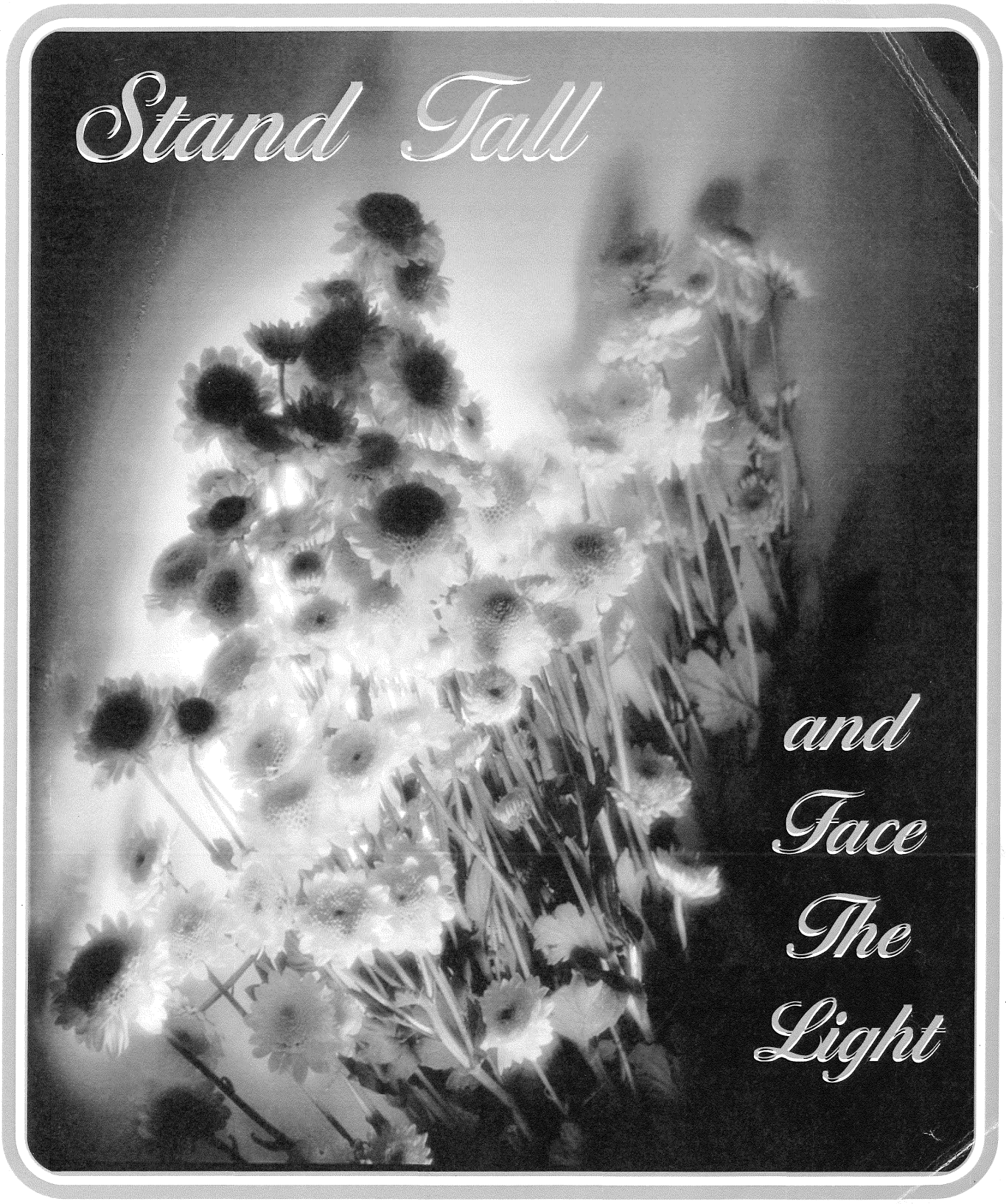
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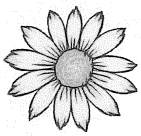
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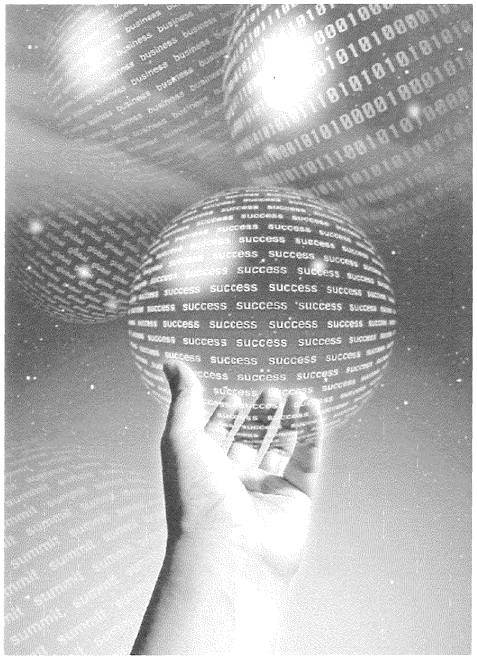
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Spiritualism Today

Where the Past Meets the Future

LAURA LEE PERKINS, EDITOR

Wouldn't it be truly amazing if we could have a bird's eye view of the future! We would have a better awareness of what our next step should be in everything. But the world was not created that way. In our lives, we have to *plan*. Somehow, we must decide what our future should look like, and then try to create that image by first looking back into our past to help us determine how to be the personal architects of our future.



The past meets the future only in the present —right in this very moment. As you read this article, each word that you process moves into the past. The only time that you really have is this very moment. However, one moment tied to another creates our past, leading us into our future. We live in the in-between.

So, for Spiritualism, a huge question looms: ***How can the great traditions of Spiritualism cope with the complexities of today's modern world?*** That is the burning question that each one of our NSAC Board members wrestles with as each vote is tallied on each issue presented to them for deliberation. How are we to honor our past while remaining true to evolving knowledge? How do we move into the future without wrecking havoc on our beautiful traditions, beliefs and spiritual practices?

Our NSAC Board determines Spiritualism's future as each member wrestles and comes to grips with the complexities of not only allowing, but encouraging timely transformations within our religion. We need sages, wise ones to guide us through the myriad issues. We can predict that there will be change. The path of that evolutionary process, however, can be guided in ways that encourage growth by leaders with clear-sighted vision and foresight. Do you know someone who fits this description? Speak with him/her, expressing your admiration, and ask if it is permissible to put their name in the nomination hat!

Scientists agree that there is a rapid global systemic change going on. Time is speeding up, weather events are more erratic — unprecedented change is happening in technological, ecological, social and political fields.

The future is about learning to work *with each other*, both individually and communally. Those individuals who embody characteristics that encourage comradeship, closeness and working together, as opposed to competitiveness, will thrive. Like life, Spiritualism is being required to evolve or die. For those of us who live by the Spiritualist Principles and love our religion, we understand the need for a stronger network of church and auxiliary Spiritualist communities. It is time to hold hands and move forward.

When we are willing to join together as *one force,* problems such as reductions in financial support due to the economy, dwindling congregations or the need for more actively engaged volunteers can raise the awareness of our membership. This can have a positive ending. Hiding problems gives them time to grow.

Often people do not come forward and run for office until they realize that they might lose something that is very precious to them. We are at the precipice of another opportunity to elect individuals who do not feel threatened by competition, but understand that each NSAC Trustee and Officer is elected *for the good of the whole.* We will not vote for candidates who raise ire and conflict. We will not elect candidates who run with an agenda that is "against others." The years of convention political bickering are behind us; we no longer want to reduce ourselves to those types of behaviors. We, as a loving and supportive organization of thousands of individual voices, want to speak in unison and sing in harmony.

This doesn't mean that we shall always agree on *how* the process will take shape, or what form it will embody as we move towards the middle of the 21st century. But it does mean that we care enough about each other, one to one, that we shall listen, think, intuit and then act in accordance with our own level

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Finding Your Spiritual Home

PAMELA M. REINHOUDT – New York



According to the encyclopedia, home is a place of refuge or residence, a dwelling where an individual can store personal property, or find, rest or state of mind where emotional comfort can be found. The dictionary also gives us precise definitions of what a home is thought to be in our western culture. In my life experience, however, the meaning of home has been expanded to incorporate much more.

My residence is where my husband and I live and where our family is welcome with an open heart. It is a place where each individual is free to express their truth and share their thoughts out loud without any negative repercussions. God's love is both known and shown to all. It is where abundant peace, harmony and laughter interweave with zealous conversation. Our home is more than a dwelling; it is a life/force of its own.

There is an old Robert Frost quote that states, "Home is a place where, when you go there, they have to take you in." It should be a trusim in this life that home is a place where, when you go there, they *want* to take you in and welcome you with open arms. No matter what the differences are, all come together in a continuous circle of God's love and light.

A church family is like any other. We are a group of individuals with unique characteristics and diverse personalities, pursuing various careers and having variant economic standing, each of us flawed in our own way. But ultimately, all functional families have one common ground—unconditional love and respect—one for another. We humans are social animals who seek out comfort and companionship. We need to be part of something greater than ourselves. What more appropriate place to find this than in a good church?

As Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. stated, "Where we love and are understood is home, home that our feet may leave, but never our hearts." As Spiritualists, we know the Law of Attraction brings like-minded people together. There is great strength to be found in numbers, and even greater spiritual strength can be found when we surround ourselves with those who hold God's laws as their own. We encourage each other to be the best that we can be and we each extend a helping hand to support and uplift one another as we each develop at our own pace. No one is ahead; no one is behind. Some serve as healers, others serve as mediums, some are teachers. We all are eternal students. From the elders to the children, our lives are made richer by each other.

I have found my spiritual home in the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church family. My wish for each of you is God's speed in finding, if you have not done so already, your spiritual home. When you do, it will wrap you in a cloak of gold to keep you safe on your journey, and will act as a beacon of light, should you ever lose your way. •

Spiritualism Today *Continued...*

of consciousness when we vote. Just like every other organization, living or man-made, we either evolve or we die. We are always moving either in a growth or decline direction; either things are improving or they are not improving—just like our own lives. We need an interactive, conscious, evolutionary process in order to survive. Hierarchy and competitive behaviors involving "payback" have absolutely no place within our religion—or within the parameters of our lives.

It is a time of massive transitions, both internally and externally. It is a time to employ ***Synergy,*** defined as *the working together of people to achieve a result that is greater than the sum of their individual effects or capabilities.* I love this word and think that it makes a great **mantra** (*a word, which is often holy, that is repeated to facilitate spiritual power and transformation of consciousness*). We are entering into a time of evolution *consciously,* which is what makes this time unique. We now can use free will to assist us in determining our own future. We are the designer of our lives, and we are responsible for the future of Spiritualism.

We are going to be electing three NSAC Board members at our fall convention in a Buffalo hotel, a location that has a wonderful tradition of Spiritualists. Raise your hand and nominate a futuristic, positive thinker. You hold the key to the future of Spiritualism in the United States. Remember, "And I promise to do my part."



In Spirit –

Laura Lee Perkins, Editor •

CHURCH GROWTH
How it can help your community & your church

*The new **NSAC Church Growth Committee** has been meeting by conference call over the past few months. This article introduces a summary of the committee's work and the members: The Rev. Drew Vogt, Chair - The Rev. Kimberley Orlowski, NST – The Rev. John Sullivan, NST and Laura Lee Perkins, TNS-Summit Editor.*

How would you like your church to support you? How is it possible for a church to meet the needs of such a fast-paced society? We want to create this conversation and find answers to these important questions.

Many church leaders wrestle with these types of questions because they care passionately about YOU. If you are like most people, you want to grow spiritually, and want to thrive — not just survive. Well, this is exactly what makes Spiritualism relevant as we explore ways to help our churches adjust to a modern culture and meet the needs of a modern society.

My life was changed before I became a Spiritualist Minister when I attended six annual "Successful Church Leadership Conferences." They were incredible! Although designed for Christian churches, all faiths were welcome, and they changed how I practice the ministry by re-thinking and prioritizing people's needs. Many of the tools and techniques I learned have worked for me in established churches, in two I've founded from scratch and for many other ministers.

It seemed obvious that the many tools and resources out there should empower our churches to help healing hearts to thrive. So, I approached our NSAC Board with the idea. They loved it, and our first *NSAC Church Growth Committee* was born! (I prefer to call us a "team" rather than a "committee.")

Our new CG team is deeply inspired to assist in raising the awareness of church growth while empowering churches to fulfill their missions. We meet by conference telephone calls and soon will be using Skype.

I'm excited to share our newly created mission statement with our *TNS-Summit* readers:

The NSAC Church Growth Committee will offer inspiring resources and tools to increase, foster, and sustain membership, to help create successful churches.

It is my deepest desire that you feel inspired to use Spiritualism to build the life of your dreams while teaming up with your church family to do the same. (Vogt)



Many of our churches are struggling with *how to increase their membership roles.* Making your NSAC church *visible* within your community is vital. That visibility has to be concentrated and focused on giving back to your community, one person at a time. When there is a community crisis, does your church respond? When there is a community food bank need or a blood drive, does your church offer to help?

As all advertising companies know, it is continued repetition of images and messages that is retained by human brains. If our churches are a continuing source of compassion and empathy *within our communities,* if we reach out to help others who are outside of our own small church circles, then our churches will be remembered as a place that welcomes all — a spiritual haven where people truly care and respond to others' needs without judgment.

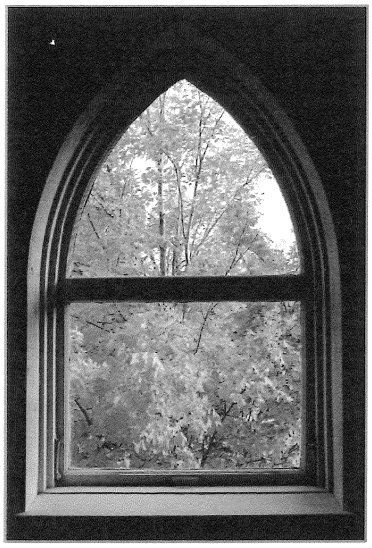
Too often we have compared ourselves — and our religion — to others. Hopefully we have moved beyond those practices into a more inclusive and loving stance. If each church would take a long look at lists that are often readily available at our town halls or in our local schools, hospitals or animal shelters where volunteers are needed, and choose *just one or two ways to serve our communities,* our churches would immediately become more recognized. Perhaps one of your church members already has an established philanthropic community connection which could be expanded?

For example, if the first Monday of each month was the day that the Church of Spiritual Unity in Mt. View volunteered at the Mt. View Animal Shelter, every person involved with that local shelter would *know* that this particular church has members who are reaching out with their time and compassion to

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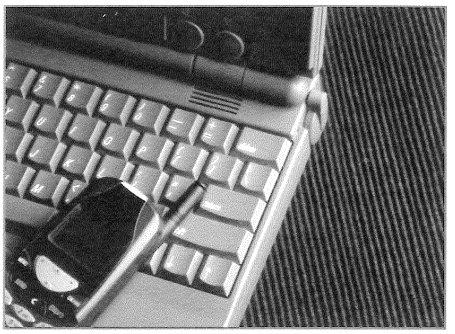
freely *give back to the community.* Other ideas might include volunteering to staff a phone hot-line for a few hours, volunteering to be a substitute grandparent, big-brother or big-sister, visiting a local care facility for the elderly to read for those who have lost their vision, working a few hours with Meals-on-Wheels or volunteering in a local school. If your church could promise to have a volunteer available for the local prison or orphanage for three hours once a week, think what a difference that might make!

There are *so many opportunities to make our churches more visible* right in our own backyards, and then our churches can reap the rewards of receiving back from what we have given. Community members will know that we care, and, when they are searching for a church home, we might have an opportunity to welcome them into our doors. (Perkins)



In our CG discussions about encouraging church growth, I believe we sometimes do not see the proverbial forest for the trees. When one enters your church, whether it is housed in a building that you rent or own, are the people made to feel welcome? Are they greeted by someone who is friendly, welcoming and knowledgeable?

Does the building look clean and in good repair, or is the church and social area in need of attention? Is literature available for those who are attending for the first time so that they can take this information home to read about the church and Spiritualism? Do you have a sign-up list for signatures and e-mail addresses so that information can be sent when new functions are scheduled? Is there some type of coffee and conversation hour after the service where the congregants can be made to feel at home? Do you plan medium days, seminars, workshops and make sure that everyone on your mailing and e-mail lists gets a copy, in advance, of the event? Do you have classes where people can develop their healing and mediumship abilities; is there someone available to discuss more than just the basics — someone easy to talk to about ideas and questions? Each person has a story to tell; is there someone available to listen respectfully? Unless we are able to go beyond the Fox sisters to discuss new, exciting issues and books now available about psychic and spiritual issues, we will be unable to bring into the fold those who might be more knowledgeable than ourselves. We need to continue learning from one another. Sharing is growth! (Sullivan)



When talking about church growth and inspirational resources and tools, we really need to consider how we are working with the internet. Are you making the most out of these readily available (usually free) and easily accessible tools? The benefits of using the internet cannot be understated. Many of us already carry around mini-computers on a daily basis in the form of cell phones. Many of us also have laptops, or ipads in addition to our cell phones. We are a very "connected" society; our churches can make the most of this by having a website. Promoting our events on Facebook, Craigslist, or Meetup type sites, keeping people up-to-date with Twitter, or invites online, real-time interaction with a church blog through Blogger or WordPress type sites. These tools are our modern-day fliers and postcards, and can also be an Earth-friendly alternative to much printed material, which is not cost effective. Online your congregation members and non-members have opportunities to check out what is happening on those hand-held devices we mentioned earlier. Use all types of media to get the word out about your church, and don't forget the internet! If you do not feel competent in setting up your site space online, there are many inexpensive/free resources to assist you. (Orlowski)

These are some of the basic ideas that might help your church to blossom and flourish. It is always important that newcomers never hear any negative language about others or other religions within our church walls. Positivity breeds more positivity.

When we offer tools to assist, support and promote our Principles, we are serving as mentors for Spiritualism. Our Principles work! Let us always serve as shining examples of the Light in our own communities, as we begin to implement new strategies for growth.

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When There Is Death, You Can Help

THE REV. FRANCES D. MONTGOMERY, NST – Spiritual Life Center, Dayton, Ohio

Recently a lady in her early fifties went to bed and died in her sleep. She had been a long time friend of someone I know and that person was pretty upset about the death. They had been friends since childhood, having gone through school together. Not only was there an unexpected loss of a long time friend at a fairly early age, there was also the impact of facing one's own mortality and the realization that this can happen to anybody at any time.



Spirit brought through to us that there was a soul trying to tear through the veil - attempting to pull the veil between life and death apart to get back into her body. She had a husband, grown married children, grandchildren — a normal life with no eminent life threatening health problems. It was so recent that the silver cord connecting her soul to her body was not yet completely severed. The woman was crying desperately, struggling with the veil and attempting to get back into her body. She had gone to bed fine, fallen asleep and simply awakened in the spirit world. She was confused, frightened, frantic, in fact. She had no idea what had happened to her. Her husband was shocked to wake up the next morning and find his wife dead beside him. The family was also traumatized by the sudden loss. My friend was strongly impacted by the thought that this can occur at any time to any one.

(According to Strong's *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, Ecclesiastes Chapter 12:6-7 is the only place in the *Bible* that the Silver Cord is mentioned; "Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.")

Of course the woman wasn't able to accomplish reentry into the body. We did talk with our friend explaining how to mentally send her friend to the Light, to reach out, asking and telling her that spirit would be there to help her and take her to her own loved ones. We asked our guides to work with both of them and especially with the lady who had been unexpectedly taken to spirit. I understand my friend attended the viewing several days later and was calm and better able to deal with things. She commented that it was like seeing a clay body and knowing the soul of the person was still alive and was now okay. She dealt with the viewing dispassionately.

Spiritualism teaches us much and that type of experience really makes it an integral part of our souls' understanding. When we meditate on Sunday mornings you have heard us say what happened before you came here is over. What happens when you leave here isn't here yet. Relax into the now of the moment because NOW, this moment, is really the only time you will ever have. There are no guarantees that this afternoon will come.

On the morning of December 26, 2004 a magnitude 9.3 earthquake struck off the Northwest coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The earthquake resulted from a complex slip on the fault where the oceanic portion of the Indian Plate slides under Sumatra, part of the Eurasian Plate. The earthquake deformed the ocean floor, pushing the overlying water up into a tsunami wave. The tsunami wave devastated nearby areas where the wave may have been as high as 25 meters (80 feet) tall and killed nearly 300,000 people from nations in the region and tourists from around the world. The tsunami wave itself also traveled the globe, and was measured in the Pacific and many other places by tide gauges. Measurements in California exceeded 40 cm in height, while New Jersey saw water level fluctuations as great as 34 cm. Eyewitness accounts, photos, and videos provided unprecedented documentation of the event. That event, which made all of us familiar with the word tsunami, seems to be the beginning of

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many world wide weather events which have resulted in large losses of life.

With all of the world wide weather events that have occurred in recent times, many souls have been unexpectedly thrust into spirit in unthinkable ways. Consider the 300+ souls who left the earth plane in the last week of April this year in Alabama due to tornadoes. Those unaffected have been especially blessed to have not experienced the severely devastating weather that many in the world have had to deal with in recent times - not only the loss of their property and livelihoods, but also many have lost loved ones unexpectedly and horribly. Some will not even have the closure of burial because the bodies are lost forever.

I am certain we all are thankful we have been spared those experiences. With the knowledge of Spiritualism we are able to assist in the quiet of our own homes with the overwhelming work the spirit world has had to accomplish. We know how to send Light, Love and energy to those souls.



When you work with spirit you should be asking your guides, teachers, healers to assist with the new souls entering the Spirit World who are confused at having left the earth plane so rapidly. This is something we can do that is both helpful to others and an exercise for us to use as practice in learning to work with our guides and the God Force. Quiet yourself, open with a prayer or meditation that will uplift your vibration and open the door for working with spirit. Make a joyful noise to the Infinite by giving thanks for your safety and blessings and then ask that your guides and loved ones go to those souls in need — both on the earth plane and in the Spirit World — bringing peace and understanding to those who are hurt, lost or confused. Ask your guides to please act as a light to newly arrived souls in spirit and lead them to the place they should be - to tell them to leave the earth plane and take the hand that is offered to assist them in going to whatever location in spirit will be most beneficial to them.

We know and understand there are many levels of understanding or, as the Master Teacher Jesus said, "many mansions" where help is offered. Your prayers along these lines are an indication you are concerned for others, that you are grateful for spirit protection and that you are freeing your teachers and guides from your needs to work with others who do not know where they are or what to do. Great catastrophes require the energy and work of many souls to bring solace and help to the multitudes who have been personally affected.

We know we are the same when we arrive in spirit as we are when we leave the earth plane. So are those who are suddenly released from life - who may not realize they are in spirit or what to do to go forward. We should be aware, with the knowledge Spiritualism has taught us that we are to follow the light and we will be taken safely where we need to be. Many do not have that knowledge. This is where our guides can be helpful. They know they have work to accomplish and will go to assist, but you, giving them your direction and approval to do so, also adds your energy to their task. You don't have to be fearful of being left alone when they go "to work" - as quickly as the blink of an eye they can be back with you if you have need of their help. Also, there are loved ones around you who aren't trained to do that type of work yet and they can and will remain around you should you have need. A thought will bring them to you as quickly as it is sent.

Many of us are on fixed incomes and can't send money or travel to help clean up damages. All of us have the ability to send help in other ways. All of us are able to tune in to spirit and send energy and prayer. That doesn't take energy from us but rather replenishes energy to us for the help we are sending.

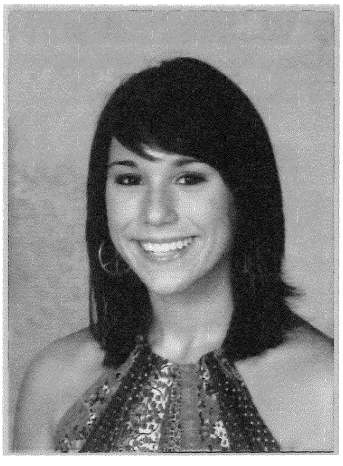
I am pleased that our religion was helpful to my friend and that she allowed me to share this information with you. I am also grateful spirit was able to help both her and her friend. Now it is time for us to add our strength and energy to assist all the others facing crises. Please use the knowledge Spiritualism has taught you to be of assistance to others in need.

About ten days after my friend's experience, her friend, Mindy, (in spirit) came to our class and thanked the group for the assistance that had enabled her to move forward into the light. This is simply verification that all things work together for the good of those who love the Infinite and attempt to work in accordance with Natural Law. Spiritualism teaches personal responsibility and this is one way you can put that teaching to use. Do so with Divine Love. Thank you.

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NSAC/Stow Memorial Scholarship

The 2011 NSAC/Stow Memorial Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to Olivia Maria Cioccia-Church of Summit High School in Summit, New Jersey. She will attend Arizona State University this Fall. Her winning essay is presented here.



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WHAT SPIRITUALITY MEANS TO ME

OLIVIA MARIA CIOCCIA-CHURCH

Spirituality means so many different things to me. It is about believing in something that can not physically be seen, yet knowing it is still there. Born and raised as a Roman Catholic, I believe that God is here to guide me through the good times and the bad. There is not a day that goes by where I do not feel His presence or know I am being watched over. The term spirituality is often tossed around. Although there really is no right or wrong way to describe this term, to me it means something very unique. To me it is seeing God in all people and creations. Also, I believe it explains that all beings are connected through love.

I have learned to embrace prayer in my daily life. It is clear to me that this will not change what God has decided for me, but it is the meditation of prayer that is stress relieving and comforting. Everyday I leave everything in my life up to God. I trust in Him, for I truly believe that He has a plan for every single individual. It keeps me grounded, believing that everything happens for a reason. This is why there is no reason to panic, stress, or worry. Our lives are in His hands.

Aside from believing in God, I strongly believe in guardian angels. I have many family members who have passed on, yet I do not believe they are gone. My grandparents are forever watching over me and guiding me through life. Whenever life gets tough, I feel their presence pulling me through to better days. I feel sorry for those who believe the deceased are gone forever. It is a wonderful feeling, knowing someone is watching over you every single moment of every single day.

Spirituality also means being a giver. Christianity has taught me to spread my beliefs by helping others, which prevents anyone from feeling pressure that they must believe in my personal beliefs. Giving back to my community through numerous services, along with helping my personal relationships, I believe I am passing on what I have learned. What many do not realize is that going to church is not the only way to reach out to God. When I need to get things off my mind, I sit down in a quiet place and spend some time to talk to God through prayer. It is almost therapeutic in a way, to have someone always there to listen.

My mother has helped me to embrace our spirituality. She has always taught me about God and his meaningful messages. She also had me attend a catholic preschool, where I learned my children's *Bible*, which was actually a wonderful way of bonding. She explained the stories and pictures to me, which later helped me connect many aspects of our religion together. With an understanding early on, I was able to get more out of my experiences in church since I had already heard the stories before.

There is not a day that goes by that I do not set aside some time to thank God and my guardian angels for everything that I have in my life. I am so grateful and I would not be the young woman that I am today if it weren't for my faith and spirituality. My beliefs have allowed me to embrace my life without fear or worry. I will continue life's journey with an open heart and mind. I will continue to love and share what I have to offer to the world. God has given me the confidence to chase my dreams and I will not give up until I have achieved them and helped others on their journeys as well. •

You're Going to Convention

THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST – Montana

You have been chosen to attend the 2011 convention! How exciting that is. I think sometimes, within our own churches, we forget how big and important an organization we belong to. Going to convention will surprise you, if it is your first time, regarding how much of the country we cover and how much is expected of our NSAC National Board.

Some people go to convention and don't attend the early meetings. Please go because you need to be present at every meeting. Listen with respect to all opinions expressed. People are different all over the country and they will often have very different opinions. You will learn much if you listen. If you have a different opinion, stand up and give it so that all sides of an issue can be heard.

Remember, "Spiritualism is that which comforts the mourner and binds up the broken-hearted. It is that which smooths the passage to the grave and robs death of its terrors." *– J. N. Edmunds*

You have a responsibility to make decisions that will help NSAC to grow. There is so much of the country still waiting to be educated. There is still much work to be done.

Don't forget to attend the evening services. This is your chance to experience many different lectures and clairvoyants. It is a marvelous time to observe the varied ways people work.

On Thursday afternoon there are two tours: one is to Niagara Falls and another goes to East Aurora. On Saturday there is a tour to Lily Dale, so there is time for pleasant diversions. On Sunday morning is a service at the church in East Aurora; I hope you get to attend. It's my home church with a lovely memorial garden next to it. You have accepted a wonderful honor. Go and make your church proud. When you return, be sure to write up a report to share with the congregation.

"God speaks to man through man. Man himself is responsible for the welfare of the world in which he lives; for its welfare or its misery, for its happiness or unhappiness and, if he is to obtain heaven upon earth, he himself must learn to make that heaven for himself and for others." *– Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell.*

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If you have been chosen to be a delegate for the 2011 NSAC Convention, you have the responsibility of electing THREE individuals for the NSAC Board (officers/ trustees).

Please think about characteristics that are important in providing positive leadership and mentoring styles for our NSAC organization.

As we strive to present a stronger public presence, our leaders need to be articulate (clear), compassionate (kind), "walk their talk" (live by our Principles), and accessible (easy to reach).

- Leaders must first be in control of themselves and have a deep understanding of their strengths and weaknesses before they can start to lead others. (Knowing when to accept a responsibility is important.)
- Leaders need to possess the capacity to motivate others while *always keeping the focus on the highest and best for NSAC.* (Personal agendas are never welcome.)
- Leaders must have the ability to relate to others through the leadership trait of empathy, which involves listening to and appreciating others' viewpoints. (Positive personality characteristics succeed. Negativity is never encouraged.)
- Leaders need to be able to be a "pied piper" — to get folks to work together towards common goals while never attempting to undermine others.

Happy Voting!

Laura Lee Perkins, *TNS Summit* Editor

Guiding Light!

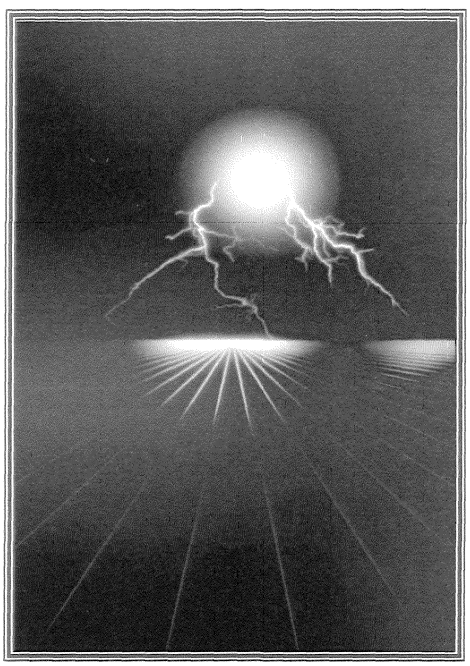
JULIA GOODWORTH SABOL, NSAC LM & CM

"...God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all."
– I John 1:5

There are, for each of us, ineffable and cherished moments in our lives. Such a moment – and a valuable lesson – occurred for me one rainy afternoon in Lily Dale. The experience was a gift, a lovely jewel embedded in my memory, a confirmed connection between this world and the next. Indeed, it was a demonstration of "the substance of things hoped for" and "the evidence of things not seen."

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The phenomenon occurred the first year I served as a registered medium on the grounds. My favorite spot in Lily Dale is Inspiration Stump and for a week I chaired the late afternoon message service beneath the timeless trees of the Leolyn Woods. The weather was beautiful until the final day of my week. In late afternoon the sky turned gray and the treetops began dancing in the wind. In the 1980's, outdoor meetings were held in the Assembly Hall during inclement weather. I hoped the weather would clear. It didn't. An intense gust of wind and a flash of lightening sent me hastening to the Assembly Hall porch to ring the signal bell.



And then the sky opened. The storm, with its driving rain, whipping wind and thunder discouraged visitors and mediums from attending the service. There were fewer than fifty individuals present by the time I stood up and opened the meeting. Only one medium arrived to help. I nodded acknowledgement of his presence and introduced him as he came forward to serve.

Every medium works differently, and this man spoke slowly. After the third message, he looked at me. I suggested he might like to work a bit longer since no other mediums had arrived. He kindly obliged and delivered three additional messages.

I sat on the platform area behind him. Relaxing into the moment and resting my elbows on the desktop, I propped my chin on my hands. Scanning the expectant faces, I recall thinking, "Hmmm...I wonder how a medium knows...how I know...exactly which person is meant to receive a message."

When the medium finished, I stood up and thanked him. He smiled, looked at his watch and said, "My partner's waiting for me to go to dinner, so guess I'm about to get wet!" I nodded and said, "Good luck!" Several individuals turned to watch as he struggled against the wind and rain to open the door.

I waited until the door blew shut behind him and then I said, "Well, now it looks like you're stuck with me unless another brave medium comes floating in!"

A ripple of laughter clearly showed a sense of camaraderie. We were safely inside shut away from the raging storm outside. A few of the visitors stretched a bit and rearranged themselves for comfort. They were ready to watch a different medium work.

"Just give me a moment, please."

I closed my eyes, took a deep relaxing breath and sent a thought to Spirit to open my mediumship and to help me serve with love and integrity. I opened my eyes and scanned the faces before me. The only sound now was the drumming of the rain hitting the roof. Within the room was silent expectation. It was a peaceful moment.

And then it happened!

Suddenly, in a breath-catching blur, a globe of light the size of a bowling ball and as brilliant as the blazing desert sun burst forth from my mid-section, shot across the heads of the people and smacked the forehead of a woman about ten rows back and then disappeared. Perhaps she felt something. For whatever reason, she reached up and brushed the hair back from her face.

All I could think was, "Okay, Spirit, okay. I understand! Thank you!"

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It was so startling to have my mental question of a few moments before answered in such a dramatic way. It was a wonder I was able to retain my composure.

I covered my surprise by quickly blowing into my cupped hands and rubbing them together briefly. Then taking a deep breath, I smiled and reached forth my right hand in the direction of the woman anointed by the light, "I'd like to speak to the blonde sitting alone back there in the green raincoat...oh, about two rows from the back." I looked directly at her and smiled, waiting for her acknowledgement.

She looked around as if to check her location and then glanced down as if to check what she was wearing. Looking back at me, she raised her eyebrows, touched her chest and mouthed the word, "Me?"

"Yes!" I said and smiled. "You're the one. May I speak to you?"

"Oh, yes!" She smiled, nodded and leaned forward slightly in the folding chair.

With a silent prayer of appreciation to my ubiquitous angels and patient teachers, I opened my mouth and relayed the message as it came to me.

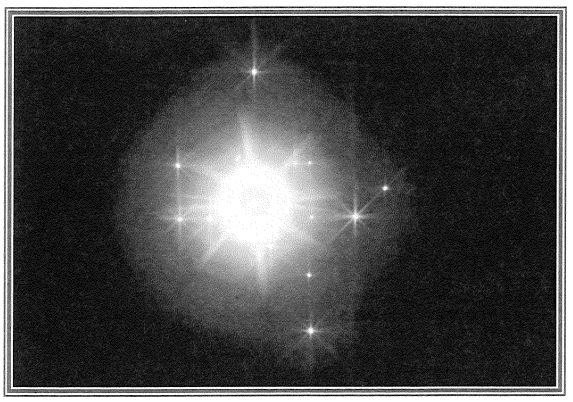
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The dramatic light never appeared again. It didn't need to.

In one dazzling flash I learned how I am *directed* to know exactly which person is to receive the message Spirit gives me. The lesson laid the foundation for the way – the only way – I work.

I have learned "of mine own self I can do nothing" but, with faith in the Infinite Love and trust in the Guiding Light, all things are possible. The Eternal I AM presence is within each of us, equally. Divine Love and Light protects and guides us, equally. Our part is faith. If we trust Infinite Spirit, ask and then listen, the answer *always* comes.

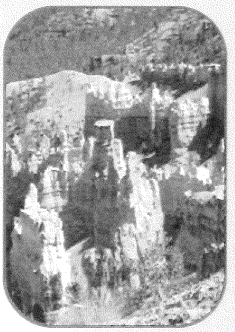
To serve as an instrument of Spirit is a privilege and a humbling experience and fills my soul with joy. Thank you, Spirit! •



poetry

In the Valley of My Soul

LAURA LEE PERKINS



In the valley of my soul
I wait to be inspired
I wait to hear Spirit's voice
At night when I am tired.

In the very first rays
Of the morning's new light,
I listen and remember
My dreams of last night.

Deep within my humanness
A soft glow seems to shine,
I long to fan its gentleness
To connect me back to Thine.

My heart beats so steadily
Within the fullness of my chest,
Rhythmical, summoning, it calls me
To bring forward my very best.

And then I feel the warmth
The knowing of a presence nearby,
I listen and hear a rustling sound
Of angels' wings and I start to cry.

As humans we deal with barriers
Erected along the path of life,
We climb over, around, under and ponder,
We struggle, often with lives of strife.

But today I am going to be happy,
I'll laugh and shout with glee,
Because I feel love deep in my soul –
Joy will abide, merr-i-ly.

For our path in life can be paved
With rough or smooth stones galore,
It is our choice to accept or regret
A little joy, or a whole lot more!

There is never a with-holding of goodness,
Of laughter and joy-filled song,
When we stop to listen to angels' wings,
We *know Spirit* all day long.

Spiritualism–The Light of the World

THE REV. MARILYN J. AWTRY, NST – Florida

We are in the second decade of the 21st century and are aware time is fleeting by. It seems the days and months come and swiftly go. Spiritualists take heed! Both the 19th and 20th centuries passed by without our becoming the hope of our pioneers—that is "**Spiritualism–the Light of the World.**"

We now have the opportunity to review our past and look toward our future. We know that we are in the new era of change and change we must if we are to survive. The coming of the Golden Age requires it. It was Einstein who said, "Insanity is doing the same things over and over and expecting different results." Just what does that mean for Spiritualism and Spiritualists? Simply, we must take stock of what has been in order to plan for the next step in Spiritualism's evolutionary process. Many fear the word change because they expect it would destroy that which was in the past. But fear is nothing but "false evidence appearing real."



Spiritualists must always have respect and gratitude for the wonderful works of our pioneers. We can honor them by making the necessary changes to move us closer to the goal they held close to their heart—**Spiritualism, the Light of the World.** We recognize our pioneers continuously moved in a progressive mode. Why then, did they not meet their goal?

The very first reason was that while a few desired to move forward, the majority consistently fought the forming of an organization for all Spiritualists. The men believed that the mediums, predominantly women, were not qualified to lead. The women, many of whom were in the Suffrage movement, did not want to be subservient to the men. In 1865, that battle finally ended when the *American Association of Spiritualists* was formed. It was successful for some time. However, many of the men were not in favor of Victoria Woodhull as President. The women loved her in the Suffrage movement, but would not support her as President of the A.A.S. By 1875, the organization was obviously a failure and, when Victoria resigned, it was far too late. So, once again, Spiritualists dispersed into small groups here and there. However, a positive note was that Spiritualists had now developed many open-air meetings that became very stable as Spiritualist Camps.

The next reason was that some mediums saw a lucrative business opportunity; messages from the other side were in demand. As the demand increased, they could only support it by fraud. This caused several to spend time incarcerated in lunatic asylums. The negative headlines did nothing but degrade Spiritualism as a whole. In an attempt to stop the attacks on mediums, Mary E. (aka M.E.) Cadwallader and Harrison D. Barrett formed the *Spiritual Educational and Protective Union of Lily Dale.* Both of these staunch Spiritualists stood in many a court room defending honest mediums. Mediums, however, became their own worst enemy. They now turned to theatre stages with a door fee for their demonstrations. Theatrics did not enhance the demonstration of mediumship.

Finally, 17 years after the *American Association of Spiritualists* (A.A.S) failed, a national umbrella for Spiritualists was formed in Chicago, Illinois, in 1893—the *National Spiritualist Association* (N.S.A). Once again, this effort resulted in Spiritualists from throughout the United States coming together in an attempt to make **Spiritualism the Light of the World**. Things went quite well until the mid 1920's, when each evolving in their own timing had different ideas of what should be embraced as a part of Spiritualism. Some left the organization over the reincarnation issue, some left because of the Jesus or Holy Bible factor while others had grievances over the leadership. Some wanted to retain the old, while others sought the new, and so the NSA membership greatly decreased.

Those who remained saw a need to improve various avenues of the movement. The Educational Department offered a General Course written by Thomas Grimshaw and Mark Barwise. This was expanded by an Advanced Course offered by Dr. Victoria Barnes. The umbrella organization attempted to revive the organization and their efforts resulted in

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an increased membership. Education played an important roll in the movement. Although some saw the need for change, others held strongly to "the way we always did it" syndrome. To these factors was added the modus operandi of petty politics as well as personalities. By the mid 1970's, the same old issues surfaced, and the membership began another decline which continued into the 1990s. By the 21st century, membership was at an all-time low. The number of churches had dropped from the low thousands to an estimated 885 world-wide. Membership around the world has now dwindled to less than 50,000. Being aware that our numbers have gone from the millions to the low thousands around the world should challenge us to change!

Change requires a review of things, a tally of what was productive and what was a hindrance. Then it is proper to take those facts and lay out a plan for the future. The data assures us that something has gone wrong. However, a review of our past and looking to the future offers a solution.

This new century gives us opportunity to lay out a plan of action to bring things together and recognize there is "Strength in Unity," as was so often quoted by the late Florence Becker. The question at hand is, "What next?"

It is time to put things in proper perspective. The philosophers of yesteryear brought thousands upon thousands into the movement through their oratories. The philosophy was the solid rock of the new movement. During the first six years of the new movement, the gatherings were strictly philosophy; mediumship was not entertained. In the sixth year, special halls were rented and became the holy ground upon which the continuity of life was demonstrated by accomplished mediums.

Today, perhaps one issue is that the word message/reading has become synonymous with the term Spiritualism. Most of the public seems to think a Spiritualist is one who gives readings. They are not aware of our philosophy or religion. The predominant advertisements in the newspapers and magazines invite one to "psychic fairs" or "readings." Perhaps it is time to revitalize our philosophical agenda. Perhaps it is time to put the "spiritual" back in Spiritualism. Perhaps its time to unify; working together is sure to offer a solution. In this second decade of the 21st century, Spiritualists have the opportunity of revitalizing the movement and establishing **Spiritualism—the Light of the World.** •



poetry



OCTOBER

By the mountain stands October
Like a weaver brown and old
For his warp he uses sunbeams,
Threads of palpitating gold
And the loom spread out before him
Is the forest dim and green
While his shuttle, plying swiftly,
Is the wind of autumn keen.

For his woof he chooses colors
Amethyst and purple lost
In the blue of smoke and shadows
In the gray and early frost
Vivid carmine, saffron, amber
Faded tints the summer left
Mauve and lilac softly blended –
All these form October's weft.

All day long I hear the music
Of his shuttle and his loom:
All day long I watch him weaving
Till the stars begin to bloom
And the figures on his fabric,
As they each day brighter grow
Seem the forms and flower like faces
Of the Junes I used to know.

Alice E. Allen
In Lippencotts Herald Journal October 12, 1911

submitted by Rev. Frances Montgomery



Where are They?

THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST – Maine

Recently, while shopping in a local store, I heard my name called. When I turned around to see who it was, a long-time church member (whom I had not seen in church for some time) came up to me. This person had previously been very regular in attendance, but recently she very seldom came to a service or class. She seemed pleased to see me and told me how much she missed coming to church. She explained that her work hours had been changed and, with family demands, there was just no time left.

This is typical of the many reasons that I have been told, in recent years, as to why members have not had time to attend very often. Church does not seem to be very high on the priority list in our modern life.

In the past generations, going to church on a Sunday was a habit that had been conditioned in childhood. Most children were sent to Sunday School and the parents attended a service on a regular basis. In the past, there were not as many other activities offered on Sundays to attract people. All but a few stores were closed. The movie theaters and most gas stations were closed. Most people worked more regular hours, five days a week, and only a few emergency jobs, like police, firemen and hospital workers, were on duty on Sundays.

Sunday was a day of rest, a day for church, the family, recreation in general and sports. Those Sundays have gone in the last few years. Now stores are open seven days a week (some never close), factories operate 24-7 and many forms of entertainment are always available. This has made for shift work; often family members have different times off work and, as a result, have very little time together. I know some who want to attend church but are unable to because the husband works nights and the wife works days to share childcare responsibilities.

So, when we wonder why we only see a small percentage of our membership in a class or at a Sunday service, sometimes it is because some members have very little time to themselves. When they do, there are many things more demanding (and sometimes more interesting) than church, and numerous responsibilities and interests are competing for their time. There are many reasons today for religion being low on the priority list in households. With limited spare time, the average person has to select what their priorities are and there are many other things competing with a religious belief for their spare time.

In addition, science — and greater knowledge in general — has raised much skepticism and doubt about things that were formerly accepted at face-value in many religions. Today we know so much about spiritual leaders, and often we hear or read about cases where religious leaders have lost the respect of the congregation by the way they have lead their personal lives. People are better educated today and they want answers that can be verified. I feel these are some of the reasons that many churches have been closed due to lack of congregation.

Spiritualism is a complete belief system. It is not based just on faith; it proves its beliefs. It proves that there is a continuity to life by the verifiable messages received through its mediums. Our philosophy of personal responsibility is practical in every day life — we are responsible for our own happiness or unhappiness. It is easy to see the results! Spiritual healing has been validated and now the medical profession has accepted its benefits.

We are not a religion of fear. We do accept the good in ancient sacred writings, but with the understanding that many of these texts were written when the world was considered a flat plate where you could fall off the edge. Our earth was considered the center of the universe and everything revolved around it. Sickness was thought to be the result of demons and many other fictitious things. So, when reading the Bible (or any other sacred books), we must remember that when these were written, knowledge was very limited and superstitions were very prevalent.

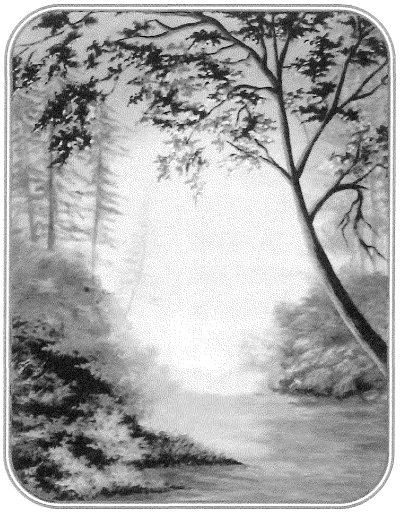
Often a person will come to a Spiritualist church for the first time because they have lost a close relative or friend. They come hoping to make contact, and when they have satisfied themselves with contact a few times, they often drift away. I don't feel they came for the philosophy, but it is the philosophy that should

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To Heal Is to Let Go

ROSALEE JACKSON – Spiritualist High Desert Church of Reno, Nevada

One of the aspects of Spiritualism is healing. There are many emotions that cause disease if you hold on to that emotion long enough. In the prayer for Spiritual healing we say "I ask the Great Unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all honesty and sincerity and I will do my part." Do we just read this or say it by rote because the chairperson says "Let's say the Healing Prayer," or do we ask sincerely and honestly to be healed? When we sit in the healer's chair, are we really there in the moment, or is our mind wondering about something else such as, "Did I put the cat out?" or "Did I lock the patio door?"



To heal is to let go. When you are in the healer's chair, think only of being healed and vibrations from Spirit will flow from the healer's hand through you.

Two of the most powerful emotions that are detrimental to our health are anger and fear. In my opinion, anger is downright poison. Someone might do something to you that is unthinkable or uncivilized. You get angry. At the time you are unable to tell them what you think, because you know that you will explode. So you become quiet and hold it all in. Then you are alone and the chatter in your mind begins. You relive the incident over and over again. "I should have" or "could have done" or "said this" or "that."

Eventually you let go of the chatter about the other person and you might start to blame yourself. You put yourself down, and all the negativity you felt toward the other person is turned inward, on you. This negative energy has already taken its toll on your nervous system and the stress from it will only worsen.

So let go of the anger or any anger from the past that you are holding on to. Be gentle with yourself. It is natural to get angry, but learn to let it go. If you feel it is necessary, go through the entire incident in your head, and let go of each negative emotion associated with it.

Another powerful emotion is fear. Fear keeps us stuck. Fear restricts our thinking and our progress. When my old fears from childhood come up, I do not dwell on them, because if I do, they might take root and grow again. Fear manifests as lack of confidence, courage and clarity. Think of the joyous things in life and rid yourself of fear and anger.

When you prepare to be in the healer's chair, think about things that make you happy. The things that make you happy are the most healing to you. Who are the people that you know or talk with who make you happy? What are the places that you visit or think of that make you happy? What are the colors that make you happy when you wear them? These things are also healing for us.

Sometimes we ask for healing, but there is such a log jam of negative emotions in our consciousness that there is no room for healing vibrations to flow. So, in our Healing Prayer, when you ask that all obstructions be removed from your mind and body, really mean it and make room for soothing, healing vibrations from Spirit. Release the past. Ask that all trauma, fear, anger, grudges and misgivings from the past and present be resolved—and really mean it. To heal is to let go. If we are cheerful, optimistic and always grateful, we will be healed. •

Where are They? *Continued...*

keep them coming. The philosophy, I believe, is what we need to teach more. People need a good philosophy for living in today's world. Many are looking for guiding principles that can fit into a modern life in a modern world. They will keep coming back if they feel it is worth their time. We need to offer them that help, through example, of how to build a more productive and happy life today. That is the purpose of our nine Spiritualist Principles, and it is a huge part of what we have to offer to today's contemporary society. Messages and Spiritual Healing are very important components of Spiritualism, but it is our Spiritualist Philosophy that offers us guidance and character building, which result in a life of fulfillment. •

Attending a Stewart Alexander Séance

THE REV. LISA BUTLER - Nevada

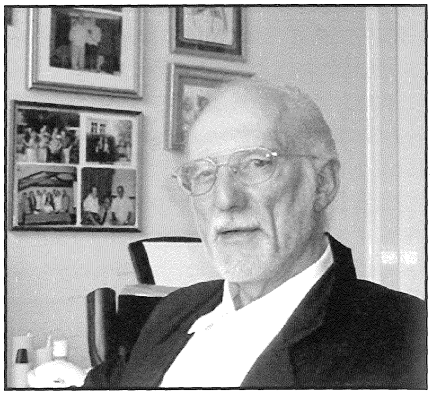
In October 2010, Tom and I traveled to the Cober Hill conference center in England to attend a Stewart Alexander and Friends conference, and were fortunate to be invited to stay for a small private sitting. Stewart began developing in a home circle in 1967 and his physical mediumship began showing itself in 1982. He is now retired and seldom conducts public sittings.

The sitting began with circle leader, Ray Lister, strapping Stewart's arms to a chair with thick cable wraps that assured he could not be released without a cutting tool. Stewart sat in a cabinet made of a wood frame with cloth sides. Luminous tabs were placed on his knees and on the curtain rod, permitting us to see where his knees were and if the curtain was open. The sitters sat close together in a circle so that the ones on each side of Stewart could hold his hands. There was a round table sitting in front of him, about eighteen inches in diameter and two feet tall. Two trumpets sat on it with additional cable wraps and a pair of drumsticks. A very dim light within could be turned on to illuminate the top without harming the entranced medium. Ray said a prayer and music was played while Stewart entered trance. It was only a few minutes before we heard the first voice come through as White Feather, Stewart's North American Indian guide. He is the first and last to speak in every séance. He greeted everyone and said, "...for a while we shall endeavor to remove the barrier between our two worlds so that once again, within this place of infinite love, we may converse together. We may once again be together as one united whole."

Christopher was the next to come through. He is very likeable and fun. He is responsible for relaxing the atmosphere and soon had everyone laughing. He told us he was the entertainment while everything was made ready.

Walter Stinson was the next to speak. Walter is a Canadian by birth and was the brother of the famous Boston physical medium from the 1920s and 30s known to the world as Margery. Stewart told us before the séance that Walter is largely responsible for creating the physical phenomena and is in control of experimentation and further development within the home circle. He is also quite a ladies' man with a good sense of humor; using laughter to raise the energy.

Walter began by saying that he was merely a human being and that there was nothing angelic about him. He told us he discovered that after death, he lived on in a very real world. A world that in many ways was very physical. He said, "Your world to you is a world of reality but I tell you that your world is temporary. Our world is the world of ultimate reality." He said that his world was very similar to ours, that it was a very substantial world; a world of fellowship and infinite beauty.



STEWART ALEXANDER

Walter spoke to Ann Harrison to say he had been with her husband, Tom, who passed just the week before. He then asked if there was a lady present who had not sat at his side before. I replied that I had not. He asked my name and then asked me to sit beside him. A red light was turned on so that I could change seats, and once I was seated, he asked me how long I had been involved in seeking answers about survival. I said forty years, and he replied that, in just another sixty years, I would have been involved as long as he had. Everyone laughed.

Walter told me they were extracting living energy, ectoplasm, from Stewart, and then instructed me to "Reach out very gently with your left hand and take Stewart's hand." He asked me to place my right hand on top of my left and not to let go under any circumstance explaining that he wanted me to know the reality of what was about to take place.

Walter then asked me to move my right hand up Stewart's arm until I felt the strap binding him to the chair. When I confirmed that I felt the strap, he said that they were going to try to take Stewart's arm through the strap, and all of a sudden, Stewart raised his arm with my hand still on his hand. At the same time, there was a noise that sounded as if the strap had broken. I was asked to feel the arm of the chair. The strap was still on the chair and not broken! The red light was turned on so that all could see as I pulled on the strap to show

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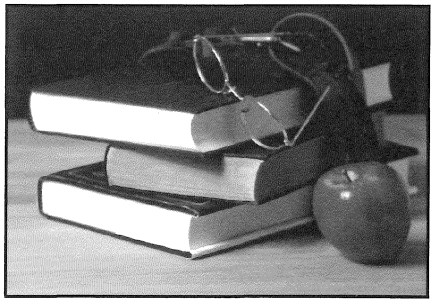
Walter asked me to place my right hand on my left and tell everyone that I had not let go of Stewart's hand, and then move my hand up Stewart's arm. I did and discovered that the strap was back on his arm! Walter said, "Stop, press on the strap. Do you want it?" I eagerly said, "Yes!" and was startled as Stewart's arm again lifted away from the chair, but this time, with the strap still on his arm. Again, the strap made a snapping sound and I was told to take the strap, and when I did, Stewart's arm fell back to the armrest with my left hand still on it and my right hand holding the cable wrap!

We heard a tapping, rattling sound on the table and Ray told us that it was one of the cable wraps that we had seen laying there. I could hear the cable tie making that distinctive click - click - click noise as it is being tightened on something. It became quiet again and I was asked to verify that he was once again secured to the chair. He was!

The red light was turned on so that all could see Stewart was again strapped to the chair. I was asked to return back to my chair with June, a member of the home circle, taking her place again next to Stewart again.

Walter asked us to sing, and in a short time, one of the trumpets began flying about the room, and eventually began touching sitters. Tom was to my left and was touched on his chest and then the trumpet touched his left shoulder and gently moved over his head to his other shoulder, continuing to touch him as it did. It moved to my left shoulder and ever so gently across my cheek, the top of my head, my right cheek and shoulder in a slow motion that felt like a caress. It moved on to touch others and there were many sounds of delighted sitters as it performed impossible maneuvers in the darkness. As evidence of how much the circle has developed, Stewart had been "awakened" during this and had been commenting on the trumpet's movement.

A strange "woof, woof" sound came from the trumpet. Ann Harrison said that it was Sunrise, medium Minnie Harrison's gatekeeper and protector. The trumpet stopped in front of Ann and moved in a circle, first one way and then the other. This was Sunrise's signal to the Harrison's home circle that he was present. Ann asked out loud if it was Sunrise and the trumpet moved up and down like someone nodding their head "Yes!"



Freda Johnson was next to visit the circle to help loved ones communicate with sitters. She asked me to sit beside her saying, "I have a gentleman here who so wants to speak to you. In a moment, I am going to step aside so he can come and speak for himself." I could hear someone struggling to speak and the hand I was holding was shaking as I heard "Is that you? "I responded that it was me and the voice said, "Dad." I said that I had wanted to communicate with him for a long time, that he was an engineer and I just knew he would figure it out. My interest in spirit communication started with my father's transition, but I had never received an EVP from him. Hearing him then was overwhelming and a wonder that I will never forget. As evidence of who he was, he told me twice that he could walk just fine now. My dad had congestive heart failure which made his feet so big that he could not walk without pain. He also said, "Mother is with me." He always called her "Mother" and not "Mom."

After other loved ones came through, Walter returned and invited Brian K. to sit at the table across from him. Soon a blob of ectoplasm could be seen on the illuminated tabletop. It formed into a large hand which Walter said was his. It knocked on the table and Brian said that it was a big hand. Next, Walter asked Brian to place his right hand on the table with his palm downwards. We could see that the hand moved toward Brian's hand and he announced that it was holding his hand and that it felt like a human hand.

Many of us were called to the table after that. I sat on Stewart's right and friend, Dr. Annette Childs, sat on his left. We were all asked to put our hands on the table and stretch out our fingers so that they touched the adjacent hand. Walter told us that they were removing Stewart from his bindings so that we could tell others that Stewart's hands were controlled. Once again, we heard the sound of Stewart being removed from his ties.

Annette and I were told to hold Stewart's fingers on the table and Walter asked Ray, who he affectionately calls Raymondo, to switch on the light so that all could see everyone's hands, especially Stewart's. The dark shape of a large hand suddenly came from the direction of Stewart and knocked sharply on the table! We were then asked to remove our hands from the table and hold hands. The table began to move levitating on its own. It touched my knee, and judging by the comments of the others sitting around the table, it was touching them as well.

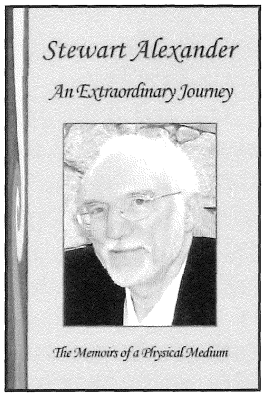
As this was happening, we noticed that someone new was trying to speak through Stewart and we heard, "Con..." and "Constan..." and then we heard "Konstantin." He repeated his name and then was gone. Walter came back and said that this contact (Konstantin) was unexpected and that,

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"The gentleman says he has fulfilled his promise. There are great advancements that will be made in the near future." Walter asked if we understood that and we said that we did. Walter continued to say, "He will continue to do his finest. That is all that he can do."

This communication was very evidential and actually cross-correspondence. As Konstantin Raudive, famous EVP researcher, had communicated with us in a David Thompson séance just months before. He had given a code word and also mentioned "Childs." Here Annette Childs and I were sitting on either side of Stewart as he came through. He had kept his promise and we were to later learn a member of the Association Transcommunication, which we are directors of, had gotten an EVP with his code message on the date that he had told everyone to record for it. To say that we were blown away by this would be an understatement!

After we returned to our seats, Dr. Barnett spoke, saying that he and another person had partially materialized in the room. He touched Tom's head, and then taking Tom's left hand with his two hands said, "God bless you, I am so pleased to make your acquaintance. Continue with your work. You are known in my world." Dr. Barnett moved next to Ann Harrison and then to Annette Childs before returning to the cabinet. Dr. Barnett talked for a while about the spirit team's work with Stewart and told us about things that they want to accomplish in the New Year, after which he spoke a blessing for us and was gone. Walter returned to say a few words before ending the séance; "We that know the truth about survival ... we have a shared duty and that is to convey to all mankind this wondrous truth, and this is something that we can do together, my world and your world. We can reach out together so that we may help the bereaved so that we may quell the anguish of separation. We can work together as a united whole. Understand that whenever you do what White Feather calls 'The work of the spirit,' you will not find us absent. Whenever you send out a call, we shall be there with you. You may not see us, sense us or hear us, but be assured that we will be there to help, to inspire, to guide you in whatever way that we can. We are aware of you all as individuals. We are aware of your work, so know this: that we are always with you. *Together we can accomplish so very much."* •



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I've heard it said, "Don't go to bed while hanging on to sorrow
You may not have the chance to laugh with those you love tomorrow."

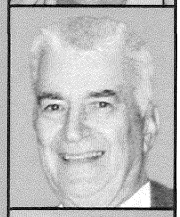
You may not mean the words you speak when anger takes its toll.
You may regret your actions once you've lost your self control.

When you've lost your temper and you've said some hurtful things,
Think about the heartache that your action sometimes brings.

You'll never get those moments back, such precious time to waste,
And all because of things you said in anger and in haste.

So if you're loving someone and your pride has settled in,
You may not ever have the chance to say to them again,

"I love you and I miss you and although we don't agree,
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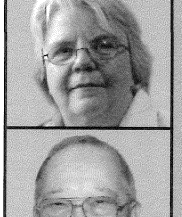
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MONROVIA - The Spiritualist Church of Revelation • 200 W. Colorado Blvd., 91016; Sun. Church Service 11:00 a.m.; Pastor & Pres. Martin Pina; Sec. Mr. Winston Lumley; (626)256-3403, greenry@earthlink.net; for class info please call church phone.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 209, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Service 10:00 am.; Classes (see Pastor); Healing All Message Service, last Sun. of the month at 10:00 am; Pres. Hal Clark; Pastor Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST, (916)652-4568; rsdawson@wavecable.com / www.CentralSpiritualistChurch.com; Sec. Dawn Meeker, mailing send to church address.

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

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC • "The Friendly Church" 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Service 6:00 p.m., 2nd & 4th Sunday; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 1327 W. Hedding St., 95126; (408)615-0214; PeruchLise@aol.com

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds • 1550 San Leandro Blvd., (Deaf Comm. Center) 94577; Sun. Service Healing 10:30 a.m., Reg. Service 10:45 – 12:00; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (925)283-1449; Pres. Rev. Sandi Deckinger; All mail to Sec. Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549-2925.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter • 1028 Garden St., 93101; (805)965-4474; Pastor Judy Campbell-Clark; pastorjudycc@verizon.net; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m., Regular Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Message Service 6:30 p.m., Sun. Unfoldment Class 1–3 p.m.

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NIANTIC - New London Spiritualist Church • 11 Freedom Way, 06357; Mail. Addr: 1568 Route 80, Guilford, CT 06437; www.nlspiritualist.com; info@nlspiritualist.com; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon with Fellowship lunch following; Mediums' Day readings on last Sat. of month, 1–4 p.m. See website for class schedules, workshops, events. Pastor Barney Thomas; Pres. David Foulkes; Sec. Barbara Thomas.

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

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church Of Spiritualism • 293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203)637-4615; mailing address - P.O. Box 143, 06870; Sun. Service 11:00 a.m., all welcome.

WILLIMANTIC - The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic • 268 High St., 06226, (860)423-5774; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service twice a month June – August. For information, call the church Pastor Joyce Orcutt, 14 Harbourt Dr., Winchester, NH 03740, (603)239-7268.

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WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC • 3038 Q St., NW, 20007-3080; (202)333-5114; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Service 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; reveao@yahoo.com; Pres. William Partridge; Sec. 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. Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Sermon, Messages at all services; Sun. Children Lyceum; Pastor Rev. Leslie Chaillou, NST (407)756-7331; Pres. Ronald J. Lerch (407)834-5378; Sec. Marsha Hall; MySCOA.org

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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; Sec. Peggy Bunch Cowley (708)633-0196; peggybunch@comcast.net

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

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth • 6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.)60634; Service 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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GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC • 2430 W. 11th Ave.; Service Sun. 3:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres. Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Sec. Erma Russell, 2233 Vermont St., 46407; Unfoldment Classes 1st & 2nd Sat. of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS - The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis • Sun. Healing, Devotional & Message Services 6:30–8:00 p.m.: 3020 S. Meridian St., Ste. F, 46217-3221. FMI call Pastor Bonnie J. Darby (317)796-3505 or www.thespiritualistchurchofindianapolis.com

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC • 3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Sun. Serv: Healing 11:00 a.m., Devotional and Message Service 11:30 a.m. Wed. Development Class 6:00 p.m. 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; Sec./Treas. Marilyn Smith; Church (317)966-4856; www.newdawnchurch.org

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC • 314 W. Cool Spring Ave., 46360; Devotional, Healing and Message Service, Sun. 10:30 am; Pastor John Kamph (574)298-5080; Sec. Joy Marsh (219)879-0292.

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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp • Mt. Pleasant Park, 52732; admin@mvsa.info; (563)570-2768 (Sep-May); (563)242-0116 (Jun-Aug); Holly Chase, mail to: 2140 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, 52803.

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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church • Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207)622-8980; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; Thur. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pres. & Pastor Earl L. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; (207)582-6745; Sec. Rev. Pat Wallace.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Spiritualist Church • 15 State St., Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; Sec. Rev. Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401 (207)848-2273; betty.simpson@maine.gov; Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather. www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org will be updated in case of changes. FMI call the Sec. or Kathy Goodness VP, (207)989-7266.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Center & Camp – 546 Town Farm Rd., 04220; Pres. Robert Foster, bobham@core.com; Sec. Rev. Stephanie Frobese, penf@megalink.net, (207)388-3436.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp • Located at historic Lakewood Theater Village off Beach Rd., Rt. 201, 6 miles N. of Skowhegan. Camp season May–Sept.; Camp (207)474-0124; Pres. Rev. Pat Wallace (207)582-6745; Sec. Mike Carter (207)797-2039; For program information and events, visit www.madisoncamp.org or email madison@mainespiritualism.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc. • Shore Road with Penobscot Bay view. Pres. Ernie Van Den Bossche. Camp runs mid-May-Labor Day w/different medium each week offering private readings by appt. Church services Sun. @ 2:30 & Thur. @ 7:30 PM. Message Circles @ 7:30 PM Wed & Sat. Workshop Sat. morning, Seance Tues. @ 7:30 PM, Social Enlightenment Fri. @ 7:30 PM, "How Do Mediums Do That?" class Sun. @ 12:30 PM. Lodging available. During Camp Season Ph: (207)338-3029 / Off-season contact Sec. Sylvia Coulombe, P.O. Box 22, Belgrade, 04917; WellnessGardens@aol.com / thsc@mainespiritualism.org / www.templeheightscamp.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church • Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sun. at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp May to Oct. and at Excelsior Lodge on the corner of Shore Rd. and Cove Rd. Northport, Nov. to April; Pres. Janice Nelson (207)845-2885; Sec. Marguerite Walker, 21 Old Windsor Rd., S. China 04358.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church • Mailing address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Service 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Rev. Graham Connolly, (207)655-6673; pschurch@maine.rr.com; www.portlandspiritualistchurch.org

• MASSACHUSETTS •

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc. • 126 Merrimack St.; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; Mail to: P.O. Box 115, 01844; Contact Pres. Dwight Broadstone (603)783-4456 / www.nhspiritualist.com

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp • P.O. Box 1556, 02558; Summer schedule www.onisetwigwam.com / info@onisetwigwam.com

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

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem • 34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Service 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Service 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (978)745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - June; Pres. Pat Cizewski, (617)745-9840; Sec. Janice Kaplan, 21 Buttonwood Lane, Peabody, 01960 - (978)532-2044; www.firstspiritualistsalem.org

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc. • 33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413)732-1234; Worship Service, Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes upon sign-up; www.springfieldspiritualistchurch.com; Pastor Rev. John F. Sullivan, Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413)238-5344, sully1942@verizon.net; Sec. Denise St Pierre, dstpierre7@verizon.net

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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. Service & Lyceum 6:30 p.m.; Contact Sec. Dianne L. Smith, (248)545-5680.

JACKSON - Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches • 2540 Norwood Rd, 49203; Sec. Rebecca Strauss.

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

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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; Service Mon. 7:00 p.m.; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST, Sec. (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. Service, 10:00 a.m.; Pres./Speaker, Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255, (651)699-4858; Sec. Gerald Kemling; Church phone (651)225-4609.

• MISSOURI •

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

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC • 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Service 11:00 a.m. and Philosophy Class – Noon when scheduled; Pastor/Sec. 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), www.spiritualistdesertchurch.com; spiritualistdesertchurch@yahoo.com; Service Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., Thur. 6:30 p.m. for Healing and Meditation Service, followed by a Development Circle. Vicky Homann, Pastor (702)234-1147.

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: Sun. 11:00 a.m. Pres. Mary Beth LoVecchio; renospiritualistchurch.org; Mailing address: Sec. Rev. Lisa Butler, 3415 Socrates Dr., Reno, NV 89512, tomalisa2@aol.com

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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; Sec. Jeanne Phoenix Laurel, (716)286-8628 or (716)876-4805.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly • 5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716)595-8721, Fax (716)595-2442; Office Hrs., 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 Sun.; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Martha (Martie) Hughes, Sec.; www.lilydaleassembly.com / lilydaleassembly@netsync.net

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

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC • Sun. Services – Healing 6:05-6:20 p.m.; Worship, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Classes - Unfoldment/Mediumship Development 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays; Natural Law 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thursdays; 10 Ackerly Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779; Pastor Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631)588-5869; Mailing address: 10 Ackerly Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779; kenpatduff@hotmail.com / www.asanctuaryofinfinitespirit_NSAC.com

LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, NSAC • Sun. Healing & Worship Service 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, Sun. 10:00 a.m. 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; www.SummerlandChurchofLight.com

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church • 29 Vick Park A, 14607; (585)271-1470; Voicemail (585)234-2362; Sun. Devotional Services: 10:30 a.m. - Noon; Third Wednesday All Message Service with Spiritual Healing 7-9 p.m.; Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org (check website for up-to-date circle / development class information; Pastor Robin Higgins; Pres. Joanne Antinore; Sec. Valerie Grosche, Valerie.Grosche@xerox.com

• OHIO •

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

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

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

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OUR CHILDREN – OUR FUTURE

Look at the members and friends of your church. Are all age groups represented? If you can answer "Yes," then you have one of the first signs of a healthy church. All ages must feel welcome, and that is the responsibility of every member, not just the pastor. We must practice our 7th Principle, "Do unto others as you would have them do onto you," or, as we say in Lyceum, "Be kind, do good, and others will do likewise."

In general, our churches rarely provide child-care for the very young during services. It is perfectly normal for young children to make some noise. They need time to learn what is appropriate. Some churches provide an area of seating for families with young children. If small noises are distracting to a person, they can choose to sit further away from this section. A suggestion (to accommodate these young children) is to have a box which contains some age-appropriate, quiet items that they can use while attending the service. Suggested items in the box might include small stuffed animals, books, rubber ducks, hand puppets, small foam or heavy cardboard large piece puzzles with their own frame, coloring books and crayons, etc.

A Lyceum class or classes to accommodate the children is ideal. Some churches have their children stay in the devotional service until the hymn before the sermon. During the hymn the children leave to attend their Lyceum class. This might work well if your church has the space to accommodate the Lyceum class or classes. Some churches choose to hold Lyceum before the Devotional Service. The choice of day and time is left to the individual church to determine what works best for them.

The children and young adults certainly can take part in your church's social activities. The teens have the energy and ideas to help in planning social events such as picnics with games and holiday parties. They can also be a big help with fundraisers. Include them and profit from their participation. The important part is that the children of all ages are welcome and feel they are a part of the church.

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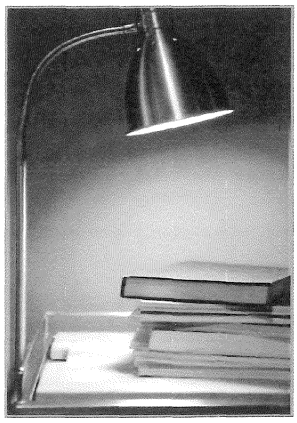
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Life after Death

MPI student STEPHEN R. BURCHARD – California



Life after death is a topic that has been around since the beginning of human history. Humans have pondered and explored this since we first walked on this planet. From philosophers to theologians and lay people, we have intuitively perceived it and repeatedly received evidence of its existence. It is the inevitable outcome of our experience here and has been evidenced and proven through visitation, ancestral worship and mediumship. In an attempt to understand what is to come, hopefully, we can release our superstitions about passing over and live in the moment.

It is obvious to me that we are much more than physical bodies. When we close our eyes, we have a sense of an awareness that is not confined to the physical body; it feels much larger. We have an amazing imagination that can ponder, create, perceive and deduce. Wisdom gained must continue forward from this existence as we progress forward into other realms of expression. Otherwise, what is the point of growth and expansion?

Our consciousness or identity has little to do with the physical form outside of animating it and providing it with self-awareness. Consciousness is contained in the physical form as if it were a "space suit," a safe vehicle in which to express in this world. This is commonly called the ethereal body, consciousness or spirit. It is not *usually* perceived by human senses, however it can be felt as an energy field. This etheric body is what constitutes BEING and moves forward.

So with visitation, this consciousness or spirit returns to "visit" former associations and relationships. This phenomena has been recorded in human artifacts of artwork, song and writing. It has been with us since man began to walk the planet and think. I believe these beings show up as hazy or luminous because that is how our physical eyes perceive them. They are of a higher vibration than what our eyes are designed to see. This is why primitive humans called them angels. They appeared as floating, smoky white or light-filled apparitions. I believe they appeared as having wings due to this floating luminosity.

Spirit and ancestor worship (and communication) has been practiced in some form by all religions and indigenous cultures. The belief that the spirit moved on and could communicate with those still in the physical realm was common belief and knowledge. It was repeatedly evidenced by visitations to those who could perceive them. It is recorded in our art and literature. This visitation usually happened among the shamans, healers, clerics or mystics of a particular culture because they believed in it, developed ritual and methods to tune into these vibrations and then practiced it.

This is the point where Spiritualism steps in by bringing all of these ancient beliefs to the Western world and "modern" culture. It combines both science and spirituality by tuning the senses to perceive, feel, and communicate with these "visitors" and repeating it evidentially.

It makes perfect sense that we continue on and our evolution continues in other realms. Life everlasting is the message here. It is uplifting to know that my efforts in this life will continue forward. Not by sin, punishment and heavenly reward, but acknowledgement and practice of these principles affects life NOW and affects spiritual evolution when one passes from this existence.

From philosophers to theologians and lay people, we have intuitively perceived life after death. We have received evidence of its existence. It is the inevitable outcome for our experience here and has been repeatedly evidenced and proven through visitation, ancestral worship and mediumship. If we understand what is to come, we can finally release our superstitions and fears of living fully and pass over with peace, anticipation and celebration.

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MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

E.S.P. Proven! • This was the headline on MSNBC in April when they interviewed psychologist Daryl Bem, an emeritus professor at Cornell, whose work has won him awards and postings at Stanford and Harvard. Bem has completed nine thorough experiments on ESP and, when *The New York Times* picked up the story, it exploded. The *Times* focused on the controversial decision by the *Journal of Personality*

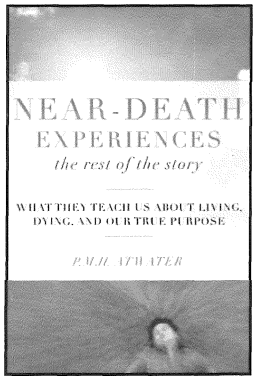


and Social Psychology to print Bem's study later this year. The journal is published by the American Psychological Association, and while it is not the most prestigious psychology publication, it is peer-reviewed and well-respected. His experiments involved more than 1,000 subjects who took nine different tests, most of them simple computer trials that asked the participants to guess whether certain images would pop onto the screen. Bem writes in his paper, participants correctly predicted when the photos would show up 53.1% of the time, which crosses the bar for statistical significance (meaning there is at least a 95% probability that the findings could not be due to chance). Bem says, "ESP is real and ordinary people can predict the future."

From: Time Healthland, healthland.time.com/2011/01/12/wait-esp-is-real/#ixzz1KI3du5iw

TASTE • Dr. Charles Tart reports that over the years he has had hundreds of fellow scientists from all sorts of fields quietly come up to him at meetings to tell him about their unusual experiences apparently going beyond everyday reality and challenging their concepts of what the world is. Because of this, Dr. Tart created The Archives of Scientists' Transcendent Experiences (TASTE), an online journal devoted to transcendent experiences that scientists have reported. It lets scientists express these experiences in a safe space, collects and shares them to debunk the stereotype that "real" scientists don't have "spiritual" or "mystical" or "psychic" experiences, and builds a database of these experiences for future research. You can read about their experiences at issc-taste.org/arc/dbo.cgi?set=arc&ss=1.

Parapsychology Course • In June, the prestigious Rhine Education Center offered an online course in parapsychology; the scientific study of paranormal experiences. The course examined extrasensory perception (ESP), psychokinesis (mind over matter), near-death and out-of-body experiences, apparitions (including ghosts) and modern research in parapsychology. Students were told that they would gain a deeper understanding of subjective paranormal experiences and the nature of consciousness. The ten week course was for Rhine Research Center members or students enrolled in a degree program. (rhineeducationcenter.org)



Near-Death Experiences, The Rest of the Story • *What They Teach Us About Living and Dying and Our True Purpose:* Author and international authority on near-death states, Dr. P.M.H. Atwater, uses the culmination of her research to establish that the near-death phenomenon is not some kind of anomaly, but rather, is part of the larger genre of transformations of consciousness. She combines her 33 years of near-death research with what she was doing in the 60s and 70s, experiencing, experimenting with and researching altered states of consciousness, mysticism, psychic phenomena and the transformational process, to reveal what transformations of consciousness really

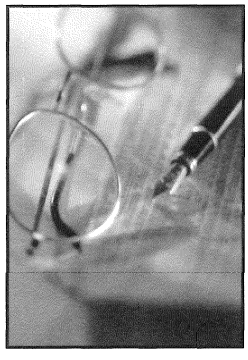
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are, why we have them, and where they lead us. This lifetime endeavor covers over 43 years of work, involving nearly 7,000 people. Her meticulous and unique protocol gives validity to what she has discovered and verified.

Review: As I expect from Atwater, *Near-Death Experiences: The Rest of The Story* is fascinating and challenging. Her willingness to deal with the spiritual implications of NDEs is needed and refreshing; too many of us pussyfoot around this area, fearful of controversy. Atwater gives it to us straight, and I'm delighted with the book - even when, as I occasionally do, I disagree with her interpretations! Highly recommended if you care about life, death and NDEs. **Charles T. Tart, Ph.D.**

Available through the NSAC at Bookstore@NSAC.Org or phone 716-595-2000. Dr. Atwater's website is at cinemind.com/atwater/

Similarities of NDE and IADC • Dr. Allan Botkin, author of *Induced After Death Communication (IADC),* recently commented on the similarities between NDE and IADC descriptions of meeting deceased friends and relatives. Botkin read Dr. Jeffery Long's book, E*vidence of the Afterlife,* and says, "Dr. Long does not provided any observation for which the meeting of the deceased in NDEs is different from IADC content. I can't believe that this is just a coincidence. The similarities include: a) A high percentage of experiences with the deceased involve family members; b) The deceased encountered in both experiences who were thought to be alive were later discovered to have previously died; c) Sometimes the experiencer encounters deceased family members he/she never met in life; d) Those who died old and sick are routinely experienced as younger and healthy; and, e) Those who die young are sometimes experienced as older."



From: *The Searchlight,* Dr. Allan L. Botkin Provides and Update on IADC, by Michael E. Tymn Vol 19, No 2 June 2010

Teaching Healthy Skepticism • You are going to need a scorecard for this one. Skeptics (capital "S") for the ideologically skeptical rather than the open-minded skeptic (small "s") are howling about a new website that sounds like a fellow Skeptical website, but that is actually maintained by a group of researchers promoting open-minded critical thinking. From the Association for Skeptical Investigation website at skepticalinvestigations.org:

- This website is dedicated to countering the dogmatic and frequently ill-informed attacks leveled by self-styled skeptics on parapsychology and pioneering researchers in general.
- We take the view that "my mind is made up - don't confuse me with facts" is not a useful premise from which to conduct a reasoned debate.
- As well as investigating skeptics, we look at ways in which scientific objectivity is compromised by vested interests, fraud, experimenter effects and merchants of doubt, who use skepticism as a weapon to further corporate interests.
- We also explore current controversies and look at open-minded investigations, which use the scientific method to investigate the unknown.

Psychic Surgery • We were surprised to see an article about Psychic Surgery in the Society for Psychical Research's (SPR) magazine *Paranormal Review.* One rarely hears about this type of healing in the western world. Tricia Roberts, who is well known for her double-blind research into mediumship with Professor Archie Roy, gave a talk on the subject to members and guests of the SPR. The first part of her talk was historic but then went on to discuss two present-day psychic surgeons working in the UK. Roberts and Roy started investigating Nina Knowland in 2006. Robert's reported 86% of Nina's patients felt "heat"; 80% had quick cessation of pain; 37% reported popping bubbling sensation inside them; 20% reported "someone else working inside their body." The other UK Psychic Surgeon is Gary Mannion. Mannion claims his control "sees into the body." In the study of 15 patients treated by Mannion, 46% reported an immediately improved condition, 13% more within a few days and 59% reported overall improvement.

Intuition Plays a Part in Avoiding Dangerous Situations • In a study reported in Volume 50 of the *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research,* W. E. Cox analyzed the number of tickets sold for twenty-eight passenger trains that crashed between 1950 and 1955. He found that the trains that crashed always had fewer people than similar trains on the same day of the previous week. The data was also analyzed for weather conditions and number of sold tickets on the previous day, week and month. Because every statistical result can be explained as random fluctuation, the author calculated the probability of accumulating the same statistics randomly. This probability was less than 1/100. In other words, we can say with 99/100 certainty that people really have - and use - their psychic intuition to avoid dangerous situations. •

Where is Michael?

A Real Life Story of Coming Back From the Other Side

WALTRAUD DRAPER, California



It is Sunday afternoon. I am resting in my tackroom on the ranch where I board my horse. The cellphone rings. My son's name shows as the caller and my heart contracts into a gripping fist.

There have been incidents. I am scared to pick up the phone. Now the fist becomes a sledgehammer, slamming into my solar plexus. "No more," my body screams,"please God, no more."

When I finally answer, my son is crying. "Mom, I am sorry. I am so sorry. I love you."

"What is it, Babe? Come on, hang in there. I know it's been hard for you—the house falling in value, the divorce, the kids in the middle of your fights. You and your wife must work together now for the sake of the kids."

"Mom, I can't go on. I am so sorry." My son cries louder now.

"Please, Hon, you two adults must function together. Please don't damage my beautiful grandkids any further."

"I can't, Mom. I love you. I am so sorry."

"Why are you sorry? Move on. Listen, Hon, why don't just the two of us take a trip to Arizona where the sun shines warmer than here in California."

"It's too late, Mom, I took the pills."

I am numb. My world stops cold. "Where are you?" I am screaming now.

"In the car, Mom, in the parking lot."

"Where, son, where? For God's sake."

"I am sorry, Mama. I love you, Mama."

His sobs change to a high-pitched scream, almost like that of a two-year-old's frightening cry, so shrill and seemingly lasting forever, cutting mercilessly into every cell of my body, mind, and soul—then nothing. Luckily I had obtained the phone number of the friends with whom he was staying. I call them. I seem to be in a land of fog which seems to place a protective shield over my brain.

As I drive the 78 miles from San Jose to Stockton (California), I call my friend, Joan, and explain the situation. I will sleep at her place. Don't think, just drive. I can't drive. I am shaking. My whole frame is trapped in painful, fleshy skin. God help us all. I can't drive safely. The phone rings. My heart jerks in agony and fear. It is my daughter, Carry.

"Mom, his friends called the police. They traced the cellphone to his car in the Safeway parking lot."

"Thank God. Where is he? Is he alive?" I ask.

"He is in St. Mary's Hospital in Sacramento. No one can see him until tomorrow!"

"Okay, Sweetie, try to stay calm. Don't cry, just pray. I'm driving to Stockton. You can reach me at Joan's. Pray, kid, pray for your brother. Do nothing else. Just pray. "

My good friend, Joan, looks worried when she opens the door. We embrace in silence.

"Pray, Joan, just pray. I'll stay tonight. I can't drive anymore; my nerves are hissing in my ears. Please don't talk, just pray and do an absent healing on my son, Chris."

I have no feeling. Time is not. Distance merges with the atoms in my blood. "God, what is happening? Am I on overdrive? Am I a robot? " Joan's home gives me peace when I visit, but this evening I am restless. I need to concentrate on praying. Only the sound of the clock above the couch registers in my mind and the fluttery thump in my chest reminds me of life within. I realize I can't stay. I need to get closer to my child, closer to the hospital.

"You can't drive up there, it is raining buckets, " Joan worries.

"I can't stay. I must move nearer to the kid. Please just keep on praying for him; don't stop."

The rain is gruesome in its strength. But I am a robot now and life must go on. My mother comes to mind. When things got unbearable for her, she would look at me and say, "This day, too, will pass."

The wipers move into higher gear, swishing over the glass. Wind pummels the small car. "I can't drive this, I can't, yes I can," I am thinking when I spot the exit to another friend's place. My "robot self" pulls into the driveway. Audrey, my dear friend who knows nothing of my visit, opens the door, happy to see me,

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but takes one look at me and immediately reaches out to embrace me. "Please make me some hot tea," I mumble. We sit down. The breakfast nook feels safe.

"What's the matter, Babe? Tell me." Audrey reaches over and grabs my hands. Her caring, brown eyes trigger tiny feelings. The robot cannot feel. The robot is programmed to do a job; it is called "soul rescue." I am trying to cry—to feel nothing—no tears. Finally, words come.

"Audrey, you know us, you know Chris had an aneurysm, a stroke followed, when he was only 19 years old. The doctors said that kind of stroke would have killed a 50-year-old. He came back from college, helped me in my shop, and went to junior college a year later."

"I remember him limping and his left arm kind of hanging down. It must have been agony to watch him, " Audrey sighs.

"Well, then, they did the balloon treatment. They couldn't operate—too dangerous," I replied.

"He did get married; he has two kids. His wife is from Iceland, I remember that," Audrey recalls.

"Yes, and he completed his Masters Degree in economics—all that with one working hand. Instead of being proud of what he has accomplished, he tries to off himself. "

Audrey asks whether I am hungry. No, robots don't eat. She looks at me with love and warmth. Another sip of tea. The mug warms my hands. My phone rings and it's my daughter Carry.

"Mom, the hospital says you can see him this evening, after all. He's hooked up, unconscious, and I'm in his room."

"Good, I'll come up and stay with him. Please pray."

"I'm not hungry, Babe, but do something for me."

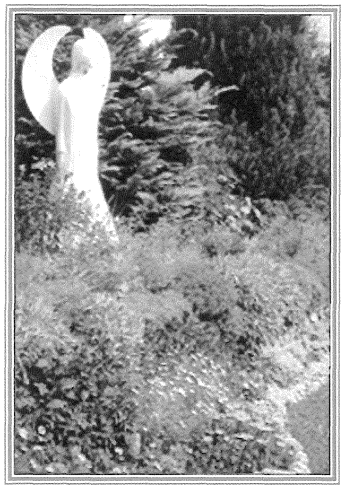
"What, Dear? Anything, tell me."

I look into her eyes, full of love and concern. The robot retreats. Tears fall like a warm, gushing river. "Please, Love, hold me for a spell and sing *Amazing Grace* with me. "

"Sure, Sweetie," Audrey agrees and starts the song. Her voice is a treasure to my ears. I join in and we embrace. I draw in her loving, balanced energy.

I know in my soul that now I must apply everything I learned in my years of mediumship training. My son—he knows nothing of the angel realms or loved ones on the other side. My son! Goodness—I must be on my way! I am so scared. "Give me some sugar before you go," smiles Audrey. I thank her with a peck on her cheek and off I go. I don't want to. The rain and the wind make driving hard.

The small car is getting pummeled. I enter route 99 to Sacramento. The song that my Mexican friends play sometimes comes into my thoughts. *El cielo estuba yo ando, equaldeme Corazon,* meaning "heaven is crying and so is my heart." With shaking hand, I punch in some friends' cell phone numbers and beg them to pray for my son, telling them why, screaming and crying in between.



Now I am totally focused. Some years ago I had prayed and asked the God-force to experience the spiritual dimensions. I've been to what people call "the other side" a few times and communicated with loved ones.

The rain is thick. I am scared to make a mistake. I am scared, period. But what are angels for?

About two years ago or more, maybe three, Archangel Michael came floating through the ether during meditation. After his energy came near, I couldn't walk. My knees gave out. Church people gave me water and led me back to my chair. I was high for two weeks. I had been chanelling his energy for absentee-healing and suddenly the lights went on. *Ask the Angel for help. Focus.*

I am in the third dimension; driving is tense, hard work. I am driving also in the fourth and fifth dimensions, holding onto my child, roaming the ether, thinking to him, "Son, you have free will. If this side of life is too painful for you, then you can stay in the land of light. Remember, I can always talk to you, and I know you love me and I love you. But none of that is important now, only what you want. Remember, always, you have free will in either dimension."

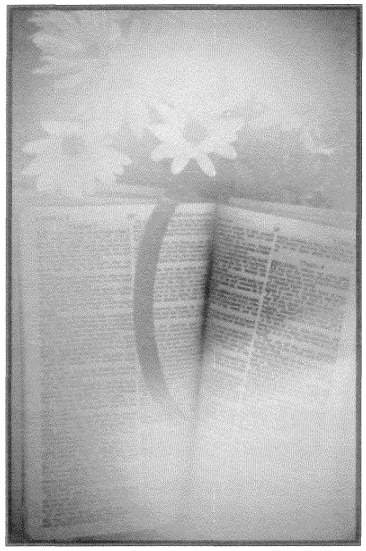
Then it happened, through my teary vision and thick pounding rain, I can see my son sitting on Archangel Michael's left knee, looking about two years old. His red hair is long; he is happy. The angel's left arm wraps around my son. Archangel Michael, when he appears, always shows me his left hand in human form, wearing a ruby red ring for identification. The rest of him is blazing whitish light; there are no more wings for ID. I can't see what he is sitting on. His legs are spread. My son is getting bigger and older in age. All this I see with my inner vision, while I am driving in the worst wind and rain. Inside of me I know Archangel Michael has my son. I must not cry so much. I must be strong and let things be. Either way it goes, I must be strong. It is only my son's choice now. He has free will.

The hospital lights guide me into the parking lot.

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Spiritualism
The Light of The World

THE REV. CAROL A. BROWN, NST – Virginia



Spiritualism teaches that God is an Infinite Intelligence, everywhere present, manifesting as life, throughout all nature, both physical and spiritual.

It is that God – that Infinite Intelligence – that energy and light within our soul (spiritual body) that gives life to our physical body.

We know it is this Infinite Intelligence that creates all energy which manifests, as light.

Most religions teach this principle, usually taught as a story or in a parable such as the following from Matthew 5:14-16 in the Christian *Bible*: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

These stories and parables admonish humankind to "let your light shine," but many who read this passage or hear the stories understand them differently than a Spiritualist.

Spiritualism teaches, and Spiritualists should recognize, that "our light" and "God's light" are, in reality, "One Light."

It is when we recognize and allow that energy and light of Infinite Intelligence (God) to work through us (as the "One Light") for the highest good of all, that the light in the world becomes brighter.

This is just one of the many beliefs and teachings of Spiritualism that cause me to believe Spiritualism truly can be called "The Light of the World."

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Where is Michael? *Continued...*

The robot is gone. I am fully planted in the third dimension. My daughter falls into my arms, swollen eyes from crying. It is late and, before she leaves, I tell her not to worry.

My son is attached to intravenous hoses and plastic bags. He appears still and dead-like. But I notice his breathing as I bend over and place a kiss on his forehead. A nurse enters quietly and leaves. I sit down on a chair at the foot of his bed.

Soon, with eyes closed, I re-enter the spiritual dimension where Archangel Michael stands clad in what appears like a long, white robe at the right side of my son's bed! His countenance is lit up in shimmering, blazing light, his human hand rests above my son's head. My Spirit Doctor, Robert Legrand Morris, stands at his left side, hands in his pocket, observing all that goes on.



I then hear the sound of steam, a sound like being under water someplace and hearing a low, humming boat overhead. I don't understand it. Knowing that my son is in good hands, I leave the spiritual dimension and begin to feel the chair under me. I know my son is OK. I can drive home and get some sleep. In the morning I return to the hospital where I find his friends standing in the hallway with his aunt, uncle and my daughter. They all hug me and say that my son is conscious. Then they tell me that upon waking and returning from the land of light, my son's first three words were, "Where is Michael?" •

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CONNECTICUT

CHARTER SERVICE



As the sun was breaking through the Connecticut shore line fog on Sunday morning, May 29, 2011, a special Charter Service was taking place for The Spiritualist Church of Peace & Light in Groton, CT. Rev. Lynn Gaffin and members of the newly chartered church were all smiles as Rev. Kathleen Rotinno presented them with their charter, issued by The National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Rev. Rottino shared how supporting, working and encouraging each other will help their new church to grow.

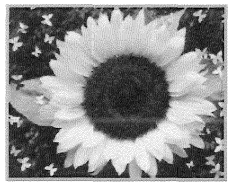
Rev. Gaffin explained how, when the church was little more than a dream, members showed up and now new members are continuing to come, keeping the dream alive and growing.

Lynn Galovich shared her thoughts on new beginnings: "When you are in the flow, there is no beginning there is no end, just a constant energy flux that allows you to know that this is a new beginning." Joan St. John donated a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the podium.

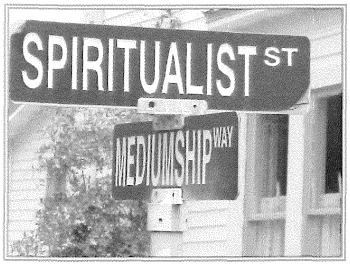
Jerry Longolucco created a handout for the Charter Ceremony with a photograph (that he had taken) of a sunflower and the Declaration of Principles on the back, along with a large hanging Sunflower Poster that will be displayed at each service.

Other members brought wonderful dishes of food to share during the fellowship.

The memory of this special Charter Service will always be shared by those who attended. The service closed with "May the blessing of those in the Spirit World guide your every step on this new journey." It was, truly, everyone doing their part that made this a day to remember!



FLORIDA



Street sign at the camp.

CASSADEGA SPIRITUALIST CAMP

Submitted by
Maggie Simpson, Arizona

MAINE

ANNUAL MSSAC CONVENTION IN MAINE



Workshop "Achieving Deeper States of Spiritual Connection" with Laura Lee Perkins, *TNS-Summit* Editor

The Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches held its annual convention at Temple Heights Camp, located in Northport, Maine, in June. The convention opened on Friday evening with Guest Speaker Laura Lee Perkins, Editor of *The National Spiritualist-Summit* presenting a workshop on Achieving Deeper States of Spiritual Connection to a full house in the Nikawa Room.

Saturday was filled with amicable business meetings, followed by a 6:00 PM banquet enjoyed by 40 people. The Jump City Jazz Band entertained everyone in the Temple following the meal. Following the concert, lively commradery filled the dining room until close to midnight.

Sunday's service was lead by The Rev. Graham Connolly with Laura Lee Perkins as guest speaker and medium. The Rev. Beth Carter conducted the concluding Memorial service, honoring those Maine Spiritualists and supporters who made their transitions during this past year.



Sharon Phelan (L), Donna Waterman (M) and Joe Conroy (R) with Laura's Blackfeet tribal drum.



Late night gathering in the Temple Heights Camp dining room.

NOTES Continued...



The Rev. Graham Connolly, NST (MSSAC President) and The Rev. Betty Simpson (MSSAC Secretary)



The Rev. Beth Carter, NST leading the Memorial Service.

MASSACHUSETTS

VICTORIAN DAY



On Sunday, June 5 the First Spiritualist Church of Salem NSAC celebrated Charter Church Sunday with a Victorian Tea afternoon.

The church was celebrating 117 years as an NSAC chartered church. The church's history predates the founding of the NSAC and its members attended the meetings leading to the founding of the NSA which became the NSAC.

While not all attendees wore costumes, a good time was had by all. •

Looking Back Through TNS

TNS-Summit, 1993
CENTENNIAL EDITION

Our Story

LOLL WASHBURN, Washington

We all are writers of our own biography—
It is written every day;
By what we do and how we act,
And the words we use and say.

We're given this privilege while here on earth—
Not a mistake or word misspelled,
We can't excuse or scratch out a phrase,
Or say that book's been shelved.

Our deeds are printed about this life we lead—
As we fill each and every page.
It doesn't matter how long we're here,
It has nothing to do with age.

Sometimes we have a happy chapter
That is filled with humorous events,
Then there is the other kind
That makes absolutely no sense.

Let's think about the story we're writing
And know it is personally ours,
Perhaps we'll want to change our tactics
By using the proper powers.

As this volume is written with golden pen—
Let's be sure this life is sincere,
For when we enter the Spirit World,
Our Earth Life Book will appear.



Choosing Joy

The feeling of happiness that comes from doing something worthwhile.

CHRIS DUNMIRE – Illinois

Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.
– Wilfred T. Grenfell



As I grow older and move through more layers of life, I become more aware of the many masks and veneers we use and hide behind, sometimes out of fear and ignorance, and sometimes out of choice. I have treaded many years on their edges, often believing (even unconsciously) that ease, riches, and the praise of men were the ultimate marks of a life well-lived and necessary seed to acceptance of self and valuing one's own worth and contributions.

Many of us have awakened to how fleeting such external measures are for our lives IF that is all that we have. Do we only believe that we are worthy and wonderful when others tell us so? Then we lack within ourselves a deeper, more rooted self-sustaining system for nourishing, embracing, and loving who we are on account of our just being, our creative potential, and living this miraculous gift of life we came into head-first after growing in our mother's womb for nine months.

We cannot rely on others to make us whole in this regard; we must do this for and within ourselves. We do this by making our lives rich with meaning, doing something worthwhile that utilizes those deeper, authentic parts of us that long to be explored and expressed. Our love, our creativity, our gifts and talents. And when we do, we naturally come to experience a sense of personal fulfillment, well-being, and ultimately, deep joy.

It's very likely that like love, joy exists as a gradient spectrum with various levels of intensity. There certainly are days when the energy of joy may be higher or lower within us, just as the moon waxes and wanes, but is always ever-present. We can choose to experience a greater intensity of joy by our inner thoughts and outward actions and by the meaning-making we engage in week-to-week,day-to-day, and moment-to-moment. Choose joy. •

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feature

The Challenges of Material Life

Inspirationally received by
YVONNE LIMOGES – Florida

At times, we try very hard to get our life in order and try to stay upon the straight and narrow pathway, but it seems that so many obstacles occur along the way that we feel we are not making much progress. We feel that we are almost purposely being kept down; we feel sometimes like we are drowning in our troubles and can't get our head above water.

If we are feeling this way, we should first take a good honest look at ourselves and review what our true strengths and weaknesses (morally and materially) are. When we have finished this assessment as truthfully as we can, we may find that many of our problems stem from things we are doing *or* not doing; we may be aggravating our own situation. So, we must try and remedy this part as best we can.

It may be very difficult to change old habits, but it can be done. There are many examples of people who had all kinds of personal obstacles they overcame through strong faith in themselves and will power. We may first have to start with baby steps, doing things a little at a time with our changes, and work our way up to dealing with tougher situations. However, we must try to stay focused and be consistent!

We also know that if we are truly trying to help ourselves, the good spirits will second our actions. So pray for strength, and have patience!

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You are in the battle called "Life," so gather to yourself great courage! •



What happened in SEPTEMBER *throughout the years?*

SEPTEMBER 3

The **Fourth National Convention of Spiritualists** was held in Cleveland, Ohio on **September 3, 1867** with 320 delegates attending from 20 states. Their platforms included clauses recognizing the equality of all, without distinction of race or sex (gender).

SEPTEMBER 13

A. B. French was born on **September 13, 1838** in Trumball County Ohio, and he became very well known as an attorney and as a Spiritualist trance lecturer. From 1881-1889 he spent most of his time serving Spiritualism. A.B. French was also a strong force in the establishment of Lily Dale's Marion Skidmore Library.

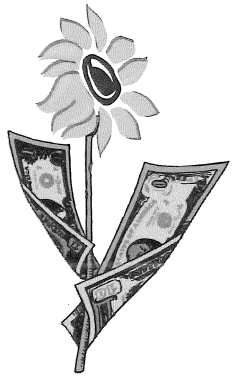
SEPTEMBER

In **September 1893** in Chicago, Illinois devoted Spiritualists elected **Harrison D. Barrett** of Maine as the first President of the National Spiritualist Association. Later, on October 13th, 1897 Harrison married Margarite Coffyn. At that time he was also the editor of the Spiritualist paper, *The Banner of Light* and his wife became the assistant editor. Mr. Barrett's mediumship unfolded at Camp Etna in Maine. He was an excellent platform worker; presenting a pleasing voice and an analytical mind that his audiences seemed never to tire of. He would walk 25 miles from Canaan to Camp Etna, barefoot with his shoes over his shoulders, to present himself polished and prepared for his appointment with Spirit. His wonderful mediumship and his deep resonant voice made him a splendid voice for Spiritualism. He was known as a man of marked character, possessed with intense nervous energy and intellect, but with a lack of poise. He was an orator, poet and politician combined.

SEPTEMBER

In **September 1855, Frederick Willis** entered Harvard College Divinity School but he was suspended in 1857 for his involvement with Spiritualism. He became highly educated. Dr. Willis served as a Spiritualist minister before moving to Rochester to work as a physician, although he still continued with Spiritualist activities. •

The Fourth September Sunday of Each Year!



Sept. 25, 2011 – NSAC Day

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What happened in OCTOBER *throughout the years?*

OCTOBER 6

Elizabeth Lowe Watson, born in Solon, Ohio on **October 6, 1843,** was the first speaker at the Lily Dale Assembly. A suffragette, Elizabeth Lowe Watson was followed by peers including Susan B. Anthony, as Lily Dale became a stronghold for the suffrage movement. She served as minister at the First Spiritual Union Church in San Francisco and eventually went to Australia to serve Spiritualism. Known as the *Silver-Tongued Orator of the Golden Gate,* Watson was also a prolific writer.

OCTOBER 12

British medium **Stanton Moses** reported **October 12,** 1873, that the following names appeared on his arm (skin writing): "Imperator," "Mentor," "Solon" and "Plato." The names were reported to be those of Moses' spirit controls.

OCTOBER

A well-to-do American farmer in Athens County Ohio, Jonathan Koons, became interested in Spiritualism in **October 1852.** At a séance he was told that he was "the most powerful medium on Earth" and that all of his eight children—even the seven-month-old baby—had psychic gifts. Acting on spirit instructions, he built a "spirit room," a single-room log house, 16 feet by 12, for use by the spirits and equipped it with all kinds of musical instruments. This log house soon became famous and people flocked from great distances to see a variety of curious phenomena.

When the lights were put out, surprising feats of strength were also manifested, yet no one present was struck or injured by the flying objects or target-shooting pistol bullets. The sitters were touched by materialized hands that, in the light of phosphorized paper, were seen carrying objects. Spirit faces were also seen. Through a trumpet that sailed about in the air, voices called out the names of the guests. The circle was attended by a host of ministering spirits said to number 165. They claimed to belong to a race of men known as "Adam" (red clay) who represented their leaders as the most ancient angels.

Two or three miles from the Koons' farm was another lonely farmhouse, belonging to John Tippie, where another "spirit room" was laid out on the same plan. The manifestations in the Tippie family were identical to those in the Koon log house. Each had a "spirit machine" that consisted of a complex arrangement of zinc and copper for the alleged purpose of collecting and focusing the magnetic aura used in the demonstrations. The Tippies had 10 children, all mediums. •

SOUL OF NATURE

Soul of Nature! Life Divine!
Make our hearts thy hold shrine;
Let our human discord be
Mastered by thy harmony!

O, Thou mighty Architect,
Whose plans th' endless years perfect,
Building systems infinite
By thy silent, chargeless might,—
Thou, whose thoughts are suns and stars,
Thou, whose law no error mars;
To thy boundless love we turn,
Toward thy perfect truth we yearn!
Very weak and blind are we,
But in trust we lean on thee!

Soul of Nature! Everywhere
Shine the symbols of thy care,
in the sea-depths vast and blue,
In the smallest drip of dew,
In sidereal spaces filled
By the beauty thou has willed—
And earth's clods to thy loveliness,
Lily, rose and violet,
Gems in golden sunshine set.
From this island in the sky
Unto thee thy children cry

Soul of Nature! Source of things!
Quench our thirst at living sprints!
By the magic of thy breath
Banish bitter dreams of death!
Let its language for love's sake
Be made plain to hearts that break!

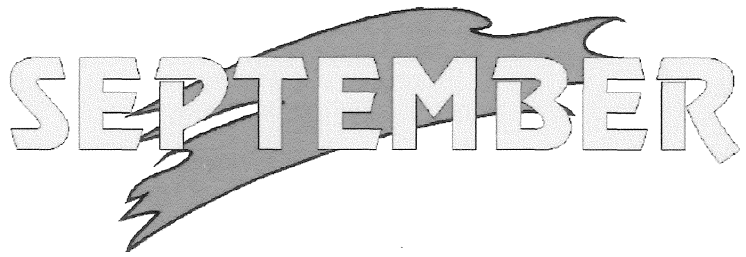
From the gloom of vanished years,
Speak the prophets and the seers,
Pointing to the mountain height
Whence shall come the clearer light;
And from every rage and clime
At this present day of time,
Sounds a gentler undertone,
From great Nature's vast unknown.

Beloved, listen! It may be
Prelude, in a minor key,
To love's grandest symphony—
Th' song of Immortality!

– Elizabeth Lowe Watson

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QUOTES TO BLESS EACH DAY

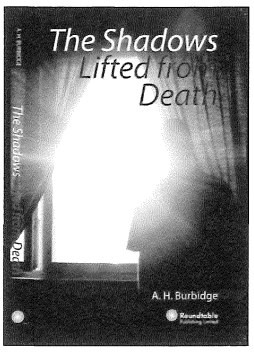
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 A day without you, God, is a day without hope. – *Nancy Ashworth*	2 Our attitude toward life determines life's attitude towards us. – *Earl Nightingale*	3 Faith wings hope higher than the mountain tops and over the rainbow.
4 It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life. – *Joseph Campbell*	5 **Labor Day -** Perseverance is a great element of success. – *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*	6 You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration. – *James Allen*	7 There is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen. – *Hugh Prather*	8 Have faith in yourself and trust God to be your right-hand man. – *Nancy Ashworth*	9 Where you stumble, there lies your treasure. – *Joseph Campbell*	10 To see into the future is to see your destiny unfolding to the hands of time. – *Nancy Ashworth*
11 Live out of your imagination, not your history. – *Stephen Covey*	12 Love conquers all with faith for the future and grace for each day. – *Nancy Ashworth*	13 Out of clutter, find simplicity. – *Albert Einstein*	14 The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. – *Eleanor Roosevelt*	15 Hope grants joy and faith a home. – *Nancy Ashworth*	16 From discord, find harmony. – *Albert Einstein*	17 It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. – *Aristotle*
18 In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. – *Albert Einstein*	19 Love can heal loneliness and longings. – *Nancy Ashworth*	20 At the center of your being you have the answer. – *Lao-Tzu*	21 Love will bring you to the mountain tops and faith will keep you there. – *Nancy Ashworth*	22 To be without dreams is to be without hope for the future. – *Nancy Ashworth*	23 Wisely and slow; they stumble that run fast. – *William Shakespeare*	24 Faith is a stairway...take it step by step until you reach God's landing. – *Nancy Ashworth*
25 If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves. – *Thomas A. Edison*	26 To love others you must step into their hearts; see their lives, hopes and dreams. – *Nancy Ashworth*	27 Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. – *Dalai Lama*	28 Unreasonable haste is the direct road to error. – *Jean Baptiste Moliere*	29 Help me to be grateful for all my life's blessings and to pass them on to others. – *Nancy Ashworth*	30 People are defeated by easy, victorious and cheap successes more than by adversity. – *Benjamin Disraeli*	

2011 OCTOBER 2011

QUOTES TO BLESS EACH DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. – *Abraham Lincoln*
2 No chance, no fate, no destiny can circumvent, hinder, nor control, the firm resolve of a determined soul. – *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*	3 A helping hand can be a saving hand. – *Nancy Ashworth*	4 Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. – *Mahatma Ghandi*	5 The heart has the answer to every question. – *Nancy Ashworth*	6 What would my life be like if I could no longer use the main excuses I've been using to hold myself back? – *Wayne Dyer*	7 The rhythm of my soul blends with the beat of my heart. – *Nancy Ashworth*	8 When a man is happy, happy to the core and root of beatitude, he is no longer conscious of himself or anything else. – *Meister Eckhart*
9 From the living fountain of instinct flows everything that is creative. – *Carl Jung*	10 **Columbus Day** What are you willing to do for money or fame? – *Nancy Ashworth*	11 Anger is a destructive emotion which is based on arrogance. This is why one must find the cause and counteract it. – Dalai Lama	12 He who has hope has everything. – *Arabian Proverb*	13 Consciousness/ meditation are methods where you can actually obtain GOD perception. – *George Harrison*	14 The unconscious is the very source of the creative impulse. – *Carl Jung*	15 There is no life without consciousness; there is no consciousness without life. – *Annie Besant*
16 The next evolution is going to be a consciousness evolution, not a communication revolution. – *Ram Dass*	17 A Oneness of all. An evolution in consciousness of us all that isn't about the egos. – *Ram Dass*	18 There is a universal intelligence that we call God/Soul/Spirit/ Consciousness; it is everywhere and in all things. – *Wayne Dyer*	19 When you get to a higher level of consciousness, into a spiritual approach to life, you are not trying to get someplace else. – *Wayne Dyer*	20 No truly conscious human being sabotages himself - it's impossible, because it's contrary to Nature. – *Guy Finley*	21 The idea that consciousness is the ground of being is the basis of all spiritual traditions. – *Amit Goswami*	22 We can truly see that consciousness is operating creatively even in biology, even in the evolution of species. – *Amit Goswami*
23 When fear floods in, God arrives in a sturdy boat to rescue. – *Nancy Ashworth*	24 What exactly is the rhythm of *your* Soul?	25 As we grow in higher consciousness, we discover that it is more important to be the right person then to find the right person. – *Ken Keyes*	26 Grief seems to fill an ocean at times; remember, God parts the water and shows us a way through.	27 Blessed are the wise who share their gifts with the unsure, offering hope. – *Nancy Ashworth*	28 The only mistake that we can make as human beings is to be asleep, unaware of ourselves. – *Guy Finley*	29 If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. – *St. Clement of Alexandra*
30 Believe in the gifts from God; they are varied and many. – *Nancy Ashworth*	31 **Halloween:** Be a benefactor to someone today; reach the pinnacle of love by sharing.					

Book Reviews



The Shadows Lifted from Death

– A. H. Burbidge

Roundtable Publishing, Ltd., London, 2011.

– Reviewed by Michael Tymn

This book offers an intriguing account of one man's experiences soon after death. Not being a particularly evolved soul, he is bewildered and confused in the early stages, but with the help of guides he gradually adapts to his new environment and begins to progress.

The communication from the departed soul was received by means of automatic writing by Augustus Henry (Harry) Burbidge (1891 – 1963). Apparently, the executors of Burbidge's estate found the writing among his papers after his death, and family members made copies for friends, but it was not until recently that they were "discovered" and published. The communicator's name is not given, but the account is consistent with those given through other credible mediums.

The communicator said that he contracted a disease while traveling through North Africa, then died after a long illness. As is reported with so many others, he didn't fully comprehend the fact that he had died until a guide explained it all to him. "I had to accept this strange assertion that I was dead, but moving, acting, and speaking like a person fully alive," he wrote through Burbidge's hand. "A fantastic proposition, but certainly real!"

The guide explained to him that he was still in a world, or plane, very near to the one he had recently left, so things looked very much the same as they did on the earth plane. His guide took him to a large building and the communicator got the impression he was going to be judged. However, he was told that his own inner self would pronounce the verdict on himself. He then had a life review in which he saw every detail of his recent life. "...it was all there; the good, the bad, and the indifferent, and what is considered to be the worst – the neglect to use purposefully the responsibilities that I should have undertaken," he wrote, noting that the ill-doing of his life predominated the review, with the good he thought he had done largely absent. He was then informed that his new home had already been built, the supplies and materials having been provided by himself based on his thoughts and actions during his lifetime on earth.

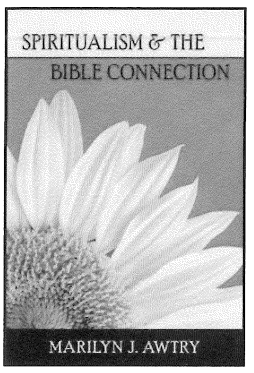
The book follows the communicator through his orientation, education, adjustment, and adaptation to his new environment, even a short visit to a higher realm. But most of his experiences were clearly in the lower realms. Along the way he met and talked with other spirits, some more confused and bewildered than he initially was.

"The longer I have been here, the more it has impressed itself upon me, that if only men would be willing to gain a little information of the place to which they must go after so-called death, how much happier it would be for all," our communicator offers, suggesting that only one in some four thousand have this knowledge.

There is much food for thought in this very interesting and informative 248-page book and, as pointed out earlier, it is consistent with other reports by newly-departed souls, though such reports are few and mostly old. The reader not familiar with those older accounts of the initial stages of the afterlife would do well to read this book so that he or she knows what to expect. The person who has read the older accounts should find this book a good refresher.

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Spiritualism and the *Bible* Connection

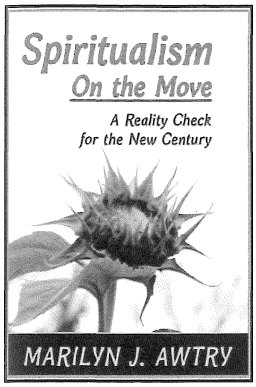
– Marilyn J. Awtry

Shen-Men Publishing, March 2010.

Many have questioned Spiritualism's position in regard to many points in the Holy Bible. This book offers an outline of some basic explanations relating to Spiritualism's under-standing of how the Bible came into being, its contradictions, teachings,

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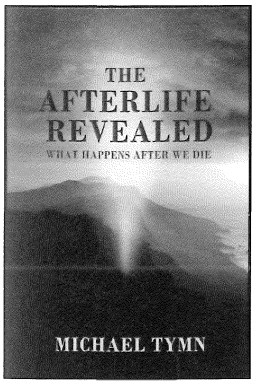


Spiritualism on the Move: A Reality Check for a New Century

– Marilyn J. Awtry

Shen-Men Publishing,
May 2011.

It is a one of a kind. It gives special chronological events of the three 50-year cycles; speaks to the Science, Philosophy and Religion of yesterday and today; Healing in the 21st Century, gratitude where it is due; a chapter correcting erroneous teachings and finally a lengthy last chapter on a Reality Check which is necessary if Spiritualism is to survive this century. The purpose of the book is to stimulate the progressive Spiritualists to fulfill the prophecy of Spiritualism the Light of the World.



The Afterlife Revealed: What Happens After We Die

– Michael E. Tymn

White Crow Books
June 2011

At the very foundation of religious faith and hope is a belief that consciousness will survive death and that we will live on in another dimension of reality. But that foundation easily crumbles when scientific minds are unable to wrap their brains around an afterlife, when they are unable to visualize a non-material world. As the foundation gives way, the philosophy of materialism takes hold and gives rise to moral decadence, egocentricity, hypocrisy, hatred, disorder, flux, strife, chaos, and fear. Such seems to be the state of the world today.

There is so much to be found outside the highly guarded boundaries of mainstream science and orthodox religion for those willing to open their minds to it, for those willing to recognize that the dissemination of Truth did not stop with the good books of organized religion and cannot always be found in the laboratory.

Beginning in 1848, a number of sensitive people began developing as mediums, bringing forth communications from the spirit world. One of the skeptics investigating the "popular madness" was Professor Robert Hare of the University of Pennsylvania. Intending to debunk it all, Hare would, after extensive research, become a believer. When he asked an apparently advanced spirit what it was all about, he was told that it was "a deliberate effort, on the part of the inhabitants of the higher spheres, to break through the partition which has interfered with the attainment, by mortals, of a correct idea of their destiny after death." Unfortunately, both orthodox religion and mainstream science, acting out of ego and fear, have rebuked the efforts of those inhabitants of the higher spheres to enlighten us, thus permitting the foundations of both faith and hope to further crumble.

In ***The Afterlife Revealed,*** Michael Tymn sets forth some of the most credible messages from the spirits relative to the nature of their world. Instead of a heaven-hell dichotomy, we are told that there are many levels, or as Jesus is quoted, "many mansions," and that we cross over to the "other side" based on what might be called a "moral specific gravity." We discover a Divine plan – one of attainment and attunement, of gradual spiritual growth, of evolution of spirit through progressively higher planes. We see how we are really souls occupying bodies rather than bodies housing souls and how our souls are progressing in finding their way back to Oneness with the Creator through the challenges, the adversities, the trials and tribulations offered us in a particular lifetime.

About the author

A resident of Kailua, Hawaii, Michael E. Tymn is vice-president of the *Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies*, Inc., and editor of the Academy's quarterly magazine, *The Searchlight*. He has been a freelance journalist for more than 50 years. His articles on paranormal subjects have appeared in *FATE, Mysteries, Nexus, Atlantis Rising, Christian Parapsychologist, Vital Signs, Venture Inward, Two Worlds, Dark Lore, Alternatives,* and *The Honolulu Advertiser*. He is the author of two other books, *The Articulate Dead* and *Running on Third Wind.*

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Wisdom



Start with your own money and value your intuition. It's all about endurance in the beginning. Your dream and passion to succeed must be stronger than your fear of failure. – *Terri Bowersock*

Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

– *Philippians 4:8*

There can be no friendship where there is no freedom. Friendship loves free air, and will not be fenced up in straight and narrow enclosures.

– *William Penn*

I have projected the same images day after day becoming prisoner to the known. But the known is dead and past now and I must buy my ticket to freedom by embracing the fresh and unknown.

– *Deepak Chopra*

The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles...but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly. – *Buddha*

I will never quit. I persevere and thrive on adversity. If knocked down, I will get back up, every time.

– *U.S. Navy S.E.A.L.'s Oath*

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world. – *John Milton*

Man is made or unmade by himself. By the right choice he ascends. As a being of power, intelligence, and love, and the lord of his own thoughts, he holds the key to every situation. – *James Allen*

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive. – *Dr. Howard Thurman*

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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Position Description:

Trustee for the

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NSAC Bylaws, Article XII, Section 20.

Eligibility for Nomination:

C. A duly seated delegate to the current Annual Convention

Individuals interested in serving as a Trustee on the National Board of the NSAC should have:

- good writing and speaking communication skills,
- daily access to a computer and adequate computer skills,
- access to a fax machine,
- and be readily accessible by e-mail and telephone for NSAC business.

Duties include:

- responding to motions e-mailed to board members within 24 hours,
- grading essays (those who hold appropriate credentials) of candidates applying for Certified Medium, Commissioned Healer, Licentiate Minister, Ordained Minister, and National Spiritualist Teacher. A quorum of the board (5 votes needed) is required for the grading of any essay, and the grader must have the equivalent credential to be eligible to grade.

Each board member is assigned a list of auxiliaries for which they are responsible for contact and working with the auxiliary when needed. Trustees spend approximately 20-30 hours per week on NSAC business and obligations. Board members are also appointed to serve on standing committees or to work with the NSAC Departments.

The Trustee position is a volunteer position, and there is no salary. The President and Treasurer receive a monthly stipend, and the Secretary is salaried. Trustees are entitled to reimbursement for expenses as pre-approved by the NSAC Board upon presentation of receipts for funds expended. Trips to auxiliaries and other NSAC business are to include opportunities to earn expenses by presentation of workshops/seminars or remuneration from the auxiliary visited for services rendered.

All board members are required to attend the NSAC annual convention, including the pre-convention board meeting, and the post-convention board meeting. The pre-convention board meeting is held Thursday through Sunday of the week preceding the convention, and the post-convention board meeting is held on the Saturday following the last business session on Friday of convention week. Board members are also expected to serve during convention at the evening services in some capacity.

At present, the Spring Board Meeting has been replaced by a committee composed of three board members meeting at Lily Dale, New York to administer examinations to qualified candidates for ordination or National Spiritualist Teacher. Two board members (usually the President and one appointed board member) are reimbursed the amount of $500.00 to attend and administer the examinations. The secretary resides in Lily Dale and receives no remuneration. A teleconference is held during that week; all board members must call in for a two-hour teleconference in lieu of the Spring Board meeting in person. Additional teleconferences are held during the year; these require two hours presence by phone. The position includes other duties as assigned.

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Select one:

☐ Prime Rib of Beef ☐ Chicken Francoise ☐ Baked Vegetable Lasagna

☐ I wish to sign up for the outing to **Niagara Falls** on Thursday. . $ 30.00

☐ I wish to sign up for the tour to **East Aurora** on Thursday. . . . . $ 30.00

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Sign up for the Monday afternoon lecture by **Raymond Moody** at the convention registration table.

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June 11-24, 2011
Pastoral Skills Class held at Lily Dale, NY.
The Rev. Sharon Snowman, Instructor

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Anticipated cost:

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TRANSPORTATION
Bus transportation will be provided to the First Spiritualist Temple Sunday morning for the healing/worship service.

FMI please go to our website or follow the link from the convention website.

Many restaurants/shops at Walden Galleria Mall adjacent to hotel.

SCHEDULE

Sunday - October 2
10 am - transportation to First Spiritualist Temple
10:30 am – Healing Service
11:00 am – Church Service
1:30 pm – return to Hotel
2 to 5 pm – Reception and delegate registration, cost $20.00
7 pm - Healing / 7:30 pm - Worship Service

Monday - October 3
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to Noon – Seminar presented by Reverend E. Ann Otzelberger, NST
1 to 4:30 pm
Workshop by Raymond Moody
Open to the public
6 pm - Banquet, Awards, Entertainment & Dancing

Tuesday - October 4 & Wednesday - October 5
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to 5 pm - Convention Business Session
6 to 6:30 pm - Musical Concert
7 pm - Healing / 7:30 pm - Worship Service
Club Meeting to follow

Thursday - October 6
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to Noon - Business Session
12 - 5 – Walking Tour to East Aurora, NY
12 - 6 pm – Niagara Falls Tour, American Side
7 pm - Healing / 7:30 pm - Worship Service
Club Meeting to follow

Friday - October 7
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to 5 pm - Convention Business Session
7 pm - Healing / 7:30 pm - Worship Service
Club Meeting to follow

Saturday Tour - October 8
9:30 am - 4 pm – Tour of Lily Dale

BANQUET
Cost: $40 per person

Your Choice:

Prime Rib of Beef – 10 oz.

Chicken Francoise
Includes appetizer, salad, seasonal vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, beverage and dessert.

Baked Vegetable Lasagna
Includes appetizer, rolls, butter, beverage and dessert.

Entertainment by the
Carl Filbert Band 8 – 11 pm

MONDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Raymond Moody, M.D., Ph.D.
Cost: $50 per person
Open to public. 1 – 4 pm

...Followed by book signing. Best selling author of 11 books, Dr. Moody will present information from his latest book, ***Glimpses of Eternity***. FMI about Dr. Moody, please follow the website hyperlink.

Thursday Tours - Oct. 6
Niagara Falls State Park and/or Seneca Niagara Casino, Amer. Side.
Cost: $30



...Two drop off sites NFSP visitor center and Seneca Niagara Casino. The casino will provide $10 in slot dollars and $5 meal coupon. Buses will leave hotel at Noon and return at 6 pm.

(Subject to cancellation if not enough people.)

Register on line via Paypal for tour, banquet and workshop OR register by mail. Send form and check to:

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Attention: Jennifer Neuman
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Walking Tour to East Aurora
Cost: $30

12:00 NOON – Bus leaves Millennium Hotel for walking tour of historic Aurora, NY. Arrive at Viddler's 5 & 10. Have lunch at Tony Rome's and dessert at The First Spiritualist Temple. Lunch is included. 5:00 PM – Bus returns to Millennium Hotel.

Saturday Tour - Oct. 8
Tour of Lily Dale – **Cost: $35**

9:30 AM Bus leaves Millennium Hotel for Lily Dale, NY. Spend the day on the grounds of Lily Dale Assembly. Lunch is provided – home-made soup, Lily Dale salad, & beverages. Shops will be open. A flyer will be in gift bags for delegates. 4:00 PM – Bus returns to Millennium Hotel.

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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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