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PROSPECTUS AND CURRICULUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL METAPHYSICAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Aims – Goals – Mission

of the

University System of the International Metaphysical Ministry, the University of Sedona and the University of Metaphysics

- To offer spirituality to a world in need of Higher Spiritual Truth *beyond* that found in conventional, traditional, fundamentalist, or dogmatic religions.
- To create a diversity of new approaches to ministry so that Higher Spirituality may reach the public through various means not confined to traditional church building congregations.
- To provide education up to a doctoral degree in Higher Advanced Holistic New Thought Metaphysics, Transpersonal, Transcendent, Theocentric Metaphysical forms of Spirituality so that those affiliated professionally with I.M.M. and its University system are well prepared to teach, counsel, coach, practice spiritual healing or whatever their chosen ministerial communication.
- To conduct research into the nature and source of consciousness to discover the spiritual mysteries of life and how such knowledge may be practically applied to the improving of human life, both individually and collectively.
- To explore the possibilities of the legitimacy of various forms and practices of spiritual healing and health maintenance that can be complimentary to the practice of traditional allopathic medicine.
- To focus on meditation and other contemplative practices that can lead to the exploration of consciousness for the purpose of proving the existence of a Supreme Creative Intelligence or God and/or the continuation of life beyond the physical.
- To encourage a movement toward the synthesis of science, psychology, transcendentalism and mysticism so that eventually Absolute Spiritual Truth and Absolute Scientific Psychological Truth compliment and explain each other as one reality.

As Conceptualized By Founder, Dr. Paul Leon Masters

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**TESTIMONIALS FROM DOCTORAL
GRADUATES OF THE METAPHYSICAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM**

➤ I just wanted to say that I am enjoying the lessons so very much. Even in this short month of studying, I am finding so much peace with the information I have been reviewing.
P.C. - California

➤ I just wanted to say that I am well into the Vol 1 of the Bachelor degree and I am so impressed. I have done a lot of studying for many years and the content in your program is spot on! I love that you are about taking action in what you know not just being a walking encyclopedia. I am so glad I signed up! I have been wanting to enroll in a metaphysical school for years and never took action due to fear of the program not being a legitimate school and just a degree mill. I see now that this is not so with your program and as always this is the time and school I was meant to study with as I am doing it now. God's plan!!!

I just wanted to express my excitement and looking forward to healing my mind, body and spirit so that I may help others!!! Blessings!
K.M. - New Hampshire

➤ This is more than just getting a degree...This curriculum is aiding me in my transformation in Self Realization. It's a "living" work...
Facebook Post

➤ I appreciate Dr. Masters' daily message and his mini consults. My work and study through the UOM has been life changing; especially to do with fear and anxiety. I'm reaching higher and moving forward and in doing so, helping others in their own quest for wholeness. Thank you for making it possible to find applicable practices for my daily life and for being an authentic voice in a time when one is needed. If anyone is sitting on the fence about learning though UOM, don't be. There is nothing 'fancy' or 'guru-ish' about Dr. Masters. His messages, while direct, allows one to think for themselves ~ plus with a good old fashion 'radio' voice, is quite clear and a bit charming (some throw-back classical music during meditation/prayer) and reminds one that simplicity can break the tension we often carry within our bones and spirit. It is relaxing and elevating all at the same time. Cheers to all the other students of UOM and may the kindly staff, school and especially Dr. Masters know longevity, good health and happiness today and always.
Facebook Post

➤ Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in this program. The lessons were well written and extremely informative. I enjoyed them a great deal.
D.C. - Michigan

➤ Dear Dr. Masters, Thank you so much for this week's insight!! As usual, it sets the tone for my week, gives me a great deal to think about and most important....put into practice.

I am current taking the Theocentric Psychology coursework. I just started Volume #1 and am loving what I am learning and re-learning. Thank you for your tireless effort on our behalf to teach us what you have taken a life time to acquire in knowledge! It is so appreciated! Blessings,
C.B. - Utah

➤ I have been evolving and studying Dr. Master's material for over 6 years. I am eternally grateful to have made the decision to pursue UOM doctoral program that he has designed. As an educator of 20 years, I am absolutely amazed at how well the program is organized, written and sequenced. Wow!! I enjoyed going through the Bachelor's program and am excited to get started on the Master's program.
S.D. - Nevada

➤ I just wanted to pass along a thank you, and give your organization and Dr. Masters a testimonial. I can't describe how much your program has changed my life. As a spiritual advisor and Reiki master, I have worked with clients teaching meditation and healing for over 25 years now, but something about the information that Dr. Masters has compiled into your curriculum has thrown a switch in my soul, and I am connecting with God in a profound way that I have never experienced before. The lessons are very easy to understand, and I would recommend them to anyone. Thank you once again for your wonderful university.
T.C. - Canada

➤ This is to thank you for the award of DD degree received today and especially for the profound and truthful teaching throughout the course, which are urgently needed in this changing world. Blessings and peace.
W.D. - United Kingdom

➤ Dear Dr. Masters, I am so grateful to you and your team for creating the Ministers/Bachelors Degree Course Study Lessons. I am half way through and on target to complete the Ministers/Bachelors section by the end of 2014. Peace and many blessings to y'all!!
T.H. - New Jersey

➤ Amazing experience, just finishing up my Bachelor of Metaphysical Science exam and the journey has been eye opening to say the least. Self Improvement and growth are two givens with this program, helping people achieve the same insight based on what I have learned is my next step! Working on my Masters, incredible schooling.
M.O. - North Carolina

➤ I wish to express my gratitude for your devotion and commitment to uphold the space for others to receive professional certification and recognition to be of service to others. After 50 years of service to so many others, it is clear that you walk your talk – and I wish to say at this time, Thank You!

From the modest days when most of the world was unaware of the meaning of the word Metaphysics, you had a vision and a drive to create the ministry to create the means for so many others to serve and follow in your footsteps. For caring and nurturing the program through lean years and years not so lean, you have held the candle, the light for others, such as me to recognize and benefit from.

I feel honored by having this connection to you in this way, to have completed your doctoral program, and to be recognized in the world in this way – Although I do not intend to have an active ministry at this time.

It may not be every day that you receive acknowledgement of your efforts, the gratitude from fellow graduates - nor does it seem to have been your intention to receive such accolades from your students I respect your modesty and wish to simply say again Thank You for creating and maintaining the program. Should I ever find myself with the opportunity to be in Sedona, I look forward to the chance to personally express my gratitude. Until then, go well and remain well. In Oneness with much appreciation,
Dr. S. A., D.Phil – Australia

➤ My lifelong interest in metaphysics and spiritual development was enhanced by completing the UOM course and receiving my doctorate. Thank you. I'm now living in China, back teaching English at university. As you are probably aware the authorities here are nervous about foreigners being involved in anything vaguely "religious". As my approach to metaphysical teaching is somewhat psychological and philosophical in tone I'm able to deliver some very interesting lectures and have some very interesting discussions without arousing the zeal of supersensitive officials.

For several months now I've been gathering notes for a dissertation and when my present project (further qualification in English teaching) is finished later this year I will enroll for my second doctorate with you. I wish you continuing, health, happiness, and success, and thank you for increasing the light in the world.

W. P. – China

➤ I am a recently enrolled student in your program, a seminary-trained United Methodist Pastor with 19 years of continuous ministry practice. I have also earned a doctorate from a regionally accredited institution. Yet I have never received such useful instruction in all of my experience. Thank you. I will be a better minister/practitioner because of the study I am doing with the University.

Rev. M. R. – West Virginia, USA

➤ I graduated with a doctorate last year, and I just had to take a moment to tell you that your university curriculum has profoundly changed my life. My mind has been opened to a multitude of new possibilities. My spiritual journey continues each and every day, and the improvements I've made in my life have been amazing. I've discovered an inner happiness that I never knew was possible. I've also had the opportunity share the spiritual message of new thought metaphysics as a result of having two articles published in national magazines and being invited to give talks at local churches. Thank you so very much to the University of Metaphysics and Sedona and to Dr. Paul Leon Masters for all of your guidance!

Dr. E.L.D. – Indiana, USA

➤ I definitely want to go ahead with a second Doctorate through the University of Sedona. I think it important to let you know just how profoundly my first Doctoral affected me. I struggled with dyslexia my whole life, creating unique ways to stretch myself into my ultimate potential as a therapist and alternative healer. During my year of intense study with The University and also by diligently practicing the techniques Dr. Masters suggested I have found complete healing from dyslexia.

My confidence grew to such an extent that I began to write my first book, "People of the Light", which should be on the shelves in a couple of months. I have begun my second book in a series of three, titled "People of the Light Return". I have given credit to Dr. Masters in my first book as without this awesome educational opportunity I do not believe I would have ever got around to believing in myself enough to take on so big a creative challenge. I am now writing full time and have not yet made it financially in the world of publishing. But this will change soon and I will contribute generously to The University with the intention of making this opportunity available to all who feel the call.

A. A. – Australia

➤ I am the first physician here to study metaphysics and now apply it in healing many patients. I am proud of the University and the immense knowledge it has given me. Thank you.
S. K. P. – India

➤ Since I first graduated from the Bachelor's program, I have counseled thousands of individuals from around the world. I have cared for others, helping them pass on. I have ministered at births as the spiritual midwife, performing baptisms as these new spirits enter the realm. I have performed marriages and have been a blessing to countless individuals during my career. I am now semi-retired, and just wanted to express my appreciation for the joys in my life that your education has made possible. Bless you, and the organization which has helped so many of us to help others.
R. T. – Oregon, USA

➤ I am inspired to write a short note of appreciation. I can't believe the change that has come over me. Everything has changed in the twinkling of an eye. My relationships with family, friends and clients have all changed for the better, my perception and awareness has opened up overnight, my intuition has opened up, my dreams are have become so clear that I now understand them even better on awakening in the morning. But more important than this, is the inner change I feel. I don't feel like a worm munching away on as much knowledge as I can but rather a butterfly that has just stretched its wings and discovering a whole new world that has been lost to me for some time now. Thank you for giving me what was missing from my life and I know my Intuition is going to get stronger by the day. Your work is Pure Light
T. S. – South Africa

➤ My son is stationed in Iraq, and is in constant fear for his life. It is no coincidence that I started with the University shortly before he joined the military – It is my conversations with him about the course materials that keeps him safe and sane. Thank you.
S. K. – Georgia, USA

➤ J. W. from Australia here, I just wanted to give an update on my study. Enjoying this course enormously and I have evolved in every way possible I believe.
J. W. – Australia

➤ Over the past several months I have been looking into finding a school that meets my needs. I have had the opportunity to talk with people at several schools, but none impressed me as much – You are definitely an organization I want to be a part of. Please accept my enrollment.
L. H. – Texas, USA

➤ Truly a prestigious University. Thank you so much for your help, support and understanding. I am so looking forward to living up to the University's ideals.
Y.F. – France

➤ The University Of Metaphysics is a class act and I am glad to be associated with it!
Dr. J. L. C. – Oklahoma, USA

➤ I am so pleased to have my Doctorate. It is an amazing feeling of accomplishment and achievement – especially since I enjoyed every minute of the journey. I highly encourage others to look into the University Of Metaphysics.
D.V. – South Africa

➤ I thought I had a good idea about what Mysticism and Metaphysics were all about through my years of self-study, but since I enrolled with the University... WOW! I can't wait for the next module to see what else there is to learn.
M. M. – Utah, USA

➤ Allow me to take this opportunity to thank everyone affiliated with the University for the wonderful work you are doing. Thank you Dr. Masters for being brilliant enough to bring such great truths of the Universal Cosmos right down to the human level of comprehension.
E. S. California, USA

➤ I would like to recommend the University Of Metaphysics and Sedona as THE organization to study Metaphysics with. As I followed the studies, it created such a mind shift that I started to command my thought energy and today I am able to create and manifest the reality that I focus on to quite a high extent and at quite a fast rate.
A. G. – United Kingdom

➤ I am especially grateful for all the spiritual growth – the insight, support, knowledge and strength – that I am now receiving because of the University's dedication and teachings.
M. J. K. – California, USA

➤ I thank God for the vision to take part in this wonderful program. Thank you for providing the tools for the full integration of the lessons.
K. C. – Maryland, USA

➤ I am so proud of the way our university has risen to its present stature. Thank you for all the support over the years.
Dr. V. R. – Virginia, USA

➤ I have so enjoyed the studies! It was affirming and inspiring... gifts of new teachings and techniques.

J. B. – Canada

➤ What a difference the University has made in my life! I just want to say thanks, and God bless!

T. M. – Oklahoma, USA

➤ Signing up with you is one of the best decisions I've made in my life. I bless the day that I found your website, and the day I finally signed up for classes. I can truly say "I Am So Happy."

J. M. W. – Texas, USA

➤ The program has given me clarity and understanding, and opened a door in my heart that can never be closed. Bless You!

R. G. – South Africa

➤ I have studied many books and tapes and heard many lectures and I have to say that the studies you have prepared are the greatest presentation of the metaphysical concept that I have ever had the pleasure to read.

E. P. – Florida, USA

➤ The lessons are superb, extremely wise and clear in thought! God bless you.

C. A. – New Mexico, USA

➤ Thank you for the comprehensive ultra-valuable wisdom.

K. M. – Canada

➤ I have enjoyed the course so much. My life has changed tremendously. Bless you for what you have done.

J. P. – North Carolina, USA

➤ Thanks to the University, I am now able to fully handle any situation I may come across in my life. Thank you so very much!

J. C. – Nigeria

➤ I am proud to be a graduate of the University of Metaphysics. Enclosed is a copy of my first book for your library.

D. H. – Maryland, USA

➤ Whoever created this program is, without doubt, walking in the light and direct contact with the higher mind of God.

E. G. – South Carolina, USA

➤ I cannot find the proper words to express the "new lease on life" these studies have given me.

C. B. – Pennsylvania, USA

➤ This course has been so great for me. I, who must always give help to others, finally found a source of strength for myself.

P. B. – Massachusetts, USA

➤ Since the commencement of this course, my life has been upgraded 100%. If for no other purpose, all people should study these lessons for their own personal betterment.

M. L. – Florida, USA

➤ I wish to express my praise and appreciation of the curriculum. It is all, and more than you said. I am so thankful that I have been led to your University to further study these truths.

P. M. – Arizona, USA

➤ Thank you for this opportunity to study this valuable program. I have learned an incredible amount and gone through many changes, all for the better.

K. D. – Colorado, USA

➤ I am deeply impressed with the effort put forth by everyone involved with the University.

M. C. – California, USA

➤ I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every lesson and my journey into Metaphysical teaching. I could not put them down.

S. P. – Florida, USA

➤ I have enjoyed the lessons and found them to be informative while maintaining a realistic, workable approach to the metaphysical philosophies.

W. W. – Florida

➤ This course has meant so much to me that I can't really express enough thanks, appreciation and gratitude. I know you have been divinely inspired, and I thank God for you.

J. B. – Georgia, USA

➤ Dr. Masters, I have truly enjoyed working on the courses from the beginning until the very end. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us and thank you for being what and where you are.

N. S. – Oklahoma, USA

➤ I have enjoyed and learned every minute of this course. I thank you.

D. G. – South Africa

➤ A wealth of information that has opened many doors for me.

L. G. C. – New York, USA

ABOUT DR. PAUL LEON MASTERS

Founder and CEO of the International Metaphysical Ministry (IMM)
President of the IMM University System



[Dr. Paul Leon Masters](#) founded the original parent body corporation in 1959. The University of Metaphysics was founded in 1976 and the University of Sedona in 2003. He currently presides over the largest worldwide student body in Metaphysical doctoral program education.

Dr. Masters has deservedly earned recognition as the world's foremost teacher of metaphysical doctors, teachers, and ministers. He has vast expertise in researching the spiritual heights and potentials of mind and spirit – gained from over half a century of full-time work in the field of Holistic, New Thought, Transcendent, Transpersonal Metaphysics and Ministry.

The Universities Dr. Masters founded have become the world's largest schools of their kind, offering self-paced distance learning degree programs in Holistic, New Thought, Theocentric, Transcendent, and Transpersonal Metaphysics.

The [curriculum](#) of both universities is strictly non-secular and theological in nature.

The most important achievements of all Dr. Paul Masters' efforts have been the support and advancement of [Higher Consciousness Research](#), Education, and advanced New Thought Metaphysics. In that process, he has created the world's largest Holistic New Thought Metaphysical teaching Ministry (International Metaphysical Ministry) with a presence of over 6,000 active ministries in 120 countries. The International Metaphysical Ministry encourages independent research, points of view, talents, and modalities.

Dr. Masters maintains free weekly Video Lecture Broadcasts, weekly posted [Mystical Insights](#), and Improve Your Life – daily audio messages – each available to a worldwide internet audience on [our metaphysical blog](#).

Supporting Dr. Masters in this endeavor is a qualified, professional administrative staff, each having experience of many years in various aspects of the metaphysical field. Considering the dedication and experience of Dr. Masters and his staff, you will always be able to say with pride, "I received my doctoral degree from the most prominent, well respected metaphysical universities in the world – the University of Metaphysics and the University of Sedona."

Organizational and University System Development



History



1959

In 1959, Dr. Masters opened the Institute of Parapsychology in the heart of Beverly Hills, California. The aim of the institute was to research higher and expanded states of consciousness as they relate to spiritual reality and human self-betterment. This goal was accomplished through more Eastern forms of advanced meditation together with adaptable forms of self-hypnotic techniques. He built a large following of students and soon had to relocate to the Hollywood area where larger space was available. During the same time period, Dr. Masters trained his first few teachers.

1963

In 1963, Dr. Masters opened the Mediological Foundation ("Mediology" is the study of meditation) as a follow-up to research findings amassed in the Institute of Parapsychology. The study and research now focused primarily on the practices of meditation. Thousands of research experiences by experimenting students were recorded and the effects on their practical daily lives and spiritual unfoldment were noted. During this time, Dr. Masters trained numerous meditation teachers.

1965

In 1965, information gathered from the previous years of research began to spread beyond the Southern California area in the form of printed study materials. Because of this, the National Metaphysics Institute was founded by Dr. Masters. The study materials attracted attention in all parts of the country from people who wished to learn and to teach the spiritual truths revealed in the study materials. Dr. Masters created specific ministerial ordination programs so students could obtain ministerial status through distance learning and home study.

1968

Dr. Masters recorded "The Voice of Meditation" album which sold in large quantities in various metaphysical organizations and particularly the Unity Church nationwide.

1976

In 1976, Dr. Masters applied for and gained the legal right to establish the University of Metaphysics and grant bachelor's, master's, and doctoral non-secular degrees. These degrees were to be granted to those who were ordained by the NMI ministry up to doctoral degree specialization. The new programs were to fill a need voiced by current students. At that time, Dr. Masters began to advertise the doctoral program in various regional and national magazines related to metaphysics. As if by Divine plan, enrollments came from all over the United States, as well as the entire world.

1989

By 1989, thousands had enrolled in doctoral degree programs throughout the world. The organization and its university had become international. To meet the needs of this enormous growth, Dr. Masters incorporated the International Metaphysical Ministry, which exists up to the present day.

Organizational and University System Development – Cont'd.



History



1996

In 1996, Dr. Masters produced 31 new meditations for “The Voice of Meditation” series. These 31 meditations were to answer the spiritual need of those who had requested guided meditations that were oriented to mystical union and transpersonal/transcendent awareness.

2003

In 2002, Dr. Masters visited Sedona, Arizona – a place he had heard of for years as having a great deal of metaphysical activity. Dr. Masters knew people who claimed to have spiritual experiences in energy vortexes in the area. The spiritual energy and the inspiring beauty of Sedona, combined with inner higher guidance caused Dr. Masters to take steps to create and establish a university there.

2004

In 2003, Dr. Masters founded the University of Sedona, under the same non-secular rights as the University of Metaphysics. The University of Sedona awards Doctoral and Ph.D. degrees.

In 2004, in order to centralize the function of the two university programs – the University of Metaphysics was moved in its entirety (all accumulated records of thousands of students and graduates) to the Sedona area. This meant that tuition rates would continue to be affordable.

Present

The University of Metaphysics and the newer University of Sedona continue to grow, with a worldwide student population in the thousands. Both Universities are still under the direction of Dr. Masters. From its beginning in 1959 and having attracted an international alumni – the student population continues to study and bring the higher truth of human nature to a world so in need of it.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST METAPHYSICAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Thank you for your interest in our distance learning doctoral degree program. Through decades of consciousness research conducted with thousands of student research participants, Dr. Masters discovered Universal Truths that were the original Higher Consciousness truths upon which many of the world's great religious traditions were founded.

Whether you are seeking to specialize in teaching, counseling, life coaching, wellness, ministry, or something else within the vast realm of metaphysics, you will find that the guidance of our caring and exceptional administrative staff will assist you in making your journey with us a wonderful experience, both during your studies and after, as one of our graduates.

Our students and graduates represent a wide variety of metaphysical beliefs. We recognize that there are many paths to Truth, spiritual reality and God. Whatever your path(s) in this lifetime, our curriculum gives you a strong foundation for a greater likelihood for success.

The following information, about our University System, will give you peace of mind when enrolling:

- We have been operating for over five decades as the most prominent and respected Metaphysical Degree awarding university system.
- We have the longest history of any Metaphysical Degree awarding school, evolving consciousness-researched, results-tested curriculum since 1959.
- We are the largest worldwide Metaphysical Degree awarding school with students and graduates in 120 countries.
- We are the leader in distance learning Metaphysical Degree awarding for over five decades.
- We are the leading Metaphysical Degree awarding school in *acceptance* of a wide variety of spiritual views of enrolling students.

Your spiritual journey is important to us and this prospectus will provide you with a comprehensive overview about our programs, career potential and opportunities for continuing education. We are here to serve the best in your, that you, in turn, may serve the best in others.

A NEW DEFINITION OF THE MEANING OF *METAPHYSICS*

Traditionally, the word *Metaphysics* comes to us from Ancient Greece, where it was a combination of two words – Meta, meaning over and beyond – and physics. Thus, the combination means over and beyond physics. In the definition found in most dictionaries, Metaphysics is referred to as a branch of Philosophy that deals with First Cause and the Nature of Being. It is taught as a branch of Philosophy in most academic universities under the label of “Speculative Philosophy.”

In today's world, however, the word Metaphysics has become a description of many fields of interest. When one expresses an interest in Metaphysics, that interest may be in any one or a combination of the following subjects:

Philosophy, Religion, Parapsychology, Mysticism, Yoga, ESP, Dreams, Jungian, Transpersonal and Theocentric Psychology, Astrology, Meditation, Self-Help Studies, Positive Thinking, Life After Death, Reincarnation, Transcendentalism, Mysticism, etc.

The common denominator of these and all similar subjects, of course, deals with an exploration of Reality, and in the idealistic sense, how such knowledge may benefit human life on this earth, both individually and collectively. If, then, this is the aim of such interests, it is why most professional Metaphysical Practitioners regard Metaphysics as a Spiritual Philosophy or way of life. All but a very few practitioners in Metaphysics today have a pivotal point of some sort of Spiritual Philosophy in whatever system or teaching of Metaphysics they are engaged. It is important to understand this, especially when reviewing the legal technicalities of being in metaphysics professionally.

If we were to travel from one Metaphysical teacher or organization to another, we would find people engaging in different things, all under the label of Metaphysics. This could be a wide range, such as yogis, mystics, astrologers, positive thinking teachers, meditation teachers, graphoanalysts, spiritual healers, self-help teachers, counselors, life-coaches, etc. The range is wide, but again the basic denominator is the search for truth, purpose and meaning in life, which cannot be isolated from basic spiritual questions. All of these fields, therefore, are regarded as part of Metaphysics by the University of Metaphysics and the University of Sedona, in regard to its Doctoral Degree and to its other programs and affiliations with its students and graduates.

It is not the position of the universities or their parent body, the International Metaphysical Ministry, to take one phase of study over another, as it is the belief of the universities that there are many paths humans may travel on the way to finding Truth. There is an old proverb which states, "No matter what path a human may travel, it is My Path; no matter where they walk, it leads to Me."

In a more absolute sense, we like to think of Metaphysics as dealing with the basic questions of life, i.e., the relationship of man. Mind and the Universe, which leads to answers to the age-old questions of anyone who has truly paused to reflect on life by asking the most fundamental questions of all – "who am I; what am I; where have I been, and where am I going?"

DEFINING HOLISTIC

The word holistic is defined in general terms in the dictionary as the theory that a whole is greater than its parts.

In recent decades the word has come to be used in much more expanded ways as follows:

- In General – Referring to the concept of a whole person or a person who has synthesized the three major parts of their being; body, mind and soul or spirit or God.
- Spiritually – Referring to attempting to become a whole person by synthesizing body, mind, and soul or spirit or God.
- Medically or in the General Healing Arts – General references to natural, alternative, complimentary, and preventative healing modalities.

- In Ministry – Used by metaphysical or non-denominational ministers who specialize in pastoral counseling, life-coaching and/or spiritual healing.

DEFINING *NEW THOUGHT*

New Thought can be found in larger, unabridged dictionaries and is described as a religious movement. The so-called father of New Thought was a man by the name of Phineas Parkhurst Quimby who taught and practiced various forms of spiritual mind healing. The basic premise was that everything is one vast universal mind, the human mind and body included. The One Mind is God, one with the human mind. By thinking healing in the human mind/body, the God part of the mind could affect a healing.

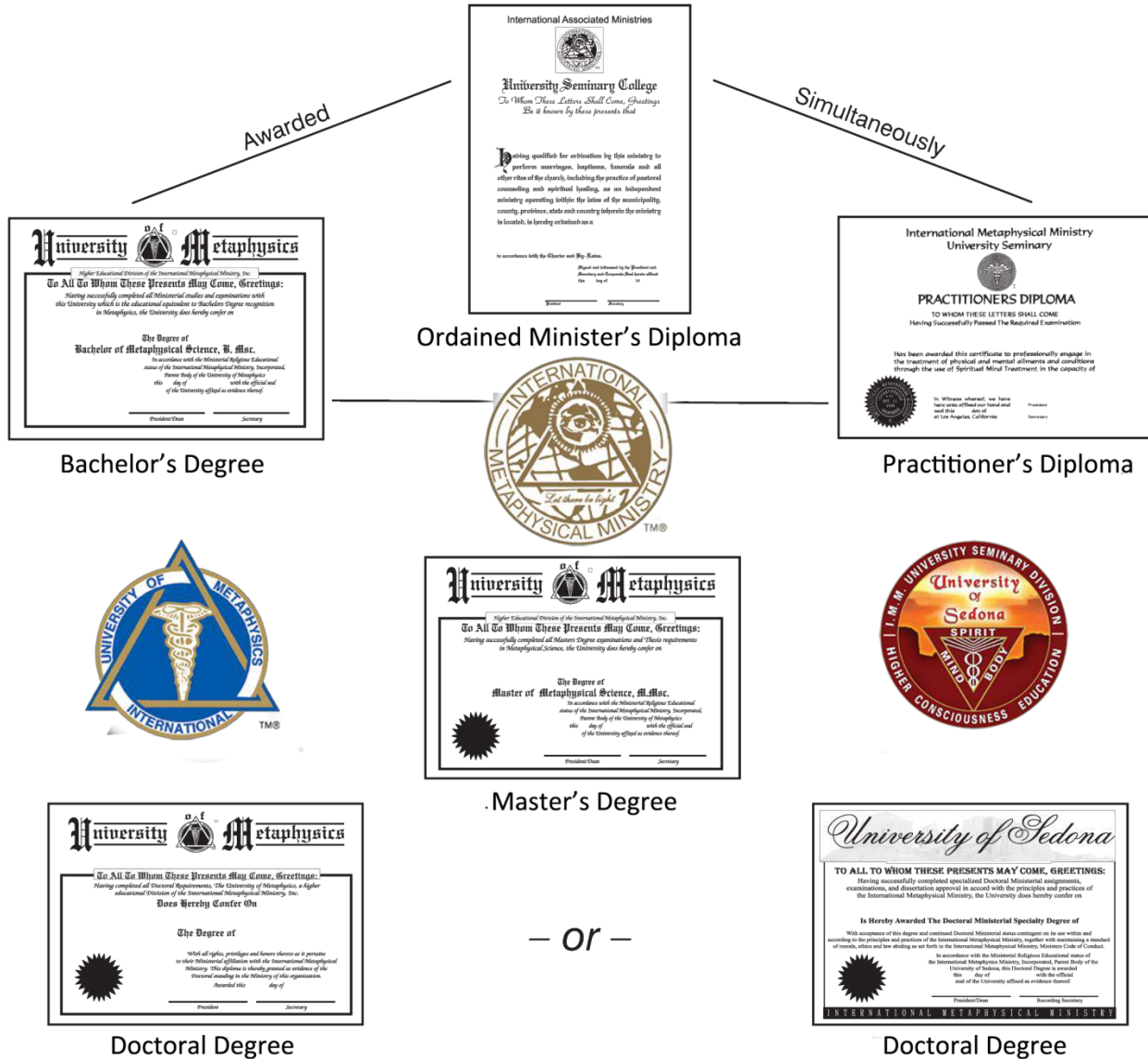
Phineas Parkhurst Quimby supposedly taught this to Mary Baker Eddy. Eddy began Christian Science, the first large metaphysical church in modern history. The success of Christian Science stimulated the growth of other metaphysically oriented groups, later to become church organizations. Most notable and successful of these was Unity or the Unity School of Christianity, started by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. Religious Science or The Church of Religious Science founded by Ernest Holmes later followed this. The success of Unity and Religious Science stimulated the birth of many independent churches and teaching centers along metaphysical lines. Because of a common shared spiritual philosophy held by Unity, Religious Science and many independents, the term New Thought was adopted to denote a religious movement. From this was born the International New Thought Alliance that brought together various metaphysical groups. In more recent years a new organization bringing together New Thought oriented organizations was formed called Global New Thought.

In 1959, Dr. Paul Leon Masters began what has later on evolved to become the International Metaphysical Ministry. IMM has joined Unity and Religious Science as one of the major metaphysically oriented movements that comes under the description of New Thought. The major difference between IMM and the other majors is that IMM ordained ministers are free to choose operating names of their choice, as well as what they teach and how they operate providing only that the basic metaphysical teachings of the organization and its founder are still an integral part of what is shared with the public.

The International Metaphysical Ministry (IMM) was born of an independent – Dr. Masters – for those who also wished to be independents though ordained by IMM. The IMM and its University System of the University of Metaphysics and the University of Sedona are therefore very unique, indeed, in the field of religion in general and in New Thought.

DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the entirety of the Doctoral Degree Program, you will have been awarded the following degrees and diplomas.



PRELIMINARY COMMENTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Before commencing with information on specific career opportunities available in the field of Metaphysics, here are a few thoughts to keep in mind.

First, you will be reading about the more common approaches used by metaphysicians. We present these merely as examples, as we have far more up-to-date knowledge to impart to you. This knowledge has been accumulated over many years through our own experience in conducting many of the opportunities described herein, and from our close contact with other professionals in the metaphysical field. Although some of what is described herein will appeal to most readers, there is no reason to feel limited exclusively to these career opportunities. As the field grows, it may be that you or someone else may find new ways or means of communicating metaphysical teachings to the public, always making certain, of course, that any change or innovation follows and is in strict accordance with the legalities applicable to metaphysical practices at that time. So again, do not feel limited to the career opportunities described herein. We emphasize this point, as many who have inquired about a metaphysical career, while communicating to us their enthusiasm and desire to enroll in our doctoral degree program, have at the same time expressed their uncertainty as to what they wish to do after graduation. Therefore, once again, legalities considered, there is no reason to feel that you are limited solely to the career opportunities described in this report.

Secondly, many interested people have pointed out that they would like to take our doctoral degree program for the knowledge factor alone. This would be their purpose in enrolling rather than actually planning to go into the professional practice of Metaphysics. If you are one who feels this way, we would certainly welcome your enrollment in the same spirit as we would those who wish to take the doctoral degree program with a professional practice in mind.

Finally, whether your choice to become a doctoral degree candidate with our universities is motivated by the desire to go into a professional metaphysical practice or to enroll solely for the metaphysical knowledge that may be acquired, we would like to point out that many of our students have expressed their gratitude to us for the improvement they have realized in their individual lives as a result of their studies. It certainly is most gratifying for us, at our universities, to receive so many letters of praise from students who feel that the quality of their lives has been improved through their studies. This is especially true when, in many cases, this praise has come from long time students and long-standing professional practitioners alike.

Whatever your motivation for enrolling and becoming a doctoral degree candidate, you may be assured that the quality and nature of the studies covered in our doctoral degree program can make a dramatic improvement in your life. Specifically, it can bring forth your inner potential for successful living from the practical standpoint in matters of love, romance, marriage, income, career, inner confidence, peace of mind, creativity – to the awakening and expansion of your mind inclusive of Higher Consciousness, expanded awareness, increased intuition and sensitivity, and self-realization.

Now, with all this in mind, review the following descriptions of proven areas of opportunities in Metaphysics, which you might consider for yourself upon doctoral graduation from the University of Metaphysics or the University of Sedona.

YOUR WORK IN METAPHYSICS AS A DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL AND AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL METAPHYSICAL MINISTRY

The choice of how you wish to conduct our professional work is entirely up to you. Here are some common examples of how professionals in Metaphysics are operating today.

ESTABLISHING A METAPHYSICAL TEACHING AND/OR COUNSELING CENTER

The choice here is for those who like an educational atmosphere in which to present metaphysics to others. This often times makes the spiritual issues that are dealt with more acceptable to some than in a church-like atmosphere.

The facility used for this purpose may be an office, a suite of offices, a home that is properly zoned or a storefront operation. Some organizations or teachers who specialize in courses or seminars prefer to rent space in hotels or meeting facilities in which to conduct their classes, lectures, courses and seminars.

Many prefer to work with students on an individual counseling or tutoring basis. Others combine both individual and group activities as part of the programs. In the business administration part of the doctoral degree program, full guidance is given on how to successfully set up anything described here at a minimum starting cost.

ESTABLISHING A METAPHYSICAL CHURCH

Some metaphysicians feel more relaxed in regard to their work when operating in a definite spiritual atmosphere. Thus, they set up a storefront operation, or convert a home into a suitable church type setting. This is especially suitable for those who wish to deal with the metaphysical interpretation of the Bible or other religious scripture, or with spiritual healing. Some rent theatres or halls in which to conduct their Sunday or weekday services.

WORKING FOR OTHERS

Oftentimes metaphysicians of similar interests will come together in a partnership agreement, or hire out to an organization whose interests coincide with their own. As the number of metaphysical organizations is growing daily, it seems that this will occur more frequently in the future. It is a way of entering into the field of metaphysics without an investment in a facility, and is an approach recommended by our universities for those just graduating. This is a way to begin, generally on a spare time basis, while keeping your present employment until such time as you have honed your skills adequately to develop metaphysical earnings sufficient to enable you to safely enter into metaphysics on a full time basis.

Now we will deal with specific career opportunities, as well as possible earnings. In no way can we guarantee the earning potential discussed here, as earnings may be less or more than depicted. We realize that most practitioners are idealistic, and this is as it should be, but the practical necessities of life must be provided; therefore, this is intended, at least, to give you some ideas to work with.

SPECIFIC CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN METAPHYSICS

WRITING

Over the past few decades, writing has been the most lucrative undertaking for most professional metaphysicians. New books on metaphysical subjects continue to pour off the presses as never before, and are being purchased in greater numbers. What about the earnings? Let us examine the possibilities. Cost of the average hardcover metaphysical book is \$25.00. A small sale of 50,000 copies is not unusual. The average royalty is 10%. That would mean \$2.50 in your pocket for every book sold or a total of \$125,000 in royalties. Far more is realized by some professional metaphysicians who effectively publish and distribute the books themselves. As an example, one book containing metaphysical subjects entitled *Psycho-Cybernetics*, by Maxwell Maltz sold well into the millions. Again, we can make no guarantee. We can only state what has been done by others. We can say, however, that doctoral degree recognition from our universities can certainly be an asset in helping writers to establish themselves.

THE PROFESSIONAL LECTURE CIRCUIT

A human interest article appearing in a past issue of the Los Angeles Times stated that speakers dealing with metaphysical subjects are now most in demand on the professional lecture circuit, in far greater demand than any other group – including political speakers. If you are not already familiar with the professional lecture circuit, here is the gist of it. There are professional booking agents for lecturers, just as there are theatrical agents for performers. If you have no objection to traveling, agents will arrange booking for your lectures before churches, social groups, fund-raising groups, charities, fraternal organizations, colleges, business groups, etc. Top lecturers in the field currently earn up to \$50,000 per lecture.

As a rule, agents prefer to handle lecturers who can command at least \$1,000 per lecture. Of this amount, the agent usually takes a commission of 10% to 20%. On this minimum schedule, therefore, the least you would receive for one lecture is \$800. Three lectures scheduled weekly could produce \$2,400 each week. Your doctoral degree recognition could make the difference in an agent's decision whether or not to take you on, especially in the initial stages when you are trying to establish yourself. Again, our universities cannot guarantee anything and can only state what has been achieved by others.

LECTURING FOR METAPHYSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Most organizations offer lecturers a percentage of the gate, usually from one-third to one-half of the monies collected. The average metaphysical lecture generally has an attendance of 100 people at an average admittance of \$10 each. That would mean that an average lecture would produce \$1,000. Your earnings, therefore, could be anywhere from \$330 to \$500. Three lecture weekly of this type could produce somewhere between \$990 and \$1,500.

WEEKEND SEMINARS

Larger earnings could be anticipated for teaching weekend seminars, which have become increasingly popular. The charge for an average weekend seminar runs about \$250, with an average attendance of 100 people. That could mean a gross of \$25,000. Most organizations will generally pay a seminar teacher 5% to 10% of the gross receipts, which in this example could realize \$1,250 to \$2,500 for teaching. Seminars such as these represent good earnings for most people.

CONDUCTING YOUR OWN SEMINARS

Your financial risk factor is higher here because you must spend the monies necessary for advertising to promote the seminar and to obtain an appropriate facility, etc. However, if your seminar is successful and grosses \$25,000, your expenses will more than likely have been about half that amount, or \$12,500, leaving you with a like amount as net profit for a weekend of teaching, which also involves a great deal of administrative work. It is suggested that our graduates ease into this type of undertaking because of the financial risk factors involved. However, if you successfully establish such a seminar program, thousands of dollars in net profit weekly is possible. Again, *we cannot guarantee it*, but can only speak of the financial potential.

METAPHYSICAL PERSONAL PROBLEM COUNSELING

One-on-one personal problem counseling is the most rewarding area of work for many metaphysicians, while at the same time, the least financially rewarding. It is suggested that graduates do no more than four hours of counseling a day as negative vibrations can begin to take effect. Psychiatrists, as an example, have the highest suicide rate of any professional group. It is one thing to hear another person's problems occasionally, but very difficult to be doing it hour after hour, day in and day out.

The average charge by metaphysical counselors today is \$50 per hour. Working four hours a day equals \$200 per day or \$1,000 per week based on a five-day week.

It should be noted that people do not generally beat down the door to see a metaphysical counselor. Consultations usually result from giving lectures and teaching classes. This is what our universities advise its doctoral degree graduates to do.

We have found that the average person seeking metaphysical counseling comes for an average of three consultations. A long-term series of consultations, such as in Psychiatry, is the exception rather than the rule in metaphysics.

This means that if counseling work is your primary interest, you must continually be acquiring new clientele for your practice through lectures, seminars or church ministry.

PRACTITIONERS WORK – SPIRITUAL HEALING

Years ago, Mary Baker Eddy conceived the idea of the metaphysical practitioner. Many metaphysical teachers and organizations have adopted this idea down through the years.

A metaphysical practitioner is generally a person who accepts requests for prayer treatment for physical, emotional and/or financial conditions needing improvement. Not all use prayer. Some use meditation and others use telepathic healing.

Most professional practitioners, who have been active for some time, generally take such requests over the Internet, telephone or by mail. Many have a standard weekly charge for giving treatments. That is, they agree to treat at least once daily for a week, or however long agreed upon, or until the condition is cleared up.

The average weekly charge is \$50. A well-established practitioner may be treating as many as 50 to 100 people weekly. In terms of income, such a practice could mean an income of \$2,500 to \$5,000 per week.

Practitioners usually establish their clientele by attending all metaphysical functions of the organization to which they belong, and/or by giving lectures or courses on Spiritual Healing, or through a church ministry.

The holistic trend toward alternative medicine has increased the demand for metaphysical practitioners and should continue to do so for many years to come.

While our universities cannot guarantee how much you might expect to earn, we can definitely state that if your interest is more in healing, you probably have the best of all opportunities in the Metaphysical field today.

Your doctoral degree from the University of Metaphysics or University of Sedona will certainly be an advantage in the healing arts, as most people psychologically associate the title *Doctor* with healing.

INTERNET PRESENCE

The success over the years of such metaphysical mainstay organizations such as the Rosicrucians in San Jose, CA, Astara, The Mayans, and others, offers proof that internet business can be a successful vehicle for communication of metaphysical knowledge. These organizations all had excellent material, of course, which is the true factor underlying their continued growth and success. There is room for more, however, as we currently see an abundance of organizations operating in the same manner.

Websites offering audio recordings, CDs, DVDs and products such as crystals, incense, books, metaphysical jewelry, etc., do well in Internet commerce.

Astrological analysis and charts have been and continue to be enormously successful as well as online counseling and life coaching enterprises.

Obviously, whatever form of Internet venture you may choose to go into could be greatly enhanced by your having doctoral degree recognition from the University of Metaphysics or the University of Sedona. We are not saying that it will assure your success in the metaphysical Internet business, but it certainly will add to your chance of success, especially if you are a beginner or not well known in the metaphysical field.

LEGALITIES FOR TEACHING, COUNSELING AND HEALING IN METAPHYSICS

In seeking doctoral recognition in the Metaphysical field, it is very important that you understand the legalities. This will help you to understand why your doctoral degree program is set up the way it is.

First, the field of metaphysics as it exists today, does not fall under the label of Psychology, which is the closest to it of all established professional fields. The explanation for this is that most metaphysical teachings incorporate, or have as their main theme, the *spiritual* nature of the human being. Hence, many years back, metaphysics was established as Spiritual Philosophy and, thus, under existing state laws nationwide, was placed in the legal classification of Religion.

Anyone that you see teaching, counseling or healing in popularized metaphysics today, if doing so with legal protection, is operating in the field of Religion and has a legal ministerial status. They may choose

not to advertise this fact or call attention to it unless challenged to do so, unless, of course, they have chosen to open up a clearly apparent spiritual center or church.

Your own legal right to teach, counsel, or heal in the contemporary field of metaphysics today is determined by having an ordained ministerial status, not upon a doctoral degree in metaphysics. The primary purpose of the doctoral degree is to establish a highly professional image of you as a person who is truly learned in Holistic, New Thought Metaphysics, Transpersonal, Transcendent, Theocentric and has taken the time to obtain a doctoral level of knowledge.

For the reasons stated, therefore, you must have a ministerial status to practice legally. As explained later in this report, you may obtain such ministerial status in our accelerated completion ministerial training course. The subjects covered in the curriculum of this course are listed further on in this Prospectus.

Ministerial status with the IMM is, therefore, a prerequisite for studying and earning a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from our universities. You must earn your doctoral degree by having first obtained ministerial status with the IMM. Also, you may earn a doctoral degree from the University of Metaphysics or University of Sedona if you already possess ministerial standing with another organization; however, you will still need to achieve ministerial status with the IMM.

For those applying to the University of Metaphysics, or the University of Sedona who have achieved a ministerial status with another organization, and/or those who have not achieved a ministerial status before, the doctoral study and examination requirements are exactly the same. These requirements are outlined later in this Prospectus.

Upon successful completion of the doctoral degree program, those students who have Ministerial standing with the IMM will be awarded one of the following degrees, the choice being determined by the students' focus and subject of the master's thesis and doctoral dissertation.

DOCTORAL DEGREE SPECIALTIES AWARDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF METAPHYSICS

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When enrolling, choose your doctoral degree speciality in accordance with what you most believe you would like to do in the Holistic New Thought Metaphysical field:

- **Doctor of Metaphysical Science, Msc.D.**
There are numerous vocations in the field of metaphysics, such as teaching, counseling, healing, ministry, astrology, and professional speaking. This program is designed for students wishing to write books, teach, or minister in the way in which they are called.

- **Doctor of Metaphysical Counseling, Mc.D.**

Metaphysical Counseling offers insights to explain those aspects of people that exist beyond the ability of the senses to perceive, such as the influences of culture, family, friends, the media, and religion. With a better understanding of the world in which they live, clients can begin to make adjustments in life for more freedom. Metaphysical Counseling also facilitates personal growth and connection to “God, Source, All that Is, the Divine, Higher Power” – whatever name they choose to call the spiritual connection.

Doctor of Divinity, D.D., specializing in:

Pastoral Counseling. Pastoral counseling is a branch of counseling in which ordained ministers, rabbis, priests, or other non-ordained lay persons provide counseling services. Counselors integrate modern psychological thought and method with traditional religious training. Therefore, counselors are able to address psycho-spiritual issues in addition to offering the traditional spectrum of counseling services. Pastoral Counselors can work from within a particular religious denomination or across several religious denominations. The focus of the counseling relationship is centered in God or Spirit.

Spiritual Healing. The channeling of healing energy from its spiritual source to someone who needs it is called spiritual healing. The healing energy comes through the healer from a higher source and not directly from the healer.

Doctor of Ministry, D.Min., specializing in:

1. **New Thought Ministry.** This ministry emphasizes the practical implementation of the power of thought and feeling in helping spiritual enlightenment, wholeness, health and prosperity to emerge. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry.
2. **Holistic Counseling Ministry.** Holistic Counseling Ministry involves working with the body, mind, and spirit in a spiritual or religious setting. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious/church ministry.
3. **Pastoral Counseling.** Pastoral counseling is a branch of counseling in which ordained ministers, rabbis, priests, or other non-ordained lay persons provide counseling services. Counselors integrate modern psychological thought and method with traditional religious training. Therefore, counselors are able to address psycho-spiritual issues in addition to offering the traditional spectrum of counseling services. Pastoral Counselors can work from within a particular religious denomination or across several religious denominations. The focus of the counseling relationship is centered in God or Spirit. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry.
4. **Holistic Ministry.** Holistic ministry serves the whole person, seeing everyone through God’s eyes. This church ministry involves every dimension of human need. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry.

DOCTORAL DEGREE SPECIALTIES AWARDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SEDONA

- Doctor of Metaphysical Science, Msc.D.
- Doctor of Divinity, D.D.

Doctor of Divinity, D.D., specializing in:

- Biblical Interpretation
- Doctor of Theology, D.Th.
- Doctor of Metaphysical Hypnosis, Mhyp.D.
- Doctor of Metaphysical Psychology, Mpsy.D.
- Doctor of Metaphysical Counseling, Mc.D.
- Doctor of Holistic Ministry, Mh.D.
- Doctor of Philosophy, D.Phil.

Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D., specializing in:

- Holistic Life Coaching
- Holistic Life Counseling
- Transpersonal Counseling
- Comparative Religion
- Pastoral Counseling Psychology
- Metaphysical Counseling
- Metaphysical Parapsychology
- Mystical Research

Doctor of Metaphysical Science, Msc.D. There are numerous vocations in the field of metaphysics, namely teaching, counseling, healing, ministry, astrology, and professional speaking. This program is designed for students wishing to write books, teach, or minister in the way in which they are called to do.

Doctor of Divinity, D.D. The Doctor of Divinity degree is usually chosen by someone who already has an established ministry or church and is interested in directed research or writing about a particular aspect of ministry from a metaphysical perspective: for example, but not limited to, New Testament and early Christian studies, ethics, religion, gender and culture.

Doctor of Divinity, D.D., specializing in:

Biblical Interpretation. The study of the Bible is the soul of theology. If this degree is chosen, the student will be looking at word definition, usage, context, historical background, logic, precedent, and inference relating to Biblical interpretations and metaphysics. This degree will be chosen by someone wishing to specialize in researching, teaching, and writing about Biblical symbolism to uncover spiritual truths for spiritual reawakening and life improvement from a metaphysical or mystical perspective.

Doctor of Theology, D.Th. The Doctor of Theology degree is usually chosen by someone who already has an established ministry or church. The minister will be doing a theological study within a particular religious tradition but from a metaphysical perspective: for example, but not limited to, the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, or the New Testament.

Doctor of Metaphysical Hypnosis, Mhyp.D. Metaphysical Hypnosis is a natural, yet spiritual, form of suggestive therapy. The serious potential and application of hypnosis is only now being fully considered, as we begin to know more about the brain and the functions of the mind. If this specialty is chosen, then teaching a method of release into higher meditation consciousness and self-hypnotic techniques as a means of reprogramming positive spiritual truth will be the goal. A CD of hypnotic induction for self-hypnotic conditioning must be submitted with the doctoral dissertation.

Important Note: The awarding of this degree does not give one the legal right to practice hypnotherapy. This degree offers ministerial ordination that specializes in doing pastoral educational counseling or teaching in the spiritual uses of self-hypnotic practices.

Doctor of Metaphysical Psychology, Mpsy.D. Metaphysical Psychology means the particular way that an individual interprets reality by attaching association from the memory or present stimulus. This degree is chosen by someone wishing to specialize in educational counseling, teaching, writing, and ministry by applying higher metaphysical spiritual truth to improve life, love, success, and happiness.

Important Note: The awarding of this degree does not give one the right to practice as a psychologist. This degree signifies a person with ministerial standing having studied the psychology of metaphysically-oriented pastoral counseling. See Pastoral Counseling offered through the University of Metaphysics.

Doctor of Metaphysical Counseling, Mc.D. Metaphysical Counseling offers insights to explain those aspects of people that exist beyond the ability of the senses to perceive, such as the influences of culture, family, friends, the media, and/or religion. With a better understanding of the world in which you live, you can begin to make adjustments in your own life for more freedom. Metaphysical Counseling also facilitates personal growth and connection to “God, Source, All that is, the Divine, or Higher Power” – whatever you choose to call the spiritual connection.

Doctor of Holistic Ministry, Mh.D. Holistic ministry serves the whole person, seeing everyone through God’s eyes. This church ministry involves every dimension of human need. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry or plans to.

Doctor of Philosophy, D.Phil. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is designed to equip students for creative scholarship, independent research and effective teaching and preaching. The program prepares students for teaching, for specialized church missions, for scholarly writing, lectures, courses, and seminars probing life’s realities from a metaphysical perspective to better understand how to improve human life.

Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D. specializing in:

1. **Holistic Life Coaching.** Holistic Life Coaching is based on a holistic, whole person concept of working with the body, mind, and inner Spirit or God. This is usually a one-to-one process. A Holistic Life Coach will be discussing, for example, what is happening in the environment and the experience of the client, the client’s underlying and limiting beliefs, and developing a spiritual practice that works— within the client’s own religion and/or faith. Generally speaking, a coach will work with someone on a topic-related goal, establishing the best route to achieve that goal. In turn, a coach could help the client clarify or establish clear goals with emphasis on God’s inner presence for achievement.
2. **Holistic Life Counseling.** Holistic life Counseling is based on a holistic model of working with the body, mind, and spirit. Counseling approaches and techniques are used to help clients uncover what past experiences are currently impacting their lives, how to spiritually release past negativity, and how to attain the inner transforming power of Universal God Presence within.
3. **Transpersonal Counseling.** Transpersonal counselors bring to their clients various depth psychologies, such as those of Carl Jung’s work, the Archetypal Psychology of James Hillman, the spiritual psychology of Robert Sardello, psychosynthesis founded by Roberto Assagioli, and the theories of Abraham Maslow, Stanislav Grof, and others. Transpersonal Counseling is an eclectic field that studies the transpersonal, self-transcendent or spiritual aspects of human experience so as to describe and to integrate spiritual, mystical, and parapsychological experience within modern psychological theory.

4. **Comparative Religion.** Comparative religion is a field of religious studies that analyzes the similarities and differences of themes, myths, rituals and concepts among the world's religions. It is an ideal field for study for students wishing to specialize in researching, teaching, and writing about the comparison of various religious teachings to the basic teachings of the International Metaphysical Ministry—where Metaphysics itself has evolved into a religious faith among many people.
5. **Pastoral Counseling Psychology.** If choosing the Pastoral Counseling Psychology degree, the student will be discussing the work of caring for, understanding, and exploring human beings as persons, in families, in small groups, and in the community. The student will be exploring what psychological, behavioral, and social science research have to say regarding pastoral concerns (local, institutional, societal, political, international, and so on).
Important Note: The awarding of this degree does not give one the right to practice as a psychologist. This degree signifies a person with ministerial standing having studied the psychology of pastoral counseling.
6. **Metaphysical Counseling.** Metaphysical counselors help clients to discover the root causes of their beliefs and to develop strategies to change those beliefs. Metaphysical counseling is a holistic approach using metaphysical tools for healing, such as dream interpretation, spirituality assessment and awareness, meditation, prayer, or affirmative thinking.
7. **Metaphysical Parapsychology.** Metaphysical Parapsychology is a discipline that seeks to investigate the existence and causes of psychic abilities, near death experiences, life after death, and so forth. Metaphysical Parapsychology uses psychic/mystic research as a means to discovering or confirming greater spiritual truth and discoveries.
8. **Mystical Research.** Mystical Research pursues communion with, identity with, or conscious awareness of an ultimate reality, divinity, spiritual truth, or God through direct experience, intuition, instinct, or insight. Research in this field usually centers on a practice or practices intended to nurture that experience or awareness. Mystical research can encompass such topics as Kabala, Sufism, Vedanta, Hinduism, Christian mysticism, Gnosticism, and others. A guided, mystically oriented meditation CD must be submitted with the dissertation.

ORDINATION DIPLOMAS AND PRACTITIONER'S DIPLOMAS

As part of any of the doctoral degree programs you choose you are awarded both an ordination diploma and practitioner's diploma upon successful completion of self-paced, accelerated study. Many with a metaphysical background and high motivation to finish have completed their program in months, not years.

- **Ordained Minister's Diploma:** Demonstrates that you have taken Holistic New Thought metaphysically oriented studies. Ordained ministry status provides legal right to engage in counseling, spiritual healing work, perform marriages and other ministerial rights. *Please note* that you must establish an independent ministry according to the laws of your state, county, country or province to enjoy the benefits of ministerial standing such as tax advantages. Awarding of your minister's diploma is also the legal basis for awarding and maintaining your doctoral degree. The minister's diploma is awarded at the same time as your bachelor's degree.

- **Practitioner's Diploma:** Demonstrates you have studied the principles and practices of Spiritual Mind Healing of physical, emotional and other life problems. Awarded at the same time as your bachelor's degree and ordination diplomas.

HOW YOUR MINISTERIAL STATUS OPERATES

Now that you have an understanding of why a ministerial status is necessary to operate legally in metaphysics, the following describes how simply your ministerial status operates.

As stated, you must have a ministerial status to operate legally, apart from your master's and doctoral degree. Once you have been granted ministerial status, you must maintain that status. You must show some relationship between yourself as an independent minister and the parent body, the International Metaphysical Ministry, which prepares you for the legal right to practice and for *justification of the legal use of your degree titles*.

This relationship between the IMM, as the parent body, and those with a ministerial status has been developed into a very simple system that takes little time and effort. The procedure is as follows. Upon completion of your ministerial study, your Ordination Diploma will be mailed to you. You'll receive twelve Minister's monthly report forms. These are one-page reports of your monthly activities. Included with these reports, if mailed, will be twelve envelopes for your convenience in mailing them each month. As these reports are received, they are entered into your personal file. Should anyone challenge your ordination, your file will reflect your active status. This is necessary because it provides evidence of a continuing relationship between you, the minister, and the parent organization, the IMM. Evidence of a continuing relationship confirms your current ministerial status for the purpose of meeting local civil government codes and ordinances. In establishing your independent ministry, this evidence of an ongoing affiliation also protects you from the possibility of being confused with a diploma mill mail-order ministry, where a person merely sends in money to the office issuing the degree, receives ordination papers and then has no further contact with the issuing organization. This lack of a continuing relationship between the minister and the issuing organization could bring the minister's status into question with various government bodies.

Our system of mailing in monthly report forms demonstrates that you are an active, recognized ordained minister with a reputable religious educational organization. We are reputable because our original parent body ministry was founded in 1959, maintains its own facilities, and has year-round activities. The name was changed in 1989 to the International Metaphysical Ministry to better reflect the scope of the ministry, which has truly become international. Imagine that if you had some legal difficulty about your right to practice, based on your ordination, and found that the organization from which you received your credentials had suddenly disappeared. Any legal difficulties would be far more challenging.

Now that you understand the necessity of having a ministerial status and how it works, the next question in your mind may well be the fee.

Affiliation fees are \$60 yearly. This amounts to only \$5 monthly, a small sum for the ministerial recognition in a worldwide ministry. The \$5 monthly fee, or \$60 annually, is principally used to cover administrative costs such as the handling of your monthly reports, necessary entries in your personal minister's file, etc. Funds left over in excess are used to provide scholarship funds to our University enrollees who cannot afford the full tuition fee.

This fee is due at the time of issuance of your ministerial credentials. The date on which you sign the ordination vows commences your yearly cycle of payment.

Remember, this fee is apart from the tuition of your doctoral degree program and again, is not due until you are on a ministerial status. Once you have received your ordination papers, you may legally practice. This applies whether or not you plan to continue in the doctoral program, providing local and state requirements are met, as explained on the concluding page of this report.

LEGITIMACY

The IMM, parent body of the University of Metaphysics, has the full legal right to award any diplomas and degrees it offers under the provisions of the California Education Code, Section #94302(w)5, and graduates the full legal right to use doctoral titles awarded in conjunction with the ministerial status conferred.

The University of Sedona, a division of a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Tax Exempt Corporation is in compliance with the exemption status of Arizona for the awarding of non-secular degrees oriented to the teachings of the IMM.

Our papers of Incorporation are on file with the County Clerk in the City of Los Angeles, and also in the Office of the Secretary of State in Sacramento. *Note:* at the time of printing; parent body I.M.M. corporation status is being established in the state of Arizona.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE IN THE DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Age: 18 years minimum.

Academic Background: High school or its equivalent, as earned through a high school equivalency test or through practical work experience.

Study Background: Holistic New Thought Metaphysical study background can be either formal (i.e. through attendance in formal courses or classes), or informal (self-taught through books, CDs, etc.), or a longstanding interest and self-study of philosophy, psychology, self-help disciplines, religion, motivation and/or related areas.

Personal References: At least three personal references as to character, integrity, etc., must be provided on the original application form, submitted at the time of your enrollment by mail. A letter will be sent to each of the personal references you submit, so be certain that addresses are correct. Due to the personal contact with the public in the work, anyone with a felony in his or her background should not apply.

Transcripts: We maintain a permanent file on all of our doctoral students and graduates. While it is not necessary that documentation of other awards be in your file, it does help to establish a better student profile. Transcripts of your work are available and can be sent out at your request.

Tuition: Required tuition must accompany your original application, according to the payment plan you have chosen, in order for us to proceed with the processing of your enrollment.

TUITION AND THE AWARDING OF YOUR DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES

Three tuition payment plans are offered as follows:

- Plan 1: Prepayment of entire tuition
- Plan 2: Twenty month affordable monthly plans
- Plan 3: Forty-eight month affordable monthly plans

If you prepay your entire tuition, your diplomas and degrees will be awarded to you at the time of completion and successful acceptance of the study requirements for each section of your doctoral degree program.

If you enroll in a tuition payment plan, your diplomas and degrees will be awarded to you at the time of successful completion of the bachelor's study requirements when the tuition is one-third paid, and completion of the master's when the tuition is two-thirds paid. The doctoral degree will be awarded upon successful completion of the doctoral study assignment at such a time as the tuition has been paid in full.

Prepaying your entire tuition would, therefore, facilitate the awarding of your diplomas and degrees as they are earned. The selection of a tuition payment plan would facilitate the awarding of your bachelor's and master's degrees as they are earned, commensurate with tuition payments, and your doctoral degree, when earned, with tuition paid in full.

If time is a factor and you are unable to pay the tuition in full, enroll under a tuition payment plan. Because this plan calls for a monthly contract, with improved financial conditions at a later date you would be able to pay off your contract earlier than scheduled. Our universities finance all student payment plans at *no interest*. There are no banks or outside finance companies to deal with. *Credit is extended to everyone* together with those with *no credit or bad credit*.

ENROLLMENT

When you decide to pursue your doctoral degree program with our University System, we have made it very easy for you to enroll either online, or by printing the completed enrollment form and mailing it to our administrative office. Once your enrollment application is processed, you will receive an official enrollment confirmation along with the shipping date of your study materials. If you wish, you may choose to have your study materials sent to you electronically.

Since our Doctoral program is self-paced distance learning, you have the flexibility to structure your studies according to your life circumstances and from the comfort of your home. You also have the option to accelerate your studies if your situation gives you the opportunity to do so.

At the time of your enrollment confirmation, you will receive a login and password that enables you to access our secure, online member center with electronic resources to help facilitate your studies. At any time during your course study, you have the option to change your Doctoral specialty.

FORMAT OF OUR OFF-CAMPUS DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

A SELF-PACED ACCELERATED PROGRAM

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Ordained minister/practitioner status is accomplished by taking weekly exams on the scheduled modules. The exams are to be mailed in together after completion of the entire curriculum. A score of 80% is required for passing modules, covering an accelerated completion period the average would be close to two modules per week. Approximate time needed to study the curriculum and answer exam questions is about two hours weekly. Upon completion of the requirements, ministerial/practitioner status is established and you are awarded your ordained minister's diploma and a practitioner's diploma in Metaphysics. At the same time, you are awarded a bachelor's degree in Metaphysics. These degrees and diplomas are awarded by mail unless you choose to participate in a formal cap and gown ceremony, which is held periodically.

MASTER'S DEGREE

Establishment of master's degree level of competency can lead to professional work with the public. This second step period is devoted to the master degree modules at the rate of three modules per week, requiring approximately three hours weekly in study time. A score of at least 80% is required for passing. The balance of time to complete the master's program would be devoted to writing a master's thesis. The thesis must be a minimum of 6,000 words, based on the subject of your choice from the material covered in the master level curriculum. Upon completion of the thesis, *mail in the thesis and the master level exams together at the same time*. Upon meeting the requirements, you will be awarded a master's degree in Metaphysics by mail unless you choose to receive it in person at one of our formal graduation ceremonies.

DOCTORAL DEGREE

The final quarter of your one-year program consists of writing a doctoral dissertation of a minimum of 10,000 words on any metaphysical subject you may choose, following closely the Doctoral Dissertation Outline. This outline will be sent to you upon completion of your master's degree work. The doctoral dissertation is to be submitted at the conclusion of your doctoral degree program. Upon review and acceptance of your dissertation, you will be awarded your doctoral degree. Again, this will be done by mail unless you opt to participate in a formal graduation ceremony.

STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE

Your doctoral degree program is designed with the option of progressing at your own pace. You may already be a professional in Metaphysics and feel that if you had your doctoral recognition earlier it could help you to advance your career. For whatever the reason, it is up to you to complete the requirements in the time frame that works best for you.

CURRICULUM

BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH MINISTER'S ORDINATION & PRACTITIONER'S DIPLOMA

Following are subject titles covering the subjects required for ministerial training, bachelor' degree and practitioner's diploma. They comprise thoughts common to the thinking of most metaphysical organizations and books today. The subject matter takes into consideration a blending of Philosophy, Psychology, Psychic Research, Mystical Research and Eastern/Western concepts of Religion. This blending is for application to daily living. Written by Dr. Paul Leon Masters, the founder of the IMM and its university system, the thoughts are presented in an inspirational way for Ministerial sermon topics in counseling and life-coaching. Included are many original concepts of the founder, which are unique in the teachings presented by the IMM.

1. Attracting and Maintaining Prosperity
2. Conscious Spiritual Self-Realization for Success
3. How to Put Action Behind Your Meditations for Success and Happiness
4. Mastering your Weaknesses Through Your Inner God-Power
5. Establishing and Maintaining a Positive Transcendent Attitude
6. Metaphysical Principles of Winning the Game of Life
7. Establishing Mystical Self-Direction
8. Spiritual Mind Magnetism
9. Channeling God-Power Into your Daily Activities
10. Eliminating the Negative and Strengthening the Positive
11. Spiritual Mind Treatment
12. How to Handle Problems as They Arise
13. Establishing Positive New Patterns in Your Life
14. Activity Visualization
15. Psychic Mechanics of Success
16. The Power of Meditation Practices
17. Reversing Negative Trends into Positive Ones
18. Complete Daily Mental Rebirth Treatment
19. Metaphysical Laws of Success
20. How to Give Metaphysical Treatment
21. How to Use Intuitive ESP for Success and Happiness
22. The Role of Diet and Sex in Metaphysics
23. Metaphysical Philosophy of New Consciousness for Successful Living
24. Transformation
25. How to Have all Channels Open for Success

26. Understanding and Using Cosmic Mind Telepathy for Success and Happiness
27. How to Practice the Power of Transcendent Awareness
28. Metaphysical Sensitivity Training
29. Convincing Yourself You Can
30. Reaction Control or How to Have Positive Control Over Your Life
31. Motivation
32. Positive Conditioned Reflex Living
33. Metaphysical Principles of Overcoming
34. Metaphysical Principles of Materializing
35. Metaphysical Principles of Self-Belief
36. Metaphysical Principles for Achieving Happiness
37. How to Live the Metaphysical Life Daily
38. Metaphysical Principles of Prosperity
39. Projecting the Real You to Others
40. Controlling Psychic Vibrations in Your Immediate Environment
41. Establishing and Maintaining Control Over Your Life
42. Moderation
43. Creative Thinking or Finding the Intuitive Ideas that can Bring Success in Life
44. Creating a New Self-Image for Successful Living
45. Metaphysical Principles of Achieving Success
46. Psychic-Mystical Secrets of Getting Prayer Answered
47. Developing a Prosperity Mentality
48. Establishing and Accomplishing Your Goals

MASTER'S DEGREE

These modules are written especially for the professional in the Holistic New Thought Metaphysical Field. These are not just modules on subjects that you may have studied before. The text of the modules is written with the central idea of how such subject matter is used in actual metaphysical teaching, counseling, lecturing and healing, to achieve maximum results in helping to improve the lives of those who come to you, at a doctoral level. Dr. Paul Leon Masters, Founder and President of the International Metaphysical Ministry University System, bases content of these modules on his 55 plus years of full-time metaphysical practice and extensive contact with other professional metaphysicians during that time. Such tremendously valuable text and lesson material – necessary to help you to achieve success as a doctoral professional – is not available in books, and to our knowledge, only in this course of study.

- The Metaphysical Psychology of Consciousness (Part I)
- The Metaphysical Psychology of Consciousness (Part II)

- The Metaphysical Psychology of Consciousness (Part III)
- The Metaphysical Psychology of Consciousness (Part IV)
- Psychic-Mystical Aspects of Metaphysics (Part I)
- Psychic-Mystical Aspects of Metaphysics (Part II)
- Psychic-Mystical Aspects of Metaphysics (Part III)
- Pastoral Psychology (Part I)
- Pastoral Psychology (Part II)
- Practitioners Metaphysical Healing Practice
- Professionalism: Your Doctoral Image and Dealings with the Public
- Dream Interpretation: Its Role in Metaphysics
- Meditation and Its Significance to Metaphysical Practice
- Self-Hypnosis and Its Relation to Metaphysical Practice
- The Bible and Metaphysics
- Yoga: Its Adaptation to Western Thinking
- Metaphysical Semantics and Doctoral Communication
- Exploring the Choice of Metaphysical Operation: Teaching and/or Counseling Center or Church

A written examination must be taken on each of these modules.

SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY MATERIALS (NO EXAM REQUIRED)

- Performing Metaphysical Minister's Rites: Marriage, Funeral or Baptism
- Meditation Dynamics

Great detail has been provided to give you a thorough understanding of the importance of your ministerial status. Now, let us discuss the importance of your doctoral degree.

WHAT A HIGHER METAPHYSICAL EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

You are immediately established as a true professional in the field of Holistic New Thought Metaphysics. Many people practicing today have a ministerial status but very few have a doctoral degree. Obtaining their degree from a diploma mill or a school claiming accreditation from an accreditation mill makes the degree suspect and casts doubt on their qualifications to practice professionally.

Your degree serves you well, should you write a book, give public lectures, etc. because you will be received as a *Doctor* of your subject. In many instances, along these lines or others that you might wish to pursue, your *Doctoral status* alone could make the difference between dismal failure and glowing success.

Our degree gives you dignity in practicing counseling, since people going to see a counselor tend to think of it as seeing someone who has achieved doctoral status.

Your degree provides greater substance to any practice of Spiritual Healing in which you may become engaged. Psychologically, the title of *Doctor* and healing has a natural affinity in one's mind.

TRADITIONAL CAP AND GOWN GRADUATION CEREMONY (OPTIONAL)

Formal cap and gown graduation ceremonies are usually conducted every two years as part of the International Convention of the International Metaphysical Ministry University System. Formal graduation is optional and is not required to graduate. The ceremony may be participated in during the actual year of graduation, if a commencement ceremony is scheduled, or at any future convention.

Those who have participated over the years have found the traditional graduation ceremony to be a wonderful experience, especially when family members and friends attend to support them. To view videos and photos of our most recent graduation ceremony, please visit our web page at: <http://universityofmetaphysics.com/gallery/>.

EXPLANATION OF THE STATUS OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE IN HOLISTIC NEW THOUGHT METAPHYSICS

As previously explained, the field of Holistic New Thought Metaphysics, as it is practiced today, comes under the legal classification of Religion. The reason being that most people in the field deal with the spiritual nature of man. It follows then that the status of one's doctoral degree in Holistic New Thought Metaphysics is also considered of a religious or spiritual nature.

Metaphysics, as it is commonly taught – that is, along spiritual lines – has not been a part of the academic community, again because it is spiritual in nature. Metaphysics is taught in Philosophy courses at academic universities as a branch of *Speculative Philosophy*, which is not the method of teaching commonly used by practitioners of Metaphysics.

Therefore, Metaphysics, as it is popularly taught today, does not fit into the mold of the academic community. Because of this, your doctoral degree in Holistic New Thought Metaphysics, while completely legal in every way, is not considered an academic degree but a doctoral degree in a specialized area of Religion. Credit and recognition for metaphysical study alone – which is what we are dealing with – is therefore placed in a positive perspective, as it should be.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OBTAINING AN ADDITIONAL DOCTORAL DEGREE

Some of our graduates choose to earn a second, or third, Doctoral Degree by submitting an additional Doctoral Dissertation. This allows them to acquire additional knowledge, expand their training and provides more opportunities for their career fulfillment.

MASTER'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MBA.M.

The Master's in Business Administration (MBA.M.), a program built on business principles, was designed to assist you with the administrative, promotional and marketing aspects of your metaphysical field or practice. This degree could also help you to work in an administrative capacity in the metaphysical field.

DOCTOR OF THEOCENTRIC PSYCHOLOGY, PSYTHD.®

A Theocentric Psychology doctoral degree speciality best serves those whose focus is on the value of attaining enlightenment and/or the application of the wisdom that enlightenment brings to all major areas of one's life.

Theocentric Psychology seeks to greatly enhance or add to the lives of those who are relatively well adjusted but intuitively know that they have a greater potential within themselves to bring forth and live more fulfilling lives. This could be in occupational or career pursuits, creativity and the arts, athletics, love within one's life, as well as the God Presence Benefits of inner peace and a happiness that is lasting.

The foundation of Theocentric Psychology is based on decades of consciousness research with thousands of people spanning many decades by Dr. Masters. Theocentric Psychology is highly specialized and requires exclusive attention because of its all-encompassing teaching and practices. It is for those who are truly committed to the highest spiritual attainment for others.

TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts are available. Please advise us of the name and address of the requesting institution and we will send a transcript of your work with the University of Metaphysics and/or the University of Sedona. A copy will also be sent to you.

LEGALITIES

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To assist you, should you have any further questions before enrolling in regard to the legality of the degrees of the University of Metaphysics or the University of Sedona, the Universities retain the services of the legal counsel. Please do not hesitate to phone if there is any question in your mind regarding legalities. We ask only that you do not phone collect.

Dean Selimos, Attorney at Law
(818) 769-0664
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

After reviewing this Prospectus in its entirety, should you desire additional information, we welcome your telephone inquiry. The University Administration office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time). The telephone number is (928) 203-0730 or you may call toll free (888) 866-4685.

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING PROFESSIONAL MINISTERIAL STATUS

It cannot be stressed too strongly that as a holder of ministerial status, you will have the standing of a professional in common with all other professional persons in your community. You may have to fulfill certain state and local requirements in order to practice your profession.

Just as attorneys must comply with state and local bar rules to practice law in their community after they have received their degrees, and allopathic doctors must satisfy state and local medical board standards to practice medicine after they have received their medical degrees, you may have to comply with certain local requirements in order to practice as a minister in your state. For example, your state or province, or your city or county may have certain registration or licensing requirements for those who practice ministerial teaching and counseling. One example of this would be the requirement of those who counsel must obtain a business license. Another example would be that those who practice under the name of a church have to file a Fictitious Business Name Statement (such as “John Jones doing business as the Church of _____”). Also those ministers who intend to perform ceremonies such as baptism, marriage, or funeral rites, must meet certain state, provincial and/or local standards. Finally, those who intend to practice Metaphysical Healing Arts must be sure to comply with any state or local laws stipulating what ministers who are not doctors of medicine can and cannot do in healing people.

Because the laws of each state and Canadian provinces, and the ordinances of each county, city, and other local units in the United States, Canada, and other countries may vary in particulars regarding the above matters, it is impossible to provide even a summary in this report of all these state and local laws.

Therefore, once you have obtained your ministerial status, if you intend to establish a ministerial practice, we strongly advise you to check with your local government authorities regarding compliance with the laws, ordinances and/or regulations of your state or community. If you still have questions, you should consult with an attorney in your area familiar with these requirements that you may fully comply with them.

ABOUT ACCREDITATION – REALITIES AND DECEPTIONS

COMMENTS FROM FOUNDER, DR. PAUL LEON MASTERS, PH.D.

FOUNDATION

In founding the University of Metaphysics and the University of Sedona, one of the most important reasons I did so was to bring greater legitimacy to the field of metaphysical spirituality. The field has been under attack from extremist fundamentalist religious groups as well as academics, especially in regard to degree granting schools in the metaphysical field.

DIPLOMA MILLS

Unfortunately, the criticism has been justified in many instances by people operating diploma mills – or others using accrediting mills. Since inception of my work in the metaphysical field in 1959 to our first graduating class of ministers in 1963, one of the first priorities was to maintain honesty and integrity. Since 1959, the intention has been to bring further legitimacy to the metaphysical field, so that higher metaphysical education and metaphysical spirituality might gain further acceptance in the world as a realistic alternative for people who could not be nourished spiritually by traditional religions.

ACCEPTING METAPHYSICAL SPIRITUALITY

If you, like myself, would like to have a better acceptance of metaphysical spirituality in the world, then enroll or become a member of only schools and ministries which do not bring the field down through deceptive or misleading practices. This will give the entire field of metaphysical spirituality greater legitimacy and public acceptance of its schools, counselors, coaches, and wellness ministers.

ABOUT ACCREDITATION

The following is significant information about accreditation, as it exists today. This will enable you to make an informed decision in regard to enrollment and graduation from a metaphysically oriented university.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

The founding fathers of the United States of America, in order to guarantee a republic based on religious freedom, saw fit to create a distinct division between the government and religion. This basic precept is commonly known to most US citizens as “The Separation of Church and State,” but may not be well known outside of the US. Simply stated, this foremost principle of religious freedom is, “the government will not become involved in matters dealing with religious beliefs, or things of a spiritual nature, and no religion will seek to involve itself in governmental affairs.”

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Worldly or secular things are the domain of the US Government, while the non-secular spiritual realm of individuals, society, teaching, and education is unapproachable by the US Government. The US Department of Education must adhere to these founding precepts of religious freedom, religious associations, religious beliefs and religious practices, and must refrain from all comment or opinion on religious education.

METAPHYSICAL DISTANCE LEARNING

Accelerated Metaphysics degrees bestowed by Metaphysical Institutions are Religious in Nature and are earned solely by the study of Metaphysical Spirituality. A legitimate Metaphysical Institution is able to offer a Metaphysical Degree Program that may be completed in much less time than secular institutions. This is because students focus entirely on one subject – the study of Metaphysical Spirituality. Students are not studying secular subjects such as Calculus, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry etc.

NON-SECULAR ORGANIZATIONS

The University of Sedona and the University of Metaphysics teach Metaphysical Spirituality and are legally recognized by the United States Federal Government as a non-secular, spiritual /metaphysical 501(c)(3) organization. Thus, the US Department of Education, under US Federal Law, cannot praise, credit, discredit, or accredit our curriculum.

IMM DEGREES IN GENERAL

The International Metaphysical Ministry (IMM), parent body of the University of Metaphysics and the University of Sedona, has the full legal right to award the diplomas and degrees it offers to its graduates. Our degrees are awarded in regard to professional ministerial work done in relation to metaphysical/spiritual teachings. These teachings are directly or indirectly associated with spiritual concepts appearing within the ministry modules of our university system. Graduates have the full legal right to use doctoral titles awarded in conjunction with the ministerial status conferred.

GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS

The US Department of Education, by law, cannot praise, credit, discredit, or accredit a non-secular institution of Higher Consciousness/Spiritual Education. Since US Government recognized accreditation does not exist in the Metaphysical/Spiritual field, an institution's reputation becomes paramount.

EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE

Degrees from the University of Sedona and the University of Metaphysics are granted under the auspices of the IMM. The IMM is the largest Holistic, New Thought Metaphysical Ministry in the world. The original parent corporate body which grew into the International Metaphysical Ministry was founded in 1959.

IMM WORLDWIDE GRADUATES

Students and graduates are successful and respected ministers, teachers, counselors, and coaches in over 120 countries. We have graduated more ordained ministers than any other Metaphysical Denomination or Ministry in the world. We rely on our unblemished reputation of over half a century. We have been, and continue to be, the world's leader in Higher Consciousness Education in the Metaphysical field.

ACCREDITATION VERSUS DIPLOMA MILLS

Valid recognized accreditation by the US Government does not exist in the spiritual/metaphysical field. Some institutions and organizations try to deceive prospective students and the public by attempting to make the institution look more reputable than it is. This is done by trying to cover up the lack of reputation and established history by buying accreditation from an "accreditation mill." The public is currently quite aware of the term "diploma mill" – but the term "accreditation mill" is something new and is just now beginning to come to the attention of the public. A "diploma mill" grants an impressive sounding, but worthless, "diploma" to an individual for a set fee. In the same way, an "accreditation mill" grants an impressive sounding, but worthless, accreditation to an institution for a fee.

IMPRESSIONS ON DIPLOMA MILLS

The names of these so-called accreditation mills sound very impressive to anyone that has not looked into the subject of legitimate accreditation and what it takes for a school to be legitimately accredited. A legitimate accrediting agency must be recognized by the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Accrediting mills only require the applicant to fill out a simple form and to mail in the required fee to the operator of the specific accreditation mill. Obviously, it is in no way recognized as a legitimate accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education.

CONSUMER DISCLOSURE

We advise all prospective students, when choosing an institution to pursue their metaphysical studies and/or degree, to avoid any metaphysical institution claiming accreditation – as this could only mean involvement with an accreditation mill.

GENERAL BACKGROUND ON ACCREDITATION AND DIPLOMA MILLS

For an informative article by the Seattle Times about accreditation mills, please see http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2004024299_miracle20m0.html

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

We suggest that if you are considering enrolling in a metaphysically oriented university, you ask yourself the following questions:

- **What is the history of the Institution/Organization?**
We have over fifty-five years of development in research, teaching, and awarding Ministers Diplomas and Degrees. Dr. Paul Masters, the founder, is still the active president of the University System.
- **Does the Metaphysical Institution/Organization claim accreditation of any kind?**
There is no accreditation by the US Government of metaphysical/spiritual degrees.
- **Does the Institution/Organization have actual experience in the field?**
The IMM has an unblemished 55 year history of experience in the field. Since there is no legitimate accreditation agency in metaphysical/spiritual higher education, we believe that background and long standing experience should be a primary consideration.

YOUR WISEST CHOICE

We believe that the University of Metaphysics or the University of Sedona is unquestionably the wisest choice for pursuing your non-secular degree and Higher Consciousness Education based on the following:

- **Size:** ministers, teachers, counselors, and coaches in over one-hundred and twenty countries.
- **Success:** more ordained metaphysical ministers than any metaphysical ministry in the world.
- **Experience:** Dr. Paul Masters, founder of IMM University System, has over 55 years research/teaching experience plus an administration staff with many years of metaphysical experience and background.

- **Longstanding Reputation:** an unblemished history of over half a century.
- **Integrity:** Our intention has always been to bring further legitimacy to the metaphysical field to ensure that higher metaphysical education and metaphysical spirituality may gain further acceptance in the world.

IN CONCLUSION

A metaphysical degree is only as good as the organization with which it is associated. Degrees from the University of Metaphysics and the University of Sedona are granted under the auspices of the International Metaphysical Ministry.

The IMM is the largest Holistic, New Thought, Transcendental Metaphysical ministry in the world with successful and respected ministers, teachers, counselors and coaches in over 120 countries. We have graduated far more ordained metaphysical ministers than any other metaphysical denomination or ministry in the world. Our reputation for over 55 years has been, and continues to be, the leader of Higher Consciousness Education in the metaphysical field.

You're invited to join the University of Metaphysics or the University of Sedona with over a half century of experience in Higher Consciousness Education.



Some of our international 2013 graduates representing Nigeria, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Botswana, Austria, Malaysia, Trinidad, and Israel.

IMM University System Graduates: Over 10,000 Doctoral Graduates with over 6,000 Ministries in over 120 Countries



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| Australia | Ethiopia | Luxemburg | Scotland |
| Austria | Fiji | Macedonia | Serbia |
| Bahamas | Finland | Malawi | Seychelles |
| Bangladesh | France | Malaysia | Singapore |
| Barbados | Germany | Malta | Slovakia |
| Belgium | Guernsey Islands | Mauritius | Slovenia |
| Bermuda | Ghana | Mongolia | South Africa |
| Botswana | Greece | Montserrat | Spain |
| Brazil | Greenland | Mozambique | Sri Lanka |
| Bulgaria | Guam | Mexico | Sweden |
| Burundi | Guatemala | Namibia | Switzerland |
| Canada | Guyana | Nepal | Taiwan |
| Canary Islands | Haiti | Netherlands | Thailand |
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| Chile | Iceland | Nigeria | United Arab Emirates |
| China | India | Northern Ireland | United Kingdom |
| Colombia | Indonesia | Norway | United States |
| Costa Rica | Iran | Oman | US Virgin Islands |
| Croatia | Ireland | Pakistan | Venezuela |
| Cyprus | Israel | Panama | Vietnam |
| Czech Republic | Italy | Peru | Wales |
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of the Congo | Jamaica | Philippines | Zambia |
| Denmark | Japan | Portugal | Zimbabwe |
| Dominican Republic | Jersey Islands | Puerto Rico | |
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- To offer spirituality to a world in need of Higher Spiritual Truth beyond that found in conventional, traditional, fundamentalist, or dogmatic religions.
- To create a diversity of new approaches to ministry so that Higher Spirituality may reach the public through various means not confined to traditional church building congregations.
- To provide education up to a Doctoral Degree level in Higher Advanced Holistic, New Thought, Transpersonal and Metaphysical forms of Spirituality so that those affiliated professionally with I.M.M. and its University System are well prepared to teach, counsel, coach, practice spiritual healing or whatever their chosen ministerial communication.
- To conduct research into the nature and source of consciousness to discover the spiritual mysteries of life and how such knowledge may be practically applied to the improving of human life, both individually and collectively.
- To explore the possibilities of the legitimacy of various forms and practices of spiritual healing and health maintenance that can be complimentary to the practice of traditional allopathic medicine.
- To focus on meditation and other contemplative practices that can lead to the exploration of consciousness for the purpose of proving the existence of a Supreme Creative Intelligence or God and/or the continuation of life beyond the physical.
- To encourage a movement toward the synthesis of science, psychology, transcendentalism and mysticism so that eventually Absolute Spiritual Truth and Absolute Scientific and Psychological Truth compliment and explain each other as one Reality.

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