

A background image showing three graduates in academic regalia. One graduate in the center is smiling and holding a diploma, while two others are partially visible on either side.

# Doctor of Spiritual Science Program (DSS)

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## DSS Program Overview

Through the Doctor of Spiritual Science Program (DSS), students move to new levels of expansiveness and awareness. The DSS provides a supportive format for expanding spiritual awareness and for the consistent and disciplined practice of the Traveler's Teachings. Experience has shown that this program requires a daily, conscious, continual focus.

The DSS Program is a three-year program, with students meeting one weekend a month for nine months each year. The students are given support materials and assignments to work with and do between the weekend classes that are designed to integrate the tools and keys they learn during the class weekends.

## Prerequisites

MSS graduate, MSIA Initiate and MSIA Minister in good standing, active subscription to MSIA Soul Awareness Discourses and Soul Awareness Teachings, regular tithing to MSIA throughout the DSS Program, up to and including Graduation, and official acceptance by PTS administration.

## Year One: The Multi-Dimensional Human – Part I

The first year is devoted to intensive course work with the focus of the students being primarily on themselves and the discovery of their Individual Study, part of the final paper required for graduation in the DSS.

*There are two key ways to know if you're really following in God consciousness or not: How you're not following is shown by the limitations and restrictions and constrictions that you put out. You often can feel them in your body. And they usually lead to physical illness, emotional sickness and mental disturbance. The way that you know you are in God's work is by how much you are expanding and by how much more you are effectively 'doing it'. You see, God created us and He didn't use any junk to do it. Sometimes you want to take who you are as a creative being and make junk, thinking that's going to be acceptable. At the level we are working in this PTS doctoral program, I want to be clear with you that it's not. The thing we're on the planet to learn is discipline towards God's direction. That discipline is not a punishment. It's joy. And it's a real thankful thing to have.*

**John-Roger, DSS.**



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## Year Two: The Multi-Dimensional Human – Part II

During Year Two, students focus on expanding their awareness of themselves as divine beings. They refine their attention, intentions, purposes and goals, and explore deeper levels of commitment to their spiritual awakening. The Individual Study area in which each student engages is a vehicle for the discovery and exploration of their spiritual nature.

What's the main reason for the DSS class? It could be answered two ways: the negative way is, what stops you from seeing God? The other way is, what helps you get to God? If you find out what's stopping you, that doesn't mean you cracked it, but you are getting to God, that means you're already on course-correction, and you are just on a timeline of fulfillment. And each person may have a slightly different variation. - John-Roger, DSS.

## Year Three: The Multi-Dimensional Human – Part III

*Students devote the third year to refining, demonstrating, applying, and living their Individual Study. In addition, the student explores applying their Ministry with their fellow ministers in the Applied Ministerial Services and with their community through the development and application of their Repeatability Study, which is based on their Individual Study. A repeatability study is designed to test the repeatability of selected key elements of the student's individual study with a group of study participants (40% of which are not in MSIA) for a specified period of time.*

*Graduation Requirement: Successful completion of years one, two and three, and all the program requirements, including the completion and approval of the Practical Treatise, qualify the student to receive a PTS Doctor of Spiritual Science Degree. Each Practical Treatise is unique and original to the student. The paper documents the student's individual and repeatability study processes, observations, discoveries, and conclusions.*

*What it comes down to, always and forever, is the commitment to yourself. And that starts when, ten billion times a day, ten billion percent, you commit to the upliftment and the unfoldment that is your spiritual nature.*

**John-Roger, DSS**



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## Year Four: Advanced Ministerial Studies – Part I

The primary emphasis of this course is in-depth development of the ministerial skills that the student has worked with in the course of the three years of the DSS program. In addition, the course covers information on the legal and ethical issues pertinent to Ministers who are actively serving their communities.

Throughout the program, students develop and apply a model or protocol using their Individual Study topic as their specialty. In addition, there is a focus throughout the program on self-healing. When a student receives their DSS degree they qualify for a certificate in Advanced Ministerial Studies.

Optional course work for students who have successfully completed DSS years one, two, and three and meet the course prerequisites.

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## Year Five: Advanced Ministerial Studies – Part II

In Year Five, the students continue developing their ministerial skills. In addition, each student designs and implements a year-long ministerial project.

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