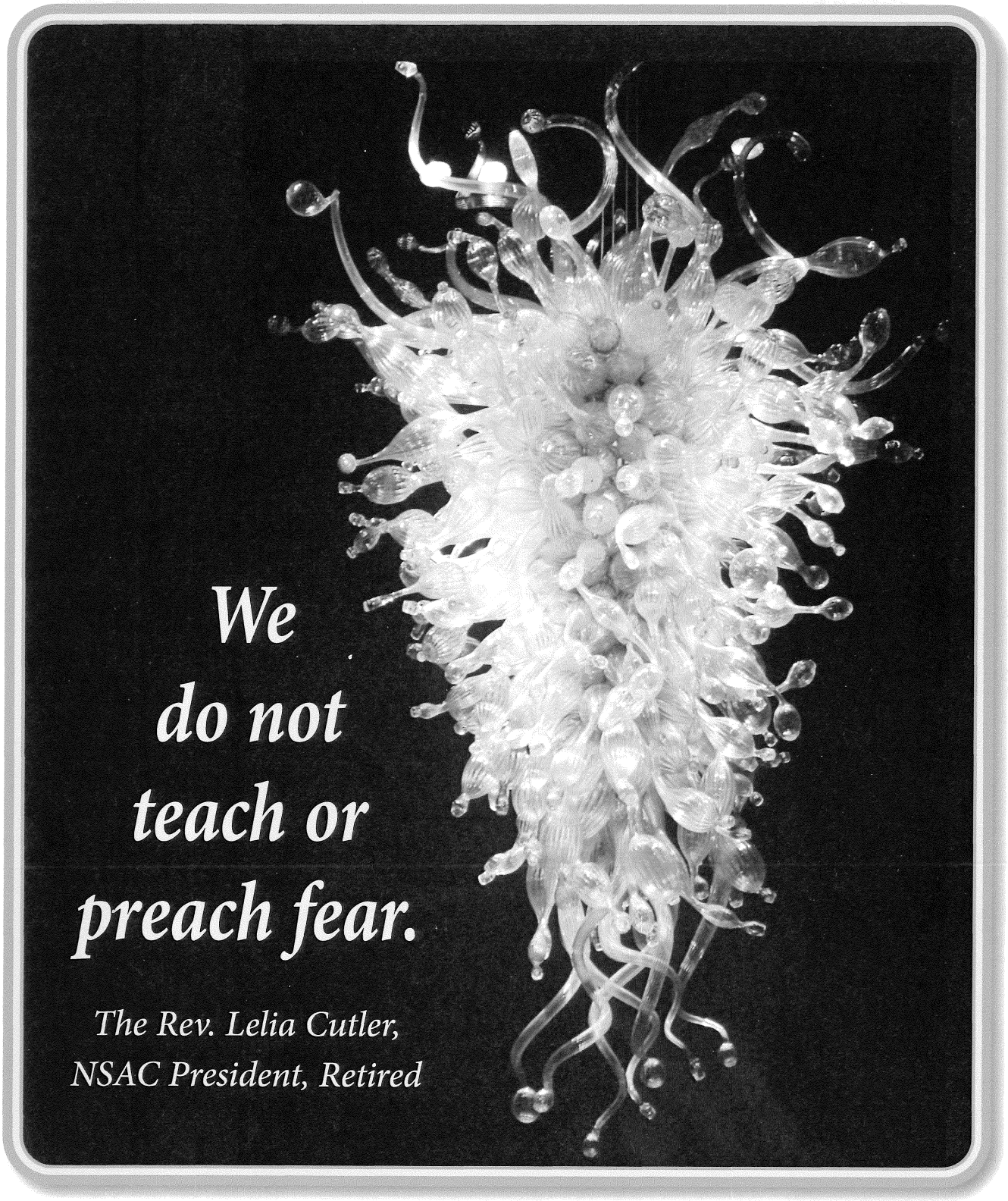
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A New Beginning

LAURA LEE PERKINS, CM, EDITOR – Arizona/Maine

There are times in our lives when we come to the end of one experience in order to begin a new adventure. It often takes a great deal of internal processing and waiting to be guided by Spirit. When the time is right, synchronicity steps in, allowing everything to move smoothly into alignment. Such a time has arrived for me.



When The Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller, after some health challenges, first recommended me to replace her as the *TNS-Summit* Editor back in 2007, I was extremely surprised...actually, I was shocked! The Rev. Lelia Cutler, then President of our *NSAC,* called my cell phone when I was sitting in our fifth-wheel camper back in Maine for the summer. I distinctly remember the call coming in over the July 4th holiday weekend. Stunned, I asked Lelia if I could have a couple of days to think about this.

Many, many thoughts went through my mind during the next 48 hours. I had been in the Pfortmiller's home many times, and evidence of Sandy's *TNS-Summit* work was everywhere. I had watched her label and crate and haul the magazines to the post office. I had seen many piles of resource materials stacked in her home office, on bookshelves and on their dining room table, and had stepped over what seemed like hundreds of boxes in their garage. (There were actually 142 boxes when we finally moved them all into our Arizona home.) It always seemed like Sandy and Gene lived in the magazine's house rather than the magazine residing in their home. I always thought, "This job takes a really big house!" I was right.

As honored as I felt to be asked to step in as *TNS-Summit* Editor, my mind was having a very difficult time understanding *how* I could make the physical space for this new adventure in our home. However, my over-riding feeling was that I wanted, more than anything, to help Sandy. She and her husband Gene had always been so kind to me and their Church of The Living Spirit was a spiritual oasis when I moved to Arizona. When I met Ken Green 15 years ago at Temple Heights Camp, Sandy and Gene were so excited and, a few years later, they married us in a simple ceremony one Sunday after the church service. The Pfortmillers were role models and friends.

So I accepted the challenge and agreed to be back in Arizona to begin the work on August 1. Sandy took me to the post office, which handles bulk mail for half of Phoenix, to meet key folks. We changed the *TNS-Summit* bank account, sorted through mountains of papers and Ken moved the 142 *TNS-Summit* boxes into our home.

I met Sharon Power, who has been the artistic, visionary guide of our magazine for 26 years. Watching her work has been a real education for me about *how much time goes into graphic design and layout*! Peter Berg, who was the *NSAC* Treasurer, guided me in financial matters and Lelia offered to be a proofreader along with The Rev. Stephanie Frobese.

I began to feel like I could learn the job, and learn it I did! It took 60-80 hours a week the first year, and gradually I began to see ways to streamline the hours down to 30-40. I have always tried to be available 24/7 – and people do get confused about time changes; faxes and calls come in at all hours. I have thrived on working with spiritually-based people who love to write, and I have made many new friends.

As Editor of *The National Spiritualist-Summit,* it has been a sacred privilege to be part of bringing the *NSAC's* mission into printed word. Now it is time for "A New Beginning" as I move into retirement and new spiritual opportunities in publishing, artist-in-residencies, teaching and travel. Please know that I shall always cherish being entrusted with this sacred work. I wish our new *TNS* Editor, along with each and every one of you, **All the Best.**

In Spirit –

Laura Lee Perkins, Editor

Comfort

THE REV. FRANCES MONTGOMERY, NST – Ohio



Let's think about a positive emotion. I am referring to comfort. There is a lot to be said about being comfortable or being comforted. Comfort is ease. Comfort is solace. Comfort is the opposite of discomfort or lack of comfort.

What does comfort mean to you? Is it vegging on the sofa with a snack and a hot or cold drink and a good TV show you enjoy? Is it about having no challenges, just relaxing in a familiar situation? Or, possibly, do you find comfort in stretching your imagination in a learning situation? Perhaps a good book brings you comfort. You get to know the characters and sort of hate to see the end of the book coming up? One of my favorite comfort reads has always been *Gone with the Wind,* which I have seen as a movie more times than I can count, but will watch again when it is on. I have read all 1037 pages at least nine times and may well read it all again. Yes, I know what will happen; I know the story — even the dialogue — nearly by heart. I know how it ends, but I enjoy going to that time frame and escaping with that particular read. *Thornbirds* is another I have read several times. I guess that means I like epic reads! But, looking at it that way, comfort can also be an escape!

In another vein, I have read and learned something new from the self-help book, *Magic of Believing* by Claude M. Bristol, every time I pick it up. To me, it far surpasses *Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale or *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne, which doesn't even get the job done (in my opinion), but was on the best seller list for quite a while because many people found it both stimulating and comforting.

Some find comfort working in their yards, gardens or in their garage puttering with tools and wood. Some prefer a walk in the woods or being on the golf course or beach. Maybe going fishing is relaxing and comfortable for you. There are as many ways of finding comfort as there are people in need of finding it! Relaxation, of any kind, is comforting. It relieves stress and promotes ease of mind. It can also lower blood pressure, so it must be good for us to be comforted. Comfort can also be a fun experience as well as a quiet reflection or meditation.

What brings you comfort? Our religion, Spiritualism, should bring you comfort! It teaches and demonstrates, through actual communication, that life exists after the change called death. It explains many things, and brings answers where there might previously only have been questions and confusion. We don't have to take our religion on faith. We strive to make it understandable through living it daily, working with it and allowing it to work through us. We try to prove that our religion has answers. Many of you have experienced messages that were personal to you, about things or people that only you would know (and that the message bearer could not possibly have known). These experiences gave you proof and comfort that what we teach is valid.

Jesus only mentions comfort twice – once in St. Matthew Chapter 9, Verse 22 where the ailing woman said within herself, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." But Jesus turned about and when he saw her, he said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole." And the woman was made whole from that hour. The second time is in St. Luke Chapter 9, Verse 48 where the same incident is related and Jesus said, "Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

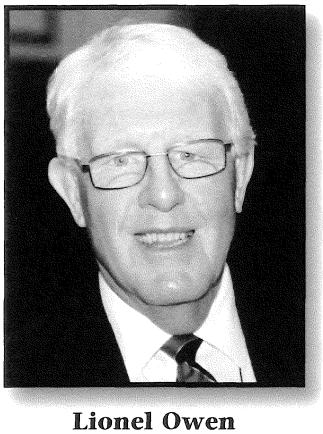
There are several other references to comfort throughout the Bible but these two incidences are the only two attributed to Jesus and they actually relate the same story! I would surmise, from that and several other things I have looked up in those two chapters, that much of the *Bible's New Testament* has really been accurately recorded from those two disciples' viewpoints, regardless of how many translations it has gone through to reach down to us many centuries later.

Properly taught, understood and practiced, Spiritualism should be one of the most satisfying and comforting doctrines we could find. Is it that to you? If it is not that meaningful, shouldn't it be? Your religion, whether this one or any other one, is your personal relationship with the Creator; Infinite Intelligence, God Force, Spirit — whatever you choose to call it. That should be a comfort to you in times of trouble as well as in times of joy. We already know religion is man-made when it is controlling — but our religion is *not* controlling. We encourage you to think for yourself. Study and read for yourself. Believe what you can accept and work with that in your day-to-day life. Seek and find the comfort that is available to you, relishing it on a daily basis to soothe your soul.

May you see and find all of the comfort you desire in the weeks and months to come and may Spirit bless you. •

Speech to NSAC 2012 Convention

LIONEL OWEN – England
Past President of the International Spiritualist Federation



Lionel Owen

Lionel Owen is a third generation British Spiritualist who served as President of the *International Spiritualist Federation* for nine years. Now residing in Norwich, England, he is the author of *The Gift, Please God – Why?* and *The Keepsake*. Lionel Owen says, "Spirituaism brings comfort, joy and reassurance to those on Earth."

Spiritualism – Are We Convincing?

President Lelia Cutler, ladies and gentlemen, good evening. I bring you greetings from the ISF, the SNU and my own church in Norwich, England. I am conscious of the great honor you do me by inviting me to speak at your convention and I humbly thank you. I adore visiting your wonderful country, which I have been doing for almost 30 years now. I have had many delightful experiences that I look back on with enormous pleasure. Some have been a bit different shall I say – I remember particularly a service at a country church in Massachusetts.

I am afraid this "speech" as it is billed may at times seem like a lecture. But then it does none of us any harm to be lectured occasionally.

I love Spiritualism. I have seen the good nature and generosity of Spiritualists all over the world and, to me, it is the only true religion – but it has changed in my lifetime. Change is inevitable in human affairs and of course change is growth. My objective tonight is to make you think about these changes and to this end I have two main questions:

1) Does Spiritualism today convince people in the way it did in the past?
2) Of what is it that we should be convincing people?

You may feel the second question is strange?

Spiritualism has a duty to not just convince people that life continues beyond physical death by the quality of the evidence of its mediums. It must also offer people a logical explanation of the true nature of life, its purpose and what our relationship is to the Creator. Are we succeeding?

I shall be asking many questions this evening – to some I will proffer answers but you, ladies and gentlemen, are the ones who must answer most of them – answer them with your heart and with your soul.

The opposite of Spiritualism, in every sense, is materialism. The challenge for all religions is to remain unaffected by the blandishments and temptations of materialism. Most have failed miserably. How do you think Spiritualism has fared?

As you know, Modern Spiritualism began here in this country in 1848. To Spiritualists in the 19th century, our philosophy was vitally important. One leading American Spiritualist minister of the day, Rev. Theodore Parker, set down his views of The Aim of Spiritualism. I believe it is worth reminding ourselves what he wrote:

The Aim of Spiritualism

By Rev. Theodore Parker

"To affect a complete at-one-ment and unison of man with God, till every action and thought of man is in perfect harmony with the Divine Will. It makes absolute religion the point where man's will and God's will are one and the same.

It lays down no creed, asks no symbol and reverences no time or place exclusively.

It cheerfully lives out its religion in all times and places, acts, words and thoughts.

It considers forms and ceremonies as not essential; it only reckons them as useful to those who need them.

It does not make the means the end.

It prizes the sign only for the sake of the signification.

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> Its temple is all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of good and usefulness. Its profession of faith a divine life, good works without, spiritual beauty and purity within, and deeds of love to God through His creatures.
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> It does good, for goodness' sake. It asks no pardon for its sins, it only seeks the opportunity to atone for them. It bows to no idols, whether made of wood or of metal, of flesh or of parchment, or even of authorities or of books.
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> It is reverent to truth only and rejects all falsehood, though upheld by antiquity or the power of the church.
>
> It counts no good word profane because a heathen spoke it, nor a lie, sacred though uttered by those the world calls sacred. Its watchword is: "Be ye perfect as God is perfect.
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> It makes each man his own redeemer and his own priest; but gladly accepts of every true word, every earnest exhortation to good, or wise counsel spoken by others."

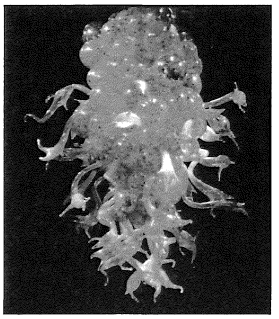
So, this was 19th century Spiritualism. Is the 21st century version an improvement? I believe we have a duty to examine what Spiritualism has become under our stewardship.

Rev. Parker maintained that Spiritualism does not make the means the end. Are we in danger today of doing just that?

Please don't misunderstand me. I do not belittle the comfort and support mediums have given to generations of people through their messages and neither do I forget that many people have been introduced to our religion as a result of a message. Nevertheless, are we perhaps becoming too reliant on messages alone?

The world needs the truths of Spiritualism, but to teach them, we need to work harder and ask humbly for the help of the spirit. Above all, we need to work within the power of the spirit. To get the message across we cannot rely solely upon ourselves.

The orthodox churches at one time considered us a serious threat, not, I think, because of the phenomena alone. Today they seem largely to ignore us. Should we not be concerned about the reasons for this?



We still talk a great deal about the well-known mediums of the past but what about the speakers, the writers and the debaters? What about the people who so attuned themselves to those higher souls in spirit that they could hold huge audiences spellbound by their oratory?

People like Estelle Roberts, who was a tiny lady and would fill the enormous expanses of the Royal Albert Hall in London with the powerful voice of her guide Red Cloud. People who would challenge any individual or any group to public debate on the teachings of Spiritualism as did Emma Hardinge-Britten, for instance. She would travel anywhere and bear any discomfort if spirit asked her to go and, when she arrived, she stunned audiences with the quality of her inspirational speaking. She would speak on any subject chosen by the audience, even detailed scientific or technical subjects. She displayed an expertise far beyond anything she could possibly know because she had total trust in the power of the spirit.

Some say her greatest speech was the funeral oration for President Abraham Lincoln, which she gave before 3,000 people. The audiences for these great instruments of the spirit did not come to hear evidence of survival. They came to hear spiritual truth expounded by great souls, long absent from our world of the flesh.

BOTH MEDIUMS WORKED HARD AND LONG TO HONE THEIR SPEAKING SKILLS AND THEIR LINK TO SPIRIT TO THIS HIGH LEVEL. IT DID NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. **INSPIRATION IS 90% PERSPIRATION!**

Great mediums? Yes, but also humble servants of the Great Spirit.

How do you think they compare with the "performances" of mediums today on TV? For that is usually the closest the person in the street ever comes to a Spiritualist church! Does reducing the greatest of spiritual truths to the level of entertainment help humanity" Don't forget, these TV "entertainers" are mostly the products of Spiritualism.

It is time to move forward. I believe Spiritualism has reached a watershed. Should we not, by now, be able to shun egotistical promptings and, instead, use the development of spiritual gifts to learn who we really are and to draw closer to the life force? Closer to the Spirit, not just to the spirit people. And what about explaining to others, to non-Spiritualists, how they can do the same?

In order to move forward we need to return to the Seance Room and to the Home Circle, not to develop mediumship, but as sources of spiritual progress for everyone. We have unique experience in this area; shouldn't we be sharing it? We have, I believe, given the mistaken impression that circles are only for developing

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mediumship. Nothing is further from the truth and it leads to two problems:

1) What I call "Clairdelusion."
2) Enormous disappointment and disenchantment.

All people are mediums in the broadest sense of the word. Blend with the power of the Spirit, and we can take the next step in our evolution as a species; the step that releases us from the controlling power of our five senses. Through Spiritualism, the world could come to learn the simple, loving truth so successfully hidden for centuries by misguided theologians in many orthodox churches: The Truth that is recognized by the heart and the soul, not by the intellect:

The truth that the ultimate in mediumship is not communicating with the spirit people but communicating with The Great Spirit itself – with the Life Force – with God!

Is this not the first aim in Rev. Theodore Parker's list?

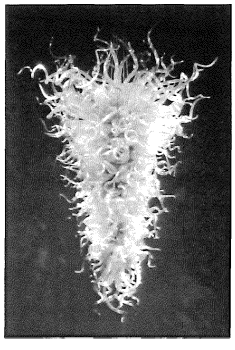
(This, incidentally, is why Buddhists criticize mediumship, they believe it distracts us from true, spiritual communion and maybe they have a point.)

In this manner 'Clairdelusion' and disenchantment would cease to exist.

I suspect that some people in Spiritualism believe we have little to contribute to the philosophical debate on the purpose of human life. They prefer us to pander to the popular demand for "messages," whether or not such "messages" contain one jot of evidence to support them! They ignore the fact that many seekers after such messages care more about where their current relationship is heading or the next husband is coming from. They don't seek reasons to live more caring lives, and they are really seeking fortune tellers.

In my view, Spiritualism has everything to contribute to the debate on humanity and the purpose of life. Our contribution is even more important now, for it must be only a matter of time before particle physicists prove the existence of non-physical dimensions. With the help of Spirit, I might add!

By emphasizing messages, we are only telling part of the story. The rest is even more important and even more relevant to everyday life. We should be explaining often, in simple terms and with eloquence what proof of the continuity of life means for us all; how understanding its implications transforms our lives.



Maybe we should focus on three areas:

1) Persuading people to seek direct communion with the power of spirit.
2) Speaking out about the half-truths of orthodox religion and
3) Exposing the strange reluctance of science to study the human mind and establish, once and for all, what consciousness really is. People need to know where we stand.

All this means spending more time and effort training platform speakers and expounding the glorious, life enhancing, truth of eternal life **for all, *not just for those accepting a particular creed.*** Great speakers are rarely born – they are created by training and application. Spirit can only work with the material at their disposal, which means speakers need to spend time learning the skills of presentation and reading the words of great spiritual philosophers.

Should we not also demand more dedication and commitment from our trainees and encourage them to seek true spiritual communion? This is the only way, once again, to produce exceptional mediums, instead of just the providers of messages – with often questionable evidence of survival.

My friend and teacher, Gordon Higginson, saw Spiritualism as a force to bring about the unity of nations. He said as far back as 1870, **"The Christian cannot bring the Jew into religious unity, the Moslem cannot bring the Buddhist. Spiritualism, by standing apart from all these religions, can bring all men together. This is vital for the future and that is why it is so important to preserve Spiritualism as it is. We are not a part of any other religion. Spiritualism stands alone as a religion in its own right."**

KEEP IT PURE AND SIMPLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I know many believe that the "message" part of the service is what attracts people to our churches. Yet, wherever there are brilliant speakers in churches of any denomination, those churches are packed. Does this not illustrate what people are really seeking? We should once again ask for Spirit's help in order to understand more about its power and then we must trust that power – not use it to merely develop message mediumship.

Do this, and I believe our religion could take off again as a force for good, for peace and for mutual understanding between all human beings. Let us try harder to abandon the ego and the quest to become famous! Let us practice greater humility!

Is our propagation of spiritual truth being constrained by expending too much energy on organization and caring for buildings and investments? Remember the words of Silver Birch? **"You cannot imprison God in a building."** We need places to meet and, because of the laws of the land in which we live,

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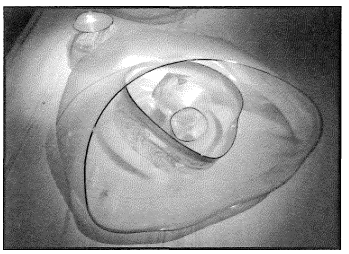
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we need organizations to guide us in working those laws but, is the tail wagging the dog? Has "organization" become more important than the Spirit? I believe these are questions you should be asking yourselves.

It is my belief that we can no longer sit by and idly watch while the best news mankind has received in millennia is ignored. Spiritualism can and should be a truly great and universal religion bringing hope and succor to all humanity. It should be confident enough in the power of the Spirit to make a real impact on the greed and selfishness at the heart of modern society.

Politicians and the exploiters of personal power could do more to listen and to change their ways if only we trusted. If only we trusted in the power of the Spirit, sought to use it for the good of all and had the courage to stand up and be heard!



I invite each one of you to renew the search for spiritual understanding and knowledge, through meditation and regular communion with the power of the Spirit (not just with spirit people).

Become one with the Father. Follow the slogan for this convention and do this with love. Then we would discover that the light of the Spirit shines from us with increasing brilliance. It will be seen by others, will illuminate them and lead humanity closer to living this life in the full knowledge of the power of the Spirit and that they are part of it, instead of blindly following the bidding of the ego.

The choice is yours ladies and gentlemen – choose wisely and in the future the whole of humanity will bless you and bless Spiritualism. •

2012 NSAC Convention – President's Report –

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 120th Annual Convention at Seattle, Washington



The Rev. E. Lelia Cutler, NST

Greetings:

A very special "Thank You" goes to the members and friends of Camp Edgewood in Milton, Washington. We appreciate all your work to make this convention a successful meeting and a special "Thank You" to Dee and David Chapman, Donald McFarland, Barbara Boyd, and all the members of the convention committee. I totally agree with the theme of this convention, "Spiritualism: Love Will Find A Way!" We are letting our love shine through as we come together to transact the business of the NSAC, and enjoy the fellowship of being with other Spiritualists. We may only see each other once a year at convention, but there is a bond between us all year long – love of our religion, and love for each other.

We have made progress during the past year, and you will see a lot of the results at this convention. I am extremely proud of the Science Committee, headed by William Patridge, and assisted by Frank Kotowsky, Donna Azzarelli, and by Thomas Butler, advisor. The entire report is available, and I think you will find it interesting and absorbing. Spiritualism is a science, and our delegates have been asking for input on that part for a long time. The Science Committee, and particularly Bill Patridge, have presented information of great benefit to all those seeking insight into the scientific side of our philosophy and religion. Take the time to read and absorb it.

It is my intention that this is my last President's report as the President of your National Board. Thank you to all those who have supported and encouraged me during my tenure of ten years as your Treasurer, and nine years as your President. Without your support, I could not have performed my duties in a manner which I would like. My mentors, the Rev. Joseph Merrill and the Rev. Barbara Thurman, set great examples for me, and I have tried to follow in their footsteps with vigor and leadership. I have awakened many mornings with the East Coast of our United States, and retired in the evenings with the West Coast. It has been an exciting journey, and I thank you for helping and directing me on my path of learning and sharing. From the beginning, one of my goals has been to update our *Spiritualist Manual*. We have made strides in that direction through the past twenty years, but I want to express grateful appreciation to the Rev. Marilyn Awtry for her wonderful dedication during the past year to bring the *NSAC Manual* up to speed with updated services, a beautiful new format of presentation, and insightful additions and corrections. Thank you, Marilyn. I know how much work it takes to update one of our volumes, and the work on the hymnal by Fred Brown and myself is evidence of that task.



Those of you who have been attending annual conventions for more than a decade will remember that we used to read all the reports from the departments and committees. Since having someone read reports to me makes me sleepy, I have tried to incorporate seminars and workshops during the business sessions to keep the interest of the delegates and give additional information to take home to the churches and camps. We no longer read all the reports, but as of this year, we are putting the reports into the delegate's folders, marked with the number of their presentation on the convention program, and in the order in which they will be presented. We ask that the delegates read the reports prior to attending the business sessions, and when that department or committee is addressed, any questions or comments can be made at that time. The directors and committee chairmen will be glad to answer your questions and take your comments back to their committees. I hope that you have enjoyed the seminars and workshops we have selected for you, and I know that your new board will be glad to receive any comments for future educational opportunities.

I have always tried to present current information in the 106 President's newsletters which I have written during the past nine years. We have faced some challenges

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like the "California Report," differing views on the website, the magazines, and our finances; however, we have tried to stay current with the times and I thank you for all your suggestions and input – especially our attorney, Jeff Lucas.

I am also delighted that the survey designed by Joe Owen and presented at last year's convention has been a success. We have another survey for you this year, and we hope each of you will take time to complete a copy. This information, as compiled by Joe Owen, informs your National Board about your wishes, along with what you find challenging and what you would like to see changed in our presentations and our conventions, as well as the everyday business of the organization. Thank You for your participation.

We continue to be very grateful for our webmaster, Janice Foote. Our NSAC.org website has been expanded and now includes the ability to make contributions online. It has been an uphill battle, but Janice has certainly fulfilled all our expectations, and more. We thank Joe Owen, who is the chair for the Department of Publications. He has worked diligently to bring our forms and reports up to speed for online completion by our members and auxiliaries. Our NSAC web site now includes the pages from the Department of Endowments for gifts and donations to the NSAC, the Hydesville Project, and other NSAC projects.

It makes my heart sing to receive e-mails from people all across our United States and from foreign countries complimenting *The National Spiritualist Summit* and *The Spotlight.* Your board is still considering publishing our periodicals online, but will keep publishing hard copies which are available by subscription.

As part of the statistical report, the Secretary will announce the opening of a new church, and we are happy to welcome the Spiritualist Church of Harmony and Light in Newark, Delaware. This is exciting, and your National Board looks forward to helping and supporting a new group in any way possible.

On the financial side, your National Board continues to watch our expenses. Using teleconference calls for most of the Spring Board agenda's business topics and business addressed between conventions has again allowed us to save substantially over having our board members travel for the Spring Board meeting. Our investment funds have suffered; however, fluctuations in the market do show small improvements and we are trying to "ride out" the present economy. Be assured that your board is cognizant of the economic impact of the current recession, and we continue to try to practice fiscal responsibility. We have actively helped several churches by extending loans, and the church investment account is being rebuilt by receiving the scheduled payments. We need to remember that loans made from the Church Investments account are unsecured, and should only be made for short terms. These funds are not meant to be used for long term mortgages. If a property is sold, and we accept a mortgage payable to the NSAC, it is for the benefit of the buyer and seller and no funds are extended by NSAC.



The Financial Advisory Committee, chaired by Marcia Hyatt and assisted by Janet Watson and Kathy Rottino, has looked at our investment strategy, our financial needs, and the process of accumulating and presenting the financial information during convention. All your questions will be answered as the report is presented. Our Treasurer works with the National Office to keep the National Board informed of our needs, revenues, and expenses. This is the third year for the Financial Advisory Committee, and their recommendations have been received with appreciation.

The Center for Spiritualist Studies is still on hiatus. The Morris Pratt Institute is constantly working on new courses and updating existing courses. People may be attracted to our churches to get a message from spirit loved ones, but they stay because they find something they believe. We have scholarships available from our service organizations, from the Renollet Scholarship fund with MPI, the Crystal Fountain Scholarship Fund with NSAC, and the DeMarco Trust Scholarships. We encourage our students to apply for a scholarship whenever there is a need.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for our Public Relations Awards for next year and hope to have a recipient for each category in 2013. Our warmest congratulations go to the Reverend Jesse James of The First Spiritualist Church in Gary, Indiana, for receiving the Lifetime Service Award. Also congratulations go to the Reverend Richard Schoeller of the Summerland Church of Light in Happauge, Long Island, New York for the Teacher's Award; and to Alice Robertson of Las Vegas, Nevada for receiving the "Outstanding Achievement" Award.

As we continue to work together, we can truly be "The Loving Spiritualists who help to find the way." Thank you to each and every delegate present and to each and every member of the NSAC for two extraordinary decades of service to the religion, philosophy and science of Spiritualism.

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

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2012 NSAC Convention – Secretary's Report –



The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 120th Annual Convention at Seattle, Washington

Greetings:

As the Secretary of the NSAC, it is my pleasure to present the following report on the NSAC General Headquarters as well as the statistical report to the Delegates of this our 120th Annual Convention.

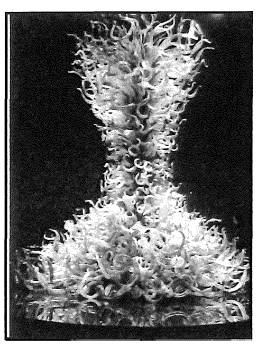
To Camp Edgewood, NSAC our Convention Host, and the entire Convention Committee, and all those who assisted in this endeavor, thank you. Your efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated and we look forward to a wonderful experience for all of the NSAC whether present or absent.

The NSAC Office seems to be in relatively good shape for the moment and other than normal maintenance has not required any repairs during this past year. Repairs to the porch are in progress and will be addressed in next year's report.

The NSAC Book Store continues to send copies of its book list by email, requesting mailings and through in person distribution. If you would like to receive the book list by email, or if there is someone in your church that could accept the book list by email for your church, please notify the NSAC Office and we will be happy to add your name to our list.

The Book Store has added fourteen new books this year: *Pathway to Spirit Communication,* Lynn Kent; *Science and the Near Death Experience,* Chris Carter; *The Man Who Tapped the Secrets of the Universe,* Clark; *A Clergy Guide to End of Life Issues,* Martha Jacobs; *The Keepsakes,* Lionel Owen; *Living In The Light,* Marilyn J. Awtry; *The Art of Mediumship,* Kuzmeskus; *Saying Goodby,* Okum Nowinski; *Kids Who See Ghosts,* Goode; *Holy Dirt – Sacred Earth,* Robert Egby; *Intuitive Studies,* Gordon Smith; *The Awakening Soul,* John Rogers; *The Medium Within,* John Rogers; *Soul Traveler,* John Rogers.

Two Books back in print have been added: *The Finding of the Third Eye,* Vera Stanley Alder; *Healing the Divine Art,* Manly Palmer Hall.



Several of these authors will be available for book signing at this convention.

While browsing through the Book Table don't miss the opportunity to visit the Lyceum Book Table while at Convention. The Director of this Department, the Rev. June Killmer, will be there to assist you. If you are interested in starting a Lyceum, she will have sample copies for review of many of the Lyceum materials that are available.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Since last convention the NSAC has issued 36 credentials.

ORDINATIONS CONFERRED: 8 – Barnard Thomas, Connecticut (Through Transfer of Ordination); Judy Campbell-Clark, California; Maureen Eslick, California; Ernest Leard, Virginia; Catherine Sabine, Maine; Havivah Richards, Arizona; Jane Seybold, Nevada; Richard Seybold, Nevada.

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHER DEGREE: 7 – Judy Campbell-Clark, California; Jennifer Neumann, New York; Saloma Cassens, Arizona; Catherine Sabine, Maine; Havivah Richards, Arizona; Jane Seybold, Nevada; Richard Seybold, Nevada.

LICENTIATE CERTIFICATE: 11 – Susan Graf, Connecticut; Richard Terpe, Connecticut; Shirley Williams, Texas; Havivah Richards, Arizona; Jane Seybold, Nevada; Richard Seybold, Nevada; Patricia Craig, Massachusetts; Elsie Ann Soria, California; Joan Le Duc, Minnesota; Lisa Naylor, Pennsylvania; Mary Beth LoVecchio.

CERTIFIED MEDIUM: 5 – Shirley Williams, Texas; Doreen McDonald, Massachusetts; Richard Terpe, Connecticut; Rosemarie Osborn, Maine; Patricia Craig, Massachusetts.

COMMISSIONED HEALER: 5 – Elaine Tomkowicz, Florida; Pamela Reinhoudt, New York; Awilda Abaza, Virginia; Rosemary Calderalo, New York; Susan Graf, Connecticut.

There are no examinations scheduled to be taken at this convention. Eleven of the listed fifteen examinations for Ordination and/or National Spiritualist Teacher Degree have been taken by Committee since last Convention. Four were taken at the 2012 Spring Board Meeting.

The NSAC Board has approved re-entry

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into the NSAC of ten former NSAC members: Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC, Milton, Washington – Rose Mallia; Augusta Spiritualist Church, Augusta, Maine – Alice Johnson and Tichar Downe; First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Rehoboth, Massachusetts – Lina Le Brun and Susan Tangaro; First Spiritualist Church, Austin, Texas – Erie Nagle; First Spiritualist Association, Way Memorial Temple, Wheeling, West Virginia – Mary Wilson; First Spiritualist Church, West Allis, Wisconsin – Douglass Pruitt; Spiritualist Church of the Comforter, Santa Barbara, California – Antje Koster.

It is our pleasure to welcome so many returning members back into the NSAC and your NSAC Board feels confidant that these people will enjoy the fellowship offered in their new church homes. May they and their respective churches be richly blessed through their combined endeavors.

The NSAC Executive Church currently has fifteen members with three new members having been added and one transferring membership into a newly chartered auxiliary.

New members of the NSAC Executive Church, Lily Dale, New York include: Esme Tarder of Walnut Creek, California; Sharon Thompson of Endicott, New York; Toye Stinson of Berdon, Illinois.

At this time there is only one individual holding NSAC Student Membership.

Student Membership and Executive Church Membership are considered on a case by case basis. These forms of membership are usually granted to those individuals seeking NSAC membership, but reside in areas where there are no NSAC auxiliaries.

Three Ordained Ministers have made their transition this year: The Rev. Virginia Berg, The Rev. Kenneth Wingood, and The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them, their families and church families. They have blessed us all with their knowledge and teachings, but most of all, with their presence.

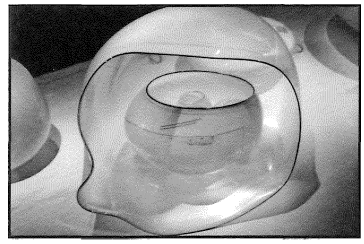
One new Charter has been issued since last convention and we are pleased to be able to welcome to the NSAC family: The Spiritualist Church of Harmony and Light of Newark, Delaware.

As the Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center had reactivated its Charter last year, the funds that had been held by NSAC in the Church Investment account have been returned to them.

The NSAC Stow Family scholarship for this years has been granted to Ms. Gabriella Stern of Summit, New Jersey in keeping with our obligation to the city of Summit.

In May of this year due to demand, the NSAC had again reprinted 500 copies of the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual.* The Board has also approved carrying *Spirit Songs* as a supplementary hymnal for use by the NSAC Auxiliaries. The supplemental hymnal contains original music and words written by Spiritualists for Spiritualists, with the exception of *Morning Has Broken* for which usage rights have been obtained. A CD is in the planning for sale which will carry the Hymns for use by auxiliaries that do not have an available musician. A few of these hymns will be presented during the evening workship services.

Over the years, the NSAC has placed the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* along with other Spiritualist publications and our *TNS* magazine in many local libraries. If your local library does not have these materials available for public use, please see if they would be willing to accept them and arrangements can be made through *TNS* and the NSAC Office for placement.



Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, Secretary

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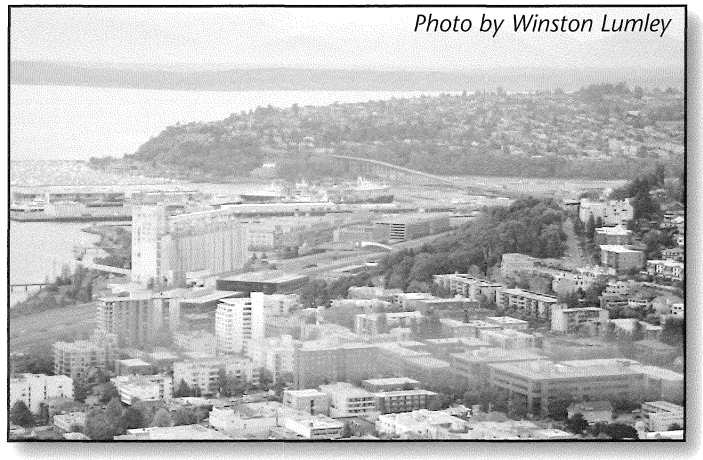
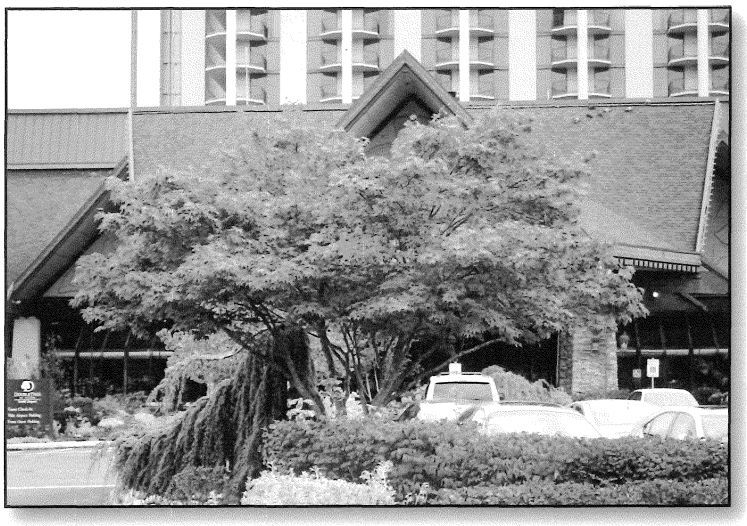
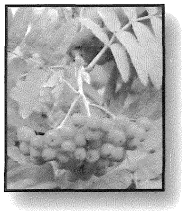


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SUNDAY - *Welcome to Convention*

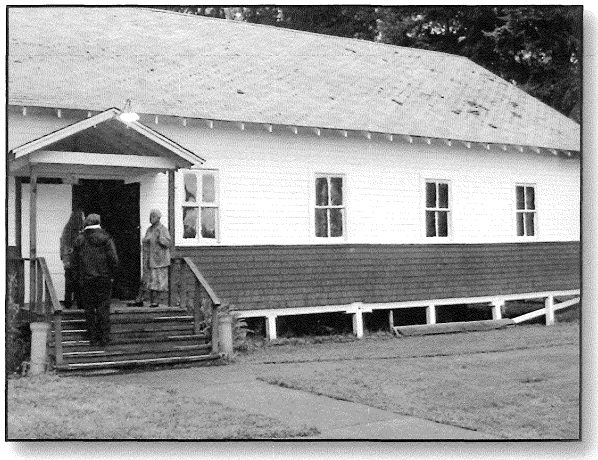


The **120th National Spiritualist Association of Churches** was held October 14-19, 2012 in SeaTac, Washington at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel. Titled ***Spiritualism: Love Will Find A Way,*** it was hosted by Camp Edgewood in Milton, Washington. "Hats off" to their staff, who worked for over two years, to bring this convention to their beautiful location. The Sunday morning church service was held at Camp Edgewood and all enjoyed the beautiful grounds and the meaningful service and welcome!

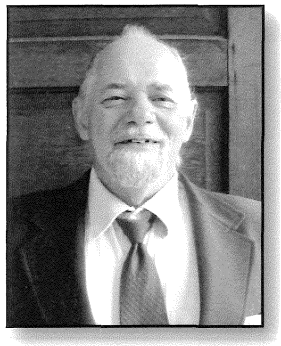


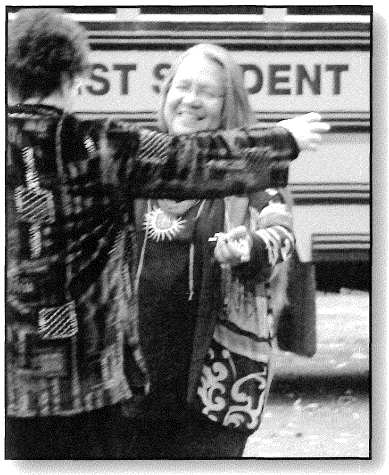






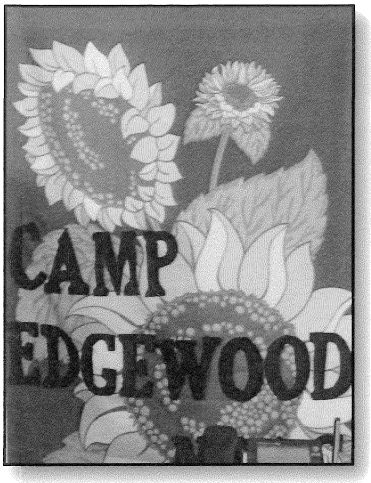


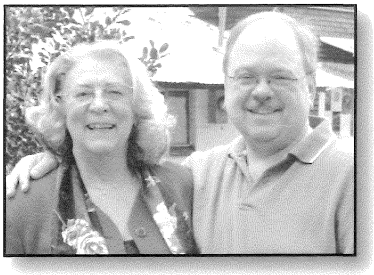


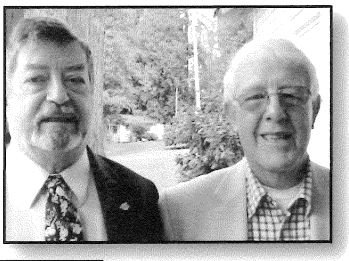


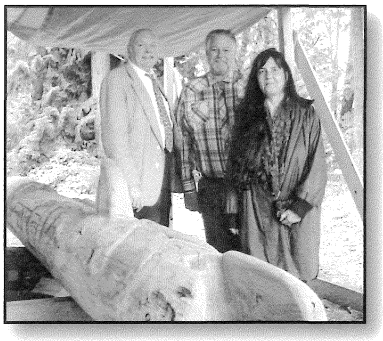


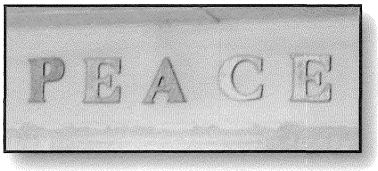


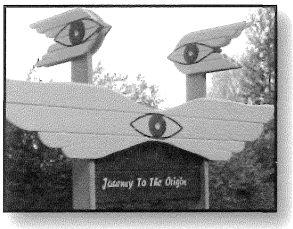






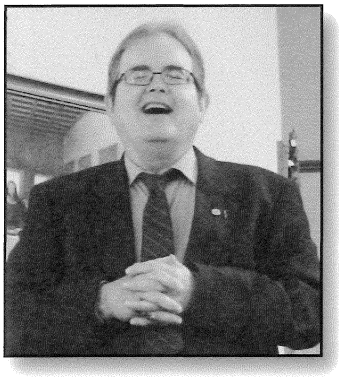














SUNDAY - *Afternoon and Evening*

Returning to the hotel after the Camp Edgewood service and reception, folks gathered to register.





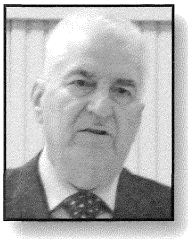








The Sunday Evening Devotional Service featured The Rev. Brad Gosselin, as speaker, and mediums The Rev. Lelia Cutler, The Rev. Janet Tisdale and The Rev. Sharon Snowman.







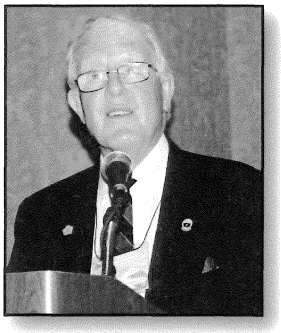




Stacy Davis provided harp music for the service.

MONDAY - Evening Banquet, Awards, Entertainment

✦ Awards & Speakers







The following NSAC Awards were presented during the October 15th banquet

The **Lifetime Service Award** was presented to **The Rev. Jessie James**, a member of the NSAC for 50+ years. Many members in Illinois and Indiana attribute their growth and development to Rev. James, a missionary who traveled to Maine, Texas, Iowa and New York. His sermons are inspiring, at his home, First Spiritual Church of Gary Indiana, and at the many churches he visits. Rev. James has participated in many NSAC ordinations. At age 85, he is still holding classes and visiting churches! Rev. James also demonstrated healing for himself after a stroke. Rev. James is a wonderful example to those who are trying to make a difference in the lives of other people through service.

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** was presented to **Alice Robertson**, a member of Spiritualist Desert Church, who has been involved in Spiritualism for 18 years. When Spiritualist Desert Church was closed due to the illness of The Rev. Catherine Stewart in 2002, Ms. Robertson was one of three people instrumental in the reopening of the church in 2003. Alice is a tireless worker, seeing no job as too big, and she has been the church's secretary since it reopened. In addition to creating and maintaining the church's newsletter and website for several years. Alice serves on several committees and has actively participated in church services as a healing medium and as a medium giving spirit greetings.

The **Individual Teacher Award** was presented to **The Rev. Richard Schoeller** who has directed an Unfoldment Class since he co-founded Summerland Church of Light in 2004. His teaching has promoted and helped develop the mediumship of countless student mediums. Richard teaches many forms of mediumship, intuitive and psychic sensing as he promotes students, church and the religion of Spiritualism. He is very innovative in his teaching and once conducted an unfoldment class at a "haunted" restaurant where students received psychic and mediumistic messages about the history of the restaurant. The Rev. Schoeller spreads the word of Spiritualism through his own website, numerous radio interviews and public demonstrations of mediumship. He has also traveled to Europe during recent years, both to develop his teaching abilities and to present workshops. He has served many NSAC churches and is a noted lecturer. •



MONDAY - Convention Workshops

The convention workshops were warmly received by the delegates.



The Rev. Sharon Watson offered the morning workshop, *Saying Goodbye – Preparing for Change*. This event offered many helpful strategies for navigating one of life's most challenging events – preparing for the passing of a loved one. Thank you to Sharon for the step-by-step handout which covered this many-layered, and often very challenging, process.

Saying Goodbye – Preparing for Change

A workshop exploring the five new stages of grief

Presented by Sharon Watson

Everyone of us has had some experience of persons, near or afar, going through the process called "dying," whether that person is a relative, friend, neighbor, church member, or celebrity.

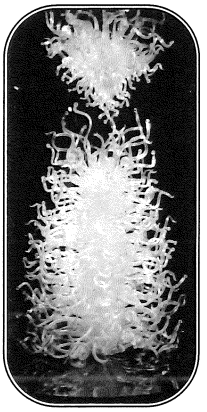
This Monday morning workshop was based on the book, *Saying Goodbye – How Families Can Find Renewal Through Loss,* by Barbara Okun and Joseph Nowinski.

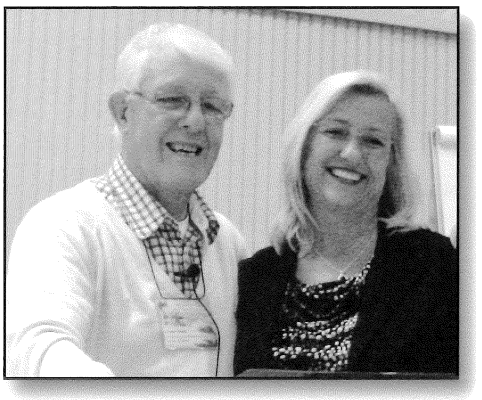
The Rev. Sharon Watson is an experienced teacher in the physical and spiritual care of those close to passing, and she teaches healthy ways to experience grief.

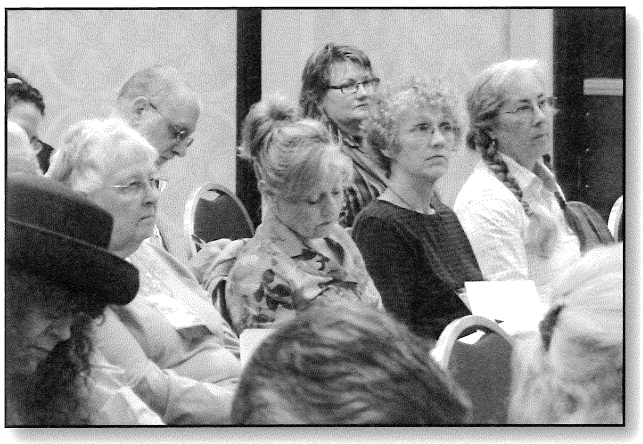
Sharon led us through five new stages of grief, experienced by the patient, family, caretakers, friends, and others. This uplifting workshop helped us understand these five new stages: *crisis, unity, upheaval, resolution,* and *renewal.*

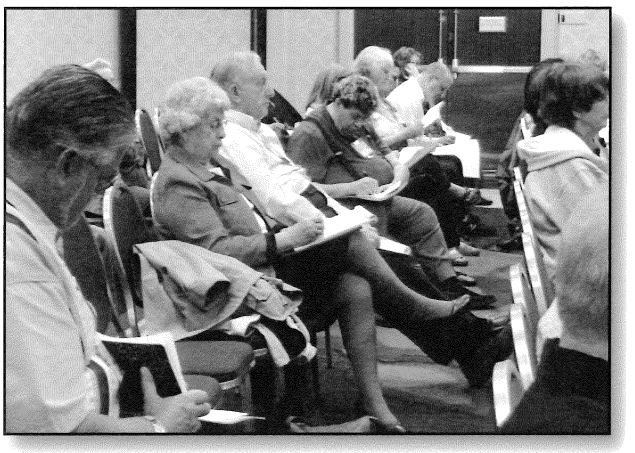
As a NSAC National Spiritualist Teacher, Ordained Minister, Certified Medium, Commissioned Healer, and a Registered Nurse for nearly a quarter century, she has "seen it all." From her experience in Emergency Rooms, Intensive Care, and Critical Care, to her present work as a Home Health Care Nurse, Sharon has worked with many in the process of grief and loss. •

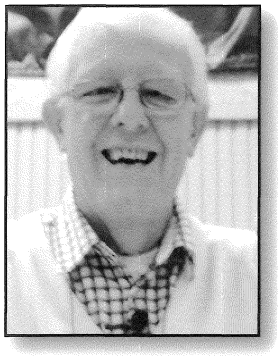




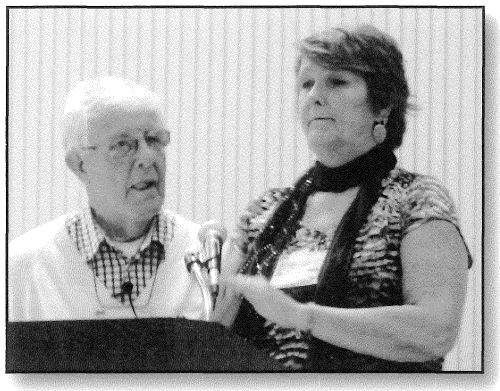








Lionel Owen, internationally renowned Spiritualist teacher and minister from England, presented the afternoon workshop, *Evidential Mediumship*. Lionel offered many ideas for increasing the strength of evidential messages to prove the continuity of life, including experiential work for volunteers.



The Mechanics of Mediumship
How does mediumship work?

Presented by Lionel Owen, Norwich, England

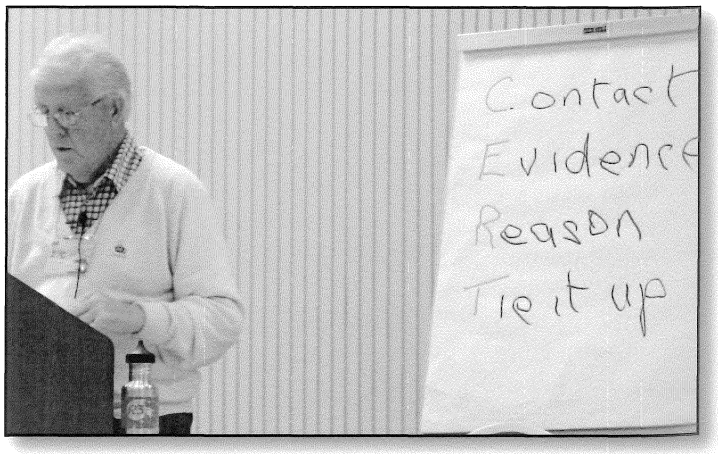
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To answer this, we first need to look at understanding energy. Energy cannot die; this is a proven fact. Energy only moves into another state, changing vibration, changing form, but it does not die. You are made of energy, therefore you cannot die. Your soul/spirit, which is the real you, is energy housed in a physical body, which is also made of energy, vibrating at a different rate, creating dense flesh and bone. When the body dies and the spirit separates from it, because it is no longer animated by the spirit, the flesh dies and disintegrates, returning to the earth after burial. If we are cremated, the physical body becomes a pile of ash, a collection of molecules or particles which have not died, just changed form.

So your spirit is now without a physical vehicle, but it still lives. It is the part of you which thinks, feels, shares emotions and interacts with all living things throughout creation. It is the mind that contains all your memories and thoughts. It is your individuality, your personality, and it is now free from the constraints of a physical body – but it is not dead. Energy cannot die.

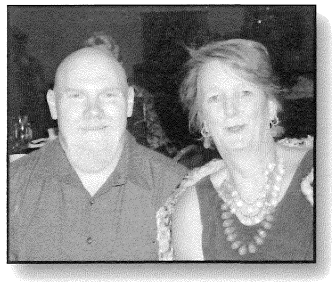
Whilst we are living in the material world, our spirit uses our body for physical expression. Though our five physical senses limit us, there are things that we can perceive that are non-physical. For example, we might sense other people's moods or emotional states without ever exchanging words. It is what some call "gut instinct." If we enter a room where two people have just had an argument, we might sense anger, depression or a feeling of heaviness. We might sense when someone is ill or in danger; this is because our spirit is already exchanging information with the spirit of the other person through the aura. This is called psychic sensing, person to person, with both people still in physical bodies. Mediumship is really no different; it is two spirits making contact with each other, impressing information from one mind onto the other. One just happens to be without a physical body, that's all.

One question usually asked is, "When we no longer have a physical body, where do we exist?" The Spirit World tells us that we and they occupy the same space at different frequencies and that is why we are not normally aware of spirit people. Many other things occupy the same space as we do and we are not aware of these either. For example, radio waves and TV signals, microwaves, ultra-violet rays, gamma rays and, believe it or not, thought waves. A radio or TV set can tune in and receive sound and pictures. The same applies to Spiritualist mediums who have worked to develop sensory perception to a higher level. They can 'tune in' to the thought waves being transmitted from the minds and personalities of those who no longer possess heavy, physical bodies, but who want to communicate with those on this side of life. We know that the mind's energy is a very powerful tool and we use that to open us up to this channel of communication. For this we use one or more of four faculties: Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, Clairsentience or "Knowing." As mediums, using this sensitivity through our aura, we can feel, hear, see and know things that are being impinged upon on our mind and energy by minds incarnate or disincarnate. •



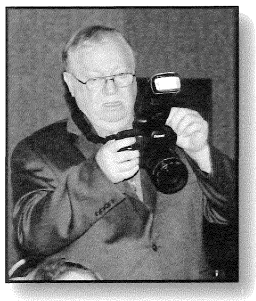
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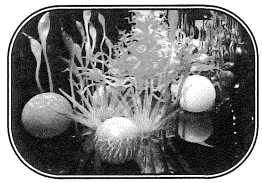






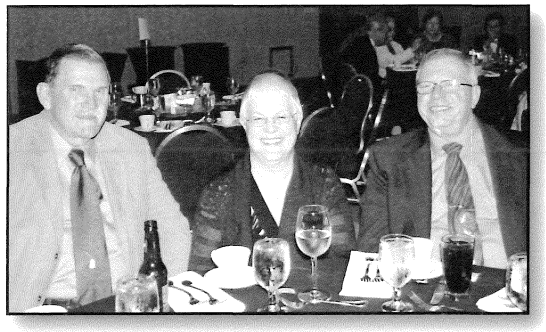


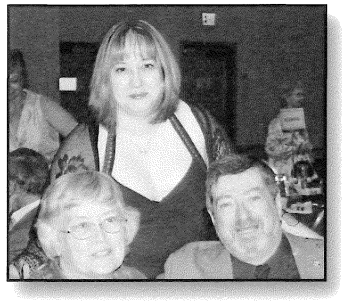






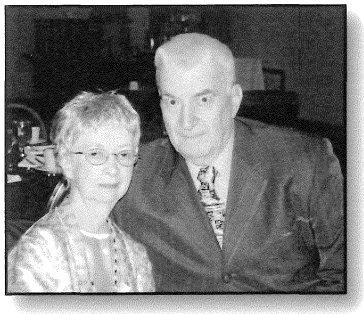


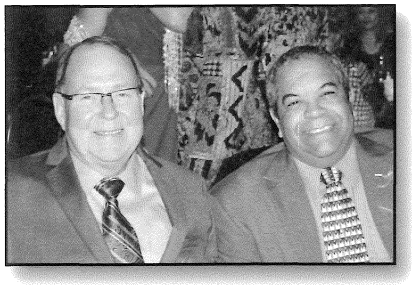
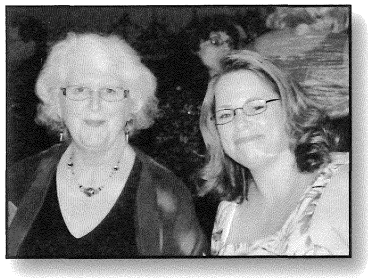





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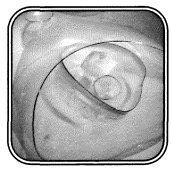




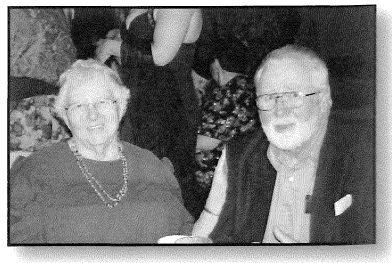


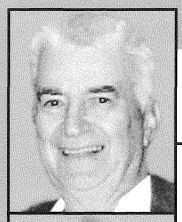















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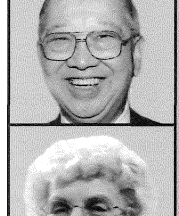
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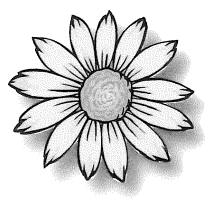
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SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church • 2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 209, 95821-4855. Mailing addr.: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd. #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Service 10:00 am.; Classes (see Pastor); Healing All Message Service, last Sun. of the month at 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; Rev. Drew Vogt, Pastor (415)568-7571; celebratelifesc@gmail.com / www.ourcelebration.org

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple, NSAC • Service 2nd & 4th Sunday's, 33 Banbury Dr. (near SF State Univ.), 94132; Mail: 1101 National Ave., #1328, San Bruno, 94066, Email: spiritualtemplesf@gmail.org; *"Center for Spiritual & Reiki Healings.* Call for appt.; Pastor Elsie Ann Soria, NST (650)583-2739; Pres. Ben Santiago; Pastor Emeritus Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church • 1901 Franklin St. (corner of Clay) 94109-3414; (415)885-9976; ggspiritualistchurch.org; Service Schedule, Sun. 9:30 Lyceum (classes) Sept. – May, Healing 10:30, Devotional Service 11:00; Wed. Healing 7:30, Devotional Service 8:00; Classes available (See Website); Pastor Rev. Del Lauderback; Assoc. Pastor Rev. James Ehrhart; Pres. Sonny B. Gee.

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; 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.

MYSTIC - The Spiritualist Church of Peace & Light • Comfort Inn, 48 Whitehall Ave., 06357; Sec. Joan St. John, 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London 06320; (860)442-1709; Email: scpeacelight@yahoo.com

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 2x monthly June – August. FMI call Pres. Sandy Bulson, H: (860)642-9258, C: (860)608-1461; Pastor Joyce Orcutt (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: P.O. Box 4010, Winter Park, FL 32792, (407)678-3688; www.spiritualistchurchofawareness.org / news@myscoa.org; Sun. healing 10:30 a.m., service/messages 11:00 a.m.; Wed. healing 7:30 p.m.service/messages 8:00 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Jeanne Kerr Lerch; Pres. Marsha Hall.

• ILLINOIS •

Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches • Pres. Marian Boesen, NST (815)332-5359; Treas. Pat Peck (309)787-3386; Sec. Donna Bates (815)871-5515; dkbates61@msn.com

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, (815)626-5716.

CHERRY VALLEY - Christabelle Spiritualist Church • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815)332-5359, (815)626-5716.

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

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. Linda Kelly.

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.

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

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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. E&F, 46217-3221. Energy Circle or Adult Lyceum Class every Tues. 6:30-8:00 p.m. FMI call Pastor Bonnie J. Darby (317)796-3503 or (317)374-0794 or www.thespiritualistchurchofindianapolis.com *Spiritualism Changes Lives!*

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC • 3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Mail: 6707 Heritage Hill Dr., 46237; Sun. Serv: Healing 11:00 a.m., Devotional/Message Service 11:30 a.m. Wed. Development Class 6:00 p.m. Every 5th Sun., All Message Service, covered dish dinner, 1st Sat. 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: 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; 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. Check www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org or call the Sec. or Kathy Goodness VP, (207)989-7266

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center & Camp – Mail: 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 (207)388-3436.

LEWISTON - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life • Entrance – 4th level in Centerville Garage, Canal St. Lewiston; Pres./Pastor Rev. Catherine Sabine (207)376-5318; 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 • 4 Park St., 04849; June 15 – Sept. 15; Private Readings, Healings 9-4 p.m.; Message Circles Wed. & Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/50+ Classes; Camp: (207)338-3029; Pres. Becky Grant; Sec. Mike Grant (207)650-3880; thsc@mainespiritualism.org / www.templeheightscamp.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church • 4 Park St., Temple Heights, Northport; Service Sunday 2:30 p.m., May 1–Oct. 31 at Excelsior Lodge, corner of Shore Rd./Cove Rd., Northport; Nov. 1–Apr. 30 Services canceled for snow/ice storms; Pres. Jean Bower (207)388-1355, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915; Sec. Diana Kimball (207)388-6275.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church • Mailing addr: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Service 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; (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; www.churchspirituallifenh.org

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 10:00 a.m. Sun. at Anawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mail: 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; Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June; Development classes listed on website; www.springfieldspiritualistchurch.com; Pastor Rev. John F. Sullivan, P.O. 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, Charlevoix, MI; Sec. Susan Hoshield, 8688 Cedar Creek Dr., Petoskey, MI 49770-8871, (231)347-9417.

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit • 2724 Goodrich, 48220; Mailing Address: 321 Spencer, 48220-3544; Sat. Service/Lyceum 6:30 p.m.; Sec. Dianne L. Smith, (248)545-5680.

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

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church • 430 Bellevue St., 49251; Sun. Service 10:45 a.m.; 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 month 7:00 p.m.; 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., Thu. 6:30 p.m. Healing/Meditation Service, Development Circle follows. 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.

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

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• 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; Recording 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 • Mon. Services: Healing 7:00-7:15 p.m.; Service, 7:15-8:00 p.m.; 5000 Expressway Drive South, Holbrook, NY; Wed. Class: Ways of Mastery/Healing and Mediumship Dev. 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631)588-5869; Mail: 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 • Sunday Silent Meditation 10 a.m.; Healing/Worship Service 10:15 a.m. at 120 Plant Ave., Hauppauge; Mail: P.O. Box 5209, Hauppauge, NY 11788-5209; Sec. Valerie Miller, Voicemail: (631)406-4161; 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; P.O. Box 277, 43003-0277, (740)747-2212.

ASHLEY - First Spiritualist Church of Linden • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; P.O. Box 648, 43003-0648; Sun. Service 7:00 p.m.; (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/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" first Sun. of each month. 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 Spiritualist Church • Sun. Service 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages; Wed. Service 7:30 p.m., Billet Service; Pastor Betty J. Hutt, 421 N. Presdon St., 19104; phone/fax: (215)222-0322; celestial.07@mail.com

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 Light 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. We are on Facebook! www.spiritlight.ehost.com; Contact Pastror Rev. Shirley Williams, 13115 Labelle Lane, 77015.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Chapel • Thomas Jefferson Bldg. at First Unitarian Church; Sunday Service 5:00 p.m.; P.O. Box 762231, 78245; (210)401-1713; www.SanAntonioSpiritualists.com

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC • 222 N. Washington Street; Mailing Address: CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040-6535; (703)354-5767; www.TheCSE.org; thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. Healing Service/Devotional & Message Service 10:30 a.m.; Pastor Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Asst. Pastor Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan; Sec. Susan Chapins; Pres. Lucinda Wilson.

NORFOLK - Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 307 W. 37th St., 23508-3207, (757)622-5070; www.memorialspiritualistchurch.com; Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing available at 10:30 a.m. Sun. and 7:00 p.m. Wed.; Adult Lyceum Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Children's Sun. Lyceum 11:00 a.m.; Ministers: Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, (757)480-3799; Rev. Carol A. Brown, NST, (757)826-9652; Rev. Ernest Leard, (757)390-1231; Pres. Eugene Turner (757)270-2546; Sec. Lynn Streeper; Lyceum Dir. Rev. Ernest Leard.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC • Held at Camp Edgewood, NSAC – 1228 26th Ave. Ct.; Sun. Service 2:00 P.M. (Mail to 11113 SE 323rd St., Auburn, 98092); Student Minister Atira Hatton; Pres. Bernie Allers (253)833-4850; Sec. Karen Wennerlind; churchofdivinegrace@gmail.com

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC • 1228 26th Ave Ct, Milton, WA 98354 Ph. (253)927-2050 / Fax (253)927-7531. Pres. David Chapman, Sec. Denice Chapman; campedgewood@qwestoffice.net. FMI re: year-round Development and Educational Classes; campedgewood.nsac-churches.org

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC • Held @ Camp Edgewood, NSAC - 1228 26th Ave Ct. Church Service Sun @ 2:00 PM Sep-May. Mailing address c/o Pres. Colleen Mohler, 1210 26th Ave Ct 98354, (253)927-2365. Pastor Rev. LaVerne Pemberton Ph: (253)833-9279. Sec. Jill Mohler, 1015 Emerald St., 98334; (213)568-0333; j.m.mohler@hotmail.com

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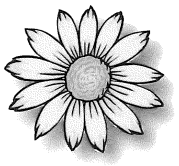
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REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST

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

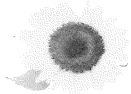
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The NSAC Healing Center has a brochure that includes the Power of Prayer, How Spiritual Healing Works, How to Get Started and the NSAC Healing Prayer. If you are interested in forming a Healing Prayer Group, please contact me and I will forward information to you on how to get started. While there is no charge for this booklet, any donation that is received will help off-set the printing expenses and postage.

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



– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove
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and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty
and I will do my part.
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THE REV. JUNE E. KILLMER, NST



January 25th marks a very special day. It is the day the first Lyceum in America was organized by Andrew Jackson Davis in 1863 at Dodsworth Hall, Broadway, New York. In his remarks that day he said, "The Lyceum is an inspiration--that is to say, it is an idea which was found to have expression in the Summerland, and we desire to realize on earth, as far as possible, the music and harmony of the heavens. Groups of young people are representative of family circles and progressive communities."

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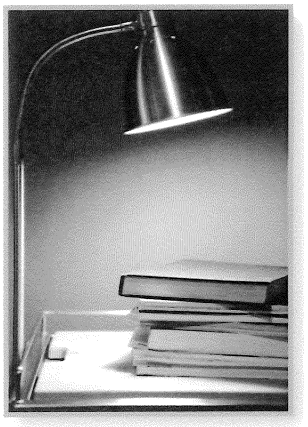
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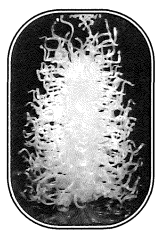






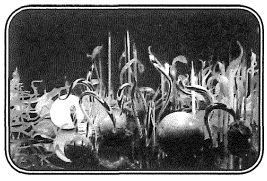








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✦ *More Business and Speakers*



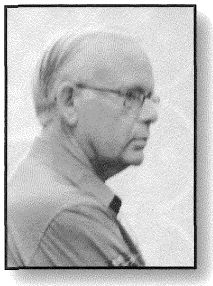


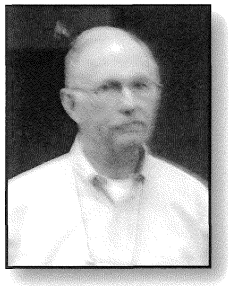




















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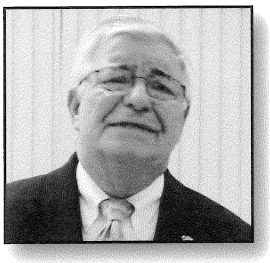
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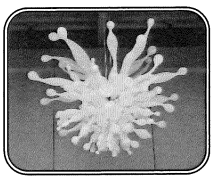








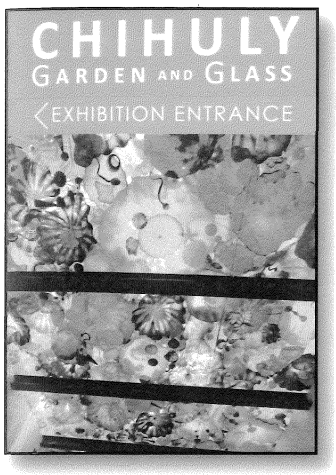
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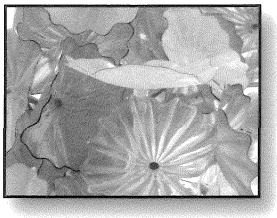






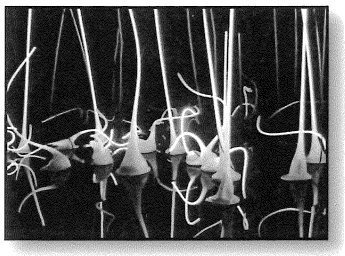
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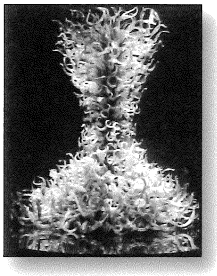


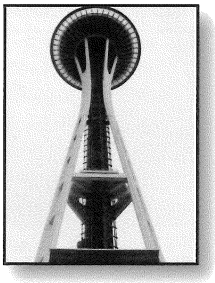
Thursday afternoon is time off at convention, and this year's sites included Mt. Ranier, the incomparable CHIHULY GLASS MUSEUM and Seattle's Space Needle, which includes a rotating restaurant towering over the city.



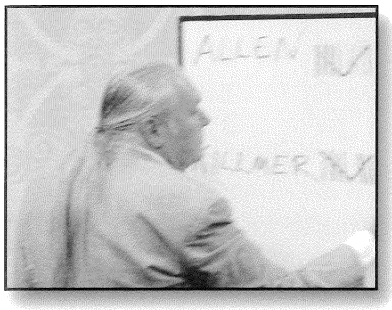




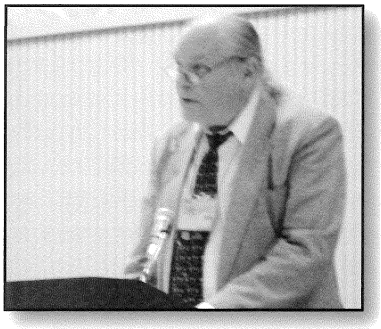




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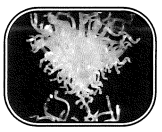












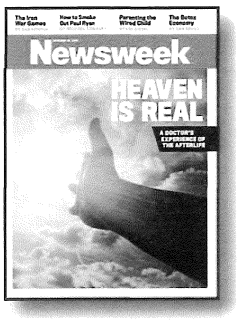






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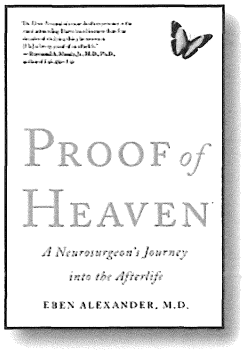
THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST – Nevada



The October 2012 issue of Newsweek featured a cover story by the neurosurgeon Dr. Eben Alexander who endured a seven-day coma after bacterial meningitis attacked his brain. Contrary to the assumptions of medical science, Alexander claims to have been fully conscious during this period—but conscious of another place.

A successful neurosurgeon who has taught at Harvard Medical School and other universities, Alexander spent his life dismissing claims of out-of-body experiences and refuting such talk with scientific logic until he himself had a near-death experience.

During the time that he was in a coma, Alexander says he saw heaven and knows the afterlife exists. Raymond Moody M.D., Ph.D. writes, "Dr. Eben Alexander's near-death experience is the most astounding I have heard of in more than four decades of studying this phenomenon." Moody says that "the circumstances of Alexander's illness and his impeccable credentials make it very hard to formulate a mundane explanation for his case."

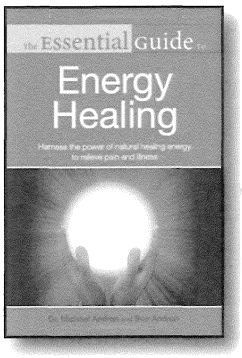


Dr. Alexander is sharing his experience in his new book, *Proof of Heaven.* That his story made the cover of *Newsweek* with a headline reading "Heaven is Real: A Doctor's Experience of the Afterlife," is very positive for Spiritualism's beliefs and it is wonderful to see more mainstream magazines promoting the idea that we survive physical death.

From: *The Daily Beast,* thedaily-beast.com/newsweek/2012/10/07/proof-of-heaven-a-doctor-s-experience-with-the-afterlife.html. *Proof of Heaven* by Dr. Eben Alexander, Simon & Schuster, October 2012, ISBN-13: 978-1451695199

Homeopathy Sanctioned by Swiss • The Swiss government's recent report on homeopathic medicine affirms that homeopathic treatment is both effective and cost-effective. Homeopathic treatment will be reimbursed by Switzerland's national health insurance program. The report represents the most comprehensive evaluation of homeopathic medicine ever written by a government. Based on research, the Swiss report affirms that homeopathy seems to induce regulatory effects and specific changes in cells or living organisms. The report also reported that 20 of 22 systematic reviews of clinical research testing homeopathic medicines detected at least a trend in favor of homeopathy.

From: "The Swiss Government's Remarkable report on Homeopathy," by Dana Ullman, 2/15/2012, huffingtonpost.com/dana-ullman/homeopathic-medicine-_b_1258607.html



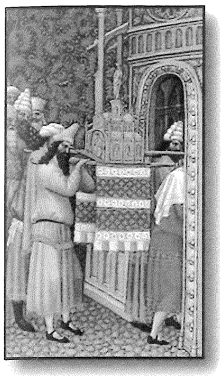
Energy Healing • The Center for Disease Control says that as many as 60 percent of Americans will try alternative treatment for unrelieved pain and illness. A new book by authors Dr. Michael Andron and Ben Andron provides a balanced informative view for those seeking to understand and practice energy healing. The book includes information on massage, acupressure, homeopathy, reflexology, Reiki, Qi Gong, Ayurvedic medicine, Therapeutic Touch and others. *The Essential Guide to Energy Healing* breaks down the ancient art of energy healing into easily understandable terms, describing what energy healing is, how it works and how it can be practiced at home to supplement traditional medicine, ease pain and heal the source of suffering.

The Essential Guide to Energy Healing by Dr. Michael Andron and Ben Andron, Alpha, August 2012, ISBN-13: 978-1615641901

Healing Prayers • According to a 2004 survey of adult Americans, the most popular alternative healing practice was prayer for self. The second most popular was prayer for others. Americans pray a lot for health. According to an article in the April 26, 2004, issue of *The Archives of Internal Medicine,* an estimated one-third of adults use prayer, in addition to conventional medical care and complementary and alternative therapies, for health concerns. A 2008 study by Brandeis University found that of the 90 percent of Americans who claim to make a spiritual connection with God every day, three-quarters pray for themselves, families and friends. Research conducted by Barna Research Group in 2009 reports that 79 percent of Americans believe that prayer speeds recovery.

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From: IONS' Pioneering Work on "Distant Healing" Suggests Further Study Warranted noetic.org/about/case-studies/love-study/



Dead History is a new TV series in preproduction in the UK. The Aegis Film Group says the series will seek answers to interesting historical questions like where the Ark of the Covenant is buried. The program will be an hour long and will feature British medium Robert Brown. During the first half-hour, a historical journey of the location will be presented, giving insight into what is scientifically known to date and what has been left for us to interpret and imagine. Interviews with experts in the field will also be an added element, giving a more in-depth perspective to the "incident" in question. The final half-hour will be spent with British medium Robert Brown describing information that he is receiving from those who have passed on and who had knowledge of the site during their earthly life. See aegisfilmgroup.com/television/dead-history/

Picture: *The Ark carried into the Temple* from (1945) Les très riches heures du Duc de Berry: Musée Condé à Chantilly, France: Les Éditions Nomis, pp. Folio 29r

Unexpected Side Effects • Researchers have discovered that a commonly prescribed heart drug alters subconscious racial attitudes. Tests showed volunteers to be less racially biased then those taking a placebo. Researchers say racism is founded on fear, and the heart drug, propranolol, helps damp down fear by blocking nerve circuits that govern heart rate and the part of the brain linked with emotional responses.

Some people with medical conditions may already be on drugs that affect their subconscious bias. More research certainly needs to be done on this, as it raises many ethical questions. Although this may sound great to some, past research aimed at making people morally better has a dark history.

From: "Heart Drug Can Alter Racial Attitudes" by Jeremy Laurance, 07 March 2012, independent.co.uk/life-style/

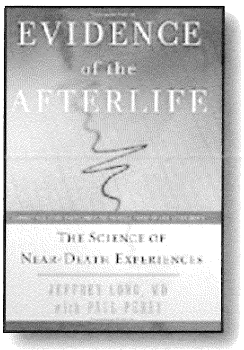
Ancient Temples May Have Altered Behavior • Studies on a 6,000-year-old stone complex known as the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum on the Island of Malta has produced some interesting results. Within the subterranean structure, low voices create eerie, reverberating echoes and words spoken in certain places can be clearly heard throughout its three levels.

Scientists are suggesting that certain sound vibration frequencies actually alter human brain functions. Linda Eneix of the Old Temples Study Foundation says, "The findings indicated that at 110Hz, the patterns of activity over the prefrontal cortex abruptly shifted, resulting in a...deactivation of the language center and a...shifting from left- to right-sided dominance related to emotional processing and creativity...the sound frequency of 110 or 111Hz would have been 'switching on' an area of the brain that bio-behavioral scientists believe relates to mood, empathy and social behavior..."

From: "Ancient Builders Created Monumental Structures That Altered Sounds and Mind, Say Researchers" popular-archaeology.com/ Jan 11, 2012

Notice to All Who Accept the Afterlife • From Victor Zammit, "There are a number of television and radio interviewers using the word 'believers' for those who accept the afterlife. Tell these interviewers, the journalists and those others who are still yet uninformed about using the correct terminology. We are 'NOT believers'! We ACCEPT the afterlife evidence. There is a huge difference between 'believing' and 'accepting the evidence.' 'Beliefs' do NOT amount to proof of anything and any belief could be wrong, because anything 'subjective' is subject to complete invalidation. BUT accepting the repeatable evidence for the afterlife has NEVER been rebutted by any genius materialist closed-minded skeptic, or anybody else. So keep it in mind always: we ACCEPT the EVIDENCE; we do NOT just 'believe' because we have irrefutable proof for the afterlife. By labeling you a 'believer' the interviewer or the skeptic is putting you in a weak position, is lowering your status to equal you with those who 'believe' in phantasies."

From: Victor Zammit, October 12th 2012 Friday Afterlife Report, victorzammit.com/week6bless/



ADCRF • The After Death Communication Research Foundation (ADCRF) at adcrf.org has extensive information and resources regarding After Death Communication (ADC), bereavement, grief and life after death. You can also share your own after-death communication with them at adcrf.org /Share%20ADC%20Story.htm. The website is part of a triad of websites that are designed to collect information on all aspects of consciousness. The main website is nderf.org which studies Near-Death Experiences (NDE). The other website is oberf.org and it studies all other aspects of consciousness that are not an NDE or ADC. The founders of the After Death Communication Research Foundation are Jody Long and Dr. Jeff Long author of the bestseller *Evidence of the Afterlife.*

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Relationships and Friendships

How They Help Us Evolve and Grow

DIANE SANDERS – Arizona



A message from Spirit loved ones for you: *You are blessed and beholden, protected and chosen. We love you, we do; know it is true. Yes, you. We are here to protect, lift you up, and heal you, guide and work through you. Why? Because we love you.*

Friendships and relationships are really important. Some come into our lives for a short while, some for a long time, while others last for a lifetime. I am sure you have all heard about a reason, a season, or a lifetime. All friends are important and friendships are very special. People come into our lives for different reasons. All have a reason and meaning; we are meant to come together with them. For every interaction, positive or negative, there is a purpose.

Sometimes we feel disappointed in the people whom we have trusted when we find out they were not trustworthy. We might have been hurt, betrayed, talked about, slandered, or lied to. The list grows, especially as we have done some of these things to others. The beauty of it is that as you examine each instance, you will find this wonderful occasion to learn. Best of all, when you are lied to, there is always someone else out there to tell you the truth. When you are hurt, someone is there to comfort and help you. When you are hated, someone is there to love you; when you are disliked, you will be liked. Or when you are cheated, you will be rewarded and gifted.

Every once in a while, someone comes along that absolutely loves you just as you are, and you feel the same for that person. It is such a good thing and should be treasured. True meaningful and lasting friendships are very special; a true-from-the-heart lasting friendship is a gift. You will know many people; learn from them, share ideas with them, and interact.

Each of us has the opportunity every day to touch others' lives. Sometimes we make a mistake; we say or do the wrong thing. No problem. Just dust yourself off and keep on. We all experience ups and downs, joys and laughter, tears and sorrow – all the human emotions we came here to express. No one is excluded; even animals express those emotions. This is part of the journey and part of the process of maintaining friendships and relationships.

Friendships and Associations with Others: Choose wisely the people you will share your life and time with. A wonderful way to tell if the person is for you (if you are unsure) is to notice how you feel after you are around them for a while. Are you cheerful and happy to have been with them? Do you feel good about yourself? Do you feel small or wrong? Or do you find yourself wondering if you associate with them for lack of anything better to do or someone else to be with at the moment because you have a fear of being alone? Examine yourself internally and see why this is.

Simply be aware so you can make good choices for yourself. By all means, have compassion for all people, but that does not mean you should spend your life with them or make them your best friends. Let go when you need to because there is always a new relationship or someone waiting to come into your life as the old one goes out. You need to let go first so new people can come in. All interactions are truly blessings if you see it that way.

Life is all about your harmony. Go where you feel a good vibration, energy or magnetic pull because this is where you will thrive and grow, do the most good, and develop your wonderful gifts and talents. You will do your best and can then reach out to others and give them a helping hand. We cannot help others who are drowning if we are drowning with them. Only from a place of strength and light can we reach out and help others.

Learn all you can from your friendships, relationships, and gatherings; share ideas and thoughts as long as you are comfortable. We are here to interact with others, assist and help them, demonstrate compassion and show our love. Seeing people in terms of the experiences they are enduring in this life with compassion and understanding replaces the aggravation and judgment we might otherwise feel.

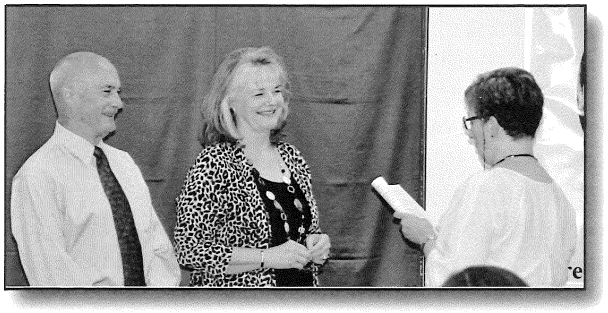
The other day I was at the bank, pulling out of a parking space, and I took a minute to look for cars coming and going. A man in his car was in such a tizzy and hurry, I could feel his anxiety. This time I decided to see this type of situation differently, and I did. I felt compassion for this man filled with anxiety. I felt it must be tough to feel that way because it impacts health, well-being and peace in his life.

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Ordination



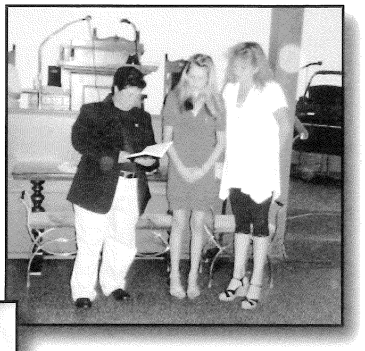
The Reverends Rick and Jane Seybold were ordained at the Spiritualist High Desert Church of Reno. The rite of ordination was performed by the Reverend Lisa Butler, NST. It is with great pleasure that the Reno congregation congratulates them.

NEW YORK

EAST AURORA

Fellowship Ceremony

On August 19, 2012 the First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora, NY, extended the Right Hand of Fellowship to its very first Junior Member, 13-year-old Julie Beyer. A special Junior Fellowship Ceremony was written for the occasion by President Jo Ann Santonocito, who also conducted the ceremony.



President Jo Ann Santonocito, Junior Member Julie Byers, and her Mom, Amy Eddy begin the ceremony as our guest speaker The Rev. Marilyn J. Awtry, NST looks on.



President Jo Ann Santonocito offering the Right Hand of Fellowship to Junior Member Julie Beyers.

In order to qualify as a Junior Member, Julie successfully completed our "Spiritualism 101" class conducted by The Rev. Gladys Kellerman prior to making her application. Julie is very excited about being a Junior Member at the Temple and along with her Mom, Amy, has begun helping out in the kitchen and with the raffle. Her goals for the future are to eventually take Mediumship Development Classes at the Temple and train to become a Chair Person so she can conduct the Sunday Service!

All of our members are very excited to welcome such a fine young lady into our church family and look forward to seeing her grow as a Spiritualist. Congratulations Julie! •

We enjoy a degree of freedom that is unparalleled – personal, political, religious, and philosophical. There have never been human beings who have had the extraordinary liberty we have to experiment with our own lives – to *think* in whatever way we want, to *do* almost anything we want, to *say* anything we want, to *go* anywhere we want, to *be* whatever we want.

– Andrew Cohen

Relationships and Friendships *Continued...*

WOW! How much better it felt for me to have compassion for someone who was acting like a jerk. I realized how much he loses by going through life this way. It is with love and compassion that we begin to see the world and people around us differently, and we change. Change is our true mission here - to grow, evolve, and change.

Closing Prayer: Spirit, please bless us with your love and light of wisdom. Open our hearts and minds to the Christ-spirit within each of us. May your loving kindness shine forth through each of us.

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Be Still

DEBORAH R. WEIDNER – New York

Like many people, there were many things from my childhood that were wonderful and others that were not so great. One of the really good things that I loved was having my mother read to me at night. Another was having my father help me with my homework. As a result, I was given a life-long love of books, an insatiable curiosity and an appreciation of learning.

I spent many years searching for a religion that would satisfy my needs. I began my religious education as an Episcopalian; later I studied with a Jehovah's Witness. I spent many years exploring and raised my children as Methodists. For a brief time, I worshiped with a very fundamentalist group, Christadelphians, but their ideas about God were too confining. Nothing seemed to fit. I was curious, but afraid, to go to a psychic or a medium. All those religions told me that psychics were either a waste of money or that I would be tortured for all eternity if I listened to them. But my curiosity got the better of me when I met someone who brought me to a Fourth of July picnic at a Spiritualist Church and announced to everyone that I was one of them. What did he mean, "I was one of them?"



I felt pangs of guilt and fear with that announcement. After all, what was a nice little Protestant woman doing – being one of them? However, I began attending that church when that person died and I found that it gave me great comfort. Eventually, I learned about the religion, felt fulfilled and even proud to say that I was a developing medium.

I see many new faces and the church is growing by leaps and bounds. Many, like me, are attracted by the messages but continue to come week after week because, as Florence said last week, it brings us joy. As we learned in our Friday evening development class, our mediumship is always developing, and we never stop learning. It is always good to go back to basics to fill in the gaps in our knowledge.

What exactly is mediumship and how do we develop it? True mediumship is communication between the spirit realm and the physical realm, Psychic work is tuning into the subconscious mind. Mediumship can involve psychic phenomena, but psychic phenomena does not involve mediumship. We are able to prove that a message involves true mediumship when the message comes from a clearly identifiable spirit personality.

A new medium usually begins by getting feelings of tingling or pressure in or on their head. There are two types of mediumship: physical mediumship and mental mediumship. In physical mediumship, spirit entities use energy to help us offer spiritual healing and to develop psychic touch. Spirit entities often use energy to make rapping or tapping sounds and to move objects. They use ectoplasm from the medium's body to materialize and dematerialize a voice, body parts and even a complete body. Do you remember "the hand" in the old Adams Family television series?

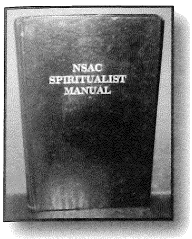
In mental mediumship, the spirit entities impress thoughts upon the mind of the medium. The medium interprets these impressions as sounds (clairaudience), images (clairvoyance) and sensations (clairsentience), such as smell or taste or touch.

How to develop our mediumship? In Psalms 46:10, we read, "Be still and know that I am God," but why does the psalmist tell us to be still? He tells us to be still because when we are still we can listen. Being still allows us to meditate and get in touch with our own divine nature. Being still allows us to recognize the God that dwells within, to recognize the voice and the feel of God and spirit. When we are still, we can develop our clairsentience, clairvoyance and clairaudience. As I have studied Morris Pratt, I recognize that I have long sensed things that others did not, but there was no one to help me understand what was happening. I was taught to ignore what I felt. However, I always had a vague feeling that there was something "out there" that was larger than myself. Today, I am fortunate to be a Spiritualist because I can develop my psychic abilities without fear through study and diligence.

One of my earliest psychic experiences occurred when I was nine-years-old. My parents brought me into an old WWII bunker on a beach in northern France. I remember feeling that I was entering a place where much evil had occurred and I felt extremely uneasy. Another time, as I stood on the Great Wall of China looking out at the mountains of Mongolia, I had the distinct feeling that it was a scene I had seen before. (I have been very lucky to travel.) Suddenly, I remembered and understood why I was always drawing pictures of mountains in elementary school. I had been

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What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?



Jan 1, 1911 - *The First Spiritualist Manual* was published.

Jan 4, 1919 - *The National Spiritualist* magazine became available through subscription.

Jan 22, 1950 - *The Chicago Tribune* began running an ongoing series exploring Spiritualism.

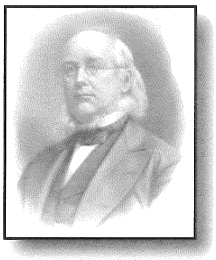
JAN 25 - **THE LYCEUM** was founded by Andrew Jackson Davis - This date is known as ***FOUNDERS DAY***.

Jan 31, 1853 - *Spirit World* (a periodical) was started by Mrs. W.R. Hayden.

Jan 31, 1855 - *The First Spiritualist Newspaper* (in the United Kingdom) launched *The Yorkshire Spiritual Telegraph*.

What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

Feb 3, 1811 - **Horace Greeley**, who became well-known for his written Spiritualist leanings and ideas, was born in Amherst, New Hampshire.



Feb 11, 1870 - **Katie Fox**, in a seance, produced automatic handwriting of Benjamin Franklin.

Feb 20, 1901 - **The Society for Psychical Research** was founded.

Feb 22, 1967 - **Susy Smith** was given a message to begin ***Book of James***; the communicating spirit was William James.

Feb 27, 1901 - **Sir William Crookes** became the first president of the **Society for Psychical Research.**

Be Still *Continued...*

tuning into the various landmarks and was able to sense a history connected to them. I began to see that I was not odd, but realized that I simply had a special gift of clairsentience.

Each person's gifts and development path is unique, but, as Ted Andrews states in *How To Do Psychic Readings Through Touch*, there can be stumbling blocks put on the path before a student can use his gifts. I suspect that my progress has been slow because I lacked confidence and continued to experience fear. Many of those blocks came from my childhood when empathy was seen as a weakness, aspects of a spiritual nature were laughed at, and obstinance was the only way to set up my personal boundaries.

Ted Andrews states that everyone has innate psychic abilities that can be developed with practice. He emphasizes that the student needs to be consistent. I have done many of the exercises outlined in his book, but I have not been consistent. I am eager, but I find it difficult to be consistent and disciplined in my life. However, when I reframe my thoughts and feelings about the word discipline from those of obstinance to those of freedom, I can give myself the daily pleasure of quiet through meditation. To help the developing medium make the experience of meditation more powerful and pleasant, Ted Andrews suggests techniques of protection and the use of scents like eucalyptus, honeysuckle, gardenia and sage. The Morris Pratt Institute is part of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches and offers a course that prepares students to become Spiritualist ministers, commissioned healers/certified mediums and licensed teachers of Spiritualism.

"Be Still and Know that I am God." When we are still, we are able to meditate. Each spiritual tradition, including Hindu, Buddhist, Shinto, Christian, and Islam, encourage stillness in order to hear the still, small voice of God. The material world, however, is full of distractions that pull us away from that stillness. Many are too busy, seeking power or possessions, to hear that still small voice. However, many hunger for a more fulfilling way of living. People need to change their ways of thinking about worldly possessions and about discipline to find the truth they desire. When people follow the Natural Laws of God, and take responsibility for their lives, as our Seventh Principal states, they will find their happiness.

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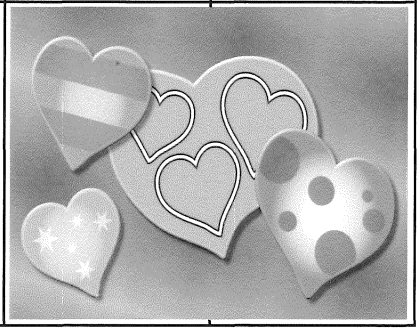
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QUOTES TO BLESS EACH DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Inspirational QUOTES for the month of NEW BEGINNINGS "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." – *Theodore Roosevelt*		1 WELCOME to a New Year of Opportunity! "Opportunities don't happen, you create them." – *Chris Grosser*	2 "Don't complain; just work harder." – *Chris Grosser*	3 "Deeds not Words" – *Bernord Hor*	4 "Before you can work smart you must work hard." – *Chris Pardo*	5 "Now is a gift, and that's why it's called the present." – *Kung Fu Panda*
6 "I'm not afraid of anything *except* I'm afraid of not trying." – *Steven Gordon*	7 "It's not the cards you're dealt it's how you play the game." – *Chris Pardo*	8 "Some people dream of great accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them." – *Danielle Luedtke*	9 "The grass is greener where you water it." – *Danielle Luedtke*	10 "God gives every bird his worm, but He does not throw it into the nest" – *Liam Carey*	11 "If it is to be, it's up to me." –*Caleb Anthony Parker*	12 "The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs... one step at a time." – *Rande Wilson*
13 "The only time success occurs before work is in the dictionary." – *Cameron Cashmore*	14 "Create your own destiny. If you don't, someone else will."	15 "The present is theirs; the future, for which I really worked, is mine." – *Ashwin Bonde*	16 "Nothing is as it appears to be." – *Trace Cohen*	17 "Success is the worst teacher." – *Trace Cohen*	18 "Whether you think you can or you can't, you are right." – Henry Ford	19 "We are all self made but only the successful admit it." – *Corey Leja*
20 "If you don't take a chance, you don't stand a chance." – *Gabriella Mischel*	21 "A successful person is one who can lay a solid foundation from the bricks others have thrown at them." – David Brinkley	22 "Luck is where preparation meets opportunity."	23 "Things come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle." – *Abraham Lincoln*	24 "If you are willing to do more than you are paid to do, eventually you will be paid to do more than you do."	25 "Fall down seven times, get up eight times." – *Japanese proverb*	26 "Success is a lousy teacher because it seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose." – *Bill Gates*
27 "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible." – *Victor Aguirre*	28 "Entrepreneurs don't waste time/energy worrying about being better than someone else. Focus on being the very best version of YOU."	29 "Whoever says 'Nothing is Impossible' has obviously never tried stapling Jell-o to a tree" – *via Charity Gibson*	30 "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." – *Charles Darwin*	31 "Life isn't about learning how to weather the storm, its about learning how to dance in the rain."		

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Month of LOVE.  					1 When love appears, we see only its light, not its shadows.	2 I have found that if you love life, life will love you back.
3 The course of true love never did run smooth.	4 Love comforteth like sunshine after rain.	5 Love is a friendship set to music.	6 We don't always get to choose what we love. – *Scott Westerfeld*	7 We can only learn to love by loving.	8 Passion makes the world go round. Love just makes it a safer place.	9 To love is to receive a glimpse of heaven.
10 There is no remedy for love but to love more.	11 'Tis the most tender part of love, each other to forgive.	12 Love is the big booming beat which covers up the noise of hate.	13 Love is, above all else, the gift of oneself. – *Jean Anouilh*	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.	15 Learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all.	16 Love is or it ain't. Thin love ain't love at all.
17 Life is the flower for which love is the honey.	18 There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved.	19 Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.	20 Speak low, if you speak love.	21 If music be the food of love, play on.	22 If I know what love is, it is because of you.	23 The love we give away is the only love we keep.
24 Love is all we have, the only way that we each can help the other.	25 Love is the irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.	26 Self-love is not so vile a sin, as self-neglecting.	27 I find as I grow older that I love those most whom I loved first.	28 We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh.		

The Sacraments of Spiritualism

THE REV. ERNIE LEARD – Virginia

Before I became a Spiritualist, I was a theist. I believed in a God, a Creator, but I didn't know what else I believed. Before I was a theist, I was an agnostic. Before I was an agnostic, I was an atheist. Before I was an atheist, I was a Roman Catholic, even serving as an altar boy in the Latin Mass, and before that, a member of the Southern Baptist church. As a Catholic altar boy, I helped the priest give the sacrament of the Eucharist, or as we called it, "Communion" - the wafer that represents the body of Christ. As a very young Baptist, I was intrigued by the little glasses of grape juice or wine that were passed around, but that I never got to taste. And when I looked up at that little swimming pool in the wall behind the pulpit, I wondered what it would be like when I was baptized by being immersed in the water. Communion and baptism are just two of the sacraments that are practiced by different religions.



Some of you may have walked similar paths on your journey to Spiritualism. I first came to Spiritualism about seven years ago. What brought me was an interest in learning more about mediumship, this "talking to spirits" that I had seen John Edward, James Van Praagh and other mediums do on TV and in live presentations. I came first for the Development Class, where we "develop" our awareness of working with Spirit, but I was soon attending church services on a regular basis. It wasn't long after that this thought came to mind: "The Healing Service and the Message Service are like the "sacraments" of Spiritualism." They are major components of our regular religious services which reflect and renew our connections with Spirit, God and with the most fundamental tenets of our faith.

In the strictest sense, of course, Spiritualism does not have "sacraments." *Webster's New World Dictionary* says that a sacrament is "a rite instituted by Jesus and believed to be a means of grace." I would suggest that the sacraments were actually institutionalized by the Christian church, not necessarily by Jesus. In fact, baptism had been going on before Jesus – John the Baptist actually baptized Jesus.

The sacraments are seven in number, according to the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches: baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist (a re-creation of the Lord's Supper, usually involving bread and/or wine), matrimony, penance (also called "Confession"), holy orders (ordination), and anointing of the sick, sometimes called "last rites." The dictionary adds, "Protestant religions generally recognize only baptism and the Eucharist" as sacraments.

The dictionary gives us a second definition, one that is not specific to any particular religion, which states, "something regarded as having a sacred character or mysterious meaning." It is in this context that it might be said that our Healing and Message Services are the sacraments of Spiritualism. Both are integral elements of virtually every Spiritualist worship service. They are each addressed in our Declaration of Principles, which we recite at the beginning of each service, and they are concretely demonstrated by our healers and message bearers.

Healing and spirit messages are both aspects of mediumship. Healing is often said to be the highest form of mediumship, as the healer acts as a channel for the flow of healing energy from Infinite Intelligence to those who are in need of healing. Our mediums bring us messages from spirit, help us interact with spirit in séances, table-tipping, transfiguration sessions and sometimes bring us more profound understandings and insights through prophecy.

Although some of these activities might sometimes be seen as fun, or entertaining, they serve a much higher purpose. They can be seen as sacred, for they demonstrate the Continuity of Life, the concept embodied in our Fourth Principle: "The existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death." To some people this might seem mysterious, but it is not mysterious to us. It is something we study and practice, in development or unfoldment classes, in "circles," workshops and seminars. It is something we demonstrate, on a regular basis, at our church services, our monthly Mediumship Fair, and in other activities.

In some ways, our Message and Healing Services are quite similar to the sacrament of the Eucharist, or Communion. The Communion bread and wine

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represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and believers partake of this sacrament to make Christ a part of themselves. The word "communion" literally means "union with."

We Spiritualists believe that we are spirit, that we are all a part of the Great Spirit, Infinite Intelligence. It is only natural that our mediums can communicate with those in the Spirit World or that our healers can channel God's healing energy, for we are all connected. Communion should be second nature to us.

We Spiritualists do not need to partake of bread and wine to feel a connection to Spirit and God. We know that connection, that God-spark, already exists, always existed, and will always exist within us. We only need to take a quiet moment of reflection, or sit in meditation, or turn to prayer, to find it again.

In this respect, our connection to Spirit and God may be a purer expression of unity, of at-one-ment, for it doesn't require bread, or wine, or a priest, or anything else. Everything we need is already within us. We are a part of God, and God is a part of us.

There is a word that has been shared with me in the recent past. I have had trouble finding out exactly what it means, since it is in a foreign language. So I went to the internet and found a website where people submit their thoughts about the meaning of a word and what it means to them. I thought this would be an interesting way to approach the problem, since words often come into common usage before dictionaries pick them up, and the truest meaning is often the one people give to a word through regular usage. Here are several of the "meanings" which were shared by the people who contributed:

"I honor the place in you where
the entire universe resides,
I honor the place in you of light,
of love, of truth, of peace,
I honor the place in you where,
if you and I are in that place,
then there is only one of us."
and
"I bow to the God within you."
and
"The Spirit within me salutes the
Spirit in you – a knowing that
we are all made from the
same Divine Consciousness."

The word is "Namaste" and I share it with you.

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HEAL & GROW

Julie L. Harper

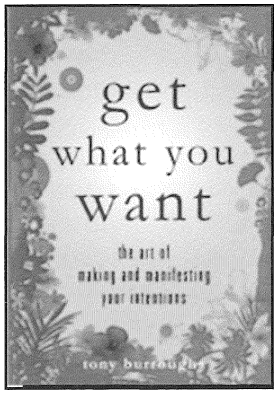


You are all healers: healers of the heart, the mind, and the physical.

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.

Book Reviews



Get What You Want

The Art of Making and Manifesting Your Intentions

Tony Burroughs

$15.95

Inspired Intention Setting Changes Everything

Support Life, Seek Truth, Set Your Course—so begins The Code, the set of principles that have guided Tony Burroughs and that he has spent the last two decades sharing with the world. When Burroughs was a young man in Hawaii, he learned to farm from an older philosopher-farmer who lived nearby. Through 10 years, the two men worked side-by-side. Initially unbeknownst to him, the farmer was also schooled in *The Information*, a series of oral lessons about how to live a life filled with love, peace and abundance.

In *GET WHAT YOU WANT: The Art of Making and Manifesting Your Intentions* Burroughs has gathered together the tenets of *The Information* for the first time. At the core of these teachings is conscious manifesting—collecting your desires in a context "for the greater good" and stating them aloud to a consistent and supportive circle of fellow intenders. Burroughs has been sharing this technique since he left Kona in the 1990s. There are more than a million people all over the world who meet regularly in "Intenders Circles" to manifest all they can imagine. The network is knitted together in a grassroots association called "The Intenders of the Highest Good."

The author writes, "GET WHAT YOU WANT has been purposely set up to awaken something magical and mysterious within you–and all you have to do to make it work is say a quick intention, open to any page, and it will tell you what you need to know." This process, known as bibliomancy, has been used for centuries by folks seeking wisdom. One is called upon to suspend logical ways of thinking for a short time to get exactly the message needed at that moment.

The heart of GET WHAT YOU WANT is simple, powerful and profound, "that which you are reaching toward is also reaching out toward you." Burroughs lives in Mount Shasta, California.

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THE CODE

Intentions for a Better World

To have The Code work in your life, say it once a day.

THE FIRST INTENT — SUPPORT LIFE
I refrain from opposing or harming anyone. I allow others to have their own experiences. I see life in all things and honor it as if it were my own. I support life.

THE SECOND INTENT — SEEK TRUTH
I follow my inner compass and discard any beliefs that are no longer serving me. I go to the source. I seek truth.

THE THIRD INTENT — SET YOUR COURSE
I begin the creative process. I give direction to my life. I set my course.

THE FOURTH INTENT — SIMPLIFY
I let go so there is room for something better to come in. I intend that I am guided, guarded, protected, and lined up with the Highest Good at all times. I trust and remain open to receive from both expected and unexpected sources. I simplify.

THE FIFTH INTENT — STAY POSITIVE
I see good, say good, and do good. I accept the gifts from all my experiences. I am living in grace and gratitude. I stay positive.

THE SIXTH INTENT — SYNCHRONIZE
After intending and surrendering, I take action by following the opportunities that are presented to me. I am in the flow where Great Mystery and Miracles abide, fulfilling my desires and doing what I came here to do. I synchronize.

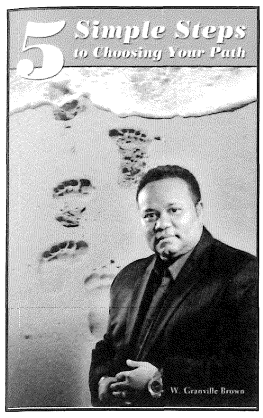
THE SEVENTH INTENT — SERVE OTHERS
I practice love in action. I always have enough to spare and enough to share. I am available to help those who need it. I serve others.

THE EIGHTH INTENT — SHINE YOUR LIGHT
I am a magnificent being, awakening to my highest potential. I express myself with joy, smiling easily and laughing often. I shine my light.

THE NINTH INTENT — SHARE YOUR VISION
I create my ideal world by envisioning it and telling others about it. I share my vision.

THE TENTH INTENT — SYNERGIZE
I see Humanity as One. I enjoy gathering with light-hearted people regularly. When we come together, we set the stage for Great Oneness to reveal itself. We Synergize.

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5 Simple Steps to Choosing Your Path

W. Granville Brown
$9.95 – 44 pages

Our lives are the sum of the choices we make.

"Making a choice is a mental process," says Professional Certified Life Coach and author W. Granville Brown, whose new book, *5 Steps to Choosing Your Path*, offers five simple steps to making wise choices in life and business. Brown points out how the innumerable choices we make throughout our lives directly impact the path those lives will take.

Concise yet wise, the book emphasizes the importance of considering many different angles before making a choice, and having the courage to live "a life of conviction and perseverance." Using real-life stories to illustrate each point, Brown offers a clear and simple guide to help people take control and improve their lives.

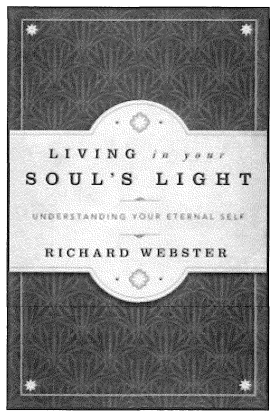
The five steps revealed throughout the book include:

1. Think it out: When faced with a choice, ask yourself: Is this the right thing for me to do? How will this affect me, my family, etc.? Why am I doing this?
2. Be aware of the consequences and accept ownership: To be successful and live life to the fullest, take ownership of your choices by facing the consequences that result. Giving up is never an option.
3. Be willing to accept responsibility: Blaming others for our lack of judgment is childish; don't run from responsibility, embrace it. This leads you to another step up on the ladder of success.
4. Be accountable: Don't run from life. Not every bump in the road is an obstacle; some are merely speed bumps meant to slow us down. Being accountable takes courage, but your life is worth it.
5. Be honest: It's never too early – or too late – to do better, be better, or get better. Not being honest with yourself in your daily choices only delays the inevitable and can make matters work. By practicing the art of honesty, it becomes easier to abide by it.

"Success in any form is merely a by-product of the work, energy and focus individuals put into something they do with passion and conviction," adds Brown. "Don't allow obstacles or fear to stop you from living the life you truly want. Instead, make the choice to go for it!"

5 Steps to Choosing Your Path is available in paperback and e-book at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

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Living in Your Soul's Light: Understanding Your Eternal Soul

Richard Webster
$15.95

In 2010, best-selling metaphysical author Richard Webster suffered a pulmonary embolism that nearly claimed his life. Rather than seeing the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel, Webster saw a clear need to cultivate in others a deeper understanding of the immortal soul.

"I have no fear of death," says Webster, "as I don't believe death is the end. It simply marks the end of one stage of existence and the start of the next."

In his new book, *Living in Your Soul's Light: Understanding Your Eternal Soul*, available in stores and online August 8, Webster guides readers through the beliefs and customs surrounding the enduring nature of the soul from cultures around the world. Through quizzes, meditations, and exercises, he helps readers determine their soul's unique purpose for this lifetime.

Webster explains that each individual's specific soul purpose is linked to powerful universal energies known as the seven rays. Whether they are writers on the fourth ray striving to create beauty and harmony in the world, or orators on the sixth ray selflessly inspired to motivate others to live up to their highest potential, readers will learn to nurture their soul in order to find happiness and fulfillment in this life in preparation for the next.

Born and raised in New Zealand, **Richard Webster's** interest in the psychic world began when he was just nine-years-old. Having spent decades as a professional hypnotist and psychic development educator, it was the concept of reincarnation that played the most significant role in his decision to become a past-life specialist. Webster is the author of more than 100 books on metaphysical subjects. He has appeared on several radio and television programs in the United States and abroad, and regularly travels the world to give lectures and workshops, and to continue his research. Visit Richard Webster online at www.psychic.co.nz. •

"Eternity is not something that begins after you are dead. It is going on all the time."
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Sonny Bing Gee, NSAC Trustee (1936-2012)

We are sad to announce the passing to spirit of our NSAC Trustee Sonny Bing Gee, long-time President of the Board at the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco and ardent student of Rev. Florence Becker. His recent contributions to Spiritualism as the founding chair of the Long Range Planning Committee are greatly appreciated. Sonny was in his second term as a Trustee. Rev. Lelia Cutler, past NSAC President, noted, "Sonny was one of the most pleasant, intelligent and co-operative people I have had the pleasure of working with."

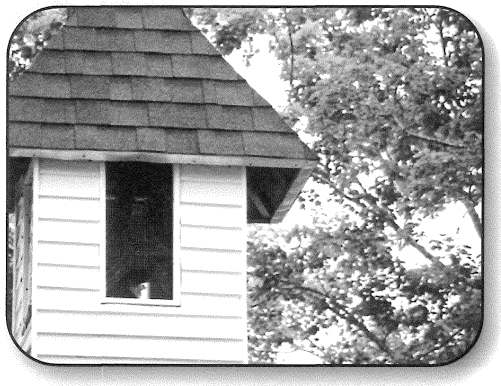
Sonny was born and raised in Vancouver, B.C.'s Chinatown. His mother owned a Chinese Language Bookstore and, as a baby, Sonny slept in a drawer under the cash register, a story that was enhanced by his wonderful sense of humor. After graduating from the University of British Columbia, Sonny moved to San Francisco where Spirit took a hand and brought him immediately to the attention of Rev. Becker. He joined the Golden Gate Church in 1966 and began his lifelong journey of discovery in Spiritualism.

Sonny served as Secretary of the GGSC's Board after Rev. Becker's passing in 1970 and he was elected President in 1980, continuing his dutiful service for 32 years. He was a skilled advertising agent who founded his own advertising agency and he was a superb writer. As the first person of Chinese origin elected to membership in the prestigious Bohemian Club of San Francisco, in 1993 he wrote and produced the annual Grove Play, a musical about the first Emperor of China and one of only three plays reprised for the 150th anniversary celebration of the club.

Carla Gee, Sonny's wife of 39 years and frequent NSAC convention musical director, told *TNS* that a memorial service for Sonny is being planned for April 2013.

Solitude

YVONNE CRESPO LIMOGES – Florida



The loneliness that invites reflection need not frighten us. On the contrary, it is like a gentle breeze on a hot summer night, coming through the window, and that is a blessing.

Solitude exists to make room for the realization of our conscience, so it can express its true desire for knowledge and sustenance. Our spirits are nourished by this magnificent food.

Loneliness can overwhelm us, when we are not willing to meet it. It can transport us to the places of the soul we have forgotten…Yet, what a blessing of melodies can awaken there…gradually producing beings, grown in love, when they have comprehended and overcome their internal struggles.

Pull up my heart, dear solitude, and show me the road that these beautiful souls from past ages have learned through you. Invite me to your feast…of reflection, meditation and sincerity. You're strong and relentless, silent and just, overwhelming and fresh. You sigh in the midst of so many tears.

You're like the lighthouse on the horizon, marking the ground for the resting place of our souls. I want you to show me what life has hidden from me.

I would like to be your friend, having you always near, and so in times of struggle, weakness and restlessness, I can rejoice in thee…Thank you, esteemed solitude, for showing me the fruits of my soul.

(Published by Tobias on the Love, Peace and Charity website, www.amorpazycaridad.com and translated into English by Y. Limoges.)

"In the end, the size of a person's accomplishment can best be measured by the size of their heart."
– Unknown

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. **We believe in Infinite Intelligence.**

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

3. **We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.**

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

5. **We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.**

6. **We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."**

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

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

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

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