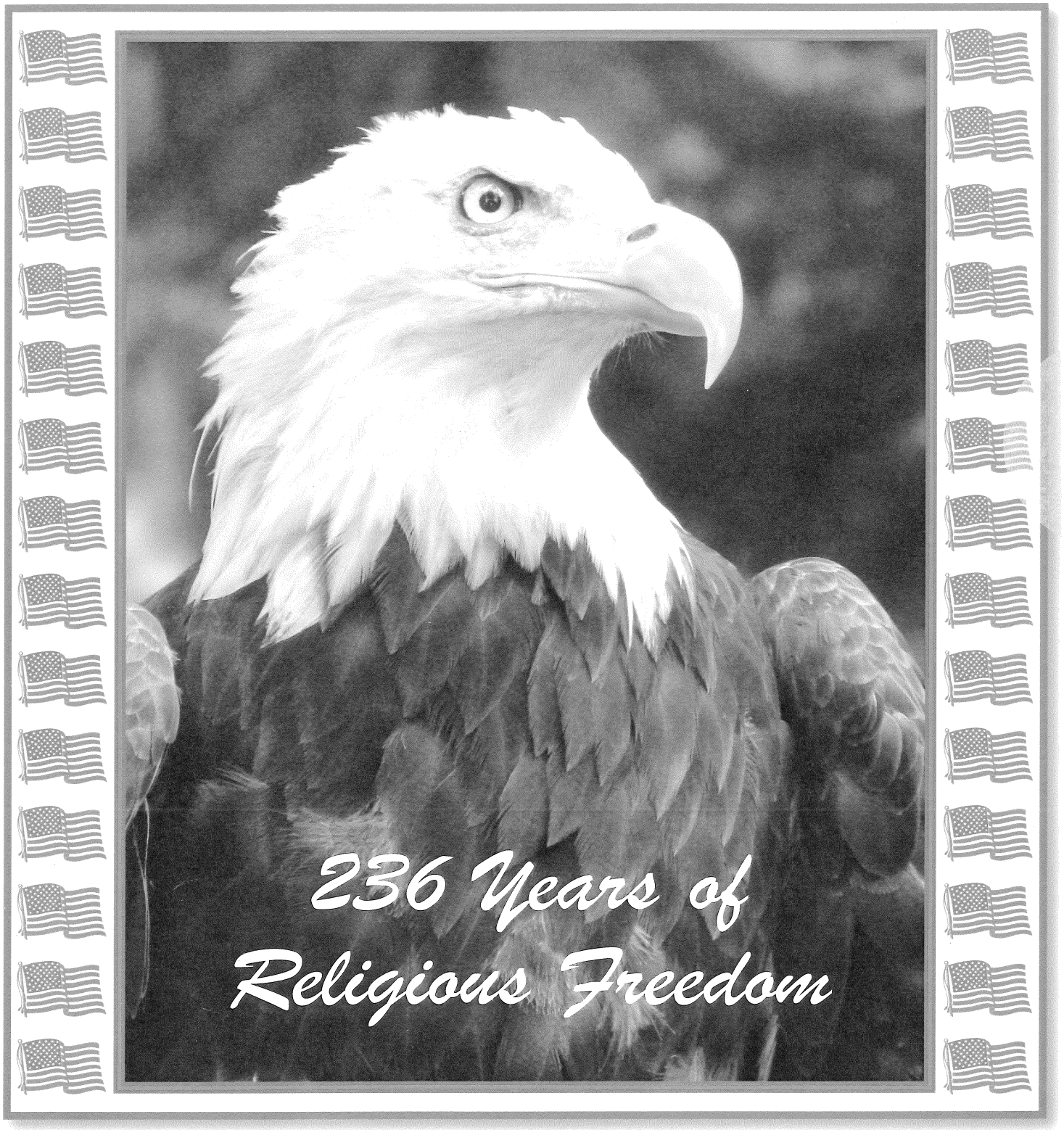
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DETACHMENT and RESOLUTION

LAURA LEE PERKINS, EDITOR – Arizona/Maine

Each one of us has many problems that we encounter as we navigate our way through life. When viewed in hindsight, many of the issues that seemed so problematic, and even impossible, seem much less significant once we are beyond the emotional grip that has bound us. However, these disturbances in our lives exist only on the surface of our existence. Taking the time to step back, which offers some distance and clearer perspective, can really make a difference in our decisions about how to handle a complicated situation. *Always remembering to ask Spirit for assistance* helps to remove some of our egoic responses when we feel unsure about which way to respond.



The very problems that arise to plague us might, in hindsight, become valuable gems, leading us on a discovery voyage where we learn new methods of accessing deeper spiritual connections. Initially, a difficult situation might seem insurmountable. "This, too, shall pass," we often hear. And it is true. Somehow, some way, we manage to forge ahead through the journey of life, knowing that there is always more to learn about ourselves and how we interface with one another. What might seem like an annoyance can actually evolve into an abundant blessing. We always have the opportunity to make the best of any situation. It is not the problem that defines our character, but how we respond, which reveals a great deal about our motivations, goals and inner spiritual unfoldment.

If it truly feels like any problem is too much to handle, then wait until you muster the strength to deal with it. I'm not suggesting that you put the problem on a shelf indefinitely. Perhaps, during the waiting, things will subside. Perhaps you will grow stronger and into deeper clarity. Sometimes it is important to remain quiet and sometimes it is important to respectfully speak one's mind. There are times when no response is the *right* thing to choose. Allow yourself to be spiritually guided, and make sure that you are listening. When you simply do not know what to do, "ask and ye shall receive." Still confused? Then wait while following the Golden Rule: "Do unto others *as you would have them do unto you.*"

Spiritualism really stresses personal responsibility. That is just one of the gifts of Spiritualism! But sometimes personal responsibility can feel too heavy to carry around. At times, when a pressing problem has been weighing us down, accepting the personal responsibility for solving it can feel cumbersome and even crushing. But this is how we learn. This is how we grow. We learn that we can handle personal responsibility, which means solving our own problems. *We all encounter difficulties.* And some years hold more problems than others. Just remember that when there seem to be too many issues to deal with, begin with one at a time. You don't have to do this alone; Spirit is always available to listen and guide you.

Remember, it is the ego that becomes attached to these unsettled issues, which can really interfere with one's spirituality if you allow that to happen. Go deep, down under each problem, remembering why you are here on earth. You will feel revitalized when you reconnect with your true nature as a soul inhabiting a physical body. Going into the internal depths can help you to detach from a problem's emotional grip that might feel immobilizing. Also, reconnecting with the ever-sustaining gift of nature's abundant renewal force can relax and sustain you. Take a walk in the rain, lie down on the grass, sit by a stream or walk on a beach — whatever is available in your area — and allow yourself to be spiritually refreshed and renewed, then make your decision.

Offering oneself the gift of detachment is not about hiding from a problem. Detachment is about creating a space for clearer vision, an opening for spiritual foresight and guidance. There are valuable treasures, not just pain and disappointment, to be unearthed under the blanket of a problem. There are so many possibilities for resolution, but stepping back and waiting until you can find a broader perspective, always helps. "I promise to do my part" does not mean instantly; it means that I promise to work with

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whatever information I have about the situation, and then respond from a spiritual perspective.

Do not make the problem more personal than it is. If, for example, the problem is at work and you just want to quit, remember that work can also build your self-confidence, your ability to handle responsibilities, and your feelings of productivity. Work offers you a sense of control over your own future because the money that you earn supports you on earth and helps you to be able to plan ahead. A problem at work, and there will be many that seem frustrating and tedious, offers you an opportunity to try a new approach. If the problem interferes with your ability to feel like you are making a valuable contribution to your work environment, then address that part of the problem as well. Often, when we detach from a specific difficulty, we understand that we simply wanted to be heard and appreciated. And the same is true for those on the other side of the problem...problems usually are multi-sided.



Your problems do not define who you are. Everyone is going to have problems in life, and how we deal with each issue demonstrates how deeply we are connected to Spirit. Sometimes, we simply have to walk away from a situation. When we have opened our hearts and minds, asked for spiritual guidance, and nothing seems to have changed over a lengthy period of time, it is probably time to step away. That doesn't mean that we might not return later, when the energy or players have shifted. It simply means that we are being lead in another direction. Respect those feelings and honor them, because we can do more harm than good by staying involved. If the ego, combined with spiritual contemplation, is telling you that a situation is *not* good for you, listen to that message and remove yourself.

Paying attention to our ego is important; we need to know what is controlling our thoughts and actions. Our ego is a very important aspect of ourselves; the ego is part of our personality and it often represents how others view us. The ego is not necessarily negative. Our ego helps to protect us, encourages us to achieve steps on the road of life and serves us in innumerable ways every day. But the ego and the soul do not always seem mutually compatible; encouraging their merger results in a more balanced approach to life and to dealing with problems. Simply pay attention to which voice, the ego or the soul, seems to be clamoring for your attention when you are attempting to solve a problem. When you identify the voice that is talking the loudest to you, and ask for guidance, you'll discover new opportunities for resolution. Paying attention, through listening to your inner voice, can unearth deep-seated wisdom and effective responses to painful, unpleasant experiences.

Each problem is also an opportunity for learning. When we do not go through the process with "due diligence," then the same type of problematic situation will arise again in our lives, until we learn the lesson presented. Due diligence refers to the degree of care that a prudent person would exercise in solving a problem or dilemma. Taking time for detachment and reflection allows us to expand spiritually and to feel good about our problem-solving processes and decisions. Detachment allows us to reach resolutions that we feel good about.

When we involve Spirit in every part of our lives, we live from a more balanced perspective and material things don't seem to hold as much interest. We shift internally from worrying about how we are going to earn enough money to pay our way through life to trusting that "as we give, so shall we receive." We understand and relish the opportunities to touch others' lives, and we *know that we are Spirit's presence here on earth.* We have the opportunity to detach from earthly problems, access spiritual assistance and be *the messenger for Infinite Intelligence* here on earth. We learn to understand, as we explore a wide variety of response strategies, what *feels right.* Hold each problem in your mind and heart, ask for spiritual guidance and then detach from the problem's immobilizing grip. Spirit will guide you.

In Spirit – *Laura Lee Perkins,* Editor •

Sooner or later every one of us breathes an atom that has been breathed by anyone you can think of who has lived before us – Michelangelo or George Washington or Moses.
– Jacob Bronowski

This Is Our Country

THE REV. MARILYN J. AWTRY, NST – Florida



As the days go by, how often do we think of our country? A country where it is recorded that "...all men are created equal..."

The capitol of our country is Washington, District of Columbia. Many have walked the streets admiring the awesome buildings: the White House, The Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Treasury, etc. One can view the statues in the park—the grand mall with the Washington Monument towering up into the sky at one end of the reflection pond and the awesome Abraham Lincoln monument at the other end. Many of us have criss-crossed streets and gone round and round the circles that divide areas and wondered, "Why did they not do a better job at laying out the streets? Looking at the grandeur of Washington, most of us fail to see all the Masonic symbols, geometry, eagles, angels, armor, astrological signs, and even signs of the tarot cards. We may have seen our Capitol but we didn't gain insight into the story and the solid foundation upon which it is based.

Washington, D.C.'s foundation is likened to that of the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Yes, our nation and our Capitol were founded on a spiritual foundation and our first leaders were predominantly all members of the Masonic order. A look at a map of the city presents pentagrams, hexagrams, triangles, crosses, circles and other geometrical outlines. A walking tour places, before your eyes, archetypes in stone, carvings, monuments, statues, buildings, and inscriptions. All of this silently communicates to the beholder inspiration, elevation, and teaches eternal truths. It is simply amazing.

The use of symbols and rituals speaks to the magical aspect of Masonry and the magical aspect of Washington. The land that is now District of Columbia was donated by Maryland and Virginia. The capital is a perfect 10 mile square whose diamond points mark the four directions. The government was to be at the precise center of the diamond-shaped district. The square is symbolic of the four elements: Fire, Air Earth, and Water. Fire represents intention and will—Water represents creative emotions—Air represents the power of thought and communication—Earth represents the principle of solidity or mass. The animating Spirit is the fifth element or quintessence—the spirit of liberty.

Pierre Charles I. Enfant, assisted by George Washington, primarily designed the city. The streets and diagonal avenues, traffic circles, and symbols of the 15 states in the union are incorporated in the design. The founders were schooled in the Holy Bible and other classical literature. The triangles represent the Great First Cause The eye represents the central illuminating intelligence of the universe. It is the Infinite—all Seeing Eye of God and it manifests the branches of the national government-legislative, executive, judicial. All are sprung from the Holy Spirit of Liberty seeking to manifest on earth.

The District is a shrine to our country's religion, yet is a non-denominational faith with Masonic ideals "that share God as the creator that sustains the universe." The Washington monument is a symbol of the human will aspiring into the heavens while firmly rooted on earth. The Lincoln Memorial was erected to the dream of equality before the laws for equality for all people were enforced with Lincoln sitting in silent contemplation, ever reminding us that evil cannot be tolerated. It tells us that our duty is to rise above errors and sins of our nature. We view Jefferson standing tall overlooking the city he helped design.

The Capitol offers a painting of Apotheosis of Washington 180 feet above. Minerva leads the way in science, rejecting superstition and consensus, insisting on penetrating to the heart of reality with objective experimentation. Mercury inspires commerce, Neptune rules the water realm reminding America "he controls 70% of the surface of earth and the nation that doesn't sail the mighty seas will fall to one that does." Ceres expresses that humans that are successful in learning earth's secrets and those who pursue her disciplines will prosper. Others who do not will die. The Vulcan reminds us we are put on this earth to build and fashion and construct. Humanity is to imitate the creativity of the Maker, and Columbia, the female personification of America, wields her sword in demonstration that Freedom is not free. It must be defended, protected, and earned.

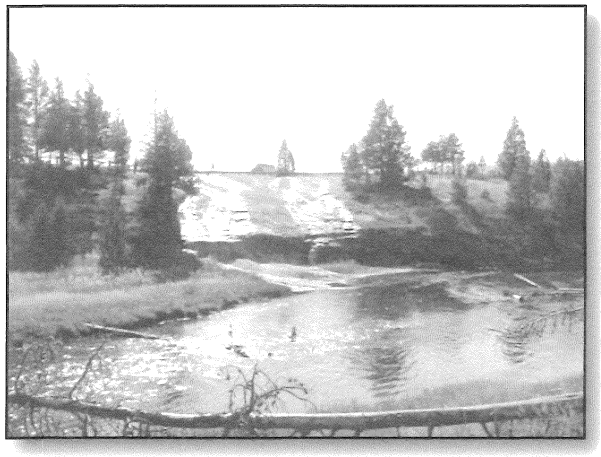
There is much intrigue and much to be learned about Washington, D.C. For instance, to date, the cornerstones of the White House and the Capitol as well as some other major buildings have not been located. For those wishing to know more about our Capitol, there are many, many books about it and the symbols that are obvious to the naked eye. *The Secrets of Masonic Washington* by James Wasserman and *Washington, D.C.* by Gerald & Hoberman are just two good sources.

This is our country and we can be proud to be Americans! •

A Spiritual Point of View

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There are defined moments in the life of a person when we face different paths to take, different ways to act, each with its own characteristics, to the same event. In reality, we face these dilemmas daily, but they do not always have the same significance, as there are occasions when a decision may well be of greater benefit for our lives.

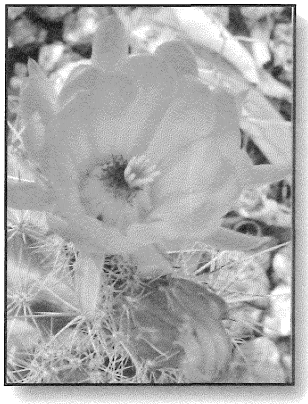


From an inconsequential viewpoint, often all these circumstances may pass unnoticed, without us giving them any importance. From this point of view, everything is seen under a very limited and often purely material sense. But, being aware of the spiritual reality that governs our existence, we have no choice but to assess these situations, attempting to understand the significance they might have for a more rapid evolution of our spirit.

Undoubtedly, if the vision of our life is based on mere chance, there is nothing to object about if everything is arbitrary. However, we know with absolute certainty that our life has a reason, a reason why it exists...properly planned for by ourselves before birth, according to our progress and needs, in order to achieve greater and more rapid spiritual evolution. Then, everything takes on a new dimension.

Because we planned to pass through these circumstances, those who can bring us the most profit on a spiritual level (the responses, our actions regarding them, as heritage of our free will) depends on us. Thus, with any major decision that presents itself in our lives, *we should always approach it from a spiritual point of view,* trying to deepen the benefits for our spiritual progress. We should try to be always above purely material conveniences, not lingering merely in those things that are transitory, but looking beyond what we really are striving for, which will provide a more lasting benefit. Where? *In our eternal reality - the spiritual.*

Sometimes it is difficult. We are not always willing to do so. It requires constant effort and resignation, and a dauntless struggle against the defects of selfishness (or what is convenient), which pose great obstacles to our spiritual development. But in the struggle and sacrifice are forged great future satisfactions, the peace and happiness the soul feels and bears knowing (it has taken) the right path. Hence, big decisions often have a deeper meaning than we suspect, because they provide the soul with a slower or faster way towards progress, which will result in future consequences. •



Love out Loud

Bonnie Wheeler, Maine

I would like to learn to love out loud
So loud others could see it
So loud others could feel it
Sharing Spirit's energy with the world
Spreading love, peace and beauty
Willing others to stop and listen
Paying it forward every day.

Parenthood and Spiritual Growth

JAMIE BARTA – Nevada

When I went to my first baby shower since becoming a parent myself, it was a completely different experience. For the first time since I had my children, I didn't feel like the most clueless mother in the room. Parenthood is such an awesome experience because it is so inexplicable. It is an extreme life change unique to all who enter upon it, either willingly or forcibly.

I don't think anyone can really understand the impact children will have on their lives. Even the most anticipatory parents-to-be who have read all the books and asked all the questions leave the hospital with that dazed look on their faces wondering what to do next. The feelings of pride and relief felt after finally delivering a healthy baby give way to doubt and fear as panic sets in as you drive away from the hospital. To a certain degree, I don't think these feelings ever go away.

There is nothing to prepare any individual for parenthood. It is so spiritual and karmic that to describe it in words would be impossible. All of the professional opinions and advice in the world can't. It is our understanding of Natural Law that navigates us through such an amazing journey.

There are many lessons to be learned for both the parent and the child. I believe a soul chooses the lessons they will encounter in their lifetime before they are born, just as a child chooses its parents. A previous soul connection and an agreement to help each other on their life's path is what bonds a parent-child relationship. Whether through positive or negative experiences, lessons are created throughout their lifetime to challenge their souls' evolution as they grow closer to each other and to Infinite Intelligence.

The immense joy and sorrow a parent can feel at the same time is an experience that could only be given as a gift from the universe. To have an opportunity to feel so expansively and with such depth of emotion is a true gift. For this reason, I believe women are given a natural ability to connect with their emotions more easily than men, leading me to believe in "mother's instinct." I am not saying that men don't have it, but it isn't as natural for them to understand and express their emotions; therefore parenthood challenges men on a whole different level — each man in a different way.

Having a child opens your soul to vulnerability, and there is nothing more vulnerable than unconditional love. Men have often not felt it acceptable to show their vulnerability. Some find it difficult to make peace with the depth of emotions a child brings because often there has been no male emotional role model in their past. From generation to generation, women have had more outlets with each other. We are always talking about our feelings—learning from them, finding peace with them, while men have often wondered what we could possibly have to talk about for so long.



This doesn't have to be the future norm for all men. Our lives are change, and the roles we create and live out in life change. Our evolution is what we are all living for—to better ourselves, to make a better future for our children. The more aware we are of Universal Laws, the better we understand ourselves and our relationships. As we learn, we can teach our children and the generations that follow by example, creating a conscious evolution of our souls.

Parenthood is also a gift that men and women give to each other. Creating a life together and acknowledging a soul bond paves a path to truth and love. It helps you to connect with your children as you remember the innocence and simplicity of a child's love, of spiritual love. Sharing the experience of having a child is a wonderful opportunity to explore the loving relationship with each other. One of my greatest pleasures in my marriage is to know that my husband and I are sharing the same feelings when it comes to our children. The love my husband and I have created with our boys helps me to understand him on a different level, a level that is sometimes foreign to my conscious mind. I know now, no matter how aggravating it is to me, that when he is impatient with me for waiting until the last minute to write a speech (and the kids won't be quiet so I can), he is concerned about watching me stress myself out.

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It took a lot of adjustment for us to get used to having children. The experience has put so much of our lives into a perspective that makes sense. It makes us look back at the five years we were married before our children and wonder why we made everything so complicated. There were so many meaningless arguments and wasted opportunities. It seems that even though parenthood has made our lives more complex, it is also so much simpler because we are learning to realize what is important to us. As our lives become more dynamic, we have become more concentrated on doing the best we can. We are changeable creatures. Rising to the challenges we meet is how we learn our lessons, so the more that is put on my plate, the more of my own potential I see. It is not easy and often is rewarding only in retrospect, but becomes a source of pride and inspiration to go on to the future.

The selflessness that is needed in being a parent is exhausting and commendable. It leads me to think of my parents, and know that the sacrifices I feel, they felt. It helps me to realize and appreciate their efforts. This thought makes me think of my dad who passed 14 years ago. I am now able to understand parts of him I never knew while he was here. He made choices in his life that weren't for the better good of all he cared for, but it doesn't mean he didn't care. He did what he felt he had to do, with what he had to work with and that doesn't mean he loved any less. Something I have learned in my spiritual pursuit is that we are all on our own path, learning our own lessons, and making our own choices. No one and nothing can change any given circumstance that is not meant to be changed. Our free will is limited to the evolution of our conscious mind.

I heard in a class that babies are born with two emotions, love and fear; everything else is learned. We each have a unique foundation taught by the people we chose to be our parents before we were born. The people we have soul connections to are helping us to evolve, as we are helping them. I don't blame my father for the lessons he left unlearned or feel shame or anger for the choices he made. I feel nothing but unconditional love and appreciation for his guidance because I know I am the best of him. That is one lesson he didn't fail in his life. He gave me the best of who he was, of what he had to give. I chose his guidance for a reason; no one said it would be easy.

When the circumstances of a child-parent relationship in life are good, a life-long partnership is formed and a deep appreciation of support and unconditional love can lend its strength to many areas of life. I felt this with my own mother who made selflessness an art form. She has been a constant inspiration to me with my children. Sometimes, however, the circumstances surrounding a parent-child relationship are difficult



and negative, and since we are influenced so greatly by our parents who are our care givers from birth, it makes our lives and our lessons seem insurmountable. It is difficult to overcome feelings of fear and anger when they have been a part of you since birth. Dealing with the desperation of needing to know why something is the way it is, just to understand it and be able to move on in life, takes so much strength and character that the growth rate after surviving such harsh lessons should be a source of pride. Sometimes those who give you the most pain in your life are the ones who love you enough to be totally honest—helping your soul to evolve. It can be a selfless sacrifice.

It is hard to look at our lives in this way, but it feels right in my heart. The Spiritualist faith that guides my heart is the most real thing in my life, the most important. And I know as I am figuring out the puzzle I have created for this lifetime, I am using the pieces I have already learned to teach my children.

The responsibility I feel as a parent can be overwhelming sometimes. Occasionally I mourn for the freedom of who I thought I was, but then I realize that I have become someone I never thought I had the strength to be. That is the nature of evolution. It is not anticipatory. It is only realized through reflection of emotions, tears of joy and pain. Even though I have only been a mother for less than ten years, the sacrifices, the losses, the worries I always feel have been worth the growth I've felt. I have grown more than I could have ever imagined possible in the last 10 years in my faith and spirituality. It has been very difficult for my husband and me at times, dealing with profound changes in our lives. But it has been a true gift to recognize, internalize and appreciate the depth of the emotions I now feel for my family, my children and myself. I believe that the love we've created in our lives, and the love Infinite Intelligence has rewarded us with, will give us the strength and conviction we need to continue on our paths. Learning the lessons we have set before us, we are accompanied by the souls we feel closest to — our friends, family and children. •

MEDIA WATCH

THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST – Nevada

The Reality of Hidden Events • According to Ron Westrum: "A hidden event is some unusual phenomenon that is widely experienced, but is counterintuitive. Because it doesn't make sense, the persons who experience it shrink from treating it as real. They don't want to believe that they had the experience, and they don't want to talk about the experience to other people. And so, because they don't want to talk about it, other people also tend not to want to talk about their experiences. So while many people may have this experience, each believes that his or her experience is unique." Does that sound familiar?

The article was about child abuse, but Westrum thinks it applies to many subjects. We think it applies to the phenomena of Spiritualism. He summarized his article with "Lessons: the lessons we learn about hidden events from this case include the following:

One: Hidden events may be far more widespread than initial impressions would suggest.

Two: People are often unwilling to see or to report on what doesn't make sense, especially if they do not know about others' experiences.

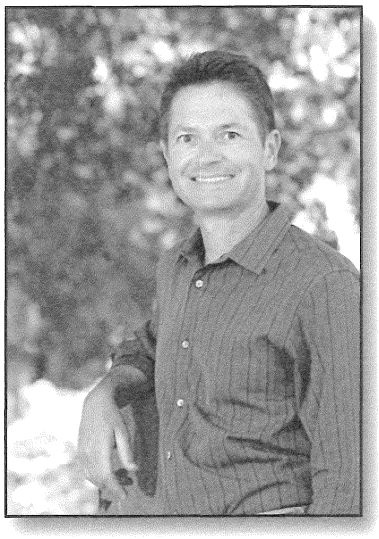
Three: Experts are often as ignorant as everyone else, but do not know they are ignorant.

Four: When the dynamics of the reporting system change, the prevalence of the anomaly may seem very different.

Five: It is important to connect the dots before one can get resolution, and to connect up, as it were, the anomaly to knowledge already existent.

From: *Hidden Events and Closed Minds: The Case of Battered Children* by Ron Westrum, July-September 2011 *Edgescience*, Published by the Society for Scientific Exploration

Research Shows Gratitude Heightens Quality of Life • Two psychologists, Michael McCollough of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and Robert Emmons of the University of California at Davis, conducted an experiment on gratitude and its impact on well-being. The study split several hundred people into three different groups and all of the participants were asked to keep daily diaries. The first group kept a diary of the events that occurred during the day without being told specifically to write about either good or bad things. The second group was told to record their unpleasant experiences and the last group was instructed to make a daily list of things for which they were grateful. The results of the study indicated that daily gratitude exercises resulted in higher reported levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, optimism and energy. In addition, those in the gratitude group experienced less depression and stress, were more likely to help others, exercised more regularly and made greater progress toward achieving personal goals. Dr. Emmons' research shows that those who practice gratitude tend to be more creative, bounce back more quickly from adversity, have a stronger immune system and have stronger social relationships than those who don't practice gratitude. He points out, "To say we feel grateful is not to say that everything in our lives is necessarily great. It just means we are aware of our blessings."



From: *How Gratitude Can Change Your Life* by Marelisa Fabrega, findyourbeautiful.com

Online Development Circles? • Currently in the third year of her PhD in Sociology at York University, Tamlyn Ryan presented a paper at the 34th Conference of the Society of Psychical Research on psychic readings and mediumship on the internet. The paper was based on her six-month involvement with a weekly online development circle that took place using Windows Live Messenger. Due to technical

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difficulties, they later moved the group to a chat room. Ryan's experience was a positive one and she feels, "That the research community interested in psychic phenomena will need to become involved with web-based development circles, which have easily adapted from the conventional circle."

From: Ryan, T., *Cyber Psychics: Psychic readings and mediumship on the internet,* presented at the Society for Psychical Research 34th International Conference, University of Sheffield, September 2010 report by Lew Sutton

Acquired Inheritance • The Darwin's Theory of Evolution we know today is, itself, the product of considerable evolution. In the early 1800s, Frenchman Jean-Baptiste de Lamarck, proposed the Theory of Acquired Inheritance, which held that an animal might acquire a characteristic during its lifetime and that the characteristic might then be passed on to its offspring. This idea was discarded many years ago until modern research found a number of molecular mechanisms that are used to write additional heritable information onto the surface of our genes. Inheritance of this type of modification can occur rapidly and enable a species to adapt to sudden environmental change.

Comment: Acquired Inheritance may have a bearing on morphogenesis, which governs cell differentiation; will it be hair, skin or bone? The actual mechanism of morphogenesis is still unknown, but the discovery of a mechanism for acquired inheritance leaves the door open for morphic fields as that mechanism. The theory of morphic field holds that there are fields of subtle energy which act as a blueprint for differentiation and eventual growth of a living system.

From: *How Evolution Occurs: Was Lamarck Also Right?* by Robyn A. Lindley, July-September 2011 *Edgescience,* Published by the Society for Scientific Exploration

Is Spiritualism a Graying Religion? • David Howard makes this point in one of his blogs at Spirit Communion. He reported in the blog about a paper titled "Messages from Heaven: A Research Study on Spiritualist Ministers and their 'Calling' to Serve Spirit," written by Dr. Todd Jay Leonard. In the paper, Leonard's demographic research points quite clearly to the fact that leadership in Spiritualist communities is held almost entirely by middle-age and, predominantly, elderly individuals. In his study sample of ordained Spiritualist ministers, none were under the age of 35 and only 3% were between the ages of 35 and 44. A whopping 39% were aged 55 to 64 and 35% were older than that. What's more, these ministers also provided revealing statistics about when they became a Spiritualist. Only 12% were raised in a Spiritualist church, while 11% more became involved as a "young adult." A huge majority (70% of the total) became Spiritualists in middle age. He also discovered that 70% were female.

From: *Spiritualism–A 'Graying Religion?'* by David H. Howard, Spirit Communion, Apr. 6, 2012, spiritcommunion.blogspot.com



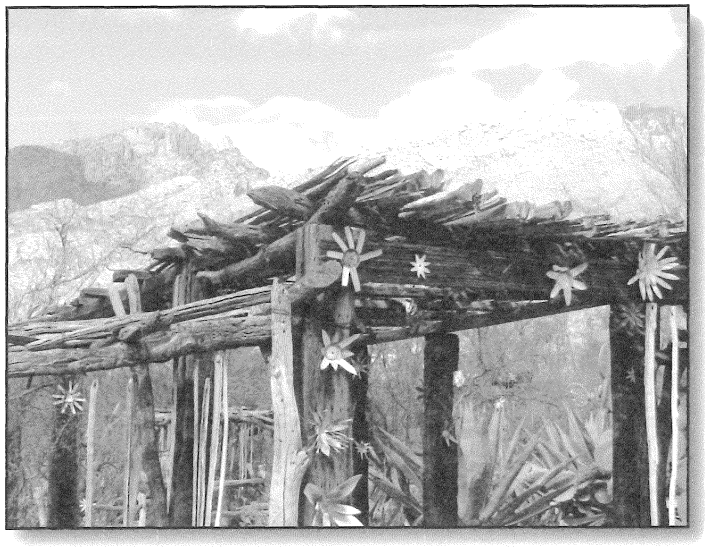
The Scientific and Medical Network was started in Britain (scimednet.org) by scientists who felt the materialist view was limiting science. Their mission is to "Explore and expand the frontiers of science, medicine and spirituality." Their aims are: "To provide a safe forum for the critical and open minded discussion of ideas that go beyond conventional paradigms in science, medicine and philosophy, to integrate intuitive insights with rational analysis in our investigations, to encourage a respect for Earth and community which emphasizes a spiritual and holistic approach and to challenge the adequacy of 'scientific materialism' as an exclusive basis for knowledge and values."

The Temple of Sacred Sound is an interactive website (templeofsacredsound.org) that allows people to project sound, along with other people throughout the planet, for the purpose of Global Harmonization assisting and enhancing peace and harmony on the Earth. Within the Temple of Sacred Sound you will find the Toning Chambers, there are three different and unique chambers where one can resonate with different sacred sounds. When you enter each of the chambers, you will hear a background sound that is composed of the voices of thousands of people from around the planet. Once in a chamber, you are to sound with your voice while projecting the intention of healing into the tones you make. The website founders believe that the combination of sound and consciousness is a means of co-creating transformation on both a personal and planetary level. They state, "We can transform the World with Our Love, Our Light and Our Sound!"

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Dance To Your Own Beat

THE REV. KIMBERLEY ORLOWSKI, NST – Wisconsin



Did you ever have that feeling of your hair standing on end? Or have the feeling of love, elation, sadness, etc. when listening to music? You might remember something from long ago when you hear a tune. Or perhaps you are transported to another time and place in the matter of moments?

I remember sitting in an auditorium as a swing choir sang and danced when I was younger, and besides the awesome emotional high, it gave me goosebumps! Music is so amazing that way; it puts us all in harmony with it and each other bringing out many emotions, feelings and thoughts. It transports us to places we want to go and to places we've already been. Music has amazing power. It moves across boundaries, time and space. It can bring us to extreme heights or lows depending on the content or the tone.

But we need to remember something about music: the kind we fill our ears with will have a tremendous impact upon us and our physiology, and it affects our personal vibration, bringing it up or down. Music has the power to hurt and to heal. What we listen to not only says a great deal about us, but also about who we might be on our way to becoming.

It has been said that you can tell a great deal about a society by the kind of music it listens to—whether it will succeed or fail might be evident in its music. Why is that? Well, Natural Law comes into play here and the Law of Harmony (rhythm). This law is in close relation with the Law of Vibration. When we are in church, for instance, and we are all singing together, we are all "getting on the same page" vibrationally. We are not only in harmony with the music, but with each other, which is a good thing. We want that, and we also want that vibration to be uplifting.

The Law of Harmony states: "Harmony and rhythm is motion and all motion in the universe is dominated by a particular flowing order..." The key to this law is rhythmic consistency, which produces each specific manifestation.

So, in this case, read that as everything in the universe has a vibration and an order, and that order is controlled by the constant forward movement of a particular rhythm (or harmonic balance or imbalance).

Ask yourself, "Is your life moving in the direction you want it to?" If not, maybe it is because you are out of sync with the Natural Law of Harmony. Maybe you are out of sync with God's Laws or what is right for you as a soul or spiritual being. When you are in the right "space," the rhythm of your life moves in such a way that everything falls into place, like a well choreographed dance that is in harmony with the tune that is playing. When your life is off balance, the harmony is out of sync, the rhythm of the dance is off and you feel like you have two left feet. You might still be moving, but it is all out of step. This is our clue to get back into the highest for ourselves—to find **our** personal rhythm again and to do what is best for us as spiritual beings—now. It really is true that we all do dance to the beat of our own drummers. But remember, this is not a bad thing—every band has sections (woodwind, brass, percussion). An instrument can shine on its own, but it also can help a group make the most wonderful tunes imaginable!

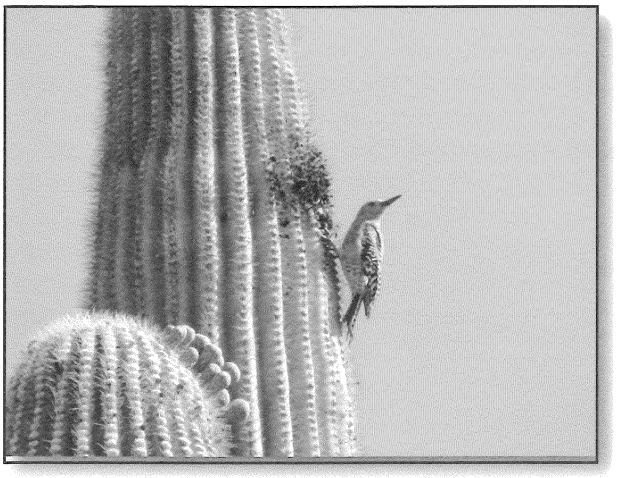
Make your own music that is in harmony with your higher spiritual self and you will dance a flawless dance—your bandmates will then come to you via the Law of Attraction! Isn't it great the way Natural Law works?

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To come to be, you must have a vision of Being, a Dream, a Purpose and Principle. You will become what your vision is. – Peter Nivio Zarlenga

Peace of Mind

LINDA CHILES – Arizona



Peace of mind — just where does it come from? How do we achieve peace of mind with situations over which we have no control? We see and hear about events happening around us and throughout the world. The news is full of chaos that seems to be happening in every part of the world, chaos that is created by people and chaos happening with Mother Nature. How do you feel when you listen to the news about these events over which you have no control? Does it give you any peace of mind?

Can you do anything about the situation in the Middle East or anywhere else? Oh sure, we can sympathize. We can send healing to those chaotic areas but can we, personally, do anything to help these situations? Do we have any control over these situations? And therein lies the key for me. It really boils down to that word CONTROL. Control is something we like to think we have: control over situations, control over events, control over others and, most importantly, control over ourselves.

How often did you hear as a child, "CONTROL yourself." How often we take comfort in hearing the words, "He or she is in control of the situation." Control in these instances is good; it's a positive thing.

But when we try to control other people or when we try to control the situations in other people's lives, is this a positive action to take?

When does caring about another individual go from caring or helping that individual to interfering with that individual's right to live his or her own life?

There is a book called *THE WAY IS WITHIN* by Ron Rathbun. Tommy Mayfield reads a selection from this book every Sunday at the Church of the Living Spirit and a few weeks ago he read a selection that touched me quite deeply. I had been struggling for some time with the question of whether or not I was interfering with a situation in my sister's life.

> *It is no one's business what you do in your life, as long as you do not interfere with anyone else's life. Far too many people involve themselves in what others are doing. Your experience of life is yours – not anyone else's. Be about your own life. When you have made your life into something of beauty, then you can share that beauty with all who wish to enjoy it.*
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> *NON-INTERFERENCE is a natural law in play in the physical and spiritual universe at all times, whether or not you are aware of it. Interference is deliberately placing something in another's pathway to trip them up or to make them do something that they would not normally do.*
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> *A common result of breaking the law of non-interference is retaliation. Another common result is pain. When you try to control another's life, be it friends or loved ones, you can cause yourself and them great pain because you have interfered in their life.*
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> *True spiritual laws are laws for a simple reason – break them and disharmony will not be far away." (p.193)*
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> And isn't this where our 7th Principle comes in? "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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> The author goes on to say,
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> *Non-interference is a major law in the universe. When people finally accept this spiritual law as truth, the lamb will finally be able to lie down with the lion in peace, and we will have peace on earth.*

What brings us peace — the most important kind of peace? Isn't the most important kind of peace, **peace of mind**? And when we try to control someone else, either their way of thinking or their actions, do we find peace of mind? I don't think so.

My sister has bladder cancer…fortunately it has been caught before it reached the aggressive stage. She smokes and smoking is directly related to this particular cancer (as well as many other cancers). And she is still smoking, even though she was told bluntly by the doctor (I was there), "If you want to die, continue smoking."

She has tried numerous times to stop, but doesn't seem to be able to do so despite trying the patch and various prescribed "stop smoking" drugs. I love my sister very much – we are very close. She is my very best friend. I feel like it's been almost killing me… knowing that she still smokes, though not as much as she once did.

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A Glimpse into the Hereafter

MARK IRELAND – Arizona

My father, Dr. Richard Ireland, was a magnetic and mystical man who won people's hearts with his open and caring nature, while he captured their minds with his profound psychic gifts. In 1960, he founded the *University of Life* which he referred to as an inter-denominational rather than a non-denominational church, preferring the inclusive tone. Born with rare abilities correlating to "The Gifts of the Spirit," referenced by the Apostle Paul, my father's ministry was founded on scripture but supplemented by demonstrations of remarkable phenomena.



Among my father's abilities included clairvoyance, precognition, and spirit-communication. His trademark demonstration was "blindfold billet," where he would cover his eyes with 10 strips of medical tape, sealed tightly around his eye-sockets and nose—topped with three opaque black blindfolds, and then more tape on top of that.(Ironically, my father's eye sight was so poor he couldn't pass a driver's license eye exam.)

He answered questions submitted on small pieces of paper called "billets," which were delivered to the pulpit after he was blindfolded. My father would then rummage through the papers, *feeling* where to go first, touching individual billets. After this he would call out the first and last name of the person who wrote the message. After identifying the recipient, he'd share a wide range of personal information, usually touching on things like jobs, relationships, and pending births. These validations were delivered with a high degree of accuracy and specificity, and my father frequently referenced things not written on the paper.

Sometimes people would receive messages originating from deceased loved ones, and these messages resonated with recipients due to the specificity and nature of information shared. And since my father reached at least half of those in attendance with such compelling information, any suggestion of audience plants was quashed. People believed, but more importantly, *I believed.*

I experienced this phenomena as part of my daily life—not only as a detached observer, where I saw him deliver accurate information to complete strangers, but also in our home, where he gleaned additional insights for parenting purposes. My older brother did not appreciate my father intuiting and halting his beer acquisition methods during his teen years. Nor was my mother pleased when Dad busted her for consuming a hamburger eaten in secret, at a time when she'd committed to being a vegetarian.

I also spoke with people who received messages from my father and they shared confirmations with me firsthand. These were not only things that could have been attributed to clairvoyance, but also specific predictions pertaining to future events that subsequently came to pass.

My father had a deep love for humanity and his sense of compassion extended far beyond the church. He demonstrated his abilities in venues ranging from conference rooms, to nightclubs and Las Vegas showrooms—making some parishioners uneasy. My father felt it was important to reach *all* people with the message, "You are more than a body," as he felt this theme was the cornerstone of spirituality. In entering the secular world, my father was able to counsel celebrities such as Mae West, Darrell Zanuck, Glenn Ford, and Amanda Blake.

I loved my father but deliberately chose a different, seemingly more stable path than a life centered on the metaphysical. My father *chose* to stick his neck *way out there,* but I wasn't really comfortable exposing myself to such scrutiny. Plus, I didn't have the same abilities, so I didn't harbor the same passion for it. My gifts were different and that was okay.

I was married at an early age, obtained a degree, and started a career in business. Soon thereafter, my wife Susie and I had two children: Steven and

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Brandon. As time progressed, I was very focused on my career and my life became unbalanced. I was spending too much time at work, allowing it to dominate my focus and consume all of my energy.

I couldn't see that I had taken for granted the most important things in my life, until one of the most precious and beloved among them was gone. Prior to January 10, 2004, I could never have imagined that my youngest son, Brandon, would die from a severe asthma attack while hiking. On the morning of his fateful expedition, I experienced a premonition that swallowed me up with overwhelming trepidation and a sense of impending tragedy. I asked him to stay home, but didn't tell Brandon about the intense feeling. Instead, I focused on the rational grounds for my request—the windy conditions present that day.

Brandon was 18 years old, adventurous, and determined. As he left with friends that day, as if to say "stop worrying," he uttered his final words to me, "We're going, Dad." My life would never again be the same. The loss of a child is the hardest thing a parent can face.



Losing Brandon inspired me to probe deeper questions about life, death, and life-after-death. Drawing on my past, I realized that my father had been a significant influence on my life and on my overall perspective. I was comforted by memories of the remarkable things I'd experienced growing up. I thus decided to embark on a journey with both spiritual and empirical implications. This involved a lot of reading and research, but I also reached out to other sources that I could examine objectively. In the course of my study, over a three-year period, I observed top mediums under controlled conditions and found them capable of sharing specific, meaningful information about Brandon and other deceased loved-ones. These sessions were conducted in a manner that afforded the mediums little or nothing in the way of sensory cues or advance information.

My family members and I also experienced an interesting array of unusual phenomena that pointed toward contact with, or communication from, my son Brandon, as well as other loved ones. One of the most profound instances involved my wife, Susie, who felt Brandon's presence and then saw him as a shadow figure to her right. The very next day a musician friend called to report an almost identical incident, where he felt a presence and saw a shadow figure. After this happened, he verbally acknowledged Brandon's presence and then proceeded to compose and record a song that he felt was directly influenced by our son. Ironically, this friend had borrowed Brandon's bass guitar and played it on the recording.

Some people reading this might jump to the conclusion that I am "out there," but I'm actually a grounded and pragmatic individual. It's just that I've seen remarkable things that demand my witness, so, like my father before me, I finally decided to "stick my neck out there." And I'm doing this to offer evidence-based reasons for bereaved persons to harbor hope.

There is more to the universe than our five physical senses tell us and the religion of materialism is a lie. I believe that mind precedes matter and that "mind" brought the material world into being. Scientific findings indicate that mind does affects matter—witness the "observer effect" in quantum mechanics. The notion of an interconnected universe is also borne out by the discovery of "entanglement." And the predominant unification hypothesis in physics, string theory, points to the likely existence of other dimensions—separated merely by vibration. (Look these things up if you are interested.) Perhaps the ancient sages who said these things eons ago, based solely on their intuition, were right after all.

While I believed in the hereafter from the beginning, my new experiences provided me with a sense of expanded awareness. They also yielded new perspectives on the nature of reality that have affected my world view. So it goes with the evolution of thinking—a process that is an inherent part of the life experience. I invite you to consider that your mind might be more than your brain, and that your soul just might be more than your body. •

Mark Ireland is promoting his father's book, *Your Psychic Potential: A Guide to Psychic Development,* released in January, 2011. Mark is the author of *Soul Shift: Finding Where the Dead Go,* a moving account of his personal quest for answers about life after death, subsequent to the death of his youngest son, and an essay for medium Allison Dubois' *We Are Their Heaven: Why the Dead Never Leave Us.* Mark is a founding member of the International Conference on After Death Communication. www.markirelandauthor.com and www.afterdeathconference.com

HEALING: Mind-Body-Spirit

A monthly, online free healing guide.

PATRICIA WAGNER – Arizona



The Mind-Body-Spirit column invites you to begin the courageous act of visualizing yourself well.

Prior columns have reviewed the scientific and spiritual reasons why your manifestation of total health is possible. Now, begin to manifest this for yourself, *assuming* you that are *willing* to try.

- **First we'll explore a visualization I once used.**
- **Then, you'll receive full disclosure of what might ensue after beginning your own practice.**
- **Lastly, you'll be given a "how to" on the creation and application of your own vision for health.**

My visualization:

In my mind's eye, I am walking without pain, breathing with ease, moving with strength and grace. I hear others saying "how clear and sparkly her eyes are" and "she looks so vibrantly healthy." I see my veins and arteries pulsing blood in perfect ratios and quantities. I see my bone marrow in pink perfection. I see my lymphatic system cheerfully floating out all toxins. My internal organs are working together in a beautiful symphony of harmony and cooperation. I now experience with joy the sensations and thoughts of actions I once couldn't do. I enjoy an inner balance of all aspects of myself: my emotions and thoughts, my words and actions. I see loving relationships with others. I feel acceptance and love for myself, and for this gift of life.

Is this crazy thinking? I was approaching organ failure, wracked with pain and crippled by fatigue, traveling by cane or wheelchair. Since 1997, I'd been in real trouble, and was currently fraught with fibrosis, anemia, and ominous blood morphology. No, I was not crazy, but to avoid ridicule, I told no one of the radical flip my inner compass had taken.

I had chosen to let my heart set the direction that my mind would follow. This is just the sort of break point reached by almost every person who experiences a miraculous healing.

To manifest your vision, it must be cherished within a field of strong *belief* and *desire*. Others may define this as *faith*. You must lift it up with your *gratitude* for what is as yet unmanifested in the physical. *When in this frame of mind, love bubbles up from some deep well within us.* In fact belief, desire, faith, and gratitude are handmaidens to love. Through love of both self and others, we may melt away their destructive counterparts: fear, separation, insecurity, and disease of all types.

Trust that this Love has the greatest drawing power and healing power on earth, for it does.

Unbeknownst to me when I first began my visualization practice, I found that I was not only short on love of self and others, I was short on the ability to overcome these deficits. Persistence with visualization corrected this in part, but also led me to augment visualization with techniques we'll cover in future articles. If you begin to feel you've uncovered more than you can handle on your own, don't hesitate to seek out professional counseling and spiritual support as needed. It was never so intense that I sought this for myself, but we're all different, so listen to your own inner guidance on this.

At certain points I found that I could have either emotional or physical comfort, but not both. Actually, as the entombed memories and programming began releasing due to the impact of my visions upon my subconscious, I felt encouraged that I was making progress! I felt that total health was on the other side of this temporary pain barrier, and indeed it was.

Let me remind you that the rewards of your act of courageous dreaming may be nothing short of miraculous. Others have been successful with this life changing practice, so why not you?

HOW TO BEGIN

Fantasize for a bit upon your memories of health. Write your thoughts down.

If you were restored to total health, what would this look like? What are the sounds and colors and dimensions of this? Look throughout your body, mind and emotions, and define the characteristics of wellness in each of these arenas. Describe the details of this, as they would appear both within and without. What are the

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tactile and internal sensations of wellness? What would you be doing, in terms of activities, if you were totally freed of illness? Imagine that you are making a videotape of this. What do you see? What would you and others feel and think while viewing this video?

This document will become your starting point. You will likely add to it once you've begun the actual practice.

YOUR FIRST PRACTICE SESSION

You will begin your visualization session by relaxing in safe and peaceful surroundings. Just as in meditation, simply soften your vision, observe your breathing in and out, observe the thoughts floating through your mind, and observe the sensations in your body. When you feel fully relaxed and receptive, begin to *dwell upon and within the visions* you've written.

Spend about five minutes enjoying every detail of the moving and colorful pictures you've created. Imagine the sensations and colors. Feel the emotions of it. Feel it so intensely that joy and gratitude well up within you.

Visualization is fantasizing! So play and enjoy it, savoring your images and feelings of wellness, and see it happening NOW.

Let your thoughts dwell upon the end goal. Don't be tempted to consciously outline the steps needed to reach this goal. Your subconscious knows what to do.

ESTABLISHING A PATTERN

Choose a convenient time and repeat daily. Also visualize as you awaken to each new day, and when you lay your head down to sleep at night.

It takes 30 days to establish a new habit pattern, so discipline yourself, regardless of perceived results. Persist! You are strengthening muscles which will, in time, become powerful, and *your subconscious will take you seriously, provided that you are intent on your vision.*

Lastly, don't worry much if you can't actually "see" with your mind's eye during your sessions. We're all different. So if it feels more natural to do so, try this: Keep reading your written visualization, as you fantasize and dwell upon these words in a vividly feeling and detailed way.

IN BETWEEN YOUR VISUALIZATION SESSIONS

When doubts bubble up during or between sessions, make a note of them. Begin to keep a journal of your daily experience and insights.

It won't help to fight it when you have thoughts contrary to your visualization. You might try saying "erase, erase, erase" as though you were deleting a faulty string of computer programming. Or perhaps you could imagine yourself gently sweeping away your negative thoughts, as if they were wispy cobwebs which easily yield to your touch. Into the void you've created, enthusiastically re-assert your positive images.

Realistically, we all fail now and then. Don't sweat it too much.

ACT AS IF

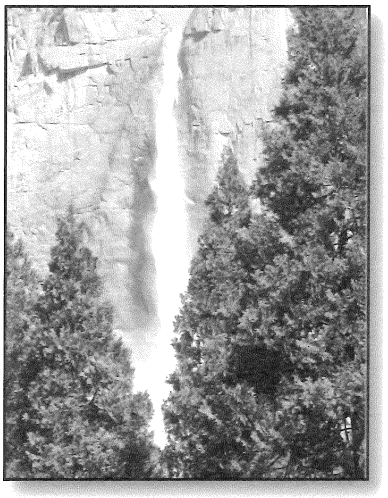
Since we have been told that we have a chronic illness, and may well have troubling symptoms, our logical minds have been focused on research and actions related to this challenge. It is fair to ask: "How we are to focus instead on the opposite of this?"

This is not an either/or proposition. Do both. But closely consider your emotional response toward any medically necessary actions.

Don't define yourself as being ill. It's a good idea to first acknowledge your reactions of fear or despair. Then you must resolutely substitute such thoughts, perhaps with "I acknowledge that this is happening for the moment, but if it is God's will, I shall heal myself," or "I trust in the infinite intelligence of my subconscious mind and it will heal me." Remember that you are planting seeds which will rise up and blossom in good time. Keep weeding your garden until then.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Virtually every spiritual treasure of the ages can be helpful, thanks to insights you'll gain as you grow in experience with visualization. A light and joyful read which will put you in the proper spirit for manifesting is *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnet (1849-1924) offered for free to Kindle users. Excellent contemporary resources on this subject include *The Joy of Visualization* by Valerie Wells and *Creative Visualization* by Shakti Gawain. Lastly search the internet under "manifesting health."



I do hope that you'll soon become dreamers like me, because dreams DO come true.

Blessings. •

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– *Author Unknown*



God the Good
is all there is.



The Law of Life is
made perfect in me.
I AM THAT I AM.

I am a free soul in God;
Fate, destiny and environment
have no power over me.

Rest in Spirit, wait patiently and you
will be given your hearts' desire.

I am redeemed out of all nations,
all races, all people into the Great
God Life, in all and through all.

I am free from criticism,
condemnation, resistance and strife,
for I know the Law of Love.

The power of God in the
midst of me is mighty.
I am health, happiness,
opulence and all good.

Divine love is alive within me
and radiates from me
as power, peace and joy.

I live in a perfect universe.
God has finished the things
which concern my life.

These words are spirit and they
are life. They are now fulfilled
under the divine law.

And the prosperity prayer for my
temple; a perfect church home, an
abundance of supply; The People,
healthy, happy and prosperous.

Realizations

THE REV. FRANCES D. MONTGOMERY,
NST – Ohio

I want to share with you something I have always loved and used all of my life. I learned this during my teenage years when I attended a small independent church because there wasn't a Spiritualist Church in Dayton, Ohio at that time. Mom didn't care where we attended so long as we were learning something and could "vibrate" with what was being taught. I feel there is a lot of power in these Realizations and whoever wrote them was most certainly of a high spiritual nature and in tune with Infinite Intelligence. That particular church used these Realizations weekly, much like we use the *Healing Prayer* and *Declaration of Principles*. The church no longer exists and I have been unable to find the Realizations anywhere on the internet. I believe Rev. Hastings, that church's pastor, is smiling down on me as I share this information with you.

1. God the Good is All There is.
   What more needs to be said? We do believe in the God Force, Infinite Intelligence, a Divine Energy that is power in all, through all and over all. We know it exists and do not doubt it. We admit we do not understand it, we cannot see it; we know we can tap into it, put it into use in our lives and we know it is always around and about us protecting us, guiding us. We recognize its power.

2. The Law of Life is made perfect in me. I AM THAT I AM.
   You are at one with the God Force, you couldn't exist without it. God is the very breath you breathe, daily. Without that God given breath of life you would cease to exist.

3. I am a Free Soul in God. Fate, destiny and environment have NO POWER over me.
   You have heard us teach that we are free will agents in God – that we can change things by our decisions, that we always have the right to change ourselves and that we never have the right to change anyone else. Being a free soul in God allows you to take charge of your life. You can rise above environment; you can control your destiny by the choices you make daily. You are not controlled by the whims of fate. That is one of the most important freedoms that we, in this

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nation, have been blessed to have and experience. Freedom of religion, freedom from slavery, freedom of speech — we have taken a lot of this for granted, but we should be aware that many people in the world yet today do not enjoy these freedoms.

4. **Rest in Spirit, wait patiently for Him, and he will give you your heart's desire.**
We often pray, asking for this or that. If we ask and receive, we are pleased. If we ask and do not receive, we think God has not answered us – has ignored us. On the other hand, sometimes the old country western song, *Sometimes I Thank God for Unanswered Prayers,* can frequently hold true. Sometimes as we grow and watch situations unfold, we realize that had we received this or that as we requested, the outcome would have been much different and not nearly as beneficial as the way things turned out.



5. **I am redeemed out of all nations, all races, all people, into the Great God Life, in all and through all.**
I am and you are above the pettiness of most of life's' situations. I am and you are more concerned about your spirituality and soul growth than you are about other people, their ways and their beliefs. It doesn't matter where you come from, what race you belong to or what your background was – you, here and now today – are redeemed into God Life as you choose the spiritual pathway.

6. **I am free from criticism, condemnation, resistance, and strife, for I know the Law of Love.**
You are free from receiving criticism as well as free from being critical of others. You are free from being condemned as you know you should not condemn others. You do not have to resist, struggle or fight, because you know God's Love encompasses everything, you and everyone else.

7. **The Power of God in the midst of me is mighty. I am health, happiness, opulence and all Good.**
What a powerful statement that is. Think about it. The Power of God in the midst of me – the midst of YOU – is mighty. I am and you are health, happiness, opulence and all good. Isn't opulence a fantastic word? Wealth, affluence, a profusion of abundance; all of that is in the MIDST of each of us when we are in tune with the God Force. What more could we ask?

8. **Divine Love is alive within me and radiates from me as power, peace and joy.**
Think of yourselves as actually radiating God Force Love toward everyone you meet. Realize the power you control. Relax into the peace and joyous happiness that is yours when you are in tune with the Infinite. Know that all love, kindness and goodness are radiating from you – you are capable of that – see it radiating toward everyone you encounter for the day. Start small – work with that thought and imagine the radiation of the God Force flowing from YOU toward the next person you meet. One by one, person by person, day by day, add another individual until it becomes a habit. You don't have to know them. You can practice best on strangers and watch them smile in return, never knowing what power they have received because you know the Law of Love. Not only is that a random act of kindness, it enhances your own mental attitude and what you send out comes back many fold to yourself. It will change each of us if we are able to accomplish that!

9. **I live in a perfect universe. God has finished the things which concern my life.**
Yes, we are free will agents but God knows the plan we chose for this lifetime and even the decisions we will make before we actually make them. The still, small voice within that is commonly referred to as conscience, and which lives within the pit of our abdomen, is actually the God Force influencing us to do and be in our actions the highest best person we can be, if we only listen and heed it. These words are spirit and they are life. They are now fulfilled under the Divine Law. This is true – when we listen and act accordingly. Making that a habit raises both our spiritual understanding and also our vibrational level. We are striving daily to become better people, to grow our souls back into the God Consciousness. These little exercises do not cost us one penny; all we have to do is use the knowledge we are taught to the best of our ability and work with this energy. Then relax, knowing you have done your best and let the energy flow. Recognize

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yourself as a working entity of God sending forth power, peace, healing and joy to everyone you meet. It isn't easy – I have said to my nephew – I always love you – I don't always like what you do, but I do still love you. Those of you who have read *The Shack* will understand that statement pretty fully. I do believe that is how Spirit looks at each of us – always with love, even though we frequently fail and fall short. Each time we don't live up to our highest good, we have another and yet another opportunity to begin again, to try to work with it and become better people.



10. **And the prosperity Prayer for our temple – a perfect church home, an abundance of supply – The people healthy, happy and prosperous.**
What more can we ask for? We ask for the highest and best good for all concerned and most certainly for those in our church. We desire and pray for those who enter through our door to find a place where they are comfortable, where they feel welcome and at peace and where they can find the abundance of the God Energy that they seek to meet each new day with the courage that only the Infinite can supply in totality.

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I have always loved these Realizations and it doesn't matter from where they came. I have found them worth memorizing to work with them to the best of my ability – and, like everyone else, at times I fail, miserably, but I always go back to them and try to use them again as best I am able. They mean a lot to me and I have a love for the lady, The Reverend Shirley Belle Hastings, who was the minister who taught them. I think we can all benefit from these teachings. I know I have, and always will treasure them. I am also eternally grateful to my Spiritualist Religion for teaching that all religions hold good in them and that I should read, study, learn, accept, table or reject, according to my spiritual level at any given time – in other words, to think for myself. Spiritualism is for *thinking people* and I think that the Realizations I learned so long ago are "Spiritually Worthy" of remembering! God bless you all and help you to use daily what you know to be true. •

We had a talk when I was back in Chicago for Christmas and I told her that I knew it was her life. I know that she has a right to live her life the way that she wants, not the way I want her to, but I was saying those words with my head only. It didn't reach my heart. I know, as a Spiritualist, that we have the right to live our lives the way that we decide to — not how other people believe we should.

And as a Spiritualist, I know that to interfere with someone else's life is wrong. When I heard Tommy read these words, I had been struggling with this question of "Am I interfering with my sister's life?" by trying to get her to stop smoking. Is this the path that she is meant to walk because of the lessons she is to learn here on earth?

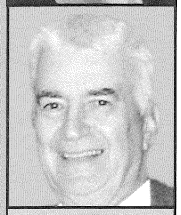
I have said for a long time now that she will quit when she is ready to quit, but I didn't really mean it with my heart. It wasn't until a friend of mine expressed this thought, but used different words, that I have finally come to mean it with my heart. The words that he said were, "When the time is right, she will stop smoking." The meaning is the same but by placing the emphasis where it properly should be placed, namely in the hands of God, it takes the pressure off my sister and places it with God.

Is there an issue in your life where you would like to control the actions of someone else – a friend or a loved one? By saying those words, "When the time is right, he or she will stop," rather than placing the burden on him or her, it changes the emphasis. You might find the same kind of peace of mind I have found for this issue with my sister.

We like to control, don't we? We like to feel that we are in control of things and situations...and we are. We are in control of the things and the situations that belong to us. We are NOT in control of the issues that belong to someone else. Peace of mind comes when we can, in all honesty, say that our friend or loved one has the right to determine his or her way of dealing with the particular issue in question.

If you find yourself in the same kind of situation that I am with my sister, try — to the best of your ability — to release that issue or problem by remembering the words, "When the time is right, he or she will change what they are doing." You might just find some real peace of mind in that response, as I have.

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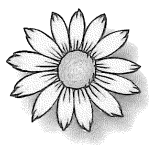
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GLENDALE - Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC • 3736 W. Wahalla Lane, Glendale, AZ 85308; Mailing address: 9106 W. Willow Haven Court, Sun City, 85351; Pastor Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST, (623)972-3916; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; www.churchofthelivingspirit.com

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION • Pres. Edward Killmer, (916)783-3546; Sec. Pamela Bollinger, Mail to: 5750 Via Real, Unit 308, Carpinteria 93013; (650)773-6743; cssasecretary@yahoo.com

AUBURN - Circle of Love Spiritualist Community • 884 Lincoln Way #30, 95603; Sun. Service 10 a.m.; Thu All Message Serice 7:00 p.m.; Classes – contact Pastor Rev. June E. Killmer, NST (916)783-3546 / JuneKillmer@surewest.net; Pres. Pauline Conrad; Sec. Katrina Thompson.

AUBURN - The Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines • 457 Grass Valley Hwy. #7, 95603; Sun. Service 10:00 a.m.; All Message Service Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Vickie Gay, NST; Pastor Emeritus Rev. George Brenner; (530)823-1816, Fax (916)663-4691; spiritualistchapelofthepines.com

MANTECA - First Temple of Spiritualism, NSAC • 874 Woodward Rd. #33, 95337; Contact Joan McDaniel – (209)825-3940.

MONROVIA - The Spiritualist Church of Revelation • 200 W. Colorado Blvd., 91016; Sun. Service 11:00 a.m.; Pastor/Pres. Martin Pina, church phone (626)256-3403 / secretaryscor@yahoo.com; call for class info.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church • 2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 209, 95821-4855. Mailing addr.: 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 Dawson, NST; (916)652-4568 / rsdawson@wavecable.com; Sec. Dawn Meeker; Mailing send to church address.

SAN FRANCISCO - Celebrate Life Spiritualist Community – Joyous Spiritualism to a modern world • 4530 18th St., 94114; The Celebration Service each Wed. & Sun., weekly classes, Modesto, CA classes; Rev. Drew Vogt, Pastor (415)568-7571; celebratelifesc@gmail.com / www.ourcelebration.org

SAN FRANCISCO - The First Spiritual Temple, NSAC • "The Teaching Church" Pastoral Committee: Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST; Sec. Elsie Ann Soria, NST; Hillel House, 2nd & 4th Sundays of month, 33 Banbury Dr. (near SF State Univ.), 94132; Mail to: 1101 National Avenue, #1328, San Bruno, 94066, (650)583-2739.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church • 1901 Franklin St. at Clay 94109; (415)885-9976 / 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; Sec. Colleen Page, P.O. Box 1863, San Mateo, 94401; (650)245-9919; splendaura@gmail.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 Rev. Judy Campbell-Clark, NST; 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.

• COLORADO •

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

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION • Pres. Verline Eldridge, 110 Pukallas Ave. A1-15, Norwich, 06360; Sec. Rev. Jackie Randall, 60 Ward St., Norwich, 06360 / cincyada@aol.com; Mailing addr. 29 Park St., Norwich 06360.

GROTON - Spiritualist Church of Peace & Light • Zbierski House, 1 Beach Pond Rd.; Mailing addr.: 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London 06320; Visit website, www.scpeacelight.net, for service hours & activities; scpeaceight@yahoo.com; Rev. Lynn Gaffin, Pres., heart_860@yahoo.com; (860)442-1709

NEWINGTON - The Church of the Infinite Spirit • Pastor Allen Noddin, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; 2nd & 4th Sun. each month; Adult Lyceum 9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m., Service 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; www.newingtonspiritualistchurch.org; Sec. Celeste Lamarre-Vernale, Lamarre@snet.net

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society, Inc., Pine Grove Spiritualist Camp • For program listing all summer activities, please visit our website at www.pinegrovespiritualistcamp.net; Mailing addr.: P.O. Box 405, 06357; Physical addr.: 34 S. Pine St., 06357; (860)739-2157.

NIANTIC - New London Spiritualist Church • For new location please see our website: www.nlspiritualist.com; Mail. Addr: 1568 Route 80, Guilford, CT 06437 / info@nlspiritualist.com; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m. till noon; Coffee, food and fellowship follow; Check our website for Mediums' Day information, class schedules, workshops and other events; Pastor Rev. 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.–12:00 noon, coffee & fellowship; Pres. Jacquelyn Randall; Sec. Catherine Murphy. FMI call church Pastor, Rev. Jacquelyn Randall (860)887-0068 / www.nscnorwich.net

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.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

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 and Meditation clases available; Pres. Michael Gallion, LM, (202)237-7659; Sec. Maria J. Wolf; Treas. James A. Longmore (301)739-8227.

• FLORIDA •

ORLANDO - New Vision Spiritualist Center, NSAC, Inc. • www.spiritualistchurchorlando.com, meets at 1700 Edgewater Dr.; Sun. 1:30; Healing, Sermon, Messages at all services; Children Lyceum Dir. Fionnula Davis-Patton; Adult Classes taught by Pastor Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, (407)826-0807 or reveao@yahoo.com; Church mailing address: 10509 Jepson St., 32825; Pres. William Patridge; 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. Jeanne Kerr Lerch, NST (407)834-5378; Pres. Marsha Hall (407)920-1105; Sec. Kerri Hartman (407)384-8662; MySCOA.org

• ILLINOIS •

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

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc. • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815)332-5359; Camp Season: June 1 – Sept. 30; Lyceum 9:00-10:45 a.m.; Service, 10:30 – 11:00 Healing Meditation, 11:00 – 12:30 Church Service, Pot Luck follows; Pres. Ken Boesen (815)626-5716; Sec. Marian Boesen, NST; cherryvalleysc@verizon.net

CHERRY VALLEY - Christabelle Spiritualist Church • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815)332-5359; Healing Service 10:30 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Lyceum 9:00-10:45 a.m. every Sun., Oct. – May at Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp; Pastor Rev. Marian Boesen, (815)626-5716; Pres. Kenneth Boesen, (815)626-5716; Sec. Pat Peck (815)332-5359; www.christabellesc.org

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

CHICAGO - Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches • Pres. Marian Boesen, NST (815)332-5359; Treas. Pat Peck (309)787-3386; 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.

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

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

• INDIANA •

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.

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)893-5443 or www.thespiritualistchurchofindianapolis.com

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC • 3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Mailing addr. 6707 Heritage Hill Dr., 46237; 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/Pres. Rev. Mildred Schlagel, (317)291-0799.

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

• IOWA •

CLINTON - New Sunflower Spiritualist Church, MVSA • Mount Pleasant Park, 52732; Holly/Dana Chase; chasehealing@yahoo.com; (563)570-2768.

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.

• MAINE •

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

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church • Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207)622-8980; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; Thur. Spiritual Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Earl L. Wallace, (207)582-6745; Pres. Theresa Clifford, (207)504-1088

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 Spiritualist Center & Camp – Mailing address: 546 Town Farm Rd., 04220; Meetings Sun. 10:30 a.m., 1190 Main St., Hartford, ME; Pres. Robert Foster, pinpointoflight@live.com / pinpointoflight.org; Sec. Rev. Stephanie Frobese, penf@megalink.net, (207)388-3436.

LEWISTON - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life • Entrance on the 4th level in the Centerville Garage, on Canal St. in Lewiston; Pres. Catherine Sabine (207)784-6129; crsabine@gmail.com; 28 Champlain Ave., 04240; Sec. Linda Bragg (207)713-2130

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. Beth Carter (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 on Penobscot Bay. Pres. Ernie Van Den Bossche; 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

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

• MICHIGAN •

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church • 07444 Old US 31N, 49720-9422 (Bayshore); (231)347-9417.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp • Old U.S. 31, Clairvoix, MI; Sec. Susan Hoshield, 8688 Cedar Creek Dr., Petoskey, MI 49770-8871, (231)347-9417.

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit • 2724 Goodrich, 48220; Auxiliaries Mailing Address: 321 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.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church • 430 Bellevue St., 49251; Sun. Service 10:45 a.m.; Contact Co-Pastor Jinki Boyer (517)512-2091 / jboyergoodwin@yahoo.com

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; www.firstspiritualtempleofroyaloak.com

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lakes Spiritualist Camp • 8000 Chain Lakes Rd., 48761; Sec. Mitchelene Weichner, 8004 Chain Lakes Rd., 48761; (989)257-2106.

• MINNESOTA •

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church • 1500 First Ave. NE, Ste. 112, 55906; Service Mon. 7:00 p.m.; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST, Sec. (507)775-6358.

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. Lisbeth Tintera (314)353-4779; 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

• NEW JERSEY •

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life • 243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun Healing, Worship & Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Pres. David Brown, (215)455-0446; Call re: inclement weather or FMI; Sec. Kathleen M. Pollack, (856)456-3401.

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

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple • 29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716)652-5018, www.firstspiritualisttemple.com; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month; 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.org; 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: Mary Ann Clancy, (516)792-5919.

LONG ISLAND - Summerland Church of Light, NSAC • Healing and Worship Service, Sun. 10:00 a.m. at 120 Plant Ave., Hauppauge; Mailing Addr.: 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. Services 10:30 a.m.; Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org; Pastor Robin Higgins.

• 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 • P.O. Box 253, 43003-0253; (740)747-2688.

DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC • 609 Watervliet Ave., 45420-2544, (937)878-1165; Co-Pastor Rev. Raymond Moschke, Moschke@att.net; and Co-Pastor Rev. Frances D. Montgomery, (937)252-3299; www.sunflowerchapel.org

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

McKEESPORT/PITTSBURGH - First Spiritualist Church of McKeesport • 809 Locust St., McKeesport 15132, (412)672-1272; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m. Healing/Meditation, 11:00 a.m. Lecture / Messages; "Medium Sunday" on the first Sunday of each month with Lunch/Readings Noon-2:30 p.m.; Mediumship Development Class Tues. 7-9 p.m.; Pres. Lisa Naylor; receivingspirit@1stspiritualistchurch.org; www.1stspiritualistchurch.org.

PHILADELPHIA - The Celestial Spiritualists Church • Sun. Service 12:00 (noon); celestial.07@mail.com; Rev. Betty J. Hutt, NST.

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

• TEXAS •

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church of Austin • 4200 Ave "D" - Austin, TX 78751-3719, (512)458-3987; Devotional, Healing & Message service Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Pres. Peter Berg; Sec. Wanda Garcia.

HOUSTON - First Spiritualist Church of Houston, NSAC • 2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Pres. Liana V. Liles; Sec. Kristi Hallmark; Sun. Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.; Mon./Tues. Spiritual Development 8:00 p.m.; Priv. Spiritualist readings by appt., (713)695-2550; lileshouston@aol.com; kristihallmark@hotmail.com; www.houstonspiritualists.org

HOUSTON - Spirit Lights NSAC • 12655 Woodforest Blvd., Ste. 530, 77015; Wed. Service @ 7:30 p.m., Healing, Lesson, Messages. Please join us in seeking the Truth of Spirit and deeper spiritual relationships. Platform Committee: Shirley Williams, Catherine Carter, Doyle Ward. President: David Karraker, (713)451-4476 / (713)816-0357; We are on Facebook!+ www.spiritlight.ehost.com; Contact Shirley Williams, Sec., 13115 Labelle Lane, 77015.

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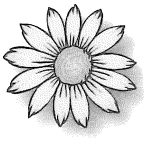
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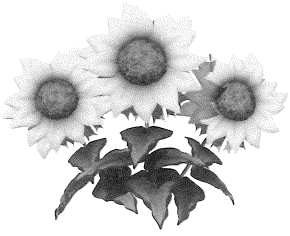
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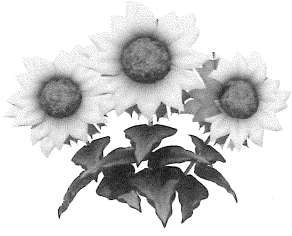
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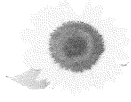
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We all know the power of prayer. Each day, when saying your prayers, please include the names on the NSAC healing list.

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



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So it is with all of us. We come in all sizes and colors, some are tall, some are short. Some people stand out from all the rest for what they say and do. Some blend in the background for strength and support. All are capable of holding their heads up high and turning toward the light. We are here to support each other. We come forth and bloom at different times of our lives. We all have our needs; respect and help supply the needs of others. We live in the light and help others to see the beauty and realize the joys of life— learning, growing, giving — a life worth living.

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NEW YORK
EAST AURORA

The First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora, NY, observed the164th anniversary of the Birth of Modern Spiritualism on Saturday, March 31, with an afternoon and evening of events focused on celebrating our Science, Philosophy and Religion.

The doors opened at 1:00 pm with tours of the building. Historic photos were on display. Power Point presentations and videos were also shown depicting our church's history and the history of Modern Spiritualism.



Healing Panel: June Ralicki, CH, Susan Blessing, CH, Gladys Kellerman, Judith Murnan

From 2:00 to 5:00 pm a series of panel discussions were held on different aspects of Modern Spiritualism with President JoAnn Santonocito presiding as moderator. A brief background of each topic was presented



President JoAnn Santonocito acted as panel moderator.

by the panelists with questions from attendees taken from the floor. The panels covered Modern Spiritualism (philosophy and history), Spiritual Healing, and Mediumship. What a wonderful way to present our religion and educate both our members and the public! Our panelists featured the combined knowledge and experience of: Vice-President Robert Lowell Goller, The Reverend Andrew Lynch, Jennifer Neumann, NST, June Ralicki, CH, Susan Blessing, CH, Gladys Kellerman and Trustee Judith Murnan. These panels were so well received that folks are asking for more, so we plan to offer this event again annually.

At 5:00 pm, we enjoyed an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner featuring Barbara Kellerman's famous sauce and meatballs. The day concluded with a Student Healing Service led by June Ralicki, Commissioned Healer, followed by a Student Message Service led by Jennifer Neumann, NST. In special observance of Spiritualism's important anniversary, the service was closed with Vice-President Robert Lowell Goller singing a beautiful solo of Diamond Rio's *I Believe.* •

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This is a picture from the 2012 Victorian Seance at the Center of Spiritual Enlightenment in Falls Chuch, VA. The Rev. Jeanne Lerch (L) served at the seance and the Sunday service, The Rev. Anne Gehman (C) was the hostess, and The Rev. Marilyn Awtry (R) participated.

What is a loving heart? A loving heart is sensitive to the whole of life, to all persons; a loving heart doesn't harden itself to any person or thing.

– Anthony De Mellow

Church Growth

THE REV. JOHN E. SULLIVAN, NST – Massachusetts



During the Church Growth Committee's discussions, the subject of "How do we increase our church membership" always comes up. Many of the old time Spiritualists believed that Spirit would take care of everything, forgetting that we are personally responsible for how we can make things better.

In today's modern world, we need to take advantage of all the new marketing techniques, just like a business in our town or city. What these techniques are and how we utilize them are the key issues to our growth or our demise.

With most individuals having e-mail access today, we need to create an e-mail list for all those who enter our church or with whom we desire to correspond. This can begin with a book inside the door. Those entering for the first time can be asked to place their name, physical mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address in the book. This gives each church a list of e-mail addresses of those who have attended workshops, seminars or church services. Also, always take advantage when holding a workshop or seminar to create a questionnaire to ask if they enjoyed the seminar, what additional materials might be covered in future sessions, and how they heard about the seminar or workshop.

Most television networks, radio stations, and newspapers have what is called the "community bulletin board" or "upcoming community events" where they will post your church function if it is presented in a timely manner (normally at least two weeks before the event). Check with these locales to see if they have a particular way they want to receive information and what format they prefer. Often a fax will suffice, but some stations and newspapers may require a specific form, electronic submissions or a hard-copy mailed using the postal service. The local Pennysaver magazines usually do well in alerting the public about what we have to offer. Keep in mind that this cannot be done at the last minute but should be prepared well ahead of time.

Mail your church schedule electronically or physically to your members and to those on your mailing list. Since our church closes for July and August, we prepare a brochure to be mailed to 500 mailing addresses prior to September. We do additional mailings to all in January and April. This allows us enough lead time to include upcoming seminars/workshops and the medium's days. This gives everyone time to plan for specific functions they wish to attend.

We have found that the medium's day, with short private readings for a donation of $20 for 15 minutes, is a healthy fundraiser for the church. We book our mediums in advance and honor the fact that some people want a specific medium. A month before the medium's day we allow pre-bookings, which must be paid in advance, to allow a reading with a specific medium at a designated time. Since our medium's days are on Saturday, this allows a person to have a scheduled time rather than taking a chance re: the availability of the medium. We also offer early attendees a bake sale and coffee hour. This keeps those who are early and walk-ins from becoming impatient as they wait for their reading and it aids our fundraising. Here, again, we take advantage of a sign-up list with a name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address, which is then added to our contact list.

Flyers for specific events are always placed around the church and on bulletin boards at various stores, especially supermarkets. This draws attention to each function and offers community visibility for our church. If you are fortunate to have your own building, a changeable letter sign outside the church venue is a great way to bring attention to what you have to offer. By keeping the sign updated with your church service hours and upcoming events, people who may go by your church are regularly informed of who you are and what you are doing. An additional changeable letter sign near your entrance with the date and time of your service and the upcoming speakers is very useful. It's amazing how many times we have found strangers looking at our board!

Is your website up to date? Have you posted the speakers well in advance on your website? What else can you add to the website for public information and bring who we really are to the public's attention? One

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of the easiest ways to enhance your website is to include the sharing of each week's speaker on the website for others to hear, especially those who might have missed the service when they wanted to hear a specific speaker. This can be done today with free internet software which is extremely easy to use and will offer professional results. By entering the words "free audio software downloads" on your computer, you'll come up with a list of free audio downloads to check out. One of the ones that I've used in the past is *Audacity,* which provides easy downloading and editing at **audacity.sonicdownloads.com**. All that is required is a digital recorder and a plug-in exterior microphone placed on a stand near the speaker. This will allow you to achieve professional results for very little cost. Add music before the speaker's introduction, play the balance of the recorded speech and use music to finalize that week's recorded presentation.

At the Springfield Spiritualist Church in Springfield Massachusetts, our website offers all the past year's speakers, removing some as we place new speakers. You can explore this at www.springfieldspiritualistchurch.com and perhaps it will give you some insight about what can be done. Your workshops and seminars can be videotaped and placed on the website and on *YouTube*. Many people now have digital cameras. As long as the lighting is sufficient (which is not as important today as it used to be), you can make great videos of people having fun enjoying the day and your church.

Also at our website you will find videos of table tipping, gallery readings, and an NDE seminar with several presenters. We also have made two videos on healing: *How Not To Do A Healing* and a *Healing Service*. Our building and liability insurance company, Church Mutual, found the healing videos impressive. They cover our healers during the healing service, demonstrating our prescribed methods of healing (shoulders and above), which they viewed on the healing videos. These healing videos and the NDE videos are also on *YouTube* and www.beyondlife.net. Other internet areas include using of Facebook and Twitter to bring church functions to the public. I've spoken to several who use these; one mentioned the ease of changing information on Facebook. Facebook and Twitter require someone with time and interest. We have taken a poll of our congregants and respondents have indicated they would not use this for church functions, although some do use it personally.

Regarding websites and the ease of use, I've found that Webstarts is one of the easiest websites to use. You can begin for free (very basic) but for about $70 annually you can have a pro site, which we have never been able to fill. There are many new pages and programs that you can add and it's simple to use. You can find them at www.webstarts.com and everything can be done from your home computer.

The church is a business, yes a business — not just a spiritual place. If we do not keep abreast of the changes, we will go out of business. If there are not stimulating leaders who will encourage those who are on the board and members of the congregation to become an integral part of the church, the church will fail. Your church secretary is one of the most important individuals. The secretary can create announcements on time, maintain up-to-date e-mail lists, send special events information well in advance of the dates and keep all information current. At the current postal rates, it's important that lists are kept current. At the beginning of each year, offer a new sign-up sheet for name, addresses, phone number and e-mail address to be checked against the current list and updated. The secretary must always have (from the pastor or booking chairperson) the upcoming mediums/speakers and their service dates. This way, a simple threefold brochure can be printed and mailed and it can be made available at the church service for anyone not on the mailing list.

If you have paid attention to the number of church closings in all denominations over period of the last few years, you will have noted that religious services do not seem to be a thriving business. We need to remove our church services from the old idea of a religious service, and expand it into a spiritual gathering where each participant brings the inherit God of their understanding to join like-minded people in spiritual pursuits. No longer can we take the attitude that Spirit will provide as we sit on the sidelines and wait. It's time we realize that if we don't make it happen, it will not occur.

How important is your spirituality and your spiritual center to you? We cannot wait for the next person to do what we can do now. This is your business and you are responsible to make your church flourish in any way you can. Spirit will take care of you as you work with Spirit. You and only you are the person here and now able to continue that work. •



History of Spiritualism in Canada

BRENDA ROPP – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Spiritualism is a universal religion, drawing from various teachings of Christianity and other religions as well. As we know, despite Spiritualism's ancient roots, the modern Spiritualist movement dates from March 31, 1848, when alleged spiritualist communications were first produced by the Fox Sisters in Hydesville, New York. These events and subsequent years marked the beginning of a popular movement, which brought forth the issue of spirit survival and spirit communication to the forefront of public attention in the United States, Canada, England and elsewhere. Academic study of the history of Spiritualism in Canada is virtually non-existent, thus I have drawn from information written by Joan Townsend from the *Canadian Encyclopedia* as well as from an article called *The Canadian Spiritualist* Movement and Sources for its Study written by Walter J. Meyer Zu Erpen and Joy Lowe.



Through the publicity given to the Fox sisters, interest continued to spread and Modern Spiritualism was in Canada by 1850. The oldest sister of Margaret & Kate, Elizabeth Ousterhout, remained in Canada West in Consecon, near Belleville. Kate, her mother, and possibly Margaret visited Elizabeth in 1854 and 1855 which stimulated more interest in Spiritualism around the towns of Consecon and Bloomfield. While there, Kate met the Canadian writer Susanna Moodie, who was deeply impressed with her clairvoyant abilities.

Spiritualists were especially active in Montreal, Toronto, London, Ottawa, St. Catharine's and Bloomfield. Spiritualism spread across the United states in the 1850's, and it probably reached British Columbia at least by 1870.

Although Spiritualists initially organized into investigative associations and societies, during WW1 they began to establish churches. Today the major Canadian parent associations (to which some churches belong) are the Spiritualist Church of Canada and the International Spiritualist Alliance. Most, however, seem to remain as independent churches. Walter Meyer zu Erpen documented 47 churches/groups in six provinces of Canada in 1994: British Columbia - 11, Alberta - 3, Manitoba - 2, Ontario - 25, Quebec - 4 and Nova Scotia - 1. These churches have since grown and expanded.

In Canada, most Spiritualists have been in Ontario, followed by British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec, but the number of people claiming to be Spiritualists has always been quite small. The 1901 Canadian census counted 616, which grew to 2263 in 1931, perhaps as a partial response to the high death rates during WW1 and the 1918-19 Influenza pandemic. The figures dropped to 1214 in 1941. Spiritualists were not listed as a separate category again until 1981, when there were 1940. Significantly, by the 1991 census there were 3735! In recent years, individuals in the Mystical Movement and New Age are becoming involved with Spiritualism and they often attend churches and development circles. This seems to have contributed to the largest recorded number of Spiritualists thus far in Canada. In November 1995, the Gateway Spiritualist Church in Calgary opened a home page on the Internet with information about beliefs and the churches. This kind of innovation may contribute to an even greater resurgence in interest in Spiritualism going forward.

In British Columbia, Victoria's Spiritualists organized in March 1886 and, about the same time, a group in Nanaimo organized as the Nanaimo Association of Spiritualists. On March 5, 1891, British Columbia's Spiritualists organized themselves as a corporate body known as the First British Columbia Society of Spiritualists and located at Victoria.

During the WWI, the influence of British Spiritualism and the desire of Canadian Spiritualists to have their belief system recognized as a legitimate religious denomination resulted in the establishment of Spiritualist Churches. Many of the original investigative associates and psychic societies were replaced by Spiritualist Churches. For example, the existing Spiritualist Societies in Vancouver and Nanaimo changed their names to churches in 1918 and 1926 respectively, following the establishment in those cities of other Spiritualist groups calling themselves churches. In addition, Spiritualist churches were apparently first incorporated under provincial charters during this period. For instance, the Government of Ontario incorporated the East Hamilton Spiritualist Church on Sept 25, 1918 and the Riverdale

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Spiritualist Church November 18, 1919. The Government of Alberta incorporated the Calgary First Spiritualist Church on November 18, 1920 after "mediums from overseas" had brought Spiritualism to Calgary during the First World War.

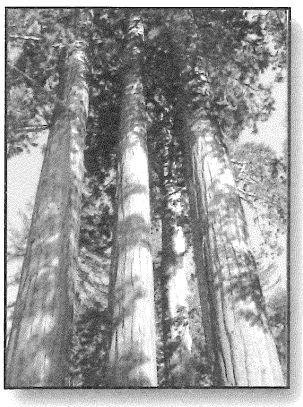
The International Spiritualist Alliance was founded by Rev. Beatrice Galuton-Bishop, Dr. John Horning and his wife Rev. Doris Horning and incorporated on Sept. 25, 1959. ISA is headquartered in New Westminster. The ISA was first called the N.S.A. (The National Spiritualist Association of Canada) which was incorporated July 5, 1928. One of the most important events for all Spiritualist Churches in Canada happened in 1957. Spiritualism was formally recognized by the Province of British Columbia as a religion. The following is an excerpt from the N.S.A. News Review of March, 1957. "British Columbia was the only Province in Canada that gives Spiritualism full representation as a Religion with the same privileges as other denominations. Monday, March 18th, 1957, will be written in the annals of the NSA of Canada as a date to be remembered, for on that day the President of our Association, Rev. Beatrice Gaulton-Bishop, stood before the assembled members of the Legislative Assembly of the 25th Parliament (First Session) of British Columbia and read the prayers for that day. British Columbia has the proud distinction in the minds of all Spiritualists in this vast county of ours as being the ONLY Province which gives the ordained ministers of our faith the license to solemnize marriages in accordance with the rights and privileges of other denominations who have ordained ministers."



NSA was formally dissolved on December 16, 1980 after a number of NSA members joined the ISA, when it was established in 1959 and the remaining amalgamated with the Spiritualist National Union of Canada in 1974.

The Spiritualist National Union (SNU) of Canada was incorporated under federal law on April 27, 1929, enabling it to operate as a corporate body in each Canadian province and territory. Originally the SNU`s headquarters were at Toronto`s Britten Memorial Church of Canada, which is named after Spiritualist medium, lecturer, and traveller Emma Hardinge Britten (1823-1899), founder of the Spiritualist National Union (SNU) in Great Britain. On August 23, 1978, the SNU of Canada succeeded after several attempts, over a period of many years, in changing its name to The Spiritualist Church of Canada (SCC). Today the philosophy and purposes of the SCC remain similar to those of the SNU in Great Britain. The SCC has 14 affiliated churches and ordained ministers at time of this writing.

In Canada there is no Spiritualist theological college and most candidates for the ministry receive their training through working with an ordained Spiritualist minister. The SCC requires its ministerial candidates to complete correspondence courses as well as offering some in-person classes; similarly the ISA follows the same procedures. Many of the ordained ministers work at a full time vocation or profession during the day and perform their ministerial duties on weekday evenings and weekends. •



HEAL & GROW

Julie L. Harper

You are all healers: healers of the heart, the mind, and the physical.

Extend Love. The power of a loving heart is contagious while spreading peace among all who are touched. Physical healing may not always occur by love, but the sentiment may ease mental suffering or heal a hurting heart. Hold the same kindness that you have for loved ones for those you call strangers. Nothing is by coincidence, including the crossing of paths with others. Your sharing of loving qualities encourages healing.

Personally heal and grow. As you heal yourself, others, and the earth, you spiritually elevate your being and the environment that you all share.

Death

MPI Student JULIE JUNG – Dalseg, New Jersey



Death...no pulse...no chest movement...no air expelled from their nostrils...unreactive pupils...lowered body temperature...grey skin. When our physical bodies give out, is that the end of life for us? When the terminally ill are presented with the prospect of death, they progress through one or more stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. But, what does death mean to us on a clinical level?

Groups of people can be classified by their attitudes about death. They are either death-denying or death-affirming. We either run from death or accept it as a natural part of the circle of life. MPI's Lesson 5 delves into these concepts and how Spiritualists view the change called death.

Death-denying cultures (such as the U.S.) see death as a taboo subject. Terminally ill patients often die in hospitals, where they are removed from family and home, away from that which is comforting. There they are stripped of their clothing and belongings and are often seen as medical subjects. Hospital staff encourage the depersonalization of the patient by insisting that routine and professionalism prevail when the patient is most in need of human touch. In modern American society, elders are viewed as less valuable, no longer wise and experienced. When death finally comes, the patient is whisked away, quickly out of sight of hospital staff and family. But, not all of the U.S. is bound by these beliefs. Some cultures and religions are death-affirming.

In Alaska, despite modern influences, there are still some cultural traditions that remain. Murray L. Trelease[1] lived many years among the Alaskan Indians and was invited, as the itinerant pastor, to many deathbeds. In *Death* by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, he speaks of Old Sarah who planned her own funeral, gathered family and friends, and when everything was ready to her satisfaction, she transitioned. Death is accepted as a natural part of life among the Alaskan Indians.

In the Jewish faith, Rabbi Zachary I. Heller[2] experienced much the same attitude among the members of his synagogue for this faith believes in "death with dignity." Death is a time for getting your affairs in order and making peace with your Creator. It is a time for preparation, but preparation to what end?

Almost every religion has in common a belief in the hereafter. Christianity believes in a life after death that is either a reward or a punishment for the deeds done and words spoken upon this earth. Buddhists believe that death is the end product of life and a step along the road to enlightenment. Spiritualists *know* there is life after death.

Andrew Jackson Davis, who heralded the coming of Spiritualism, stated that death happens over time. It is not an abrupt occurrence spanning hours, but merely a change in situation. Death is a necessary step in the life cycle. After the transition, we continue our search for knowledge. We continue to grow spiritually, taking the lessons learned on this plane and building upon them on the spiritual plane. There are two Spiritualist Principles that sum up Davis' statements:

- We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
- We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.

For me, these two Principles sum up my belief in death and what transpires after we transition. We can take all that we have learned from Dr. Raymond Moody's research into *Near-Death Encounters* and the evidence provided on the platform in Spiritualist Churches across the world, and they all point to one thing—death is but a transition from one state to another.

We move along a path of improvement on this plane. The Law of Continuity affirms that we continue along this path after we shed our physical bodies. Of this fact, I have no doubt. I have received signs and messages from my mother and sister through my own experiences and through mediums. Death is not an event to be feared or run toward. Life on this plane is for us to experience and learn. We should use this time to garner all the knowledge we can attain through this physical body, and then advance this knowledge with the insight we shall gain on the spiritual plane. •

[1] Murray L. Trelease Kubler-Ross, Elisabeth (2009-11-24). *Death* (Kindle Location 830). Simon & Schuster, Inc. Kindle Edition.
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Opportunity

THE REV. JUDY CAMPBELL-CLARK – California

This story is appropriate for children of all ages.

This is a story about two brothers and their sister and it's set in England. Their names are Ralphie, Rosie and Bruce. They are triplets *and* hedgehogs. Ralphie is regarded as a *real go-getter.* The only thing that holds him back is his analytical mind. It tends to temper his ambition, which is a good thing...usually.

Rosie is sweetness incarnate. There isn't anything she wouldn't do to help someone else.

And then there's Bruce. He's a quiet dreamer. He dreams of exploration and he secretly feels he is meant to affect other lives and in a positive way. *And* he's ready for something bigger...bigger than living in the same hedge, eating the same insects, and, being mostly nocturnal, sleeping the day away. And for hedgehogs, sleeping isn't all that easy to do. They often just settle in to a pile of leaves right before they're about to be burned. Or they burrow into mulch as its being turned over with a pitchfork. You get the idea; a hedgehog's life has its stumbling blocks.



Unfortunately their most common enemy is the automobile. Hedgehogs are constantly being run over by cars. Their population has been decimated over the years and Ralphie, Rosie and Bruce all know it. Hundreds of their family and friends have died this way. Ralphie can't get it out of his head there's something waiting for him on the other side of the road and it feels like there's something he can *achieve there.* Something that he *can't* where he is now.

It's *so* dangerous to cross, but still he knows what he has to do. He's the first one to admit it; he's been inspired by the legend of the Barnyard Chicken. You know, the one who crossed the road, just to get to the other side. And if a chicken can do it for no good reason, he ought to be able to do it for a good reason. Whatever that is.

Rosie looks at things differently now that she's had her "big dream." Oh, there was a time she would have liked to venture out, but not anymore. She is always the first hedgehog to come to the aid of the "road injured." She does what she can, but they don't always make it. And it bothers her. She's felt the life drain out of their bodies and their quills go limp. But even when the injured are beyond help, she *still* wants to help their family and friends too. But what can she do? "Once you're dead... you're dead...," she thought.

But that was before the *Great Winged Albino Hedgehog* came into her dream. She was nearly blinded by the beautiful white light that radiated from his being. But it wasn't just the light that was so powerful; it was also the *indescribable feeling of love.* Rosie wondered if everyone had got it wrong all these years. Love *wasn't blind*...it was *blind-ing.*

He took the lifeless body of a hedgehog in his paws, wrapped it in his immense wings, and when he unfolded them, the hedgehog was alive, whole and happy. It scampered over to be close to its family. They couldn't see the hedgehog— not through their tears or through the veil that separated them. Then she heard the Great White One utter these *immortal* words, "There are no dead."

That dream was only the beginning for Rosie. It changed her *and* her way of thinking. She realized that the truth was right here, right now, and she didn't have to go anywhere *else* to find it.

She also realized that healing meant healing the physical body *and* the one that lives on in the "*After Quill*"... as she called it. She knew what she had to do — and so did Bruce. He would set out on a journey to find the thing he couldn't find where he was. He was not the kind of hedgehog that would risk crossing the road, but he wasn't the kind to roll up in a ball in fear either. Though, of course, this was the survival tactic that all hedgehogs learned early on.

Bruce knew he wanted to do more than *just survive*... he wanted to *live.* He was convinced that when he found what he looking for he would know it. So he made a plan.

Ralphie made a plan too. He would analyze the data on the hedgehogs that made it across the road,

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not the ones who didn't. He looked at road conditions at their time of crossing; the traffic patterns, time of day, the moon and the stars. And then he looked at the hedgehogs themselves — their physical shape; yes, their legs were short, that was part of the problem. They all knew it was almost impossible to outrun those *metal hedgehog flatteners* that came barreling down the road.

Ralphie looked at their mental attitude, their diet and he came up with this scientific conclusion: it was a crapshoot. But he learned something very important as a result of this process: facts could *not outweigh* his conviction. So he thanked his mind for its contribution, but decided to follow his heart. There were no two ways about it; he was crossing to the other side. And not the place Rosie talks about lately.



Rosie knew what she had to do also, and she realized it wasn't going to be easy. She had to let others know what she knew, but without forcing it on a single hedgehog. The Albino Hedgehog often visited in her dreams and in waking time she could feel her quills tingle when he was around. He became her teacher. She learned that this is a *free quill* universe, and that each hedgehog has to find his or her own truth. Wasn't that what her brothers were doing? Wasn't that what she was doing? So she decided to talk to the hedgehogs that were living in the *After Quill,* and convey messages to their family and friends. *But only* if they wanted to hear them. Her greatest hope was that they *would,* and that they would be comforted. *This* would be her contribution to their healing.

So the three siblings got together to discuss their plans, which they greeted with a mixture of joy, sadness, and finally, understanding. They all realized that because the two brothers were leaving the hedge parts, they wouldn't be spending their "*litter day*" together *and,* for the first time in their lives, this might be their very last chance to dance the *hedgehog happiness jig,* the one they learned when they were little. But worst of all, it meant saying goodbye.

Even if Ralphie made it across safely, would he be able to return? Lots of families who were separated by the road never saw each other again. Where would Bruce's journey lead him? And would he be safe in unknown parts? Would Rosie be taken seriously? Or would they all think she had *early onset hedgeheimers*? It was a risk she was willing to take.

They were all willing to take risks to become the best hedgehogs they could be, for themselves and for others. And so they all danced a final jig and the brothers set out, leaving Rosie to hold down the hedge.

That was a few years ago. And now? Well, Ralphie made it across safely. He started a large family, a *really* large family, and they all work together on one of the biggest food producing farms in England. Their job is to restore ecological balance to the crops. It was way out of whack before Ralphie arrived on the scene. But now he and his family of insectivores keep it in shape. Ralphie knows that he's making a difference and that he's found his purpose.

It didn't take Bruce nearly as long to find *his* purpose, as he was afraid it would. True to form, he did know it when he saw it. He came upon it one day as he was walking alongside the road. It was a metal tunnel that ran completely underneath the road. He'd discovered a bridge to the other side of the road and to a whole new world!

From then on, it's been his joy to reunite families, lead others to safety and give tours on both sides of the road. Bruce knows that because of his work, hedgehogs have been able to expand their world and this knowledge has *expanded* his own. One of his most requested tours is to the "Healing Hedge" and he is proud to lead others to his sister.

Rosie knew that if she stayed in the same place, others would be able to find her. And they have. She has a steady stream of hedgehogs that visit for her healing abilities, although she's the first to point out that it's not her, but the *love* that streams *through* her that does the healing.

And they also come to speak to their loved ones in the After Quill. This is very gratifying to Rosie. It's what she'd hoped for. But equally gratifying for her is that her children, yes she had a family too are speaking to *their own teachers* in the Quill. The knowledge that we *do not die, will not die.* She taught them that there are many different ways to move forward in life: sometimes by taking risks, sometimes by trusting their inner hedgehog, and *always* by grasping opportunities.

Should you travel to England and see three hedgehogs dancing a jig, it's probably Ralphie, Rosie and Bruce.

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Looking Back Through *TNS*

A Wider Outlook

Adapted from a 1970 talk by Harold Sells – New Zealand Spiritualist

For a considerable time now, we have been witnessing the gradual unfoldment of the universe. Our developing minds and the human race evolve through mental development.

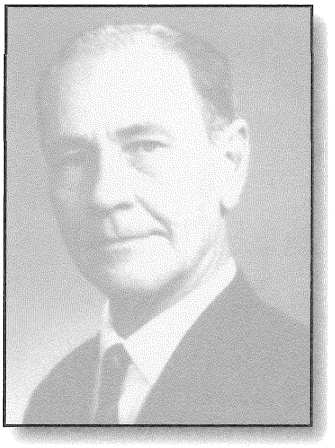
On the higher stage of the ladder leading to the Universal Mind or God, a similar evolution is taking place. We are told—and it is perfectly logical—that in the Spirit World, as here, the mind advances and develops. Just as we have gone through the stage from barbarism towards civilization, so it is in the Spirit World. The minds which are developed here make up those *in* that world. In fact, the growth of ideas and the increase of wisdom comprise the history of both worlds.

As we open our minds to truth, we become capable of embracing an enlarged view of life, its meaning and its destiny. This knowledge gives us encouragement to live and think rightly because it turns faith and hope into knowledge and experience. The nearness of a Spirit World was present in the minds of our ancestors. It dominated their thoughts and actions, resulting in what we call religion.

Death, too, has always had a powerful influence on the thoughts and deeds of mankind. The Spirit World, though mostly unseen, has helped to make history. One reason for this has been man's instinctive knowledge that spirit was his real home.

Today, quite widely known is that every cause produces an effect which in turn produces a cause, then an effect. It is self replicating. All of our knowledge leads us to believe that never was there a time when cause and effect did not exist.

Spiritualism and what it stands for goes back into antiquity. Today we recognize the communicators as the men and women they were on the earth and we do not call them gods or attribute supernormal powers to them. We are able to record these experiences accurately, which prevents them from becoming exaggerated myths and legends – as happened in bygone times. Men and women in the past lived in close contact with spirit and some of those, because of their psychic faculties, were martyred and some became historical figures.



HAROLD SELLS

Right down the ages, mankind has been in touch with spirit. The two worlds have never been entirely apart, despite what we today know as the Dark Ages of Christianity. Our education in the future must include a knowledge of both worlds because knowledge does away with the fear of death. Now that mediums are safe, mediumship is coming more and more into the open and people who kept things to themselves because of fear and or ridicule are now talking and writing openly of their personal psychic experiences. Spiritualism helps to lift tragedy from life. But faith is just a feeble flicker when compared with enlightenment. It turns life from being a mystery into a reality when it is realized that the mind in man never dies, but only changes its environment. Love is the greatest force in the universe, a 'magnet' which draws mind to mind.

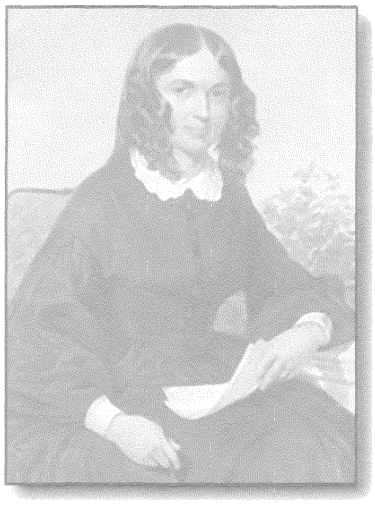
To arrive at truth, we must search. To obtain enlightenment, we must seek! At all times we must place our reason first, for it is through reason that we obtain evidence. This, in turn, is our only guide to truth.

Our eternal home is, in reality, our own mind. Throughout our life here, our individual minds expand and our outlook becomes widened. When our mind is in complete control, it can become all-powerful. Life is about developing and expanding our mind. As it expands, it reaches out with understanding.

Our destiny is to live and develop from bondage to freedom, from ignorance to knowledge and, eventually, from the finite to the infinite. This earth is where we learn our lessons and prepare for the part we are to play when we transition to that life of finer vibration. Spiritualism reveals that in each of us there is part of the divine mind. We have everything we need to expand our spiritual connections.

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What happened in JULY *throughout the years?*



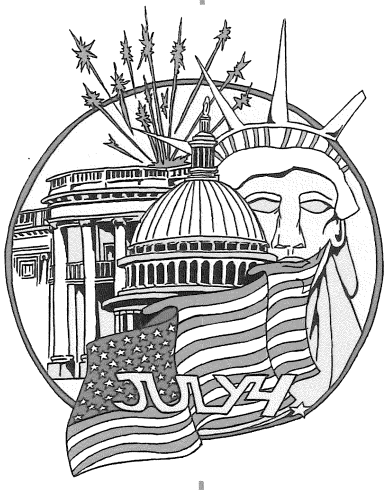
The famous Victorian era poet, **Elizabeth Barrett Browning**, was a devoted admirer of the medium, Daniel Dunglas Home. In a letter dated **July 23, 1855** to her sister, Henrietta, Elizabeth described a séance with Home she had attended (with her famous poet husband, Robert Browning). When she reported being touched by both visible and invisible hands, seeing a table move on its own, and hearing mysterious raps.

"At the request of the medium, the spiritual hand took from the table a garland which lay there and placed it upon my head," she wrote. "The particular hand which did this was of the largest human size, as white as snow and very beautiful. It was as near to me as this hand I write with, and I saw it distinctly." She was certain that it was not a mere mental impression or hallucination, although her husband felt it was some kind of trick that he was unable to understand. In a letter to an American friend, Robert Browning told of seeing a heavy lamp moved on the table, of seeing the table lifted off the floor, of seeing an accordion played by invisible hands and other phenomena, and admitted that he saw no evidence of conjuring and concluded that there was no other explanation.



Arthur James Balfour was born in Scotland, **July 25, 1848** and made his transition in Surrey, March 19, 1930 Prime Minister of England from 1902 to 1905, Balfour became interested in psychical research while a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was a pupil of Professor Henry Sidgwick, one of the founders of the Society for Psychical Research (SPR). Lord Balfour served as president of the SPR in 1893 and as a vice-president of the organization for many years after.

On Palm Sunday, 1912, Balfour began receiving evidential messages from his deceased sweetheart Mary through the mediumship of "Mrs. Willet" (Winifred Coombe Tennant). He also received sustaining messages through the mediumship of "Mrs. Holland" (Alice Macdonald Kipling Fleming) for 18 years that convinced Balfour he would be united with Mary after his death. •



The Land of Liberty

by Author Unknown

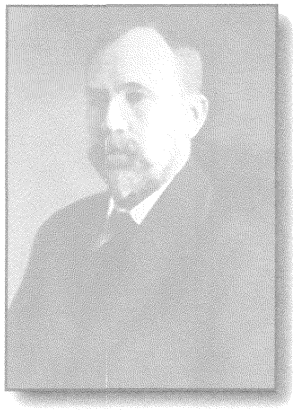
I love my country's pine-clad hills,
Her thousand bright and gushing rills,
Her sunshine and her storms;
Her rough and rugged rocks, that rear
Their hoary heads high in the air
In wild, fantastic forms.

I love her rivers, deep and wide,
Those mighty streams that seaward glide
To seek the ocean's breast;
Her smiling fields, her pleasant vales,
Her shady dells, her flow'ry dales,
The haunts of peaceful rest.

I love her forests, dark and lone,
For there the wild bird's merry tone
I hear from morn till night;
And there are lovelier flowers, I ween,
Than e'er in Eastern lands were seen,
In varied colors bright.

Her forests and her valleys fair,
Her flowers that scent the morning air--
All have their charms for me;
But more I love my country's name,
Those words that echo deathless fame,
"The Land of Liberty."

What happened in AUGUST *throughout the years?*



James Hervey Hyslop, Ph.D., LL.D Xenia, Ohio, born **August 18, 1854,** made his transition June 17, 1920. Dr. Hyslop was a professor of logic/ethics at Columbia University and later became a full-time psychical researcher in 1902. In 1904, he organized the *American Institute for Scientific Research,* devoted to the study of abnormal psychology and psychical research. Later, Hyslop dropped the study of abnormal psychology from his objectives and, although initially skeptical, he came to believe in spirit communication and the survival of consciousness at death.

Hyslop's interest in psychical research came as a result of his friendship with Harvard Professor William James. In an 1888 sitting with Leonora Piper, a Boston medium, he reported that his father, wife, and other deceased members of his family communicated with him through Mrs. Piper. He continued studying Mrs. Piper and other prominent American mediums Minnie Meserve Soule (Mrs. Chenoweth) and Mrs. Willis M. Cleaveland (Mrs. Smead).

Hyslop moved from skeptic to scientific observer to propagandist. He was not one to sit safely on the fence. "Personally I regard the fact of survival after death as scientifically proved," he wrote. "I agree that this opinion is not upheld in scientific quarters. Evolution was not believed until long after it was proved. The fault lay with those who were too ignorant or too stubborn to accept the facts. History shows that every intelligent man who has gone into this investigation...has come out believing in spirits; this circumstance places the burden of proof on the shoulders of the skeptic." Hyslop wrote: "I regard the existence of discarnate spirits as scientifically proved, and I no longer refer to the skeptic as having any right to speak on the subject. Any man who does not accept the existence of discarnate spirits and the proof of it is either ignorant or a moral coward."

Hyslop's books on psychical research include *Science and a Future Life* (1905), *Enigmas of Psychic Research* (1906), *Borderland of Psychic Research* (1906), *Psychic Research and the Resurrection* (1908), *Psychic Research and Survival* (1913), *Life After Death* (1918) and *Contact with the Other World* (1919).



An architect, archaeologist, and psychical researcher, Englishman **Frederick Bligh Bond** (1864-1945) is remembered for his excavations of Glastonbury Abbey in southern England. He later wrote about engaging the help of long-dead monks who had occupied the abbey. In 1908, having been trained as an architect, he was appointed director of excavations at the abbey by the Church of England. This non-paying, seasonal job Bond, who specialized in ecclesiastical architecture, took on as a hobby while he continued his regular architectural practice in Bristol.

As a member of the Society for Psychical Research, he started experimenting with automatic writing, viewing it as a tapping into some universal memory or cosmic consciousness. However, because the communicators seemed to have distinct personalities, Bond changed his mind and accepted the spirit hypothesis. He had kept his mystical sources (shared it only with a few friends) a secret from the Church of England. Bond eventually wrote about his experiences, damaging his reputation.

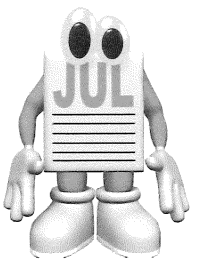
In **August of 1926,** Bond came to the U.S. on a lecture tour representing the *American Society for Psychical Research.* Following the lecture tour, he was persuaded to remain as educational director for the *ASPR* and as editor of the organization's journal. In 1926, Bond became involved in the investigation of the Boston medium, Mina S. Crandon, known as "Margery." He defended her at first, but he later described her work as fraudulent. Since he did not clear his public condemnation of Crandon with the *ASPR,* he was let go from his position.

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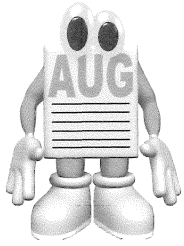
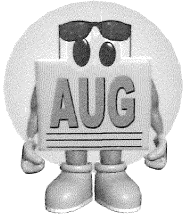
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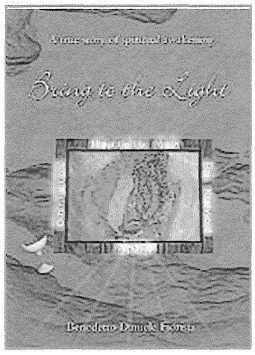
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 America is a tune. It must be sung together. – *Gerald Stanley Lee, Crowds*	2 A grandparent will accept your calls from anywhere, collect. – *Erma Bombeck*	3 Ours is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea. – *John Gunther*	☆ 4 ☆ JULY 4 - This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. – *Elmer Davis*	5 If our country is worth dying for in time of war, it is truly worth living for in time of peace. – *Hamilton Fish*	6 The cement of this union is the heart-blood of every American. – *Thomas Jefferson*	7 America is a passionate idea or it is nothing. America is a human brotherhood or it is chaos. – *Max Lerner*
8 Where liberty dwells, there is my country. – *Benjamin Franklin*	9 Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable! – *Daniel Webster*	10 If you take advantage of everything America has to offer, there's nothing you can't accomplish. – *Geraldine Ferraro*	11 This, then, is the state of the union: free and restless, growing and full of hope. – *Lyndon B. Johnson*	12 This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. – *Theodore Roosevelt*	13 America, for me, has been the pursuit and catching of happiness. – *Aurora Raigne*	14 I wish that every human life might be pure transparent freedom. – *Simone de Beauvoir*
15 There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America. – *William J. Clinton*	16 May I never wake up from the American dream. – *Carrie Latet*	17 I think there is one higher office than president and I would call that patriot. – *Gary Hart*	18 We need American patriots who express their faith in their country by working to improve it. – Hubert H. Humphrey	19 We dare not forget that we are the heirs of that first revolution. – *John F. Kennedy*	20 The American Revolution was a beginning, not a consummation. – *Woodrow Wilson*	21 Intellectually I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every other country. – *Sinclair Lewis*
22 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. – *Psalm 51:6*	23 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. – *Luke 16:10*	24 A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams. – *Author unknown*	25 Giving is the secret to a healthy life...giving encouragement, sympathy, and understanding. – *John D. Rockefeller*	26 "It is possible to be happy without having perfect health . . . happiness doesn't come from my body, but from my heart." – *Beverley LaHaye*	27 The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration but its donation. – *Corrie Ten Boom*	28 Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art. – *Eleanor Roosevelt*
29 Autumn is really the best of the seasons; old age is the best part of life. – *C.S. Lewis*	30 By the time you're 80 years old, you've learned everything. You only have to remember it. – *George Burns*	31 With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if I did not laugh, I should die. – *Abraham Lincoln*				

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QUOTES TO BLESS EACH DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 There is a time for everything - a time to weep and a time to laugh. – *Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 (NIV)*	2 Enjoy the little things for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things. – *1 Peter 3:14*	3 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. – *Robert Brault*	4 Old age has its pleasures, which though different, are no less than the pleasures of youth. – *W. Somerset Maugham*
5 I married an archeologist because the older I grow, the more he appreciates me. – *Agatha Christie*	6 If I can make people smile, then I have served my purpose for God. – *Comedian Red Skeleton*	7 It is pleasing to the dear God whenever thou rejoicest or laughest from the bottom of thy heart. – *Martin Luther*	8 If God's will is acceptable, it must be accepted. – *J.O. Sanders*	9 Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young. – *Fred Astaire*	10 Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. – *Mark Twain*	11 Old people who shine from inside look ten to twenty years younger. – *Dolly Parton*
12 Growing older is not upsetting; being perceived as old is. – *Kenny Rogers*	13 Character contributes to beauty. – *Jacqueline Bisset*	14 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; – *Isaiah 41:10*	15 I live in that solitude which is painful in youth, but delicious in the years of maturity. – *Albert Einstein*	16 People do not retire. They are retired by others. – *Duke Ellington*	17 Nothing makes a boy smarter than being a grandson. – *Anonymous*	18 Praise youth and it will prosper. – *Irish Proverb*
19 I am convinced that one of the most important items for longevity is the maintenance of a daily work schedule. – *Dr. F. William Sunderman (died @ 104)*	20 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. – *Matthew 5:4*	21 I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest, Because the road's last turn will be the best. – *Henry Van Dyke*	22 I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them have never happened. – *Mark Twain*	23 Some of the world's best educators are grandparents. – *Charlie W. Shedd*	24 It is the privilege of adults to give advice. It is the privilege of youth not to listen. – *D. Sutton*	25 We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
26 Perhaps one has to be very old before one learns to be amused rather than shocked. – *Pearl S. Buck*	27 We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads, who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy. – *Jimmy Carter*	28 What a melancholy world this would be without children, and what an unhuman world without the aged. ~ *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*	29 A grandmother is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the television. – *Anonymous*	30 Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. – *Psalm 30:5*	31 Our first and last steps have the same rhythm. – *André Maurois*	

Book Reviews



Bring to the Light

Benedetto Daniele Fiorista
Matador, RRP $9.99
(pub. Amazon.com / Kindle & eBook format)

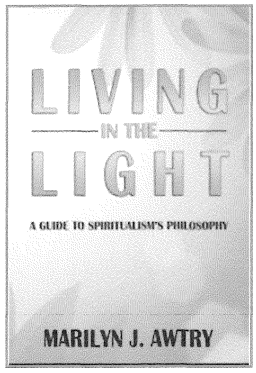
In January 2009, Benedetto Daniele Fiorista found himself suddenly experiencing a series of strange, dramatic and inexplicable events which radically transformed his life, leading him to discover a new and unexpected path known as the **Journey of the Spiritual Warrior**. These strange events were followed by the appearance of a Being of Light, who rescued him. Searching for answers, after an inner eye opened he started to experience visions along with other extraordinary spiritual abilities which enabled him to free his soul entirely from the physical realm and go soul-traveling. Astonished by the new existence that was opening up to him, Fiorista was hungry to learn more and to be able to reach his full potential as a spiritual being. Over the past three years, he has devoted himself to this spiritual voyage, moving in pursuit of ultimate truth that would prove to be both challenging and rewarding.

Bring to the Light is the story of Benedetto Daniele Fiorista's incredible awakening, a message of deliverance which he was guided to share with the world. Revealed in three sections - **Spiritual Awakening, Initiation Test** and **Spiritual Warrior** - with each exploring a distinct stage of his spiritual transgression, Fiorista recounts how he immersed himself in meditation and spiritual study, progressing from a state of spiritual ignorance to one of increased awareness as the mysteries of life and sacred scriptures began to unfurl before him. Fiorista began to understand the realities of our human existence, our purpose on earth and our legacy hereafter. Moving forward from his awakening into Tests of Initiation, he had only faith and an open mind to sustain him.

This moving and revelatory account of his contemporary spiritual awakening and his journey towards the Gates of Wisdom and Enlightenment is an engaging and inspirational read for anyone of a spiritual disposition. Fiorista's story speaks about humanity at large and encourages us all to re-evaluate our lives and our direction on this earth. ***Bring to the Light*** is a thought-provoking journey for the reader, revealing the restless and ongoing preparation taking place in all of us, in readiness for the shift in consciousness which will determine our fate, and that of Mother Earth.

Benedetto Daniele Fiorista, born in Sicily, and now lives in Wales.

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Living in the Light

Marilyn J. Awtry

Living in the Light opens the doorway to understanding Spiritualism's Philosophy. The book opens with an explanation of philosophy, a few briefs about philosophers of the past and their beliefs, and an identification of how historical philosophical beliefs have, once again, been brought to light by present day philosophers. ***Living in the Light*** offers information about the universe and Natural Laws and Spiritualism's Philosophy-Science-Healing experiences. It concludes with the essentials of Spiritualism. To assist in class work, lessons and answers are provided in the back of the book.

This book is Marilyn Awtry's fifth book; all are published in 18 languages by INGRAM and are available in book stores of several major universities.

Marilyn J. Awtry

#5 *"Living in the Light: A Guide to Spiritualism's Philosophy!"*

#4 *"Spiritualism on the Move: A Reality Check for the New Century"*

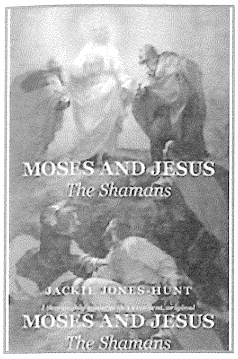
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Moses and Jesus: The Shamans

Jackie Jones-Hunt, Ph.D.
O Books, Winchester, UK 2011
(Amazon.com)

"We therefore look back on the vague superstitions of past ages and congratulate ourselves wryly that we have been rescued by rational thought and the scientific method from such follies, comfort blankets we clung to in our childhood of the human race against a host of inexplicable natural disasters occurring in a strange and terrifying world," Professor Archie E. Roy writes in the Foreword. He points out that such an attitude dictates an instant dismissal of any article or book on comparative religion and the whole subject matter of shamans and mediums is viewed with ignorant disdain.

I cannot improve upon Professor Roy's summary of this book. He states that "this book is one in which the phenomena of mediumship are explored in order to answer the question whether there is a relationship between the sensitive psychic faculty associated with mediumship and that of the spiritual experience." To some extent, the title is a bit misleading because while Jesus and Moses are discussed as original or pioneering shamanic mediums, the author goes well beyond Jesus and Moses. Several chapters of the book are devoted to the mediumship of Emanuel Swedenborg, the 18thc scientist and mystic whose primary mission was, the author states, to liberate people from religious dogmas. "Regarding the post-death, non-physical landscapes, Swedenborg taught that non-physical animals, human and non-human, plants and minerals are experienced in accordance with a spirit's inner nature. He taught that over time, spirits can achieve spiritual progression; some ultimately become angels."

Chapter 1 explains definitions and complexities of mediumship, discussing the difference between the various forms. Dr. Jones-Hunt explores the founding and organizations of the Spiritualist movement and the beginnings of psychical research. She mentions some of the difficulties that spirit communicators encounter in getting their messages through. "A picture received on the screen of the medium's mind or an audible phrase, in the case of clairaudience, can be misunderstood or partially received," she states, adding that some information received by the mind of the medium can be derived from the mind of the sitter. This seems to vary with the quality of the mediumship.

Jones-Hunt mentions the case of "Philip," an imaginary spirit conjured up by a group in Canada during the 1970s, as an example of how the mind of the sitter can influence or create communications received by the medium. However, the fact that sitters can create communication does not, she explains, discredit communication from actual spirits of the dead. "Many mediumistic demonstrations have included the medium transmitting family and other information that is not contained in the minds of the sitters," she observes.

Chapter 2 goes into various theories or hypotheses advanced as alternatives to the spirit hypothesis. They include: fraud, lucky guesses, personation plus cryptomnesia, and Super ESP. "In its strongest form, the Super-ESP theory supposes that the medium's subconscious mind has access, not only to the memories of every living human being on the planet, but to every physical record in existence – book, newspaper, tombstone, registry office, and so on."

Chapter 3 discusses many famous mediums of yesteryear, including Joseph Smith (whose mediumship gave rise to the Mormon religion), Allan Kardec, W. Stainton Moses, Leonora Piper, Robert J. Lees, and explores mediumship in Chinese, Egyptian, Japanese, Indian, Greek, and Middle Eastern cultures.

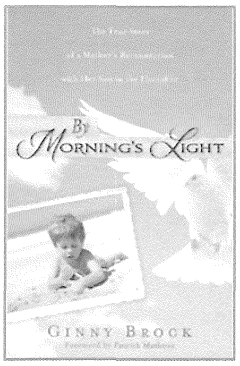
In Chapter 7, we meet many of the Old Testament mediums, such as Abram, Hagar, Jacob, and Joseph and in Chapter 9 we read about Judge Deorah, Judge Gideon, Judge Jephthah, Samuel, and King David.

I found Chapter 13 to be particularly interesting. Dr. Jones-Hunt discusses how misinterpretations of the Bible have resulted in many irrational beliefs and practices. "These occur due to innocent but mistaken human error, misunderstandings through various forms of ignorance of the facts, and manipulation of the biblical narratives due to the social, politico-religious leaning of the leaders of the institutionized church," she asserts. "Biblical narratives have also been misinterpreted due to the fact that they have been interpreted by individuals whose understanding has been shaped by the historic epoch in which they lived and their personal level of spiritual maturity."

I found this to be a very interesting, informative, intriguing, and inspirational read. Even though I have read scores of books on the subject matter or related subject matter, there was much in this book that was new to me and much that served as refreshers of material I had read but forgotten. This book is now on my primary reference shelf.

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By Morning's Light

A Powerful Story of Hope Proves Our Loved Ones are Always With Us

Ginny Brock

One Mother's personal story of reconnection with her son in the afterlife.

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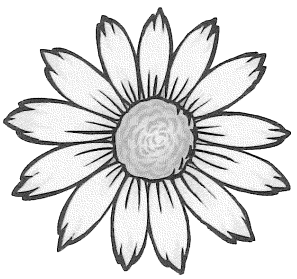
Discover a wondrous, love-filled afterlife and powerful message of hope in author Ginny Brock's personal story of communication with the spirit of her recently deceased son. A comfort to anyone who has ever lost a loved one, ***By Morning's Light*** explores a mother's journey to reconnect with her son in the hereafter while rebuilding her life in the present.

By Morning's Light is a touching account of spirit communication. You'll be hooked by the first chapter and inspired to the last. Ginny Brock shares a powerful personal story that will provide hope to many.

Only days after her youngest son Drew dies, Brock experienced an unforgettable vision of guiding his sad and confused spirit to the light. Over the next few weeks, Drew continued to appear in Brock's incredibly vivid dreams, where he shared stories from the last week of his life, reminisced about favorite childhood memories, and reassured his mother that he'll always be near, repeating "I'm here. Walking with you. I'll always be here."

In the author's waking hours, her son continues to make himself known through a variety of signs: the unusual and repeated appearance of animals or objects, unmistakable coincidences, meaningful songs, and cherished reminders of his undying and joyous spirit. Brock's amazing conversations with her son reveal glimpses of an astonishing afterlife.

Ginny Brock was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and has lived in many parts of the world. Her journalism career spans three decades. She now lives in Virginia.

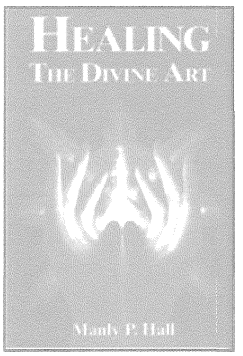


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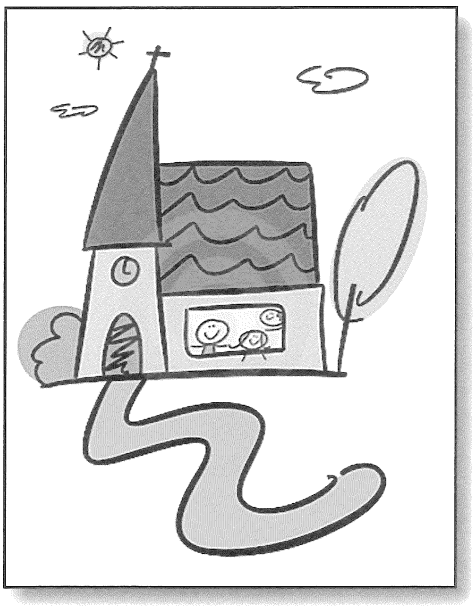
Spirituality is not about being perfect but about aspiring to a life of heart-filled integrity. It is a journey, not a destination. When we are spiritually fit and balanced we are a powerfully exquisite blend of human fallibility and divine perfection. It is this dynamic tension that gives us our uniqueness, our power to create and our compassion.

– Caroline Reynolds

Laughter Is Good Medicine

How many members of the Tate family belong to your church?

There is old man Dic-Tate who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro-Tate tries to change everything. There's sister Agi-Tate who stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri-Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi-Tate and his wife, Vege-Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi-Tate, who wants our church to be like all the others. Devas-Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten-Tate wants to be a big shot. But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili-Tate is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici-Tate. Cousins Cogi-Tate and Medi-Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands. And of course there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu-Tate, who has completely cut himself off from the church. How about it - do you know anyone in the "Tate" family?



Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Baptist, and this is a casserole."

Last Rites

A man lay dying and he began to yell out, "I need a priest, I need a priest!"

Another man came along and asked what was wrong.

The dying man said, "I need a priest to give me last rites, I'm dying," the man said.

"There are no priests around here, but maybe I can help. I'm not a religious person myself, but I have lived next to the Catholic Church my whole life and I hear their ritual all the time. I think that I can say it for you."

The dying man said, "Thank You."

So the helpful man leaned close to the dying man and in a soft voice repeated the ritual as he has heard it so many times:

"B-6, N-33, G-52, I-24, ... Bingo." •

The core rationale for nonviolence is simple and self-justifying; we act in ways that honor the soul because the soul is worthy of honor. When we act from that motivation, we may or may not change the world. But we will always change ourselves for the better by practicing reverence and respect.

- Parker J. Palmer

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SCHEDULE

Sunday - October 14
10 am - transportation to Camp Edgewood NSAC
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 15
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to Noon – Workshop presented by Rev. Sharon Watson,
Saying Good-by – 5 New Stages of Grief
Registration fee: $20.00
1 to 4:30 pm
Workshop presented by Lionel Owen
"Developing Evidential Mediumship"
Open to the public
6 pm - Banquet, Awards, Entertainment

Tuesday - October 16
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
NST Club meeting to follow

Wednesday - October 17
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
Ministerial Assoc. meeting to follow

Thursday - October 18
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to Noon - Convention Business Session
Tour – Tacoma Museum District
7 pm - Healing / 7:30 pm - Worship Service
Spiritualist Healers League meeting to follow

Friday - October 19
8 to 8:30 am - Meditation
9 am to 5 pm - Convention Business Session
7 pm - Healing / 7:30 pm - Worship Service
Licentiate Ministers & Certified Mediums meeting to follow

BANQUET

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Lionel Owen



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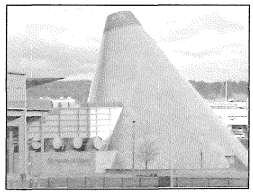
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3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm 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.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
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