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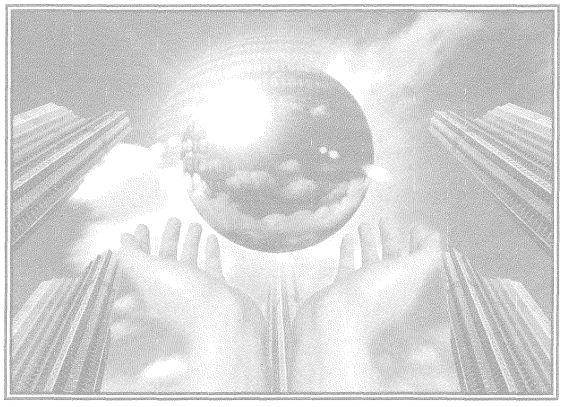
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What Does Our Future Hold?

LAURA LEE PERKINS, EDITOR

As we enter another year, we are embraced in a culture that many of us dreamed about helping to create just two or three decades ago. We are now living in a time when mainstream media has become serious about spirituality. That is, simply, a "dream come true" for most of our *TNS* readers. We can openly refer to terms about spirit, spiritual healing, mediumship, prophecy, after-death communication, meditation, and altered states of consciousness in this time of evolutionary enlightenment.



The foundational aspects of Spiritualism's Principles are being discussed, honored, and written about by leaders whom we admire in all venues. While they might not call themselves Spiritualists, they are now speaking our language. Many of us no longer feel the need to evaluate our audience before we speak our truth...we do not tiptoe around our truth when we leave our churches. We do not need to be careful when talking with those whom we know only casually. Topics prevalent in daily conversations in our contemporary society include enlightenment, continuing consciousness, spirituality, values, philanthropy, authenticity, intuition, Infinite Intelligence, and the merging of science and religion. Just two decades ago these topics were often discussed by many only in private, behind closed doors. Spiritualists were very open when surrounded by other Spiritualists, but often became cautious when moving in the general society because of a lack of understanding exhibited by others. This has now all changed, and Spiritualists have many more opportunities to expound on our truths outside of our church walls.

This is the world culture that Spiritualists have been yearning for – a culture that is filled with acceptance of the truths that we hold so near and dear to our hearts. We have been part of bringing the truth about the continuation of consciousness after death into the mainstream of our societies. Spiritualism has been an integral part of the search for expansion of spiritual awareness and understanding. Now that the time has arrived which we have been part of creating, what are we going to do next? How will we align ourselves with moving and expanding this knowledge forward?

If we accept that consciousness and culture are intertwined, then the expanding world spiritual consciousness will birth many different aspects in our global cultural evolution. The evolution of spiritual consciousness will, no doubt, raise our understanding and incorporation of The Golden Rule on both personal and communal levels. Post-biological existence is becoming an accepted norm; our society is becoming the culture that we have worked to create! As forerunners in the "life exists after death" debate, we Spiritualists can and should be proud about our perseverance and *knowing* that life after death is a fact. Now, *how* will we continue to offer spiritual messages and information that will expand our current knowledge base? What is next for Spiritualism as we continue to offer ways to integrate science and religion? How will we support new scientific discoveries into spirituality? Perhaps science and religion are moving towards total unity?

We are now living in a very supportive time for Spiritualism. As we embark into the 2010 New Year, how we, as Spiritualists, continue to evolve will determine the future of Modern American Spiritualism. How will we find new ways to have our integral spiritual values embraced by our culture? This is the time of great opportunity when we have the means and the developing will to create a new and improved civilization upon earth. The concept of hope is awakening throughout our globe. What place will Modern American Spiritualism have in the future of this new cultural understanding, where *we* is becoming more important than *me*? Unity is what we are striving toward; respect for all is unity's foundation.

We do not want to get lost in the glow of acceptance of our fundamental values; we want to support the emergence of higher and higher potentials of consciousness. This requires extremely dedicated workers who will continue to meet week after week, year after year, to bring forward new

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Words of Wisdom on Mediumship

THE LATE REV. WILBUR HULL, NST – Cassadaga, Florida

Question: How do I know that I have mediumship?



The burning desire for affiliation; the never-ending search for more Truth; the constant hope for progress. These are a few hints, plus a sensitive emotional response to people and their problems. Without empathy, it is a dead-end street.

Question: How can I know what phase of mediumship I have?

No one can guarantee your phase of Mediumship or state the degree of success. These will be determined in time by your persistence and perseverance.

Question: How can I go about this?

The pathway to mediumship is NOT an EASY one. It carries a HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY; "few" are willing to pay the price in dedication, effort, and study. Study that continues for the entire lifetime. Attunement should be orderly – an established time and place with sincere and dedicated friends.

Question: Is there harm in its use? Are there evil Spirits?

Obsession is pure superstition. We attract nothing less than our TRUE selves. LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE; nothing more nor less. You are truly your best aspirations.

Question: Some of my friends do not understand my interest.

Nothing short of a well-founded education on your subject will protect you from the know-it-all who will attempt to debunk you. Spiritualism is NOT just a PSYCHIC TALENT. It is becoming versed in the Sciences, the Philosophies, Psychology, and the Creative Arts of Mankind. KNOW comparative religions, Biblical history, factual and mythological. Anything LESS brands you as a DABBLER!

Question: How can I protect myself from criticism?

Your religion, your philosophy is your own selection. DO NOT ATTEMPT to SELL IT, TRADE ON IT, OR OFFER IT TO THE UNWORTHY. Those qualified to process it will ask you for it. The unqualified will not seek it nor value it. The quickest way to depletion of the forces is: ARGUMENT, OVER-ENTHUSIASM and DISPENSING of a short supply.

Question: Can you give me some hints in using Mediumship?

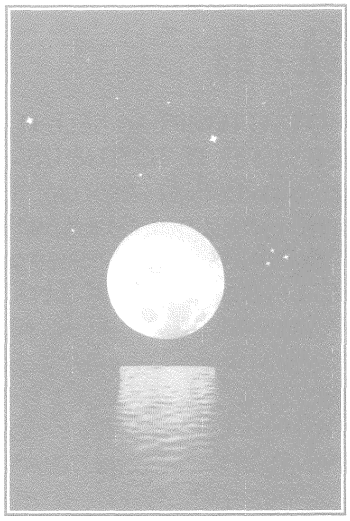
- YOU will use your abilities for the HIGHEST and BEST GOOD.
- MEDIUMSHIP is a PATHWAY of CONSTANT SACRIFICE.
- AVOID DEMONSTRATION at just ANY TIME or ANY PLACE.
- Be selective. Give freely ONLY when among those WORTHY of your best efforts. Give ONLY of your over-supply.
- A sense of humor has a saving value in mediumship. A long face is not an indication of spiritual achievement, nor is a facetiousness desirable.
- Dignity is the protector of your talent!
- There are MANY readers; mediums of QUALITY are a RARITY. The burden is upon the medium, NOT upon the unseen.
- DO NOT feel that you are Spiritualism's redeemed. MANY have come and gone.
- Build for a LIFETIME, but FULFILL this moment.

NOTE:

For those of you who did not have the luxury of knowing Rev. Wilbur Hull, let me share with you. Wilbur Hull lived on the corner of Chauncey St. and Cassadaga Road. He was one of the most enlightened Spiritualists of the 20th century. Most all of his work was directly from Spirit through trance. He only had two students and they are really the fortunate ones, B. Anne Gehman & Hazel West Burley. They were taught directly by Spirit. Wilbur had written many articles for *The National Spiritualist-Summit*. He was eloquent in his delivery. Being confined to bed or a wheel chair in no way stopped his love and teaching of Spiritualism.

If there is anyone out there who might have any of his works other than *TNS*, please share them.

Thanks, The Rev. Marilyn Awtry Smith – Florida ♦



Friends on the Other Side

THE REV. TOM BUTLER

When I say, "my friends on the other side," I have a number of very different personalities in mind.

Family, friends and people I have known: When we make our transition out of this lifetime, our relationship with loved ones and friends in the physical remain a part of who we are. Study in a variety of disciplines, especially mediumship and instrumental trans-etheric communication, indicates that we will have the capability to remain close for a time. I understand that they have their lives to live, and so I do not attempt to hold them close, but I know they will come if I express the need.

I should say that current research suggests all of us remain relatively close to the physical for a time, but we eventually do move on to other venues of learning. Once we do, it is apparently much more difficult for us to be sensed by those still in the physical.

> Author: Throughout this essay, terms like "close" are used in the sense of being energetically in agreement with an aspect of reality. This has nothing to do with spatial distances.
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> Also, my assumption is that the physical universe is a venue for learning. As individuals come to understand future options for personal development, they may find themselves in a very different venue in a future lifetime. By "venue" I mean possible alternatives to the physical universe. The concept is that these may all be energetically similar to the physical but held in the imagination of different creator entities. This may bear on the validity of the concept of reincarnation (into a physical lifetime). It is the recognition that learning continues beyond transition out of this physical lifetime and there must be a venue in which experiences may be had from which learning may occur.
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> In trans-etheric communication, we often receive reports that the entity must "go on," after which communication ceases.

Teachers who have once lived in the physical and who have chosen to remain close to help people still in the physical: Spiritual leaders are often amongst these teachers, but we frequently encounter "experts" in various fields of study who remain close to further that study. For instance, Thomas Edison is often heard from via trance mediumship, as is Arthur Conan Doyle.

Being able to remain in the locale of choice may be an ability that represents great spiritual maturity. This ability may be an indication that the person, while in the physical, was an incarnation of an extraordinarily mature entity who came amongst us to be a teacher in a particular subject area. Not all revelations need be spiritual.

Ascended Masters: These are people who have achieved such great understanding of Natural Law that they are able to freely cross the veil, and thus are no longer required to experience birth and transition. They are sometimes referred to as "long-lived," because they reportedly do not need to physically die. Of all of my "friends" on the other side, it is easiest for me to relate to these people because they provide an important role model for how I might work for similar attainment. Saint Germain (www.saintgermainfoundation.org) is one of the better known examples.

> Author: I am not referring to these entities in the context of the "I am" groups, nor the Theosophical Society (www.theosophicalsociety.org.uk) as was brought to us via Helena Blavatsky or Paul Twitchell (www.om-guru.com/html/saints/twitchell01.html). The concept of ascended masters supersedes these systems of belief.

People from other venues of learning: The physical aspect of reality is a venue for learning. When we make our transition, after a period of introspection, we apparently gravitate to a new venue for

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learning to continue our quest for spiritual maturity. It may or may not be the physical. From what we can tell from trans-etheric communication, people from other venues sometimes find themselves near the physical and available to help as they can.

Transitioned extraterrestrials: We have found images in our visual trans-etheric communication experiments of people who have apparently come from a different line of evolution. (See http://aaevp.com/examples.htm) There have also been reports that people from other worlds have an interest in our development. Interestingly, there is speculation that some entities encountered in the astral may not have transitioned. This would say that they are still part of the physical, but are able to operate in the etheric. Since physical distance does not seem to be a factor for our etheric friends, this might explain how they are able to travel such great distances. An apport, after all, is thought to be a physical-to-etheric-to-physical movement of a physical object.

Devas: Deva is a Sanskrit word meaning "being of brilliant light." The concept comes from a very early system of belief that is thought to be the beginning of most of the world's religions. It has been traced back at least 3,500 years to the Vedic period, which is ancestral Hinduism. While people are thought to exist to learn through experience and return to a first cause, the devic line of differentiation is thought to be responsible for the operation of the venues for learning. In effect, they are the grounds keepers and administrators of our world while we are the students and teachers.

The idea of devas is not just a holdover from the past. Consider this excerpt from a modern essay by Douglas Stokes:[1]

> The prominent physicist and mathematician, John Wheeler,[2] suggested that under quantum theory, the universe could not exist unless it contained a conscious observer to collapse its state vector and thus grant reality to it. Similarly, Even Harris Walker[3] argued for the existence of disembodied "proto-consciousnesses" scattered throughout the universe, whose job it is to surf the vast void, to render reality from the vast fog of uncollapsed possibilities.

Nature spirit devas: According to the system of belief which includes the concepts of devas, all forms of life even physical objects—are supported by some form of nature spirit. There are thought to be nature spirits tending the earth, mountains, plants and animals. They are reported as not being particularly responsive to people, except when it comes to how people interact with the object of their responsibility. We see this in the lessons learned by the Findhorn Garden (www.findhorn.org) and the Perelandra garden (www.perelandra-ltd.com).



Angel devas: Many religions refer to devas tending to people as angels. Spiritualists usually think of them as guides. We can think of these entities as ones who facilitate our lessons and do what they can to keep our body healthy. However, it is impotent to remember that they cannot interfere with our self-determination. For instance, they cannot interfere with self-abuse or life events needed for important lessons. While it is important to ask for help from these entities, it is also important to determine to "make it happen" as a personal effort.

Via our study with trans-etheric communication, we are beginning to understand that our friends on the other side exist in a subjective aspect of reality and apparently think in conceptual terms. For instance, they are more apt to answer a question in terms about what the answer means, rather than using a concrete term. The implication is that our deva friends are probably most concerned with how our lifetime influences our conceptual understanding or reality, rather than what we select for dinner. We can use this to our advantage if we understand that we are first an etheric personality and then a human. Everything we do now has an effect on our conceptual personality.

Archangel devas: According to prevailing metaphysical thought, there exists deva personalities who are responsible for the existence of venues for learning. When I think of God, I think of these entities who hold an image of my world in their attention and respect them as I would the principle of a school. Like a good principle, I know that I will remain its responsibility until I have attained the spiritual maturity required for graduation to more advanced venues.

Thought forms: Thought forms are a way of thinking of subtle energy that has been impressed with the characteristics of people, thought, things

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and actions. As an example, the thought form for "car" might have all the information available about four-wheeled vehicles used for transportation. We would access it as a gestalt or single but complete impression, which would be primarily conceptual in nature. Whatever they actually are, behaving as if they are available is a powerful way of accessing information.

As an aside, another old term is "akashic records," which is a Hindu term referring to the primary principle of nature. It has become popular to think of past life reviews as being possible because lifetime experiences are "recorded" in the Akashic, and it is thought to be accessed by clairvoyants. In effect, such a life record would be a thought form. It is thought that a person undergoing a past life regression will access a record that answers a need but not necessarily one from the person's past lives. This concept bears directly on the nature of reincarnation.

You may have noticed that I did not mention a devil or demons or even good and bad. Natural Law is neither good nor bad. It just is. In a very real sense, good and bad are in the eyes of the beholder. In one system of belief, the deva responsible for the operation of our locale must keep people in physical life experiences until they have gained sufficient understanding of Natural Law to move on. The local archangel deva is responsible for making it possible for people to have the necessary experiences, and in some instances, those experiences are no fun. When they are no fun, we might think of this entity as the devil, but to do so would be much like thinking of the principle of a school as the devil because he does not graduate people until they have a passing grade.



I would like to leave you with this thought: we are part of a community in which everyone has a role to play. Your role is to experience and learn, and as you learn, you should expect to experience the urge to teach. As you do this, you can do well to respect your fellow etheric citizens, but when you pray, think of it as communion with good friends who have gone out of their way to help you along. Ask for help, but then do all you can to succeed on your own.

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information. Setting our intention and making a dedicated commitment to sitting with spirit in groups is so important, because working together offers expanded opportunities for the interpretations. Groups require more expanded levels of cooperation and respect for each individual's spiritual growth process. This work is never about competition; our spiritual work is always about working in tandem, cooperatively.

As we look back through history, we recognize that this exploration will necessitate *always putting the work before personal (egoic) issues or gain.* Competition divides – cooperation unites. Having the capacity to interpret our spiritual experiences is vital; if we cannot move forward from the "aha" feeling of direct contact with spirit into an interpretation of the experience, then we might simply get lost in the emotions. Perhaps the interpretation of the experience is where we need to focus our energies as we work together in study groups. Hearing others' thoughts and ideas will allow us new opportunities to learn and grow. Our future rests in moving closer and closer into the Light together. We are moving out of dualistic thinking and rationalizations where each person was considered a separate being. As our awareness has expanded, we have grown into a deeper sense of knowing about being *made in the image of God.* We are all truly united in grasping that *both the physical and the spiritual are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.* May your 2010 spiritual experiences bring unity to your soul.

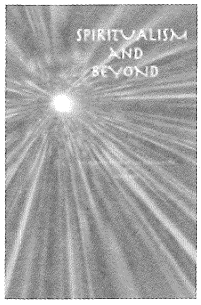
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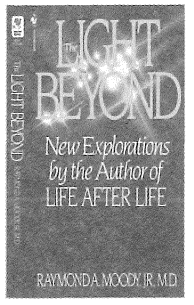
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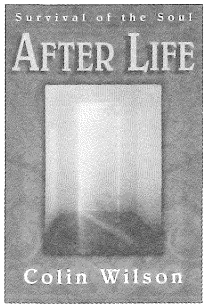
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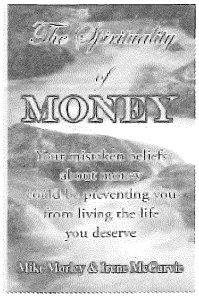
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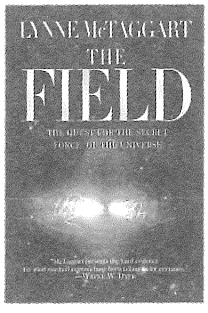
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Book Reviews

Reviewed by Ernest L. Leard, Memorial Spiritualist Church – Norfolk, Virginia



The Field: The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe

Lynne McTaggart

First published in Great Britain in 2001, and in the United States (in paperback) in 2008, *The Field: The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe* is written by Lynne McTaggart, who is an investigative journalist. Her work on *The Field* began with an interest in learning more about alternative methods of healing, including homeopathy, acupuncture, and spiritual healing. The "subtle energies" that appeared to be involved in many of these healing modalities intrigued her. She realized that there were sharp contradictions between the philosophies underlying these healing practices and standard medical science. She felt that a new biology, a new physics, was necessary to explain what appeared to be true about the various forms of energy healing. This conclusion led her to explore the scientific fields where work was being done that suggested an alternative view of the world, of physical reality as we normally think of it. Much of this work has been in the field of quantum physics, but other branches of science have also contributed. This book is a synthesis of her exploration—a synthesis that has not previously been attempted.

One of the primary areas of discussion is what scientists call the **Zero Point Field**, an infinite sea of pulsing and vibrating energy, from which all energy and matter come and to which they all return. Spiritualists might say that this is just another name for Infinite Intelligence. Human beings affect the fluctuations in the Field, through the use of our minds, our energy, and our intent to create or make a change. McTaggart offers numerous examples of scientific research which corroborates these ideas, including experiments in telekinesis, remote sensing, spiritual healing, mediumship, and other psychic phenomena. When discussing spiritual healing, she glimpses a possibility that strains her credulity, but which is a tenet of faith for us. She writes, "The modus operandi of her healers suggested the most outlandish idea of all: that individual consciousness doesn't die."

The entire text is well-written and logically developed, and makes a strong case for the reality of the Zero Point Field and our interaction with it. For this reviewer, the major import of this book is that the studies, investigations, and experiments in quantum physics over the last 75-80 years have gradually led us to the realization that there is not a clear dividing line between science and religion, between our physical reality and the spirit world. With this book, Lynne McTaggart has made a major contribution to the creation of a new paradigm, a new way of understanding the relationships between science and religion, just as Dr. Raymond Moody's work and publications created a new paradigm in the area of the Near-Death Experience.

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"...will help us to understand the...human aura,...memory, the power to heal, the human spirit."
– *Journal of Energy Medicine*

P.S. For those readers who like to highlight or underline interesting points or insights as they read, a few words of caution: Be judicious. There is so much information of value in this book, information directly relevant to Spiritualist thought, that you may tend to overdo it.

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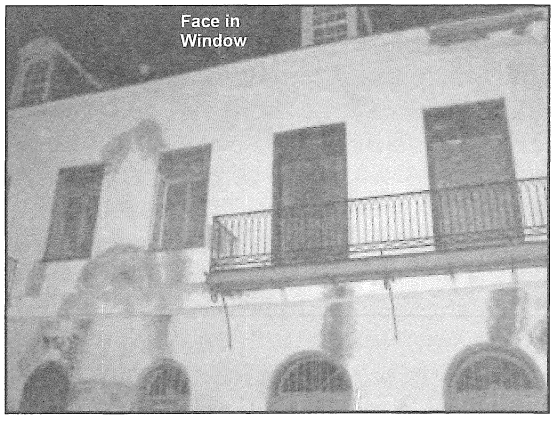
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT, Directors

Several months ago, Victoria, from the Central Spiritualist Church in Sacramento, California sent several photographs taken with friends and family in New Orleans. Though all photographs were not deemed viable we found one quite interesting.

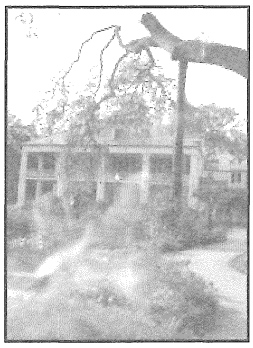
Below is a photograph taken spontaneously on a New Orleans tour. There is an orb above the building just above the gutter area. Also, at the second story far left there seems to be a face in the window. Although there are a few unanswered questions – was the house empty, was the window stained, was there a before and after photo taken – we believe this might be a phenomenal evidential incident.



Is it spirit, a trick of the camera or anomaly of the glass? We leave it up to you to decide.

We are sent photos with many possible rationalizations. What might look (to the naked eye) like a spirit manifestation, could have many possible logical explanations.

We have included three examples of smoky images; these images can be explained in many ways. Some could be, but not totally inclusive, cigarette smoke, fog on the lenses, the natural humidity of New Orleans, natural occurring phenomena not observable at the time of the photograph. These types of photographs are unexplainable and cannot be supported as proof of spirit energy by DPE. However, we are sure the photographer believes they are.



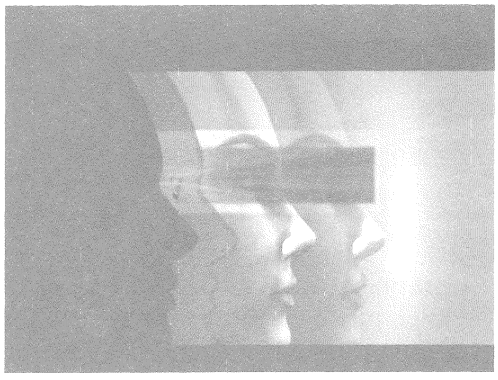




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Why I Don't *Believe* in Spiritual Healing

THE REV. JOHN E. YOUNG, NST – Minnesota



In 1984 a young lady by the name of T... attended a healing service and was healed of blindness. Along with about 400 other people, my wife Joyce and I were witnesses. Here is my eyewitness experience. In order to put this experience in prospective, it is necessary to give a little bit of background of how we came to be present when the healing occurred.

My wife and I started attending the Midwest Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship Retreats in 1981 on the campus of Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and continued to attend annually until they were discontinued a few years ago. The five-day retreat consisted of speakers and workshops every day, commencing on Tuesday and climaxing with a healing service on Saturday evening. So it was in 1984 when it happened.

There were about 250 retreatants and about 150 guests at the healing service in the Gothic Chapel on campus. In the front of the sanctuary a full choir and assorted solo musicians were on the platform, and there was a pipe organ above the stage, all to provide background music during the service. Between the choir and the front pews, chairs were set up with forty healers.

The chapel had no air conditioning, and it was a hot June evening. Large fans were set up to provide some air movement, but gave little relief beyond the healing chairs.

We were sitting about halfway back in the chapel. There had been a speaker who prepared us for the healing with a guided meditation before the hands-on portion of the service. Soft music was playing as people filed forward to the healing chairs; several ushers kept a smooth flow to and from the healing chairs while the rest of us awaited our turn with one of the healers. Most of us who were waiting had our eyes closed in a half trance. Suddenly this tranquil scene was interrupted by what, at first, sounded like a scream or an animal cry, but after it was repeated several times I realized that it was T... screaming "I can see," and her healer with almost equal volume saying, "You can see." This was repeated over and over for what seemed like a long time, although it probably wasn't for more than a minute. Several of the choir members were from our town and they came down from the platform and surrounded T...'s chair to provide additional energy to the healing. At this point T... said, "I can see. The light works," and she started hugging everyone around her.

Everyone in the auditorium applauded. The noise and commotion brought everyone into the healing; we all shared in it. If it had not been for all the commotion, many of us might have heard that something happened at the healing service, but we might have never found out exactly what happened.

T... had been attending the retreat all week with her seeing-eye dog, which she had just received. Prior to that she had been a part of the Blind Awareness program which taught people who were blind to sense their surroundings and even colors using their psychic abilities to be able to better live their lives. We were acquainted with one of the facilitators of that program who verified that T... was indeed blind. Joyce visited with T... between workshops one afternoon. I tell this to verify that T... was indeed blind when she was guided forward for her healing.

A small side note to the healing. A celebration was held in T...'s room after the service. For the whole time her dog stayed over in one corner of the room by himself and had nothing to do with T..., or anyone else. It was as if he knew that he was no longer needed.

One of the definitions of belief is faith, and faith is defined as belief without proof. The proof was right in front of our eyes! To be there – to see a blind person guided to the front of the chapel and return with her sight removes all doubt of the veracity of healing. I don't *believe* in healing – I *know* that healing exists. Was it a miracle? No, everything follows Natural Law, although how that law applies here is not fully understood. ♦

Life's Disappointments

Inspirationally received by
YVONNE LIMOGES – Florida



Many of us, as we look back on our life, might feel disappointment. This can be sorrow for things that we did that we should not have, or things we should have done but did not. It could be relationships that we got into that did not turn out the way we thought they would. We might feel that we did not truly pursue the dreams we had as a youth and that we lost our way somehow.

We might feel regret in how we raised our children, wondering did we do anything right or if we did anything to cause some of what our children may be going through. And, did we do enough or did we do too much for them.

We might regret some of the bad health habits that we actually enjoyed that we now are paying the price for in health problems. We can look at our life as full of disappointments, or we can look at all the choices we made and the experiences we have had in our life as *opportunities for growth* since we know the purpose of life is to progress.

If we learned some things along the way in this life, that is truly a great thing, no matter how things turned out. Material life is given to us to learn – to raise ourselves up morally and intellectually. It is especially to enhance the good qualities within all of us. And, since our soul is immortal, this potential for goodness is unlimited!

Look at material life from a spiritual point of view. We are children of Creation going from one lifetime to another. We will take so many, many paths on our spiritual journey.

So, learn from your past by turning your disappointments into knowledge and inner strength. Try to live with humility, charity, and love in the *present*. Look into the *future* with hope in your hearts, because as you evolve, you know you will be much happier.



And remember, all paths lead to God. ♦

Ms. Jessie

MARGARET POND – Florida



As long as I can remember I've always felt the happiest when helping others. As a child I always stood up for the "underdog." I have fun doing other things but the feeling is never quite the same.

A long time ago, I decided that I would someday volunteer with Hospice. I have finally gotten to that day. The first few weeks were good, but not as rewarding as I had hoped. I mostly helped clean rooms, get meals, and stock closets.

This week, I finally began dealing with the patients —sitting and visiting and just chatting. Yesterday, I went in to visit Ms. Jessie for the first time. She has a lot of family who love her and she had been expected to have died by now. The PRN (I believe he is new at Hospice) said I did not need to sit with her as she was resting comfortably (that is her state now). I told him I felt I should sit with her. She will know I am there.

She began talking about what a large loving family she has. Art made of many hand prints with messages to her were in the room, including a large teddy bear and a lap quilt written on by many family members, all saying how much they love her. I said, "Ms. Jessie how special you are to have so much love all around you." At that point, she squeezed my hand lightly several times. The PRN was surprised. I left telling Ms. Jessie, I hoped I would see her again if not here then "at home." I left saying a prayer for Ms. Jessie and feeling the best I have felt in a long time. ♦



Report to the People

– 2009 Annual NSAC Convention –

President's Report

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 117th Annual Convention at Houston, Texas



The Rev. E. Lelia Cutler, NST

Greetings:

To the First Church of Divine Science, NSAC of Houston, Texas, we say "Thank You" for all your work to make this convention a successful meeting and a special "Thank You" to Liana Liles, the Rev. Jovita Jessup and their committee. Thanks also go to the First Spiritualist Church of Austin for their support in hosting this convention. Watch for all the wonderful activity by members of these churches as we enjoy this week of fellowship together. The theme of our convention is "Natural Law is the Way." We understand that Natural Law governs life in all its forms and particularly our actions and deeds.

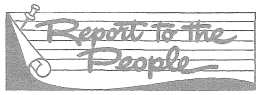
Due to the economic impact on our churches, camps, and our organization, we have had some challenges this year; however, we are proud of the fact that as Spiritualists, we have conquered obstacles to growth, and have worked together to expand and grow to a greater presence in our world. To those who would say our organization is dying, don't order any flowers yet. The secretary's report will have a break down of the number of new workers for you, but I want to express my sincere thanks to each and every one who has worked, studied, and achieved the status of a certified worker with the NSAC. Our numbers are growing in membership and workers. If the totals show a contraction, this is due to under reporting. Many of our churches have larger membership lists, but only report "members in good standing" due to the need for payment of assessment fees for each member. Many of our camps do not report total membership.

We are delighted that we were able to issue charters at our banquet to the Circle of Love Spiritualist Community in Auburn, California, and the New Vision Spiritualist Center, NSAC in Orlando, Florida. The Spiritualist Desert Church in Las Vegas, Nevad, had to move to larger quarters to accommodate their growth; and the Second Spiritualist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania bought a new building and is now revitalized with new energy. The report from the Outreach Department will indicate that we have people all over the United States and in foreign countries who are interested in forming groups or churches. The inquiries continue to grow and thanks go to the Rev. Carol Brown for her dedicated service in this department.

This year, we did not receive nominations for Public Relations awards. If you have workers in your church who deserve to receive an award for lifetime achievement, a teacher's award, or an Outstanding Achievement Award, please nominate them when you return home. The awards are voted on by the National Board at our Spring Board Meeting. We have many deserving workers, and we would like to recognize them for all they do. We look forward to receiving your nominations and hope to have a recipient for each category in 2010. While we did not have awards for the usual categories, it gives great pleasure to the members of the National Board to acknowledge the awards presented to our Service Organizations. Many do not know of the extensive work performed by our clubs. Scholarships have been awarded to deserving students by each organization, and donations have been made to help fund the Hydesville project—a special project dear to our hearts—and donations have been given to support the Spiritualist Benevolent Society. In addition, each service organization contributed to the fund to have well known researcher, Dr. Raymond Moody as our keynote speaker for the Monday Seminar. These special awards express the appreciation of a grateful board for the help and support from the members of our Service Organizations. We encourage all our certified workers, our commissioned healers, ordained ministers and National Spiritualist Teachers to join and have an active part in the work of these special organizations.

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President's Report *Continued...*



Your National Board has been diligent in watching our expenses during the past year. Instead of having our entire board travel to Lily Dale, New York for the Spring Board Meeting, we used teleconferencing, and through a couple teleconference calls, covered the needed business of the organization. The Rev. Bradley Gosselin and your president traveled to Lily Dale to form the committee from the board with the Rev. Sharon Snowman to administer the exams to seven candidates for ordination and National Spiritualist Teacher, and one additional exam for ordination. Using teleconferencing for most of the agenda's business topics allowed us to save approximately $10,000 on Spring Board expenses. In addition, we have shortened the pre-convention board meeting to two days instead of four, and will be giving exams during most of our time allotted for pre-convention business. Your dedicated National board members will be working evenings and lunch hours to complete the necessary business of the NSAC.

It has been a real challenge during the past year with the economic slide and seesaw action in the stock market. Our treasurer, Peter Berg, will report on these challenges. Our investment funds continued to suffer during the year, and only small improvements have been seen in recent months. Be assured that your board is cognizant of the economic impact of the current recession, and we continue to practice fiscal responsibility. The salaries in the National Office contracted by placing our bookkeeper on an hourly basis of 20 hours per week. It puts a strain on the office, but they are dedicated and have accomplished a great deal in a shorter span of time. Our congratulations go to our secretary, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, and the staff—Cheryl Rosenquest in the bookstore, and Micheline Corbin, our Bookkeeper. They have had the added strain of moving the headquarters for the Center for Spiritualist Studies back into the NSAC National Office due to financial considerations for the school. The CSS building is to be sold and the contents merged into the National Office. You will hear more about this in the report from our Vice President, the Rev. Catherine Snell.

Each member of the National Board is assigned auxiliaries for whom they are the "Board representative." Since we have nine board members, the assignments run from nine to 13 auxiliaries each. This is very important since it can be a legal matter if we do not keep in touch with our chartered auxiliaries. Since we no longer have a board member from the Midwest, it can mean extended travel for those from each coast to visit these churches and camps. If you would like a visit from your "Board rep," please feel free to contact them or any board member to schedule a visit. Personally, I have visited eight churches and three camps this year. It has been a very productive year, and I currently have plans for four additional visits during 2010. Remember that expenses for all our visits are covered by presentation of seminars and workshops, doing readings, and generating income during the visit to cover all expenses of the trip. NSAC does not fund any of these trips, unless there is an emergency, and there is no time during the trip to present opportunities to create revenue. That is rare. Our board members are well educated in Spiritualism and all related topics. Several are practicing physical phenomena mediums and are happy to share their expertise. Our married board members travel with their wives and work together as teams. We are fortunate with so much talent available in this way.

The Center for Spiritualist Studies has undergone some changes and some challenges, but they are still operating and are in the process of updating the catalog and their courses. The staff at the Morris Pratt Institute is constantly working on new courses and updating existing courses. If you have not taken the Pastoral Skills course, make it a priority for your educational program. People may have been attracted to our churches to get a message from spirit loved ones, but they stay because they find something they believe. Our educational arms give the opportunity to learn more about the religion, philosophy and science of Spiritualism. We have scholarships available from our service organizations, from the Renollet Scholarship Fund with MPI, the Crystal Fountain Scholarship Fund with NSAC, and the DeMarco Trust Scholarship. We encourage our students to apply for a scholarship whenever there is a need.

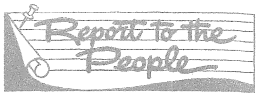
Once again, thanks go to The Rev. Janet Tisdale for obtaining the services of Dr. Raymond Moody for the workshop at this convention. Thank You! We are also continuing the student service at this convention, giving our students an opportunity to gain affidavits for working as mediums and healers. We need to support and encourage our students—they are our future.

The Publications Department has been busy creating the pdf format for the auxiliary reports and now there will be a new membership application in pdf format. Please check out the new logo on our updated stationery and the new Healing Brochures completed by this department. Other brochures will follow in a similar format.

There have been many changes over the past few years and fiscal year 2008-2009 has been no exception:

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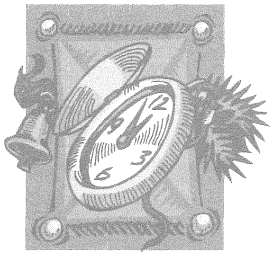


- The revisions to the *Spiritualist Manual* are now coming in and being incorporated into the manual in lieu of the out-dated services.
- The hymnal has been revised and corrections made prior to the most recent printing.
- The *Procedures Manual* is almost complete.
- The board is now embracing teleconferencing as a means of meeting and communicating.
- Board members are increasing their visits and communications with churches, camps and state associations.
- The new logo has been added to our new stationery.
- The auxiliary reports are now available online and in pdf format for fill-ins
- The board and our membership are more open to the idea that conventions can be more flexible.
- Our fund raising ideas are rapidly expanding for the NSAC.
- We are "going public" through exposure to new technological advances including web sites, radio shows, TV shows and "blogging."
- We are involving our congregations in more scientific research.
- The President's newsletters have covered subjects including reincarnation, spiritual growth, and TV and radio programs showcasing our ministry.

I hope that 2010 will be an extension of new ideas and changes for the greater good of the NSAC, including reducing complaints through mediation, completion of the *Spiritualist Manual* revision, and incorporating fund raising opportunities and expanding membership at conventions.

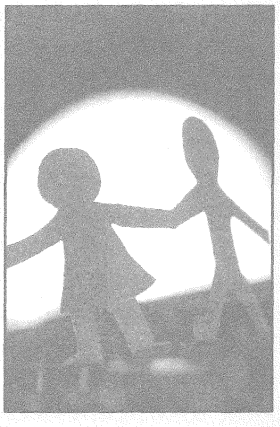
As we continue to work together, we are creating and expanding our characters and are truly representative of our theme for this convention. We know that as we practice Natural Law and understanding that God's Laws are the way, we are striving for the betterment of Spiritualism and our organization. Thank you to each and every person present and each member of the NSAC.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, President ♦



Decide to work with your spiritual family on both sides of the veil. Tune in and stay with the loving vibrations and focus. It will change your life; it will change your reality and can change the reality of humanity. Make your strength available to those who are also working to improve these influences in their lives. Making a commitment to do this will place you in awe of your ability to choose to be the spirit you were born to be from the Breath of God.

– Mika Sutton



The 117th Annual NSAC Convention

Houston, Texas • October 4-9, 2009

"Natural Law Is the Way"

The ***First Church of Divine Science*** was a marvelous host for NSAC's 117th Annual Convention titled ***Natural Law Is The Way!*** Both the convention and lodging were at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston, Texas, where good food, large, inviting rooms and excellent airport transport enhanced our convention week. We also had vans available for off-site trips and the annual tour was a trip to Old Town Spring – a journey into Texas history.

Our convention was enriched by the renewal of wedding vows, with The Rev. Lelia Cutler, NSAC President officiating, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of our NSAC Treasurer, Peter Berg, and his wife, The Rev. Virginia Berg. Followed by a lovely buffet on our opening day, folks from all over the country arrived to renew friendships and share news. It was a celebratory afternoon!

Monday brought a wonderful opportunity to hear internationally renowned Dr. Raymond Moody discuss his life's work into Near Death Experiences. As a person who had completed a doctorate by age 24, his interest in logic has been a driving force throughout his career. His current project, titled *The Secrets of Nonsense,* explores a rational comprehension of life after death. Dr. Moody's goal is to impact a new system of logic and to open an unforgotten channel in the mind. His visit was a real highlight of the week!

Other wonderful learning opportunities included three seminars/workshops:

- *Running A Successful Church – from A to Z* was presented by The Rev. John Sullivan.
- *Fund Raising* was taught by Dr. Rosemary Calderalo.
- *Chaplaincy* – tips and techniques – was offered by The Rev. Christine Krithades, J.D.

We shared many memorable moments during the church services and at the *Commemorative Service,* chaired by The Rev. Virginia Berg. In addition, the musical offerings were exceptional this year! Thank you to all who donated their talents to enrich this convention.



Ways and Means, under the guidance of Maria Garza, had an impressive display of goods for sale! Thanks so much to all who donated. Our NSAC Bookstore display, managed by Cheryl Renquist, was extensive! There were so many wonderful books available to enrich our lives through spiritual growth. If you viewed some books that interested you, but did not have room in your suitcase to carry them home, please remember that you can place an order to be shipped directly to your mailbox (p. 28).

Our NSAC President, The Rev. Lelia Cutler, presided over days of business meetings where topics were presented, discussed and votes were cast. The democratic and respectful environment which has dominated our recent conventions was an important factor in Lelia's re-election as NSAC President. After ballots were cast, our National Board of Trustees remains the same.

THANK YOU very much to Convention Chair Liana Liles for her tremendous organizational efforts on our behalf, and to The Rev. Jovita Jessup and the First Church of Divine Science for everything. Your efforts are so greatly appreciated by all who attended the 117th NSAC Annual Convention in your beautiful hometown of Houston. ◆



The Rev. John Sullivan, NST, Pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Massachusetts, offered a comprehensive workshop titled ***Running a Successful Church.*** Included were tips on organization, recruitment, internet strategies, building maintenance, committee work, volunteerism, finances, networking, speakers and church workers, music, community outreach, and support – and all information was included in Rev. Sullivan's handouts. He also encouraged audience participation through questions and comments, and his presentation was extremely valuable.



A workshop on ***Fund Raising*** was presented by Dr. Rosemary Calderalo of Connecticut. Her professional presentation offered charts and graphs displayed on a large screen for easy viewing. Dr. Calderalo brought many years of expertise in working with non-profit organizations (iincluding 20+ years with the American Red Cross) to the podium, and her clear and concise explanations presented an accessible structure for fund raising. She offered opportunities for questions and audience responses, and her wealth of experience, education and willingness to volunteer will continue to be an asset for NSAC as we move forward.

A seminar on ***Chaplaincy,*** offered by The Rev. Christine Krithades, J.D., NST of Alexandria, Virginia, offered many personal experiences and suggestions for those who might be contemplating an immersion into hospital chaplaincy work. She told stories of holding "strangers" hands through grief and joy, offering compassion and comfort, while trying to sort out many cultural differences around illness and transition. Her presentation was very personal and encouraging to audience members who have considered chaplaincy work. Her many years of hospital involvement offered helpful tips about protocol and procedures in all areas from parking lot rules, dealing with medical personnel, what is appropriate when, and how to navigate through religious practices and beliefs that are different from ours – including professional mourners!



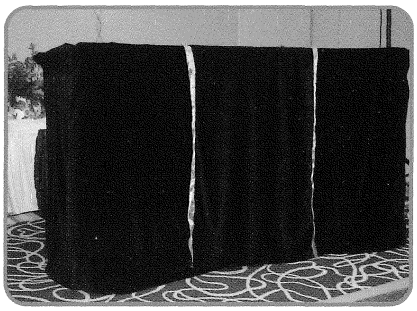
Dr. **Raymond Moody** was our Keynote speaker, and what a speaker he was! His very personal tales of his own slow entry into belief of life after death came as a result of his experiences as a medical physician. ***Near-Death Experiences*** was a fascinating workshop! As one of the world's leaders in data to prove the existence of life after death, it was truly a wonderful opportunity to listen to his stories. Dr. Moody is the author of many books, spanning four decades, about his investigations of Near Death Experiences, which are commonly called NDEs. His *psychomanteum* (booth based on research) was set up for any delegate to try throughout the week.







Dr. Moody's lecture began with the belief in an afterlife dated as far back as Plato in recorded records. In the 1970's, Oracles of the Dead were excavated in Greece, and at the university of Virginia, Dr. George Richey began talking about his own NDE to his students. Over time, Dr. Moody began his own research using the *psychomanteum* booth to transport subjects into another realm. He stressed that this experience is not like a dream, but it is reality. As a logician, Dr. Moody requires proof. His next venture (as he continues to work out the Logic of Nonsense) is the documentation of the *Seven Secrets of Nonsense* in his *Rational Comprehension of Life after Death* project. He is working to "impart a new system of logic and to open an unforgotten channel in the mind." As a person who likes to think and analyze, Dr. Moody also brings a sense of humor and investigatory curiosity into his presentations which enriched our convention!





Havi Richards holds open the *psychomanteum* booth.

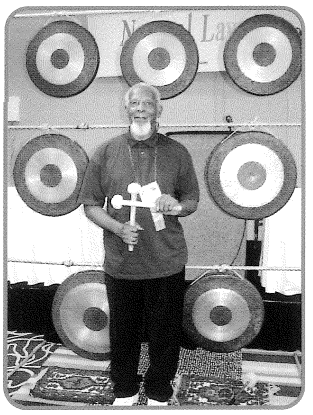
musicians

Many Thanks to these gifted performers!



Shannon Modrell sang for many services during the week, and we thank her for sharing her wonderful vocal talents and for leading the Convention Choir! Her musical style features music that heals, inspires and entertains. Shannon's musical talents were inspirational throughout the week!





Lady "J" Houston is an acclaimed vocalist, trumpeter, musical arranger, songwriter and entertainer who came direct from Las Vegas to entertain us. She enlivened the banquet, and she brings an audience to its feet! Her professionalism was a joy to behold!



Carl Edward Davis is a certified medium who has studied with Buddhist priests in China. During a meditation there, a small "ancient" monk appeared and told him about an instrument made of a set of gongs that heals by vibration and sound. A decade passed before his instrument was created by a Chinese gong maker and the art of playing it was mastered. The sound is often ethereal and it creates internal balance and well-being...it is a sound that must be experienced.



Stacy K. Davis brought her beautiful harp from Orlando, Florida to offer convention music for relaxation, meditation and healing. Stacy is a familiar face because she has performed at previous NSAC conventions, and her gentle harp music is always most welcome for our NSAC services during convention week.



Carla Wong Gee was our convention pianist – which requires being adaptable! She is a delightful musical presence at our conventions. Carla and her NSAC Board Trustee husband, Sonny Gee, are both extremely active within our organization. Carla and her harpist sister, Toynette Wong Johnson, produced *On Wings of Harps* – a meditation CD – and Carla and Sonny produced the *Rising Vibrations* CD as fundraisers for NSAC.

with congratulations

TWO New Churches received their charters!



Church of Love Spiritualist Community of Auburn, California
The Rev. Susan Petersen and The Rev. June Killmer are Co-pastors.



New Vision Spiritualist Center, NSAC of Orlando, Florida
The Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger is Pastor.

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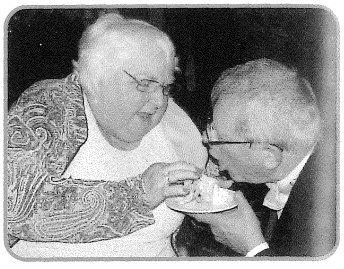


The Rev. Kimberley Orlowski, was ordained by the Rev. Sharon L. Snowman October 7th, 2009 at the 117th Annual NSAC Convention held in Houston, Texas. The Rev. Cosie Allen, The Rev. Ann Otzelberger, and The Rev. Annette Haak all participated in the ordination ceremony. The Rev. Orlowski said, "As an Ordained Minister and National Spiritualist Teacher, I hope to bring light and love to all I come into contact with through my ministry. I also hope to help spread the seeds and truths of Spiritualism well beyond my own backyard.





The Rev. Ginny and Peter Berg, NSAC Treasurer, renewed their wedding vows to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with The Rev. Lelia Cutler, NSAC President, officiating. Wonderful refreshments were served to all, including a gorgeous cake!



with appreciation

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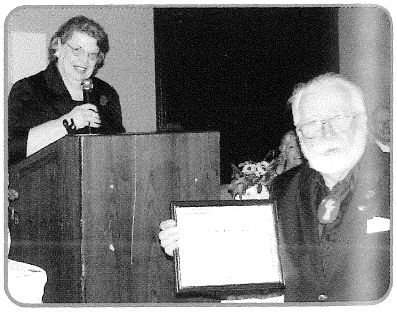
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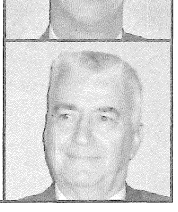
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NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church • 11 Freedom Way, Unit D6, Niantic, CT; (860) 701-1355; e-mail: nlspiritualist@sbcglobal.net; website: nlspiritualist.net; Mailing Address: 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, CT 06320; Pres., Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell 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; Pastor, Allen Noddin; 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; website: www.pinegrovespiritualistcamp.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@aol.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; mailing address - P.O. Box 143, 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome; Pastor, Rev. Simeon Stefanidakis; email: Revsimeon@albertsonchurch.org; (203) 276-1759.

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 - New Vision Spiritualist Center, NSAC, Inc. • www.spiritualistchurchorlando.com, meets at 709 Edgewater Dr.; Sun. 1:30; Mailing address: 10509 Jepson St., 32825; Pastor, Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger (407) 826-0807; e-mail: reveao@yahoo.com; Pres., William Partridge; Secy., Stacy K. Davis.

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; Pastor, Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, (407) 834-5378; Pres., Ronald J. Lerch, (407) 834-5378; Secy., Rev. Leslie Chaillou, NST, (407) 756-7331; Spiritualistchurchofawareness.org

• ILLINOIS •

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church • 13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633-1614; (219) 926-6884.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc. • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June 1 thru Sept. 30; Lyceum 9:00-10:45 a.m.; 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. Lyceum 9:00-10:45 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., Pat Peck (815) 332-5359; Website: www.christabellesc.org

CHICAGO - 1st Spiritualist Church of Harmony, Unity & Truth • 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636.

CHICAGO - Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches • Pres., Marian Boesen, NST (815) 332-5359; Treas., Pat Peck (309) 787-3386; Secy., Peggy Bunch Cowley (708) 633-0196; e-mail: peggybunch@comcast.net

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.

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CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Washington Spiritualist Temple • 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (773) 436-5076; Sun. Healing 11:00-11:20 a.m., Worship 11:30-1:00; Pastor, Joseph Guice, LM; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Arsenia Williams, NST; Messages @ all services; Private messages rev.arsenia@yahoo.com, (773) 436-5076.
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

• INDIANA •

GARY - First Spiritualist Church of Gary • 2430 W. 11th Ave., 46404; (219) 885-0091.
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 317-329-1217, 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.; Pastor and Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, (317) 291-0799; Secy./Treas., Marilyn Smith; Church (317) 937-6292; website: www.newdawnchurch.org
MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC • 314 W. Cool Spring Ave., 46360.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Curch • 5416 6th Avenue South, 52732.
CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church • 10 Mount Pleasant Park, P.O. Box 6, Clinton, Iowa 52732.
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; Pastor, Rev. Earl L. Wallace; Secy., Rev. Pat Wallace.
BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Spiritualist Church • 15 State St., Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Secy., Rev. 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. Rev. Pat Wallace (207) 282-6745 or Secy. Mike Carter (207) 797-2039; For program information and events, visit our website at www.madisoncamp.org or email us at madison@mainespiritualism.org
MEXICO - Pinpoint of Light Center & Camp – 767 River Rd., 04257 (Mail: P.O. Box 115, 04257); Kathy Touchette (207) 357-8400.
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; Secy., Marguerite Walker, 21 Old Windsor Rd., S. China 04358.
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: www.springfield.spiritualistchurch.com; Pastor, Rev. John Sullivan, Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: sully1942@verizon.net; Sec. Denise St Pierre, e-mail: denise1957@hughes.net

• MICHIGAN •

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church • 07444 Old US 31N, 49720-9422 (Bayshore); (231) 347-9417.
FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit • 2724 Goodrich, 48220; Auxiliaries Mailing Address: 631 Spencer, Ferndale, 48220-3544; Sat. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Secy., Dianne L. Smith, (248) 545-5680.
JACKSON - Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches • 2540 Norwood Rd, 49203; Secy., Rebecca Strauss.
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 •

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church • 1414 E. Ninth St., 55805-1611; (218) 724-6554.
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, NSAC • 3305 Spring Mountain Rd., Suite 51, 89102, (702) 876-8783 (message line only), website: www.spiritualistdesertchurch.com; e-mail: spiritualistdesertchurch@yahoo.com; Service times: Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., Thurs. 6:30 p.m. for Healing and Meditation Service with a Development Circle following the service. Vicky Homann, Pastor (702) 234-1147.

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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., Mary Beth LoVecchio, 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

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.firstspiritualisttemple.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.

FARMINGDALE - New Horizons Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 280 Route 109, 11735; (631) 669-3226.

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; website: www.asanctuaryofinfinitespirit-NSAC.com

LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, NSAC • Sun. Healing & Worship Serv. 10:00 a.m.; 1580 Round Swamp Rd., Plainview, (Homewood Suites Hotel); Contact: Frances Warbeck, (516) 593-7213.

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

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc. • 109 Main St. (Masonic Hall), 03079; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Mail to: P.O. Box 144, 03079; Contact Pres. Dwight Broadstone (603) 783-4456 / www.nhspiritualist.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.

ASHLEY - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation • Mailing address: P.O. Box 253, 43003-0253; (740) 747-2688.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church • 4230 Main Ave., 44004-6851; (440) 293-7056.

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 •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, NSAC • 1123 Oak St., 18102; (610) 770-7560.

McKEESPORT/PITTSBURGH - First Spiritualist Church of McKeesport • 809 Locust St., McKeesport 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Healing/Meditation, 11:00 a.m. Lecture and Messages; "Medium Sunday" on the first Sunday of each month with Lunch/Readings Noon-2:30 p.m.; Mediumship Development Class every Tues. 7-9 p.m.; Pres. Ella Bryner (412) 673-7880; e-mail: receivingspirit@yahoo.com; 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, NST.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Association • 421 N. Preston St; Secy., Gladys Faison, 2118 N. Natrona, 19104.

• 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; Rev. Jovita Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Pres., Liana V. Liles; Secy., Kristi Hallmark; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Fri. Spiritual Development 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Spiritual Unfoldment Class 10:00 a.m.; Private Spiritualist readings by appt., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: jovitavjessup@sbcglobal.net; lileshouston@aol.com; kristihallmark@hotmail.com; website: www.houstonspiritualists.org

LOCKHART - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 2714 FM 713, 78644-4163; (512) 376-5310; Contact Rev. Jean I Hammer.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Chapel • 1627 N. PanAm Exp. Hwy., 78208; Devotional, healing and message service, Sun. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Pastor, Hector Caldera; e-mail: procaldera@aol.com

• 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 Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. Healing Serv., followed by Devotional & Message Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan; Pres., Shelly S. Wooldridge; Secy., Lesley Sand.

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 •

EDGEWOOD - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC • Sun. Serv. 2:30 P.M., Unity Church of Christianity, 2908 Meridian E. #102, 98371, (Mail to 11113 SE 323rd St., Auburn, 98092); Student Minister Atira Hatton; Pres. Bernie Allers (253) 833-4250; Sec. Robin Maylor; E-mail: churchofdivinegrace@gmail.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

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REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST

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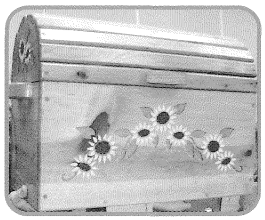
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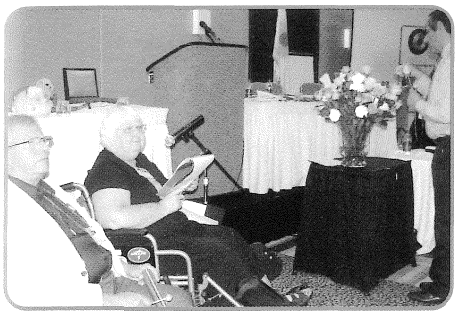
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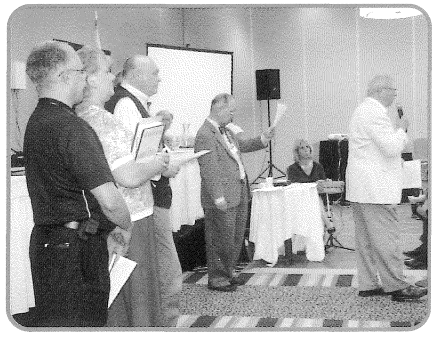


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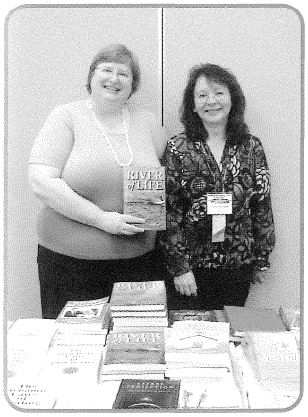
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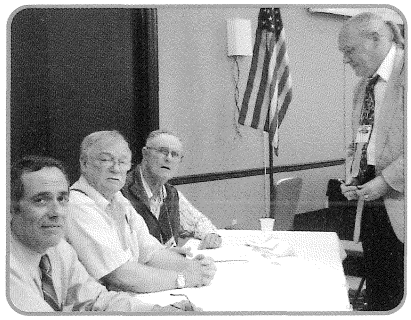






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Thanks to **NSAC Attorney Jeff Lucas.**



Thanks to our court reporter, **Sandra Dawkins.**

Our future rests in their hands –
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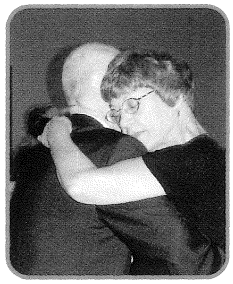


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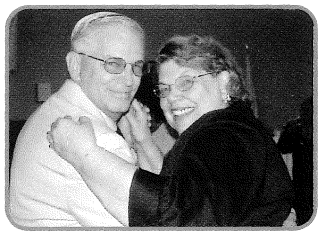
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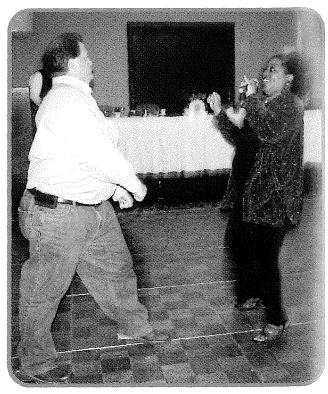


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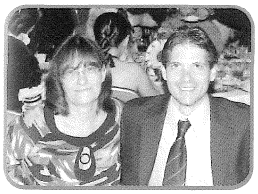
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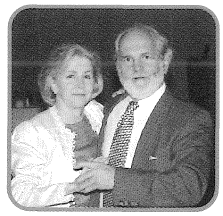


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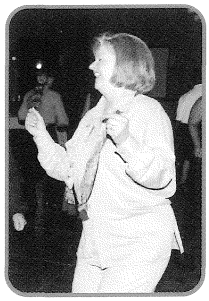










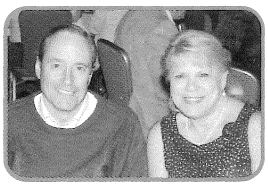




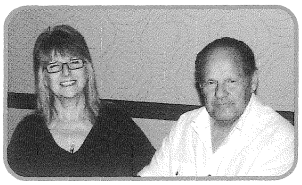




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THANKS to the *First Church of Divine Science* Children's Lyceum for their delightful *Birth of Modern Spiritualism* play!









Rev. Lelia Cutler, Rev. John Sullivan, Rev. Sharon Watson, Rev. James Ehrhart, Rev. Marguerite Gutt, and Rev. Jovita Jessup gave us inspired words of wisdom to lead us through the next year. Thank you for the inspiration!

Featured mediums included Liana Liles, Ken Hector, Rev. Martin Pina, Rev. Richard Schoeller, Rev. Sharon Snowman, Rev. Ann Otzelberger, Rev. Jovita Jessup, Rev. Pat Duffield, Rev. Michael Pillsbury, Rev. Kathy Rottino, Rev. Jackie Reeves, Rev. Patricia Wallace, Rev. Annette Haak, Rev. Earl Wallace, Rev. Marian Boesen, Rev. Janet Tisdale, Rev. Joyce Orcutt, and Rev. Elaine Hager.



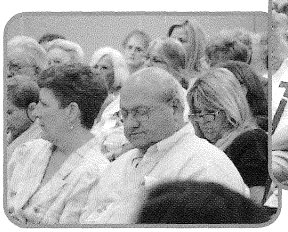


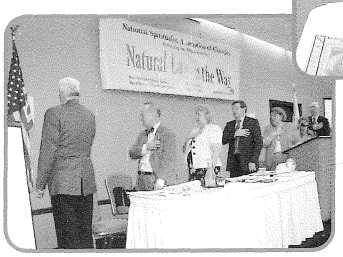
















Report to the People

– 2009 Annual NSAC Convention –

Secretary's Report

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 117th Annual Convention at Houston, Texas



The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

Greetings:

As the Secretary of the NSAC, it is my pleasure to present the following report on the NSAC General Headquarters as well as the statistical report to the Delegates of this, our 117th Annual Convention.

To the First Church of Divine Science, our Convention Host, the entire Convention Committee and all those who assisted in this endeavor, thank you. We realize you entered the picture for hosting this convention on short notice, and we extend our gratitude and wish to express our deep appreciation for all of your efforts. You have already made this a wonderful experience for all of the NSAC whether present or absent. Additionally, I would like to thank Ms. Liana Liles of the host church who on numerous occasions had gone out of her way to assist the NSAC Office in completing many of the tasks that relegated around this convention.

As to the state of the NSAC Office, all repairs had been stopped for the time being. However, the main roof is at least 25 years old and has needed replacement for several years. This work can not be put off any longer and is under consideration at this time.

Once again, the Rev. Marilyn Awtry was prepared to donate two months of her time to working in the NSAC Archives. However, the Center for Spiritualist Studies building was being closed and its work transferred to the NSAC office staff at the same time Ms. Awtry would be available. These actions necessarily blocked the continuance of the archival work. To date, there still remains a great deal of work to be done in the archives.

The NSAC Book Store now sends 175 copies of its book list by e-mail, 58 through requested mailings and an additional 150 through in person distribution. If you would like to receive the book list by e-mail, or if there is someone in your church who could accept the book list by e-mail for your church, please notify the NSAC Office and we will be happy to add your name to our list.

The Book Store has added ten new books this year: *An Investigation of the Afterlife,* Colin Wilson; *Spiritualism and Beyond,* Alan Ross; *The Spirituality of Money,* Morley & McGarvie; *The Light Beyond,* Raymond Moody; *Cracking the Glass Darkly,* Robert Egby; *The Quest of the Radical Spiritualist,* Robert Egby; *Dead Rescue,* Michael Evans; *GOD Made Easy,* Patricia Karst; *The Seeress of Provorst,* John DeSalvo, Ph.D.; *The Astonishing Power of Emotions,* Hicks.

There is a vast selection of books available at our book table this year and several people there to assist you. Along with Raymond Moody's book, *The Light Beyond,* you will also find his books, *Life After Life* and *Reunions.*

We have an outstanding statistical report since last convention which especially shows a great interest in educational pursuits and achievements. Forty credentials have been issued since the 2008 NSAC Convention.

ORDINATIONS CONFERRED: 10 – Rev. Richard McCarthy, *Florida;* Rev. June Killmer, *California;* Rev. Susan Petersen, *California;* Rev. Simeon Stefanidakis, *Connecticut;* Rev. Bonnie Darby, *Indiana;* Rev. Jacqueline Reeves, *Indiana;* Rev. Patricia Palmer, *Maine;* Rev. Elizabeth Simpson, *Maine;* Rev. Michael Pillsbury, *New York;* Rev. Annette Haak, *Wisconsin.*

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS DEGREES: 8 – Richard McCarthy, *Arizona;* June Killmer, *California;* Bonnie Darby, *Indiana;* Jacqueline Reeves, *Indiana;* Patricia Palmer, *Maine;* Elizabeth Simpson, *Maine;* Betty Hutt, *Pennsylvania;* Annette Haak, *Wisconsin.*

LICENTIATE CERTIFICATE: 10 – Luis Arache, *California;* Christopher Owen, *Maine;* Sandra Allen, *Michigan;* Denise St. Pierre, *Massachusetts;* Michael Pillsbury, *New York;* Awilda Abazza, *Virginia;* Konstanza Greer, *Virginia;* Colleen Angel, *Wisconsin;* Deanne Hollander, *Wisconsin;* Kimberley Orlowski, *Wisconsin.*

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CERTIFIED MEDIUM: 6 – Susan Hazard, *California;* Bonnie Darby, *Indiana;* Sandra Allen, *Michigan;* Michael Pillsbury, *New York;* Konstanza Greer, *Virginia;* Annette Haak, *Wisconsin.*

COMMISSIONED HEALER: 6 – Christopher Owen, *Maine;* Catherine Sabine, *Maine;* Denise St. Pierre, *Massachusetts;* Kathryn Manikowski, *New York;* June Ralicki, *New York;* Annette Haak, *Wisconsin.*

Five examinations will be given at this Convention by the NSAC Board: Two for Ordination and three for National Spiritualist Teacher Degree. Eight additional examinations are already in process for the NSAC Spring Board Meeting.

During this past year, the NSAC Board has approved re-entry into the NSAC of five former NSAC members: Spiritualist Desert Church of Las Vegas, Nevada – *Cissy Livingston;* Augusta Spiritualist Church of Augusta, Maine – *Kenneth Sanborn;* Spiritualist Desert Church of Las Vegas, Nevada – *Jesus (Jesse) Rodriguez;* 1st Spiritual Temple of San Francisco, California – *Evelyn S. Neuendorff;* First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, Wisconsin – *Gloria Jean Kopac.*

These former members have been made most welcome in their new church homes. We feel confident that these people will enjoy the fellowship offered, and that they and their respective churches will be richly blessed through their combined endeavors.

The NSAC Executive Church holds a current membership of fourteen with no new members added during this past year. Membership in the Executive Church is considered on a case by case basis and is usually granted to those individuals seeking NSAC membership and are in areas where there is no NSAC auxiliary.

Three new Individual Student Memberships have been extended during this past year: Jennifer Wallens of Tennessee, Janet Lee of Arizona and Lawrence Roesler of Clearwater, Florida. Most all of those who were seeking this form of membership were very pleased to not only find a church within traveling distance, but where they could additionally receive the assistance they required with their studies. This fact alone speaks to the absolute need to advertise your auxiliaries in as many ways as possible. If you are not sure how to proceed, please check with the NSAC Book Store for a copy of the Rev. Robert Egby's book, *Marketing Your Church,* the NSAC *Department of Public Relations Handbook,* or you can contact the Chair of the Department of Public Relations for guidance and further assistance.



These booklets are invaluable to your church. Students should be made aware of them as a part of their training and service to the church. Every church, camp or state association should have at least one person working on Public Relations and/or Advertising. As a result of requests for more information, these books came into being and will serve many people for many years. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you see a need in any area. We are more than willing to assist in any way we can and stand ready to do so.

As to the statistical report of our auxiliaries, two new churches have officially Chartered since last Convention and it is a great privilege to welcome *New Vision Spiritualist Center, NSAC* of Orlando, Florida and the *Circle of Love Spiritualist Community* of Auburn, California. We do pray that these new auxiliaries will thoroughly enjoy the fellowship, camaraderie and the substantial support structure offered by the NSAC.

One auxiliary has closed during this past year. The First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, Iowa has closed following several difficult years where attempts were made to remain operational.

Last year at this time the entire world was caught up in a state of unrest and economic flux. A year has passed, a year in which people faced facts and, as individuals, realized their own potential and derived the resilience and ability to rise above the storm. All churches, including those of the NSAC, experienced upheavals and the residual effect from these occurrences.

In today's society, the concentration is on positive motivation and that concept is slowly turning things around. Everything, including churches, is being examined more closely, as individuals realize their true potential. As Spiritualists, we have always approved and taught independent thought and positive motivation; today we are seeing its reality.

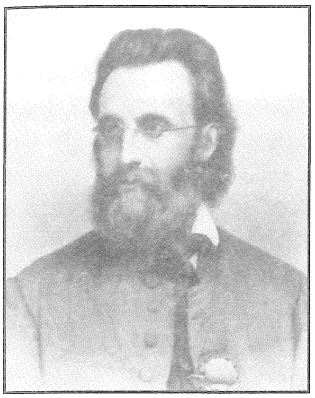
As individuals you are the masters of your own lives. As a group standing united, working in a positive light, your abilities are greatly strengthened. Our churches can and will weather any storm because in unity there is definitely strength.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Sharon Snowman, Secretary ♦

Prosperity is a way of living and thinking, and not just having money or things.
Poverty is a way of living and thinking, and not just a lack of money or things.
– Eric Butterworth

The John the Baptist of Modern Spiritualism

THE REV. MARILYN J. AWTRY, NST – Florida



Andrew Jackson Davis

We are all aware of the acceleration of the earth's vibrations and time seemingly moving so fast. Well, it is January again and the time to remember the Poughkeepsie Seer, Andrew Jackson Davis. He made his transition on January 13, 1910 in Watertown, Massachusetts and was interred in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

While Davis tells us in the sequel to his biography that he was not a Spiritualist, he does say he recognizes Spiritualism where it aligns with his Harmonial Philosophy. We, as Spiritualists, give him credit for announcing Modern Spiritualism with those words so commonly repeated, "About daylight this morning, a warm breathing passed over my face and I heard a voice, tender and strong saying, 'Brother, the good work has begun – behold a living demonstration is born.' I was left wondering what could be meant by such a message." Now, we all know that it referred to the rappings at Hydesville on March 31, 1848.

Davis formed the Harmonial Philosophy Association in 1852. His main point was to Harmonize Society and Harmonize the Individual. He in no way was involved in a science, philosophy and religion and made that point clear in the sequel to his autobiography.

Davis did form a Spiritual Declaration of Independence. The Brotherhood was founded on principles he observed in the structure of the human body, being the most perfectly developed structure in all of nature. With his analogy of its parts, Davis constructed a list of individuals to manage the Brotherhood. To briefly sum up the declaration:

1. *We all believe that the destiny of all men is immortality; endless happiness and eternal progression.*

2. *We believe in accordance with the interior and material constitution of the human species that there is a general mission.*

Should you desire to read his lengthy *Spiritual Declaration of Independence* in full, you can go to http://www.andrewjacksondavis.com/article4.htm.

In 1859, at the first convention of Spiritualists, they tried to formulate a creed; but it didn't fly. What was recorded were these words: "We believe that Spiritualism should not be confounded with the Harmonial Philosophy of Andrew Jackson Davis, the deism of Dr. Hare, nor the individual theories of any other writer whether prominent among Spiritualists or not, nor even with the teachings of disembodied spirits themselves."

The promulgation of another erroneous point is that Andrew Jackson Davis was the Father of Modern Spiritualism. The truth of the matter is that during a debate with an Episcopal clergyman, Davis angered the minister so much that he tried to bate Davis into anger and in a degrading manner called him "The Father of Modern Spiritualism." However, in Davis' later years he was very well balanced emotionally and he just let the negative cast at him fly over his head as he continued to point to the inability of the minister to carry on a debate. It reminded me of "Under all circumstances, keep an even mind."

While we recognize Davis' position in regard to Modern American Spiritualism, we also fully give him credit for the good works he did in defending Spiritualism many times during his life time. Andrew J. Davis' wife Mary was a devout Spiritualist and this was instrumental in keeping Davis present in numerous Spiritualist services in the many camps of the day as well as in its churches.

At one defense, he said, "The reckless opponents of Spiritualism had reached the third degree of absurdity. They had sounded the trumpet of infidelity until their lungs must have been almost collapsed with sheer exhaustion. But I repelled the charge through public discourses in which I set for the Harmonial idea of Immortality. I taught that 'pure Christianity is unadultered Love' to which our Philosophies are the principle of Wisdom. Hence, that we were not infidel to whatsoever is good, true, and divine."

Therefore, lest we forgot, January is time for remembrance of Andrew Jackson Davis and his good works. We are ever grateful to you Andrew Jackson Davis, wherever you are!

Footnote: If you would like to read an excellent book about Davis, our NSAC Bookstore carries *Andrew Jackson Davis - The First American Prophet and Clairvoyant* by John DeSalvo, PhD.

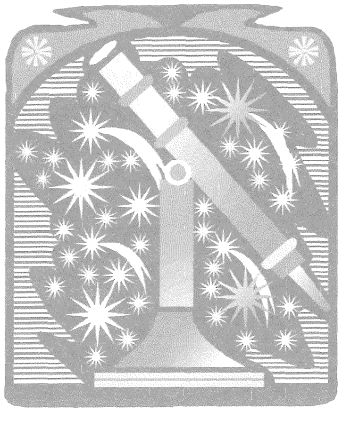
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Can Science Prove the Existence of God?

PAUL DeBELL, MD – New York Psychiatrist

God is Spirit, yet science seeks to explain everything in terms of physical processes—enlightenment through equations. The two seem irreconcilable. But are they really?

Before the late 1800s, no one had succeeded in studying the mind scientifically, despite the remarkable success of scientific study in other fields. Our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors seemed too subjective to be studied by the rigorous new standards of the scientific method and its experimental approach. Today, a reliable body of objective knowledge helps us understand our emotions, improve our relationships, solve otherwise perplexing problems, and fulfill our own unique potentials. Popular books and magazines take the latest research and boil it down into simple, practical steps that we can take to build greater self-esteem, make more money or have closer and more fulfilling relationships.



What we have done to understand the mind, we can now do to understand spirit–and ultimately prove the existence of God. That's because the material and the spiritual are parts of the same system, integrated through laws whose basics we have, as of yet, grasped only intuitively. As a result, our understanding of the laws that govern the manifestation of spirit in everyday life is in the same sorry state that it was in relation to the laws that governed psychology over 100 years ago.

In an effort to bring the study of spirituality into the current century, I identified two core assumptions that Freud had made that established the foundation for the scientific study of the mind and its ability to engage the physical realities within which it functions. They were: the law of psychic determinism (a system of causes and effects in which each thought, feeling and action is determined by the thoughts, feelings and actions that preceded it) and the existence of the unconscious (a kind of wastebasket category in which one puts all the things that didn't make rational sense at present). Then I created two parallel assumptions that were needed to study our ability to engage spiritual realities and launch a more scientific study of our spiritual nature: the law of spiritual determinism and the existence of the soul. With these in place, we assert that if we don't understand elements of how the spiritual dimension works today, we will in the future--if we keep at it and stick to the evidence.

We don't have to wait for PhD's to apply the scientific method and prove the existence of God. We can all engage in that process right now. It's something I call spiritual science 101. This is the highly personal study of getting to know our own souls and proving the existence of spiritual forces in our own lives. It's what we all must do if we are to go beyond intuitive belief or "blind faith."

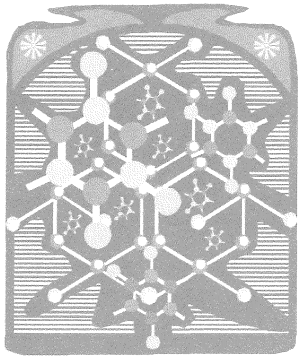
The cornerstone of science is experimentation, which is where we establish controlled conditions to test out our ideas. In this case, we seek to prove the existence of spiritual forces acting on us. As we begin, we naturally start with what scientists call pilot studies, where we use our intuitive understanding of how spiritual forces work to try to get the results that we want in a given situation. Here's a "rough and dirty" way of doing this. The next time you face a problem that you have been unable to solve, make the same effort you normally would to solve it using your best common sense, but add to that effort the element that you consider makes something spiritual, whether it be praying or approaching what needs to be done as a spiritual duty. Then observe whether or not there are any subtle or obvious differences in the process or the outcome.

My own search for verifiable truth of spiritual feedback began when a leaf serendipitously fell into my hand under conditions that made me feel that an invisible dimension was reaching out to me. Then, like a good scientist, I started to set up spiritual experiments to validate or disprove my belief that such forces were real and relevant to my life. Over the years, the evidence has grown until I am now convinced that the material and spiritual parts of our lives are meaningfully connected and dynamically interacting all the time, providing us with a wide range of spiritual feedback in every area of our lives. Based on the results of my own studies and those of

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hundreds of others that I have worked with, I am confident that you, too, will become more and more aware of the constant stream of spiritual feedback we all receive.

The more objective we can be in setting up our experiments and then describing our experiences, the more we will learn from them and the better we will be able to pass that knowledge on to others. That's the beauty of science. It provides a method that enables us to combine what each of us has learned into a collective wisdom that we can each draw upon to better reach our own goals. Coupled with the technology of the Internet, which offers a place to gather our experiences together, we can raise our understanding of spiritual forces to equal or even surpass our current understanding of psychological forces.



The time of experts is past, at least as the sole keepers of truth. We know enough of the theory to begin to act ourselves. And if we work together, we can take our collective understanding of spiritual forces to a whole new level. In the meantime, I predict the experts are destined to eventually arrive at the same conclusions. It's the spirit of our times.

Paul DeBell, MD is a psychiatrist with a lifelong interest in understanding how to use the help and guidance of spiritual forces to solve everyday problems. He has written down what he has learned in *Decoding the Spiritual Messages of Everyday Life, How Life Shows Us What We Need to Know* and has set up a resource center at decodeyourmessages.com where you can read the experiences of others and share your own. ♦

From The Rev. Marilyn Awtry - In my search I found the Declaration has evolved from humble beginnings. The first Declaration of Principles was formed by the Philadelphia Spiritualists Society in 1850. They were:

- 1. That man is a Spirit here and now.
- 2. That Spirit has unbroken and continued existence.
- 3. That Spirit can, under favorable conditions, communicate with those in the Spirit World.

SERMON ON HORSEBACK RIDING

It was Saturday night and the preacher still hadn't been able to think of a sermon for the next morning. About 9 PM he finally said to his wife, "Dear, I think I've come up with the perfect sermon. I'm going to give a sermon about horseback riding."

She said, "Don't be silly. You can't give a sermon about horseback riding."

He replied, "Well, it's going to have to do because I've preached on just about every other subject I can think of."

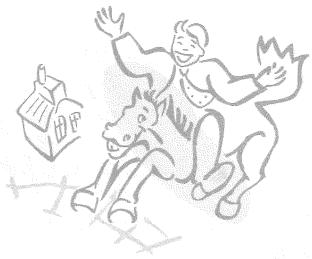
The next morning as they were driving to church, she said, "I can't believe that you're insisting on doing this. You know, if you're going to give that silly sermon on horseback riding, I'm just going to stay in the car during the service."

He said, "OK, then, suit yourself," so she stayed in the car.

Entering church, the preacher had a sudden inspiration and gave a hell-fire and brimstone sermon on SEX that had the congregation in awe.

As the congregation filed out of the church, some of the members saw his wife sitting in the car and approached her. One of them said, "Wow! You just missed the best sermon your husband has ever given."

She said, "Yeah, right! What does he know about it? He talks big, but he's only tried it twice in his life. Once before we were married and once after, and he fell off both times! ♦

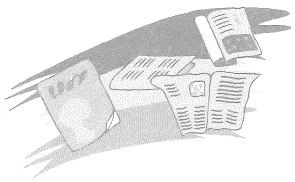


What happened in JANUARY *throughout the years?*

JANUARY 1

The **Portland Spiritualist Church** was established in Portland, Maine in 1954 on New Year's Day! What a wonderful date this was to plant roots for a new church community.

JANUARY 4



The National Spiritualist magazine released Issue No. 1 in 1919. Known today as *The National Spiritualist-Summit,* we are now in Issue No. 1006!

JANUARY 5

Prophecies were delivered for the year 1919 by **Zaida Brown Kates,** noted trance lecturer and test medium. She married George Kates in 1887 and they spent their married life touring the country as they preached the tenets of Spiritualism.

JANUARY 8

Arthur Augustus Ford - American Spiritualist medium and founder of the International General Assembly of Spiritualists. Ford was born January 8, 1896, at Titusville, Florida. Ford realized his psychic abilities during World War I. While in the army he would "hear" the names of people he served with, and those names would appear on the casualty lists several days later. In the years after the war, he investigated psychic phenomena and eventually joined the Spiritualists. Around 1921 Ford emerged as a trance medium, and "Fletcher," his control for the rest of his life, made his first appearance in trance sessions. He developed a popular following and in 1927 traveled to Great Britain. One of his lectures was attended by veteran Spiritualist Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who enthusiastically told people the next day, "One of the most amazing things I have ever seen in 41 years of psychic experience was the demonstration of Arthur Ford."

JANUARY 13

Andrew Jackson Davis made his transition on January 13, 1910 in Watertown, Massachusetts at the age of 84. Even though he himself was not a Spiritualist, his wife Mary was. Because Spiritualism aligned with his own Harmonial Philosophy in many ways, he was often referred to as Spiritualism's "John the Baptist" and "The Father of Modern Spiritualism." He was a staunch defender and interpreter of Spiritualism, and is held in high regard among Spiritualists .

JANUARY 16

Moses Hull was born January 16, 1835 as the second baby in a twin birth in Delaware County, Ohio in 1835. He was a highly educated man who became President and teacher of Homelectics of the Morris Pratt Institute in 1903; Morris Pratt had made his transition a year earlier.

JANUARY 18

Martin Luther King Day - Martin Luther King was a man who inspired others with his enormous personal appeal and zest for creating a more equitable American culture for all. His personal courage and gift of oratory carried his message throughout the world.

JANUARY 29

Rolf Alfred Douglas Carleson was born January 29, 1910, in Montreal, Canada, but moved to Sweden during his adult life. He held posts as general secretary of the International Spiritualist Federation, editor of *Spiritualisten* (a Swedish psychic magazine), and general manager of Excelsior, a Swedish publishing house specializing in psychic literature. Carleson was a founder of the Stockholm Spiritualist Society and served as its secretary for twenty years (1937-57). He then became general secretary of the Swedish Spiritualists Union in 1958-59. During this time, he was a member of a Swedish psychic circle experimenting with direct voice phenomena. ♦



What happened in FEBRUARY *throughout the years?*

FEBRUARY 1

William Davenport was born on February 1, 1841. In 1846—two years before an outbreak of paranormal activity with the Fox sisters at Hydesville, New York—"raps, thumps, loud noises, snaps, noises" were reportedly heard at the Davenport home by the Davenport boys Ira and William. With their younger sister Elisabeth, raps were heard, messages were spelled out, and Ira's hand began to write automatically. A little later, a simultaneous phenomena of the three children was witnessed by all present. The brothers took to the road as performers, holding public séances amid challenging circumstances.

FEBRUARY 2

On February 2, 1930, the **Spiritualist Association of Great Britain** secured permanent premises at 42 Russell Square, in Holborn, England. By that time, some of the most famous names in contemporary Spiritualism had served: the novelist, Florence Marryat, W. T. Stead, Alfred Vout Peters, Estelle Roberts, Annie Brittain, Horace Leaf, trance healer Fred Jones, trance and direct voice medium Kathleen Barkel, Nan Mackenzie, and Bertha Harris.

FEBRUARY 3

Elisha Kent Kane was born in Philadelphia on February 3, 1820, the son of the jurist and Democratic politician John Kintzing Kane and his wife Jane Duval Leiper. He became a celebrity as an Arctic explorer. His romantic relationship and secret marriage with the Spiritualist medium Maggie Fox is discussed in an extensive series of letters and documents. The Fox-Kane correspondence includes letters to and from Maggie Fox, her sisters Kate and Leah, and mother Margaret. These documents are held by the American Philosophical Society.

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day - One of the Valentine's Day rules for the women from 1596 was, "After the Queens have chosen, the rest may cast lots for their Valentines." Often names were placed in two separate bags – one for female names and one for male names – and one could choose a name for the entire *year*!

FEBRUARY 15

Alfred Kitson was born in England, where he remained for his entire life. He opened Lyceums at Keighley and Sowerby Bridge, and he developed a system of teaching the English lyceums which was based on Andrew Jackson Davis's model.



FEBRUARY 15

President's Day - In 1968, Congress passed legislation placing any federal holiday on a Monday, including Washington's birthday, to create a three-day weekend. In 1971, President Richard Nixon combined Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays into Presidents' Day. It would be celebrated on the third Monday in February. Presidents' Day is now viewed as a holiday that pays tribute to both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all those who have served as president.

FEBRUARY 26

Isaac Post was born in 1798 and became a Hicksite Quaker as a follower of Elias Hicks. His wife Amy, a worker for women's rights, was a friend of Susan B. Anthony. Their continued involvement in issues of abolition and slavery forced them out of their religious organization. Isaac developed automatic writing and they became fast friends with the Fox family. ♦



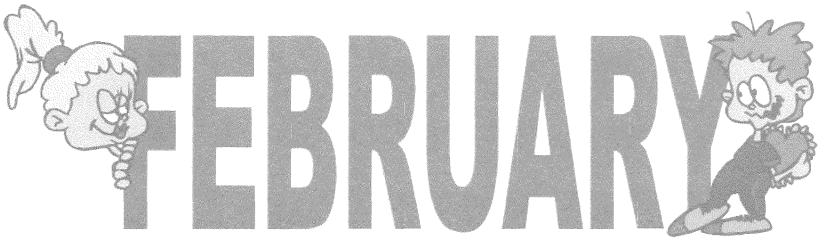
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QUOTES TO BLESS EACH DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 					**1** Spiritualism... solves the difficult problem of all mankind (re: death), saying, "I know." – Harrison D. Barrett	**2** God cannot prevent our suffering and death if we violate those laws which He has established for our own good. – Henry C. Wright
3 In a world marked by the coexistence of multiple faiths...the horizontal relations between faiths require much attention. – William Connolly	**4** For every good deed, the world will be better always. – George P. Colby	**5** To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. – Thomas Merton	**6** Commit your work to God, and your plans will be established. – Proverbs 16:2-3	**7** I don't find anything comparable to the magnificent beauty of a soul and its marvelous capacity. – Saint Teresa of Avila	**8** Hope...is the singular gift we cannot destroy in ourselves...it is all we know of God. – Lisel Mueller	**9** Providence is but the natural and necessary result of Natural Law. – Henry C. Wright
10 Only when enough adults practice/teach children love/respect will intolerance and hate crimes subside in America and the world. – Marian Edelman	**11** Infinite Intelligence, fill us anew with your Spirit.	**12** Let us be Spirit's hands and feet in the work of establishing your kingdom on earth.	**13** Many of us regard this Spiritualist movement as the most important in the history of the world since the Christ episode. – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	**14** A day without rushing is a day of bliss. – Nancy Ashworth	**15** I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. – Martin Luther King, Jr.	**16** Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. – Martin Luther King, Jr.
17 We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. – Martin Luther King, Jr.	**18** **Martin Luther King Day** – Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. – Martin Luther King, Jr.	**19** Meld your world with others to create a better understanding of both. – Nancy Ashworth	**20** If your life includes things you profess to hate, yet you continue to do them anyway, that too, indicates self-betrayal. – Dr. Phil McGraw	**21** Your need for relationship actually stems from your basic human need to overcome your earthly sense of separation. – Caroline Reynolds	**22** Every blessing is a gift from Me to thee. – Nancy Ashworth	**23** We should carefully consider whether we are willing to experience the results of our thoughts. – Ernest Holmes
24 When you follow your inner guidance, choices and decisions seem to flow smoothly. – John Holland **31** When synchronistic events happen, it's the *inner* workings of your soul showing up in your *outside* physical world. – John Holland	**25** It is the individual who is not interested in his fellow man who has the greatest difficulties in life. – Alfred Adler	**26** The purpose of a relationship is for two *complete* people to join together for the greater glory of God. – Marianne Williamson	**27** Bring joy into your world. – Nancy Ashworth	**28** When people ignore their inner guidance, a feeling of stagnation can arise to tell you that you're going in the wrong direction. – John Holland	**29** Emotion can cause commotion without your devotion.	**30** LIVE fully in this world before going to the next one. – Nancy Ashworth

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	1 Synchronicities and so-called coincidences are clear signs that the Divine Source is knocking on your door. – John Holland	**2** Trying to help the world without knowing yourself is like a blind man treating others' eye diseases. First, clear your own eyes. – Ramana Maharshi	**3** If man takes his images of thought only from his previous experiences, then he continues in the bondage which those previous experiences create. – Ernest Holmes	**4** Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. – Melody Beattie	**5** Experience wondrous joy by noticing the beauty all around you. – Nancy Ashworth	**6** Love has the power of making you believe what you would normally treat with the deepest suspicion. – Mirabeau
7 As we sow, so we must reap, but there is no real limitation, for the Creative Life wishes us to have all that we can use. – Ernest Holmes	**8** Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. – Melody Beattie	**9** There are no accidents in this intelligent universe. – John Holland	**10** Rise up and stand UP for God who always stands up for you. – Nancy Ashworth	**11** Man's individual qualities all, directly or indirectly, emanate from God. – Andrew Jackson Davis	**12** Morality must come as a result of organization and development and not by legal enactment. – Dr. Juliette H. Severance	**13** These (Spiritualist) Principles...are abundantly sufficient to direct all men to wisdom, goodness and happiness. – Andrew Jackson Davis
14 **Valentine's Day** – You love the Truth that has lighted your way, and you love the touch of the unseen hand. – Ouina	**15** **President's Day** – To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides. – David Viscott	**16** There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness. – Fredrich Nietzsche	**17** Love is the difficult realization that something other than oneself is real. – Iris Murdoch	**18** We love him, because he first loved us. – 1 John 4:19	**19** Going with God leads you down the pathway of righteousness. – Nancy Ashworth	**20** The Spiritualist creed...is that each person shall be permitted to observe, experience, reflect, reason and judge for himself. – Thomas Lake Harris
21 Matter reveals God's form, but Truth reveals His Soul. – Cora L.V. Scott Richmond	**22** Leave your troubles behind you; keep your eyes on the path ahead of you. – Nancy Ashworth	**23** Spiritualism will make religion infinitely more real and translate it from the domain of belief to that of life. – Gerald Massey	**24** Open your eyes to the love surrounding you. – Nancy Ashworth	**25** The most wasted day is that in which we have not laughed. – Chamfort	**26** To love deeply in one direction makes us more loving in all others. – Anne-Sophie Swetchine	**27** Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. – H. L. Mencken
28 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" – Hebrews 1:14						

Self-Confidence or Self-Esteem? Is There A Difference?

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I've been going on a power walk every morning around my neighborhood rather than my usual desert walks. The thoughts from Spirit still come through, even though I'm seeing concrete and asphalt rather than desert plants and hills. Today I was thinking about what I had received during my recent reading with Mary Fry, a wonderful medium from New Zealand, who recently served our *Church of the Living Spirit*. She talked about my building self-esteem. I replied that I felt pretty confident with myself, but she said, "No, not self-confidence, Linda, but self-esteem."

To me these words had always been pretty much synonymous and her comments got me thinking. Is there a difference between self-confidence and self-esteem? As I was walking, the thought came to me (as always, thank you, Spirit)...the difference lies in within and without. Self-confidence comes from without...self-esteem comes from within. They both can be developed; the difference lies in the manner in which they are cultivated.



Self-confidence comes from outside events and people. Self-esteem is created from within ourselves. I liken it to a building structure...the building is "we" – who we are. There is the frame of the building and then the covering of that frame with cement block, stone or wood. The frame of our building – of who we are – is our self-esteem. The covering of that frame is our self-confidence.

When a person is afraid of speaking in front of an audience, whether it's an audience of three or 3,000, what is the suggested action plan? Isn't it to just keep practicing and speaking in front of various audiences? We can start with an audience of a few; we get congratulated by those folks re: what a good talk we gave, and it provides us courage to continue speaking. Next time, perhaps we are in front of 10 people...then 30...and then 300! We've gained self-confidence because of the positive reinforcement that others have given us.

The more we speak in front of an audience, the easier it becomes. I know this because when I was in grade school, I was scared to death of getting up in front of the class to talk. In fact, it kept me from getting a grade of Superior instead of Excellent with my first French teacher in high school. In order to receive a grade of Superior, we had to give a talk (in English) about something or someone French. I wouldn't do it. And so that semester I got E's for Excellent each quarter instead of an S for Superior.

And then I decided to become a teacher and had to complete my student-teaching training. The first day I took over the class, the butterflies would not keep still...they lasted the entire morning. The next day, they were back...but by the third day they had receded a bit, and by the end of the week I was fine.

My self-confidence grew after that semester of student teaching because some of the students said they really enjoyed my class and my supervising teacher told me I had done a very good job. She told me that she had seen quite an improvement with my teaching over that semester.

When we face our fears, we work through our fears. All those butterflies we tame; we are building not only our self-confidence but our self-esteem.

I already noted that self-confidence grows through outside people and events. I'd like to explain now how self-esteem grows from within as opposed to without.

When we are small children, we always recognize when we have done something that was not appropriate or approved of by our parents, our friends, society or by ourselves. It's that feeling in our tum-tum...that sinking sensation we feel that tells us we have done something we shouldn't have. Have you ever had that feeling?

Sometimes we listen to that feeling and refrain from continuing to do that thing that is not in our best interest...and sometimes we don't. By ignoring that sinking sensation warning sign – over and over again – by pushing it farther and farther away from us, in time we can't even feel it anymore.

There was a TV program that I saw once in which one of the characters, a Native American Indian, was in prison. He talked about a core in the shape of a

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small, solid ball that is inside each of us, in the pit of our stomachs. He was speaking figuratively, not physically. This core represented our soul. Every time we knowingly did something harmful to ourselves or to anyone else, it ate away – it chipped away at this core, at our soul. And it would continue to do so until that core was gone. And then that individual no longer was a human.



That core that he talked about is the basis of our self-esteem. If we allow ourselves, other people and events to chip away at our self-esteem, we may have all the self-confidence in the world. But without self-esteem, where are we? Think about it – where are we?

How can we build self-esteem? Through practice, just like building self-confidence. We need to practice deeds and words of a positive nature, rather than a negative one. We need to do things and say things and live things that are appropriate for us – not for anyone else necessarily, but for us. It is not for outsiders to tell us what is good for us; we need to determine this ourselves. We can. And the more we do this, the more our self-esteem grows. Determining what is a "good" thing and what is a "bad" thing needs to be learned for ourselves. Investigating a subject, an idea, or a belief on our own is crucial to contributing to our own self-esteem. Self-esteem is one of the most important facets to our lives, if not THE most important.

When we listen and believe others, rather than investigating and checking things out for ourselves, we are often misinformed. Knowing that the beliefs we hold, and the statements we make, are based on real knowledge of our own research about any topic contributes greatly to our own self-esteem.

Can we build self-esteem in others? No. We can only build it in ourselves. But we can support them in their decisions that bring them positive results. If a person truly wants to be a pianist, an engineer, a nurse – whatever profession he/she has a real desire for – support that individual and allow him/her to know that if this is the course he wants to follow, your full support is available. Believe in that person's decision. Help him know and understand that the consequences may not be what he is expecting. If that should happen, being there as support when things don't turn out as originally expected, will also help to build his self-esteem.

I leave you with just one question. How healthy is your self-esteem? ♦

From John Holland

In The Spirit Of Giving...

Here are just a few ways you can express gratitude.

- Saying prayers of thanks
- Giving love unconditionally
- Giving blessings for what you do have
- Acknowledging a good deed from your neighbor
- Donating your time to your chosen charity
- Giving food or spare money to a homeless person
- Saying a kind word to a stranger
- Sending a card to someone who could use encouragement
- Even a smile is a gift to others

By giving back, you're acknowledging and honoring the Divine Source, and by doing so, you're keeping the energy of the "giving and receiving circle" open and flowing. When you focus on having an attitude of gratitude, you're really sharing, so that everyone benefits.

Have a *Soul-Filled* Life!

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ILLINOIS

The Ordination of June Killmer
Chicago, Illinois



The Rev. June Killmer (L) with The Rev. Marrice Coverson.

The Church of The Spirit in Chicago, Illinois celebrated the Ordination of June Killmer on August 9, 2009. The Rev. Marrice Coverson, Pastor, was the officiant with Joseph Owen, representing the California State Spiritualist Association, presenting her Certificate of Ordination and National Spiritualist Teacher degree. Family members and friends from Illinois and California took part in the Flower Ceremony. June's son, Donald Killmer, was the soloist. Ninety people were present for the occasion, including five Ordained Ministers. A luncheon was served following the service.

The Church was pleased that June Killmer chose to come "home" to celebrate her ordination. This marked the most recent chapter in her family's 92 year history with the Church of The Spirit. June's father, the Rev. Ernst Schoenfeld, started attending this church at the age of 16 in 1917. Her maternal grandparents became members in the early 1920s, and her mother, Elvira, was a member of the first Affirmation Class in 1925. Ernst and Elvira Schoenfeld met in this church and were married by the founder, The Rev. Frank Joseph.

June grew up in this church where she served as Lyceum teacher, choir member, and Social Chairperson. Her husband, Edward Killmer, started attending the church at age 14. June and Ed were married in the church in 1964 by her father and both of their son's naming services were held in this church. Their membership remained with this church until six years ago, when they chose to become actively involved in a church in northern California where they currently reside. They are currently founding members of the Circle of Love Spiritualist Community in Auburn, California where June is serving as Co-Pastor.

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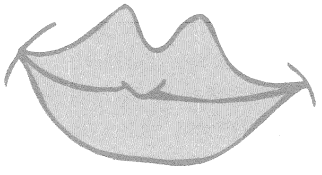
THE REV. WILLIAM E. BUCHHOLZ – Iowa

SÉANCÉ: What you're often able to see standing beside your Uncles!

LEVITATION: Doing like Superman, and 'Getting up, up, and away!' To practice, get into an elevator, lay down on your back, push the button, and go to the top floor of a tall building.

APPORT: A place where lots of "APPLANES' take off and land.

MEDIUMSHIP: Not a small ship, not a large ship, but a...



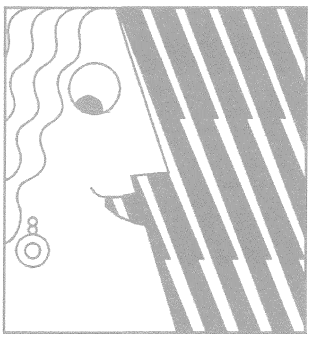
The fact that angels are included in religious traditions of every vane all over the world and that they have been painted by a multitude of artists, who portray their characteristics with remarkable consistency is enough to convince me that angels are real and are to be taken seriously. I need no further proof, because sacred imagery is a more reliable source for the nature of religious experience than any scientific investigation or personal testimony.

– Thomas Moore

Did you hear...?

THE REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST – Connecticut

How do rumors get started? Most of the time that's an easy question to answer. You heard it from a friend who heard it from a friend and so on. Then you find out that what you heard is not even close to what was said or meant. It's not that anyone was looking to start the rumor; most likely they misheard or misunderstood the meaning of what was said.



It seems that we have one of those rumors floating around the NSAC Healing Center. It is being rumored that you cannot list the last name of someone being placed on the monthly healing list or on the list of those that have passed to the Spirit World. I will use my name as the example as to how to submit a name to the Healing Center healing list: Rev. Kathleen L. Rottino, NST, Kathleen Rottino, Kathy Rottino, Kathy, Kat, Kathy R, K. Rottino, or KLR. Take your pick, none of these are wrong and none of these are more right than another. As you can see there are many variations that you can use and using someone's last name is permitted.

There are times when the person submitting a name will include why they are asking for healing to be sent. Please understand that because of HIIPA laws the "why" cannot be included in the monthly healing list.

Then, every once in awhile, I will receive a request from someone asking that their name be removed from the healing list and wanting to know who requested that their name be added. It is always respectful to ask if someone wants to have their name added - in print - to our list. Getting permission first assures that there will be no hurt feelings.

I don't keep records of who places a name to be added to the healing list. Most requests come through e-mails and once I add someone's name to the list, the e-mail is then deleted. This might get you to thinking, "Why would anyone in need of healing not want their name on a healing list?" After all, because of different time zones, prayers are continually being sent forth, creating a wonderful healing energy flow. It might be that they are private, and would prefer that only a handful of people know that they are in need of healing. Whatever the reason, it's not our place to question why, but only to respect their wishes.

The NSAC Healing Center serves as a beacon of light to bring hope, healing and illumination to those who are in need. It's easy to send a request for healing or for someone who has passed to the Spirit World. Click on healing and use the simple on-line request form. The healing form is also published in *The National Spiritualist-Summit* and *The Spotlight* magazines. ♦

THE WORLD

Spirit communication received by Jacqueline Benenati – Florida



Your civilization looks to its leaders to repair all of the existing problems without realizing they can only do so much. It is up to each individual to take responsibility for their part in global, as well as local issues and problems. Everyone clamors for some solution yet many are not willing to help make the changes necessary in order to save the planet. Rulers, politicians or citizens, you are all on the same planet and use the same resources. The world will become what you make of it.

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  February 13 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  February 14-26, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
  Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp – **Two Week Session**
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Once Upon a Misty Morn

Doug Fuhrmann – Arizona



Once upon a misty morn, I looked across the land.

All I saw was fire and smoke, a weapon in my hand.

The thoughts of everyone I loved was racing through my head.

I paused to have a bite of food, but began to cry instead.

I couldn't understand why it was I'm here.

All the love inside myself was suddenly replaced with fear.

My ears were numb, my sight was blurred, but still I carried on.

All the ones who loved me thought one day I'd be gone.

For many months my mind was trained with pain and suffering.

Day and night I saw the things that only hate could bring.

When I start to focus on the objects way afar.

I know deep down inside myself, to his family he was a star.

Across the way I saw an image running straight at me.

On himself a face that I was blind to see.

I raised my weapon from my side, but time was running slow.

The next thing that I thought was, it may be time to go.

It was a misty morn standing over me.

All the ones I loved, all were filled with grief.

I know that I am safe now and all the mist has cleared.

Among me are the images—images I once feared.

When I look upon the eve I can see afar.

Within the darkness of the night it is I who became a star. ♦

New Year Greetings

Some souls have learned everything from invisible guides, known only to themselves…The ancient sages taught that for each individual soul, or perhaps for a number of souls with the same nature and affinity, there is a being of the Spiritual World, who, through their existence, adopts a special solicitude and tenderness toward that soul or group of souls: it is he who initiates them into knowledge, protects, guides, defends, comforts them.

– Abu'l Barakat

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3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "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.
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