The National Spiritualist-Summit

MAR/APR 2009



DO NOT REMOVE FROM LIBRARY

Spiritualism is the science, philosophy, and religion of continuous life

TNS
The National Spiritualist-Summit

EDITORIAL OFFICE

EDITOR
LAURA LEE PERKINS
P.O. Box 6089
Sun City West, Arizona 85376
Ph/Fax: (623) 975-0596
E-mail: tnssummit@q.com

STOW MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Board of Directors

PRESIDENT
REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, NST

VICE-PRESIDENT
REV. CATHERINE SNELL, NST

SECRETARY
REV. SHARON L. SNOWMAN, NST

TREASURER
PETER BERG

TRUSTEES
REV. E. ANN OTZELBERGER, NST
REV. COSIE ALLEN, NST
SONNY B. GEE
REV. RICHARD P. SCHOELLER, NST
REV. BRADLEY GOSSELIN, NST

TNS-Summit SUBMISSION GUIDELINES and COPYRIGHT LAWS

We are delighted that so many of our subscribers and readers are submitting articles for publication consideration. Please remember that if you are using material that someone else has authored, you will need to credit their work.

According to the Berne Convention (the international source for copyright law), an original expression is protected by copyright as soon as it's fixed in tangible form. In other words, the moment the words leave the author's brain and land on paper or the computer screen, the author is protected. In the USA the term of copyright is the creator's lifetime plus 70 years. One can access information on the web www.copyright.gov or call (202) 702-3000 for reliable information about U.S. copyright laws.

Also, no one can plagiarize your work by copying it exactly (or closely copying it, even if the exact words aren't used). Copyright laws give you protection from plagiarism as soon as your work is created.

Plagiarism is the reproduction or appropriation of someone else's work without proper attribution; passing off as one's own the work of someone else.

It is extremely important to note that changing a few words from an original source does not qualify as paraphrasing. A paraphrase must make significant changes in the style and voice of the original while retaining the essential ideas. If you change the ideas, then you are not paraphrasing; you are misrepresenting the ideas of the original, which also could lead to serious trouble.

Materials submitted are subject to editing and may be used in part or whole by *The National Spiritualist-Summit*. Electronic submissions are preferred. Return of a hard-copy submission requires a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to be sent with the article when submitted. Not all materials submitted can be published, and if published, the issue of publication is strictly up to the editor. We are not responsible for any claim made by, for, or against contributors to *The National Spiritualist-Summit*. All submissions must be in alignment with Spiritualist Principles. Articles and news items should reach *TNS* at least three months prior to the month of issue for publication consideration.

The National Spiritualist-Summit

MAR/APR 2009 • Number 1001

Official Publication of NSAC – USA / Published Since 1919

Death as Part of the Evolutionary Process of Life

14/16



Assignment Earth: Leadership

18-20



Know the Law

38

features

4-5 **The Verdant Valley of Soul**
All deep spiritual work requires presence.
Laura Lee Perkins, *TNS* Editor

5 **Cat Tails**
Mediumship Development
Marilyn Kercher

9/13 **The Image of God**
Exploring Our Imaginings of Spirit
The Rev. Stephanie Frobese, NST

10-13 **"Dear Diary"**
This is what an MPI class is like!
Carol Caesar

14/16 **Death as Part of...Life**
The evolutionary process of life
Dr. Norma J. Turner

15/16 **Love**
Spirituality is a progression into self-discovery
Suzy Graf

17/20 **Flexing Like the Willow Tree**
Flexing and Bending with life's circumstances
The Rev. Drew Vogt

18-20 **Assignment Earth: Leadership**
Mature leadership has four qualities
Marilyn Kercher

29 **The Soil of Life**
Comparing life to the earth
Elsie Ann Soria, NST

34-35 **The Spiritualist Principles**
From TNS dated April, 1982
Steven W. Ross

35 **Spiritual Healing**
Honoring Spiritual Healing Month
Laura Lee Perkins, *TNS* Editor

38 **Know the Law**
Be very careful of what you submit
The Rev. Marilyn J. Awtry

42-45 **Materializations**
There's Rhyme & Reason to Those Weird Photos
Michael E. Tymn

47 **Everybody is Hungry**
Searching for fulfillment
Marden Pride

snippets of wisdom/poetry

31 **Spring Forward**
Nancy Ashworth

37 **The Darkness and the Dawn**
Merry Browne

45 **Forgiveness**
The Late Rev. Melvena V. Hafner

departments

EDUCATION SPEAKS
6-7 **How To Become a Spiritualist**
Kelly Loignon
7-8 **Life After "Death"**
Lynn Streeper
8-9 **Spiritualism**
Sheila Cash

PERUSING THE WEB
29 http://spiritualismlink.forumotion.com

MEDIA WATCH
30-31 The Revs. Tom & Lisa Butler

CALENDAR CORNER
32-33 March Celebrates Gratitude / April Honors Healing

36-37 **NOTES from the FIELD**

DEPT. of PHENOMENAL EVIDENCE
39 The Rev. John Sullivan, NST

40-41 **Daily Quotes to Bless Each Day**

46 ***Morris Pratt* Course Information**

46 ***TNS-Summit* Subscription Form**

directory listings

21 Officers

22 Ministers

23-26 Churches

26 Spiritual Healing Guide & Form

27 Lyceum Books & Information

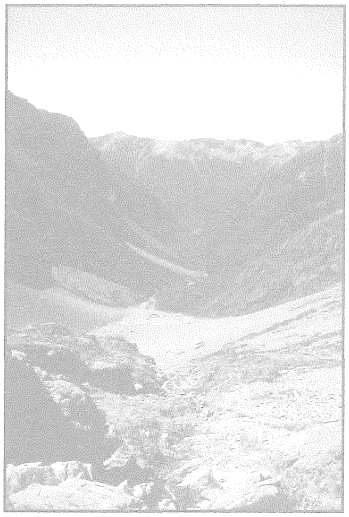
28 Books

The Verdant Valley of Soul

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

Our physical body is nestled within the enveloping warmth and safety of an energy field. Known as the *aura,* this magnetic field pulsates. It is alive with intelligent awareness which animates all of our senses.

For those who have experienced Kirlian photography, you have seen the aura's varied shadings and hues which demonstrate a wide variety of coloric information about one's physical, emotional and spiritual states. There are people who are highly trained in the interpretation of the tints, density, clarity, shapes—all of the visual clues that Kirlian photography offers about our aura. Many of our churches have invited Kirlian photographers for workshops and fundraisers; the photographic results are usually very interesting and provide many learning opportunities.



Kirlian photography is one way to coax the invisible into visible form, and it provides an opportunity for deeper reflection. This certainly fits with our beliefs; here we have an opportunity to view our energy field in more intimate ways. It is almost as if we can enter into the invisible grace that is always present when we are willing and able to accept the gift of grace at our deepest and most fundamental level—the level of the soul.

Our soul and body are not separate while we roam the earth; they are joined by Infinite Intelligence to transmit information. This union is sacred and purposeful. Many of our contemporary spiritual masters believe that the body rests *within the soul.* For many centuries we have been taught that the soul is housed in the body—so this idea of the soul cradling the body will be new to some of our readers. Is the aura, the energy field which pulsates as it engulfs our physical form, actually the soul? It is a thought to ponder.

Think, for just a moment, about yourself as a physical being who needs food and water and air to survive. Where do we find these? We find them as part of nature, as part of the abundance that flourishes on earth. Infinite Intelligence supplies *everything*—every single microscopic form of life—for our existence. What a gift! As the soul comes to earth during our physical birth, could it be possible that the soul actually is the energy field *around the body*? Is that why our aura is so extremely sensitive, because it is our antennae for receiving information?

As Spiritualists, we express gratitude back to our Source through the practice and daily integration of our Nine Spiritualist Principles. Isn't it amazing that these statements, just nine in number, are the foundation of our religion? When I ponder that, I continue to be both amazed and inspired by the enormous foresight and intelligent planning of our ancestors who built our religion on this simple, yet fundamentally sound and strong foundation.

Spiritual healing certainly works with our aura as the healer steps forward to heal, moving into the etheric energy field of the subject. The aura is often described as extending 20'-30' out from an individual, so when the healer moves close to the subject, their two auras share the same physical space. For those healers trained in energy reception, channeling and transmission, they wait for this aura merging to occur and then they begin their sacred work. These healers understand the importance of preparation which allows their energy channels to open.

For our mediums, they also use the aura, but in ways that bring mediumistic information. A sensitive medium often hears, sees and senses information from spiritual beings who are around an individual. These mediums are described as being clairaudient, clairvoyant and clairscentient. Some mediums use all three skills to deliver messages, while others use one or two specifically. Messages delivered through our mediums often involve information that is gleaned from the auric field.

Those who listen to our inspirational speakers often hope that the speakers' inspiration came at an earlier time, so there will be a focus to the presentation. Inspirational talks, while often based on information that entered through the auric field, still need to be notated and carefully thought through in advance. We have all experienced church service speakers (whose date was set often months in advance) who rise and announce that they have nothing prepared. For those new to our services, this must sound quite unusual. For our regular attendees, such an announcement might be interpreted as, "This must not be very important to this person if there has been no preparation."

Continued...

All deep spiritual work requires being present in mind, body and spirit. *All deep spiritual work involves preparation of our intent.* Intention is the key that unlocks the golden gate into our space of intention.

My own internal gate always has the key resting in the lock on the open gate. My gate is curved at the top, and I love to view the scene of it opening into the verdant green valley of my soul. Here I come for renewal and inspiration. Here, nestled in the valleys of my mind and rooted in the beating of my own heart, inspiration can flow like spring rains as my soul drinks from nature's fountains of awareness. In my soul's quest to build a path into *deeper spiritual knowing,* I bathe in the color green's healing and abundance. Light shines deeply into the interior darkness, illuminating my spiritual passion. I envision my soul, like a sunflower, always turning to the Light—toward Infinite Intelligence.



To be a Spiritualist is to be a spiritual person. To be a person *of Spirit* is to be one who always trusts in the presence of spiritual beings as helpers and guides who come to us *through Love.* I am most proud to be a Spiritualist, to be part of a religion that includes the acceptance of the *magnificence of spiritual healing and spiritual messages.*

As a Spiritualist, I have embraced joy as an integral part of my spiritual journey. As a Spiritualist, I have learned to keep my feet on our path; this walk magnifies trust and diminishes fear. As a Spiritualist, I am grateful for the gift of life and for the opportunity to serve.

In the spring, as the months flow into April, let us remember the bounty of healing energies as we celebrate April as the month of Spiritual Healing. Let us remember and be grateful for every day that we are able to get out of bed and walk across the room. Let us honor Spirit, who gives us courage to enter into agreements that require us to grow, to expand in spiritual wisdom and knowledge. Passionate spiritual interest and action never grow old; they live in the field of Love. And your body lives in the field of your aura...pulsating, alive and vibrant, you move forward into your future—into the veiled eternity of your continuous existence as a spiritual being. As a Spiritualist, *I know that we never really die—we simply change form.*

In Spirit,
Laura Lee Perkins, Editor

✦✦✦

feature

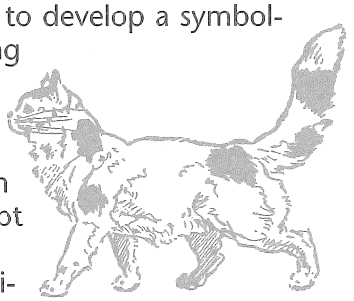
Cat Tails

MARILYN KERCHER
Falls Church, Virginia
Church of Joyous Living, West Virginia

I began mediumship development classes when I was well into my 50's. I had a very experienced instructor who advised us to "just give what you get." He told us not to worry about whether it meant anything to the recipient. "When you focus your attention on accuracy and you want recognition for that accuracy, you are feeding your ego and not opening up to Spirit," said my teacher.

Well, I thought, what kind of responsible behavior is THAT, just to give whatever pops into my mind! Nevertheless, I was being taught by someone whom I respected as a good medium. He had been a medium for 40 years and seemed so sure of this approach. He said, "I get up to work with no thought or expectation, and I just start talking. Spirit never fails me." I asked him if he ever got stage fright. He patiently explained that stage fright was an indication of ego being involved.

To prepare for platform work, he advised that we meditate every day and set an intention to be the vehicle for Spirit. It was important, he said, to work with Guides and Teachers to develop a symbology and a style of working together. They were learning too. My job was to prepare to receive whatever was and to open completely and accept whatever might happen.



I got up and immediately "saw" a black and white cat in front of a woman. I gave what I got. It was a simple message, that there was this black and white cat standing there looking at her, and that all I could see was its rear-end and its little tail standing straight up. I could feel that the cat really liked her and was still happy to be with her.

That's all I got, so I sat down. I wondered if it was a silly message and then reminded myself that it wasn't my message or my business. Still, I looked up and out into the audience at the woman I had given the message to. She looked excited. Later she came up to me and said how much the message meant to her. It was about a favorite cat she had as a child.

I told my ego it could come back in now, and we could enjoy this small success. Just a little bit.

✦✦✦

Morris Pratt Institute
featuring Three MPI students' articles.

How to Become a Spiritualist

Kelly Loignon, Las Vegas, NV

Spiritualism is a religion, philosophy, and science based on the continuity of life and the ability to communicate with those who have transitioned to the spirit side of life. I came into Spiritualism through another program that was also spiritual in nature. It made me want to explore the spiritual leanings/feelings that I have had for my entire life, yet didn't know how to express. Do I believe in a higher power called Infinite Intelligence? I do. Have I had experiences that backup or prove this belief? I have. And it is this belief, plus experience, that has brought me faith. It wasn't always so.

My family isn't really very religious or spiritual, so my road to Spiritualism was somewhat long and winding. I remember once when I was about six-years-old, I asked my mother why we didn't believe in God. She said (horrified) that we do believe, we are Christians. Well, why didn't we go to church? There was a church right down the street on our block? How handy and convenient! My mother said we weren't "those" kind of Christians. Well, I just had to know what they were doing in that church on Sunday. I asked my Mother if I could go and she said yes.



I remember that day. I was walking up the street, having a very animated conversation with another little girl. I wore pants, a t-shirt and sneakers. It didn't occur to me that I was the only one who could see that little girl. I went into the church and there were all these brown faces, and music, and people were singing and dancing. If this is what people did in church, then I was sold. I remember a lady, very tall and large in a beautiful orange dress. She smiled at me. Then I put my foot on a chair to tie my sneakers and she told me that God didn't like lazy little girls. I was young; I didn't need a chair to tie my shoes. I said that I was sorry and I left.

Church was over for me that day, and for a very long time. In those few moments church and religion in general became judgmental, hypocritical, and elitist. I didn't know any of those words when I was just six, but I felt them just the same. And I didn't seek out God again until I was in high school and living in Alaska. Then I began to realize and understand the difference between spirituality and religion. I had always felt spiritual, and I always knew that there was something "out there." I didn't know how to explain it, was it energy, a force, a being? I wasn't sure, but I never felt as if we were the only thing going in the universe.

I was spiritual, but I also wanted to belong. Well, I tried being Jewish. I tried to be Kosher and recite the Torah. I thought I identified with the persecution and isolation. Judaism and I parted ways. Then I thought I would be a Buddhist; after all, it was peace and love. I was in high school in the 1980's—peace and love were not cool. Then I thought I will just be pagan, since my beliefs didn't really match anything I had found so far. So, I'd be a Witch; who doesn't want to dance naked in the forest during a full moon? Well, I lived in Alaska and dancing in snow during Halloween was hard and mosquitoes biting in June was even harder.

Then came many years of denial; who needed religion? After all, it was the opiate of the masses, designed for mind-control with meaningless rituals. Only silly people relied on God. That's what I said, but deep down I never *really* believed it. I had mistaken the rituals of religion with spirituality. Looking back I know why I was disappointed, but Spirit always has a plan. I always hoped that there was something, but I also wanted proof. I wanted something I could see and touch as a basis for belief. I figured there was something, but if it was a God who judged us about our life on earth, I probably wasn't going to find out until it was too late, and I was on the down escalator. And then there were those voices I heard, pesky and annoying, and usually very early in the morning.

I had forgotten about San Diego. When I was a little girl living in San Diego, I used to play dress-up and make-believe under the huge pomegranate trees in the backyard. My mother told me once, many years later, that she always wondered why I was talking to myself. Of course I don't remember it that way—I always remembered being a very busy producer and star o'the show; I was always producing a "show" that I had all my friends come to see.

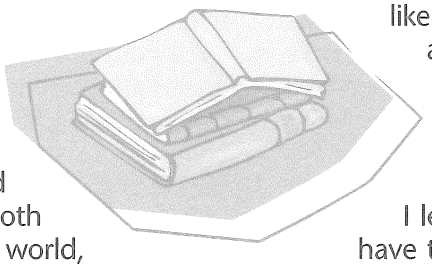
It wasn't until many years later, when I met Reverend Lynne Jackson, that I began to remember all of these "playmates." We talked about it many times, and I would always insist that they were imaginary. Rev. Lynne would just smile and say, "Are you sure?" It was the smile that intrigued me. That knowing, but kind and generous smile. Just what was it that Rev. Lynne knew that I didn't? What exactly did they do at her church? Spiritualist? Mediumship? Talking to spirit? It sounded exotic and a little naughty, like snake-handlers. What are messages, how do people get them? Can I sign-up to get them? And healing—what is that all about?

Rev. Lynne told me that I was a natural. A natural

Continued...

medium? Me? So I went to the evening service. I figured I can go once; if they are freaks, I'll just stay away from Rev. Lynne in the future. I don't remember anything about that service, except that the Principles just made sense. The fundamental belief that we never die—our soul continues—and that we have the means and the power to communicate with that other side. These were the things that I believed, but had never found the words to express those beliefs.

I met many people in those first months at *Spiritualist Desert Church*. Rev. Lynne Jackson, Rev. Catherine Stewart, Susan Russum, Pastor Vicky Homann, Alice Robertson and so many others who have changed my life because they believe and follow the principles. We believe in Infinite Intelligence—yes, there is an energy, a force that runs through all of us. It is Spirit and we are part of that Spirit, having a unique human experience to learn from and about Spirit. We believe that nature, both the physical world and the spirit world, reflect Infinite Intelligence. We believe that no one can atone for us; we are responsible for our thoughts and actions here in the physical and also in the spiritual. We believe that our soul continues on and that there is no real death, only the transition from our physical selves into the spiritual.



Well, needless to say, I stayed and for seven years have been learning and growing as a person, a Spiritualist and a medium. I took what Rev. Lynne told me, and Susan, and Rev. Kit, and threw it out the window. A natural medium? Ha. I wanted to be a healer and I have tried and been successful; however, those pesky voices just wouldn't give up. And so, in the last year, I have been working on that gift. And I believe that it is a gift and a responsibility. Not just those feelings and intuitions that we all have, but *true communication* with people who have transitioned. Everyone has intuition, that gut feeling. Everyone is psychic—but not everyone has the capacity or willingness to communicate with Spirit. As a Spiritualist, I also know that there are no coincidences. I had to learn that I can be a healer, but that giving messages is where I can serve and help the most right now. I also accept that healing is also mediumship, and that mediums' abilities and willingness comes in all shapes and sizes. This knowing, willingness and acceptance are part of Natural Law.

The fundamental goals and principles of Spiritualism were based on Natural Laws that govern the universe; we do make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey these Natural Laws. For example, the Law of Attraction and the Law of Thought. Our thoughts are what we believe and put out into the universe. We've all heard the saying that actions speak louder than words. Well, our thoughts are actions that we give to the universe and what is in turn attracted back to us. Think about it the next time you are in a hurry and every light turns red—what are you thinking, what have you attracted to you? What about when you are peaceful, happy? The universe responds to the truth, and like attracts like.

Spiritualism isn't simply a religion, it is a way of life that creates harmony and balance as we try to live by the principles of unconditional love and acceptance.

As a Spiritualist, I know certain things. I know that I don't have to be afraid. I know that I will never truly die; my spirit, energy and personality will go on. I will take off my physical body at some point, but it will be like taking off an overcoat to reveal the sassy and colorful outfit underneath.

I know that Spirit wants what is for my best and highest good. I have free will to follow Natural Law or to struggle against it. Oftentimes the struggle is where I learn the most about a lesson. Sometimes I have to repeat a lesson. I also know that the list of what I don't know is getting longer and longer, but I will come full-circle. I have eternity to check things off the list. ✦

Life After "Death"

Lynn Streeper, Virginia Beach, VA

Lesson 5 was a wonderful affirmation of Spiritualism's beliefs about death and the life after. Living in the United States, and having been raised squarely in the midst of our death-denying society, it has been a struggle to find beliefs that resonate for me.

Probably no other aspect of our lives is as problematic as death, and yet, it is widely ignored, denied, and left until it is such an immediate issue that most people aren't afforded the time to complete all that they would like to have. If we would admit that our own death is inevitable and begin to seek answers now, we would find information that makes our lives more worthwhile *and* we would find much more peace when it is time to transition on to the next level of existence.

There are other societies that are death-affirming; their ideas and beliefs include death as a natural process, and that the approach of death is a time for planning and acceptance.

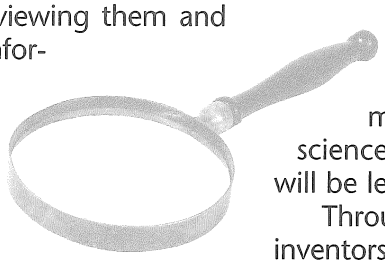
Early American Indians believed that if the gods or the spirits wanted you to live, you would; and if not, you would be taken. Thus, they separated from the elderly and the terminally ill and allowed the gods to decide their fate. Death was a fundamental part of life, and not a final experience, but a transition.

Continued...

Other religions have contributed to our efforts to understand death. In the Jewish faith, terminal illness and death are not denied, but are faced directly; a person is supported by family and friends as they prepare for the end of life. Affairs are set in order, and the person is able to make peace with their God.

Much is written about people who have undergone near-death experiences. They have all come back with the same information that affords us a clear picture of what we can be working on here and why. The most significant thing brought back from near-death experiences was the idea that *we need to truly love each other*. A genuine concern and compassion for other human beings is something to be cultivated and developed by all. This is one of the basic purposes of life. Acquiring knowledge is also fundamental, not only here, but in the next life as well. Every person who came back from a near-death experience was compelled to try harder to live a better life for reasons that are pure, not for secondary gain of any sort.

Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross was fundamental in working with the terminally ill, interviewing them and authoring many books with the information she learned. Her stages of dying are clear steps we all will take to reach a level of acceptance and be ready to die. Knowing these stages, and the individual's beliefs about death, would be invaluable insights to be able to assist someone working through them.



The Spiritualist belief that death is a transition from the physical plane to one of a more spiritual existence is one that I cherish. We pass through the doorway of death, unaltered consciously, and continue our lives as before. The physical body is no longer necessary as we enter into the primary reality of spiritual life. The new life is part of a continuum, where we will continue to learn and grow and change. Our awareness is unaltered, our memories, dreams, loves—all remain intact. I love this idea also, for I may be able to give up everything here that I've held dear, but the thought of having to relinquish my memories was an extremely difficult concept.

Spiritualism has offered us many insights into death and dying through the mediumship of many from our historical foundations and those who continue that work today. We know that there are many changes in our lives, and death may be seen as another one, perhaps with more emotional impact, but none the less, it is simply a transition like all the others. Death may be seen as a birth, as we move into a new existence. We take with us all that we already are, and, shedding the body, find our lives on a higher level of being. The possibilities that await us are endless and exciting. ✦

Spiritualism

Sheila Cash

"Spiritualism is a Science because it investigates, analyzes and classifies facts and manifestations demonstrated from the spirit side of life." Many pioneers of Spiritualism were trained scientists who made rigorous studies (in decades past) to establish a scientific basis for the phenomena they experienced. Traditionally, scientific investigation has explored the physical world and its phenomena that can be viewed at a material level, with a few exceptions such as gravity. Since Spiritualist phenomena is often subjective, it does not fit into the established standards of what constitutes scientific proof.

In our society, it is often widespread thought and observations that lead pubic opinion. In the 21st century, we as a species are clearly more free politically and culturally to delve into these beliefs which had been taboo in our past. Mainstream media in the U.S. today is promoting a vast range of shows on the paranormal in both fiction and non-fiction genres. Psychics and mediums have become global celebrities. I feel the pubic is more ready than ever for Spiritualism and if science (the establishment) doesn't keep up, then it will be left behind.

Throughout our history, many famous explorers and inventors have made profound discoveries in science in their own backyards. They are not always funded by the establishment and, as such, *individuals* are moving forward of their own accord. More than ever before, in this era of personal computers and Google, individuals have the access and the inclination to forge further into their personal areas of interest. This is changing the current and future standards of a system of scientific protocols that previously dominated the landscape.

It is important for those in Spiritualism to remain dedicated to following rigorous methods of scientific investigation in terms of having their findings be accepted by the establishment *to the degree that it's possible; but we should never be held back by standards that in some cases no longer apply.*

Lesson Nine states that science "provides a starting point for inquiry..." It is actually the experience, the observation, the empirical evidence that is the catalyst for the inquiry in the first place. This makes the experience an integral part of the scientific process. The spirit world and other dimensions are areas where empirical evidence has historically proved to be validating information. In our growing society, where individuals have more power than ever before, it may be that the empirical evidence of the masses may eventually tip the scales of belief in favor of "proof." It

Continued...

could be that some investigations may never fit into the current standards of the scientific process. In the future, it is possible that the burden of proof may be on the establishment to prove that spiritual phenomena *does not* exist.

Spiritualism has the opportunity to expand the limitations of established scientific procedures. This could spawn a new age in science. The work of Dr. Gary Shwartz (University of Arizona) is an example of thorough scientific work that has gone a long way to transcend the boundaries of traditional scientific thought. Students and followers of Spiritualism should keep investigations like these going, whether or not the subject matter is *initially* accepted within the establishment. Every tiny bit of evidence that can be collected in a verifiable way certainly helps the cause of Spiritualism to move ahead in the scientific world, as well as to open up the minds of many who otherwise might have stayed completely closed off from belief in the afterlife.

Science *is* a progressive discipline by its very nature. This is encouraging because there are always new territories to explore, but more importantly, *increasingly* new ways to explore that territory. Scientific facts are only facts *until we have evolved enough to understand at a deeper level.* At that point, the previous "facts" can change due to ever newer information coming into the picture.

Spiritualism seeks to prove the validity of spiritual phenomena. With advances in technology, tools to measure temperature, light, density and energy might change the *way* we prove the existence of the phenomena. I have been taught, during my studies with MPI, to pursue kowledge with dignity and to employ reason and integrity. We must forge further in our investigations and studies in a disciplined and rigorous fashion; let the established standards catch up when they may.

Hope and love and peace can't be visibly seen with the naked eye, but what would life be without them? Untold wonders exist in the world unseen. Spiritualism is positioned like no other religion to expand the leading edge of discoveries into worlds currently unknown. I believe that Spiritualism's time has come. ✦

LOVE
FAITH
PEACE
HARMONY

The Image of God

THE REV. STEPHANIE FROBESE, NST

Each week, during our church services, we state our Spiritualist Principles. It is quite appropriate that our first Principle is "We believe in Infinite Intelligence." That is one statement that attracted me to Spiritualism. Because my Christian background caused me to interpret the word God as a separate being, with a personality much like we humans, the concept of an Infinite Intelligence more accurately described my belief of what God is. But my favorite noun to describe my perception of God is the word Spirit. Spirit is personal and universal, individual and all encompassing.

Living here on the earth plane we have only the slightest understanding of what God is; this Infinite Intelligence is so far beyond our comprehension that we can only imagine what it is. We are but infinitesimal particles of the Great Force that created the visible universe – a ripple in a greater, infinite vibration. You may have noticed that I'm describing Infinite Intelligence as "It". I always had a sense that the Source of our existence was beyond comprehension. This concept was reinforced for me when observing an interview with Dr. Depak Chopra, one of the most highly respected spiritual leaders of our time. He explained that the first concept of God as the source of all creation in Hinduism was called Brahman, a life force that existed in all things in our universe. He went on to explain that translated, Brahman means IT, the ultimate impersonal reality underlying everything in the universe, from which everything comes and to which it returns.

Most of us have been taught that we are created in the "image" of God. Being the dense, material objects we are, we interpret this to mean that God looks like us. But God is not material. God is spiritual. So what is the image of our spiritual self? When we feel spiritual, what are we then? We are all the positive aspects of our personality. We are loving, tolerant, compassionate, and just, to mention only a few characteristics of our positive potential. These are feelings and thoughts from which our actions then flow. So God, the Infinite Divine Mind behind the creation of our visible and invisible reality, must be emotion and thought. We are separated from that divine, creative Source by our material reality, our physical density - yet a spark lies within all of us, a spark of goodness. Our Creator, our Source, is so immense and so powerful that we could not tolerate experiencing "Its" presence directly. And so, through Spirit, we are able to partake of Its essence.

Spiritualism teaches us that there are many levels of

Continued on page 13...

"Dear Diary"

Our MPI Pastoral Skills Class Experience

CAROL CAESAR

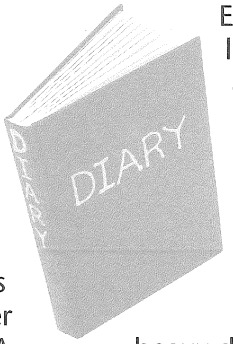
Aug., 2008 • Dear Diary – Wow, so I received some of my books for the MPI Pastoral Skills Class today. Yikes…look at that reading.

Sept. 10, 2008 • Just a few weeks till the first half of PSC and I'm reading every night till I pass out. I'm starting to wonder if I'm really cut out for this…am I totally out of my depths? Can I really handle all this? I gave it up to Spirit and went to sleep.

Sept. 14 • After church today, I spoke to other MPI students. Everyone is down to the wire and carrying their required reading and work around like Bibles…I'm not the only one. Just a few chapters left. I wonder what is going on in the real world…I gave up TV to read!

Sept. 20 • I am down to one chapter and typing up all my written work…I can see the light and I'm running into it! I am taking tonight off to go to a wedding reception. I love weddings!

Sept. 25 • Tomorrow's the first day of class. I emailed Bunny that I am afraid and excited both at the same time. I made home-made baked beans to take to class tomorrow for lunch for everyone. It's late and I can't sleep. I feel like the kid in the Disney World commercial who says to his sibling, "I'm too excited to sleep!" I'm keeping my husband awake; I'm sure he'll be glad when this is over!



Sept. 26, Day 1, Friday • First day of class: 9:00 AM – OK, so there are 11 other students – Andrea Alston-Smith, Awilda Abaza, Edmund Bujalski, Sheila Cash, Konstanza Greer, Deborah Harrigan, Rev. Leonard Justinian, Chesleigh Jonker, Marilyn Kercher, Patti Kittnar, and Rita O'Connor – it's a fantastic group. Rev. Barbara "Bunny" Star is our teacher, and we are meeting at the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment in Falls Church, VA, so the space is perfect and blessed already. We are going to learn about counseling, conducting church and other services, public speaking and church management. Sounds like a tall order. My "lack of greatness" issues rise up in my mind…I ignore those thoughts. We talk about how important it is to listen to people (active listening). We each are going to conduct a service: wedding, funeral/memorial, animal funeral/blessing, child naming ceremony, regular church service, etc. My hand shot up to do a wedding service…I'll do it tomorrow. In addition, I'm assigned to the graduation planning committee with Andrea,



Ches and Konstanza. (That day seems pretty far off though.) Other students are picked to participate as bride and groom, daughter of the groom, and mothers of the bride and groom for our mock service tomorrow. Everyone is assigned something to prepare. Wow – we are getting right to it. No slouching here! We break briefly to eat lunch together at our same work tables – then right back to work. We decide we will have all our meals together and volunteer for who will bring food each day. Everyone enjoys breaking bread together. After lunch, we dealt in-depth with weddings – legal and spiritual considerations. Bunny and Leonard gave us insight since they have performed many weddings. That night I met with my brother-in-law and his girlfriend to get their input/wishes for the wedding ceremony that I am tailoring for them.

Day 2 • Stress, depression and suicide – oh, and don't forget alcoholism! It's a heavy day. We watch the wedding video that Leonard just performed. I got to perform the wedding ceremony. Ches, playing the groom, seems to be channeling my brother-in-law as he momentarily portrays the reluctant groom. It was such a wonderful experience; I just want to go out and marry everyone. I mean…to each other!

Day 3 • Visited another church this morning…I felt like a "secret shopper". Our guest today is Spiritualist Funeral Director, Deirdre O'Hara. My mind is boggled with details. But I am starting to appreciate the immense value that a minister provides in conducting

Continued…

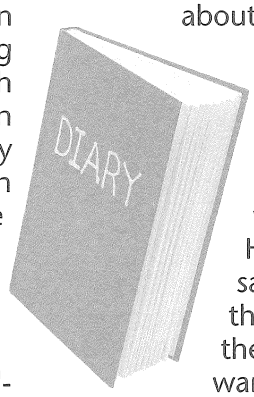
a funeral/memorial service. I've vowed to write my obituary immediately to save my family that chore. Deirdre invited us to visit her funeral home. Later, we talked about Hospice, the grief process, bereavement counseling and more. Deborah conducted her Pet Blessing. Then she conducted a Pet Funeral and we all paid tribute to "Fluffy." It was the lightest part of the day. In the depths of emotionally troubling topics, Edmund manages to make us laugh. Thank God!

Day 4 • Our visitor today is Spiritualist Hospital Chaplain, Rev. Christine Krithades, chair of the NSAC Ethics Committee and an attorney. She is amazing. We all learned so much practical information, the ABCD's and more about being a hospital chaplain. One of them is facing a patient's biggest fear – death. We explored bio-ethics and asking for Spirit to guide us in these situations. Practical things too, like having a big sign saying, "In Case of Emergency" with names/phone numbers on it posted on our fridge, in our wallet and on our cell phone for that inevitable day when we cross over. Being a hospital chaplain is an amazing calling. We ended the day with what we learned from our church visits the previous day. What an eye opener! We are given our homework for the four-week break that we will have before the conclusion of our PSC. This group has become a family. Andrea, Ches, Konstanza and I meet to plan the Graduation Ceremony format; we will keep it informal.

Oct. 7, 2008 • It seems like a bunch of issues from class are cropping up in my personal life. One of my family members asks me to sign an Advance Directive for them (something I just learned about a few weeks ago) and another family member is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Issues continue to pop up, and I am so thankful that I am taking the class now because I realize what I'm learning is not just for pastors; it's important for all people to know. These are people skills…I don't have to worry about what to say. I just have to listen. I just have to be present. I'm reading about Alzheimer's Dementia – a disease that my grandfather died of and this book helps me to understand things better. I am breezing through the public speaking material – but it's quite good. The Graduation Committee exchanges emails –

Oct. 24, Day 5 • It's like we were just here yesterday. My joy is palpable at being back. We all sit in the identical chairs we got accustomed to last month in our square formation of four tables. Edmund leads us in a wonderful real memorial service for Marilyn's mother, **Ruth Marsh Liber** (this had been at Marilyn's request last month). We aren't role playing…we are all so deeply touched; many of us cry. Spirit touches in and we know that Ruth appreciated her memorial. Later we explore hard choices about DNR and life support. During a break, I suggest to the grad committee that we add into our Graduation Ceremony a meditation that I would lead, inviting us to visualize our path in service to Spirit while feeling the circle's light and energy supporting us – they agree. I go home and listen to music and find the perfect "spiritual path music" to use on Monday.

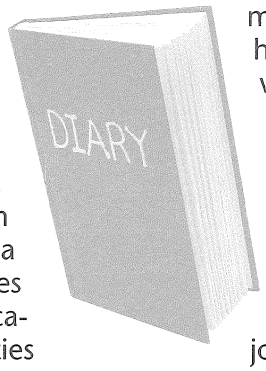
Day 6 • Before we begin class, our grad committee meets one more time to finalize things. We talk about someone reporting on our class for an article in the *TNS-Summit*. I volunteer as the 'cub reporter.' What will I write? Oh well, I'll cross that bridge later. Rita leads us in a beautiful Naming Ceremony for baby Roscoe (a doll). Rita's ceremony is so wonderful – we have no words. Now we deal with church management issues – ethics, insurance etc. Now we talk about sexual abuse, rape, child abuse. Legal and emotional issues are discussed. Some of the issues are so intense – I'm glad for our lunch break, especially today. Our guest this afternoon is Spiritualist Counselor, Chris Thomas, who works as an addictions counselor. He told us, "People will forget what you say; people will forget what you do, but they will never forget how you make them feel." And, "People don't really want to escape from reality – they want to know how to deal with reality." We discussed the 12-Step Program; he encouraged us to take it. We learned so much from him. Talked about the stress helpers (counselors, doctors and ministers) deal with, and how we all need a counselor…a person we can go to, to heal. He told us of his vision to have a retreat to "Help Healers/Helpers to Rejuvenate". As he talks about his vision, I think about my many visions a Spiritualist Elementary school, a Spiritualist retirement community and funeral home and the TV script that I'm writing called "The Guardian Angels". In my TV Script (work in progress), the teaching Angel (Master teacher) turns to the Young Guardian Angel (spirit guide) and says, "You can't lead their lives for them. It's better if you assist them to help each other; they learn more." And the Young Guardian Angel says, "I see. Teach them to fish…" My mind snaps back to class as we say goodbye to Chris, thanking him profusely. Bunny shows us a newspaper ad that Rev. Alexis Rolnick has taken out in her local paper to advertise that we are coming to West Virginia. She's rented a room at the Holiday Inn to accommodate the giant crowd that might appear in response to the ad. The ad announces the 12 of us in such a positive way that people might be expecting something like the 12 Apostles! I see a pattern here, the 12-Step Program and us as 12 workers all on one stage! We



Continued...

did role-playing on the problems of an aging parent. I am wound-up so tight, I could pop. It was very emotional. Like elves, before leaving, we set up the church for Sunday service – our small gift to CSE for hosting our class.

Day 7 • I got up early to work a bit more on graduation preparation. I'm so tired, I move like a Zombie! I drive to Rita's house and, along with Andrea, we all pile into Marilyn's car for the road trip to West Virginia! I read off the Google map's directions and we see such beautiful fall foliage, horses and deer too. The drive in the country is so soothing for all of us. The Church of Joyous Living was just chartered by NSAC last fall, so we are all excited to serve in Alexis' church. Everyone did a terrific job. Our closing hymn was *Let There Be Peace on Earth* and in their church, they join hands. On my right side was a 9-year-old boy, Andrew, whom I gave a big smile and on my left side was a young college student. It was so wonderful to have a mix of ages in the congregation. We had a wonderful late lunch with them and then set up for the presentation of a workshop on Church Management Issues for church boards: insurance, communications, structure, Treasurer/Secretary duties and good practices were elaborated on in detail. They presented a wealth of handouts with information that was eagerly accepted and appreciated by everyone – especially Patti, who is about to go through the process of getting an NSAC charter for her church in Illinois. By 6:30 PM, we were on the road back home. When I finally walked through the door to my own home about 8:20 PM, my husband had dinner waiting for me – hooray! We eat and fall asleep in our chairs. Tomorrow is our final day – I've more to do to finish preparing for the Graduation Ceremony, but I'll just have to do it early in the morning after a good night's sleep.



Day 8 • I got up early and finished prepping for today's Graduation Ceremony. We wanted Bunny to have something special from all of us, so I got a memory book and we put Ches' photos into it and personal notes from everyone. We all pitched in for a wonderful ceramic statue of a snow angel playing recorder to four bunnies and a bird. The photos were great – the Naming Ceremony, the West VA service and class moments. We shared breakfast together for one final time. The sharing of meals sure has made us a close-knit group. We talked about various resources, how, as a minister, we may be called upon to do a workshop/presentation as students had done yesterday in West Virginia. Some questions were asked about business cards as a minister, conducting readings or healings outside of church in a way that protects legally, charging for healings/readings, etc. Reminder is given to listen and keep everything confidential. Bunny asked, "Any more questions?" Okay then – time for lunch. Unlike other days, I couldn't eat a giant lunch...I was so nervous about the upcoming graduation ceremony. I was feeling very emotional over salad and two meatballs. Elizabeth came to share our lunch and represent the CSE Board for the graduation. When she showed me the programs – they looked so beautiful – they were just wonderful! While I toyed with my food, Edmund pulled me aside and said, "I brought this beautiful song by Daniel Nahmod called *Love is My Decision* that I'd like us to sing during the graduation ceremony." This seemed so perfect as spirit had told me that we would sing a song, but since I hadn't had the time to pick one...I had thought they were wrong this time (silly me). So I let Andrea know we would sing this song before her Invocation; Leonard said he'd like to say a few words, so that was added in as well. All of the changes seemed perfect. We gathered the class, our Master Teacher Bunny and our special guest, Elizabeth, to our chairs to begin the graduation. I was fine for the Welcome Remarks but when we all joined hands and Edmund put on the CD with the song and we sang...you guessed it – tears and emotion all began bubbling up. After Andrea's beautiful Invocation, I collected myself to lead the Spiritual Path Meditation. I could feel Spirit touching in, and the love and energy was so powerful. After the meditation, I concluded and Bunny addressed the class. I saw a few others with tears, so I guess I'm not the only one. Leonard gave us his remarks as a student and as a long-time ordained minister. Among other things, he said he felt that this class was so beneficial that all ministers who hadn't taken it should sign-up. It was time for me to read the letter to the students from CSE Pastor, The Rev. Anne Gehman, who couldn't be there. It was a wonderful message and I got choked up by the time I got to the last sentence, "All my blessings are with you on this joyful day." I said that I must be channeling her as I know she would have felt emotional and proud since 10 of us were her students and she had officiated at Leonard's ordination many years ago. I read the student comments about what PSC had meant to them. I had re-written my own statement three times before I came to it: "I don't have to do anything. Be still – and Listen." We had so many people to thank – the list was very long. We ended by thanking our super teacher, Bunny, with her filled gift bag (with two bunnies on it). Bunny had a surprise for us – a

Continued...

Dear Diary *Continued...*

Beanie Baby of our choice – bears, bunnies and even turkeys to choose from! Joy reigned supreme. We concluded with Ches reading:

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. (Marianne Williamson, *A Return to Love,* 190-191 and commonly referenced as part of Nelson Mandela's 1994 Inaugural Address)

Then Ches gave the Benediction and we all sat dumbfounded, not wanting to leave. Finally we all moved in a huddle to the opposite side of the room by Marilyn and formed a standing circle – a group hug. I said that I was glad that we all sat during our graduation and no one was at the "front" since all of our lights shone so brightly. Instantly we broke out into spontaneous signing and swaying to *This Little Light of Mine*; and then, when that ended, we realized it really was over. It was time to leave. We had completed this part of our spiritual path, this training to be in service to Spirit. After several hugs (and talk of a class reunion), we cleaned up the Center and arranged the chairs for the next CSE event. I am sure those who entered would feel the love and energy in the room. Rita, Deborah and I walked out together – the last to go – closing the door to the building and to our PSC classroom experience. I drove home in meditative silence. It had turned cold and rainy, but I felt warm and content inside. Rush hour didn't bother me at all, even though it took me one-and-a-half hours to get home. I just thought about how much I am going to miss my PSC family. I'm writing this final entry after dinner, looking at my white Bear Angel Beanie Baby that Bunny gave me to remember her and PSC and thinking to myself, "How could I *ever* forget?!" I couldn't, I wouldn't, and I won't. And even in this moment, a few tears are coming up with emotion. But now, Dear Diary, there is that little matter of me volunteering to report on the class for the *TNS-Summit*. Perhaps I could just send these little journal entries and then people would really understand how special this class and our teacher Bunny really are. I think I'll do that. Good night Diary...thanks for listening. Remember – please keep all of this confidential. ✦

The Image of God *Continued from page 9...*

emissaries who relate the essence of this divine Source to us. These are our helpers and loved ones who work directly with the material plane. There are also higher entities and energies which cannot interact with us directly. One of my teachers expressed this as the tempering of the highest energies through intermediate levels down to the material. We can see this quite clearly in spiritual healing. The chemists on the spirit side of life are the alchemists who transmute and then transmit the pure energy of the spirit world to a level tolerable to our physical bodies.

Higher spiritual beings can affect our lives on a personal level, or as part of a higher consciousness which we can enter. As Spiritualists, we try in every way to relate to these other realms of reality – to exercise our spirituality. We believe that our soul is a tiny spark of the Creative, Divine Mind we call Infinite Intelligence. We are attracted to individual souls through our attachment of ***love***, as well as those who have touched our lives through any relationship, directly or indirectly. That attraction may be because of an interest we have pursued, such as our belief in Spiritualism, or perhaps through the skills we have developed here on earth in our profession or our craft. Often simply hearing a story about someone we have never met personally results in an emotional or mental attraction. We have all these ties into the realms of the spirit world, and that realm is our line of communication, our connection to the Divine Creative Force we call Infinite Intelligence. We experience the influence of Spirit mentally and emotionally often, but frequently do not recognize it.

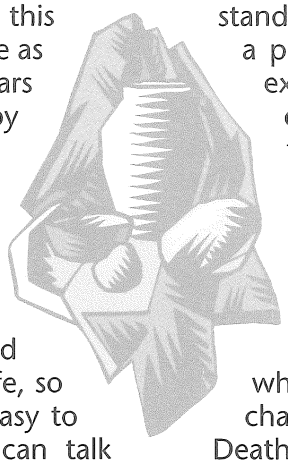
How many times have you accomplished something and said to your self, "I can't believe I did that!" Well, you probably didn't do it alone. Our spirit friends and helpers can assist us in our physical activities. They can't do it for us, but they can give us the energy and the force we need to accomplish a task. Through the faculty of thought and the embrace of their love, they can attempt to influence our actions. I have found that when they are trying to get a message through to me, I'll have a thought. If I don't act on it then that thought will come to me in some other form, often three or four times before (or until) I pay attention.

This fact should not be surprising. After all, we are Spirit, temporarily expressing our essence in a material form. Our purpose here on this Earth plane is to live while learning to express more fully the goodness and the love that ultimately radiates from our Source, Infinite Intelligence. It reaches us through Spirit – Spirit as consciousness, Spirit as thought, Spirit as emotion and Spirit in the form of those loved ones, helpers and teachers who work with us from the higher side of life to enlighten and uplift us. Yes, we are created in the image of God. But that image is not of our physical bodies, but of our souls. ✦

Death as Part of the Evolutionary Process of Life

DR. NORMA J. TURNER, Church of the Living Spirit, Glendale, Arizona

The meaning of death has been the most persistent question humans have ever asked throughout history. There is something inside each one of us that yearns to live on, to continue past this physical life, to allow each of us to see our life as more than simply these 50, 60, or 80 plus years of physical existence. That may be because by the time we have matured into a wizened old person, we feel we have just come into our own person. We have just begun to understand. In other words, we realize we still have so much growing to do.



One thing we do know about death: it is a universal experience. Everything and everyone dies. Death is so much a part of life, so integral to the process of living, that it is easy to identify collective attitudes about it. We can talk about cultural attitudes toward death; then there are the attitudes found within subcultures; finally, there is the attitude found within each person—within you and me.

Just a moment for a personal reflection. I have always hated and feared death. My father died when I was 14; my sister died when I was 17. My mother died when I was 26.

During my first years in the Catholic convent at the motherhouse, I was in a special chorus which sang for all the funerals—and because of their numbers, nuns were always dying. When I was no longer obliged to attend funerals, I made up my mind not to attend them any more. They were too painful because they left so many questions unresolved and brought up so many memories. Death was no friend; death represented crisis, great pain, and major change all to be conducted in silence.

Many are familiar with Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and her work with the dying. She was well-known for establishing the Five Stages of Dying and Loss:

Denial
Anger
Bargaining
Depression
Acceptance

These stages reflect the fear and frustration associated with the concept of death which is common within our culture. Death is seen as the severance of the person from all he or she has known, leaving behind friends and family to go to some place that is most assuredly better, but still unknown and a mystery.

Fortunately, in Modern Spiritualism, we understand death as simply nature's way of promoting a person from a restricted life on Earth to the expanded life of an etheric existence. Instead of being afraid, we are reassured and comforted by this knowledge. We know that we will be with our family and friends, only on a different plane.

We know the body is only a vehicle by which the soul is able to express itself in the physical world. Here we need our bodies, but the Person, the true essence of who we are, remains untouched and unchanged through the transition called death. Death is simply a shift in existence, allowing us to move to the next phase of our journey through infinity.

In Spiritualism, we understand death as the doorway to an expanded outlook, a larger awareness of the panorama of life. Death is one stage in an eternal chain of progression. If we can understand that death allows us to progress to this next stage of existence, why would we deny it? How can we be angry? This is the opportunity each one of us awaits in order to move on to new experiences. But as we move to our next phase of the journey, we keep our memories, our feelings for our loved ones—and the ones we didn't care for, our experiences and skills, and our emotional ties.

One of our guiding principles reads in this way:

We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

Can we prepare for death? Absolutely? When should we prepare for death? Every day. As I heard once long ago, *as we live, so shall we die.* Personally, I find that very reassuring.

According to Andrew Jackson Davis, the true philosophy of death is the philosophy of change. Death should be seen as a change in our situation: a change from a physical environment to a spiritual environment. It is a change in our situation.

Continued on page 16...

Love

SUZY GRAF, Norwich, Connecticut National Spiritualist Church

I have learned that spirituality is a personal progression into self-discovery. But there are ideas, thoughts and feelings that need to be shared. And the emotion of love is an expansion of knowing that *anyone* can tap into, or rather my personal discovery of the love of all, the love of the angels, of man or of God, however love is to be categorized. It is with this intention that I share my journey.



I was three years into my spiritual quest. Yoga practice had led to meditation and it was through meditation that I began to understand that there was more to my consciousness, including guides, angels or spirits. In an effort to grasp my glimpses into other realities that I experienced as fleeting visions of faces or scenes, I sat in development circles. Learning about mediumship led to an understanding of spiritual healing, and with every new discovery I thought I had crested, peaked into all that was and had arrived at the top of knowing. I later understood that there are many layers of consciousness. My impatience to become "all knowing" led to an acceptance of existing as a player in the complex network we call life, and then my spirituality deepened.

While sending distant healing to a woman dying of cancer late one night, I drifted off to sleep. In my semi-sleep state, I saw the woman to whom I was sending the distance healing She was accompanied by glowing beings who could have been angels or perhaps spirits, and I knew that she was close to transitioning. Yet I felt no sadness over this revelation; no, instead I felt the most overwhelming sense of love. These glowing beings were comforting her soul, embracing her being in a delicate balance between life on this earth and life in the next plane of existence; I had somehow stumbled into this emotion, an overwhelming sense of love. I woke up crying, and understood a deepness of emotion that I had never experienced before. I was ever thankful for this rare occurrence, and I wondered if I would ever encounter it again.

Months later I was taking a series of classes in sound healing where I learned a new method of meditation, a meditation from the heart. I would think of my guides, the angels and the God-Source, and allow my love for these beings coupled with my desire to revisit that overwhelming feeling of love that I tapped into during that distance healing, to be centered in my heart. I sent it up and out through my throat, chin, mouth, nose, forehead and up out the top of my head. Then I would wait and feel a gentle return of love and bliss down through the top of my head, from my crown down through to my heart. With this connection established, I would center myself in my heart and think of how fortunate I am to be living here on earth. I would think of anything that I have loved in recent days; the sight of a butterfly, a memory of being with friends or experiences with family. I'd then send this sense of earthly love from my heart center down through my belly and out the base of my spine into the earth and would wait for the sensation to return. I would then happily float around on the ceiling encased in a ball of love and bliss, and usually fall asleep. And then my meditation changed.

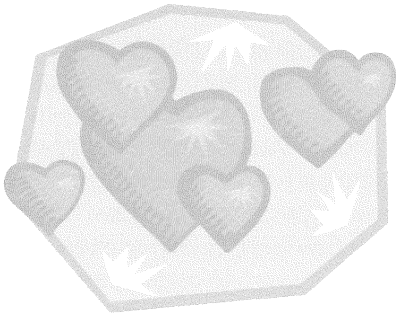
Brief snippets of glowing forms too bright to describe would pop into my meditation and startle me back into an awake state. The abruptness of these beings on my senses allowed me to retain some memory of where I was. Not memory of exactly what I was doing, but an overwhelming sensation of love. And with these experiences, I grew to understand the love of the one which is an existence greater than what I live in now. Words cannot explain the knowing, the caring, the understanding of being so adored, so loved, so wanted—to be part of a completeness that, as a living individual of which I am no longer fully conscious. What I would explain as the love of God, the love of all that is or the love of the One. And with this new comprehension, I went through a period of struggle. An adjustment into my awareness of existing without this overwhelming sense of love and a feeling of loss at having to be awake, conscious within the confines of my human body. Then I truly began to understand.

The soul without the human form is free, endless in knowledge and alive with emotion without any hindrance or pain of mechanical limitations such as those caused by the human limbs, gravity and even the act of breathing. I had experienced a dream state, a summersault of images, other souls, movement,

Continued...

vibrations—and all the while the love, an overwhelming sense of belonging. With this new understanding I have gained a strength, a knowing that there is so much more to my life than what I had accepted before. And I have lost my fear. I have no fear of death because life on the other side is wonderful. I have no fear of being harmed because the love of those luminescent forms I've encountered, the care that they emanate for me, is indescribable. To summarize, my thoughts allow me to share what I had written after waking from one of my meditations from the heart:

> "The human body is flawed, and with time, the brain will forsake what the soul knows. The feelings will fade as new experiences emerge. Such is the nature of the mind's limited capacity for love. The heart and her connection are unending. A cable of connection to that store-house of knowledge, the Akashic records—we are always there. Do not lament, allow. Allow yourself to experience earth, for the future is set, and your time there will end. Enjoy your current journey and feel my presence in your heart. Rest assured I am always near, watching, waiting and willing to assist. I am always near." ✦



Learning to stay connected to divine energy within and actively pursuing a sense of spiritual mission, human culture will continue to transform.

– James Redfield

Or we can regard death as a birth into a new and more perfect expression of life. That is, in death, the new spiritual expression of the person is created from the physical expression. It is a transition of the individual which is profound and beautiful and marvelous.

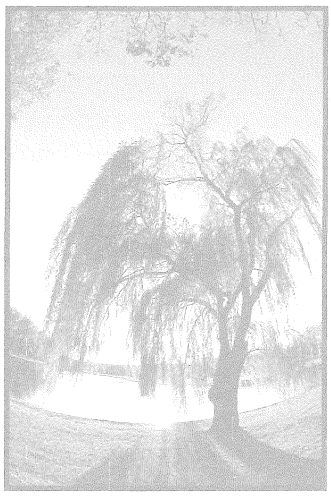
People who weep and cry and lament over the death of a loved one are focusing on only one aspect of the dying process. They are not aware or apprised of the more profound aspect of the process of rebirth into the new existence. I know this from my own experience of death. However, death–or change–is something we, as Spiritualists, look at with a very different sense of appreciation. Yes, we will feel a sense of loss, but we also feel a greater sense of awe and joy.

Death is an ending and a beginning; it is a change. But we live lives of change. We should realize that every day we experience change from the moment we rise in the morning to the time we return to our beds. We experience changes in our lifestyles, changes in our life partners, changes in our jobs, changes in our locations—the list goes on. Each change represents a dying of one thing leading to the birth of another. Sometimes those changes can be very frightening; some we cry over and even pass through all the stages that Dr. Kubler-Ross described: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. But the important thing is that we know, because of our experiences, we are able to live through the change, grow through it, and become better people as a result.



I no longer hate or fear death, and I attribute that to the beliefs of Spiritualism. Because of Spiritualism, I have established a relationship with my father that I never had when he was on earth, my sister and I have reconnected, and my mother and I are beginning to talk on a level we never experienced before. Death is truly a transition, but it is no longer a separation that leaves a person behind, overwhelmed with feelings of loss and despair. Spiritualism is the one religion which, for me, provided a meaningful and positive explanation for the experience of death. This is the gift of Spiritualism to individuals and to a culture still confused over the meaning of death. As Spiritualists, let us celebrate the lives we live on this plane, understanding the wondrous experiences that lie ahead for us.

✦ ✦ ✦



Flexing Like The Willow Tree

THE REV. DREW VOGT San Francisco, California

I'm in love with flexibility! My spiritual mentor, The Rev. Millie Landis of San Diego, California, often tells me, "Grow strong and tall like the mighty willow. You'll bend and flex in the wind and not break." Then, she explains flexing and bending with life's circumstances.

In order to enjoy the benefits of flexibility, I invite you today to adopt a new perspective on life. It might sound like this, "My life is a living, moving thing. It is never done, I am never complete. I am never truly stuck. My life is a stream of experiences offering new opportunities each day."

Let's talk for a moment about this common complaint of being stuck. This idea of being "stuck" is impossible and worse than many persons' idea of death—for it entails lethargy, and sameness which causes boredom and stagnation. Nothing can truly be stuck. This state of feeling stuck causes us to feel uncomfortable because it is not in sync with our Divine Self that wants to be busy enjoying life. Feeling stuck is not the lack of motion; it's just a consistent repeating of the same way of being or doing things that keeps bringing the same results. Kind of like when we get stuck in a rut! There's a marvelous adage that says, *The only difference between a rut and a grave is two ends!* When we get out of the ruts of sameness, we will enjoy newness and vitality!

You might already be saying, *Now wait a minute; I know my life is always moving; that's the problem!*

Maybe you'd like things to slow down, smooth out, or become more predictable. That is a very natural response to unwanted things happening too fast or things feeling overwhelming. But that's not the same as what I'm talking about here. Adopting a new perspective of motion from your Higher Self's perspective is to *qualify it*—with the quality you want! For example, read the following suggested affirmations and sense the quality of each perspective:

- *My life is a moving stream of experiences bringing joy, peace, and reward.*
- *My life is getting smoother and smoother as I let go and let God.*
- *I am flexing with ease and good rewards are coming to me.*

These affirmations qualify the quality of experience I want in the vibrant motion of life. I don't want it to be overwhelming and chaotic; I want it to feel orderly and purposeful. Then I can enjoy the rewards of peace, and the satisfaction of achieving a divine purpose.

How To – Here are three key ingredients to experience *how to* be flexible:

1. **Welcome change:** Realize that all of life and every individual is in motion. Nothing will ever be done and motion of change is nature's indicator that things are moving towards balance and wellness. Stress teaches us that we have negative perceptions about what is occurring, and may be resistance to good. Stress is like paddling upstream; but when we're going with the flow of the stream, oh, it's so much easier! So stress becomes our teacher telling us to adjust our allowance or perspective.

   When we realize how natural change is, and that it brings with it surprises and new rewards, we will welcome change not with stress but with sweet anticipation. Change allows space for improvements as well as the answers to our hopes and prayers. Change is healthy.

2. **Flexing with creativity** allows us to see new opportunities and respond productively. When we are flexing with our creative skills, life is much more fun! My story is that, when I was faced with the Spirit-delivered-direction to leave my home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and return to California for full time ministry, I really had to get creative! Resistance as fear said it was too difficult; but the God-Force within me created the plan, rented out my two residential units, and got me packing! Now it's all working out!

   Know that Infinite God-Force has put inside of you all the creative tools you will ever need. When we're using our creative tools we feel joy and empowerment. We also feel enthusiasm in the creative process! What fun! And instead of being

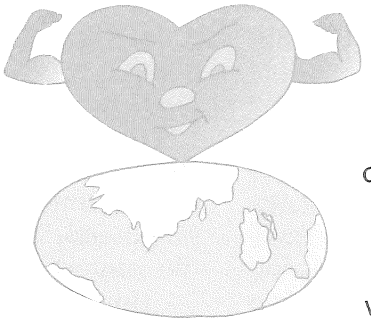
Continued on page 20...

Assignment Earth: Leadership[1]

MARILYN KERCHER, Falls Church, Virginia
Church of Joyous Living, Charles Town, West Virginia

It's the heart afraid of breaking
That never learns to dance
It's the dream afraid of waking
That never takes the chance

It's the one who won't be taken
Who cannot seem to give
And the soul afraid of dying
That never learns to live[2]



Sometime early in my life I developed an aversion to leadership. Being a leader was frustrating, and had exposed me at times to the worst in people. I wanted to be serene and in peaceful equilibrium. Stepping away from leadership meant that I was not always able to use all of my expertise and that I gave up some autonomy, but I decided it was a tradeoff I was willing to make.

What I left out in all this calculation is that this is the plane of free will. We are not here to give up autonomy, however willing we might be to bargain it away. As we grow and develop, we must claim our leadership roles. This is not about having responsibility delegated to us; it is about knowing what we have inside to give and stepping trustingly into life and into adult responsibility.

This is an especially important consideration for Spiritualists. Because of the nature of our religion—a religion that emphasizes development and self-responsibility—and because of the small numbers in our churches, where everybody is really needed to contribute, leadership is part of the natural evolution of every Spiritualist individual and Spiritualist community.

At the individual level, recognizing an evolving capacity for leadership in ourselves is essential. No one can exist without leadership. If you do not choose to manage your own life, then someone else must govern it to some degree. When we abdicate leadership of our own lives, predictable distortions come into our attitudes and intentions.

Since we know at some soul level that we are truly responsible for our own lives, avoiding leadership does not bring us peace. We can feel some temporary relief when we avoid responsibility, but at the same time there can be resentments and infantile competition with others who do step into leadership. The conflict between our refusal to take on the risks of leadership—personal or community—can be very painful. We might flee from this pain by being resistant, even combative, to the very leadership of another whom we have chosen to abdicate to. We might not step into leadership, yet become subversive.

Or we might want, in some deeply childish place, the impossible—a leader who is like a benign God who promises to magically alter the life stream and life's laws for our singular benefit. All we have to do is collude with the convenience of letting someone else govern our lives, co-opt our goals, and mask our intentions. This can happen in the extreme case of joining a cult or in a more subtle form of abdication of ordinary, established church leadership. We don't have to be involved in obsessive adulation; we can sometimes just be lazy about becoming a grownup.

Only self-leadership can confer the real freedom and privileges of an adult life. Community leadership also confers freedom and privilege, which can be deeply rewarding when we are able to express the best that we have to offer the world. Why do we so often avoid stepping into leadership in a community? Because we become afraid of the risk. We fear the possibility of painful experiences, uncomfortable ambiguities, and maddening frustrations, which can come from the outside. We want to protect our vulnerability by "lawyering up," that is, by defending ourselves from risk by blaming, shutting down, closing off, and trying to feel safe 100% of the time. And when we do this, we begin to lose our connection with the Divine Life Force from which springs all abundance, all safety, and all potential. We become focused on threat. It is a tragedy to do this, but it is commonplace.

If leadership is a natural outgrowth of self-responsibility and spiritual maturation, how do we move into it with our integrity intact and our highest spiritual development robustly expressed? What makes a good leader and what are some of the pitfalls that can corrupt true leadership?

Mature leadership, of the type we Spiritualists who want to be our best spiritual selves desire, has these qualities:

- Unselfish giving
- The ability to be impartial and objective
- The willingness to risk exposure and criticism
- A constructive attitude towards frustration

Continued...

Unselfish Giving. If we want the privileges of leadership, the price is unselfish giving. Giving includes the thought and intentionality behind the act. And unselfishness must be expressed in the smallest of acts. We must create an inner climate of wanting to express the Divine. If we give only begrudgingly, with ulterior motives, second thoughts, calculating inner bargains, leaving little back doors open for spite and jealousy, then this is no longer giving. If we find ourselves saying, even if only within our most secret thoughts, "You see that I give and I give, and what do I get from it?", then we need to face ourselves honestly. We must courageously admit what our true attitudes are towards giving and where our selfishness lies. And if, in our imperfect leadership, we are recruiting the members of our communities to support a posture of self-serving martyrdom, then we again need to look honestly to see what immaturity, what pettiness we are cloaking. A childish pretense of giving may be creatively defended and work well enough within a community for a long time, but in the end it will erode our self-esteem and bring to us deep and sorrowful disappointments that will break our hearts. All leaders will feel spiritually empty—a debilitating pain—if they do not lead from a place of Divine integrity and unselfishness. Their communities will ache for what could be. A true prayer is:



I want to be an instrument of Divine reality to enrich the world through the Divinity that wants to express itself through me. I want to do this not for my ego aggrandizement, nor for any other ulterior motive or advantage. Help me to face my innermost conflicts and my immaturities honestly.

Impartial and Objective. The only way to form valid assessments of others and of situations is to be objective. To be able to do this allows one to be a trustworthy, reliable leader. It is essential to know the emotional colorations of our own desires. If we are unaware of our self-interest, self-righteousness, resentments, demands, jealousies, and other negative feelings and thoughts, then our assessments are not and cannot be objective. The lack of impartiality can corrupt a community and topple leadership. We will be forced to defend an unrightful position of leadership. The ability to voluntarily disqualify ourselves in situations when we know we are not being objective, is a sign of maturity that will lead us to strength, self-trust, and security. Our prayer can be:

Give me the objectivity of knowing when I am not objective and the strength to act upon this knowledge with integrity. Help me to be in truth so that I may proceed fairly, even if it means sometimes stepping aside.

Risking Criticism. How difficult it is to feel criticized. And it is not enough to decide to be thick-skinned and impervious and disconnected. If we guard against criticism because we cannot bear the momentary pain of being misunderstood, rejected, and rightly or wrongly criticized, then we do not have a firm enough foundation to be a true leader. We will move to blame the outer world and lose again our inner connection with our own self-responsibility and our inner trust of reality. We know that just as our own motives may be mixed and distorted, so can be the motives of others. As heinous as criticism can be—and it can seem to be truly unfair—it is important to remember that there is always something to learn when we examine whatever comes towards us. One wise person told me that even if 95% of someone's criticism is false, that the other 5% has something to teach us. Leadership means risk. We risk our own exposure, and we risk the reactions of others when they feel exposed and then challenged. Our prayer can be:

Let me have faith in my ability to stay connected to Divine wisdom and to trust that I will discern what is right to do. Help me develop the tolerance to learn from the critical voices of others who may express themselves most unpleasantly. Give me the wisdom to learn from all experiences that come my way.

Frustration. The real basis of frustration is not someone picking on us. It is the push-pull of the duality of a strong desire for something and an equally strong desire to not have its opposite. It is the painful situation of fighting against something while grabbing at its opposite. This creates a painful tension which we try to alleviate by pressuring life to give us fulfillment and eliminate frustration. We cannot transcend frustration by entering into a forcing current. Moreover, as long as we experience frustration, we have to learn from it. Transcendence is not about disconnecting ourselves from feeling tense, anxious, and desirous. It means a dynamic connection to the flow of life that takes us out of the either/or demands of our fearful selves. How, on this earth, do we do this?

Continued...

Assignment Earth: Leadership *Continued...*

- Relax your outrage and fear and self-will about this particular frustration. Challenge the rigidity of your conclusions in this particular situation. This can lead to making room for new strengths and especially an unfoldment of new possibilities. And this flexibility can lead to the self confidence of seeing a new wisdom emerge that would not have come from your original self-will.
- Search for the meaning of any particular frustration. What does this situation have to teach you? There is no frustration that does not contain a joyful, liberating, and valuable lesson for you. And if it has overwhelmed you, remember that overwhelming experiences have the capacity to loosen up your tightness. Being overwhelmed can be felt as a kind of death, but its value is that it can loosen your refusal to examine the lesson of this particular frustration, which may have arrived in your life for the umpteenth time.
- He who searches must find the meaning. When you realize the meaning of a frustration, you will be empowered with a new strength, wisdom and liberation. The next time this particular frustration occurs, you will have a greater trust in life and some practice in knowing what to do. Your vision of the meaning behind all things will have been enhanced.
- Out of this vision of meaning can develop the awareness that God exists in every fraction of a second in time, in every measurement, in all experience, in everything that is. Divine truth, purpose, meaning, and aliveness lives in everything that ever was, and ever will be.

Let me understand the deeper meaning of frustrating situations that come into my life. Let me learn from being overwhelmed. Let me perceive and accept frustration as a valuable friend who will lead me to a greater understanding of the Divine in everything.

It is in the crucible of leadership that our consciousness can expand, that our skills can be honed to perceive reality, and that we can further train to live our lives in a little higher vibration of truth and wisdom. Move into true leadership as you claim responsibility for your life. True leadership is a focused lesson about giving, which will cause you to examine any residential spite, selfishness, meanness, or capacity for other uncharitable behavior within you. Make your intention to give unselfishly and explore what that really means. Leadership is a natural step in the evolution of your spiritual maturity. It is the natural path for all evolving Spiritualists. ✦

1. This article is based on material from:

Burroughs, H. Gordon. *Becoming a Spiritualist.* Distributed by National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York. See especially chapt. 11, God's Good Men, and, chapt. 13, Sanctuary.

The Guide. 1996 ed., originally delivered via the mediumship of Eva Pierrakos Jan 14, 1976. *Leadership: the art of transcending frustration.* Pathwork Foundation. http://www.pathwork.org/lectures/P237.PDF

White Lily. c. 1963, originally delivered via the mediumship of Rev. Margaret Fling. Kingdom of Heaven and Natural Law, in *Rays of Light.* Ashley, Ohio: White Lily Chapel.

Markham, Edwin. A Prayer, in *Spiritualist Manual.* Lily Dale, N.Y.: National Spiritualist Association of Churches, c. 1996.

2. "The Rose" composed by Amanda McBroom, sung by Bette Midler.

Flexing Like The Willow Tree *Continued from page 17...*

passive spectators, we get to be *active participants* in this outgoing, creative universe allowing good and wellness to flow! Creativity manifests new doors!

3. **Trust in Divine Order.** Are we a people who've forgotten how to trust? This unfolding universe has a plan for good and is seen everywhere as forward progress! All things are progressing forward according to this plan of Divine Order. So there's an order, and unseen plan to all things.

   Trust that your life has purpose and that you're finding your way. Trust that this Divine Order has all the spiritual wisdom and assistance you can possibly imagine. Trust in your divine connection—that in your loving soul, you are deeply and powerfully connected to the Infinite. Then, you will realize, as did the psalmist David, a timeless and beautiful truth which I paraphrase and close with here:

   I'm like a bending tree, planted firmly by a stream. I've got roots growing down to the water, and leaves reaching up to the sunshine, and the fruit that I bear is a sign of God's Life Force in me. In everything I do, I will prosper.

✦ ✦ ✦






NSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NSAC GENERAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752-0217 www.nsac.org

(716) 595-2000 Fax (716) 595-2020

■ OFFICERS ■

- PRESIDENT -

REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, NST
7310 Midfield St., #1, Norfolk, VA 23505-4126
Phone/Fax (757) 480-3799
e-mail: lecutler@juno.com

- VICE PRESIDENT -

REV. CATHERINE SNELL, NST
31 Sugarplum Lane, Londonderry, NH 03053
(603) 434-5381 Fax (603) 434-5339
e-mail: csnell31@verizon.net

- TREASURER -

PETER BERG
20916 Bellerive Dr., Pflugerville, TX 78660
Phone/Fax (512) 670-3408
e-mail: PBergTX@aol.com

- SECRETARY -

REV. SHARON L. SNOWMAN, NST
P.O. Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752-0217
(716) 595-2000 Fax (716) 595-2020
e-mail: secretary@nsac.org

■ TRUSTEES ■

REV. E. ANN OTZELBERGER, NST
4332 Woodlynne Lane
Orlando, FL 32812
(407) 826-0807 Fax (407) 826-0469
e-mail: revann@bellsouth.net

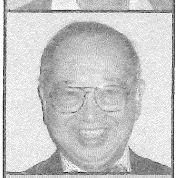
REV. COSIE ALLEN, NST
P.O. Box 93252, Las Vegas, NV 89193
(616) 292-6559
e-mail: cosieallen@yahoo.com

SONNY BING GEE
815 Prospect Ave., Oakland, CA 94610-3817
(510) 444-5762
e-mail: sbgee@aol.com

REV. RICHARD P. SCHOELLER, NST
26 Sabbath Day Path, Huntington, NY 11743-2752
Phone/Fax (631) 470-0221
e-mail: RPSchoeller@optonline.net

REV. BRADLEY GOSSELIN, NST
147 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923-3575
Phone/Fax (978) 774-1571
e-mail: BGoss92409@aol.com







MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE

11811 Watertown Plank Rd. • Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226-3342
Phone: (414) 774-2994 • Fax: (414) 774-2964
e-mail: info@morrispratt.org • http://www.morrispratt.org

Correspondence Course in

The History, Science, Philosophy and Religion of MODERN SPIRITUALISM...

Secy., Rev. Marguerite Gutt, 248-548-2240.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUALIST STUDIES (Spiritualist Seminary)

Incorporated by the New York State Education Department Board of Regents
6 Library St., P.O. Box 219 • Lily Dale, New York 14752-0219
Phone: (716) 595-3880 • Fax: (716) 595-3881
E-mail: css@nsac.org

Diploma and Certificate Programs Offered

Correspondence Courses in

Ministry, Mediumship, Healing, Religious Studies, and NST

President, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST

The Center for Spiritualist Studies and Morris Pratt Institute admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, handicap, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs or any other school-administrated programs. This Nondiscrimination Policy is also applicable in all instances to all faculty, employees and members.

Department Heads 2008

Director - Department of Lyceums
June Killmer . . 1635 Old Hart Ranch Rd., Roseville, CA 95661-5849

Director - Department of Phenomenal Evidence
Revs. Lynn & Brian Kent . . . . . 654 Metacom Ave., Warren, RI 02885

Director - Department of Public Relations
Richard McCarthy . . 1302 W. Muirwood Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85045-0600

Director - Department of Education
Rev. Virginia Berg . . . . . 20916 Bellerive Dr., Pflugerville, TX 78660

Director - Department of Missionaries
Rev. Marrice Coverson . . . . . 5341 S. Cornell, Chicago, IL 60615

Director - Department of Publications
Joe Owen . . . . . 5 Third Street, 724, San Francisco, CA 94103

Director - Department of Endowments
Rev. Jackie Reeves . . . . . 5014 University Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201

NSAC Service Clubs

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT:
Rev. Earl L. Wallace . . . . . 124 Spring St., Gardiner, ME 04345
SECRETARY-TREASURER:
Rev. Tammi J. Anderson, NST . . . . . 454 Loblolly Lane, Orlando FL 32825

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS CLUB

PRESIDENT:
Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST . . . . . 4332 Woodlynne Lane, Orlando, FL 32812
SECRETARY-TREASURER:
Rev. Elaine Hager, NST . . . . . 9 Wood Ridge Dr., Ocala, FL 34482-6683

SPIRITUALIST HEALERS LEAGUE

PRESIDENT:
Rev. John Young . . . . . 4814 115th Ave. NW, Bryon, MN 55920-4016
SECRETARY-TREASURER:
Rev. Sharon Watson, NST . . . . . 9 Wood Ridge Dr., Ocala, FL 34482-6683

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND CERTIFIED MEDIUMS SOCIETY

PRESIDENT:
Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST . . . . . 9106 W. Willow Haven Crt., Sun City, AZ 85351
SECRETARY-TREASURER:
Rev. Mildred Schlagel . . . . . 3232 MacArthur Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46224

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

Qualifications Certified by NSAC. Advance appointments recommended. (See NSAC current Year Book for complete listing.)

• ARIZONA •

GLENDALE

PFORTMILLER, Rev. Sandra, NST, Comm. Healer, Certified Medium, 3521 W. Topeka Dr., 85308-2325 - (623) 581-5544

SUN CITY

TISDALE, Rev. Janet, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer, private consultation. By appointment only, 9106 W. Willow Haven Court, Sun City, 85351 - (623) 972-3916

• CALIFORNIA •

AUBURN

BRENNER, Rev. George H., 457 Grass Valley Hwy, #7, 95603 - (916) 663-3142, Fax (916) 663-4691; e-mail: george@geeknetcentral.com

LAFAYETTE

NAURATIL, Rev's. Betty and Don, NST, Certified Mediums, Comm. Healers, 1048 Via Roble, 94549-2925 - (925) 283-1449

LOOMIS

DAWSON, Rev. Sandra, NST, Certified Medium, classes, consultations by appt., 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, 95650-9328 - (916) 652-4568; e-mail: rdawson@wizwire.com

SAN JOSE

PERUCH, Rev. Louise, NST, Comm. Healer, Certified Medium. Classes, consultation by appt.; 1327 W. Hedding St., San Jose, 95126 - (408) 615-0214; e-mail; peruchlise@aol.com

SANTA BARBARA

COOK, Rev. Dr. Sandra, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, Classes, consultations by appt. - (805) 965-4474, e-mail: revsandic@msn.com

SAN FRANCISCO

DECKINGER, Rev. Sandi, Certified Medium, 649 - 16th Ave., 94118; e-mail: sjaudust@earthlink.net

EHRHART, Rev. James S., NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer; Classes, private consultations, speaking engagements, 66 Corwin St., 94114 - (415) 621-2223, e-mail: jimehrhart@earthlink.net

LAUDERBACK, Del, Ordained Minister, Comm. Healer, Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, (home) 126 Camelia Dr., Daly City, 94015-2146, (650) 757-6653. Healing and ministerial services

VOGT, Rev. Drew, Certified Medium & Pastor of Celebrate Life Spiritualist Church. Classes, services, private consultations. 4407 18th St. San Francisco, CA 94114. (415) 568-7571 - Email: revdrew77@yahoo.com Website: drewvogt.org

• CONNECTICUT •

MANCHESTER

DUBORD, Rev. Robin Thomas, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, Classes, Seminars, Lectures, Weddings and Funerals. P.O. Box 2048, 06045 - (860) 906-8370, e-mail: RobinThomasDubord@cox.ne.

NORWICH

RANDALL, Rev. Jacquelyn W., NST and Pastor of National Spiritualist Church of Norwich; Lectures, ministerial services, and private consultations; (Home) 60 Ward St., 06360; e-mail: cindyada@aol.com

WEST HARTFORD

BARLOW, Rev. Joyce C., Co-Pastor, Church of the Infinite Spirit, Newington, CT, National Spiritualist Teacher, Certified Medium, lectures, classes, weddings and funerals; (860) 561-1489, e-mail: jcbarlow1104@sbcglobal.net

WILLIMANTIC

ROTTINO, Rev. Kathleen L., NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, Private Consultation, Classes, Lectures, Seminars, Weddings, Funerals, Memorials, Ceremonies, - (860) 642-7976, e-mail: k.rottino@snet.net

• FLORIDA •

CASSELBERRY

LERCH, Rev. Jeannie Kerr, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, classes, seminars, private consultations, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., 32707-3805 - (407) 834-5378 - cell: (407) 719-9790, e-mail: spiritknowledge@aol.com

OCALA

HAGER, Rev. Elaine S., NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, classes, seminars, private consultations, 9 Wood Ridge Dr., 34482-6683 - (352) 873-1951, e-mail: revelaine@cfl.rr.com

WATSON, Rev. Sharon A., NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, classes, seminars, private consultations, 9 Wood Ridge Dr., 34482-6683 - (352) 873-1951, e-mail: sawatson@cfl.rr.com

ORLANDO

OTZELBERGER, Rev. E. Ann, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, seminars, private consultations, 4332 Woodlynne Lane, 32812 - (407) 826-0807, Fax (407) 826-0469, e-mail: revann@bellsouth.net

SANFORD

AWTRY, Rev. Marilyn J., NST, Certified Medium, Ministerial Services: Grief Counseling, Seminars, Classes, Oratory, Private Consultation. Location - 118 Wax Myrtle Dr, 32733. Email: SpiritRaps@aol.com - Ph: (407) 687-6207

• ILLINOIS •

CHICAGO

BOESEN, Rev. Marian, NST, Certified Medium; Private consultations, seminars, workshops; P.O. Box 826, Rock Falls, 61071, (815) 626-5788; e-mail: cherryvalleysc@verizon.net

COVERSON, Rev. Marrice, NST, Certified Medium; Private consultations by appt. only, seminars, 5341 S. Cornell, 60615 - (773) 493-1967; e-mail: spiritspks@aol.com

HEYWARD, Rev. Florence, Comm. Healer, Certified Medium; Pastor, Spiritualist Church of Truth, 6343 W. Cuyler, (708) 452-8754

WILLIAMS, Rev. Arsenia J. Williams, NST, Certified Medium; Classes, seminars, workshops, private consultations, 10913 S. Parnell Ave., 60628 - (773) 995-1911, Fax (773) 995-9325; e-mail: arsenia9325@yahoo.com

• INDIANA •

GARY

JAMES, Rev. Jesse Jr., Medium, by appt. only, 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407- (219) 885-0091

CARMEL

BIANCHI, Rev. Robert, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, 1119 Mohawk Hills Dr., 46032 - (317) 428-8740; e-mail: reverendbob@direct2spirit.com

BIANCHI, Rev. Sharon, NST, Cert. Med., 1119 Mohawk Hills Dr., 46032 - (317) 945-8437; e-mail: sharonbianchi2002@yahoo.com

INDIANAPOLIS

DARBY, Rev. Bonnie, NST; The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis; (317) 329-1217; e-mail: bdarby02@sbcglobal.net

GALLOWAY, Mary E., Certified Medium; By appt. only; 849 Mellowood Dr., 46217; (317) 215-4994

SCHLAGEL, Rev. Mildred; Ordained Minister/Medium; Classes, readings by appt. (317) 291-0799

REEVES, Rev. Jacqueline A., NST; Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis; e-mail: jackiereeves1948@sbcglobal.net

• IOWA •

DAVENPORT

BUCHHOLZ, Rev. William E., Certified Medium, 806 E. Thirteenth St., 52803-4240 - (563) 326-3201

• MAINE •

AUGUSTA

WALLACE, Rev. Earl L, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345 - (207) 582-6745; e-mail: godfreed1@verizon.net

HARTFORD

FROBESE, Rev. Stephanie, NST, 546 Town Farm Rd., 04220-5115 - (207) 388-3436; e-mail: penf@megalink.net

HAWKINS, Rev. Kathleen, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, 1498 Main St., 04220-5115 - (207) 388-3140; e-mail: khawkins@megalink.net

NORRIS SIGURDSSON, Virginia, Licentiate Minister, Comm. Healer, 25 Camp Rd., 04220-5207 - (207) 597-2600

SIGURDSSON, Rev. Rupert, NST, Comm. Healer, 25 Camp Rd., 04220-5207 - (207) 597-2600

PORTLAND

CARTER, Rev. Elizabeth, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, 15 Regan Lane, 04103-2047, (207) 797-2039; e-mail: 2007spiritualist@peoplepc.com

RAYMOND

CONNOLLY, Rev. Graham LS, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, NST, 66 Martin Heights, 04071 - (207) 655-6673; e-mail: gconnol1@maine.rr.com

THORNDIKE

CROES, Lois L., 346 Gordon Hill Rd., 04986 - (254) 699-1543; Medium, Healer, Reiki Master

• MASSACHUSETTS •

LOWELL

WINGOOD, Rev. Kenneth, 300 Douglas Rd., 01852 - (978) 454-4163

WORTHINGTON

SULLIVAN, Rev. John F., NST, Pastor of First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, classes, counseling, private consultations, public lectures, 480 Huntington Rd., P.O. Box 392, 01098 - (413) 238-5344; e-mail: sully1942@hughes.net

• MINNESOTA •

ROCHESTER

YOUNG, Rev. Joyce E., NST, Cert. Medium, Comm. Healer, 4814 115 Ave. NW, Byron, 55920 - (507) 775-6358; e-mail: jeyoung@rconnect.com

YOUNG, Rev. John E., NST, Cert. Medium, Comm. Healer, 4814 115 Ave. NW, Byron, 55920 - (507) 775-6358; e-mail: jeyoung@rconnect.com

• MONTANA •

KALISPELL

KLEINSCHMIDT, Rev. Charlene, NST, Cert. Medium; Albert C., Cert. Medium, Comm. Healer, 172 Wilson Heights Rd. 59901-7468 - (406) 257-4668

• NEVADA •

RENO

BUTLER, Rev's Tom and Lisa, NST, Comm. Healers, Directors American Assoc. of Electronic Voice Phenomena, P.O. Box 13111, 89507, e-mail: aaevp@aol.com; website: http://aaevp.com

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

LONDONDERRY

SNELL, Rev. Catherine, NST, Certified Medium, Readings by appt., 31 Sugarplum Lane, 03053 - (603) 434-5381, Fax: (603) 434-5339

TRAVIS, Rev. Janet, NST, 31 Sugarplum Lane, 03053 - (603) 434-5381, Fax: (603) 434-5339

FOREST HILLS

RUIZ, Rev. Hugo, Pastor, TMS, NST, Certified Medium; 95-06 72nd Ave., 11375 - (718) 793-8434; e-mail: hruiz@nyc.rr.com

• NEW YORK •

HUNTINGTON

SCHOELLER, Rev. Richard P., NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, by appt. only, The Huntington Atrium, 775 Park Ave., Ste. 255-17, 11743 - (631) 470-0221; e-mail: RPSchoeller@optonline.net

LAKE RONKONKOMA

DUFFIELD, Rev. Patricia Anne, NST, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, 10 Ackerly Lane, 11779 - (631) 588-5869; e-mail: kenpatduff@hotmail.com

LILY DALE

CATON, Katie, Certified Medium, P.O. Box 241, 14752 - (716) 595-2992; e-mail; Choralkate@aol.com

CLARK, Gretchen, Certified Medium, e-mail:info@gretchenclark.com; P.O. Box 120, 14752 - (716) 595-3380

KINCAID, Rev. George, 5 Fourth St., P.O. Box 261, 14752-0261 - (716) 595-8717

• OHIO •

BLOOMINGDALE

ANDERSON, Fred, Comm. Healer, 2624 Twp. Rd. 199, P.O. Box 79, 43910 - (740) 944-1102; e-mail: falconrising@windstream.net

• PENNSYLVANIA •

PHILADELPHIA

HUTT, Rev. Betty, Certified Medium by appointment, Seminar and Lecture, P.O. Box 433, Glenolden, 19036 - (610) 583-3268

PITTSBURGH

O'HARE, Carol, Licentiate Minister, P.O. Box 1981, 15230-1981 - (412) 398-7303

PORT VUE

KRALL, Frances, Medium, 582 Upston St., 15133 - (412) 678-2091

• RHODE ISLAND •

State Wide

KENT, Revs. Lynn and Brian, Certified Medium and Comm. Healer; specialize in physical phenomena table-tipping workshops, public readings for charity and grief counseling. (401) 864-8307; e-mail: lynn@lynnkent.com; website: www.lynnkent.com

• TEXAS •

HOUSTON

JESSUP, Rev. Jovita V., NST, Comm. Healer, Certified Medium, 5655 Meadow Creek Ln., 77017 - (713) 947-6586; e-mail: JessupJovita@aol.com

PFLUGERVILLE

BERG, Rev. Virginia, 20916 Bellerive Dr., 78660 - (512) 670-3408; e-mail: V.BergTX@aol.com

• VIRGINIA •

ALEXANDRIA

KRITHADES, Rev. Christine, J.D., NST, P.O. Box 7071, 22307 - (703) 317-1707; e-mail: ckckck@starpower.net

HAMPTON

BROWN, Rev. Carol A., NST, 712 Big Bethel Rd., 23666-2802 - (757) 826-9652; e-mail: CLBrown1@gmail.com

ROBINSON, Rev. Linda M., NST, 3 Redman Ct., 23669 - (757) 851-4735.

NORFOLK

CUTLER, Rev. Lelia E., NST, 7310 Midfield St., 23505-4126 - (757) 480-3799

SPRINGFIELD

GEHMAN, Rev. B. Anne, Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, 5409 Backlick Woods Court, 22151 - (703) 354-5767

VIENNA

STRANAHAN, Rev. Patricia A., NST, Certified Medium, 1717 Besley Rd., 22182 - (703) 938-2512

VIRGINIA BEACH

CRIBB, Rev. Kathleen, 900 Park Landing Ct., 23456 - (757) 471-2414, cell (757) 573-6704, e-mail: BubbaCribb@cox.net

• WASHINGTON •

AUBURN

PEMBERTON, Rev. LaVerne, Ordained Minister of Church of Spiritual Unity, 35008 Military Rd. S., 98001 - (253) 833-9279

• WEST VIRGINIA •

CHARLES TOWN

ROLNICK, Rev. Alexis Sharon, Certified Medium, 128 Burnlea Rd., 25414 - (304) 725-3763, (240) 447-8912; e-mail: asrolnick@aol.com; website: www.churchofjoyousliving.com; classes, circles, readings

GREAT CACAPON

STARR, Rev. Barbara, NST, Comm. Healer, 4245 Woodmont Rd., 25422 - (304) 258-4861

• CANADA •

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

ROSSNER, Rev. Dr. Marilyn, Ph.D., Pres./Pastor, Spiritual Science Fellowship, 1974 de Maisonneuve W., H3H 1K5 - (514) 937-8359; website: www.iiihs.org; e-mail: mrossner@111hs.org

DIRECTORY OF NSAC CHARTERED CHURCHES & AUXILIARIES

• ARIZONA •

GLENDALE - Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC • Church Location - 3736 W. Wahalla Lane, Glendale, AZ 85308; Mailing address: 9106 W. Willow Haven Court, Sun City, 85351; Co-Pastor, Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST, (623) 972-3916; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; website: www.churchofthelivingspirit.org

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION • Pres., Janice Foote, mobile: (360) 261-0470; Secy., Carol Whyte; Mail to: 484 Lake Park Ave. #333, Oakland, 94610-2730, (510) 917-4801, Fax: (866) 615-6144, e-mail: cssasecretary@aol.com

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines • 457 Grass Valley Hwy. #7, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; All Message Serv. Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. George Brenner; Pres., Katrina Thompson (530) 852-0340; Secy., Nancy Pivonka (530) 346-8370; Tel. (530) 823-1816, Fax (916) 663-4691.

MONROVIA - The Spiritualist Church of Revelation • 200 W. Colorado Blvd., 91016; Sun. Church Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor Martin Pina; The President is Pastor Martin Pina; Secretary is the honorable Mr. Winston Lumley; Contact: SCRMonrovia@gmail.com / Phone (626) 256-3403; e-mail: greenry@earthlink.net; for class info Please call church phone.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 209, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes (see Pastor); Healing All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of the month; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor, Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST, (916) 652-4568; e-mail: rdawson@wizwire.com; Secy., Deborah Ann Kinney, 2512 Morley Way, 95864, (916) 482-6614.

SAN FRANCISCO - Celebrate Life Spiritualist Community – Joyous Spiritualism to a modern world • The Celebration service each Wed, weekly classes, Modesto, CA classes, weekend services - see website or call. Rev Drew Vogt, Pastor (415) 568-7571 - P.O. Box 640216, San Francisco, CA 94164. Email revdrew77@ yahoo.com Website: ourcelebration.org

SAN FRANCISCO - The First Spiritual Temple, NSAC • "The Teaching Church." Pres., Rev. Donald McFarland, NST; Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST; Secy., Elsie Ann Soria, NST; Class 2nd Sun. by arrangement; Service 4th Sun., 33 Banbury Dr., 94132; Mail: 1101 National Avenue, #1328, San Bruno, 94066, (650) 583-2739.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church • 1901 Franklin St. at Clay 94109; (415) 885-9976 / website: www.ggsc.org Sun Lyceum 9:30 a.m. Sep-May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Service 11:00 a.m.; Wed - Healing 7:30 P.M. Devotional Service 8:00 P.M. Classes Available - Contact the Church. Pastor, Rev. David Burr, NST; Pres. Sonny B. Gee / Sec. Engeltie Lauderback.

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC • "The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Sunday; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 1327 W. Hedding St., 95126; (408) 615-0214; e-mail: PeruchLise@aol.com

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds • 1550 San Leandro Blvd., (Deaf Comm. Center) 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Reg. Serv. 10:45 to 12:00; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (925) 283-1449; Pres., Phyllis Macdonald, 1956 Kirby Way, San Jose, 95124; All mail to Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549-2925.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter • 1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; Pastor, Rev. Sandra Cook, D.D., e-mail: revsandic@msn.com; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., Unfoldment Class 7:00 p.m., Thurs. Message Serv. 6:30 p.m.

• COLORADO •

LITTLETON - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness • Pastor, Patricia J. Haskins-Schott, (303) 973-9993; **All mail** to: 6457 S. Xenon St., 80127; e-mail: chapelspiritawar@aol.com

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION • Pres., Rev. Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave., B5, New London, 06320, e-mail: Heart860@sbcglobal.net; Secy., Chris Bellamy, 66 Cedar Rd., Oakdale 06370, e-mail: jcb41756@hotmail.com

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church • 11 Freedom Way, Unit D6, Niantic, CT; (860) 701-1355; e-mail: nlspiritualist@sbcglobal.net; website: nlspiritualist.net; Mailing Address: 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, CT 06320; Pres., Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, CT 06320; Secy., Constance White, e-mail: ficaw@hotmail.com; Service Sunday 10:30 a.m., Medium's Days last Sat. of every month, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

NEWINGTON - The Church of the Infinite Spirit • Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Co-Pastors, Allen Noddin and Rev. Joyce C. Barlow, e-mail: Joyce-barlow@sbcglobal.net, tel. (860) 561-1489; website: www.newingtonspiritualistchurch.org; Church Secy., Peggi Camosci, e-mail: peggic@comcast.net, tel. (860) 635-6396. All Welcome.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove • (The only NSAC Summer Spiritualist Camp in CT.) For program listing all summer activities contact: Pres. Rev. Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave. B5, New London 06360, e-mail: Heart860@sbcglobal.net; Rev. Kathleen Rottino, 109 Capitol Dr., Willimantic 06226, e-mail: k.rottino@snet.net

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc. • 29 Park St. (off Main St.), 06360, (860) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Rev. Jacquelyn W. Randall, (860) 887-0068, e-mail: cincyada@yahoo.com; Pres., Susan K. Graf, (860) 564-5575, e-mail: president@nscnorwich.com; Secy., Tiffany-Michelle White; e-mail: NSCNORWICH@yahoo.com; website: www.NSCNORWICH.com

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church Of Spiritualism • 293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome.

WILLIMANTIC - The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic • 268 High St., 06226, (860) 423-5774; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service twice a month June thru August. For more information, please call the church; Pastor, Joyce Orcutt, 14 Harbourt Dr., Winchester, NH 03740, (860) 742-7846.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC • 3038 Q St., NW, 20007-3080; Phone (202) 333-5114; Sun., Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Message & Meditation classes, call Sue Bracey (301) 920-1784; Pres., Michael Gallion, LM, (202) 237-7659; Sec/Treas James A. Longmore (301) 739-8227.

• FLORIDA •

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC • 3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (mail to P.O. Box 4010, Winter Park, FL 32792), (407) 678-3688; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Sermon, Messages at all services; Sun. Children Lyceum; Pastors, Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, (407) 826-0807 and Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, (407) 719-9790; Pres./Asst. Pastor, Rev. Elaine Hager, NST; Secy., Shari Watson, NST (352) 873-1951.; Spiritualistchurchofawareness.org

• ILLINOIS •

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc. • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June 1 thru Sept. 30; Serv., 10:30 to 11:00 Healing Meditation, 11:00 to 12:30 Church Service, Pot Luck follows; Pres., Ken Boesen (815) 626-5716; Secy., Marian Boesen, NST; e-mail: cherryvalleysc@verizon.net

CHERRY VALLEY - Christabelle Spiritualist Church • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Worship Serv. 11:00 a.m. every Sunday, Oct. thru May at Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp; Pastor, Rev. Marian Boesen, (815) 626-5716; Pres. Kenneth Boesen, (815) 626-5716; Secy., Martha Witt, 1204 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, 60560, (630) 553-2517.

CHICAGO - The Church of The Spirit • 2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-1101, (773) 489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sunday Family Worship: Healing, 10:00 a.m., Worship Serv., 10:30 a.m.; All Message Serv., 1st Wed., 7:00 p.m.; Call for current Development and Educational class schedule.; Pastor, Rev. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Dr. Alan Tenczar.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth • 6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sun.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Florence Heyward; Sec., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60706-1117, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Washington Spiritualist Temple • 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366.

LE ROY - J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church • 102 S. Pearl St., P.O. Box 174, 61752-0174); (309) 962-9076; Sundays-Adult Lyceum 11:00 a.m., Service 12:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Bianchi, NST; Pres., Charles Williams; Secy., Sharon Bianchi, (317) 945-8437. website: www.crumbaughchurch.org; e-mail: reverendbob@direct2spirit.com

Continued...

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES *Continued...*

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE
Pres., Rev. John Kampf, 4322 N. 500 E., Rolling Prarie, IN 46371; (219) 778-8332; kampf4322@comcast.net. Secy., Joy Marsh, 7122 National Blvd., Michigan City, IN (219) 879-0292.

INDIANAPOLIS - The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis • Sun. Serv. 6:30–8:00 p.m. Services are being held at: All My Relations, 1008 Main St., Speedway, Indiana 46224. Reading Day is First Saturday of the Month from 1–4:00. Call Pastor Bonnie J. Darby, phone 317-373-1746, for more information. Mail all correspondence to: P.O. Box 39419, 46236.

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC • 3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Sun. Serv: Healing 11:00 a.m., Devotional and Message Serv. 11:30 a.m. Wed. - 6:00 p.m. Development Class. Every 5th Sunday, All Message Service, covered dish dinner, 1st Sat. each month Reading Day 12:00–4:00 p.m.; Pastorand Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, (317) 291-0799; Secy./Treas., Marilyn Smith; Church (317) 937-6292; website: www.newdawnchurch.org

• IOWA •

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church • 1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (563) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Secy./Treas., Rev. William Buchholz, (563) 326-3201.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES • Pres., Graham Connolly, NST, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071, (207) 655-6673; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273; Treas., Janice Nelson, 46 Homestead Rd., Washington, 04574-3620, (207) 845-2885; e-mail: mssac@mainespiritualism.org. Please visit our website, http://www.mainespiritualism.org

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church • Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207) 622-8980; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Earl L. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; (207) 582-2745; Co-Pastors, Rev. Earl L. Wallace and Rev. Kay Hawkins; Secy., Rev. Pat Wallace.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church • 514 Broadway, beside Coldwell Banker Realty, Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, email: betty.simpson@maine.gov; Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather, also location may be changing; website: http://www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org will be updated in case of changes. Please call the secy. for more information, other contact number for the church is Kathy Goodness, VP, at 989-7266.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp • Located at historic Lakewood Theater Village just off Beach Rd. on Route 201, six miles north of Skowhegan. Camp season runs July & August; Camp (207) 474-0124. Off season contact Pres. Sue Jalbert, CH at (207) 655-6673 or Secy. Betty Simpson at (207) 848-2273; For program information and events, visit our website at www.madisoncamp.org or email us at madison@mainespiritualism.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc. • Shore Road with Penobscot Bay view. Pres. Ernie Van Den Bossche. Camp runs mid-May-Labor Day w/different medium each week offering private readings by appt. Church services Sun. @ 2:30 & Thur. @ 7:30 PM. Message Circles @ 7:30 PM Wed & Sat. Workshop Sat. morning, Seance Tues. @ 7:30 PM, Social Enlightenment Fri. @ 7:30 PM, "How Do Mediums Do That" class Sun. @ 12:30 PM. Lodging available. During Camp Season Ph: (207) 338-3029 / Off-season contact Sec. Tamara Jetton, 21 Old Windsor Rd., South China, ME 04358 or Email thsc@mainespiritualism.org Website: www.templeheightscamp.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church • Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the corner of Shore Rd. and Cove Rd. Northport, from Nov. 1 to April 30; Pres, Janice Nelson (207) 845-2885; Sec/Treas., Jean Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915-6003 - (207) 338-1355.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church • meets at 719 Main St., Westbrook at the Unitarian Universalist Church; Mailing address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Graham Connolly, (207) 655-6673; e-mail: pschurch@maine.rr.com; website: www.portlandspiritualistchurch.org

• MASSACHUSETTS •

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC • Services held at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday at the Anawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mailing address: P.O. Box 145, 02769, e-mail: firstspiritualistchurch.com. For more information contact Secretary, Sally Kubitschek, (508) 226-6580; e-mail: sallyrosekub@hotmail.com

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem • 34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (978) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - June; Pres., Bradley Gosselin, 147 Sylvan St., Danvers, 01923 - (978) 774-1571, e-mail: BGoss92409@aol.com; Secy., Nancy L. Karolides, 144 Boston St., Middleton, 01949, (978) 774-4048.

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc. • 33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes upon sign-up; Info on website: springfield.spiritualistchurch.net; Pastor, Rev. John Sullivan, Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: sully1942@hughes.net; Sec. Denise St Pierre, e-mail: denise1957@hughes.net

• MICHIGAN •

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit • 2724 Goodrich, 48220; Sat. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Dianne Smith.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church • 430 Bellevue St., 49251; Serv. 10:45 a.m. Sundays; Contact Jackie North, e-mail J91943@ALLDIAL.NET or (517) 796-2858.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple • 3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Marguerite Gutt, NST, (248) 548-2240.

• MINNESOTA •

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church • Meeting place: 1500 First Ave. NE, Ste. 112; Services Mon. 7:00 p.m.; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Spiritualist Church • Conference Rm. - 411 Main St., Labor Union Hall; Sun. Morning Serv. only, 10:00 a.m.; Pres./Speaker, Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255, (651) 699-4858; Secy., Gerald Kemling; Church phone (651) 225-4609.

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis • 6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & Message, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Assoc. Pastor, Marilyn Kalna, cell: (314) 707-3934; Pres., Carl Davis, 4451 Catherine Place, 63115 - (314) 383-5954; website: www.5thspiritstl.com

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC • 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church • 3355 W. Spring Mountain Rd., #19, 89102, (702) 876-8783, website: http://renospiritualistchurch.com; Service times: Sun. 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6:30 p.m., Thurs. 6:30 p.m., Healing Meditation, with a Spiritualist development class following the service, every one welcome. Vicky Homann, Pastor, e-mail: spiritualistdesertchurch@yahoo.com

RENO/Sparks - Spiritualist High Desert Church • Meeting place: Larry D. Johnson Community Center, 1200 12th St., Sparks, 89431, (775) 323-1114. Healing, Meditation and Message Service: Sunday 11:00 a.m. Pres., Shirley AirHart, website: _http://renospiritualistchurch.org; Mailing address: Secy. Rev. Lisa Butler, 3415 Socrates Dr., Reno, NV 89512, e-mail: tomalisa2@aol.com

• NEW JERSEY •

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life • 243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun Healing, Worship & Message Service 11:00 a.m. Call (856) 456-2196 for cancellations. Pres Rev Dr John Bassett Jr., PhD, 320 Savannah Rd, Essex, MD 21221 (410) 391-3656. Sec Kathleen M. Pollack 430 S. Broadway, Gloucester, MD 08030 (856) 456-3401. Website: NJCOEL.org

Continued...

 Continued from page 18

WENONAH - Stow Memorial Foundation • Muriel De Young, 305 Carnegie Ave., Wenonah.

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple • 29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716) 652-5018, www.eastauroraspiritualism.com; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month; Secy., Jeanne Phoenix Laurel, (716) 286-8628 or (716) 876-4805.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly • 5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact James Barnum, Secretary; website: www.lilydaleassembly.com; e-mail: lilydaleassembly@netsync.net

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church • East St. Healing Temple, P.O. Box 1128, 14752-1128, (716) 595-3971; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing 11:00 a.m. Worship Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m. Sept. – June; website: www.lilydalespiritualistchurch.com

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC • Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Lodge, 34 River Rd. (Nisequogue River Rd.), Smithtown; Pastor, Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631) 588-5869; Mailing address: 10 Ackerly Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779; Church phone: (631) 648-0403; e-mail: kenpatduff@hotmail.com

LONG ISLAND - Summerland Church of Light, NSAC • Healing and Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service held at 120 Plant Ave., Hauppauge; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5209, Hauppauge, 11788-5209, (631) 467-2076; Pastor, Rev. Richard P. Schoeller, NST, (631) 470-0221; website: www.SummerlandChurchofLight.com

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC • So. Ocean Ave. & Baker St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Hugo Ruiz, NST; Mailing address: P.O. Box 3400, Patchogue, 11772, 800-316-1231; website: http://www.TMS-Li.org

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church • 29 Vick Park A, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; Sunday Devotional Services: 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon; Third Wednesdays All Message Service with Spiritual Healing 7-9 p.m.; e-mail & website: Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org (check our website for up-to-date circle and development class information; Pastor, Robin Higgins; President, Joanne Antinore; Secretary, Valerie Grosche, Valerie.Grosche@xerox.com

• OHIO •

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Selina Duffey, Secy., P.O. Box 277, 43003-0277; For additional information contact: Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.

ASHLEY - First Spiritualist Church of Linden • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Chrys Rice, Secy., P.O. Box 648, 43003-0648; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Treas., Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.

DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC • 609 Watervliet Ave., 45420-2544, (937) 878-1165; Pastor, Rev. Raymond Moschke, e-mail: RMoschke@aol.com.

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church • 2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1331 Lafayette; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church • 809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Healing/Meditation, 11:00 a.m. Lecture and Messages; Tues. Mediumship Dev. Class; Minister, Carol O. Perella, L.M., (412) 398-7303; website www.firstspiritualist.org

PHILADELPHIA - The Celestial Spiritualists Church • Sun. Healing, Worship and Message Service 12:00 noon. Call for service dates and location; (610) 583-3268; e-mail: celestial.07@mail.com; Rev. Betty J. Hutt.

• TEXAS •

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church of Austin • 4200 Ave "D" - Austin, TX 78751-3719, (512) 458-3987; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Anne Berlin; Corr. Secy., Eana LaFont.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC • 2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Liana V. Liles; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Service: 7:30 p.m. Open healing, meditation, & messages from Spirit; Fri. Spiritual Development 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Spiritual Development 10:00 a.m.; Private Spiritualist readings by appt., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: lileshouston@aol.com; website: www.houstonspiritualists.org

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC • 222 N. Washington Street; Mailing Address: CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040-6535; (703) 645-8060; website: www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Serv.; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:00 a.m., followed by Devotional Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Shelly Wooldridge, Lyceum Director; Judy Griesse, Debbie Shoop, Lyceum Co-Directors; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan; Pres., Rita O'Connor; Secy., Awilda Abaza, 2301 N. Street NW #606, Washington, DC 20037 / (202) 775-1907, e-mail: agabaza@earthlink.net; Exec. Coordinator, Sherry Truhlar, 1670 Fitzgerald Lane, Alexandria, 22302, (703) 577-7807.

NORFOLK - Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 307 W. 37th St., 23508-3207, (757) 622-5070; website http://www.memorialspiritualistchurch.com; Services held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Healing available at 10:30 a.m. Sun. and 7:00 p.m. Wed.; Ministers: Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, (757) 480-3799; Rev. Kathleen Cribb, (757) 471-4014; Rev. Carol A. Brown, NST, (757) 826-9652; Pres., Jim Watson; Secy., Ann Marie Croteau; Lyceum Director, Rev. Kathleen Cribb.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Edgewood - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC • Services held Sun. @ 2:30 P.M., Unity Church of Christianity, 2908 Meridian E. #101, Edgewood, WA 98371. Student Minister Atira Hatton, Pres. Bernie Allers (253) 833-4250, Sec. Robin Maylor (253) 565-4190. Email DivinegraceNSAC@comcast.com to Sherry Valentine.

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC • 1228 26th Ave Ct, Milton, WA 98354 Ph: (253) 927-2050 / Fax (253) 927-7531. Pres. David Chapman, Sec. Denice Chapman - Email: campedgewood@qwestoffice.net. Please visit our website for information on year-round Development and Educational Classes. http://campedgewood.nsac-churches.org

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC • Held @ Camp Edgewood NSAC - 1228 26th Ave Ct. Church Service Sun @ 2:00 PM Sep-May. Mailing address c/o Pres. Colleen Mohler, 1210 26th Ave Ct 98354, Ph: (253) 927-2365. Pastor Rev. LaVerne Pemberton Ph: (253) 833-9279. Sec. Jennifer Currier (253) 927-7081, Email cynthia92969@yahoo.com

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC • Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. at 1228 26th Ave. Ct., Milton, WA Center. Student Pastor Denice (Dee) L. Chapman; Mailing address PO Box 1856 Milton, WA 98354.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

CHARLES TOWN - Church of Joyous Living, NSAC • 128 Burnlea Rd., 25414; Services Sun. 12:30 p.m.; Tues. Circle at Noon. Office (304) 725-3763, Area Cell (240) 447-8912. Pastor, Rev. Alexis Sharon Rolnick; e-mail: asrolnick@zol.com; website: www.churchofjoyousliving.com

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association of Wheeling • (Way Memorial Temple) North Broadway & Maryland Sts., (304) 233-5065 (church), (304) 232-5795 (parsonage); Sun. Lyceum at 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Healing and Worship Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Tues. Development Class at 7:00 p.m. with Alan Zerla; Wed. Healing 6:30 p.m., Wed. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m. with Pam Baker Shaw; Secy., Betty Schmidt; Pres., Alan Zerla (740) 282-9455, e-mail: docspirit3@aol.com

• WISCONSIN •

MADISON - Summerland's Lakeview Spiritualist Church • Rev. Annette L. Haak, (608) 233-1632; e-mail: endless29@sbcglobal.net.

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis • 6228 W. Washington St., 53214, (414) 778-0088; Sun. Serv. & Healing at 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Heather Michaels; website: www.myspace.com\fscwa

WONEWOC - Western Wisconsin Camp Association, Inc. NSAC, (Wonewoc Spiritualist Camp) • P.O. Box 187, 53868, (608) 464-7770; Open June-August; Camp website: http://www.campwonewoc.com

• CANADA •

Britten Memorial Church of Canada • 657 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6H 3Y2.

Continued...

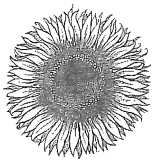
DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES *Continued...*

The First Spiritual Church of Montreal • 2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

Spiritualist Church of Canada • 3027 New Street, Burlington, Ontario L7R 1K3; Pres., Rev. James Kinnear; website: www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

Spiritualist Society and Gateway Psychic Centre • 1069 Kensington Rd. N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 3R2; (403) 270-3341; Pastor, Rev. Karen Voegelie; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m. weekly, 11:00 a.m. (2nd & 4th Sundays Only); Weekly Development Circles and Healing/Message Evenings; Website: www.gatewaycentre.ca

Springdale Church, Toronto • 30 Merritt Rd., Toronto, Ontario M4B 3K5; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing & Messages, 7:00 p.m. Address and Spirit Messages; Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Messages and Open Development Circle; Development Classes; Pastor, Rev. Doreen Bauld, (416) 759-3958.



Directory Listing Information

ANNUAL FEE:

Directory of Ministers and Certified Workers . . **$ 20.00**

Directory of Churches. . . . . **$ 20.00**

ANNUAL FEES DUE IN SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR.

DIRECTORY LISTING UPDATES ARE DUE OCTOBER 1.

ANY CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY APRIL 1.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

— Prayer for Spiritual Healing —

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

The NSAC Healing Center

serving as a Beacon of Light to bring illumination to those in need.

REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST

Spiritual Healing, recognized in many ancient religions, has always been a part of Spiritualism. Today, evidence is growing in the medical community about the importance of spiritual healing. It is now accepted that the whole person needs treatment, not just the illness.

It is easy to send a request for healing prayers for yourself or another. You can send your request through the NSAC site at www.nsac.org by clicking on *Healing* and filling out a form. You can e-mail k.rottino@snet.net, or call 860-642-7976 or write to me at 109 Capitol Drive, Willimantic, CT. 06226 with the name of the person you want healing prayers for.

The NSAC Healing Center has a Healing Booklet that includes the NSAC Healing Prayer explanation and 87 affirmations to guide an individual into uplifting thoughts (which we know are helpful to the healing process). The Healing Booklet is also a wonderful tool to use when teaching a class about spiritual healing. If you are interested in forming a Healing Prayer Group, please contact me and I will forward information to you on how to get started. While there is no charge for this booklet, any donation that is received will help off-set the printing expenses and postage.

You can make a donation to the Healing Center in memory of someone and a letter can be sent to their family, acknowledging your donation.

We all know the power of prayer. Each day, when saying your prayers, please include the names on the NSAC healing list.

Thank you and Healing Blessings,
Rev. Kathleen L. Rottino, NST

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT)

Healing Need For _____

***Please send Healing Booklet to:**

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

***Please send information on "How to form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group" to:**

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

***Please make Love Donation out to the NSAC Healing Center:**

NSAC Healing Center
c/o Rev. Kathleen L. Rottino, NST
109 Capitol Drive
Willimantic, CT 06226

LYCEUM

LYCEUM MATERIALS

Art Craft & Activity Book	1.00
Art Patterns & Ideas For Lyceum Teachers (Thurman)	20.00
Attendance Cards (ea.)	.30
Certificate Of Achievement (6)	3.00
Davis, A. J. Card	.10
God made me special – Activity Poster Set	12.95
Golden Rule Banner	3.95
Guide For Leaders & Teachers (Kuhlig)	2.00
Lyceum Manual	15.00
Membership Cards (100)	2.00
Mini Course for Lyceum Teachers (Kilmer)	3.50
Patriotic Parade Bulletin Board Set	8.99
Promotion Certificate	.50
Resource Unit: A. J. Davis	1.50
Founders Day	1.00
Lyceum Banner	.50
NSAC Banner	.50
Marching & Calisthenics	1.00
Sunflower	1.50
Spiritualism Lights The Way Seals	.10 ea.

Minimum order 25. Add more in increments of 5.

LYCEUM LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

Bunts – Old Testament Mediums	1.50
New Testament Mediums	1.50
God In Nature Series –	
Lessons 1 – 12 (Insects)	1.50
Lessons 13 – 24 (Sea Life)	1.50
Lessons 25 – 36 (Birds)	1.50
Lessons 37 – 48 (Animals)	1.50
Cutlip – Jr. Series – Bio & Historical #3	1.50
Jr. Series – Bio & Historical #4	1.50
McLaine – Geology Jr & Sr Series	1.50
Way/Schneider – Character House	2.00
Kindergarten Series	1.50

LYCEUM LESSONS FOR ADULTS

Barwise – Preface to Spiritualism	3.00
Brown – Aura & Color	5.00
Man	7.50
Mediumship	6.00
Natural Law	7.50
Set (1 of Each)	24.00
Colville – Catechism Of Spiritual Philo.	1.00
Cutlip – Prog. Lyceum Lessons	4.00
King – Comparative Religion	2.00
Mediumship & Its Phases	3.00
Whitwell/Dibble – Adult Series 1 – 12	1.50
" " 13 – 24	2.00
Whitwell – Sermonettes	2.00

Prices are subject to change without notice.

CHILDRENS BOOKS

Austin – Little Me & The Great Me	6.95
My Secret Power	4.95
Why & How I Was Born	4.95
Cosgrove – 47 titles	(each) 4.99
Franco – Little Stories	5.95
Frasier – On The Day You Were Born	16.00
Hay – The Adventures of Lulu	12.95
Hoffelt – We Share One World	15.95
Langford – Meditation For Little People	6.95
Rizzuto – I See Daddy	3.50
Silverstein – The Giving Tree	16.00
Summer Rain – Mountains, Meadows and Moonbeams	11.95
Walpole – The Healer of Harrow Point	11.95
Walsch – The Little Soul and the Sun	17.95
The Little Soul and the Earth	17.95
Wright – Spiritualism for Teens	12.50

Other titles available.

– The Lyceum Spotlight –

Calling Kids of All Ages

Subscribe to *The Spotlight Magazine* for fun, growth, Spiritualism and sharing. Published 10 times annually.

Subscription cost – $10.00
Multiples of 5 copies per issue for the price of $40.00 per bundle.
Foreign – add $1.00

SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM
(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

Mail to:
THE LYCEUM SPOTLIGHT
Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, Editor
P.O. Box 93252, Las Vegas, NV 89193
(616) 292-6559

The NSAC Department of Lyceums

June Killmer, Director
1635 Old Hart Ranch Rd.
Roseville, CA 95661-5849
(916) 783-3546



BOOKS

- Spiritual and Related Subjects -

A Wonderful Way To Grow...

- LITERATURE & SUPPLIES FOR MODERN SPIRITUALISTS -

A Complete Book List may be ordered FREE from NSAC.

NSAC SUPPLIES

NSAC	Andrew Jackson Davis Poster "Beyond The Valley," 20X16, Black & White	2.00
	Andrew Jackson Davis Post Cards	.15
	Centennial Book - 100 Years - Thurman	1.00
	NSAC Bylaws, 8 1/2 x 11	7.00
	Index of Names and Calendar Dates Associated with Spiritualism	10.00
	Ministers Service Book	4.50
	Spirit Healing (booklet)	1.00
	Spiritualist Manual (black or white cover)	17.00
	Lyceum Manual	15.00
	Spiritualist Hymnal (hardcover)	17.00
	(HC Spiral Bound/Musicians copy)	15.00
	(Large Print 3-ring binder)	15.00
	Year Book - Church listings Ministers, Healers, Mediums, etc.	7.00
	Public Relations Handbook	10.00
	NSAC - Church Membership Classes - By Rev. S. L. Snowman	10.00

NSAC SUPPLIES

Healing Prayer Cards (25)	1.00
Declaration of Principles For Hymnals (Stickers)	N/C
NSAC Book List	N/C
Slates - 6"x8" Set	11.50
Trumpets - Student 30"	25.00
Professional 42"	30.00
Illuminated Bands	4.95

AVAILABLE TO NSAC CHURCHES ONLY

Application for Charter	no charge
Application for Membership	no charge
Certificate of Marriage (each)	2.00
Certificate of Consecration (each)	2.00
Certificate of Church Membership (each)	1.00
Membership Cards (100)	2.00

INFORMATIONAL LITERATURE

CSS Catalog	N/C
Declaration of Principles (L)	N/C
Foundational Facts Concerning Spiritualism	N/C
Funding Our Future	N/C
Healer's Do's & Don'ts	N/C
Healing Basics (L)	N/C
Hints for a Good Reading	N/C
Keep an Even Mind	N/C
Mediums Do's and Don'ts	N/C
Raising Your Vibration	N/C
Social Policy Statement	N/C
What Is Spiritual Healing?	N/C

- Literature & Supplies -

A complete book list may be ordered free from

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

P.O. Box 217 • 13 Cottage Row • Lily Dale, New York 14752

Phone: (716) 595-2000 Fax: (716) 595-2020 E-Mail: bookstore@NSAC.org

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

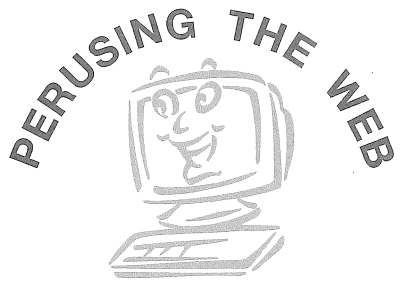
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

BOOK ORDER INFORMATION: Small orders will be sent regular mail, larger orders generally will go by U.P.S., therefore, when ordering, include a **street address for delivery. You will be billed for the cost of the books plus the postage.**

BOOK TITLE	PRICE

Thank you for your order!



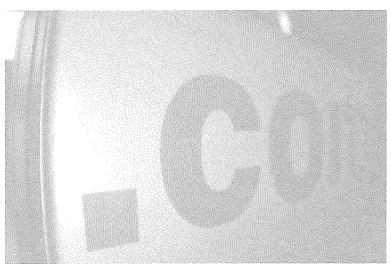
http://spiritualismlink.forumotion.com/

This website was new in 2008, and it provides "A forum for Spiritualists and those interested in learning more about the Religion, Philosophy, Science and Truth of Spiritualism." Here you will find information under these sample categories:

- The Curious Case of David Thompson and Victor Zammit
- Recording Angels The Electromagnetic Imaginary
- THE FOX SISTERS: RIDDLE OF THE RECORDS
- Man made rules? Just a thought.
- The Legend of Mr. Splitfoot—A later embellishment
- Health requirements in circles
- Naming Service by Ann Armstrong 1st Feb
- Your opinion
- From: The Two Worlds (London)

The site's administrator (Jim) states, "Although this is a Spiritualist site, I want to get people thinking and challenging their own thoughts. Spiritualism is a belief, a science, a truth and a philosophy; challenge your mind, be discerning and test what you find."

It is an interactive website with a Memberlist, no fees, a very thorough FAQ session which provides easy to understand navigational tools, and a wonderful Search Query section for those curious about a particular topic or person. Thank you to The Rev. Marilyn Awtry for recommending this site. ✦



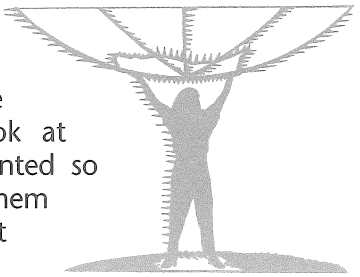
The SOIL of LIFE

ELSIE ANN SORIA, NST
1st Spiritual Temple, San Francisco, CA

Life is very much like the earth itself with its people representing the soil.

Early life experiences are many which we have no control over. However, when you mature to a responsible adult, you plant your own seeds of life…but you must first determine the type of soil you will use.

- Is the soil crusted? **Crusted soil** represents those people who do not listen; those who do not let God penetrate their lives.
- Is your soil rocky? **Rocky soil** is where the seeds fall on shallow ground. These people get enthusiastic, respond quickly but fade away because they have no depth, no roots; so they shrivel away, wither and die out.
- Is your soil thorny? **Thorny soil** gives you mixed priorities, so that you give your time and energy to too many things that take priority over God.
- Or do you plant on firm ground, nurtured by the **rich soil of your spirituality**?



Because we are speaking of categories, we want to take care and not categorize everyone we meet into slots, but look at where their seeds are planted so that we can understand them and nurture them as a part of the Infinite Spirit.

Looking at someone from the outside does not always give us insight about their feelings, their emotional experiences, or what they have suffered. As our Native American brethren say, "Do not criticize someone until you have walked two moons in their moccasins." That is not two days, but two full moon cycles. When you plant your life seeds, seek help from spirit; they are ready and willing to assist.

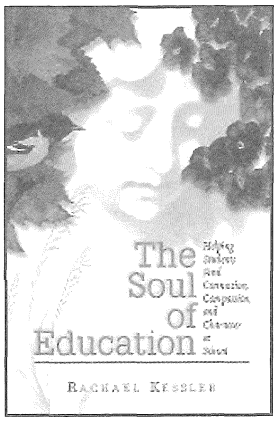
As Spiritualists, let us understand how important the ground is, and how important it is to sow the seeds of loving kindness, unconditional love and simple caring—one human being to another. Let us open our eyes and view each other on a daily basis with spiritual eyes, because the Infinite Spirit has placed these people on our path for a reason. Spiritualism is a daily experience with daily responsibilities.

Ask yourself, "What kind of seeds do I plant and on what type of soil do they fall? When the time comes to harvest what will be my return?" ✦

MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Help for Our Schools • Since 1985 Rachael Kessler has worked with teams of educators throughout the United States to create curricula, teacher development and methodology that can feed and support the awakening spirit of young people as part of school life. The program is called PassageWorks and it integrates heart, spirit, and community with strong academics.



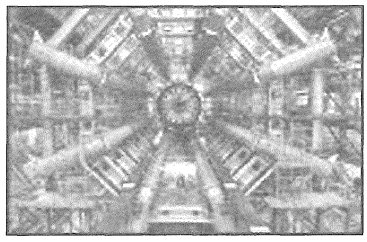
In 1998, a leading journal in public education, *Educational Leadership,* broke a taboo in mainstream education by discussing the spiritual dimension of education. An unprecedented response to this prompted the selection of Kessler's book, *The Soul of Education,* as a membership book. Kessler writes, "When soul is present in education, attention shifts. We concentrate on what has heart and meaning. Student's yearnings, fears, confusion, wonder, and wisdom are central to the curriculum. Questions become as important as answers... masks drop away. Students dare to share the joy and talents they once feared would provoke jealousy in even their best friends. They risk exposing the pain or shame that might be judged as weakness. And when given an opportunity to see deeply into the perspective of others, and to accept what they have felt was unworthy in themselves, young people discover compassion and forgiveness."

From: *Shift* June-August No 19 "Welcoming Soul to Our Schools" by Rachael Kessler

Online Youth Outreach • In the article, "Young, Single and Spiritual," published by the World Future Society in the July - August 2008 *World Trends & Forecasts*, Aaron M. Cohen observes that congregations have declined even though there has been a forty percent increase in the US population, and that church leaders should focus on meeting the needs of young adults. "Unless religious leaders take younger adults more seriously, the future of American Religions is in doubt." Warns Princeton University sociology professor Robert Wuthnow. "Reaching out via the Internet is a relatively simple approach that congregations can take to attract younger members," Cohen noted.

The article cited a number of websites for Christian and Jewish youth; for instance, Theooze.com, Aish.com and JDate.com. Review of these sites show that participants can experience an online community that is focused on religion in an informative and entertaining way.

$10 Billion Particle Accelerator Tested • Three-hundred feet below the border between France and Switzerland, a $10 billion experiment is being conducted to simulate the universe just a millionth of a second after the Big Bang.

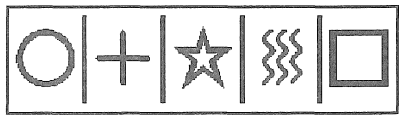


As to why the layperson should care, Howard Gordon, deputy research program manager for the collider's ATLAS experiment noted that, "Years ago, when electrons were first identified, no one knew what they were good for, but they have since transformed our entire economy. The transformative effect of this research will be to understand the world we live in much better. It's important for just who we are, what we are."

There are similar stories about astronomy, such as the huge amount of public funds spent on the Hubble telescope, that leave us wondering about science's priorities. If the objective really is to know who and what we are, perhaps a fraction of our money could be better spent on survival research.

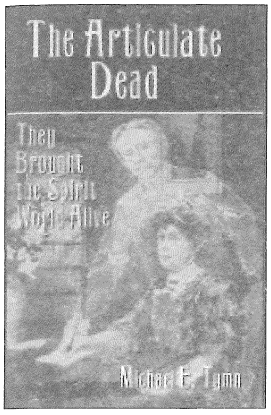
From: Multibillion-dollar experiment to probe nature's mysteries, by Elizabeth Landau, CNN, www.cnn.com Picture credit tequiero.nimnim.net

Psychic Tests • Psychic ability tests are becoming more common on the Internet, and some give site visitors a chance to participate in serious science while at the same time, possibly discovering personal psychic ability. There are interesting tests such as "Advanced ESP Test using



Continued...

Zener Cards, Ball Drop Psychokinesis test and PK Trainer at Psychic Science: Explore Parapsychology, Psychical Research & Mind Magic with Michael Daniels PhD www.psychicscience.org/esp3.aspx



The Articulate Dead • During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there were dynamic and evidential forms of spirit communication. A number of distinguished scientists and scholars studied some of the best mediums and concluded they were genuine. In *The Articulate Dead,* Michael E. Tymn examines several of the best mediums of yesteryear and the scientific research surrounding them. A number of very intriguing stories unfold, including spirits directing an archaeologist in the uncovering of the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, spirits leading a researcher to crosses buried by American Indians, a deceased author completing his books through a medium, a Titanic victim coming back to tell about his new environment, and an afterlife researcher continuing his work after dying, to name just a few.

Author Michael Tymn is the vice-president of the Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies, Inc. (ASPSI) and editor of *The Searchlight,* their quarterly bulletin. The book is available at Amazon.com

83 Minute Surgery without Anesthesia • Alex Lenkei, a sixty-one year-old hypnotherapist in the UK underwent an operation for his osteoarthritis by putting himself into a hypnotic trance. Doctors removed a piece of bone at the base of his thumb and fused some joints together. Lenkei was able to describe the operation in detail. He says that, "It took me thirty seconds to put myself under... I could feel the surgeon pulling and manipulating me, then I heard the cracking of bones. I heard him say 'Can I have the saw, please?' and imagined him holding this great big thing in his hand. But fortunately he then said 'I think we'll use the smaller one.' He used a hammer and chisel and I could hear him hammering away at the bone. I heard everything he was saying to his assistants but there was no gossip. It was a shame, I was hoping to hear something juicy."
From: *The Mirror,* www.mirror.co.uk

Dad Takes Unique Travels After His Death • Mark Bonney died from complications of gallbladder surgery, two years ago and before making a trip to Hawaii that he'd always dreamed about. But Mark has had an unorthodox sort of afterlife and has traveled from Hawaii to Scotland and Thailand. Two of Mark's children took pictures of him with them when they visited Hawaii and left them at various places with a request that whoever found the picture would carry it along on their own travels and then log onto www.markonthego.com and post some details about Marks journey. By July, the site had over 2,000 hits and over twenty people had left information about their travels with Mark. "When I'm having a bad day, I go to the site," says his widow, Kris Bonney.
From: *News Day,* "Dad takes unique travels two years after death," by Greg Ryan, www.newsday.com

Survival After Death lost their website address and had to reopen with a "uk" at the end as a new address. (The person who has the old address is probably faultless, so don't think there was foul play.) The new address for a very informative survival oriented site is www.survivalafterdeath.org.uk

✦✦✦

Spring Forward

NANCY ASHWORTH, Missouri

We hear Spring forward to change our clocks every year have you ever thought about Spring forward with your life? Spring forward into daily exercise and lose those unwanted pounds. Spring forward and learn that new game: golf, tennis, soccer—which ever one you have wanted to learn how to play. Spring forward and do it! Spring forward and learn that new language you are interested in; now is the time. Spring forward and write those notes of appreciation to those whom you deem worthy, because tomorrow might be too late. Spring forward courageously and tackle the "great" problem in your life: stop smoking, stop drinking, stop whatever is hurting your health, home or family. Love yourself enough to do it. Remember the Great Spirit will Spring Forward in response to your prayer and help you every step of the way. Go with God Always.

March is the month we celebrate



Gratitude Day

NSAC Bylaws,
Article XVI, Section 4:

The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as Gratitude Day on which all auxiliaries and churches chartered by them shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the ***Spiritualist Benevolent Society.***

In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This request for donations for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society* sustains and builds a designated fund which provides a monthly stipend to those members and/or workers of long standing who have been brought to our attention as being in need of assistance.

Because there are people who are in need of support, we ask for your financial generosity for this very worthwhile project. On Gratitude Day, as you celebrate the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much of themselves with their time and effort. Help us to give them a loving thank you for all of their efforts to sustain Spiritualism.

Donations to the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society* may be sent to:

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
Spiritualist Benevolent Society
P.O. Box 217
Lily Dale, NY 14752-0217

calendar corner

What happened in MARCH *throughout the years?*

MARCH 15

One of the United States' most popular materialization mediums, **Maude Lord Drake**, was born on this date in 1852 in West Virginia. Known as a talented lecturer, psychometrist and physical medium, she began delivering prophecies at the age of three under her faithful spirit guide named Kaola. Her messages included accurate information about Civil War events delivered years in advance and a prediction of the devastating San Francisco earthquake six years prior to the actual happening. During America's Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia, she held a séance for foreign ministers of Spain, Germany, Japan, France and Brazil where spirits voiced their messages in a wide variety of languages.

MARCH 17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to NSAC Board member **The Rev. Richard P. Schoeller!** Thank you for all of your dedication to Spiritualism and for your playful antics which make us smile.



MARCH 20

Daniel D. Home was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1833. Known for his amazing level of abilities in trance mediumship, materialization and levitation, he could levitate both nearby physical objects and *his own body* in more than 100 recorded instances. He was highly respected, and held séances for the King of Naples, the German Emporer Napolean, the Queen of Holland and the Czar of Russia.

MARCH 23

The fourth Sunday in March is Spiritualism's celebration of **Gratitude Day**, when we have an opportunity to contribute to the ***Spiritualist Benevolent Society.*** This is also the birthdate of Dr. James M. Peebles, who was affectionately known as "The World Missionary for Spiritualism."

MARCH 27

Catherine Fox was born on this date in 1841. Known as Katie, she and her sister Maggie (Margaretta), assisted by their brother David, were able to spell out the name of the murdered peddler, Charles B. Rosna, using alphabet tapping.

MARCH 31

The Anniversary of the **Advent of Modern Spiritualism.** In 1848 the Fox sisters experienced mysterious, percussive style rappings in their small home, known at the Fox Cottage. Within 50 years Spiritualism had spread world-wide. ✦

What happened in APRIL *throughout the years?*

April, NSAC Spiritual Healing Month, is when we celebrate and honor the gift of *spiritual healing.*

Spiritual Healing is the healing of the human body through spirit power, by means of mediumship.

APRIL

April is the month that Spiritualists set aside to pay particular attention to sharing the gift of spiritual healing. NSAC requests that each one of us give extra time to send out healing energy to all life forms. All healing originates from Infinite Intelligence, and so we draw the healing power through ourselves by offering to be conduits for God's work...and God's work certainly includes healing! All forms of healing can be included-emotional, physical and spiritual.



We can send healing vibrations mentally to those who are not within our immediate personal space. We use prayer and meditation for this healing purpose. Both the healer and the patient (receiver) can bond in intention and faith; when this bond is achieved, the power of the healing transmission and reception become magnified. Firm intention and deep faith intensify the vibrations, which supply the motivational energy to transmit the healing.

We also employ the physical *Laying on of Hands* in our Spiritualist Healing work. Energy and power – both useful in healing – come through the physical body of the healer into the physical body of the patient. Some healers actually touch the patient to transfer this energy, while others work in close proximity to the body of the patient. As the energy currents are activated, blood flow is increased, thereby feeding the diseased or weakened area.

APRIL 3

J. T. Crumbaugh transitioned in 1905, leaving a wonderful legacy of philanthropy when his estate was left "for the promulgation of Spiritualism."

APRIL 12

On April 12, 1919 the ***Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence*** was established.

APRIL 17

Born in 1832, **Louis Schlesinger** started a publication titled the *Pacific Coast Spiritualist.* Known as a medium, he had the ability to cure both tobacco and morphine addictions.

APRIL 21

The "Silver-Tongued Orator" **Cora L. V. Scott Richmond** was born in 1840 in New York. She was elected vice-president at the first NSA Constitutional Convention in 1893. Although she had ceased her formal education at age 12, her spiritual guides made it possible for her to astound audiences and experts when she spoke on topics including science, history, politics and philosophy. A prolific writer, speaker and Chicago pastor, she developed the foundation of Spiritualism's Declaration of Principles.

APRIL 25

The "Sage of Cassadaga" was attorney **A. B. Richmond**, born in Indiana in 1825. He was highly trained in the art of magic, and decided to disprove what he believed to be the fraud of Spiritualism's phenomena. However, in 1888 his examinations of the phenomena lead to lectures and writings, including a book titled *What I Saw at Cassadaga Lake,* after his conversion to Spiritualism.

APRIL 28

Fannie Conant was born in 1831. Known as one who "talked with the angels," Fannie's lifetime only encompassed 45 years. Through her automatic writing, instructions for starting the *Banner of Light* were received, and she worked as a message medium for the publication until her transition. ✦

Positive faith is not just a spiritual virtue – it is a physical necessity. Whatever we focus our intentions on, we create through our perceptions. – Walter Starcke

The Spiritualist Principles

Looking Back – *from April 1982, TNS*

STEVEN W. ROSS, NST

These principles are the tools of our trade. The bylaws of our daily action, and as such merit a public interpretation periodically to assure better understanding by members and inquirers alike.

The Declaration of Principles

Every church is asked to include these principles in its services, and yet I am not sure that we, the Spiritualists, who give voice to them are giving much thought to what they mean and why they are expressed in this manner.

Let us start with a little history. Originally, the National Spiritualist Association derived eight articles. The first six were adopted at the Chicago Convention in 1899. The next two were accepted at the Rochester Convention in 1909, and finally, number nine was adopted at the St. Louis Convention in 1944. Here, you see an explanation of a religion without creeds and dogmas – no one set of fixed creeds was dictated the first day at the first convention. We learn as we go along, and we modify as we learn. Who knows, some future day we may add or change these principles again. They are not holy; they are merely directions and guidelines as we perceive them now. As our perception grows, the principles may change to reflect that growth of knowledge.

There are two general points also worth mentioning. Three of our principles start with the words: "We believe," signifying clearly that these are religious statements. Religion is based on beliefs that are accepted as *truth*. The other six articles start with the statement: "We affirm,"which means that we have proof as a result of our investigations, for we are a science as well as a religion.

These principles constitute the basic Spiritualist philosophy. The National Spiritualist Association of Churches has interpreted these principles, just as the Supreme Court interprets the constitution. As you well know, the interpretation of the constitution has changed many times. So, we can expect that the interpretation of our ***principles*** may also change as we grow. In Spiritualism, you are free to interpret the principles yourself within your own framework of knowledge and understanding. No one will dictate to you. All I shall do is provide some guidelines, some of my own interpretations, and hopefully, stimulate you to think these concepts through yourself.

First: ***We believe in Infinite Intelligence***

Spiritualists believe in God. The search for God is as old as mankind, and the concepts of God have changed over the millennia. Man's understanding of the universe is expanding; therefore, the God concept has to change too. We require a newer idea that fits today's world; we want to understand better, not only the universe, but also the power that created and directs it.

It is well-known that the early impressions about the gods were erroneous and have mostly been replaced. But, many of these replacements are at least 1500 years old, and again, no longer acceptable to modern man. Yet, we should not forget or underestimate the power of the older religions. Those ideas have pushed man to many high achievements, but they also have caused many bitter wars and much religious intolerance.

Today, we must abandon the notion that God is some sort of a superman with human emotions (and, hence, failings) who sits on some kind of a throne, surrounded by an angelic court. We must reject the idea that each person must appear before this supreme judge and receive his just reward or punishment – condemnation into eternal hell. These are all merely mirror-images of human institutions.

Instead, Spiritualists perceive God as ***Spirit***, infinite in time (eternal), infinite in space (omnipresent), infinite in knowledge (omniscient), infinite in creation (omnificent), and infinite in power (omnipotent). This all pervasive God-Spirit must be formless, and being omnipresent – must be part of each and everyone of us. Conversely, we are also an infinitesimal part of God, yet we are not God. Consider the ocean; it consists of an infinite number of water droplets. Each is part of the ocean, but none by itself, is the ocean. The life giving force of the ocean is created by the infinite number of droplets, each bearing its share in the overall scheme of things, yet none could begin to provide life sustenance alone, except on a microscopic scale. Thus, we see that Spirit is indwelling and life-giving, without any personality, not to mention human traits.

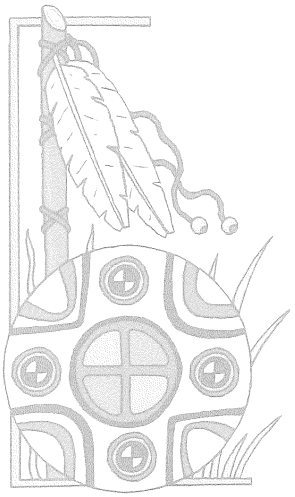
Revelation of ***Infinite Spirit*** has never ceased; it is progressive and perpetual. This concept is very

Continued...

Spiritual Healing

LAURA LEE PERKINS, *TNS* Editor

Spiritual healing is when energy is transmitted to a person who needs it. The treatment works on the body, mind and spirit, which are so interconnected that they must harmonize for good health. The healer is God, but the channel is usually a person, although animals have been known to transmit healing energy from the Higher Source. The channeling of healing energy from its spiritual source to someone who needs it is called spiritual healing. The healing does not come from the healer, but *through* the healer. Spiritual healing can assist with mental, emotional and physical conditions and can be accomplished both in person and in absentia. A willingness to be healed is most important, and prayers to the healers' efforts will increase the healing energy.



The word spiritual refers to the divine nature of the energy, which all healers agree comes from one external, invisible, intelligent source. This healing energy source is available to all. Any problem needs healing power to restore the healthy balance of the whole person. Involving the mind at a deep spiritual level is often where healing begins.

Close to 50% of Americans have sought out alternative health care, including spending over $2 billion on books. The hunger for solving our spiritual starvation is growing by leaps and bounds, and it has rapidly spread into the medical arena. Being truly aware of our own consciousness and our power to create mysterious coincidences (synchronistic events) has great appeal in our contemporary world.

Healing as a partnership is an ancient concept which is gaining new recognition, respect, and understanding. The acknowledgment of the influence of spirituality on healing and on the healer may help restore a balance and sense of humanity where it may be lacking in the modern practice of medicine. For certain cultures, such as Native American Indians, the use of prayer and spiritual practices has been a constant part of medical care. In fact, one author on the subject writes that "intuition and spiritual awareness are a (Native American) Healer's most essential diagnostic tools."

Spirituality is neither tangible nor material, with the spirit representing "the essential nature of a person." Spirituality pertains to the ultimate meaning and purpose of life with a heightened awareness of and concern for such matters when a person is ill or facing death. By offering oneself up for healing, a person is actively getting involved in his or her own care and this may bring a sense of comfort that is very important. Spiritual practices often bring a person comfort when facing difficult circumstances. A person's belief that prayer will help him may stimulate healing. Prayer and other spiritual practices can elicit reduced levels of circulating stress hormones. In turn, the heart rate is slowed, blood pressure is lowered, and immune function may be improved. ✦

The Spiritualist Principles *Continued...*

important. Here, we differ from all orthodox religions which accept only one revelation given at some time to some person. That creates dogmas and creeds. But, with continued revelations, dogmas and creeds are impossible. We must realize and understand, that all the ***truth*** has never been revealed or will it ever be revealed to our limited mind.

This great ***Infinite Spirit*** and power, can be perceived in three major ways:

(1) By studying nature, we observe and feel God as ***power, order*** and ***beauty***.

(2) By studying the behavior of mankind and the myriad of social interactions, God is revealed in ***incentive, inspiration*** and ***unity***.

(3) By studying the processes of human reason and noting man's intellect and spirituality, God is discovered as ***wisdom*** and ***truth***.

Here, we see an expression of the Spiritualist's ***trinity*** which differs greatly from those of orthodox religions. Man is also a triune being, consisting of body, spirit and soul. Returning to the expressions of God that were presented, we should realize that they are limitless; in other words, infinite. Now, combining all these expressions, we begin to understand that God is all-embracing energy permeating the universe. It is the formative, creative, constructive guiding force, evident in everything, everywhere, be it below or above or beyond our finite knowledge or perception.

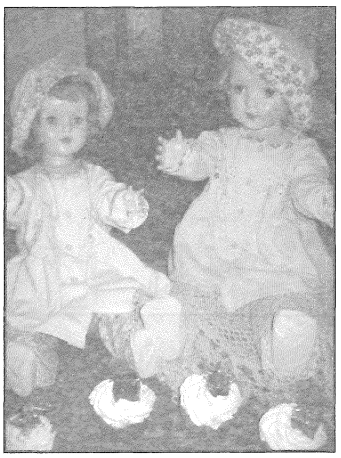
You should understand now, what we mean when we say: "We believe in Infinite Intelligence." ✦

Ordination in Phoenix



The Rev. Annette Haak's Ordination, held at the 2008 NSAC National Convention in Phoenix, included The Rev. Cosie Allen, The Rev. Ann Otzelberger, The Rev. Richard Schoeller along with Annette and her husband Mike. ✦

Spirit Children's Christmas Party Celebration



Having a Children's party at Christmas time seems rather ordinary, but having one for the children who have passed to the Spirit World isn't if you belong to a Spiritualist church. Every year the "Children from the Spirit World" are invited to attend a party just for them.

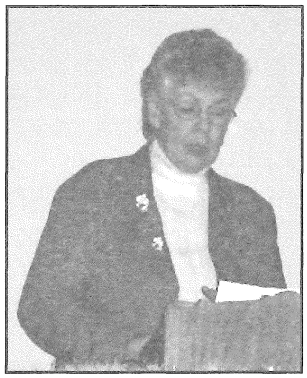
Those who attend (in the physical) sometimes bring a toy that they enjoyed as a child, and some bring new toys that will be donated to a child of the physical world during this season of giving. People always bring candy and cupcakes and treats to share with the children and those who attend. Some who join us say that they can feel the children's hugs and kisses, while others hear the children's giggles, and still others catch sight of the children as they play with the toys that are gathered. Some toys with no batteries have been known to turn on, and lights that should not blink are twinkling. It is a magical time for "Children of the Spirit World" and those from the physical world who attend.

Pictured are two dolls belonging to Rev. Kathy Rottino. She never named them; when she was a child spirit children would visit her through the dolls, and she would call them by the name of the spirit child who had come that day. ✦

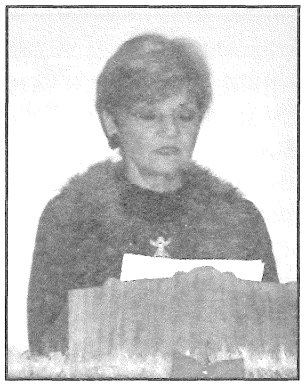
The Board of Directors of the Way Memorial Temple in Wheeling, West Virginia is actively seeking a minister.

Please call (304) 233-5065
for more information.

First Annual Christmas Sing-a-Long



The New London Spiritualist Church held its First Annual Christmas Sing-a-long. There was lots of singing along with a few extra surprises. The Rev. Lynn Gaffin read an article about how Santa was having trouble being politically correct. Sandy Perrelli read from *The Sun* letting everyone know that indeed Santa will continue to live ten thousand years from now. The Rev. Kathy Rottino, shared information about why Christmas trees will never be perfect. David & Suzanne Foulkes' rewording of, *It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, had everyone laughing. As guests arrived for the night festivities, they were given a ticket. When they asked what it was for, they were simply told, a surprise. Later that evening Armand & Cheryl's ticket was drawn and they found out that they won a hand made afghan. Everyone had a great

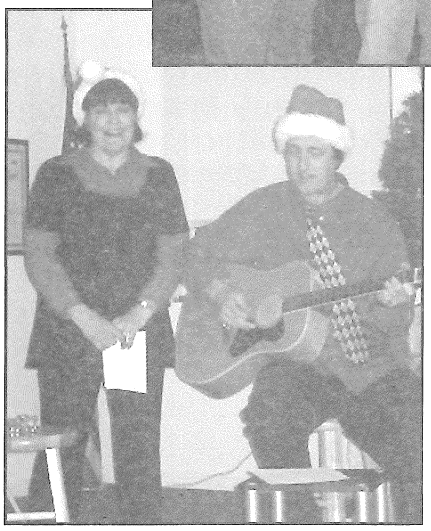


Continued...



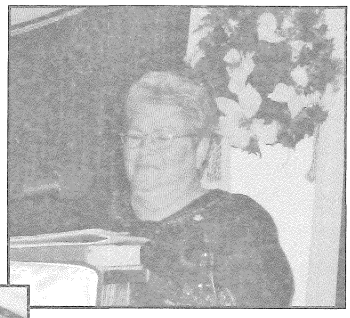
time, and while it is a ways off, they are looking forward to next year's Second Annual Christmas Sing-a-long. ✦





Holiday in California

At Church of the Living Spirit in Glendale, AZ, members and guests gathered the Sunday before Christmas to honor and celebrate the joy of sharing.



Keynote speaker Dr. Norma Turner.



Barbara Nanna offers gift certificates for readings.



Linda Chiles, dressed in her holiday finery! Many of you will remember Linda as the announcer for Ways & Means at our last NSAC convention in Phoenix.

The Darkness and the Dawn

MERRY BROWNE Louisville, Kentucky

We are witnessing the end of an age which is bringing chaos on a global scale, but we are also seeing the dawning of a new golden age of love and caring for others lighting the darkness.

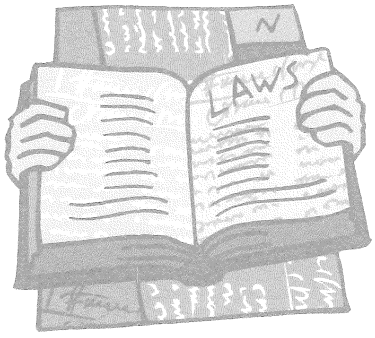
Evolution of Consciousness is a very slow process, but we can strive to be good which will hasten our individual journey toward perfection.

As we become better, our experiences become better, as experiences are always equal to what we are at any given time. So although we live in a world of collective experiences, we have our own individual experiences according to what we are at the time. It is "observable" that some have much worse experiences than others.

If we love and care for those having extremely difficult experiences, it touches them and encourages them to love and care about others less fortunate than themselves and so it accelerates the evolution of consciousness on a much larger scale.

Know the Law

THE REV. MARILYN J. AWTRY, NST, Florida



In our organization, many of us have been encouraging students to start writing articles for our magazine. This can be an introduction to becoming a registered author. However, in so doing, one must become familiar with the Copyright Laws of the U.S.A.

When an author applies for a copyright of their written work, they pay a fee and receive a certificate from the U.S. Copyright Office. This protects the authors' work for a period of years. It is necessary to check the law before using another's work. The last change to the law has been very significant, such as *"any work published from 1964 through 1978 is initially copyrighted for 28 years from the date of publication; with an automatic renewal of an additional 67 years."* This is a significant change to the law, which used to be a flat 25 years, and then one had to file for copyright again. Copyright Laws do change.

A work created after January 1, 1978, makes application to published and unpublished works. It states *"For one author, the work is copyrighted for the life of the author plus 70 years. For joint authors, the work is protected for life of surviving author plus 70 years; work made for hire, is protected for 95 years from first publication or l20 years from date of its creation, whichever is less;"* and then *"For anonymous and pseudonymous works, the work is protected for 95 years from the first publication or 120 years from date of its creation, whichever is less."* In this case, if the authors name is disclosed to the U.S. Copyright Office, it is protected "for the life of the author plus 70 years."

If you choose to use a quote from an author's work you must be sure that this is allowable. In some instances, an author allows that without getting written permission. Other authors allow work to be used for specific purposes. Another point is if an out-of-print book has been reprinted by another source, they may insert a Forward in the reprinted book. If they file for copyright, the **only thing** copyrighted is the Forward, **not** the complete book that was out-of-print. Thus, you can feel free to use anything in the book.

Always make sure you have followed the law since Infringement of Copyright is a legal offense – some times referred to as plagiarism. The copyright holder may be entitled *"to compensation ranging from $250.00 to $150,000.00 and higher if the court feels the infringement was committed "willfully."* There are certain circumstances that might include jail sentences and fines.

If you are to be an author, **you** must do the writing! This, in some cases, might be by inspiration; in others, it might require reading a lot of material on a subject and then creating your own masterpiece. If you find something very pertinent to the subject you are writing about, or realize that the use of another author's name might assist in your work, be sure to make contact and receive permission. If possible, it is best to use material that is out of copyright in your creation; then there will not be the problem "Infringement of Copyright." ✦

The only faith that wears well and holds its color in all weather is that which is woven of conviction.

– James Russell Lowell

The National Spiritualist Association Of Churches
Department of Phenomenal Evidence

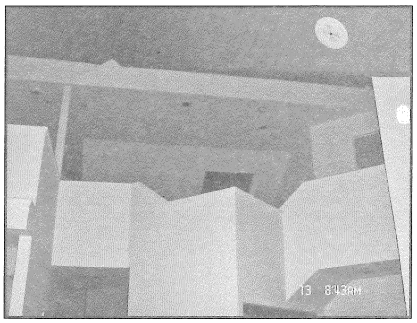
Mar./Apr. 2009 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

THE REV. JOHN SULLIVAN, NST, Massachusetts

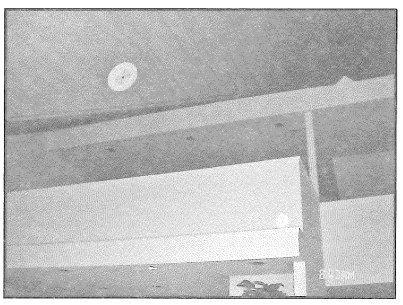
Increasing Your Orb Awareness

A human being has a bad habit of looking and finding what they want in an article, book or picture. We need to be a critical investigator and not allow our impulses to distract us from what our purpose is, and that is to investigate the evidence and come to a conclusion based on common sense.

Some people believe that all orbs are spirit just wandering around to let us know they exist. We, as Spiritualists, know that spirits exist and show themselves in meditation, dreams, as well as through demonstrations by mediums. The question of the day is; would you as spirit, float around as a ball of light or would you be more direct in contacting those you knew on the earth plane?

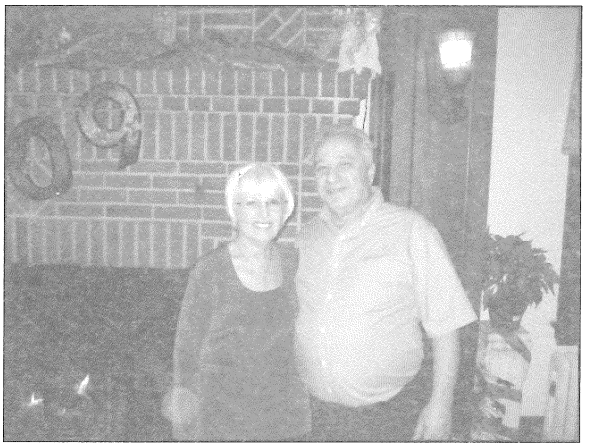


Picture #1 has an orb to the right at the edge of the frame against the wall. If you magnify the picture, you will find the same pattern which exists in the "orb" on the ceiling. This is a reflection of the same "orb" which exists on the ceiling to the left as in picture #2. The ceiling is not flat but an A frame ceiling. Thus the reflection of light from the windows that are behind us will bounce light off of the white ceiling "orbs" onto the opposite wall. This can be clearly seen once again in picture #2.



Here picture #2 clearly defines the reflection of the ceiling "orbs", which are in fact mechanical devices inserted in the ceiling. Notice how they reflect the so called orbs or in this case a round reflection on the wall.

The more photos of the room the orbs appear in, the more conscious you will be as an investigator. Notice the window light and its direction, shiny objects on the floor, walls even door knobs. Are there any mirrors or glass which are reflecting either window or electric light? Be an investigator! Don't jump to conclusions!



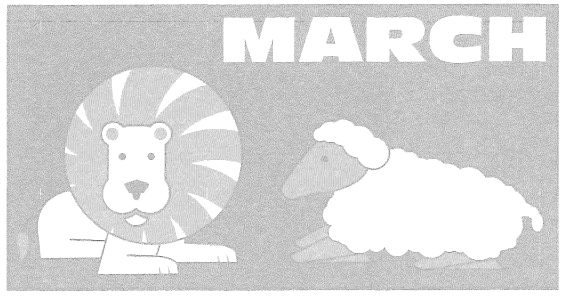
Reverend Kathy Rotino sent me Picture #3 with the following explanation. As you can see there is an orb on my sleeve that I cannot explain away? It was taken last night at the Elks club, no lamps or windows or anything physical that I can figure would cause it.

Let us look at what we can see in the picture itself. There is a light on the wall above them. Are there other lamps on the opposite walls? Light bouncing off the camera, glass or other shiny objects like a Christmas tree ball could create this illusion. Is the lamp on the wall bouncing light off of the camera lens?

Without knowing the items on the walls and in the rest of the room, we cannot make a conclusion as to the validity of the orb. If you were a spirit orb, would you show up on the sleeve of someone or near the heart or face area of their body? Finally notice how the orb overlaps the brown sleeve and onto the black screen of the fireplace. For me to come to a conclusion I would need more information about the room and what's in it. Happy hunting!

✦✦✦

2009 Quotes to Bless Each Day MARCH 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 It is only by forgetting yourself that you draw near to God. – *Henry David Thoreau*	**2** When you learn to live for others, they will live for you. – *Paramahansa Yogananda*	**3** To every disadvantage there is a corresponding advantage. – *W. Clement Stone*	**4** There are many in your Spiritual Family who are available to remind you what you already know. – *Mika Sutton*	**5** Care for the future but live in the present. – *Wendell Berry*	**6** Affirm continuously to yourself: I *am* in the *right* place, at the *right* time, for the *right* purpose. – *Ursula Roberts*	**7** The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek. – *Joseph Campbell*
8 Begin at once to live, and count each separate day as a separate life. – *Seneca*	**9** Getting things into a better order is the great secret of progress… – *Thomas Troward*	**10** Lift the veil of sadness and see the joy beyond waiting. – *Nancy Ashworth*	**11** If you want greater prosperity in your life, start forming a vacuum to receive it. – *Catherine Ponder*	**12** Remember the One who loves you, and then be different because of it.	**13** Through fear, spiritual thought and focus will dissolve and can place a person in the animal state of being prey. – *Mika Sutton*	**14** Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.
15 Take care of yourself so others don't have to. – *Nancy Ashworth*	**16** The responsibility is upon us to behold the vision and then to put it into action. – *Joel Goldsmith*	**17** I know for you much love, many blessings and splendid prosperity. – *Rhoberta*	**18** When you lose the rhythm of the drumbeat of God, you are lost from the peace and rhythm of life. – *Cheyenne Proverb*	**19** Faith heals the spirit and holds the heart steady. – *Nancy Ashworth*	**20** When work, commitment, and pleasure all become one and you reach that deep well where passion lives, nothing is impossible. – *Nancy Coey*	**21** Always speak with integrity. – *Miguel Ruiz*
22 Flexibility brings growth; establish your parameters and grow within them.	**23** *Know* your own reality; keep your spiritual foundation strong.	**24** Under any circumstance, simply do your best. – *Miguel Ruiz*	**25** Acknowledge your guides' presence and express gratitude for their assistance. – *John Randolph Price*	**26** When you ask Spirit for guidance, you will always receive an answer. Are you listening?	**27** When in doubt, follow your intuition.	**28** Do not wander around in the forest of uncertainty; initiate action and trust that Spirit will make any necessary adjustments.
29 Your free will steers your ship of life; winds of change *will blow* through.	**30** When you view yourself and others as spiritual beings, your actions will be spiritually guided.	**31** Becoming deeply guided by Spirit leads you to treasures you never knew were buried inside.				

2009 Quotes to Bless Each Day APRIL 2009

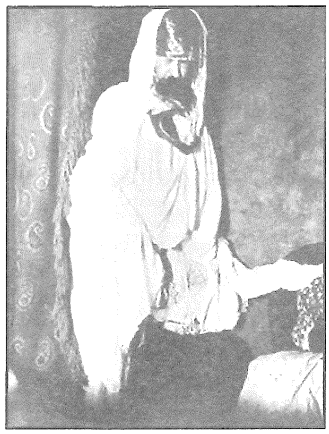
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				**1** You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try. – *Beverly Sills*	**2** Balance is everything. – *Mika Sutton*	**3** In helping others you will receive more than you ever give. – *Wendell Berry*
4 "I am very discouraged. What should I do?" The reply, "Encourage others." – *Zen*	**5** You can't stop the waves but you can learn to surf. – *Anonymous*	**6** He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. – *Psalm 91:4*	**7** To realize the value of a friend... lose one.	**8** Joy is the realization of the truth of oneness, the oneness of our soul with the supreme love. – *Rabindranath Tagore*	**9** My life is my message. – *Mahatma Gandhi*	**10** An angel is watching over you to help you thru every moment of your life. – *Nancy Ashworth*
11 You bless a man when you recognize the divinity in him. – *Dr. Ernest Holmes*	**12** Stand your ground with what you will and will not participate in. –*Mika Sutton*	**13** Healing is a lifelong journey toward wholeness. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**14** Healing is embracing what is most feared. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**15** Healing is remembering what has been forgotten about connection. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**16** Healing is remembering unity and inter-dependence among all things living and nonliving. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**17** Healing is opening what has been closed. – *Jeanne Achterberg*
18 Healing is softening what has hardened into obstruction. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**19** Healing is entering into the transcendent, timeless moment when one experiences the Divine. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**20** Healing is creativity. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**21** Healing is passion. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**22** Healing is love. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**23** Healing is seeking and expressing self in its fullness. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**24** Healing is experiencing self's light and shadow, male and female. – *Jeanne Achterberg*
25 Healing is learning to trust life. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**26** Do you have an open door for Love and Health to enter?	**27** All kinds of love are doorways to healing. – *Jeanne Achterberg*	**28** Are your doorways to Love open?	**29** You are *never alone.*	**30** Increased time in loving, meditative contemplation brings forward more Love.	

Materializations

There's Rhyme and Reason to Those Weird Photos

MICHAEL E. TYMN, Hawaii

When you look at various photos of "materialized spirits" found in books on paranormal phenomena or on the Internet, it is difficult not to be skeptical. Some of the full-form materializations look like mannequins or inflated rubber dolls. Some show only a part of the purported spirit's body – a head, a body without legs, or even just a hand. Some of the more puzzling photos show flat, picture-like, manifestations.



Materialization of Bien Boa through the mediumship of Elizabeth d'Esperance

Seemingly as ridiculous as the photos of the alleged manifestations are, those of the medium extrude a substance called ectoplasm, which is said to be used in the production of the materialized spirit forms. The pictures show a thick, milky white or gray substance flowing from the medium's nose, mouth, ears, or other orifice of the body. Many are no less repugnant than photos of someone vomiting.

How can any rational human accept such bizarre photographs as representing genuine spirit phenomena? Even the believer in paranormal phenomena is inclined to laugh and shake his or her head in disgust at the suggestion that such photos portray materialized spirit forms.

The first question an open-minded skeptic might ask is why anyone would dream up something as repulsive and repugnant as ectoplasm in the first place. Why would a hoax have to include a substance that flows from an orifice of the body and then becomes a materialized form? If such a hoax originated with some charlatan, why would so many others have thought it was such a good trick? Couldn't they have come up with something more realistic and believable? And why would they possibly think that some of those weird and incomplete manifestations would be accepted as spirits of the dead? Did they assume that people are that gullible?

Indeed, the very strange nature of the phenomena and its repulsiveness would seem to oppose the fraud theory. More than that, though, we have the testimony of a score or more distinguished scientists and scholars who observed such phenomena and concluded that they were not fraudulently produced – men like Sir William Crookes, the discoverer of the element thallium and a pioneer in x-ray technology, Dr. Charles Richet, the 1913 Nobel Prize winner in medicine, Sir Oliver Lodge, a pioneer in electricity and radio, and Dr. Cesare Lombroso, a world-renowned neuropathologist, to name just a few.

"The *prima facie* most impressive evidence there could be of the survival of a deceased friend or relative would be to see and touch his materialized, recognizable bodily form, which then speaks in his or her characteristic manner," Professor C. J. Ducasse of Brown University, still another distinguished researcher, wrote in his 1961 book, *A Critical Examination of The Belief In A Life After Death*. Ducasse went on to say that he had attended a séance with a materialization medium three or four years earlier and had observed "in very good red light" some 18 fully materialized forms, both male and female, some tall and some short, sometimes two together, emerge from the curtain cabinet, which he had inspected beforehand to rule out "surreptitious access." The material forms were recognized as deceased loved ones by the 14 or 15 people present. He watched some emotional scenes in which the materialized spirits spoke with and caressed the living. However, when a spirit came out of the cabinet and called his name, he did not recognize her. When he asked who she was, she replied "Mother." Ducasse stated that the woman did not speak, act, or in the least resemble his mother.



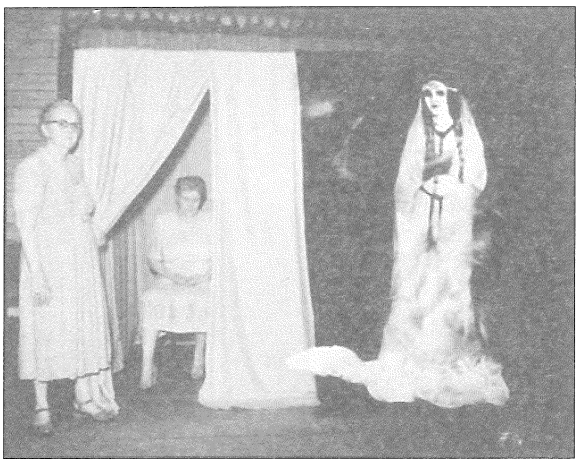
Partial materialization – medium Marthe Beraud

The friend who had arranged for Ducasse to attend the séance informed him that his mother had materialized on a number of occasions and was recognizable at times and at other times she was not. Thus, Ducasse did not dismiss it as fraud, commenting that even if it was not his mother it still appeared to be a materialization of someone. He saw no way 18 humans posing as spirits could come out of that small cabinet, all

Continued...

the while passing as deceased relatives and friends of the others in attendance.

The materialization cabinet referred to by Ducasse is standard in materialization séances. It is usually a curtained-off corner of the room rather than a cabinet, *per se*. Its primary purpose, it is said, is to allow the "spirit chemists" to condense the ectoplasm and help a spirit build form, as well as to further protect the medium from any light, which can be very harmful to the ectoplasm and to the health of the medium. Of course, skeptics see the cabinet as nothing more than a "dressing room" for a charlatan, who somehow is able to pop in and out of the cabinet with different costumes in order to dupe the grieving members of the séance circle, or has a trap door through which confederates are able to go in and out while impersonating deceased relatives and friends. Those distinguished researchers who witnessed the phenomena were all aware of such theories and took special precautions to rule out hidden entry ways or whatever else was necessary to eliminate fraud.



1953 materialization – medium Ethel Post-Parrish

In her 1892 book, *There is No Death*, Florence Marryat, a popular writer of that era, tells of a sitting with a materialization medium in which an old family friend, John Powles, communicated but initially declined to materialize. Peter, the medium's spirit control explained that "he doesn't want to show himself because he's not a bit like what he used to be." However, when Marryat persuaded him to show himself, she saw only a face that didn't resemble her old friend in the slightest. She wrote that it was "hard, stiff, and unlifelike." Powles then told her to sit with the medium again and he would try to do better the next time.

At the next sitting, Powles appeared as Marryat remembered him. "The face of John Powles appeared, very different from the time before, as he had his own features and complexion, but his hair and beard (which were auburn during life) appeared phosphoric, as though made of living fire," Marryat wrote.

Dr. John King, a Toronto physician and president of the Canadian Society for Psychical Research, reported that his wife, Mae, materialized twice at a sitting with Joseph Jonson of Toledo, Ohio. However, at the first materialization, she was significantly shorter than what had been her height when in the flesh. In the second materialization, she appeared to be the correct height.

After dying in the Titanic disaster of 1912, William T. Stead, a renowned author and social activist, began communicating through several mediums. He explained that there were souls on his side who had the power of sensing people (mediums) who could be used for communication. One such soul helped him find mediums and showed him how to make his presence known. It was explained to him that he had to visualize himself among the people in the flesh and imagine that he was standing there in the flesh with a strong light thrown upon himself. "Hold the visualization very deliberately and in detail, and keep it fixed upon my mind; at that moment I *was* there and they were conscious of it," Stead explained the process.

Stead added that the people at one sitting were able to see only his face because he had seen himself as only a face. "I imagined the part they would recognize me by." It was in the same way he was able to get a message through. He stood by the medium, concentrated his mind on a short sentence, and repeated it with much emphasis and deliberation until he could hear part of it spoken through the medium.

Richet, a professor of physiology and medicine at the University of Paris, reported that a spirit communicated to him that he was unable to materialize because he could not remember what he looked like when in the flesh.

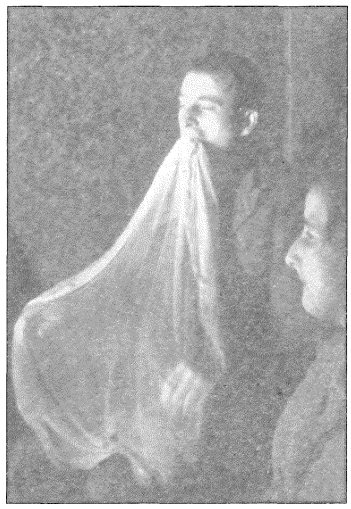
In his 1942 book, *Life Now and Forever*, Arthur J. Wills, Ph.D., president of the U.S. College of Psychic Science and Research, tells of his own experiments with out-of-body travel and then goes on to tell the story of an experiment carried out by Mary C. Viasek and Mrs. Z. J. Allyn, a materialization medium.

Mrs. Viasek, who had learned to travel out of body, told Mrs. Allyn that she would attempt to visit her circle while she was traveling by train from California to Toledo, Ohio. At the time of the séance in Los Angeles, the train was in Utah, some 700 miles away. After leaving her body, Viasek willed herself to Allyn's circle in Los Angeles. The circle was already in progress and Viasek entered the materialization cabinet, where she found Allyn entranced in a chair and a number of spirits waiting to materialize. The "cabinet guide" told her that she was welcome to observe but because she was mortal she could not participate.

Continued...

Viasek then observed three "spirit chemists" collecting something. Looking closer, she saw a band of light, of bluish-grey vibrations, resembling heat waves, passing around the circle and into the cabinet. "The stream of vibrations started from the medium's husband, Mr. Allyn, who sat by the right side of the cabinet, and gradually increased in size as the various members of the circle contributed their vibrations to it," Wills quoted the report, going on to explain that the stream was about two inches in width and six inches in depth and increased in size as it passed around the circle and then into the cabinet, at which time it was about a foot in width and 18 inches in depth. It was further noted that not all of the sitters contributed to the stream, as it appeared to go around a couple of them.

Once the stream reached the cabinet, a spirit chemist took it and appeared to pour it into the back of the head and neck of the medium. At the same time that the light, bluish-grey vibrations were being poured into the medium, a white substance (not named, but apparently ectoplasm), began to emanate from the medium's chin, throat, and chest. This emanation was then taken by another spirit chemist and put over the spirit to be clothed. As he was pouring the substance over the spirit, he said in a firm positive voice: "Think your features! Think your face! Think your eyes! Think your form! Think positively! Think your form as you were on earth! Think your arms!" As the spirit thought these things a form gradually built up over him.



Ectoplasm flowing from Jack Webber

All the while the circle members were singing in order to establish and maintain harmonious vibrations. When they finished one hymn and before starting another hymn, the materialization failed as "the substance fell from the spirit." The spirit chemist then began attempting to clothe another spirit and it also failed when the hymn was abruptly changed. Viasek noted that the vibrations changed when the singing changed and interfered with the manifestations.

During these failures, Viasek was in the cabinet but could not get her feet on the floor. When the group members started singing *Shall we gather at the river,* her feet touched and she found herself standing in front of one of the chemists. He said, "You are mortal. You cannot go," but she appealed to him and he then consented. The chemist then turned her around with her back toward him and began pouring the substance drawn from the medium over her, while saying: "Think your features positively, just as you are! Think your hair! Your eyes! Think your form! Think your arms! Think your hands! Think your feet!"

Then the chemist placed some substance over her to form her dress, a garment of white lace. "This was a creation of the chemist, not of her thought."

When Viasek stepped through the curtain into the circle, she felt that she was blind for several seconds, but her sight then came to her. However, she found she could not speak. As one of the sitters approached her, she received "strengthening vibrations" and was able to speak. As she began to talk to the group, something happened to upset the vibrations of the circle and Viasek felt as if her breath had been knocked out of her by a blow in the solar plexus. She stepped backwards toward the cabinet and seemed to lose consciousness before regaining it again and observing other materialization successes and failures. She could not discern exactly when the forms began to materialize, but she noted that they began to dissolve outside the cabinet. What little of the substance was left when the materialization dissolved flowed toward the incoming stream of light, bluish-grey vibrations.

Members of the circle confirmed Viasek's materialization and it was noted that her "breathing" problems began when Dr. H. H. Turner, one of the circle members, increased the light in the room so that he could make a note of the time and record Viasek's words.

From all of those reports, we might infer that a spirit must be able to visualize what he or she looked like when in the flesh, and project that image into the ectoplasm generated by the medium. This apparently takes some practice and may be as difficult for spirits as focusing or meditating is to many humans. In addition, the conditions must be just right.

The fact is that most of us really have a somewhat distorted image of ourselves. Often our self-image is based on photographs of ourselves when we are looking our best, both younger and slimmer. What's more, we don't always visualize ourselves from head to foot. It may also be that one's ability to project his/her self-image varies in the spirit world as much as artistic ability varies in this world.

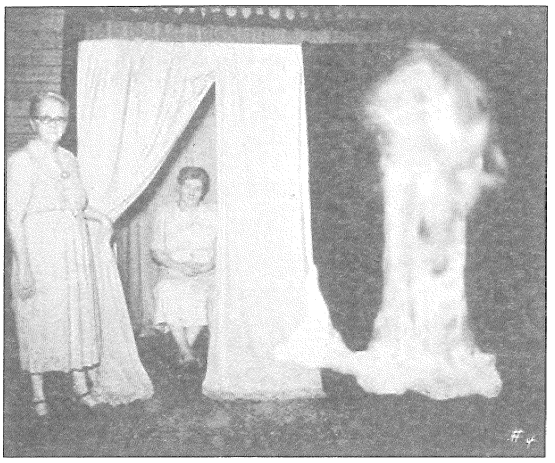
And while Mrs. Viasek stated that the clothes were supplied by the spirit chemists, there are indications that spirits can "dress" themselves by means of thought imagery. Think about it, if you were projecting your image to someone, would it be in the nude?

What image would you project? Would it be how

Continued...

you see yourself in the mirror shaving or putting makeup on in the morning? More likely, you'd focus in on a favorite portrait of yourself and project that image. I know that when I think of my deceased parents or brothers, I see them as they appear in portraits I have of them, not as they appeared at any moment in time, unless I happen to take myself back to a particular memory.

If I had to project an image of myself as I appeared in my prime years, 30 or 40 years ago, I'd definitely have to rely on old photographs. I believe this is why so many spirit photographs were supposedly debunked. They appeared too much like old portraits or photographs of the individual and it was assumed that the spirit photographer some how got hold of them and used them to dupe his gullible customers.



Partial materialization (complete materialization seen in photo #3) medium Ethel Post-Parish

Father Junipero Serra, the early California missionary, is said to have communicated through the medium Violet Parent of Los Angeles during the early 1900s. At one sitting, Mrs. Parent asked Father Serra if she could photograph him with her cheap box camera. He consented. Father Serra apparently decided to pose with his mother. The photo shows his mother as about half his height, or perhaps three-feet tall or shorter. At the time I first saw this photo in a book, I dismissed it as a fake. Now, however, that I understand thought-imagery, it makes sense. That is, Father Serra simply projected an image of himself and his mother, fully dressed, of course, as he remembered himself and her, and he saw himself as so much taller than his mother.

While the photo resembled the only known painting of Father Serra, there were differences. Since Father Serra lived before photography and probably didn't have many mirrors around the mission, one wonders if he really knew what he looked like. Perhaps a reflection in the nearest stream gave him his only image of himself.

The next time you see some of those weird and repulsive photos, you might want to think twice before laughing.

✦ ✦ ✦

FORGIVENESS

What depths, what wonders within Thee lie,
Forgiveness, its apart of Thee on high;
Oh, what heights it may reach,
And many lessons it can teach,
For a soul to forgive.

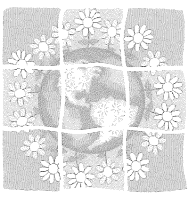
Someone may hurt you until your spirit is broken,
Overlook it then and give them some love-token;
It is only for this reason,
In life we live for a season,
If we only will forgive.

Unkind words, how deep they cut a sensitive heart,
But only forgive them as the teardrops start;
Though the world looks dark or blue,
Someone will be forgiving you,
It is heaven just to forgive.

Some clever scheme, someone may break a vow.
Show them by forgiving, you still love them now;
Just try to lift your head,
And think of hopeful things instead,
For we must forgive.

The Master taught us a life of forgiveness,
We should show sympathy, pity and meekness,
Banish hatred and do good toward our brother,
It's God's will to forgive.

— The Late Rev. Melvena V. Hafner
1893-March 31, 1983



MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE ASSOCIATION
- Pastoral Skills Course -

PASTORAL SKILLS brings you knowledge of pastoral responsibilities in 96 hours of class work. Included are lectures, guest speakers, hands-on pastoral experiences through role playing of life-like situations, of funerals and other special services along with study into areas of counseling, such as: pre-marital, marriage, suicide, family dynamics, violence, chemical dependency, death and dying, and the grief process. The class is open to any dedicated student, and at this time Pastoral Skills is a required course for the NSAC Licentiate Minister certification.

Class size is limited to 14. Early registration is necessary. A **deposit of $50** is required **60 days** in advance, with **full payment** required **30 days** in advance, if you have not applied for the payment plan. **Complete information for the site will be sent upon payment** of a deposit. If 10 students are not enrolled for a session sixty days in advance, the session may be canceled.

For further information call the MPI Office at:
414-774-2994 fax: 414-774-2964
email: mpratt@execpc.com

2009 SITES AND DATES

- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
  Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp – **Two Week Session**
  June 13, 2009 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  June 14-26, 2009, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

CLASSES: **Daily - 8 hours, classroom; Sundays - specified church assignments.**

MATERIALS: List will be provided upon payment of deposit. Required books must be purchased before class (apx. $100). Additional books may be ordered at site.

PASTORAL SKILLS REGISTRATION FORM

Morris Pratt Institute, 11811 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226-3342 • 414-774-2994

☐ Deposit $50

☐ Full Payment $600 (plus books—apx. $100.00, call for exact amount)

Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card (Visa, MC, Disc.)

___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

PASTORAL SKILLS SITE: _____

DATES: _____

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Ph:_____ Email:_____

Subscribe to The National Spiritualist - Summit

Please Print or Type

NAME _____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____+_____

*For **prompt service, include complete address & name** when writing about your subscription. Use money order or check to remit.*

❑ New Subscription ❑ Gift Card

❑ Renewal Subscription ❑ Address Change Only

❑ 1 Year - $30.00, *United States*
❑ Multiple Subscriptions: Bundle of 5 - $100.00 per year, *United States*
❑ 1 Year - $45.00 Canada (U.S. Currency); $65.00 Europe & other countries (U.S. Currency).
❑ Multiple Subscriptions: Bundle of 5 - $175.00 per year, *Canada (U.S. Currency).*

Mail to: THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST P.O. Box 6089, Sun City West, AZ 85376

Everybody is Hungry

MARDEN PRIDE, Maine

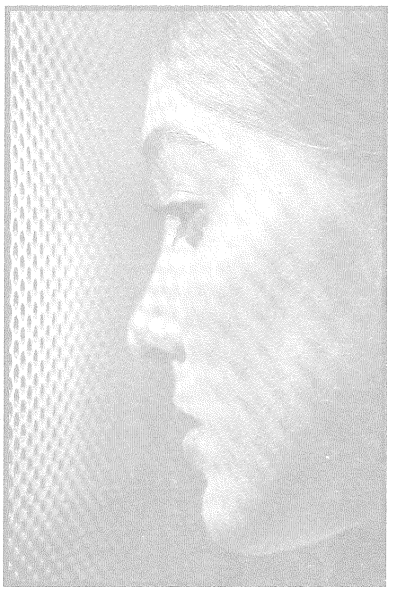
Within the parameters of the mind there are several locations of desire. Hunger is one. However, in this case I speak of it as a motivation. A hunger for, say, some accomplishment, or a situation in one's life. We all have this eagerness. We all are hungry for something.

Usually the quest of a person is a combination of circumstances or desires we have internally created. Our systems run on automatic once the hungers are set by your priorities, unconsciously and consciously. The smorgasbord of desires are great. It is human nature to do this. Spiritual, financial, social, and the "I got's," are all included here. This is not about snacks. A person's hunger for importance is the loudest growling in the minds stomach, and becomes the greatest urge for them. Do you know what is yours?

The point here is that you can review the selection of hunger fulfilling items on your plate right now...an awareness of the person, to realize the subconscious hunger that is underway in them, the underlying motivational hunger within. Once it is made, the consciousness is told to go for it. It can, however, be considered. As humans we have that power. Now, here you have a chance and choice to change. Changing your hunger is easier than you think. It's about changing your spiritual diet, and internal strengths.

Consider pushing away from things that don't work in your life, that give your soul indigestion and the ones that do not follow the Universal laws. You are what you eat, and you are what you think. It is the hunger that takes you there. Are you happy going where you are going?

I have found that a moral and spiritual hunger review has been very enlightening and educational. For I can now see why I was headed for the desserts first, avoiding the meat of the subject for various reasons. It takes guts to follow the proper balance here on earth. Your subconscious desires certain fulfillment foods and chemicals, but you set the course. Within the review, you can see some of how your mind works, and why and what makes you go there and why you were doing or thinking certain things. Chew and choose your life's mission and fulfillment well.



Standing up for yourself, feeling good about what you are doing and where you want to be in life, can restore balance for you, thus redoing your goals and turning you to new hungers. New and better table settings of spiritual and moral eating await. Trying new things at the table of life could bring a change and a breath of fresh air into your future. Yes, quench your hunger, seek your goals, but be sure they are the ones you really want in life. Be balanced; that brings peace and inner stability we all want. Is this not what spirit and the Creator want for you? You decide! Now go, and eat! ✦

No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.

– Helen Keller

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

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: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



The National Spiritualist-Summit
P.O. Box 6089
Sun City West, Arizona 85376

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
GLENDALE, AZ
PERMIT NO. 132

*******AUTO**MIXED ADC 852 42 10
comp
A. R. E. Library
215 67th St
Virginia Beach VA 23451-2061

$5.00 USA $7.00 CANADA $11.00 ALL OTHER COUNTRIES