Spirituality Meeting
with Dick Rice

Wednesday
October 7th, 2009
7:00 p.m.

3rd Wednesday

“An Evening with
Roger B.”

October 21st, 2009
Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

Lower Level Meeting
Room; Coffee, Cake &
Fellowship to follow

Spiritual Retreats at The Mclver Center

Friday – Sunday,
October 9th – 11th
“Make Room for
God” ~ Roger B.

NOVEMBER RETREAT

Friday – Sunday,
November 27th – 29th
“God’s Will or Mine”
~ Harry C.

IMAGINE 2009

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Saturday
November 14th, 2009

The Promises

“We are going to know
a new freedom and a
new happiness....”

p. 83-84

Metropolitan Ballroom
Golden Valley, MN

What’s Going on?

(click on any underlined item below)

residential programs

[download a brochure](#)

family programs

[calendar](#)
[family transition series](#)
[brochure](#)

evening programs

[brochure](#)
[family program special offer](#)

weekend retreats

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[upcoming retreats](#)

meditation classes

at the retreat - wayzata

**FREE - Call for more information
952-476-0566**

alumni events

[meeting schedule](#)
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online 12 step meeting

(you will need a web camera/microphone)

waiting
list



Fall comes to the Big Woods in Wayzata

from duane o. jackson - dj

First Principles

There are ways to reach a belief in God based upon the use of reason as well as resorting to revealed truth. The basic premise of logic is to find conformity of existing things with basic first principles. The first of these is the “principle of causality”. “Every affect must have a sufficient cause.” When we look around and contemplate the universe, we must concede that the sufficient cause of all of it must be a power greater than ourselves. This explains why the existence of God or gods has always been acknowledged by every civilization wherever; the natives of Africa, the Indians and all organized societies. These truths that stand without further proof. “a priori”

Furthermore, the God of creation, in creating human beings, instilled in every one of them an awareness of good and evil and the ability to choose. The Twelve Steps recognize this, and has built its Program around that reality.

So we can ignore Him or avoid Him, but like “The Hound of Heaven”, He will pursue us wherever we go and forever. “I fled Him down the arches of the years.” And God, in His wisdom, has added the element of reward and punishment to our consciences. So the only way we can attain peace of mind is to do good and avoid evil. This likewise is factual, obvious and needs no further proof.

-wbm

The Hound of Heaven

I fled Him down the nights and down the
days;
I fled Him down the arches of the years;
I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears
I hid from Him under running laughter
Up vista hopes I sped;
And shot, precipitated
Adown titanic glooms of chasm’d fears,
From those strong feet that followed after...
ever after.

Francis Thompson

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