

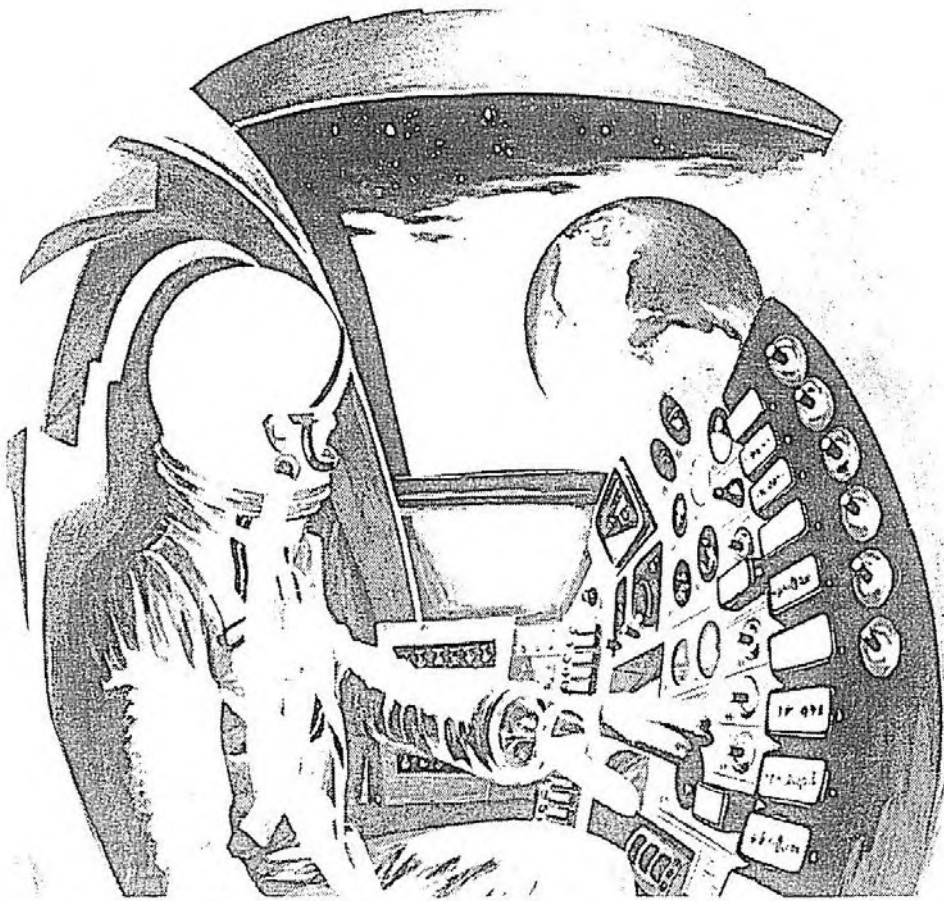
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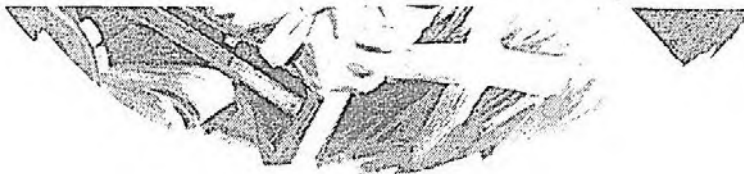
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## An Astronaut's Prayer



*While whirling through space in his 17th orbit of the earth, Astronaut Gordon Cooper composed this prayer which he spoke into a tape recorder, then later read to the Congress.*

" Father, Thank You . . . especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank You for the privilege of being able to be in this position . . . to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that You have created.

" Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering.

" Help us to complete this mission successfully. Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that a democracy really can compete, and still are able to do things in a big way, and are able to do research, development, and can conduct many scientific and very technical programs.

" Be with all our families. Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be okay.

" We ask in Thy name.

Amen. "



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I searched for beauty  
But she fled from me;  
Fleet were her feet  
And I was weary from the chase.

I slowed my pace,  
Sat down beneath a friendly tree  
And there in sweet tranquility  
Beauty came to me.

-- from *The Expanding Self*



Art Work  
Robert Jensen  
Whittier, California



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*"with blessings from,"*

Many wonderful, touching, informative letters arrive at Chimes daily which, because of their volume, the present Chimes staff finds impossible to acknowledge or answer. Some are penned on artistically self-designed stationery, on subscription renewals, the backs of envelopes, on book orders, alongside clippings, often from people with just barely enough eyesight and strength left to read and write, and some even from sick beds . . . but all with the feeling they are writing to someone who "cares," someone who will pray with them, who believes as they do, knowing they are no longer alone in their cherished beliefs in spirit communication and the great life beyond. To all dear readers who may, not have received replies to their letters, as well as those who write expecting none, we feel our limitations acutely in this, and thank them sincerely for their understanding, their good wishes, and their continued interest. We also wish to thank those who demonstrate their willingness to do their part in this great cause by finding some way to pass Chimes along to a friend, leaving it anonymously somewhere to be read, sending a gift subscription, mailing it to someone recently bereaved, or placing a book in the hands of someone who, too, may be seeking. We feel a sense of oneness with all of you, though too often we may fail to be able to put it into words, but perhaps by sharing on these pages excerpts from letters written by an ever-widening circle of Chimes readers who so often close their letters, "with blessings from," you will understand what we mean. At the discretion of the Editors, only brief portions from a small percentage of these letters can be published. Undoubtedly, we shall all learn a great deal from this exchange of views.

The Editors

Dear Editors:

Thank you so much for publishing the article, "The Father and I," that appeared in the May issue of Chimes. Thank you also for the kind editorial. It was beautiful, and most effective. Response to the article has been "tremendous," for in less than a month I have received close to 1,000 letters, mostly airmail and special delivery, with some telegrams for emergency cases. I prefer not to receive postcards, as I cannot seem to get the vibrations as well.

At first - when I began to receive so many letters - I became a little apprehensive that I was asking too much of the Spirit world. That very night, my Spirit Mother came to me and explained that there is no limit to what they can do, and that since the beginning of time, millions of souls have gone to the Spirit world, thus she could call on thousands of these souls if that much help were needed. She told me that many, many souls in Spirit are interested in stopping alcoholism on our plane of life.

Here are some facts about the letters received you may find interesting: To me, one letter is not any more important than another. All letters receive the same attention and prayers. I know positively that someone is assigned to help each one in need of help. Of course, the results are not always the same. I have received so far letters from every state in the U.S.A., Bermuda, and England. Incidentally, in England an alcoholic is called a "drink addict." I believe I prefer that term to the alcoholic. For some reason, more letters are received from California than from any other state. Perhaps it is for the reason that Chimes is published in California.

It has been very gratifying to me that I have received not only quite a few letters from medical doctors who have asked me to intercede for their patients who are alcoholics, but letters from patients as well who told me their medical doctors urged them to write to me for help. It would appear that the medical profession does not have the answers to this particular problem. Letters from lawyers, school teachers, and ministers - both Orthodox and Spiritualist - have been received, as well as from healers who are unable to help someone too closely associated with themselves.

I am very thankful that I have complete faith in what I am doing. I am also thankful to the hundreds of friends who are praying with me, including the editors and staff of Chimes. Thank all of you. I received a beautiful letter from Miss Rose Marie Grace, granddaughter of the Fillmores, Founders of Unity. She broadcasts over TV, and I always listen to her before concentrating on the letters that have been received. They too offer prayer for all who need help, and I am sure they also have many prayers answered.

Many people insist on sending a donation of money to me. I DO NOT ACCEPT IT AND DO NOT WANT IT. I DO want the prayers and faith of those who write. If any feel they must make a donation, please send it to Chimes for free subscriptions to worthy recipients; as we are all doing God's work, if you do not wish to send it to Chimes, send it to Miss Rose Marie Grace, Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

This letter has developed into a long-winded one, but after I started it, I found it hard to stop. I have had so many interesting experiences that I could write on and on. Just yesterday I received 7 letters, 3 of which were asking for help, and the other 4 were "thank you" letters for those who had been cured with the help of Spirit. This must be as gratifying to you as it is to me, for I know your organization and countless Spirit co-workers are helping me.

Knowing your time is limited, I will say for now, thanks again for everything . . . especially your prayers. Good night, and God bless all you wonderful people.

LeRoy Weiss, P.O. Box 698, Oviedo, Fla.

*(How great the need . . . how few the workers . . . we are so glad to be able to do our part to work with Spirit.)*

Dear Editors:

I particularly appreciate your Directory of churches and groups since through it I have been able to contact some of America's most gifted mediums. With blessings from,

Carleton M. Long - Bridgewater, Mass.

*(Although it takes away many pages of space from more interesting reading material, it has been hoped it offered a valuable service to the public and to the churches.)*

Dear Editors:

Just want you to know that the copies of Chimes that we take are given to our congregation, not sold, as well as to a few people that belong to other denominations, but who are interested in our work. It seems that Chimes means quite a bit to them as they always ask if we have received it yet. I understand they read it then pass it on to others. I feel that in this way we advertise our church, Spiritualism, and Chimes. It is well worth the small investment for it is instructive and the covers are beautiful. Keep up the good work.

Rev. Michelino Russo - San Francisco, Calif.

*(A few thousand ministers and teachers working like this could accomplish wonders, for knowledge can only be spread by sharing it, not hoarding it.)*

Dear Editors:

I am a Religious Scientist and was delighted to find a message from Dr. Ernest Holmes in your June issue. I hope that you will be able to publish more in the future. God bless Dr. Holmes for getting it through and bless all dedicated mediums.

Sincerely, Isabel Davis - Thomaston, Conn.

*(We, too, hope to hear more from Dr. Holmes.)*

Dear Editors:

Will you please send me an extra copy of the June issue of Chimes; I think it is a wonderful magazine. When I lived in California I knew Dr. Ernest Holmes and I think that was a fine article from him, one I believe to be true.

Sincerely, Isabelle Goodbar - Victoria, Tex.

*(We knew him personally ourselves, and believe it to be true. Whether true or not, he sure could have been accused of worse things, and a good many probably wish they had said it as well.)*

Dear Editors:

I would like to meet you sometime. With all your duties, I am sure you don't have anything to do between one and four in the morning. Ha, ha. I like the improvement of Chimes since you took over. Best wishes,

Drs. L. & D. Bluth - Whittier, Calif.

*(Would love to meet all you lovely people, but for the same reason we must do all business by mail and have an unlisted phone, it would probably have to be astrally. Think of all the wear and tear it saves!)*

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## Born for a Purpose

IF THERE IS one thing certain in this life, it is that each walks his own path and none can expect it will be strewn with roses. No one has a monopoly of trouble, grief, loss, or anxiety, although most people believe themselves unique in their difficulties.

There are, of course, many pleasant stretches along the way, sunlight as well as storm; and sometimes, for a while, the path stays level; but always there is a hill beyond, an obstacle, a turning aside, a getting lost and a coming back.

I am now in my tenth year as a student of psychic truth. I have learned a little. No one knows all the answers, not even if they have known this truth for fifty years. I have seen; I have heard; I have listened. I have learned something about the way healing operates, about demonstrations and Survival (it is the first thing anyone learns). But I am still in kindergarten, and am sure I will continue in the lower grades until my eventual promotion.

What I have learned has been through my church, its pastor, and classes in spiritual development - - with an occasional outside foray, so to speak, and, of course, through books . . . although some years ago I ceased to read every book on the subject which came my way. As a beginner, I found it too confusing. I now have given most of the books I owned to my church library, except those (personally) signed by the writers and those of Silver Birch.

It has been my experience that a great many people who enter this truth remain at the entrance, i.e., the psychic ante-room . . . and no more than that . . . which is the demonstration or the message. But there is so much more. Spiritual understanding is the most important element of the Truth itself, and you come to that by very slow degrees and, never, in this world, wholly.

I have also, to my astonishment, discovered that many who know the Truth are afraid of death - - or they would very much rather be on another plane than on this. I am sure that in moments of despair we all have felt like that for a time, but I have known people who castigate everything connected with living on earth, and literally pant to reach a higher plane. I daresay they will live right here - - - to be 90!

For we are born on this earth in order to live upon it, to appreciate its beauty, to adjust to human relationships, and to learn. If the lessons

• By FAITH BALDWIN

*Everyone was born for a purpose; each has a job to do; each a divine spirit which must be expressed through the fallible human body . . .*

are not learned here - - if, at least, an attempt has not been made to learn them, we will have it to do all over again elsewhere.

The word *everyday* does not appeal to most people; they look for the special days; they want seven a week to be special. Well . . . they are not. Most of us have livings to earn, houses to run, families to help educate and anguish over; most of us have to establish some kind of a routine. Perhaps you dislike routine as much as I do. Sometimes the mere everyday fact of waking, getting bathed, brushing my teeth, having breakfast and doing what my desk calendar says I am to do is completely frustrating. Then when you go to bed, it is to be done all over again.

This past bitter winter I became so exhausted with putting on a heavy coat, boots and hood, taking them off wherever I went, and putting them on again that I was ready to scream. But, it became a routine after a while. Much as I dislike routine, I know it is necessary. Much as I dislike discipline . . . discipline from others, self-discipline - - the discipline of living itself - - I know that is necessary too. Having once had small children, I learned that while they kick against the pricks, grumble and rebel, they feel safer if in their lives there is routine and discipline.

Everyone was born for a purpose; each has a job to do; each a divine spirit which must be expressed through the fallible human body.

Lately I watched a two-hour television program in which psychics were discussed by a panel - - a philosopher, two psychiatrists, the science editor of a widely distributed magazine, and a medium. I do not think the cause was furthered, however, it may have started viewers thinking. The panel never approached the spiritual aspect of this truth . . . the members were concerned with statistics, playing cards, clairvoyance, reincarnation, and what have you. No question was properly framed nor properly answered. Everyone argued. No conclusion was reached. The medium was, to put it mildly, cautious.

If asked had she done this or that (all documented), she responded that she had "been told so" or that "it was alleged." One psychiatrist was, I thought, more knowledgeable, interested and fairer than any of the panel.

It disturbed me, but did not, however, make me angry, as it did some of the viewers I know. I wanted to write the moderator (who knew absolutely nothing of the subject) and tell him that there are thousands of people who believe in this higher understanding, who have had it demonstrated to them to their complete satisfaction. If you ask them . . . have they proof? . . . and they are competent people, they will say, not proof - - but evidence.

The pastor of my church has often said that it is not so much that one believes this truth, but that one experiences it. I think this is a profound opinion, for you can believe much with your mind, but until you experience it, your belief is purely academic.

I also wanted to write the moderator and point out that we are not merely flesh, blood and bones and the chemicals which make up the body, but living spirits with an intelligence which lives when the brain dies.

I did not write. He will get enough letters pro and con and will not be able to reply adequately, for he is not equipped. So, it amused me to think how astonished he will be one day when he finds himself discarnate - - and *alive*.

From the larger understanding, I have derived consolation and hope. This will be with me all my earthly life no matter where I am. I have derived inner peace and joy, whatever the unhappy or confused outward circumstances may be. I hope I have become, to some small extent, a better person, with more understanding of other people and their problems, an understanding not of the mind - - but of the heart and spirit.

Surely we are asked to live fully, to enjoy living, to be grateful for it on earth, and certainly to be our brother's keeper in the sense of comprehending and loving him - - if not personally - - then impersonally. Surely we are asked not to judge.

I am inexpressibly grateful for knowing this much. The everyday path is not easy, but I doubt if we were put here to have things made easy for us. *That's one of the lessons.* ◀◀

- - Excerpts of reprint from  
*Two Worlds*, England, April, 1963

## Spirit Portraits of the

TO THE uninformed and grief-stricken hungry heart, Spiritualism becomes a quest, the seeking for an answer - - true or false - - to an ancient question . . . "If a man die, shall he live again?" For many, the answer has been in the affirmative, and their lives have been greatly enriched thereby. These are the ones who have made their approach to the portals of Spiritualism an honest one; they have knocked at a door, in faith believing, with an open mind, remembering what that One said, "In my Father's House are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you."

All of life's pilgrimage is a quest for something. One of the most exciting quests of all is in the field of investigation and research that combines and assures one not only of hope, but a demonstrated, palpable reality to that hope. Such is the validity, the purpose, and destiny of Spiritualism. It is not a new revelation, but a re-publication of an old Law, eternal in the fabric of creation and time. The quest for more Light and more Truth is answered in many ways, and is never denied the honest seeker of Spiritual Truth.

So it was that at the turn of the Century that two famous sisters - - Lizzie and May Bangs, gave to the world through the instrumentality of their combined mediumship a most remarkable answer to man's ceaseless quest as to whether or not there was a continuance of consciousness and survival beyond the grave.

We are told they had been mediums throughout their early childhood. Strange and mysterious phenomena, such as pieces of coal dropping from the ceiling to the floor, first attracted the attention of their family, and later they became the wonder of all who investigated them. No visible agency could be discovered responsible for this phenomena; no coal of like kind or quality could be found in that area. This mysterious happening was followed by spirit raps, voices, and the moving of pieces of furniture. There were other psychical manifestations as well, such as the materialization of hands described in the Biblical quotation: "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote." Daniel 5:5. This occurred at the early age of seven. Then came automatic writing, independent slate writing, and later on, full form materialization. Clairvoyance and clairaudience also came early, followed by the typewriter - - they were the first mediums to use this fascinating method of communication.



- By RALPH HICOCK  
Art Gallery Curator  
Chesterfield, Indiana

As usual, in that time as now, there were those who spoke lightly and disparagingly about the falling coal, but the two sisters always believed that this phenomenon was produced to attract forcibly their family's attention, giving a hint of many extraordinary things to come, impressing upon their material senses the reality of a world of finer matter interpenetrating their own, and that communication to and from that world was a fixed and natural Law. Their parents were totally ignorant of the manifestations of Spirit, and this incident of the falling coal had within itself the power and the purpose of informing the parents, and the world, that these two children were blessed with a power - - strange and mysterious as it might be - - most worthy of further investigation. This incident of the apported coal is no exception to the manipulation of occult laws, one well established and verified by many witnesses.

The most attractive, most remarkable, and to many the most convincing phase of the mediumship of the Bangs sisters were Spirit Portraits, having their beginning in the fall of 1894. By this time the two sisters were featured staff mediums at the beautiful spiritualist center, Camp Chesterfield in Chesterfield, Indiana, where they demonstrated this wonderful truth of Spirit return. It was here that the world began to beat a path to their door.

The portraits were produced on a plain white canvas tacked on a wooden frame, similar to those in use by material artists; in the early development of this phase, they found it necessary to curtain the canvas or place it in darkness, and several sittings were required for the completion of a picture. Later

on, locked boxes were used for the two-fold purpose of darkness and to prove there had been no tampering with the canvas. As the spirit forces became stronger, the sisters were advised by Spirit to discard the condition of darkness, and the time element was shortened for completion of the picture. So it was, that in a short space of time, usually from 15 to 45 minutes, in broad daylight, and in accordance with either favorable or unfavorable conditions, the finished portrait of one who had walked on the earth in a vehicle of flesh - even as you and I - would appear on the canvas. To refer to these works only as "portraits" savors of injustice; they were so much more, as many who have viewed them will testify. The words, "they seem to be alive!" I have heard expressed often at Camp Chesterfield's Art Gallery by those who have visited it from near and far.

The sisters always claimed that whenever unreasonable skepticism was present, it seemed to take longer to finish the work. It has been said of old that there were times Jesus, because of



The famous May and Lizzie Bangs

# ... ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL ART FORMS IN EXISTENCE

unbelief around Him, could do nothing. The same Law that applied then, applies now. Somehow our higher intelligentsia on this plane are prone to ignore that fact in their so-called *investigations*.

The canvas to be used always was selected by the sitter, then placed on a small table before a well-lighted window. The room was shaded sufficiently to cause all the light from the window to pass through the rear of the canvas, enabling the sitter to witness the progress of the portrait minutely and to detect the slightest change. The sisters placed themselves on each side of the table facing the sitter, placing their hands lightly on the edge of the frame holding the canvas. No two sittings were exactly alike. The outer edges of the canvas would become shadowed; different colored lines would appear until the full outline of the shoulders and head would be seen. At times these lines would disappear, then reappear as though the unseen artist were making a preliminary sketch. The space within the outline would be a clear white, gradually changing to natural flesh tints, meanwhile forming small shadow spots for the ears, nose, and mouth. In many cases the eyes would be the last to be completed, then gradually they would open before the startled gaze of the beholder. Needless to say, this never failed to present most lifelike realism. It is safe to state this is without parallel in all the annals of material art, contemporary or otherwise.

We can say that the sitter experienced an "experience," out of which can come a conclusion based upon the Spiritual hypothesis, it being the only tenable one that will bear the light of reason and logic.

Here too was manifested art in its highest and purest form and expression, and aside from the fact of the living proof of survival, did also serve to destroy most eloquently and completely those foundations of prejudice, superstition and ignorance existent or extant, whatever the case may be, in the heart and mind of that one who sought the answer, age-old and forever sought, to: "Do we go on? Do we live? Do we who have loved someone meet that one again and, if so, where?"

The sisters had two styles in their work. One which was delicate and spiritual, the higher forces furnishing the tints and colors from their own resources and *precipitating* (we use the word for want of a better one to try to explain the process) the colors upon the canvas. There were many things about this phase the sisters themselves

could not explain. Some of the information they received from Spirit was that the colors were extracted from the very air we breathe and from flowers, if present. Our present day physicists inform us that nitrogen is extracted from



*Spirit portrait of Ella Wriedt's guide who convinced Queen Victoria*

the atmosphere, as well as many other things, so we must perforce try to keep an open mind, especially on subjects new and therefore strange to us. Most of us are keenly aware that we are literally surrounded by many things within the confines of our own homes, all of which are taken for granted, but withal are objects of mystery still; if called upon to explain the *modus operandi*, we would fail utterly. Yet were we to deny their reality, there would be those who would count us as strange and queer . . . to put it mildly.

Another style in the paintings consisted of colored French pastels which would be placed in front of the canvas, and the result would be a painting similar in character to that of material artists, but having colors that would harmonize better and that were more true to nature. The style could be chosen by the sitter. Although the sisters furnished the canvases which were stretched tightly on wooden frames, it was permissible for the sitter to bring his own. Their prices would range from thirty to fifty dollars, from life-size bust to seven feet. If they received no results, which was the rare exception, rather than the rule, they made no charge. When they did get results, they charged for their time - - not for the results. Their reason for doing this was that some of their patrons differed quite widely as to their motive and character, holding views at variance with that which the sisters knew to be true. Not given to argumentation, illogical discussion or disputation regarding that which was to them a sacred spiritual gift, they

took a firm stand knowing that the dissemination of a great and glorious Truth was paramount.

In their extensive travels, the fame of these two sisters preceded them, with requests for appearances before crowned heads, investigative scientific societies and diverse groups, impressing all with the reality and great value of this sacred gift, and adding further to the extensive record compiled by dedicated mediums of the past in their mission to dispel fear, doubt and superstition, giving to the world instead a new way to greater Truths based strictly on the evidence they had submitted.

The sisters made their home at 654 West Adams in Chicago, Illinois. During the summer months they were in residence at Camp Chesterfield. It was there that Admiral Moore of the British Admiralty, a staunch Spiritualist and leader in the Psychological Research Society of his time, journeyed to witness for himself and take back to England tangible, evidential results of this marvelous proof of the continuity of life. He succeeded beyond all expectations.

One incident attendant upon his visit occurred on the front porch of the sisters' home in broad daylight as they were sitting for a portrait. Suddenly one of the sisters cried out in dismay, "My goodness, the beans are burning!" With that she hurriedly arose from her chair and hastened to the rear of the house where - sure enough - the beans were found to be in the incipient stage of being ruined. Disposing of the matter, she then returned, resuming her position at the other side of the partially finished canvas - - the progress of which had not even been interrupted or delayed by the absence of the one sister. The Spirit Artists had continued their work as though nothing had happened. Admiral Moore preferred to furnish his own canvases, and he was amazed and thrilled at what he had received. He was the recipient of several portraits, some of which I understand are in the British Museum.

There is no way we can estimate the number of portraits now in existence in both hemispheres - - such was the extent and scope of their travels. Those who are so fortunate as to have one in their possession are loath to part with it. Their rare and priceless beauty has now assumed the status of a collector's item. When they do part with

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# Spirit Saved My Legs

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Denton and Chimes:

It is with a happy heart I write to thank you all for prayers which have carried me through my recent illness without the loss of my legs. Today, with the slight aid of crutches, I am able to mow my lawn with a heavy electric machine, one I had so often in the past cursed and which is now a thing of beauty, service and wonder, telling me of the power of Spirit and of the good wishes the many friends of Chimes have given to me.

Can you imagine that fifteen years ago I was totally ignorant of the psychic, that I wanted to criticise and condemn the so-called charlatans who practised the black and white magic of Spiritualism! However, I stayed around it long enough to have learned a little of its science, and since have been the recipient of so many miracles. A compound fracture which shattered the joint of my shoulder was healed in three weeks without the aid of even a bandage, and again now, against all medical opinion, Spirit has saved my legs from the block.

What blessings can be received by those who know their spirit helpers personally and are aware of how they project healing into the mortal body, either directly or through some other channel, who understand their limitations and know that even they cannot do the impossible, for their rays are projected to our world on a cosmic stream which could be likened to the beams of our various radio stations. We must tune our vibrations into Spirit before any healing is possible; we are the receivers tuned into that particular frequency of Spirit for the perfection of our high frequency body.

I have no psychic powers of my own. I have never seen a spirit clairvoyantly, but I became aware of Spirit when the body and mind of our famous medium, Marjorie Esling, through whom so many teachers have spoken, became as familiar to me as any well known personality speaking on the radio or TV. I began to understand how futile the effort would be to a spirit to reincarnate into mortal life by the process of birth, then be subject to the limitations of the flesh.

At these meetings I did not sit tense or afraid to question opinions. I argued with Spirit when I did not fully understand the meaning of what was given. So I got to know them as friends and the bond of love grew between us. I believe it to be greater than the mother and father love, and for years it drew me like a magnet with steel shavings. They had so much to teach; I so little time

left to learn the meaning and purpose of life.

Science, religion, fun, and even the pretty nothings of life became our subject matter for debate. There were no sanctimonious fears of God or Satan. We traveled through all the realms of Spirit associated with our world, through the slums, and through the etheric realms meeting all personalities who had anything of value to tell us. We found the worlds of Spirit full of great men and women capable of reaching a mortal world. We found the lesser spirit - - the you and I of yesterday - - with no great ability. We found the ignorant content to graze like the sheep and animals of our world in the pastures of Spirit. We also found the insane and hopeless idiots wallowing in the slums of drug, sex, and indescribable filth, seeking every opportunity to manifest again in the only world they had known, souls with whom Spirit could not merge to lift them to a better state of understanding. So they must turn to mortal man whose doors are locked against them by fear and lack of understanding.

Oh yes, I found these spirit worlds real places, inhabited by real people, just as real as any we would find in the cities of our world. The good and the not so good were all there. Strange as it may seem, I found many of the spiritual leaders of our world living in these slums of Spirit, blindly following the creeds and ritual they had taught whilst in a mortal world. They were the vicars of their god whose functions they had assumed when they created men and women into their own image and likeness, thinking they were doing a better job than God had done when He gave our world the wise and the foolish.

With this understanding of the life and power of Spirit and its limitations in a mortal world, I was prepared to trust Spirit friends whom I had found to be rational and capable teachers. They had had greater experience of life than I. They did not express any dogmatic truths; they expressed only an opinion. They had not met up with God; they did not know if He was a man, a spirit, a power . . . they only knew Him by the manifestations of beauty and wonder theirs to enjoy. They only knew there was need to pray and to worship Him in any form we found satisfactory - - whether it be the atom, the spirit, the man, or a wooden peg - - that which was suitable to man was enough. We must be aware of the Creator, and we must worship Him.

These great spirit teachers whose

knowledge was beyond the powers of mortal men were good enough to satisfy my mind. I accepted them as fact and truth. I learned to love and admire them. They became my friends and I have never regretted my change of faith . . . from Catholic to Psychic Scientist. I could never again be bound to the tenets of Spiritualism or any dogmatic faith. I am completely satisfied with my own endeavors to find my own way to God, and with the favors that have been my portion, I think I shall make the grade, be sane and reasonable, and able to merge into the mansions of spirit life that have been described to me where I shall meet all those friends I have come to know in my search for spiritual knowledge and understanding of the meaning and purpose of mortal life.

Thank you again, dear friends, for your prayers and help, for without you I could not have made the grade. The bone of our native peoples was pointed my way. I could easily have given life away; it seemed so futile to fight again without legs.

Soon again I hope to be fighting psychic ignorance. You will be hearing from me . . . even though my beliefs do not always appear to be those of Chimes.

Yours sincerely,

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"If the human soul survives the physical, there is the same eternity behind us as before us . . . Each of us enters this world with special attributes, the origin of which cannot be found in heredity . . ."

From *Death and Its Mysteries*, Vol. 3.

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## NO ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN ARE SENT FROM HEAVEN

• By DR. PETER  
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Los Angeles, Calif.



**E**VERY NOW AND THEN I come across a case in my counseling where an unwed mother suffers the "illegitimacy" of her child.

I always tell such a young, tortured woman, "All children are sent from Heaven. It is their choice to be born to just such a mother as you are, and to have exactly the kind of man father them as the one with whom you fell so much in love. *There are no illegitimate children sent from Heaven.*"

Millions of souls are waiting in the spirit realms to be born again. Some are eager to complete a task they failed to finish in their last earth life. Some wish to meet another soul already incarnated. Some are attracted to someone to whom they had belonged once before. Some have chosen specific parents to be assured of mental and physical equipment fine enough to handle a problem they came to solve. Some come to bring a chosen young mother their great and outgoing love in order to awaken in her heart her true love potential.

Not only are the parents checked, but also the grandparents and great-grandparents in order to find the source of a particular quality or weakness. Then, when the entire dossier is completed, qualities and weaknesses are carefully compared and balanced. A quality of the will, for instance, against physical weakness, the love potential inherent in a parent against some earthly cowardice. Then . . . and only then . . . when the incoming soul has decided that an incarnation through these specific parents is worthwhile and guarantees a goodly measure of success does the soul descend to incarnate.

There are souls in the spirit realms who are so anxious to taste of earth life again that they "dive headlong," so to speak, into an incarnation. These are the souls who, attracted by some quality of the chosen mother, do not bother to check fully the background of the potential father, and often cause remorse and pain in their over-eagerness.

In many cases, the young father is not equipped morally to accept his responsibility; in some cases he is only partially equipped and withdraws in the fear that he could never be a good father to the conceived child. In

some cases there is a physical weakness which the incoming soul has overlooked which takes the young father out of his physical body and sends him into the spirit realms.

Who are these incoming souls so anxious to be born into earth life again that they do not fully investigate both future parents? They are often those who had lost their physical bodies at another time before they had completed a chosen task or fulfilled a chosen relationship. Death through accidents, young soldiers catapulted out of earth life before they had a chance really to taste of it, or souls so driven by remorse or guilt that they simply submerged themselves in a new incarnation with the firm resolution to "make good this time!" In other words - - this occurs with souls who have a great need to be born again and meet the challenge of a new earth cycle.

All are attracted by a specific quality of the chosen mother . . . her love, her loyalty, her desire to help others . . . or the opposite qualities if that be the experience needed for their growth.

They are really the mother's child much more than the fruit of a father's desire to project some of his talents and qualities into a new vehicle.

This fact often is sensed by such a father and resented by him. He will say, "You put that baby over on me," or "That's more than I bargained for," and in turn leave the despairing mother with the conviction that she has "tricked" him and is therefore not worthy of his support.

Poor deluded fathers! Hardly ever is it the young bride who has put something over on him. No . . . actually it is the incoming new soul - the baby, so to speak - who has tricked the father into creating a physical body through which that soul can function and express itself.

This is something often intuitively grasped by an unwed mother, and, sensing that she has been chosen, such an unwed mother often will make any sacrifice for the upbringing and education of her child born out of earthly wedlock.

However, as I stated, Heaven does not recognize illegitimacy, and many times a child of such birth has a far greater chance for a good, happy, fruitful life than a child born in wedlock.

I believe that any mother - wed or unwed - should be proud to be the chosen channel through which one of God's children wishes to be born to express itself. Just think what a soul will risk for the chance to become "the baby" of a specific mother . . . emotional, mental, or physical handicaps, a hard earth life, or even the stigma of illegitimacy! Especially when a mother

PLANTING

ANY SEEDS?

**W**HEN YOU were discussing the teachings of life beyond with a friend the other day, explaining their validity through many evidences and seeking to share something of the inspiration which has come into your life, try to remember that time must come to the aid of credulity with any to whom this vast experience and range of knowledge are wholly new and somewhat strange. To the uninitiated, they are a shade suspicious.

So just let the truth grow in its own way and give the seeds of truth time to take their own root for safe growing.

More of them take root than perhaps you think. Remember, too, that you took your own time when this line of knowledge first began to open to you . . . before you showed more than slight interest or concern.

It is difficult for the human to realize that he doesn't have to "grow" his seed, but only to plant it and give it fair opportunity to do its own growing.

The one with whom you were talking recently went away with more to think about in the secret places of the spirit than you realize . . . and never doubt that it will receive some thought too!

Being a seed-sower has some definite rewards for your own spirit. Keep on sowing the seed that comes to you from the spirit planes. Never doubt that much of it will fall on good ground and bear its harvests of increased concern with things of life after the Great Transition.

New concepts will come about the growth of the soul, and right knowledge of what the Transition really is and means. So, *do not weary in doing your task. It is your great opportunity!* ◀ ◀

(Excerpts from *Peace That Is Power* by Winifred Willard which may be purchased from Chimes at \$2.10 postpaid, plus 8¢ sales tax in Calif.)

bears a "love child" should she be so grateful, for "hate children," and "children of indifference" are born to legally wed but Heavenly mis-mated parents.


My heart goes out to all "love children" and to their mothers who suffer from the stigma of a man-made law, since all true marriages are arranged in Heaven . . . not on earth. ◀ ◀

# GEORGE BUTLER

## COMMENTS

*Based on his column, the Pelican Post, one of broad and discerning perspective as it relates to psychic matters, the following excerpts appear with the permission of George Butler, author and staff writer for the Herald, Bradenton, Florida.*

THERE IS a secret force loose in the world today so powerful that a nuclear bomb seems like a mere firecracker by comparison. This secret weapon can stop armies in their tracks, divert missiles from their target, change the course of hurricanes, or cause a blizzard to disappear overnight.



There is a built-in safety valve on this great force. It can be used only for good, not for evil or destruction, restoring persons to excellent health after they have been declared incurable by doctors. It can make the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk. It can cure cancer instantly.

Mightier than any bomb or missile, its cost does not run in the billions, nor millions, nor thousands, nor hundreds . . . in fact, *it doesn't cost a single penny!* It is within reach of everyone - - rich or poor, black or white, male or female.

If you haven't already guessed it, this great secret weapon is . . . **Prayer.**

Many persons know the power of prayer. Others regard it as some sort of fairy-tale, or some idealistic concept out of the Bible that should not be taken seriously.

In recent years, a few scientists have recognized this great, hidden power and have conducted some scientific experiments - - one having to do with the growing of plants.

Two identical parcels of land were planted with the same seed. They were fertilized, watered and tended just alike. The only difference was - - prayers were said over one field. No prayers were said - - and even curses were pronounced - - on the other field. Scientists were amazed with the results. The field over which prayers were said bore a bountiful harvest - - and even harmful insects stayed away. The field that had no prayers did not do half . . . not even one third . . . as well.

This experiment has been conducted time after time under the most rigid

scientific rules, and the results always have been the same. Many farmers have known this for years and have used it on their crops, cattle and poultry with spectacular results.

During a big forest fire in California in 1960, A. W. Riedel of Truckee, Calif., seeing the flames approach his property, got down on his knees and prayed. The blaze roared to the edge of a small sawmill in which he had invested his life savings and swept by without scorching or damaging it, any of his equipment, his cabin, or any of the nearby trees.

During the height of Hurricane Donna, Mrs. Ethel Belmar in charge of a nursery school in Flemington, N.J. fell on her knees and prayed when she noticed a giant tree about to fall on the house, endangering the children in the next room. As she prayed, suddenly the wind stopped, then a gust came from the opposite direction and pushed the tree safely away from the house.

Nothing is too big or too little to pray over. This reporter knows a woman in Bradenton, Florida who prays it will not rain until her freshly washed clothes are dry. Sound silly? Not to this woman who has been doing it for thirty years, winter and summer, never having to wash the clothes again because of rain.

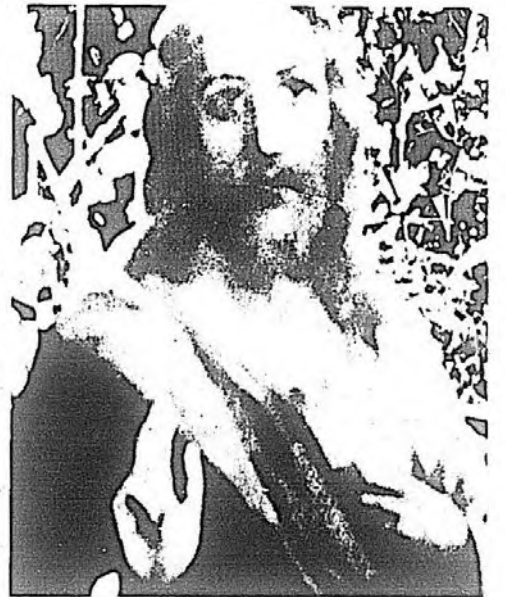
We also know of a devout Bradenton minister (who - through fervent prayer - kept hail from falling on a particular crop . . . although huge hailstones fell around it. A farmer who spent thousands of dollars each year in hail insurance offered to give the church of this minister the insurance money if he would pray for his crop to escape hail. That summer a terrific hail storm cut a 100 mile swath through the state, destroying every crop except his . . . the hail stopping at his fence posts, skipping the entire farm, then hailing on the adjoining farm.

The incident created a sensation, and in newspaper accounts it was referred to as the "miracle wheat ranch" - - truly a wonderful example of **successful prayer.**

This picture of Jesus, which has been making the rounds for a good many years, has made six appearances at the Chimes office in the past year. Each time it arrived with a new version as to who took it and how it was done - - some quite incredulous in their fantasy. It also has cropped up many times in various publications in England with endless imaginative versions.

The picture is said to have been exhibited by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as long ago as 1926 in the psychic museum founded as part of his bookshop in Victoria. The version told then was that it was taken July 15, 1920 by a woman in Seattle, Washington. Ever since then, it has cropped up in many countries, with as many different tales to go with it.

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rather as their views, which may be accepted or rejected according to the belief, faith and/or discrimination of the individual reader, it is clearly specified in the magazine that material not original with the person submitting it, must be so indicated. Interesting and unusual as it is, psychic or spirit photography is one field of phenomena in which it is most difficult to establish originality, identity or authenticity. Because of this, and with the knowledge that one cannot prove anything to another, only to oneself - that one must *personally experience and understand* phenomena to be convinced - Chimes will continue to print less material of this nature, and will not be responsible for unsolicited material or photographs now or in the future.

A word to the wise should be sufficient now that this famous photograph once more has made its appearance. ◀◀

**MY HEART** is with all of you . . . you who have been with Me since the beginning of this world, for God is Spirit, and that Spirit is in all who are called His beloved children and whose way of life coincides with His . . . the way that I trod when I walked upon this earth . . . this earth that will again become a veritable garden of such great beauty as not to know it, for it will again be the paradise which was ours when this earth first had its beginning.

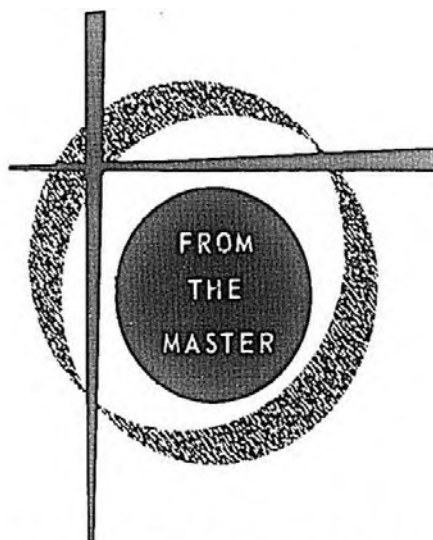
We are all concerned as to how this will come to pass. As you know; the scriptures have told us how it will come into being. This is what we call foretelling the future. My heart is with all, no matter what they feel for Me. It is also My Father's wish and will for us to receive His Kingdom of love, joy and peace into our hearts, which constitutes His actual Presence in our Being. That Presence will not let us falter nor waver in our determination to become what God our Father had in His Mind we should be, for He fashioned us in His image and in His likeness. It is then, in all the glory of Man, I will make My entrance upon the earth plane again - - now in its last stages of existence . . . meaning, that everything not of value to Him must go as it has no spiritual foundation. This can occur only when all who are with Me with their whole hearts and minds want to live in an atmosphere so harmonious, so altogether congenial, that we feel that we are with Him with our whole hearts, minds and souls.

It is My long-felt wish to come again so that you who are laboring and suffering from the bondage of materialism will come into that promised Summerland where there is no sickness nor evil as we now know it. This is not a mere phantasy, but a well-known product of this war-ridden planet now in its death throes. Nothing will keep us from the Love which is our rightful heritage, small or large, it does not matter for it all comes from the same source which is God, the Father of us all.

My sincere wish is that all whose hearts and minds as yet have not felt the harmonious influence of meditation will know that when I come to set mankind free from the negative forces, also called "sin" by many of my followers, they also will come to feel His all pervading and all-abiding love vibrations. This will be felt by all - - including the animal and the vegetable worlds whose vibrations will not intimidate anyone anymore, for we will know that it is God who has taken a stand in bringing forth the fruits of our noble deeds.

We are all banded together in an unbreakable bond of love which will last a thousand years. At the end of that time-period, we will come again into a lower vibration of His Divine Presence which will let us feel that we are

## WORDS OF WISDOM



By REV. CHRISTINE L. ECKHARDT

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masters of our destiny - - whether it be for good or otherwise will be up to mankind. I pray to God our Father that we will have learned our lesson, that we will have learned how to master the irksome job of remodeling our human natures, which too have come from Him who is our all and our life. Because the dilemma of God's children has touched His heart, I who am called the Saviour and Redeemer of all human beings, will come again, not alone as a mere human being, the same as all of you are, but also as the greatest Teacher and Harbinger of His eternal Truth and will reform this world into a veritable paradise, even with all of the conveniences of which we are now so proud.

Each of you will be rewarded according to your way of life and your valid deeds, be they material or spiritual does not matter. It is what is behind the motive that counts. The same as I who am the perfect Son of God, all will be in God bodies which do not lose the buoyancy of youth, the cells and tissues being indestructible.

My heart tells Me that you, who are on the same wave length with Me, will be with Me despite the many different opinions My followers are having. All comes from the same source, and this does not deter them from being My Own. They will reap the harvest of their staunch support according to the valor they have shown in the face of extremity.

We will be forearmed and also be forewarned as to My coming. We must be aware that it will be preceded by a flash which will spiritualize the whole world for a thousand years duration. This is in accordance with the Great Plan of our Heavenly Father. His all-pervading vibrations will be of such an altruistic design that there will be

peace on earth, good-will toward men. For this reason, My coming shall be as the Great Humanitarian whose life will show the importance of becoming His most beloved Son, one who lives in a highly spiritualized etheric body, whose Being lets me come and go wherever I want to be. You will do the same when you are fully cognizant as to His Presence within you and are in attunement with Him.

You, whose love for Me is doing for Me what it should be doing, always will be in that glorious state of awareness that will be part of your daily life. This is so near to being fulfilled that it thrills Me to become your most beloved King, the same as My Father is King of Kings, reigning with a scepter of love, joy and peace that will gladden your hearts in His everlasting love. This will be the outcome of My being with you as your deliverer from the forces which have been so difficult in past years.

It is with great joy that I will make My entrance upon this world, one of God's most beloved planets, as the Light of His Presence which will be like a shining sun in the firmament of His Heavens, the gift of His Love, the Consciousness of His Being.

It is all up to us to be His most beloved Sons and Daughters that I might come again as the Representative of Him who has shown you what His love will do for you through all your trials and tribulations. He has endowed you with a mortal and a spiritual nature which, in time, will become so transformed in its innermost being that we will in Truth be His Own most beloved Sons and Daughters, reigning with Him for a thousand years or longer if we so desire.

Those who want to be with Him for all time will also be His Co-Creators, having shown that the Spirit within them is the same as My Spirit, which is the Spirit of God Almighty in a body of flesh and blood, the same as all your bodies are. There is no distinction between my body and your bodies; all have been created in His image and in His likeness. That is our birthright. Whether we know it or not does not make a particle of difference in our progression to Godhood, for the crowning glory of all whose way of life has let them overcome the natural tendencies of the material body is that we whose life is the Life of God will ever be with Him.

My love is not only for those whose minds have grasped the wisdom of My words, but is also for those whose love has been only for material possessions which are perishable. My love will conquer their opposition and they too will come unto the Fatherhood of Man that has been decreed since the world was. And so it will be. <<

WHAT IS THE

NEW  
ROLE

OF THE PHYSICIAN ?



o By LAWRENCE S. HELFER, M.D.

New York City, N.Y.

**T**HE EAR of the listening physician today must be attuned to the heart-beat and to the outcry of all mankind; and this, attentively, acutely, and accurately.

The mind of the thinking physician of today must be free enough from attitude, and from personal emotion, so that the minds of all men may find a place of mental understanding within the balances and the strengths of the physician.

The soul of the servant-physician of today must have the development and alertness necessary to see always further into the causes of disease and of *dis-ease* in order properly to help the souls of all men to respond and to quicken in like knowledges of these things.

We all have long lived and worked within the confining walls of a ghetto of attitudes concerning our occupations, our industries, our skills, our crafts, and specializations. These walls, hundreds of centuries old with historical evolution, must now come down, never to be rebuilt.

Life must be added to life, energy to energy, light to light, freedom to freedom, heart to heart, and spirit to spirit. In this spirit and kind of giving, all is increased and nothing lost, and nothing walled-off.

The physician of today is to extend his hand, incline his ear, employ his arts and sciences, and he is to speak from his soul to his fellow man and to the afflicted. Those who are afflicted render a mighty service, for without the needy, whereof is the service?

It is within this spirit of service that these thoughts are expressed . . . knowing that you feel them as I do. ◀◀

Lawrence S. Helfer, M.D., of New York City, will be the featured speaker of the Seventh Annual Conference of the Universal Spiritualist Association to be held at Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Indiana, Saturday, August 31st, and Sunday, September 1st. The subject of his lecture will be *The Surge Forward*.

Dr. Helfer is a member of New York County, State and American Medical Associations, the New York Academy of Sciences, the Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy, the Academy of Religion and Health, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disorders, a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the U.S.A., Fellow of the American Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, and a Staff Member of the New York Hospital and Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Helfer also will teach four classes during the five-day session of the Chesterfield Seminary which begins on August 25th. His subjects will be: *The Flow of Life*, an esoteric study of physiology in evolution; *Basic Psychology*; *Introduction to Human Anatomy*; and *Theory and Technique of Spiritual Healing*.

The Chesterfield Seminary will be conducted this year August 25th through 30th at Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Indiana, according to Pauline Swann, Seminary Registrar.

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WITH BLESSINGS FROM . . .

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Dear Editors:

It may interest you to know that I have instructed my students to read their copies of *Chimes* and bring back a report on that which they liked or to which they took exception. Frankly, I did not expect the verbal explosion of response it brought! As I read the papers aloud, it ranged from praise to criticism, from questions to lively discussions, even touching quite candidly, but encouragingly on some of my own contributions to the magazine. I had explained to my students that our purpose in reading and reporting on the articles was to learn sincerity, get rid of one's repressions, discover for oneself that negative aspects can be used for positive growth when applied to everyday living, and to stimulate individual thinking and growth. To many, *Chimes* may be just another magazine, but to us it is a psychic monthly in which many points of view are discussed in the psychic and Spiritualist field, giving one a good cross-section of ideas from which are born the "emergents" of this philosophy. (Emergent is my word for people outgrowing the faith into which they were born, into their chosen faith.) We will read each month's issue and discuss it, and forward some of these points of view to you if you feel they would be of interest. We plan to add other publications to this program, as well as books which I have recommended for supplementary reading. What do you think of the idea? Blessings from,

Rev. Rose H. F. Strongin -  
San Francisco, Calif.

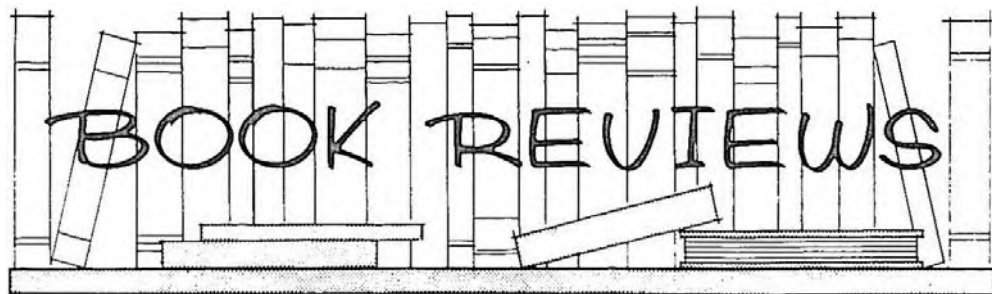
*(The value of such leadership as Rev. Strongin exemplifies is self-evident, of course, illustrating what a minister or teacher can do to encourage original thinking and avoid the trap of the Ego to inflict upon others one's own limited views or biases. Interestingly enough . . . Rev. Strongin does not conduct a church of her own, but does class and private work after earning a living all day, yet probably purchases out of her own pocket more copies of Chimes monthly to give away, as well as books, than many established churches do. Blessed as those are whose unfolded divers spiritual gifts often amaze, astound, or confound those not so blessed, the calling to point up the everlasting value of spiritual truths is heard by far too few. Her article in the May Chimes, "Open Letter from a Mother," brought many heartwarming testimonials of the need for such guidance. Those papers from her students should be worth reading.)*

Dear Editors:

We have had questions asking us about an article written by Rev. Edith O. Waddell of Long Beach, California concerning the Spirit operation of Dr. Mayo described in your magazine. Some people who have written to the Mayo brothers have received word back that they do not recognize the article, and to question it. Can you answer us about this, as we are being questioned about it, and our Board members would like to know if there is any truth in it? Thanking you,

Genevieve Siedler, Secy., Universal Spiritualist Library - Seattle, Wash.

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The most powerful force possessed by any living being - *the human will* - being stronger in some individuals than others, is said to account for their ability to win life's battles. All great men seem to have one predominating characteristic in common - *an indomitable will*. Yet every person can have a strong will by training for it . . . by learning the principles which govern it, as well as methods and rules. Undoubtedly countless lives have been transformed by the exercise of the will in overcoming sickness and unhappiness, mastering drink and other vices, and achieving long cherished goals. True - this may not be a book of magic formulas to achieve such victories, but it may be one that helps you to find the incentives needed to develop a strong will and establish the habits needed to sustain it. Just as you may develop physically by exercise, so too may your will power be developed by scientific exercises. Well worth looking into!

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**"THIS THING CALLED YOU"**

by  
Ernest Holmes

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"You are the only person you can ever know intimately. You are the one with whom you must live eternally. This book is about you. It is for you and to you." Recognized as one of the foremost teachers of religion, science and philosophy since William James, on every page Ernest Holmes brings to the reader self-help and healing in the form of meditations and inspiration that can be applied immediately by the one who reads it. Being an individual, like all other individuals, awakening to your greater possibilities, you can either accept or reject your own spirit . . . but no one can take it away from you. Thus we learn from Dr. Holmes that your greatest search is after your own spirit.

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# LESSONS FOR STUDENTS . . .

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH ? . . .

Precisely what happens at the moment of death is one of the most dramatically interesting and one of the most striking, insoluble problems in the world today, it remains for us the problem of all problems, the mystery of the universe, the science of being.

One moment we see a figure before us - - a muscular, powerful man, capable of heroic efforts, great intellectual flights, lofty aspirations, delivering an oration which stirs the hearts of thousands and perhaps helps to sway the destiny of nations and change the map of the world! The next moment he is lying on the floor . . . a corpse, lifeless, inanimate, incapable of even the slightest thought, the slightest muscular exertion. He is the victim of "heart failure."

In one second . . . all has changed! Now nothing can be influenced by him, and all that remains is the gradual decomposition of the body and its return to the dust from whence it sprang. Could any change be more profound or more lasting? . . . for we behold the most mighty change which occurs in nature, the profoundest of tragedies and wonders! We behold the transition from the living to the lifeless, we pass from life to death. What is this change we have seen before us? Can we in any way understand it? What can we learn? What can we see? These are questions over which men have pondered for centuries and which still form the most fascinating problem in the realm of spiritual inquiry.

Many persons fear death; but they should not do so for the reason that, on any theory, it is not a thing to be feared. It has been proved abundantly that, with the exception of very rare cases, there is no pain at the moment of death, and no consciousness of dying. Both are obliterated by the kind hand of nature. The suffering which goes before belongs to *life* rather than to death, and, in fact, many of those who have suffered from some torturing disease have died with a smile of happiness and contentment on their faces. Of the physical body we need think little, since the spiritual body separates itself from this body after death, and from then on is as unconscious of it as we are of a finger or any part of our body which has been cut off during life. The human spirit takes some time to become severed completely from the physical body, and for this reason it should not be buried or cremated too soon after death. But with these exceptions, we need think little

of the state of the physical body, since we sever our connections with it entirely as soon as we pass into the spirit world. What happens after this separation has taken place naturally is a question of absorbing interest to many minds, since all of us have to look forward to this experience.

The statements of clairvoyants and of those "spirits" who have returned to tell us of their passage into the next life should, therefore, be of considerable interest in this connection. Let us see what they have to say.

Andrew Jackson Davis, a gifted seer, describes the process as follows: "Suppose the person is now dying; it is to be a rapid death. The feet first grow cold. The clairvoyant sees right over the head what may be called a *magnetic halo* - - an etheric emanation - - in appearance golden and throbbing as though conscious. The body is now cold up to the knees and elbows, and the emanation has ascended higher in the air; the legs are cold to the hips and the arms up to the shoulders, and the emanation, though it has not risen higher in the room, is more expanded. The death coldness steals over the breast and around on one side, and the emanation has attained a higher position nearer the ceiling. The person has ceased to breathe, the pulse is feeble, and the emanation is elongated, fashioned in the outline of the human form, and beneath it is connected with the brain. The head of the person is throbbing internally, a slow deep throb, not painful, but like the beat of the sea. Hence, the thinking faculties are rational while nearly every part of the person is dead . . . the brain being the last to yield up the life principle.

"The golden emanation which extends up midway to the ceiling is connected with the brain by a very fine life thread. Now the body of the emanation ascends. Then something white and shining appears like a human head; then a faint outline of the face divine, then the fair neck and shoulders, and then in rapid succession come all parts of the new body down to the feet - - a bright shining image, a little smaller than its physical body, but a perfect prototype except for any disfigurements. Next is the withdrawal of the electric principle when the life thread snaps and the spiritual body is free and prepared to accompany its guardians to the Summerland.

So the human spirit, issuing from the body, gradually rises higher and higher,

and comes into touch and harmony with those about it, and with those who possess sympathy and mutual interest.

As we progress, we are said to acquire more interest in the new world and lose interest in this - - just as gradually we lose interest in one country when we move into another. New scenes, new interests, and the new environment gradually alter our line of thought; but just as we are always glad to see a relative or an old friend from the home town or from the *motherland*, so are we most happy to meet and greet those who "pass over" when their turn comes to join us in the spirit world.

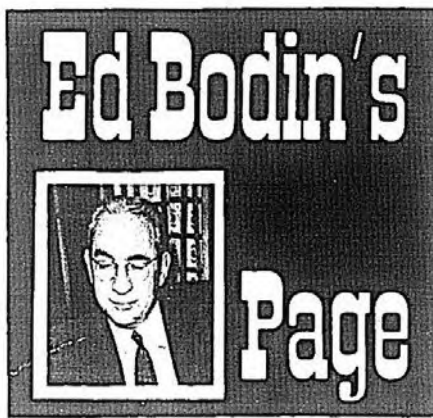
After these initial stages have passed, upward progress and development begin. In cases of suicide and sudden and violent deaths, however, these spirits require some time to recover their normal selves, and have to be nursed back to health, as it were, on the other side. The same is true of those spirits who had their minds affected by some mental or physical disease. After this stage has passed, however, all emerge into the brightness beyond, and begin their interest, their instruction, their learning and their progress of intellect, soul, and spirit which is to occupy them for ages of time to come. Those who "die" are received and cared for by loving friends on the other side, just as they were when they were born into this world. One need have no hesitation nor fear on this account. Physical birth is a terrible experience, yet we remember nothing of it, and there are always those present who will tender and care for us.

In the same way, birth into the spirit world through the gates of death is, in many ways, a shock, yet we are cared for by loving guardians and received with love and care - - finding happiness awaiting us when we pass from this world into the world beyond.

(Excerpts from the foregoing were taken from "*Your Psychic Powers and How to Develop Them*," by Hereward Carrington and may be purchased from Chimes at \$3.10 postpaid, plus 12¢ sales tax in California.)

"After death, shall all sleep? Why . . . souls do not sleep even when men are alive; it is only the body that sleeps."

- - Tertullian, A.D. 200



## BECOMING A HERMIT

During my teens in the Watchung Mountains of New Jersey where my father was the local judge, I met an itinerant woodcarver known as "Old Vagabond." He had toured the world several times, even hopping freight trains when necessary. He was not concerned about income from his carvings, other than for food and clothing or an extra dollar or two to help some unfortunate.

I listened to him one summer, spellbound by his creedless Christ-like philosophy, usually told in verse. When he was asked why he did not publish his verses, he said, "Maybe someday they will be printed." I memorized some of them, especially his true narratives.

After finishing college and serving in World War I, I hoped to see Old Vagabond again. However, he never returned to our locality, and I was told by a former associate of his . . . "Old Vag is dead."

Some years later, just as a passing fancy of mine, I made the start of a collection of short verses based on Old Vagabond's stories under the title of "Give Me Liberty," one edition only appearing, now out of print. Another privately printed book based on his philosophy of Christian healing was called "First Century Faith," later reprinted as "First Century Healing."

Up until the late fifties I was very active in the commercial "rat-race," seldom recalling Old Vagabond. Then came an auto accident involving my wife and me - - through no fault of my own driving. We were confined in the Newton Memorial Hospital at Newton, New Jersey for eight weeks, side by side in a private room - - the first time a husband and wife had occupied the same room in that hospital. I had been rushed twenty-five miles to the hospital in an ambulance. My wife had been left for dead, crushed under the cowl, until a trained nurse happened by and reported to the State Trooper that she was still alive. By coincidence, right behind the nurse's car was a Public

Service Electric Company repair truck with instruments and a torch to quickly remove my wife from the smashed car, and she was rushed to the hospital in a jeep. We both were near death for many days, my wife unconscious longer than I was. I had to undergo a serious operation, and when my sister gave consent to do so, she was told I had "a fifty-fifty chance of survival, and less than that to walk again."

After the operation, and I had regained consciousness, my wife moved closer to passing on; by a medical miracle and prayers she was brought back. During a second spell when she came even closer to death than before, one night as I perceived a strange light by her bed, I heard someone say, "She will live." Relieved, I sank into sound slumber for thirteen hours and dreamed that the same voice said, "We took you out of the rat-race. Old Vag wants you to carry on."

My wife and I recovered alright, but with lameness - - I with a crutch for the rest of my life. During the following year, we convalesced at the Macfadden Health Resort in Dansville, New York. During that year I thought a lot about Old Vagabond. I remembered he had said he came from the mountains not far from Lake Erie. So, during an auto drive one day with a friend, I recalled a former visit I had made to Cassadaga Lake when not feeling well. I was refreshed by the wonderful air and drinking water and the healing atmosphere of the place.

Thus it happened we drove through Lily Dale beside Cassadaga Lake and saw a house for sale on a picturesque hill at the far end of the dale, overlooking the lake . . . right across from the Newton Memorial Hospital, the exact name of our hospital in New Jersey. The 92 year old lady who owned it told us she wanted to leave Lily Dale and stay with relatives in Buffalo. Having received a fair insurance settlement on our accident, I made a reasonable offer in cash for the house and it was accepted immediately.

The next week I retired from the rat-race. That fall we moved into the Chautauqua Hills home. Then the memory of Old Vagabond became more vivid than ever before, and I concluded that the retired vagabond could be called a hermit. So - the Hermit of Chautauqua Hills became a reality. On January 10, 1959 his first editorial in verse was published in the Dunkirk Evening Observer.

More than three hundred short editorials in verse have been written to date and thirty long narratives soon to be published as "Breath of God." Another collection of one hundred is scheduled, with more sequels of one hundred each, and a forty thousand word book of prose containing the



## "ABIDE IN THE SILENCE"

By DR. JOSEPH MURPHY

Los Angeles, California



Jesus said, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."

I know and realize that God is a Spirit moving within me. I know that God is a feeling or deep conviction of harmony, health, and peace within me; it is the movement of my own heart. The spirit or feeling of confidence and faith which now possesses me is the spirit of God and action of God on the waters of my mind; this is God; it is the creative Power within me.

I live, move, and have my being in the faith and confidence that goodness, truth, and beauty shall follow me all of the days of my life; this faith in God and all things good is omnipotent; it removes all barriers.

I now close the door of the senses; I withdraw all attention from the world. I turn within to the One, the Beautiful and the Good; here I dwell with my Father beyond time and space; here I live, move, and dwell in the shadow of the Almighty. I am free from all fear, from the verdict of the world, and the appearance of things. I now feel His Presence which is the feeling of the answered prayer, or the presence of my god.

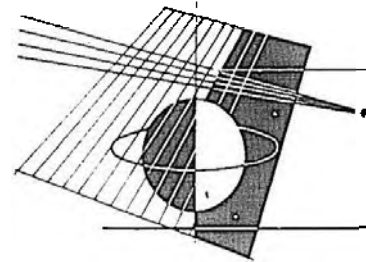
I become that which I contemplate. I now feel that I am what I want to be; this feeling or awareness is the action of God in me; it is the Creative Power. I give thanks for the joy of the answered prayer, and I rest in the silence that "It is done."

(The foregoing is taken from Dr. Murphy's book, "Riches Are Your Right" which may be purchased from Chimes at \$1.60 postpaid, plus 6¢ sales tax in Calif.)

philosophy of Old Vagabond who reflected the Light of God on the Highway of the Nazarene to be called "Food for Lost Sheep."

Retired or not . . . Old Vagabond and the Hermit are doing their best to carry on in His Steps.

(The foregoing excerpts were taken from *First Century Healing* by Ed Bodin which may be purchased from Chimes at \$2.10 postpaid, plus 8¢ sales tax in Calif.)



# Psychic Experiences

## "A LIVE APPORT"

by  
Rev. Lillian Storms  
Oakland, California

I had heard of Charles Bailey, the famous Australian apport medium whom Thomas W. Stanford, the millionaire, had brought to the United States. Live fish and animals are said to have been apported into his seance room. Many of the apports are still supposed to be stored in a basement at Stanford University. Recently I was to enjoy the thrill of a similar experience. A very inspiring seance was held at my home on April 16th by Jim Gordon from Hollywood, California. My mother in spirit had told me prior to the seance she was going to bring me a kitten as her old cat, *Tiger*, going on fourteen years of age, would soon pass away and she knew I would be very lonely without her.

At the seance, eighteen people witnessed the great event, when those from the spirit side of life dematerialized the body of the kitten - after first removing the spirit - then brought it into the seance room in Oakland through the mediumship of Jim Gordon. Everyone in the circle could hear the kitten meowing even before it made its arrival. Then suddenly it dropped right into my hands as they lay in my lap. She was crying, but soon I was able to calm her down. Later on she was passed from one to the other in the circle so that all could touch her and see that she was a live, little five week old kitten, very much resembling *Tiger*. It seems that Teddy, the little spirit runner for Jim Gordon, found a batch of kittens that had been dumped behind a billboard in Ohio. In one hour they were able to bring the kitten to Oakland, California and lay it in my lap, in good shape, but crying a little. She is the cutest, smartest little thing I have ever seen, healthy, and growing bigger every day.

It was my privilege to have been a witness to the work of 28 year old Jim Gordon for he has a great future ahead of him in the field of scientific, spiritual development and cannot fail to be a wonderful channel for good with the guidance of his teachers, Dr. Frost and Frank Decker, as well as Margaret Fox and many old timers. If any would like verification from those who attended the seance, I should be glad to furnish names, addresses, and phone numbers.

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## "AS I LAY DREAMING"

by  
Ida Searcy Nason  
Ellensburg, Washington

I had a dream the other night. It was not a fright . . . but an inspiration of which I must write.

Mounted on a pale horse, I met a handsome horseman. Just as I thought they would pass me by, the rider of the pale horse reached out his hand to me. In faith and trust, I lay my hand in his; instantly he swung me up behind the saddle upon his fine pale horse.

I took a firm grip on the saddle strings dangling from the back side of the saddle as the pale horse swung into a slow lope. Slow as it seemed, we soon came to a river I had never before seen. It was a wide but peaceful river, smooth as glass. Without hesitation, the pale horse plunged into the river. I felt no fear - - only a sensation as peaceful as the river through which we swam, for, on the other side of the river, where I knew lay paradise, I could see many long departed loved ones, friends and relatives, beckoning us on . . . even old Tarkie, the beloved horse of my childhood days, ears alert, watching for our landing.

There was one little pang of remorse for the ones I was leaving behind, but I knew that in a short time they would be coming along to join me in that waiting happy throng.

This horseman was not one of the earthbound spirits earth people picture as a horrible skeleton, riding a skeleton horse called *death*, with a scythe slung over his shoulder to mow us down as the grim reaper of human crop. This was a true man and horse of God, sent by our loving Father to welcome His wandering child home from afar.

With a start, I awoke, knowing with a certainty I would never again fear death as an ugly thing. Only man himself had made of birth and death something ugly, and something to fear. But *I know now that all things God made, and His plans for man are beautiful.*

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## "STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!"

by  
Katherine E. Voge  
West Allis, Wisconsin

It is a well-known fact that it pays to follow the advice at the railroad crossing which reads: "STOP, LOOK and LISTEN!" I have found these three

words to have a special meaning in the psychic realm . . . as you will see.

We were married during the 'depression' years and had the usual housing problems. After many months of following up leads from newspaper ads and patient real estate men, we had about given up ever finding our dream home with our meager down-payment. One Sunday, the regular receptionist at the small hospital where I did secretarial work was ill, so I took her place. As I was tidying up the office I was about to toss a morning newspaper into the waste basket, when I heard an inner voice say, "Check those ads." I found the home . . . a small duplex for less than \$4,000, with the exact down-payment we had saved.

Years later, we never seemed to be able to set aside the \$30 for a gym set we had promised to get our children "soon." One day as I was alighting from a bus to visit a friend, a voice said to me, "Go the other way today." Previously I had chosen the route of the boulevard with its beautiful flowering trees and evergreens. This day, walking through the business section, I noticed a sign in the corner of a delicatessen store window: "For Sale - Gym Set." The owner, being surprised that he had received no inquiry from his regular customers, and that I lived clear across town, was moved to make me a special low price of \$5.00.

Last February, our daughter had a trial six week piano course, during which time the studio furnished the piano for practice. Our family's budget was rather strained after having contributed to both Santa's and Uncle Sam's funds, and we wondered how we could afford even a used piano. One stormy night the time came to decide whether we would look at a 'good buy' at a dealer friend of the piano teacher, or follow up the newspaper ad of a private party. Deciding to investigate the ad, as we were driving out, my husband asked, "North or South? . . ." Simultaneously with receiving the impression of "North" there flashed across my mind's eye the image of a beautiful mahogany piano. As we entered the private home of the address given in the ad, there was that beautiful piano I had seen mentally . . . with the delightful surprise of only \$75 as its price.

After so many such experiences, no one has to caution me to "STOP, LOOK and LISTEN!"

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## "NO SURGERY"

by  
Rev. Juliet G. Goldberg  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Because of articles that have appeared in Chimes from time to time, I have been corresponding with Brother  
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# Spotlighting Churches & Groups

## Massillon, Ohio

Rev. Mary Church, Pastor of The First Spiritualist Church, was hostess to genial guest worker, David B. Vogler of Elyria, Ohio who conducted both the afternoon and evening services. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed between services by attending guests, with over 38 persons delighted to receive proof of continuity of life after death at the afternoon service, followed by a trance lecture and more tests in the evening service. A return visit from this fine worker is expected at an early date.

## Dayton, Ohio

A most interesting and unusual ceremony took place on Easter Sunday in the Chapel of the Universal Temple of Truth Foundation when three members of one family were ordained, Robert and Edna Brown, and their sixteen year old daughter, Gwenneth, with Rev. Nellie S. Tharp, D.D., Pastor, officiating. This follows a long list of ordinations of graduates from other parts of the world, among which were: Cochín, India; British Columbia, Canada; Hawaii; Puerto Rico; and the Philippines, as well as from Colorado, Utah, Washington, Indiana, and Ohio, thus extending further the fellowship of service to God and man throughout the world.

## Le Roy, Ill.

July being Crumbaugh month, be sure to tune in at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings, Radio Station WJBC, Bloomington, Ill., for broadcast of the Crumbaugh Church services. Also recently celebrated in Le Roy was the ordination of Pastor, Daryl N. Winters on May 26th, another step along the path of service to God.



## Chicago, Ill.

Newly ordained missionaries, Bertha Lemke and John Bollenbach, sponsored by Rev. Herman Brostoff, Co-Pastor, with Rev. Anthony Camardo, center, Pastor, First Liberal Psychic Science Church, officiating on Easter Sunday.

## SUMMER CAMPS

We have been advised the following Spiritualist Camps will be open this summer. For opening dates, programs, and reservations, please write to the Secretary at each Camp.

**Camp Edgewood** - Tacoma, Wash.

Write: R.R. 2, Box 539

**Camp Silver Belle** - Ephrata, Pa.

**Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp** -  
Chesterfield, Ind.

**Harmony Grove Spiritualist Assn.**

Write: Rt. 3, Box 179, Escondido, Calif.

**Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp Assn.** -

Write: P.O. Box 67, Brady Lake, Ohio

**Lily Dale Assembly** - Lily Dale, N.Y.

**Massasoit Spiritualist Camp** -

Write: 19 Lincoln St., W. Gloucester,  
Mass.

**Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assn.**

Write: 2423 N. 3rd St., Clinton, Ia.

**New Era Spiritualist Camp**

Write: Rt. 1, Box 575, Canby, Oregon

**Ozark Rock Camp**

Write: R.R. 2, Box 61-B, St. Clair, Mo.

**Peaceful Valley Retreat** -

Write: Box 232, Branscomb, Calif.

**Sunset Camp** - Wells, Kans.

Write: 705 Willis Ave., Salina, Kans.

## Milwaukee, Wisc.

The Spiritual Science Ministerial Assn. of Wisconsin, Rev. Anita M. Kuchler, President, held a most successful Spring Rally at The Christian Spiritual Church in Milwaukee, May 25th, preceded by a half hour musical, then followed by a delicious dinner. Two hundred people listened to Dr. Florence Kehoss speak on *Spiritualism, Science and Philosophy*, and to Rev. William Leiss give Spirit greetings, bringing two hundred accepted, recognized full names to those attending in an hour's time . . . an outstanding feat. Feeling doubly blessed by the presence of such able workers, for Milwaukee, Spiritual Science has come alive.

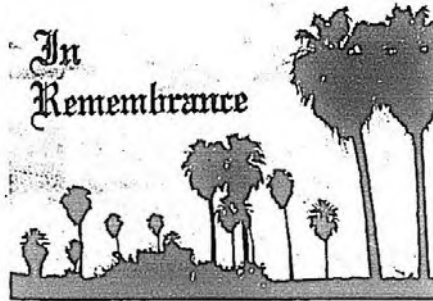


## Lynn, Mass.

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of its founding, the First Spiritualist Church of Lynn held its annual banquet May 9th at the Hotel Edison. Rev. Della Davis, Pastor, introduced the Rev. Harold Beede, Protestant Chaplain at Danvers State Hospital, who gave a most interesting account of his work there, stressing the lack of understanding of the mentally ill, and the great need for volunteer workers. Entertaining those who were gathered with songs were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carlson's daughters from Peabody, Mary Ann, Patti, Debbie and Cindy, accompanied by pianist, Mrs. Eleanor Kirby of Lynn.

## Rev. John K. Chaney Passes

Those who have long enjoyed Rev. John K. Chaney's inspiring articles in Chimes over the years, and those who have been assisted by him personally, know that such a friend is never truly lost when graduating to the higher life. From the very pages of life itself, he recreated for us shining examples of the power of prayer, faith, hope and inspiration in our daily living. To open one of his cheery letters was to know that gladness and peace of someone who cares and would share one's burden. Although only brief notice was received of his passing on June 7th, Rev. Chaney may be gone from us for a while, but cannot be forgotten.



**Chaney, Rev. John K.**, Tiffin, Ohio. Passed June 7th. Age 67. Director of the Fellowship World Prayer Circle. Rev. Wilbur Meiser officiating.

**Dowling, Rev. Mary R.**, Tampa, Fla. Passed April 25th. Age 82. Served the Spiritualist movement 50 years. Rev. Louis Ruth of St. Petersburg officiating.

**Erhart, Rev. Josephine**, Hayward, Calif. Passed May 27th. Age 88. Pastor of Advanced Soul Church of St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Wm. H. Kneis of San Jose, Calif. officiating.

**Evans, Rev. Ernest C.**, Flint, Mich. Passed May 15th. Age 73. Rev. Harry W. Colenso officiating.

**Jones, Rev. William E.**, Howell, Mich. Passed May 6th. Age 68. Member of the Christian Fellowship Church. Survived by wife, Helen Edna.

**Moser, Miss Alma L.**, Lily Dale, New York. Passed June 6th. Age 74. Long-time medium and member of Lily Dale Assembly and the Mediums' Association.

**Rencher, Rev. Edna Miller**, Stockton, Calif. Passed May 22nd. Former President of the National Federation of Spiritual Science Churches. Rev. Glennell Hyde officiating.

(NOTE: Sunset Camp meeting dates previously were listed incorrectly, and should be July 7 through August 4, incl.)

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# HEALING IN JAPAN



## DISEASE AS PSYCHIC PHENOMENON

Feature writer this month is Dr. Masaharu Taniguchi, Founder of the Seicho-No-Ie movement in Japan 33 years ago, and spiritual leader to over 3,000,000 Japanese people, with its 1800 branch centers in Japan, as well as in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Vancouver, Sao Paulo, and Mexico City, Editor of various monthly publications, and author of four books . . . one of which sold over 8,000,000 copies . . . who is now concluding a lecture tour of the United States, Canada, and South America.

Having enjoyed the opportunity to hear Dr. Taniguchi speak while on his recent lecture tour of Southern California, it is our pleasure to present the following article prepared for Chimes on the eve of departing for the South American portion of his tour. Thought provoking and enlightening, it should strike a familiar note with followers of the entity possession pioneering researches of Drs. William James and Carl A. Wickland.

Though Dr. Taniguchi may be known internationally as a metaphysical and Truth teacher and writer, there are striking similarities between his teachings and those of Spiritual Science, Soul Science, and Psychic Science. Close to the end of his tour in the United States, he stated that it had come as quite a surprise to him to learn that, although the Truth movement had made great strides forward in the Western world, its people knew little or nothing of soul life after passing to the realm of Spirit, or the influence it exerted on those still living on the earth plane in terms of thought impressions and the cause of disease. This brought him to the decision that, during the

remainder of his tour, he would give primary emphasis to this subject.

Dr. Taniguchi demonstrates how readily suggestible we are to false thinking and ideas that lead to mental deterioration and disease, and how, when the inner man (the true man) accepts simple statements of Truth (scripture) . . . or whatever they may be . . . healing and wholeness are restored. Thus we see at work what could be termed exorcism as well as self-help. All Dr. Taniguchi's teachings stress the dynamic power of prayer, and that according to the degree of spiritual consciousness achieved by the one who prays, effective results - or healing - follow.

Thus, combining inner Truth teachings with those of the Soul Sciences, Dr. Taniguchi has accomplished in Japan that which has as yet to take place in America. The spread of such movements helps to dispel the illusion of superstition, the confusion of divided factions, the stupidity of immovable, entrenched orthodoxy, and goes a long way toward achieving a better understanding between the East and West and a Oneness of all peoples.

The Editors

WHAT IS the survived spirit after physical death? It is nothing but a continuance of spiritual waves as Karma keeping on an individual existence.

Let us think deeply over our spiritual waves. Those who are well-advanced, polished up in every way, may be compared to the best fencing champion for they are nimble, free, bold, and entirely emancipated from anything awkward and clumsy. Those, however, who stick to one idea have no freedom . . . rather they are captured by it.

Some spirits, even after parting with physical existence, cannot make themselves free from one idea or one thing in particular. Then sometimes as a mass of spiritual waves centering around that idea, or thing, or problem, a spirit can be caught sight of by us, and can be called out. All kinds of mediumistic phenomena and occultism are caused by the action of spirits through mediums. As those who have seen psychical phenomena very well understand, mediums - when possessed by spirits - undergo radical change not only in appearance, but also in the manner of speaking and general gait, and the men or women whose spirits were called out take possession of the mediums while the experiment is going on. If some do not see any such transfor-

mation, they may be just a little dubious. When the medium recovers his senses, he will be normal again, but if he remains possessed by another's spirit, probably he will be found to be beside himself. Thus if you want to heal a mental disorder of this kind, the obsessing spirit must be sent away from the person. In order to make this spirit who is sticking to him understand what is true, one might read to him scripture such as the Kanrono-Hou and others where Truth is clearly and easily stated. The secret method of healing practices by high priests of the Shingon sect are of this kind. It is made effective by the vital force of the practitioners and the reviving effect of reading the scripture.

All obsessing spirits of this kind, however, cannot necessarily be cured by these means alone. Why, then, are some cured and others not? It depends upon whether the spirits are well-advanced or not. In the case of a spirit too closely connected with worldly existence, such a condition cannot be so easily cured. Accordingly, spirits suffering for more than five years have little hope to be cured. In some cases when the spirits leave the men or women with whom they have lived for some time, these people too may pass away. In this instance, we should let the spirits depart from the physical, at the same time helping the spirit of the man or woman just departed to see clearly. He should learn what is true. To do this, we should have a scripture - whatever the scripture may be makes no difference so long as it is of the right kind - and read it to the spirits. At Seichono-Iye, we read the Kanrono-Hou to them.

However, mental conditions, or diseases, will not be cured readily if persisting as long as ten years. Just a short time ago a Mr. K., who is an expert doctor in this field, at Onomichi, told me that he had cured a mad man of thirty years by telling him a story of great Truth *only once*. This is a rare case, I believe. Some cases are hard to treat, and others cannot be cured as they have not had the scriptures read to them often enough for the obsessing spirits to see the true light. Some testify that after having had scriptures read to them for a half year, they were at last healed. There may be some who say that "scripture reading" is useless or powerless to cure diseases for it could not cure some patient after reading scripture to him for five months. In such a case, if there had been greater patience, enough to have read it just one more month, the patient might have been healed. When you pour hot water on the starch of the dog-tooth violet, the hot water changes into white sticky water; but when it has been stirred up

for a certain length of time, it will become transparent all of a sudden. One must keep on stirring to a certain degree, then one will see the starch turn transparent. You might think all the pouring of hot water, as well as stirring, is of no use. This may be true if you give up the moment before the starch turns transparent.

Whatever the kind of scripture may be that you read, how soon the spirit can come to see the true light may depend upon the intensity of Karma clinging to him, or the strength of it, and in most cases it depends chiefly upon the spiritual waves of the medium that helps the spirit, or of those who read scriptures to the spirit. In other words, those whose spiritual waves are best fitted to harmonize with those of Eternal God's can most effectively play the part of a radio set, or a lens, standing between God and the spirit, or the



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spirit clinging to the patient. Those spiritual or religious pioneers who have realized the almighty power of God and externalized it, can focus God's light on one point and completely destroy the atmosphere of a patient. This is the reason why some can heal better than others.

While listening to what Mr. K. told me, I found his words to be full of love. When he spoke to me of this madman who had been suffering for thirty long years, he was often heard to say, "this dear friend of mine. . ." He loved this maniac deeply. This "love" must have been very powerful, but if he had been "puffed up," (had not become humble) he would not have been made free from the abnormal state of his mind. In order to emancipate one from the abnormal state of mind, we must be right enough and strict enough to let the patient understand clearly that "he should not be puffed up" and see that he should

be brought back to the normal state of mind because he is abnormally "puffed up." Then he might say, "One who is strict enough to make use of a swift sword is not a 'right-minded man' in the true sense of the word. A 'right-minded' man, in the true sense of the word, would look up to me as a Son of God." A great Buddhist priest deeply loved all of those with whom he came in contact, yet some pelted him terribly. Jesus loved Judas of Iscariot, but he betrayed Him. Sakya loved Deva, but he attacked him severely. It is because the goddess of love is very merciful that she can be so strict with the devil. In the sword of the righteous gleams out love. This kind of love is necessary to heal some types of mental conditions or diseases.

When Mr. K. met the madman for the first time, he began to blame him and attack him, but Mr. K. never retorted, and answered gently, saying: "What you said is quite right." He treated him as a normal man, and when he calmed down, he read the Kanrono-Hou to him. This is what is called "conquering the rough with the soft." These soft, kind words bind up the rough and the wild. When one repels anything and attacks everything, and if this is carried on to the extreme, one may become mad; but when such a one is treated kindly and softly, he will be healed. When I was in Fukuoka recently, my friend Mr. Mitsuru Takayama told me he had healed about eleven maniacs. One of them he caressed as tenderly as if he were his real father, singing to him a song entitled, "Welcome to the Real Self." Whether strict or soft, the fundamental tone should be love.

One day - right after our training school at Akasaka was established - a certain driver of an automobile, Ume-gawa by name, came and told us the following.

"I was nearly taken to a hospital - an asylum - but fortunately someone told me of the Seichono-Iye, and all at once the light shown upon me. My mother was a very strong believer in the Nichiren sect and always had urged me to pay a visit to one of their temples. One day I went to one, and the priest said something like a strange prayer. I was made to sit down, holding my hands folded in front. Soon they began to move up and down. Then the priest said, 'The floating spirit has come out!' He cried out, 'You are a bad spirit. . . a fox! Yes, you must be! Where do you live? Tell me!' He spoke to me as if I were a fox, and, seeing my hands tremble, I also came to believe that I was possessed by a fox. In this way, at last I went mad. Sometimes I imitated a fox. I began to look upon myself as mad. I was to be

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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

IT IS ALRIGHT to set your sights high, but one gets nowhere unless taking positive action to make that day-dream come true. Acquire the first hundred dollars, and you will be amazed how quickly the next hundred will follow along like an obedient puppy.

Many people spend most of their time "waiting," yet there are those who succeed in spite of adverse conditions because they refuse to wait. Take positive action today! Tomorrow is essentially the reaping of what we do today. Start now to sow that you may reap.

We are living in a world of so-called miracles. Phenomenal progress is being made almost every day by scientists, research workers and engineers, to mention only a few, who strive to make life a happier, healthier and better one for all of us. They have a LIGHT that shines brightly. You too have a LIGHT, a talent to offer the world. Dig deep and find out what you can do about the things you would like to do - - then take action. Make certain your wish (or daydream, as you have called it) is something you truly like to do. Then sift out the superfluous daydreams, choose the one that pleases you most and sounds more like you than any of the rest. Then, take the reins firmly in hand and get started.

One of my clients found himself out of work and walking the streets of Chicago early one winter morning. He purchased a newspaper and scanned the Help Wanted column. Two factories had an ad in the paper requesting workers. No money in his pocket for carfare, he walked across the city in search of the factories. He arrived at one of the factories, cold but not discouraged. He noticed a line of men standing outside the employment offices so he waited in line until his turn came. Finally, his turn did come, and the employment manager, disgusted with the men who had applied thus far, roared at my client: "And I suppose you can run all the machines with one hand and stand on your head at the same time?"

Prompted by the burning desire to prove himself, my client said: "I want this job more than anything else in the world. Give me three days on this job and if at the end of that time, I am not doing better work in every way than the fellow who held it before, then you do not owe me one cent of pay."

It goes without saying that my client got the job! He not only proved himself

the best worker in that department, but he became a plant foreman. Five years later that immigrant young man started his own small shop and eventually employed 700 workers. While it was a factory job that dealt with furnace products, it enabled him to fix, tear down and rebuild machines - - something that came in very handy, for he acquired the knowledge of how to build his own special

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machines that later turned out the toys that brought him his fortune.

It is important to remember that only the "daydream worth having" is the one you need spend much time nourishing. Sweep clean your "daydream" house and rid yourself of the daydreams that only clutter up your mind and thoughts. When you decide on the right daydream for yourself, then put it into action.

In Montreal, Canada, one summer afternoon, a gentleman in his late 50's requested I grant him an interview. During our visit, I firmly requested that he seek the competent services of a psychiatrist or psychologist as his daydreams had become hopelessly entangled in a web of chronic, hit-and-miss make-believe. However, I was able to point out to him that a recent experience in his life that he had related to me might well be the turning point he had long sought.

Recently he had given up his accounting business and had become active in the cosmetology field. Not impressed with the outlook of being a hair stylist, he was inspired to become a research worker in the detailed, intricate field of hair tints, rinses, etc.

Suffering the pangs of self-consciousness and ridicule directed at him by his family and friends, twice he had given up the daydream of becoming a cosmetologist. Quickly I pointed out to him that the negative attitude maintained by his family and friends was in reality at this time just the incentive and challenge he needed. Thus the interview cleared up many points in his mind and he determined that now he would follow through to reach his goal. He reasoned that the best way to learn a new trade was to start at the bottom. So - he enrolled in a beauty academy. He laughingly remarked that it required

a great deal of grit to take a comb in hand and create a coiffure for approving academy patrons.

After that interview, I did not see my client again. However, several years later I received a letter from him with a newspaper clipping enclosed that told about the singular success of that very same gentleman and how he had mastered the cosmetology schooling, then went on to become an instructor in the leading academy, becoming one of that country's authorities on new mechanical devices for drying and winding the hair for permanent waves, manufactured special rinses and shampoos, and found many ways in which to better and benefit the beauty business. It was not at all surprising to learn that my client had become a rich man.

With humility, he had found the courage to ask for advice about his daydream - - which he took, then built it into a state of reality. He did what not too many folks are willing to do: *he took action, even if it meant ridicule at the time.* Once he had licked the chronic habit of scattering his daydreams and pin-pointed his real need and desire, he was on his way to a life of wonderful accomplishment.

Ask yourself the following questions in an honest and direct manner:

*Do I have one specific goal in life? Have I taken any specific steps to make my daydream come true? Do I become afraid at the very thought of having to compete with others? If so, what makes me apprehensive? When obstacles come into my way temporarily to block or kick aside my goal, what did I do about it? Are my efforts to succeed half-hearted? Do I dream about bigger jobs and bigger earnings before I have done my utmost with the job I have? Am I just 'marking' time for a wishful tomorrow? If I have failed at the job I have, can I think of a reason that caused me to fail?*

To provide such questions with a sincere answer may well clear up an otherwise cloudy conception of your true daydream goals. To discover that one must adopt a positive attitude and TAKE ACTION IN A POSITIVE MANNER constitutes the ingredients of which real progress, success and enrichment are made.

Don't let yourself flee from the world of reality in which you live into one of wild daydreaming. Formulate in your mind the one daydream that always has meant the most to you. Examine it closely from all angles and make sure it is what you want, then take action in a positive manner.

The power to daydream can be a miraculous thing. Combined with positive action . . . it spells SUCCESS!

**HEALING IN JAPAN . . .**

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taken to the hospital the very next day. As I believed myself to be mad, all my family did also. On the very day I was to be taken to the hospital I happened to meet a member of the Seichono-Iye when I was walking along a street. He said to me, 'You look pale; what's the matter?' I said, 'I have gone mad. I have gone mad. I am to go to the hospital tomorrow.' 'No, don't be foolish. You are not mad. Come with me,' he said. Then he took me to his house and gave me a cup of tea. I felt very comfortable, and he said, 'You are anything but mad. You are God's Son, and being such, you cannot be mad or possessed by a fox.' He repeated this again and again, and I believed what he said to be true and felt entirely recovered." This is exactly what he told me. He was made to believe that a fox had been with him. The contrary may be the case

for sometimes it happens that the patient himself does not know anything about his being possessed by the spirit of one of his ancestors. Phenomenally speaking, such a spirit may be said to exist, but fundamentally, such a spirit cannot exist. Why? Because man is God's Son, and can neither be possessed by any spirit nor go mad. This may be compared with the tides of the sea. They may come or recede, but as the sea, they remain the same . . . neither increasing or decreasing.

This man had been made to believe, by suggestion, that he was mad, but when he came to believe that such an imperfect condition does not exist fundamentally, he was alright. So you should not believe "what is not," but "what is." You should confront "what is not" with "what is." A true man can hardly be a madman. He should be treated as a sane man through and through. Here lies the secret. Man is good by nature, but what are termed

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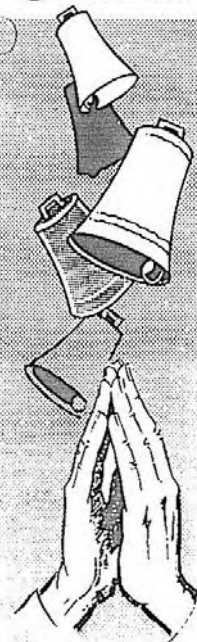
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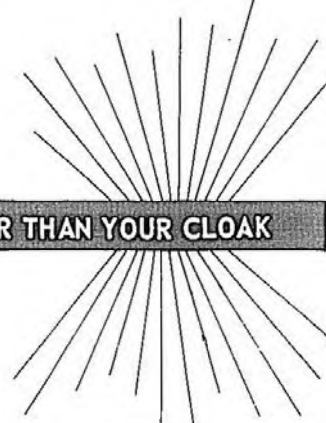
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**Question:** Then ?

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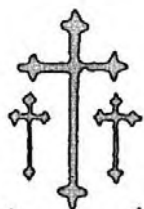
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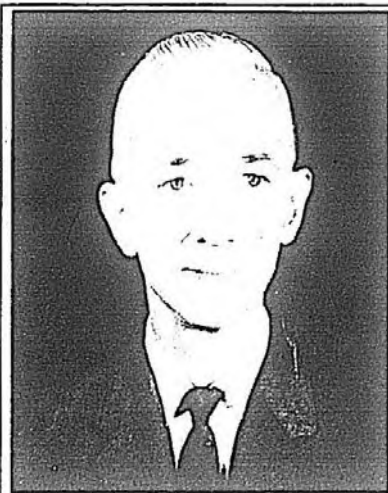
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I cannot tell you all that he said, but he described for me the life of Heaven, and I a part of it. He spoke of our Father - God - and taught me how to pray. He spoke of mental freedom, and told me that the attainment of it washed away hate, contempt, and secret rebellion. He said slavery was not in someone possessing my body and my strength for the moment, but that slavery lay in subjugation to the evil thoughts and false beliefs that - accepted mentally - chained men in hapless bondage. He told me it did not matter what a man's lot in life was if he possessed within himself a heart true to God, and a mind that was clean and pure and aligned with Good. He said that life is prayer. He said that the child of God and his Father are one in spirit.

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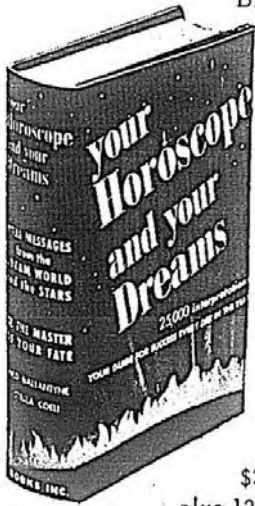
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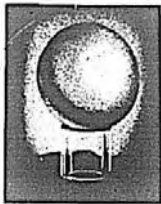
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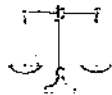
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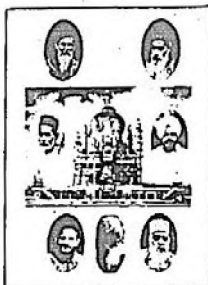
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So many differing paths to take,  
All leading to our home above;  
How much more glorious we could make  
Our journey, if we but used love.

- - Harold G. Hopper  
Erlanger, Kentucky

**BANGS SISTERS . . .**

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one, it is for fear that it may someday pass into the wrong hands - which has happened - or a desire to bequeath it to others that they may also enjoy that which they found constituted a true answer to their own quest. It is for these reasons that Camp Chesterfield now possesses twenty-six of the famous Bangs sisters' portraits, the largest collection of its kind in the world. The Art Gallery has become a mecca to those in search of evidence for survival, the type of evidence in tangible, physical form responding to the physical senses. For some, nothing else will do, for it is too much to ask to believe in that which is not seen. To those people, even a cursory examination of the portraits serves as a *stepping stone* to further investigation, "whetting the appetite" to know more and to learn more, and giving eloquent answer to people in all dimensions and degrees of faith and hope.

Among the thousands who have visited the Art Gallery since its inception have been many artists attracted and intrigued by what others have told them who have viewed the portraits. It has been this writer's good fortune to have discussed with some of them various principles and merits in relation to their art. Unanimously they agreed all these to be in evidence by whoever is responsible for the work of these portraits. Many of the artists with whom I discussed the portraits were highly successful in their own rights, with exhibits both here and abroad. They have examined the canvases with the aid of magnifying glasses seeking brush marks, but finding none. They have acclaimed them as masterpieces, marveling at the flesh-like tones. They spoke of the living, breathing quality of each portrait and how the eyes and entire face of each seemed to be "alive" with the personality of the one portrayed. Over the years the portraits have exhibited no fading or deterioration of the perfectly blended colors. Two that had been relegated to an attic, exposed to dust and rain which had leaked through the roof, yet showed no deleterious effects whatever. There is no other way to express the feeling one experiences when in the presence of these portraits than to say that they are "alive" for just to pause before them, they seem to come alive at your glance and you have the conviction they are about to speak to you.

Artists have said they possess an excellent highly wrought finish that would be difficult - if not impossible - for earthly artists to equal. What is more remarkable to the viewing artists is the time involved in the completion

of a picture . . . often fifteen minutes for what would normally take days to weeks. Equally impelling is the glow that gives these portraits a spiritual beauty and depth.

One year a chemist visited Camp Chesterfield and, fascinated by the work of the Bangs sisters, asked if it would be possible to obtain a small piece of canvas for the purpose of analysis of pigmentation, color, etc. His request granted, he soon returned with his report. Shaking his head in a puzzled fashion, he declared, "No, I do not know what it is. It defies analysis." He likened it to "something like the dust on a butterfly's wing."

From time to time, most unusual and remarkable stories come to me involving the portraits. There was one little old lady from a distant state who, during her stay at Camp Chesterfield, deemed no day perfect unless she could devote it to repeat tours of the Art Gallery. She told me that she always discovered something new in the portraits. She also related the story of how an elderly mem-

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"Nearly everybody says he believes in immortality of the Soul, but when you tell them you know it to be a fact, they think you are crazy. Their belief is only make-belief."

. . . Jacob B. Kaplan, Rabbi Emeritus Temple Israel, Miami Beach, Florida

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ber of her family who, for many years had in his possession a Bangs sisters' portrait, finally passed to the higher world, decreeing in his will that the portrait be placed within the casket with him at the time of burial. Reluctant as the family was to carry out his decision, they did acquiesce. Just prior to closing the lid, the frame was removed from the canvas so that the portrait might be more easily placed in the casket for its final journey's end. As they started to roll it up, they were amazed to see the the wondrous colors of the painting disappear right before their eyes, leaving only dull, drab unattractive and bare canvas upon which had been a portrait which even the ravages of time could in no way diminish or erase.

To the assembled gathering it was as though someone had said in a way more eloquent than words, "We cannot suffer this to be lost forever, to be laid away in the cold, dark earth and lost, to be seen and loved no more. This is not its destiny. We shall take it back from whence it came." <<

(Several truly remarkable stories relating to the Spirit Portraits of the Bangs sisters will be in the conclusion of this account to appear in the August issue.)

**PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES . . .**

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return to the hospital for another check-up and possibly more surgery.

One morning I awoke quite early and went to my typewriter, impressed by Spirit to write to Brother Tolentino. I wrote him the whole story and asked for absent healing in the hope that I could avoid more surgery and be restored to a normal state. By this time, I had just about had it!

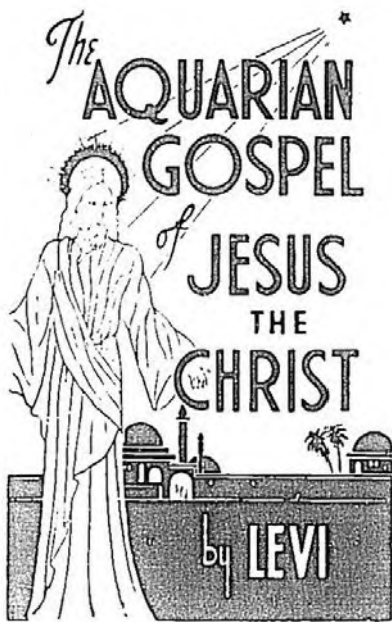
While in the hospital for the tests, I awakened about 2:45 one morning, and there beside me stood the doctor who had delivered me into this world, and next to him was Nellie Purganan. They did not speak, but the doctor showed me his beat-up old medical bag. There were no medicines in it, but he tore open a paper bag and showed me a fist full of uncanceled checks, a roll of large bills, quarters and dimes, then quickly they faded away.

The next morning, I was awake at the same time, meditating on my healing, when I saw my Spirit Ego leave my body. Still connected to my cord, it was as big around as my fist, emanating a light which lit up the entire room. I walked toward and through the closed door. My father came, embracing, hugging and kissing me, and I heard him say, "Everything will be alright." In an instant I was back in my body, and I stayed awake the rest of the night with such a feeling of joy and ecstasy that I knew the results of the tests would mean *no more surgery*.

The day I got home from the hospital, there waiting for me was a two page letter from Brother Tolentino telling me that he, Nellie, her aunt, and Terte had held a deep trance meeting with the Holy Spirit, resulting in this letter to me. It was indeed most thrilling to me to know that Nellie had projected herself astrally to my hospital room to let me know that Spirit help was present. It is also deeply touching to know there are people who are so sincere in their beliefs and their willingness to allow Spirit to work through them to accomplish so much good. With the prayers of such dedicated, good people, I am certain I will yet be fully healed. <<

"Indeed, life's development, the evolution of awareness, may best be rendered into three attitudes toward Time. Then we see successively the Time-unaware animal, the Time-haunted man, and the Time-understanding mind."

Gerald Heard



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