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## Emerson New Thought Center "The Church Without Walls"

### A message From Rev. Dr. Bob Hand

The Emerson New Thought center isn't an infant any longer. It was just a couple of years ago that Divine Spirit dropped the idea of a church without walls into the minds of Angelo Pizelo and me. We didn't know exactly what we were supposed to do with it, but we started it anyway.

Then we were contacted by a couple of practitioner-students of Emerson Institute who were doing their internship in an RSI church. Their minister was encouraging what they were doing, but the national body wouldn't recognize their internship because they were getting their certificates through the Emerson Institute. They needed a church to be affiliated with; and there was ENTC just waiting for them.

Since that time we have had a steady growth of

ministers, practitioners and Emerson doctoral graduates who have



joined ENTC to help them carry on their spiritual work. We even have five individual churches that operate under ENTC instead of going through the hassle of getting a separate nonprofit ruling from the IRS.

Now ENTC is moving to a whole new level of sophistication with the help of three new people. Jean Hand, as our administrative assistant, is reviewing our records and helping us better document all of our members through computerization. Dr.

Janna Lewis has started several new aspects of our services. She is the Director of on-line studies ([www.possibilitarian-studies.org](http://www.possibilitarian-studies.org)), and is putting together a web-based learning environment for teaching classes on-line. She has also helped with our marketing and media products, providing the opportunity for all members to get business cards with the ENTC label, and improving our letterhead and other media products. Dr. Joyce Sterling is the webmaster. You'll find us listed as a part of the new website she is developing, [www.possibilitarian.org](http://www.possibilitarian.org). Many of our members are also doing new and exciting activities. Please write to Janna at [jannalewis@sti.net](mailto:jannalewis@sti.net) and let us include your news in our quarterly newsletter. Blessings Always.

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## Dr. Janna Lewis talks about . . .

### *Touching the World*

**It's one of those things** you dream about, envision, talk about until people are tired of listening to you . . . and then one day - it just happens. Wow! The power of positive thought!

**I believe that everyone** has a passion for something. I know I do. I have a passionate feeling for the value of our New Thought belief system. I believe in its value so strongly that I want the world to benefit from it. I want it to be made available to anyone anywhere who wants it. And I believe that is possible through our own brand-new New Thought online teaching/learning program, **POSSIBILITARIAN STUDIES**, the teaching arm of ENTC. And in keeping with ENTC's tradition, we call it "The School Without Walls".

**In writing this article** I felt a little like the military campaign poster whose slogan states "We are looking for a few good men". In our case, **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE** - to become online instructors.

You have studied and taught New Thought in your community or center and now it's time to take it to a broader audience. Consider teaching one of the core courses for New Thought Certification or Degree. These are listed on our website. Or design a fresh new look for an old subject and present it online.

**Besides New Thought Courses**, we will offer secular courses in Personal Growth, Business Advancement, Cultural Studies and Child and Youth Development. Many of these can be used as Electives in the New Thought



Degree and Certification Programs.

**Like me, most of you** have a passion for something . . . some subject, some philosophy, a particular way of life, something you **feel** very strongly about. You may even have thought about teaching it. Well, why not? Wouldn't you like others to know and understand and enjoy it the way you do?

**I believe that** there are many members of our New Thought community who have something of value to teach others. And we'd like you to consider teaching it for Possibilitarian Studies online. New Thought applies to all areas of our lives, so consider

your particular expertise. How about "New Thought Principles and the art of Raising Children", or "Applying New Thought to Selling", or *Investing or Gardening . . . or just plain living*. There are dozens of application for New Thought and if you've been using them with success, the world needs to learn about it.

**If you're interested** in teaching an online course, please contact me, Dr. Janna Lewis, Director of Possibilitarian Studies at [jan-nalewis@sti.net](mailto:jan-nalewis@sti.net) to receive a free CD full of information on online teaching. Or you can go online to our ENTC website <http://www.possibilitarian.org/ENTC/>. Once there, click on the **online studies** button at the top and it will bring up the Presentation for your viewing. It will tell you how you can get involved, the requirements for certification, about our training course to become certified, what is involved in writing a course and, not the least, is the income potential in online teaching for Possibilitarian Studies. After viewing the presentation log on to [www.possibilitarian-studies.org](http://www.possibilitarian-studies.org). That is where the actual teaching will take place. Once logged in with a password, you will receive automatic updates on the site construction and many other news items.

This is our chance to tell the world about our wonderful belief system and/or share your personal knowledge as an instructor. You'll be glad you did.

## Awakening Infinite Potential

by Rev. Dr. Angelo Pizelo

**It has been Emerson Theological Institute's** desire for many years to create programs and educational systems that would facilitate expanding the global awareness of our awesome New Thought philosophy.

**The birth of Possibilitarian Studies** online learning environment is a movement of Universal Intelligence paving the way. Dr. Janna Lewis came forward with a passion for online studies. She has been deeply grounded in New Thought philosophy for many years and brings to

the table other tremendous skills such as graphic design-ing, marketing and computer



technology.

**She has created** not only the vehicle to achieve this mission of global awareness, but

also, tremendous business opportunities for ministers, practitioners and other credentialed individuals in Religious Science and Unity to establish a very rewarding income source as well.

**I encourage all my colleagues** in New Thought ministry to get involved with this dynamic program and help Dr. Janna promote this empowering vehicle that transforms the consciousness of the world by awakening infinite potential within each individual.

## ARE YOU CONFUSED?

We've introduced a number of websites and e-mail addresses in this newsletter, so let's see if we can get them straight.

The word Possibilitarianism was trade-marked many years ago by Rev. Angelo Pizelo, who then put it into storage awaiting the perfect moment for its use. Anticipating a growing enterprise, Rev. Angie and Rev. Bob established ENTC under the Possibilitarian umbrella, and established a website: [www.possibilitarian.org](http://www.possibilitarian.org), later adding ENTC, making ENTC's web address [www.possibilitarian.org/ENTC](http://www.possibilitarian.org/ENTC). And now, with the establishment of our new online learning center called Possibilitarian Studies, we have another web ad-

dress to add to our "Favorites": [www.possibilitarian-studies.org](http://www.possibilitarian-studies.org). In a few weeks we will have a New Thought online Bookstore within the Possibilitarian.org website. Look for it there.

Don't forget, our Distance Learning is still under Emerson Theological Institute ([www.emersoninstitute.edu](http://www.emersoninstitute.edu)). Emerson Theological Institute is the teaching arm of Affiliated New Thought Network (ANTN) whose web address is [www.antn.org](http://www.antn.org).

Hope I haven't confused you more.

This is the first publication of our newsletter and I appreciate the response to my request for news and articles. We would all enjoy and benefit from knowing each other better, so please think about sub-

mitting pictures, articles and news about your ministry to [jannalewis@sti.net](mailto:jannalewis@sti.net). Submissions for the next quarterly newsletter will be due by September 15, 2006. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share with all of you.



Dr. Janna Lewis, Editor

## Members' Page

*ENTC members are encouraged to submit original works and/or interesting pieces written by others.*

### **Spiritual Practice for Health and Wellness A Daily Path...**

**Rev. Dorothy Pederson**

**Morning Moments:** It is always good to read something inspirational before quieting yourself and taking your thoughts and focus onto recognizing God, as Being with you, right where you are now. Take the time every morning to relax and allow the new day to start with this knowing. Make this practice a commitment; and every single day. When you do this at first it may be an intellectual process. In time you will come to love the communion you find when you silence your mind and emotions and just know that God is with you; within, around, under, above and in the midst of everything. God is in the midst of your current mood appearing as peace and clarity. If you are sad, glad, mad, happy, or afraid, God is in the place of that feeling. God is right where you are; and right now. You can cast the concerns of your heart on this Presence and allow them to dissolve and a solution to occur; as you believe and allow. God is The Source of every need we have. Consciously allow yourself to know this and recognize God where you are everyday. What you need is always with you.

Spend a few moments every morning connecting with this idea and Truth. Walk outside and feel God in the air, see God as the beautiful tree, hear God's brilliant voice in the warbler's mouth, singing praise to the new day. Recognize God's love as the feeling you possess and share with others. God is within you. Originating as God's likeness you have the same qualities as God. God appears as

your essential self who is intelligent, wise, beautiful, empathetic and kind. God reveals the solution or the way as we connect and listen. Know God is real and where you are. God is love. God loves you. God is the love that you are, and with you right now. Love is with you right now. Supply is with you right now. Right companionship is with you right now. See and know that and you will experience that as your life.

During your **Morning Moments**, journal at least three pages of insights, ideas, and concerns. If you don't know what to write; then write that. "I don't know what to write", but I am committed to expressing on paper what is in my heart and soul every day.

Remember through the morning God is where you are. Remind yourself, "God is with me and I walk in Light. Whatever path I find myself on, I find God with me. Then go on with your morning.

**Mid-day Moments:** Find a quiet place and take a few moments to recognize God is with you. Decide to release the morning into Universal care. Give the good, the upsetting, and all companion emotions over completely. Release the morning and let it go. Look at how the day has progressed. Feel the warmer sun, or give thanks for the rain. It is all good and all in order. "My life is in Divine Order"

Through the afternoon, recognize God is with you, appearing as the right answer to a question, a good solution to a workday assignment, the unexpected check in the mail, the wonderfully warm breeze you feel blowing against your cheek, or a

happy feeling in your heart. Be still and know God. Give thanks and move on with the day.

**God at Eventide:** Recognize God with you just before retiring. Release the day for resolve of anything not completed, for forgiveness of any errors you might have made, for any fears or concerns you have, and for a blessing of yourself and all whom you came in contact with today.

"I give the cares of the day to God for transformation and clarification. I relax completely knowing God is with me and I am safe. I am wise, intelligent and creative. I allow God, I trust myself, and I am thankful for my good life."

This daily practice is the true starting place of transformation and healing. Accepting where we are, letting go where we have been, and imagining where we want to be in the future all take place within the Creative Mind, or in God, and can only be found and touched in the very present moment. Creative action begins with recognition of God as the True Source of everything we need and Being completely present, with us intimately, and eternally; as our Guiding Light. From there we come to know our true identity, value, and worth and realize our true purpose and path.

"I am a spiritual being, imbued with God qualities and I love me. I recognize that God is here with me and I am with God. I am immersed in God. There is no separation between us. There is only God. I am one with God and listen within myself for the Intuitive Voice of God, my intuitive voice, to guide my way."

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### **Drowning In The Divine** By Rev. Jean Sweet

*All day I think about it, then at night I say it . . .  
Where did I come from, and what am I supposed  
to be doing?*

*I have no idea.*

*My soul is from elsewhere, I'm sure of that,  
and I intend to end up there.*

*Rumi*

**The first Sufis**, although that name had not yet been created, are believed to be the Prophet Muhammad and his Companions who were the first Muslims and mystics. According to tradition, one of the Companions was reported as saying that he had acquired two kinds of knowledge from the Prophet: the one Muhammad had taught publicly, and the one that if the Prophet had dared to teach, would have put him to death.

**The idea of two** kinds of knowledge, the inner and the outer, the common and the divine, the exoteric and the esoteric, are essentially merged in a Sufi, who lives beyond the veil of duality. A Sufi lives in the world of divine reality, drunk with the ecstatic experience of union with the Beloved. Sufi tradition believes that if you desire this experience, you must entrust your awakening to a *shaykh* (spiritual master or teacher) who oversees your spiritual well-being and progress towards luminous wisdom. Sufis believe that the first *shaykh* was the Prophet Muhammad, and they trace their lineage back to him. The name Sufi is a difficult word to capture. It is said that it first came into usage among the Islam people about 150 years after the death of the Prophet Muhammad. The true origin and meaning of this name has

been discussed for hundreds of years, and many books have been written on the subject.



**The most common** explanation given for the name Sufi is that it derives from the Arabic word *suf*, (meaning wool) after the simple woolen robe (jama ì suf ) which, according to stories, was worn by the early Islam mystics in imitation of the Christian monks and hermits. These garments, made of coarse wool sometimes mixed with horse or camel hair, were worn next to the skin; the traditional “hair shirt” favored by ascetics. Another suggested derivation of Sufi comes from the Arabic word *saf*, (‘line’ or ‘row’) a possible reference to the early Muslims who physically positioned themselves in the first row for prayer or the first rank for holy war.

**Another suggestion** is that the name comes from *suffa*, a word used to describe the ‘bench’ or ‘veranda’ at the entrance to the mosque of the Prophet Muhammad in the holy city of Medina. His followers came to be known as the *Ahl-i Suffa*, (people of the bench

or veranda). Some people claim that the name Sufi derives from the Arabic word *safa*, (purity) a quality highly regarded by Muslims.

**The 10th century** Persian Sufi al-Hujwiri was very sensitive to our human tendency to name things, and having named them, to confuse our definition with reality. He concluded that “the name has no derivation answering to etymological requirements . . . and, since a “Sufi” admits of no explanation, all the world are interpreters thereof, whether they recognize the dignity of the name or not at the time when they learn its meaning.”

**The “ism” associated** with the Sufis comes from the original word *tasawwuf*, which is translated as ‘mysticism,’ and ‘esoterism’. al-Hujwiri divides those who practice *tasawwuf*, into three kinds:

**The Sufi:** one who practices *safa* (purity), has died to the ‘self,’ and lives according to the Way of Truth having broken free from the grip of his/her human faculties, attaining union with God.

**The Mutasawwif:** one who seeks to become a Sufi by modeling him/herself on the example of the Sufis.

**The Mustawif:** one who imitates the Sufis for the sake of personal gain, be it for power, money, or worldly advantage, but has no real knowledge of the *tasawwuf*. The tenth-century Sufi Abu ‘I-Hasan Fushanji wrote: “Today, *tasawwuf* is a name without a reality, but formerly, it was a reality without a name.” In the time of the Companions of the Prophet and their successors, the name did not exist, but its Reality was in everyone.