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THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER
The Promise of Summer

EDITORIAL

MAN SEARCHING FOR GOD

The recent pilgrimage of the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit the Roman Pope is probably the greatest news event of the day. The public meeting of the two great spiritual leaders was carefully televised as was the procession of church dignitaries through the beautiful Sistine Chapel for what was called a simple ceremony. The meeting and the departure was gratifying to watch, the two men, representing the hopes and faith of so many millions of people, were a joy to behold. At the leave taking two Anglican clergymen knelt to kiss the Papal ring—St. Peter's ring the symbol of that Rock upon which the Roman Church stands.

Progress is the watchword of our restless world, one can only hope that this historic meeting is a sign of spiritual progress in the affairs of men. One cannot escape the eerie feeling that time stood still for again Elizabeth

is Queen of England as was her predecessor in the hectic days of the Protestant Reformation, it seemed that the stage was set for some announcer to say "things are as they were but you were there." We have no space to speculate on what the spirits of the Reformers of that distant day now think, but there is a whole library of books on the subject of the Reformation that will encourage any reader to greater study.

Knowledge is imparted by education in matters of religion as in all other aspects of life and it is certain that much of the despair that affects people today in regard to the life or death of God in our time is to be traced directly to the apathy of formal Christians towards knowledge of the "whys" of their particular church denomination, it is certain that the Pilgrim Fathers, the Separatists, the Saints and Sinners of Plymouth Plantation knew why they sought a new land a new freedom away from priestly domination. They struggled and made errors, but they breathed the heady air of freedom and they were not deceived. If there had been more freedom and more practical instruction in matters religious during the years since the beginning of this century, it is certain that we would not have the public indifference to religion that is the norm of our present day. Too many professing Christians use the church for the few religious ceremonies that is a "must," such as birth, marriage and death, they no longer look to the church Minister for guidance in their life here; they can get all the guidance they need from Grammar school and the schools of higher learning.

It is for this reason that man today is searching for God; somehow he has lost God in the midst of the whirling discoveries of material science, his eyes are trained on the distant stars and on the rockets to take him there but in the midst of all his successes he is chilled to discover that he no longer believes in God and it well may be that the meeting of the Pope with the Archbishop is indicative of the need for man to believe in "something spiritual" if he cannot have God, then let him have the living symbols of God in this unbelieving world.

Great care is taken now-a-days to have no controversial arguments between the adherents of one Faith and another Faith, religion is not now a heady mixture it is a mild watery draft, it is not beyond belief to think that the greatest joy many people get out of church is the music of the choir and the great beauty of the light as it shines through the stained glass windows. Without knowledge and faith in life after death there is no religion that can carry man beyond the grave; promises of a future life are hollow and have no meaning, if, as so many say, God does not want us to know what lies ahead for us in another life. God has not forbidden

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THE VALUE OF UNDERSTANDING



Rev. Kenneth
D. Custance

Someone has said that millions who are living will never die! We thoroughly agree with that sentiment, because it is one closely attached to Truth. "None ever die from earth's first revolution to the present, but all are living who ever lived." But someone else has said that there are millions now living who are already dead, and I agree with that sentiment too! They are dead because they have lost interest in the highest aspects of life.

They have lost interest in any attempt to find out the real meaning of life. There are scores of people who measurably understand the tenets of Spiritualism. Those who do have this understanding are indeed fortunate because such an understanding leads to great benefit, not only from a spiritual but also from a material viewpoint. It helps us evaluate the true from the false, the permanent from the transitory.

It is also true that there are millions of people who have no understanding of the claims of Spiritualism. They have been perhaps so situated in life that this great important fact of nature—namely, Spirit Return—has never come to their attention. There are a great many to whom it has come now and then in a very pointed and salient suggestion, but they have turned a deaf ear to its claims, and therefore they know nothing of it.

There are also a large number of people who willfully ignore the claims set before the world by Spiritualism. I have read somewhere that there are "none so blind as those who will not see; none so deaf as those who will not hear!" One who understands Spiritualism at all and turns a deaf ear to its claims is living a life of mental sluggishness. He has not been aroused mentally or spiritually to the very qualities of being and life which have most of all to do with his own personal daily happiness. If people would only come to a recognition of the fact that an understanding of Spiritualism is a benefactor in their daily lives, they would undoubtedly give more heed to it.

I know a large body of people, good people, too, who are religious in their way, who do follow very closely the tenets of their church's teaching, perhaps in too many cases solely because they hold out that quality, namely material benefits. They think of material benefits in terms of correct social position or even the charities that may be bestowed from the church

board, rather than developing an inner resourcefulness to meet all problems, an ability to meet all the tasks that are set before us. In this respect I do not know why one should not consider that his religion might become of some material benefit to him. One can scarcely live a spiritual life without some material benefits around him. Without such benefits one is apt to be discouraged and cast down. Oh that I had the eloquence with which I could go into a crowd of men and stir their minds to the point of deep appreciation of the value of an understanding of the claims of Spiritualism!

A great deal is said from time to time about living **HERE** and living **HEREAFTER**. That expression of course refers to time, but a great many people in using it do not refer to time at all! They are referring to **hereafter** as to some place they will be living in the future! There is no time in eternity, no beginning, no end. Time is measured by stages of light and love. I claim there are not two worlds! There is only one world, the Spirit World; and since there is only one, human beings are living in that Spirit World **now**. The majority of people claim that **after** they pass thru the portals of the grave they will become immortals!

If one is to become an immortal being after the change mis-called death, one is immortal **NOW**. The joy of immortality is not merely believing that it is to be a consciousness of future time. The joy of immortality is in the recognition and through conscious recognition that one is **NOW IMMORTAL!** Such an understanding takes from one at once all fear, and possesses one with that greatest and sweetest of all qualities which bless humanity, namely **LOVE**. Joy, love and spiritual qualities weld our spirits together.

But there are thousands and millions of people who not only disclaim the truths of Spiritualistic teaching, but set themselves up as opponents to the whole plan. It is befitting for Thinking people to ask the question "Who are these strutting braggarts who with their wild verbosity herald their thoughts and din the ears of every listener with the falsehoods which they conceive and give birth to from the cradle of their own ignorance?" Where are these objectors to be found? Some say that no actual veritable proof has ever been furnished to the world that people come back from the thither zones of life and impinge upon the consciousness of human beings. We might as well retaliate and with more logic say, "Who is there among these objectors who has ever yet furnished proof that the claims of Spiritualism are not true? Do you know of anyone? I have never met with one yet, and I do not expect to

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meet such a person, for such a proof is doubtful of ever being presented to the world.

Spiritualistic claims of return are only claims that are associated with facts of Nature. It is the very nature of things to live on. Why is it that human beings desire to live on, and live on. Why is it that human beings desire to live after the change miscalled death? It is because there is rooted deeply within their nature by the Over-Soul of all life a quality of thinking that prompts to strong, constant, and anxious desire for a continuity of life. It is a part of the life of the individual to desire to live on. You have seen physical wrecks, many of them doubtless, stretched upon beds of sickness, lying low on the battlefields of the world, who while suffering the agony of dying pangs, still anxiously long to live on! (Churchill) The desire for life continues. It is sometimes the fear of the unknown that causes a soul to cling to the physical body. **One does live on.** The Omnipotent power of the universe has conveyed to each and every human being that desire; and is it possible that anyone is so dull of understanding of Divine Love as to conclude that God, the all-loving Father, has placed that desire within his children for the purpose of playing some terrible trick with their understanding and life? No one of common sense, it seems to me, would assign to God such a mode of conducting the affairs of life with His Human Children here.

God, Infinite Intelligence, is eternal. It is said on our Bible that "we live, move and have our being" in that Eternality, in that God of the Universe. We partake of many of the characteristics that belong to the God whom we adore and worship. However little, love may be expressed in some human beings, there IS love there like unto that of the Creator. Among these many characteristics and features of God "in whom we live and move and have our being" is a characteristic which is understood universally as continuous, eternal. Do we not

also partake of that as well as of the love of God? We partake of the attribute of eternity, living on and on.

But it is of greatest importance to understand **why** it is that we are living here at all. **WHY** am I living here? What is the God-ordained idea of placing me here? Life is given to you by your Father in Heaven. He has also endowed you with wisdom, with purpose, with desire, so that if you use these tools of His gifts, you are interested in how to live this life He has given to you, and in what may become of you by living that life to the best of your ability. It is true that human beings wander around in many paths, seeking for something that is eternal and abiding. We are born on earth to learn lessons to use here. It matters not if one strays from the path, for there is something in the loving guidance of the Spirit World and of God Himself that brings the traveler around upon the beaten highway which leads invariably to that Radiant Center where he meets and understands not only **life** but also **how to live it**. We establish a belief in the invisible present and the glorious future.

I am very fearful for people nowadays who become irreligious; not only unreligious but irreligious. I am fearful for the people of the present time as a whole, for the simple reason that they are wedding themselves to mere forms and fashions, to creeds associated with the idea of sectarianism in church, as if that were religion! I maintain that sectarianism is **not religion**. Religion is summed up in a very few words very definitely and clearly, too; and the way to live it is also given to the world in clear understandable language. The definition of religion is found in the last verse of the first chapter of JAMES, "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." And the way to live religion is simply stated in the language given to the world by the great spiritual teacher, Jesus, the Christ. It is to be found in the 7th chapter of Matthew, verse 12: "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Very simply language and under right conditions people could live that religion and live that life.

War, the psychology of war, is rampant all over the world. People who claim to be neutral in this COLD war that is going on across the ocean are far from being neutral. Everyone seems to be prejudiced for or against this one or that; but after all that is not your war! The war of importance to you in which you are engaged at the present time is **with-in yourself**. How can you live this life? By doing unto others as you would have others do unto you, by visiting the sick in their afflictions and by keeping yourselves out of all things

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY HERE AND HEREAFTER



Rev. Enid S. Smith, Ph.D.

When Daniel Webster, great American statesman and orator, was asked, "What is the greatest thought that has ever entered your mind?" he replied, "My accountability to Almighty God." The dictionary tells us that "responsibility" means accountability, dependability, reliability, a trust and a duty. The seventh principle of the Nationalist Spiritualist Association affirms "the moral responsibility of

the individual, that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness, as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws."

In the Angel World, people also are responsible. We are told there are no lazy ones allowed—that all work harder there than here. Even the little children have their special tasks. Some are door keepers, many have errands to page those needed for communication, and have various other work to do. Adults also are busy. Much of their work is counseling and helping the people on earth. They feel responsible for them.

Even children sometimes are used to save the lives of those in this world. One little girl about 5 years old made a call late at night on a doctor and begged him to come and follow her through an alley up stairs to a room where her mother was dying of pneumonia. She looked so pitiful that cold February night, clad in a little white dress, with a blue shawl over her shoulders, and worn-out shoes, that he snatched up his bag and follow her in to a dimly lighted tenement room, where the mother was lying about to die. He gave her some medicine, tried to make her more comfortable, and promised to send her the county nurse. Just as he was leaving, he complimented her upon her little daughter who found him in all the wind, cold, and snow of the midnight hour. The woman looked at him surprised, and said, "My little daughter died six months ago! Just open the cupboard door there and see the white dress, blue shaws, and dilapidated shoes she wore last." He found these—they were warm. She could not have worn them to his house. He looked around, but the child had vanished. Surprised, he left to find help for the mother.

Just one more illustration that could never be forgot, which shows an almost unbelievable sense of responsibility,—a story well attested and investigated. Two young people were killed in a car out in an unsettled district where there was no warning of a railroad crossing or of the

midnight train that passed at sixty miles an hour. Every night this couple, or more frequently the young woman alone, came out and stood in the middle of the road, waved her hands and pointed people back, the time the train was due—many heeded her warnings, but others were killed. An investigator by the name of Sheldon went out with his Buddy one night, and the girl came out and waved them back. The Buddy wanted to go ahead and brush her off the road for obstructing traffic—but Sheldon waited. The next moment the train flew past, and the young woman disappeared in the bushes. Shortly after this, an elderly lady was going that way one midnight and the girl and her husband appeared in the middle of the road, so that as the train flew by and she waited, she got a good glimpse of both the man and the woman, the latter a very beautiful girl with golden hair, blue eyes, and clad in white. This description was given to Sheldon, the investigator. Meanwhile there was agitation to put up booms and warnings, though the county was poor, so that more would not be killed at the crossing. Sheldon had been searching back several years in newspaper files to find the couple whose description he had. Finally, he found the report of their death in 1946. The girl's name was Dulcie Hutton. The next time he went out after the warnings had been put up, he found that still at midnight the girl came out to warn the people of danger. Sheldon left his car and walked to the bushes where she had disappeared, calling her name, "Dulcie Hutton, Dulcie Hutton." She appeared but did not speak. He told her that her work was done, the people were warned now and she could go back to heaven and do other work. He went out later at midnight at the time of the train, and she was no longer there to warn—she had heard and understood—her responsibility was at an end.

Assuming we are willing to accept our responsibility here and hereafter, how, while on earth, shall we fit ourselves for this high calling of preserving ourselves and others? Briefly, let us consider a few suggestions for those who really want to make the most of themselves in service to others, that they may try to make a better world in which to live. If we can learn to put God first in all our consideration, we will have little trouble. The Spiritualists' Book, the Bible says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you." The very high spiritual communicators tell us that is a verse that is absolutely true and dependable and does not fail. We are to be detached from things of this world as far as possible, not putting before

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God our family, ourselves, our pleasures, our work, our desires, or anything else. This world is a school, in which we are to learn if possible to become one with God, even as Jesus was One with the Father. We are to practice the Presence of God, to be God-centered. Let us look at life through God's eyes to distinguish true values from the false, spurning the tawdry and base that looks beautiful without, but is rotten at the core. Especially in an emergency, in great dangers may we always call on God to get the right help and more of it than calling on some special spirit helper or teacher more limited than God. Nothing is impossible with God—He can send just the right ones at the right time, whereas one spirit would be unable and limited too often to fulfill the need.

Let us try to put into practice the words, "Know Thyself," words of wisdom placed on Apollo's temple in Greece, and quoted by Socrates some 400 years B.C. The example of Napoleon is outstanding; he said the word "impossible" is the adjective of fools. As a child he was very sickly, and so weak that he contemplated suicide. Also he was less than 5 ft. in height and thought he could never amount to anything; but one night he awoke to realize that all things are possible, and he became the great Emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte. After one knows oneself, one must accept oneself as to what he is capable of doing; he should be original and not mimic others, should be himself—not a rubber stamp, but make his own impressions.

Again, it is always necessary to be willing to grow, to change, to study and learn; for, as Shakespeare says, "Ignorance is the curse of God, and on the wings of knowledge one flies to heaven." St. Paul says to Timothy, "Study to

show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, handling aright the Word of truth." St. Paul was very wise, and he got the whole of the Roman Empire to believe on Jesus. Let us review night and morning what each day we have brought to the Almighty as our reasonable service. Still again, we are responsible for our time. If we take care of our minutes, our hours will take care of themselves. Benjamin Franklin used to say if we lost an hour at the beginning of our day, we never caught up with it. How many idle words we speak; yet "For every idle word man shall speak, he shall give an account," says the Master Jesus. Let us "awake, walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise; redeeming the time, for the days are evil." Paul's words to the Ephesians, mean "But up your opportunities," be willing to pay a price for the good you can do.

For all this and much more we are responsible, also for learning how to say "No" to evil in all forms,—bad habits, bad companions, bad places, bad situations, that we may constantly fit ourselves for service to our fellow man, as we walk as "Children of the light," willing always to say to God, "Thy will be done." For the Kingdom of God, which millions have for so long been praying, (if we are to be a part of it), we will need to be responsible for being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, in the right way. Thus, may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, the power of God protect us, and the Presence of God watch over us, and may we know that where we are God is.



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Lyceum, Church of Eternal Brotherhood

Buffalo, N. Y.

Lyceums got their name from the relaxed atmosphere in which they were conducted and also because here could come the free exchange of ideas along with new learning. We have such lyceums as part of our church's system. However, other groups which also deserve the name lyceum can be found.

Throughout a person's life, he is taught to have a questioning mind and a logical mind. This often comes to a peak as a person enters college where he is put completely on his own to learn to find the answers to many of his questions. Many of these questions are of a religious nature.

Since I have started college, I have had many and varied associations with people who have come from a mixture of religious backgrounds. I am a member of the Student Christian Association which is a mixed group that draws its members from all Christian religions.

As it makes no difference what religious faith a person subscribes to, I have also found that it makes no difference where you are, if the mood—inquiring mood, is present, the questions and ideas on religious matters come fast and furious from all students.

A few days after last Christmas I was at a party. At this party was a girl who had just come from a funeral home, her grandfather had died a couple of days before. This was an opening for the discussion that followed on life after death. Those involved in the discussion were from the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and myself. The discussion ended with agreement that funerals were for those left on earth, that the person who had died was much happier where he was and was no longer suffering.

Those who grieve for the deceased were not thinking of that person, but only of themselves. Also the personal identity of the individual, everyone agreed, must continue after death, which is as our principle number four states, "We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death."

This is only one example of the discussions that take place among the young adults of today. Just yesterday I was at a meeting of the Student Christian Association, which was supposedly going to be just such a free exchange of ideas. However, these things often can not be organized; for often when they are, they are not the "free exchange," that is wanted by those participating. This was found to be true at this meeting yesterday. However, following the meeting everyone had supper together and here came the free flow of questions and ideas.

These questions usually are not on the Bible, such discussions as those are saved for the time when a person who has studied this, such as a minister, is present. The questions often take a philosophical trend, that is, you won't find answers, at least satisfactory ones, in books, but in the minds of men. What is a Christian? What is religion? These are some of the questions. This question of What is religion? was discussed by a girl friend of mine and myself only last week as we drove over to the public library. We both felt it must come from the inner person, it doesn't have to follow any set doctrine, but it must be what the person believes. This correlates closely with principle number three which states, "A correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion." Such questions as this have been openly discussed where the only rule enforced is one of "open-mindedness." All express their ideas and then they are all "hashed" over and some are tossed out. Often the case comes to a close without a conclusion. But this is not of importance. The important point is that the young adult, those that will be in the leading positions tomorrow, can sit down and discuss, with an open mind, subjects which have been confined for too long a time to a set of statements, a Sunday lecture and other such places and things. They have not had the free airing which, as the most important influence in our life, they should have. In these discussions, the "openmind" rule prevails as does the atmosphere of the Ancient Greek Lyceum, the present day Lyceum and the groups in the Summerland. This exchange of ideas has become an essential part of the lives of the students of today who so often have these questions on their mind.

A conception of the many views which exist on different debatable religious questions and

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an insight into these views will help all of these students who come in contact with them. To get along, take an active part in this world today, of which we are all a part, we must come out of our little, complacent boxes and enter into this free give and take of ideas. It also can help us each personally. It will help me in my career as a nurse where a knowledge of different religious beliefs is essential in understanding the patients' problems, whether they be psychological or physiological. My career is only one of the many parts that go into making up my entire life, as it is with yours. These ideas and "open mindedness" will infiltrate the entirety, as it will with other people's lives and with their careers which are different from mine. These essential ideas are learned anyplace and everyplace where the atmosphere is one of relaxation and of intelligent inquiry, and they are used anyplace and everyplace that they are needed.

Many students of today have found the true idea behind the Lyceum, have accepted it, and used it.

Question: When a spirit entity says he has lived in darkness in the spirit world for a long time, what does he mean?

This question can be answered in many ways. Did the person live a life of progression or one of regression? Was he or she subjected to alcoholism, narcotics or some other means of self destruction? Answers to these questions and others like them could provide the reason for one living in darkness for a long period of time.

When one insists upon living out of balance with Natural Law, and has no desire to elevate to the Christ Consciousness, then one has no recourse but to remain in a state of unenlightenment or as we say darkness. From the Lords Prayer, second paragraph it is stated "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven." Here we repeat the words "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

From our Declaration of Principles it is stated that one makes his or her own happiness as one obeys or disobeys Natures physical and Spiritual laws. Therefore when a spirit entity states that he has lived in darkness in the spirit world for a long time it means that one has not sought to develop that which lies within.

That which lies within is the Christ Consciousness. John 8, 12; Again therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying "I am the light of the world. He who follows me does not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. From the Law of attraction we know that Like attracts like. So if we continue to disobey the laws and seek only along a lower level that it is no wonder that we remain in darkness. John 1, 5; And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness grasped it not. Light is Gods reve-

lation and grace; darkness is mans sinful nature. Shines: i.e., is always in the world, in both the past and present. Grasped; this may refer to mans failure to appreciate light. (Holy Bible Confraternity Edition)

Answer to same question received from: Lorraine Conner, Secretary Sunflower Lyceum Class, Fifth Spiritualist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

To our knowledge, there is no darkness, the soul goes to the spirit world after death and the soul is perfect—not in darkness. He said "For a long time he lived in darkness" so evidently he came to light or awakened himself. He was in his own mental darkness. Possibly earth bound for some time and eventually awakened to the light of his own soul.

Answer Received from Richard C. Gobel, 3408 Raintree Road, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452

TRANSITIONS

Nolte—Mrs. Mable G. Nolte (87) Riverside, Calif., March 15th, 1966. Survived by husband, Harry, one sister in law, nephews and nieces. Graveside services conducted by Rev. Lillian R. Courtney, interment, Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside.

Hille—John W. Hille (87) Lily Dale, N.Y., March 20, 1966. Survived by stepson and one niece. Mr. Hille was a beloved resident of Lily Dale for more than 20 years. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and a 32nd Degree Mason. Funeral services from the Larson Memorial Chapel, Fredonia N.Y. Interment in Cassadaga, N.Y. Cemetery, the Rev. William Graham Turner, officiated.

Sherman—Elmer L. Sherman (77) Lily Dale, N.Y., March 6, 1966. Survived by his wife, Florence B., one brother, one sister. Mr. Sherman was a member of Cassadaga Lodge, No. 664 I.O.O.F. and a 50 year member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Funeral services from Larson Memorial Chapel, Fredonia, Interment in Cassadaga, N.Y. Cemetery, Rev. William Graham Turner officiated.

Palmer—Mrs. Matilda Palmer, Hartford, Connecticut, March 1, 1966. Survived by husband, Royal B. Palmer, former president of Conn. Spiritualist Association, one son and two sisters. Mrs. Palmer was a well known teacher and medium in the Spiritualist Church, where she had labored for many years. Interment, Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill, Conn.

Bartnik—Frank Bartnik (67), West Allis, Wisconsin, beloved husband of Elizabeth (nee Virgin). Survived by one son, four sisters and four brothers and many other relatives. Interment in Highland Memorial Park officiating minister, Reverend Harre C. Milesi, Pastor Third Spiritualist Science Church, West Allis, Wis.

Scheiber—Miss Amelia M. Scheiber, Patterson, N. J., March 10, 1966. Survived by sister, Elizabeth, two brothers, William and Roy. Miss Scheiber attended the Spiritualist Churches of Paterson for many years. Miss Scheiber was for many years a private secretary at the Chase National Bank. Funeral services from the Algrem Home for funerals. Rev. Emily M. Hewitt conducted the service. Interment, Laurel Grove.

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(So Sacred is Motherhood)

By Chester W. Mahaffie

Magazines, books, and television programs, scrutinizing the role of the homemaker in many countries today, describe her as a frustrated woman who has forfeited her identity as a person. She experiences Life vicariously, living thru her husbands work and her children's activity. She also makes an attempt to remain young and creative. She feels lost as an individual person. TRUTH solves the problem of the housewife's identity. TRUTH reveals that because man is made in the likeness, yes, the Image of God, one can identify himself as a child of God. God's child is his reflection; only what God is can man reflect. The housewife because she is God's closest link between the child and God, is indeed his ministering Angel, a living example of what obedience to God Law and the Christ Principle does for mankind. And children are prone to follow the example of their Mother and Father. What an example some parents set for their children to follow. Yet one of the Eternal Truth's is that GOOD children come from good homes, and bad children from bad homes. Of course there are exceptions. But character is built in the home and runs in the family; call it breeding if you want. It shows forth generation after generation." Ye are your brother's keeper indeed." The example you set forth is the God in you showing for all to see, likewise, the crude traits of character you show forth, all can see and judge accordingly. God's reflection is individualized thru Soul. This identity cannot be lost, God distinguishes it; this identity cannot be overshadowed, God illumines it; this identity cannot be fragmented, God unifies it. A child who has a Mother steeped in TRUTH, lives in God's abundant Grace indeed.

Identity is the reflection of Spirit, the reflection of multifarious forms of living principle and love. Soul is the substance, Life and intelligence of man which is individualized. Recognizing identity to be Spiritual, the housewife identifies herself and her purpose in Life, just as the business man and the artist and musician does. No role in human endeavor excuses a woman from living a meaningful Life. If the housewife has drifted into a sense of inferiority or anonymity, she can throw off the mental bondage by claiming her divine birthright of Spiritual identity. She may find comfort in Paul's words: "Such trust have we thru Christ to God-ward; not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God." Paul was humbly willing to identify himself spiritually as reflecting God; thru this manifestation of God he found his vocation. The housewife for

whom motherhood is burdensome can be helped by gaining an understanding of the Spiritual nature of children. This enables her to include her children in the demonstration of the days unfoldment of good. Discipline problems, like material objects of sense "disappear in the illumination of Spiritual understanding." Children naturally radiate Life, naturally reflect Truth, love goodness. The Divine Principle maintains its ideas effortlessly. A Spiritual Idea cannot be separated from its identity because the source of its identity is God. Divine Love sustains its Idea's graciously. One Spiritual Idea does not detract from, conflict with, or dominate another Idea. God's family of Ideas complement each other, dwell together in Peace. The housewife trained to think, meticulously disciplines her thinking with Spiritual Truths. Nurturing Spiritual qualities the housewife vitalizes her consciousness, her thinking expands, leads out to new exhilarating horizons; proving the Science of Being is a present possibility for the housewife who looks to God as the source of all good. By identifying herself as a child of God, she mentally emancipates herself from lack of identity. Human change of place or position does not clarify her identity. Neither does willful or wishful thinking clarify it. She must consistently seek out the meaning of God in her own Life as well as her family's. Her standard of living is excellence; not personal indulgence or isolation. Her life overflows with energetic resolve. No pressure, no limitations—not even housewife fatigue—is part of her day. Her divine birthright entitles her to express freely spiritual qualities of dominion, ability and insight.

Today, in an increasingly mobile society, it seems the home is not as stable and enduring an institution as it once was. This is true in many families. Mobility and outward surroundings afford a splendid opportunity to establish a consciousness of a firm understanding of God's allness and man's eternal relationship to God. The influence of the home reaches out into the world thru many channels. The schoolroom, civic affairs, business and government. It is so important to have a firm understanding of spiritual values. For one can carry this firm understanding of spiritual values with him where ever he goes and build his home in it. A home so built has a stabilizing effect and uplifting influence on society. Love is the cornerstone of a happy spiritual home. Orderly thinking always puts God first; such thinking is bound to manifest in an orderly home. One can have a home with all the qualities the word implies in a mansion, a cottage or a motel room if even one member of the family is able to attain a spiritual consciousness of home and to

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maintain it consistently and joyously, all the other members are bound to feel its influence and carry it with them and bless others. In Isaiah we read: "The work of the righteous shall be peace; the effect of the righteous is quietness and assurance forever; and people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting places. Let me say to the housewives who are mothers. Motherhood and the home are woman's most sacred blessing and duty. Mothers are close to God, are intuitive and spiritual for they go down into the very shadow of death to bring into being a child of God seeking experience on the earth plane. But the child is God's child, you are only given the joy of caring for the child until he is able to care for himself. God is the Father-Mother of all children. You are chosen of God to the privilege of motherhood and housewife and what a sacred vocation you have. So the housewife has not lost her identity in the activities of the family, but is the center of the nucleus of spiritual Being.

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LIVE TODAY

Who can be sure our plans mature?
 We make them and we break them;
 Completion no one can insure,
 Perchance we may forsake them.
 Then do the best you can today,
 That's all you have for living;
 To-morrow may not come your way,
 Today's the day for giving.
 A friendly smile, a greeting glad,
 A 'phone call or a letter;
 And why not not? Don't wish you had,
 You'll feel so much the better.
 Our yesterdays are gone for good,
 The future is uncertain;
 So live today the way you should,
 Before the final curtain.
 If happiness is what you seek,
 Defer not till to-morrow;
 Try cheering up the low and meek,
 Give aid to those in sorrow.
 Then when the day comes to a close,
 And you head begins to nod,
 Be thankful for the path you chose,
 That brings you nearer God.
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THE GOD IDEA



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Who or what is God? It is a question that can never be answered to the satisfaction of all. History shows great battles have been fought to enforce a personal point of view. On the other hand to say there is no God is foolish, one would be like a man with his eyes closed denying the existence of the sun.

However, to dogmatize about the existence and character of God is not a broad minded point of view. We all see God through our own eyes and no two have the same vision. The finite mind cannot comprehend the infinite.

In this lesson I am not trying to form an idea of God for you but to discuss this subject so that all may profit through an exchange of ideas.

Man's first realization of a greater power than himself came from observation and experience. Seeing the orderly advance of nature as the seasons passed proved quite clearly that a greater power than animal or man was behind it. For the source of this power man looked to the sun as the main god, with gods of the rivers, forests etc. being lesser gods.

Thus we have a potheistic idea embracing as many gods as there are elements. As the unity of the cosmos was finally realized, the potheistic idea gave way to dualistic, whereby men worshipped God as being all good in order to escape the devil, a god of all bad. This idea still rules today in many of the orthodox Churches. It was not until recent times, say 1900 years, that a monotheistic idea came along. A belief in one great ruling spirit.

The idea of spirit being God or one and the same came as man saw his Friends pass on He did not change but something had gone out of him. This something they could not see, touch or feel. Thus we see the records of Moses in the first pages of the Bible saying, God is spirit and man is flesh and spirit.

Turning directly to the Christian Orthodox conception of God as stated in the creeds there exists an eternal supreme spirit personality, who, by the power of his words spoke an entire universe into existence, and by his breath breathed life into man and all other living forms.

This great spirit was to govern the universe by his will. Here we see a personal God fashioned after the shape of man sitting on a huge throne somewhere in the wild blue yonder with a keen eye watching all we do.

However, science arose and made this idea

of God incompatible with the facts of nature. Philosophy and science have come up with a more reasonable explanation of God which would seem closer to the truth. The idea being just this: "God is the soul of the universe. As I, a soul entity resides within and animates my body, so the infinite soul permeates the universe. God does not exist apart from the whole, but is the intelligent soul within the body with the laws of nature being the expression of infinite intelligence." Thus we see more clearly what is meant when we hear the world of Jesus as he said: "As God is in I, I am in you and you in me." We are a spark of God, a part of an homogeneous whole, a system of orderly operation, forever following the laws of evolution. So that we may teach others who are seeking or who are disbelievers in God or spirit entirely, we must be in a position to prove the existence of a soul element in man and nature.

This modern Spiritualism can do through its phenomena. We can prove beyond all doubt that life and intelligence are not the results of the action of multitudes of atoms and cells of matter gathering together to form a body and mind. If this were so, then the mind and body would cease to exist at death. We know they do not, as mind and spirit continue to show individuality after the change called death. Thus we can prove the spirit in man. As man is a portion of the universe or a child of nature, it would seem only reasonable that the elements in the child must first exist in the parent. Therefore, we have proof of infinite intelligence behind all the actions of nature. It is hoped that from these few lines, I have been able to stimulate some understanding and create a thirst for more knowledge which I sincerely hope you will quench with the vast storehouse of knowledge in your public library.

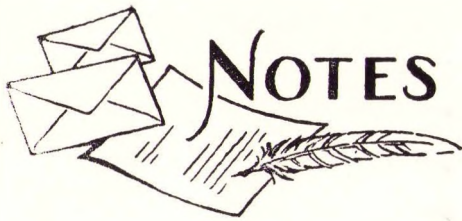
These ideas, as presented, are not meant to be dogmatic or binding. I wish only to add a step further along the highway of life, so through your own progress you may help others less fortunate than yourself.

BISHOP A. BEALS

Mr. Bishop A. Beals was born in Versailles a town in western New York. His father who was a physician was also deeply interested in religion and both father and son joined the Universalist Church in their town. In 1856 Mr. Bishop A. went to New York City and had his Church membership transferred to the church of which the Rev. E. H. Chapin was pastor. At that time Rev. Chapin was considered one of the most popular pulpit speakers in America. This church carried copies of the Spiritualist Paper "Banner of Light," which always had the outstanding sermons of Rev. Chapin and the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. Young Beals read the papers and became very much interested in Spiritualism because of the philosophy and facts presented.

In 1857 he made a trip back to Versailles and was much surprised to hear a fourteen year old girl named Libbie Lowe give a series of lectures while entranced. Lectures so profound that they awed her listeners with wonder and admiration. Thru listening to these lectures his own latent psychic powers of mediumship

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NOTES from the FIELD

COMING EVENTS

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The 69th Annual Convention of The Ohio State Spiritualist Association will be held June 23, 24, 25, 1966 in the Pick-Ohio Hotel, Youngstown, Ohio. There will be all day business sessions each day. Evening Religious Services will be held June 23rd., 24th., at 8:00 P.M. There will be a Banquet at 5:00 P.M. Friday, June 24th. Rev. Robert J. Macdonald, President, N.S.A.C. will be the guest speaker and he will be assisted in clairvoyance by the certified mediums of the O. S. S. A.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Texas Conference of N.S.A.C. Churches will meet in annual conference, June 11th and 12th, 1966 in the Driskell Hotel, Austin, Texas. The meetings are open to the public and the Conference President, Rev. Evelyn Muse extends a warm welcome to all who will come to this lovely Texas City and enjoy the blessings that the Annual Conference has to offer.

Rev. Janice R. Baynes, N.S.A.C. missionary of Des Moines, Iowa, was guest speaker and medium in the First Spiritualist Church, Austin, and morning services Sunday, February 13th. The Ladies of the church auxiliary served one of their famous dinners to all members and friends at noon.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Center of Psychic Science Spiritualist Church has enjoyed a splendid Winter season under the care and direction of Church Pres. Jay William Smith, the Rev. Louise Orr and Mrs. Grace Stine. Pastor, Rev. William Graham Turner has made an extensive tour of Florida and the southern states. Mrs. Grace Stine and Mr. Don Stine conducted Spiritualist Anniversary services April 3rd while the pastor was conducting similar services for the Second Spiritualist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The Rev. Dr. Alida Neige is pastor of the Philadelphia church.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Rev Mollie Beck, N.S.A.C. missionary has completed her services for the Progressive Spiritualist Church, San Diego, where she has been during the months of February and March. The Rev. Beck brought a new impetus and strength to all the members and friends of the church, each service was enjoyed by a full church congregation. Her lectures and clairvoyant services were of a very high calibre and the membership is looking forward to her return engagement in the fall of the year. Rev. Beck is well known for her enthusiastic sponsorship of all good works in the interest of the N.S.A.C.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

First Spiritualist Church, Phoenix also had the great pleasure and instruction from the missionary work of Rev. Mollie Beck, her lectures, Clairvoyance and class studies are so fine and so excellent for the beginner as well as the instructed student. The minister

Rev. Walter Holder feels that great good will should follow Rev. Beck wherever she goes. She leaves her home in New York State and travels all over the West and Southwest each Winter, using her own funds and working hard for all the churches under her jurisdiction.

MC KEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Church of McKeesport, Pa. was again blessed with having Rev. William R. Aldred of Muskegon, Michigan as its guest worker on February 27th and 28th. The church was filled to capacity and extra chairs had to be added. Rev. Aldred gave a wonderful sermon in the afternoon and evening. His demonstration of Billet Reading was outstanding. Those that attended his seances were very pleased.

MASSILLON, OHIO

Rev. Aldred also served First Spiritualist Church, Massillon on a recent occasion, his good work was, as always, greatly enjoyed by the membership and they look forward to his return.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Plymouth Spiritualist Church was served by Rev. Billy Aldred on Sunday, March 13, afternoon and evening services to a full church. The evening service was followed by a Trumpet Seance. On Monday, March 14, there was a Trumpet Service in the afternoon and in the evening. The seances were well attended.

The church is always glad to welcome this fine missionary. The church pastor, Rev. Eleanor Gutzmer, members and friends are looking forward to another visit from Billy.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The Rev. Velma Dickson, secretary of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists, was guest minister and medium on Sunday, December 5th, last, at Detroit's oldest Spiritualist church, the First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell Avenue on Detroit's northwest side. The church was observing its 71st anniversary as a charteree of the NSAC and its regional administrative agent the Michigan State Spiritualist Ass'n.

Rev. Dickson has recovered nicely from her recent illnesses and was greatly enjoyed at both morning and afternoon services by First Temple's very responsive congregation augmented by its many friends and fellow Spiritualists of the Detroit area.

A between-services luncheon added appreciably to the day's success.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The New Year rushed in on astro-wings; and, in words of "ole Uncle Joe," we're wondering if it was comin' or gwi-in.

Two successful church dinners are now "history." In spite of the inclement weather, both were exceptionally well attended. An always enjoyable BINGO followed the January (Schrank) German-style sausage supper. And after the delectable February meal, came an educational "arm-chair" trip to Israel, entitled "In His Footsteps through Jordan." This, no doubt, kindled a desire in many to visit the Holy Land in the near future and to experience in their own lives some of the experiences of this beloved teacher, Jesus, twenty centuries ago.

The attendance in our blessed little chapel has been overflowing due to the enlightening sermons our Spirit

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Teachers channel through our beloved Gary (Pastor Garrett H. Scholtz).

Several N.S.A.C. workers have honored the Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel during this period: the Reverend William R. Aldred, National Missionary of Muskegon, Michigan, served our chapel in January; the Reverend Janice R. Baynes, National Nissionary of Des Moines, Iowa, was our guest minister on January 6; and on the 27th the Reverend Alice Lamb Turner, former president of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association, was our guest and assisted our minister with the services. We had a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tolbert of Walsh, Colorado, February 28 and March 1. They promised otbe with again soon. On Sundays, an hour of fellowship in the Social Hall follows the regular evening service. Refreshments are served by the ladies of the church. These delightful get-togethers contribute greatly to the congeniality of the congregation.

A long, newsy letter from our George Dubaugh, serving in Viet Nam, expressed good wishes and thoughts of appreciation for prayers, letters, and gifts. Let us not forget in special prayers ALL of our boys in service; also, all the peoples in the world, for greater enlightenment.

CAFETERIA

Life is a cafeteria. There are no waiters to bring success to you. Help yourself!

PAUL evidently felt there is no standstill to human life. He was part of a great procession and One must keep step with alert and eager tread. It will be well, if we can catch the spirit.

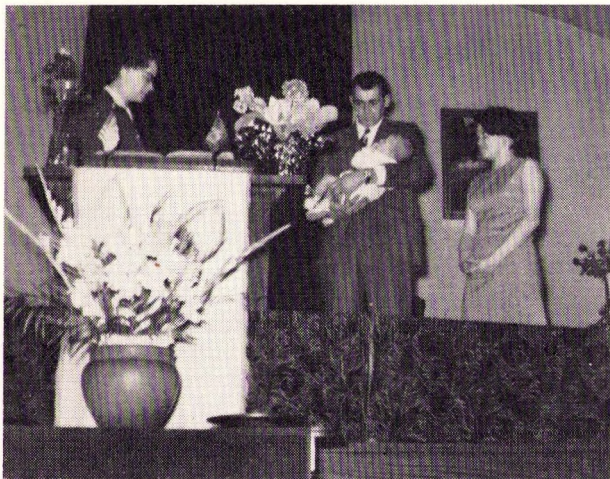
Of all the Apostles, Paul attained the sublimest heights. He has greater capacities—perhaps—and Bent all energies of his great soul to the end To which he had consecrated himself completely. Great men have purposes; others have wishes.

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We greatly appreciate national workers who visit us, and invite all to be with us when in our city. If you plan to see the HEMISFAIR in San Antonio in 1968, be sure to include a visit with us. We are only seventeen blocks from the fair site. BLESSINGS TO ALL!

THE LOUISE SCHOLTZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL

CHRISTENING



James Frederick True, three month old son of James F. and Lilliam B. True was Christened in the Augusta Spiritualist Church, Augusta, Maine, Sunday, March 13th, 1966. Mrs. Bernice Damon, of Brewer, Maine, officiated.

Mina Irene Damon born May 10, 1965, of Brewer, Maine, was Christened in the Augusta Spiritualist Church, Augusta Maine, June 6th, 1965. The baby is



the daughter of Irwin Warren Damon and Bernice Moore Damon. Mrs. Damon is a well known medium, serving all of the Maine churches each year. The Rev. Converse E. Nickerson of Somerville, Mass. officiated.

On March 13th, Rev. Virginia Leach Falls, of Muncie, Indiana officiated at the Christening of Margaret Irene Holland in the Spiritualist Church of Truth, Lima, Ohio. The parents have been Spiritualists since childhood. The parents are Franklin and Barbara Ann Holland, members of the Spiritualist Church of Truth. Standing with them were the Godparents, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Weatherhead of E. Second St., Dayton, Ohio. The child's grandparents are: George & Ruth Holland, former Spiritualists now deceased. Alfred R. Zepf, deceased and Margaret R. Lee of Lima, Ohio. Several close friends from Dayton attended the christening.

BEALS (Continued)

were awakened. Young Libbie Lowe later became Mrs. E. L. Watson of San Jose, California.

Young Beals and his mother were very close to each other and when she passed away several years later a very strange incident occurred. He was entranced and was taken to the organ and he began to play it and sang and recited a poem in which the names of the Spirit Helpers whom he had attracted promised to guide and guard him during the rest of his Earth Life. They also gave the names of his family.

Later he travelled through the Eastern part of our Country teaching and lecturing, giving the message of Spiritualism. He was an accomplished musician and was thus able to attract to his meetings many who might not otherwise attend. Later he felt impressed to go to the West with his message and moved and settled in the town of Summerland, California. He was married there. He contributed many interesting and

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REMINDER!

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE HOUR



Annie Carter

Know thy self, and thou shalt know God and the universe. In quest to understand ourself we learn the way of the long road in the search of God.

Why is it so many of us have to commence this pilgrimage from the dark depths of inconsolable grief and sorrow, broken health or home or loss of all we have or of those we hold dear.

Why cannot we feel the need of God in our lives

when we have security, happiness, peace and health.

Usually it is when one can no longer endure their state of dark despair with no visible way of escape from agony that they try to turn to God. Some do not know how to find God. Some do not know how to pray. They flounder about helpless until help comes through prayers of others in their behalf. It is at this point in their life that many begin seeking to find the God-Spirit within, and cry out for relief from a load that has become too heavy to carry alone.

Without a true spiritual understanding of the God-Spirit within, the Divine Power of God that dwells within them that sustains them in time of trouble, they have not built a solid foundation upon which they can stand when disaster strikes.

It is at this point that many turn from complacency to seek a true understanding of the God-Spirit within, and in so doing they learn the true relationship between God and man. God's laws, and how to live by them. They learn to know themselves and to recognize the true God-Spirit within.

It is then that they find the peace and calmness within that will withstand the disaster of this earth life, they have the Faith, Hope, and Spiritual understanding to carry them through.

Truth is Truth, no matter who expresses it, but its effect upon us depends upon our ability to use it in the right way.

If we declare a Truth with all the force of our being, understanding what we are declaring, then results will be certain, and the effect satisfactory. If we use the Truth we know in a half-hearted way, then we can expect a half-hearted result.

With humanity groping blindly towards the dawn of a greater spiritual awakening let us give them more of the positive teachings of Spiritual Truth.

People are asking questions, enquiring

minds are seeking Truth. Earnest seekers conquer doubt, open minds will except Truth, Truth sublime and Eternal, brings illumination to all.

We are living in a country where religious freedom, tolerance and understanding is the foundation upon which it was built. This quality of freedom, tolerance and understanding must first germinate and grow in our own hearts, then through our lives it will be born and flourish in the hearts of others.

A noble purpose in the heart, leavens, and raises the tide of love in mankind, a nation is builded on the masses of individual units and as the individual thinks so is the Nation inclined.

Once the individual is aroused to the consciousness of his inherent spiritual power, has the personal proof that loved ones are not dead, but have the ability to return and communicate, offering counsel and guidance, doubts and fears melt into nothingness. Such knowledge will help to make his earth life a thing of value, and beauty. Truly a symbol of humility and service.

Through the positive teachings of Spiritualism, we believe in the continuity of life, because it is proven by actual demonstration. That the personal identity and consciousness of the individual who has graduated to a higher form of life is never lost, but that it eternally progresses up the stairway of life. We believe that God still speaks to man as he did in the long ago, and that if the individual will but attune his ear receptively, he will receive guidance and understanding from the Spirit.

From the spiritual thinking of three other religions, we find these understandings.

From the Hindu religion we get this statement. "Neither by the eyes nor by spirit, not by the sensuous organs, nor by austerity, not by sacrifices can we see God; ONLY, by the light of WISDOM and by deep MEDITATION can we see the Pure God.

The Chinese observe, that, the Broadminded see the TRUTH in the different religions, the Narrow-minded see only the DIFFERENCE.

Buddha, speaking to the people who were listening to him and who handed his words on down to us said as follows. Do not believe anything on hearsay. Do not believe traditions because they are old. Do not simply believe because they are old and handed down through many generations. Do not simply believe because the written testimony of some ancient sage is shown theese. Never believe anything because presumption is in its favor or because

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the custom of many years leads thee to regard it as true. Do not believe anything on the mere authority of teachers or Priests.

What-ever, according to thine own experience and after thorough investigation, agrees with thy reason and is conducive to thine own happiness and to that of all other living things. "THAT" Accept at TRUTH, and live accordingly.

This is the situation that we are faced with in this world today. We find all of these different voices, these attitudes of mind, these political and religious philosophies all contending for their place in our consciousness, which means that they are contending for power over our minds, the great battle of today is the battle for control of men's minds, and yet Buddha gives us here a very definite outline, something which we may follow, a pattern that we must accept, ONLY THAT which produces good and benefits all living things.

That way of thinking will move us towards service, towards understanding, towards goodness, mercy and Truth. These are the things which the higher elements in psychic truth constantly teach in a world of dissension.

In a world of opposition, in a divisive society, when there are political groups and religious groups contending for power against each other, for those of us who are searching for some higher way to comprehend the law and the rule of God, it is well for us to turn to these words of Buddha, and ponder them, and to discover something about the reality of this God force that does exist within us.

There is a power which many do not know or understand. This inward force which Socrates outlined in his life time. For he taught with the belief in a personal immortality, (not a personal God) and that there was a spiritual guide which assisted him.

He accepted completely this force as a binding force within the spirit of man that bound him to God in some way through attunement, with this inner force he could interpret the higher principles and laws of being.

Socrates believed that it was definite spirit, a risen soul, someone who knew more than he did about the spiritual facts of life, who come to guide and assist him. Because he knew, these things, he could and did teach of these things. Which are the same things that Spiritualism teaches today.

Of course we know, that in the end he died because his enemies said he was a corrupting influence that he was leading men away from the old Gods, and therefore was dangerous. Because of his belief and his teachings of this force within man, this spiritual guiding force, he was socially and politically dangerous to the form of society that existed in that period of time. Hence it was decreed that he would die, so no longer would his influence be permitted to speak and destroy the confidence of the

people in their old gods.

Many times we see history repeating itself, today in our world we have these different voices, these attitudes of minds, political and religious groups contending for power over our minds. In the past, many wise leaders have suffered at the hands of those who were not in accord with their ideas and way of thinking.

Even in our country today we are suffering from this particular type of illness, the people are being lead to believe they are not capable of thinking for themselves, we are being told, we know what is best for you. We will do the thinking for you. Do not deviate from the accepted way, if you do, you will be an out-cast, you will be socially unacceptable.

Today those who dare to stand up for what they believe to be spiritually right are denounced as fanatics, mentally sick, teachers of untruths, mentally tortured, and humiliated, by those who are not in accord with their ideas and way of thinking, and who care nothing for the Spiritual way of life.

But destroying one who expresses Truth, does not destroy Truth. It only destroys a channel through which it may come. If we can learn anything from history, we should learn That Lesson. We need it in this age of attempted thought control.

Spirit itself, as expressed by Socrates, Buddha, and Spiritualists of today will create a channel and it will move through us, if we will permit it. It is above intellect and often above reason, Why do we find these words so inspiring, that were written centuries ago? Because they were spoken from the spirit, the timeless spirit of God. They are for every man for every age and for every purpose.

Let us remember once again the words of Buddha, ONLY that which produces good, which offers a way of thought and of love to all living creatures, not just our family or the people who belong to our church, or our personal friends, but to all. This is universal thinking and this is what we need in this world today if we are to survive and have spiritual understanding.

It has been stated that religion of the present time will meet the needs and challenge of science ONLY, if within the framework of that religion, men can advance in their thinking and not believe that every thing has been revealed already.

Today there is a challenge by all these scientific investigations by the overcoming of the limitations of our world by delving into the far reaches and dimensions of the mind. This is being done from a purely materialistic standpoint.

As Spiritualists we will not accept a creed-alistic idea, make a pronouncement and walk away in some sort of walled-in consciousness, from which we dare not move or beyond which

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we dare not think, because that is the accepted idea of religion.

Today more than ever before people are reaching out for help or a way of escape from such religious teachings, for those teachings are not meeting the demands of life today, they are beginning to think for themselves, they are awakening from their complacency to seek a true understanding of the God-Spirit within and in so doing they will learn the true relationship between God and man.

It is then they will find peace and calmness within that will withstand the disasters of this earth life. They will no longer feel lost on lifes sea without hope. They will have the Faith, Hope, and Spiritual understanding to carry them through.

Adverse criticism or opinions cannot stem the tide of proven convictions. The challenge is always upon us to move outward and upward. Psychic Phenomena, are within themselves not the ultimate answer. The answer is within the spirit of God, the Immortal quality, not only of his spirit, but of the quality of his thought.

The Dignity of the spirit that God created, the rising of that spirit step by step. These are the things that are important. It is what we think within ourselves, and what we are that bring us the concept of life and light and truth.

Remembering this, let us stand steadfast keeping our eyes on the goal, for a greater

understanding for all mankind in Spiritual Faith, recognizing in every difficulty a challenging opportunity to disarm public prejudice by giving the seekers of truth a greater understanding of spiritual truth that is taught through our religion of Spiritualism.

This is the Challenge of the hour, let us not fail.

TO DAD AND MOTHER

In the quiet of the night,
When lights are burning low,
There comes a cheery light,
With thoughts of long ago.

I see the faces clear,
As in days long gone by,
Of Dad and Mother dear,
And I startle with a sigh.

For there, they stand and smile,
And wave a cheery hand,
And I know that for awhile,
They are back from Summerland.

They linger long and near me,
I feel their very breath,
They whisper to me tenderly,
"There's no such thing as death."

We live and laugh with you my dear,
And share your troubles too,
When you are sad we shed a tear,
And come and comfort you.

And it shall ever be, dear son,
As you journey on your way,
We'll wait until your work is done,
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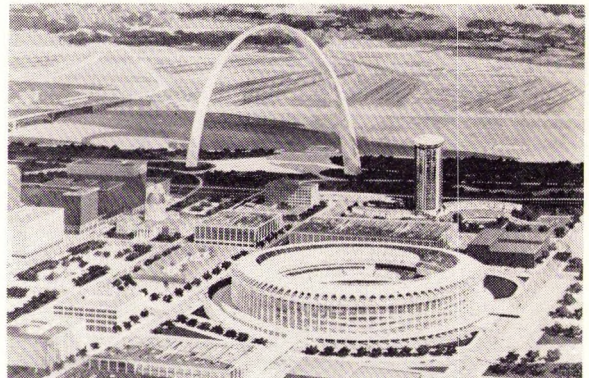
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IOWA

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the Nuclear bomb, the Rocket to the Moon or to any other planet, nor has God forbidden any other of the many wonderful developments of our modern world. God is Natural Law and all things in this life or in any life yet to be must be in compliance with Natural Law. We need more and more education in all aspects of life and less and less indifference to the practical aspects of religion as a working tool for man in his life here and in his preparation for life yet to be in another dimension of understanding.

UNDERSTANDING (Continued)

which contaminate, which we call sin and error in the world.

I am afraid that those who object to Spiritualism are sometimes those who preach it! Did it ever occur to you that there is very little distinction between the Christian religion and what is set forth as the teaching of Spiritualism up to a certain point? The Christian ministers preach a life after death. They preach it emphatically, even as if they knew it to be true. But when the Spiritualist comes along and takes up the question at that point and proves that they have been preaching the truth, they are very apt to object to the agent that comes to furnish the proof of what they have been preaching.

I wish I could move the world to consideration of this important thought, namely, if human beings would get in closer touch with the higher forces of the Spirit World, they might have the benefit of the reaction that would follow, coming to them directly from those who are dedicated to the service of humanity.

The true light of God's Life and Love will never go out. All men are drawn toward it. We should walk silently, joyfully in the direction of that light. We can be encouraged, instructed and loved by higher souls. Only light, love and faith can swallow up the blackness of night. Prayer and desire, the twin candles, are keeping the inner lights burning.

BEALS (Continued)

inspiring articles. With his teaching and lecturing he also added his inspirational poetry. Poetry of his love of the beauties of Nature even when he was a boy and best of all his deep filial love and reverence he had for the memory of his Mother was a great inspiration to every one who had the opportunity to hear it.

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3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.
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HEALING THOUGHT FOR MAY

May the ever beaming light of God's Infinite Power

Enter my mentality the marvelous structure of My body.

May the darkness of misunderstanding leave Me

And the glorious light and power of Infinite Intelligence.

Bring health and the fulfillment of Perfect healing as my portion, Amen.