
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Following is a list of the major Principles upon which *Religious Science* is based.
Each Principle is followed by a short declaration from an essay entitled
“What I Believe,” written by *Religious Science* founder Ernest Holmes.

ONE GOD

I believe in GOD, the LIVING ALMIGHTY; one, indestructible, absolute, and self-existent CAUSE. This ONE manifests ITSELF in and through all creation but is not absorbed by its creation. The manifest universe is the body of GOD; it is the logical and necessary outcome of the infinite self-knowingness of GOD...

EVERYTHING IS SPIRIT

I believe in the incarnation of the SPIRIT in all beings and that every person is an incarnation of the ONE SPIRIT...

PERSONAL IMMORTALITY

I believe in the eternality, the immortality, and the continuity of the individual soul, forever and ever expanding...

HEAVEN ON EARTH

I believe that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us and that I experience this kingdom to the degree that I become conscious of it...

PERSONAL FREEDOM

I believe that the ultimate goal of life is to be a complete emancipation from all discord of every nature, and that this goal is sure to be attained by all...

UNITY OF ALL LIFE

I believe in the unity of all life, and that the highest GOD and the innermost GOD is one GOD...

PERSONIFICATION OF GOD

I believe that GOD is personal to all who feel this indwelling PRESENCE...

PERSONAL REVELATION

I believe in the direct revelation of TRUTH through the intuitive and spiritual nature of humanity, and that any person may become a revealer of TRUTH who lives in close contact with the indwelling GOD...

UNIVERSAL LAW

I believe that the UNIVERSAL SPIRIT, which is GOD, operates through a UNIVERSAL MIND, which is the LAW OF GOD, and that I am surrounded by this CREATIVE MIND which receives the direct impress of my thought and acts upon it...

SPIRITUAL HEALING

I believe in the demonstration of HEALING through the power of this MIND...

PERSONAL POWER

I believe in the control of conditions through the power of this MIND...

GOODNESS OF GOD

I believe in the eternal Goodness, the eternal Loving-Kindness, and the eternal Givingness of LIFE to all...

SELF DETERMINATION

I believe in my own soul, my own spirit, and my own destiny; for I understand that my LIFE is GOD.