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Editorial

Some Basics Of Spiritualism

The small potted poinsettia plant had been given to me as a gesture of good will by the local retailer where I had made a few last minute Christmas purchases. A day or two later its appearance told me that it was not doing well. Another larger poinsettia which I had purchased a few weeks earlier was still fresh and beautiful. I was caring for both plants in the same manner. I wondered why the smaller plant was responding so poorly. At first the leaves and flowers withered, then curled and dried. In a few days they had fallen, leaving only the bare stems. Curious to know what had caused this rapid deterioration, I pulled the plant from the soil to examine its roots. The plant offered almost no resistance when I pulled. To my surprise there were no roots attached. The plant was simply a branch which had been severed with a slanting cut, and pushed into the soil which was firmly pressed about it. A small green stick was also stuck in the pot beside it, lending support to the branch which was attached by a couple of twist-ties.

We all know that plants and trees must have roots to provide the channels by which they receive moisture and sustenance in order to thrive and grow.

People, in a somewhat similar manner, must also have their individual channels - the ability and means to receive spiritual sustenance and the strength which comes by following a daily spiritual path. We grow spiritually by putting into practice certain basics which form the foundation of our religion.

If we take a brief look at any newspaper any day in the week, we are immediately aware that there are large numbers of people who lack the very basics of a spiritual understanding even to cope with the normal conditions of life, certainly not conditions which are extremely stressful or of a tragic nature.

We can be sure that many of these people are searching for answers which will give them a more meaningful life. We can also be reasonably certain that many of these people do not begin with books or teachings which are fitted either to their particular needs, understanding or level of progression.

Much has been written about psychic phenomena, utilizing our psychic energies, discovering our inner powers, realizing our personal aspirations and how to live a more spiritual and a more abundant life.

When we are beginning our search for answers to many of life's perplexing questions, we oftentimes tend to acquire our reading materials wherever we chance to find them on a basis which we might rightly call "trial and error." Occasionally we find materials in this manner which are helpful and enlightening, but we are just as likely to acquire materials which further confuse the issue or are definitely not suitable or adaptable to our particular stage of learning and enlightenment.

In our search for meaningful answers to any question, we should begin with the things which are basic in content.

Let us examine a few of the facts which provide the basics of Spiritualism.

Spiritualism teaches that life is continuous, and although we will each experience the transition from the physical, a change which is the laying aside or "death" of the physical body, we do not ever die.

Life goes on in a higher, more refined state of vibration. When we graduate to the higher expression of life, we are the same individuals we were when we lived in the physical body. We take with us our memories, our personality, our character, knowledge, understanding, our aspirations and our loves - all the things which are attributes of the spirit.

Spiritualism demonstrates one of the great Natural Laws which gives us that undeniable reassurance that

the so-called dead, those who have passed to a higher expression of life - can and do communicate with those who are living on the physical plane. From these communications we learn that the ties of love remain unbroken, and our loved ones on the spirit side are deeply interested in our happiness, welfare and well-being.

To illustrate the statement "life goes on in a higher, more refined state of vibration" - let us consider the following illustrations. Suppose we are looking at a snapshot that was taken by one of the small inexpensive cameras that most of us have owned at some time during our lives. The picture is of a somewhat mediocre quality, the details not too distinct and perhaps a little fuzzy. However we have no difficulty recognizing the scene and the people who appear in the picture.

Then one day we find someone who has a picture of the same scene, except it was taken by a professional photographer who had used fine quality equipment that was carefully and accurately focused. The scene is the same as the one which was captured by the inexpensive camera, but the results are much higher in quality, details are clear and distinct, the image a truer and more realistic portrayal of its subjects.

In another illustration, I can recall the first time I heard the recorded voice of the great tenor, Enrico Caruso (1873-1921) and the deep impression it made that day more than a half-century ago. The recording, an old single-faced, twelve-inch Victor Red Seal disk, was played on a crank wound accoustical phonograph. It was the aria "Celeste Aida" from Verdi's opera "Aida." It had been played numerous times and the wear had produced considerable scratch or surface noise, along with occasional clicks from small scratches on the surface. But the marvelous beautiful voice poured forth in spite of these imperfections. I still have this recording, which once belonged to my grandfather, among my possessions. This memento of the very early 1900's, is a fine example of the early accoustical recording technique which predated by many years the era of electronic recording.

Years later I would hear this same aria, which had been amplified and re-recorded on a modern vinyl disk, the surface noises filtered out by the skill of present-day recording engineers - the great voice singing gloriously to our own generation. But the voice I thrilled to and recognized was the same voice I had heard as a child.

The knowledge and understanding - that we are each endowed with continuous, ever-lasting life - should remove the fear that death is annihilation, or an entry into a future relegated to the confines of an orthodox version of either a heaven or hell.

The spirit world will hold for us an invigorating freshness and a newness, along with a pleasing sense of recognition and familiarity.

Life on the spirit side will enable us to continue the work which could not be completed on the earth plane while living in the physical body. There will be the opening of endless opportunities, where new vistas will always beckon. There will be exhilaration and the joy of utilizing new energies which could only be glimpsed while residing in the physical body. In the higher expression of life we will find an extension and a continuation of the life we knew and enjoyed on the physical plane. It will be a life that is upgraded and refined in quality, where we will continue to grow in wisdom, where new goals will offer realistic and plausible challenges, where we will ever seek new light and enlightenment, and ever travel the ascending path of progression.

Personal responsibility is another of the great basics of Spiritualism. The Master Jesus told us that "as we sow, so shall we reap." This includes our thoughts, our actions, our dedication, our attitudes, our stewardship of all material things and all spiritual attributes.

Personal responsibility is the keystone which secures and holds in place all the other components which constitute a spiritually enlightened life. Other faiths emphasize personal responsibility, but not in the same manner or in the same degree as taught and emphasized by Spiritualists.

To the great majority of religious faiths and denominations, the term "personal responsibility" applies largely to being responsible for the support of the tenets and creeds which form the basis of that particular faith or denomination.

If we will trace any of these to their origin, we will find either stated or implied, an individual claiming divine inspiration and guidance which led the way to its founding.

Within man's being lies the often dormant God spark, that spark of divinity which the poet Robert Browning referred to as the "imprisoned splendor" within the human soul. This is the area of the great, God-given potential which every individual holds within himself.

Personal responsibility also provides the fulcrum by which we generate the leverage to initiate and set into motion all the various courses of action in our lives.

It is personal responsibility which gives the thrust and momentum to all that we undertake and do.

It is only by assuming personal responsibility that we attain anything worth-while, that we build character, that we accomplish soul progression.

No one can supply us with material, intellectual or spiritual resources which will directly give us soul growth or progression. Others can help and assist us, but they cannot accomplish for us the things which we *must* do ourselves. Our growth and progression is in direct proportion to our own efforts. There is no other way.

The nine Declarations Of Prin-

ciples of the N.S.A.C. set forth clearly the basics of Spiritualism.

The eighth Principle in its simplified form is summarized in six words. "Every day is a new beginning."

These words are filled with a very special meaning for all of us. Let us recognize each new day as a day of opportunity and fulfillment. Let us make the most of it, releasing the cares and frustrations of yesterday - leaving any apprehensions which are associated with or may pertain to tomorrow, to be met and dealt with at the appointed hour.

Spiritualism is a religion that does not lend itself well to mere lip service. It is a religion of progression and the blossoming awareness of spiritual reality. It is a religion of living and being.

We should see, examine and evaluate the results of our own actions and all that we observe around us, for results are the best proof which any of us can obtain. From such results and such proof we can build a solid foundation for our lives, a foundation strong enough and firm enough, not only to withstand any adversity, but also enable us to be the master of any situation that life may offer.

Spiritualism was given to mankind in a great outpouring of spirit, truly a revelation from the higher spheres of consciousness.

The great souls who revealed these truths to our forebears, along with all our dedicated pioneers, all who labored for Spiritualism's cause, still stretch forth their hands and send out their love to all struggling humanity.

Let us continue to seek their help, their love, their guidance, their knowledge and their wisdom that the conscience of mankind may be freed of fear, that we may continue to ascend life's pathway with that blessed assurance and comfort that "There is no death; there are no dead."

Natural Law At Work

By Rev. Bernard F. Baker, N.S.T.

We, as Spiritualists, accept Natural law. We acknowledge that the laws of cause and effect are real and do *always* work.

Yet, we often see among our own ranks, actions that must invoke a negative result We have witnessed uncalled for hostility when reason and logic would have accomplished more. We have witnessed verbal attacks and slander that were not only without justification, but were motivated only by pure ambition and self-aggrandizement.

But, we have also witnessed the direct result of these non-Spiritualist like actions. And once again we see Natural Law at work. Not really any surprises, for those guilty of violating the laws certainly should have expected the swift and fitting responses that resulted.

Some of those guilty of the violations have already left our ranks. Others perhaps, are also considering leaving. As a Spiritualist I feel saddened by these events. But I also realize that oftentimes it is necessary to rid yourself of the negative influences before you can continue onward and upward.

To those who may be influenced by emotion and tempted to take action that is not in their best interest. I encourage you to consider your own feelings, without pressure from anyone else, and with logic and common sense. Exercise caution before making any rash decisions. Do not create a negative situation for yourself that must injure and perhaps destroy so much that you have already accomplished.

Work for the good of all and you will surely benefit from your efforts. Again, Natural Law at work. Good begets good, and negative acts *always* cause negative consequences.

All of us should learn from things that have happened, and use this acquired knowledge in a positive manner. The admonition of Andrew Jackson Davis to "Keep an even mind" is well worth remembering. Keep all things in their proper perspective and don't allow yourself to be led like sheep to actions that should be unworthy of you.

We, members of the N.S.A.C., must work together and in harmony. We must encourage and help each other and work for the good of all.

Forget petty feelings, especially those that are generated from disappointed and disillusioned individuals. Be your own person and proceed in a positive way. I know that you will find support and encouragement all along the way.

The Way We Teach Our Students Of Spiritualism

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Part IV — Meditation And Its Place In The Development Circle.

One by one, upon concluding their participation in the Spiritual Healing period, which is the opening exercise of each of our development circles (Ref., Part III of this teaching series), each student will take their assigned seat in the circle and then turn their attention to Meditation.

When we teach our students Meditation as it applies to their spiritual unfoldment and the generation of their abilities to contact and communicate with the spirit world, it is emphasized throughout our teaching that there are multiple forms of meditation which are necessary to our work, depending upon the purpose to be served at any given time. In a basic sort of way, all forms relate to the in-depth consideration of a particular topic, while their variance in approach is brought into focus through the circumstances surrounding the meditator or the topic being considered. For student mediums, this also means respecting the nature and degree of physical world guidance that is present (or lacking) during the entire time period of a student medium's psychic and spiritual unfoldment.

Contrary to some opinions the meditator, when engaged in their meditations, must always be in a condition of earthly control — either by a knowledgeable and spiritually reliable class or other group leader, or under their own similarly and fully developed ability to control by awareness and will, any spirit situation — whether expected or unexpected — which might suddenly develop. Since somewhere around 99% of the new students do not initially have this ability of spirit control (or even the ability to tell the difference between spirits who touch their aura), certain precautions are in order concerning the forms of meditation they involve themselves with, when not in the protection of their class leader and the spiritually protective power values of the class.

Private Meditations should be regarded as a personal walk and talk with God - a seeking for His guidance on how to overcome human frailty within the self, and to learn how to strengthen the inner spiritual knowledge with the love and respect necessary for living according to His laws. The analysis and control of the self necessary to do this will bring about a feeling of peace with the self and with the world - all life - as it becomes increasingly more apparent that all which exists is of God and in some way demonstrates evidence of His creative Spirit as being originator of the Whole. Also, that even as God's Creation in the way we know it has been evolving for we know not how long, according to the laws of His system of progress in the past, so it will continue for all time to come. Moreover, that we are a part of that Creation - a personally responsible part - and have an eternal opportunity ever before us, to educate, personally elevate and govern ourselves with spiritual dedication, according to the ways of His laws, that we may in the course of doing so become constructive co-creators of that which is yet to come.

These meditations should not go on for lengthy time periods. A clock should always be kept at hand. Ten or fifteen minutes spent more than once per day - even five minutes, while waiting for an appointment or the like - will prove very constructive in nature, and will be less prone to unexpected difficulties. More time can lead to the loss of full control of the awareness and then interfering spirits can enter and cleverly divert the attention in wrong directions. Mornings are always best for meditations. Before retiring de-

finitely is not so. Evening is the time for prayers of appreciation to God, for blessings received. Also for asking for His guidance concerning all future undertakings. Request that His blessings include the spirit helpers, but have no direct converse with them, or unexpected visitors can intrude in very troublesome ways throughout the night, we advise our students.

Absent Or Distant Healing is a meditative form of Spiritual Healing which can prove to be an extremely beneficial way of bringing blessings to many people, as well as healing help to other life forms for which prayer intercession is made. Preferably, it should be undertaken in a place that is quiet and cheerful in character - no smoking, and as few materialistic happenings there as possible. In fact, the more spiritually dedicated the prayer and meditation place chosen for Absent Healing can be - the better the results will turn out.

Remember that sunshine and fresh air can do much to lift the vibration as well. For this very special work the student must have or develop the ability to love the unfortunate individuals in all stages and places of life, so there is a caring without prejudice characteristic functioning within the self at all times. They will be anxious, or will become anxious to take down a name for their prayer list whenever they learn of an illness or unhappy situation in someone's life. They will not boast of doing so - they will just pray at the regular time for help (or at the moment they receive word of the need), and then watch silently for the happy results. When they pray for each individual on their list, they will meditate a few moments as they read each name and contemplate the conditions noted concerning the reasons for the listing.

They will never, as one person suggested to me concerning our church's 3-part Healing List which I read at three different weekly meetings, i.e., she said, "Why don't you just put your hand on the list and say a prayer for healing on behalf of all who are named?" Of course I explained a number of reasons to the lady, including the fact that generalized prayer requests - like generalized spirit messages - have little spiritual value, for they do not inform. The spirit world needs to be alerted to the nature of each patient's problem just as logically as earthly doctors do when attempting to treat or correct their patients' various illnesses. However - above all else - if we do not care sufficiently about our spiritual healing work to spend fifteen minutes or so per day to do it in a caring way, then we should not touch it at all.

Class Meditations differ from the foregoing, for they not only call for the student to rather quickly "change gears" from whatever their material experiences of the day might happen to be, but also to go through certain mental focusing procedures which can within a few minutes bring them into a working partnership with the spirits who have for some time been assigned to help them unfold. Also, in clairvoyance it is each student's responsibility to make sure they are working with the same spirit as hitherto assigned to them by the spirit world or that some evidential reason for a change is given by that spirit or the guardian, along with an introduction to the new helper. They are told to realize that their regular spirit helpers are learning how best to work effectively with them, even as they (the students) are striving to learn how to reach out and make a contact with their spirit helpers' particular "frequency," i.e., the individual communicative wave length each living expression of God functions upon or emits.

Unless it becomes well established that the same spirit helper always works with their same medium, the important value of mutual experience will become lost, along with the pace of progress it otherwise makes possible. Further to this, a higher spirit or guide can sometimes be pushed aside from his medium by a lower spirit, if the medium unknowingly accepts the lower one. (Lower spirits have greater physical strength than higher spirits, while higher spirits have greater mental capability and wisdom than lower spirits.) As in our day to day living, we who live on earth are always personally responsible for what and whom we accept in this work.

Initially, to bring together each new student and their spirit helper who will have been chosen by the Spirit world, this topic will be discussed in class where both the student and their partner in the spirit world can hear or overhear what will be suggested (even though each may already know what to expect).

It is pointed out that an identification method is important to their working together, and especially so on the part of the developing medium, whose responsibility it is to determine whom he or she will admit among many possible spirit entrants who could be seeking to come into the medium's auric field. In a similar, even if slightly different way, it is also very important to the assigned spirit partner that he or she not be shouldered out of an opportunity they have waited long and patiently for, which is to give spiritual service to the earth plane through his/or her carefully selected medium. It is then suggested to the student medium that they visualize and meditate upon a pink rose (as a symbol of spiritual love). To start with, the student usually has to bring it forth to their mental screen from memory. They are to ask their spirit helper to make an addition to the mental image or to overshadow it with a better one of their own creation, which when once demonstrated they will be asked to repeat in facsimile at the commencement of all future sittings for spirit demonstrations of any kind, until such changes as may become ne-

cessary will be made clear in advance.

If it should be that the student expresses a preference for some other flower it can be substituted in the beginning, but they must agree to stay with it, even if the visualization does not come easily. We advise the students against unusual flowers, especially those that are of an intricate shape (as with some tropical flowers) which can make considerable difficulty for the spirit helper who is trying to project such an image, and may not even find a very clear picture of the preferred flower in the student's subconscious mind, nor in their own memory. While the student is awaiting a response from their guide and watching their own memory image on the screen of their mind, mental comments can prove very helpful in activating the procedure.

Words of appreciation for every feeling or indication of change to the image - however small the enhancement - should be expressed with much interest in the mind, and a feeling of anticipation for what will subsequently be brought forth. Once the rose image is in fact transformed by the sudden appearance of the clear and beautiful spirit color, the student should immediately send a thought of appreciation to the spirit. Follow this with the query, "What does the bush look like on which this rose grows?" In a few more minutes, if results from the first question were good (and only if they were good), mentally ask "Where does it grow?", and still later, "What else grows in its vicinity?", etc. The student must be alert, and keep in step with the visual happenings, also send forth a mental thought of appreciation for each picture received. Once one requested picture is presented, go forward by asking for another - always in relation to the previously presented evidence - but never beyond a requested image that does not come through. The visual exercise for that particular day ends when a particular aspect cannot be fulfilled. Otherwise, skipping difficult material will grow into a negative habit on both sides (medium and spirit).

The student should get into the habit of conversing with their guide in this way, even though little evidence of a response may be experienced in the beginning. (Among some psychically receptive students, however, the initial responses may quickly flood in, "in full color," as one might say.) Further, in respect to the particular identification key that is requested, it should be suggested to any spirit helper who sometimes resists their medium's request and shows a different image instead, that any alternative or additional symbol can always be shown afterward, but the correct one should be shown first as their identification, before the attention is turned to other spirit communications of any kind. The student must remember that if a wrong flower is shown, it usually means that the wrong spirit is present. Even if the rose is made differently it means the same thing. That spirit must immediately be rejected and the assigned guide or control called for in the medium's mind - in a very definite manner, rather than in a pleading one. If it should be that the rightful guide may have made a mistake, the student can be sure he will indeed correct it in a convincing way. It is to his advantage as much as the student medium's, that she insist on working with the spirit who has been appointed to their partnership.

The possible need to deal effectively with interfering, immature or aggressive spirits who come to investigate inexperienced mediums is ever present in class development work. If and when it happens, they must be immediately brought under control by the class leader and his or her guiding spirits, as well as by the student having previously been taught to also resist and direct such spirits to leave the circle and seek help from their own guardian spirit, as well as from their immediate relatives who would have passed to spirit life before themselves and so would be able to help them find a meaningful place in which their ability to serve would be welcomed. Should the control of interfering spirits be neglected at any time - but especially during the initial unfoldment period - the unity the affected student is seeking to develop with the higher spiritual sources will become increasingly more variable and the truthfulness and general level of evidence supplied will mostly remain low. In many respects the condition could be compared to that of a child who becomes spoiled by certain indulgences in their early years, and then goes on to expect the same in later life. Their potential for progress becomes more and yet more inhibited by their weakness, which they subsequently can no longer turn away from.

When I discuss the importance of working with the right spirits with the students I usually tell them a little illustrative story that my father picked up somewhere around Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was born (as was Andrew Jackson Davis, I believe). The story has a different connotation but illustrates in a slightly humorous way what I mean: It seems there was once an "Old Maid" who longed for the ability to find herself a man, since in those early days it was a bit of a disgrace for a woman not to be married, and have a family. She decided to pray about it and to do so in private. She went out in the moonlight and sat herself under a tree, overlooking a beautiful lake. Drawing herself into a fervent mood, she began to pray to God to send her a man. Within a few minutes, an owl that was sitting in the tree above her called out "Hoo!" - "Hoo!" Hearing the calls, the Old Maid answered, "Oh! Anybody, Lord. Anybody will do!"

Sometimes I think this little story

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Spiritualist Heritage Series

Two Great Men

By Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell (1860-1956)
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As we look back over history's pages and review the lives of great men who stand out prominently as leaders in the pathway of progress of our country, we are reminded that the month of February has given us two whose names will ever be remembered as being great benefactors of humanity.

Of the many whose names thus appear in history, the names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are foremost. These men, though living different periods of history and coming from different sections of the country, had much in common and it may be said of them, as Orison Swett Marden has said of others: "Do not take the world's estimate of success. The real height of the Washington Monument is not measured between the capstone and the earth, but includes the fifty feet of solid masonry below."

So also it is in the lives of these two splendid men, for while we see on the surface the many things that each one accomplished, we fail often to realize the great hidden power which made all of these things possible. Both were men of sterling character, also lovers of Nature. They ofttimes doubtless received inspiration and renewed strength as they walked through the country or wandered in the forest, communing with Nature and unconsciously, perhaps, opening the doors of communication between the seen and the unseen. Doubtless they visualized clearly at those times the things which they wished to attain which spurred them on to unremitting effort, and which were yet to be achieved after strife and turmoil were ended. One was to be known affectionately as the Father of His Country. The words and deeds of the other were to live through literature and art in the minds of men forever.

As we follow George Washington through the years of struggle and bitter warfare, in his efforts to found a nation whose government should be "Of the people, for the people and by the people," and see him aglow with zeal for the welfare of the great cause for which he was fighting, cheering and encouraging his little army of brave men to still further effort and sacrifice for the cause, we can well realize that his source of power and strength was far deeper than the power of material things, and that his greatness was that of character which made possible a contact with and guidance from the unseen realms of life.

Again in the month of February in the year 1809 we find Nature bountiful and kind to America and her children, giving to her the boy child, Abraham Lincoln, who was later to become the saviour of his country as truly as George Washington had years before been termed the Father of His Country.

Abraham Lincoln, the second child in the family, was born on his parents' farm about fourteen miles from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809. The home into which the child came was the ordinary one of the poorer western pioneer — a one-roomed cabin - with a huge outside chimney, a single window and rude door. Ida Tarbell in her book, ***The Life of Abraham Lincoln,*** says: "The home was undoubtedly rude and in many ways uncomfortable, but it sheltered a happy family and its poverty affected the new child but little." In the fall of 1816, when Lincoln was seven years old, the family journeyed by horseback and wagon to a farm in Indiana about one and one-half miles east of Gentryville.

In the year 1819, when Lincoln was ten years old, his father brought home from Kentucky his second wife, Abraham's mother having passed away one year previously.

Filled with high aspirations, deeply imbued with love of country, of justice, and of his fellow men, Lincoln spent the early years of his life amid hardships and poverty

struggling to attain that education which later in life was to make possible under his guidance the birth of a nation, founded in liberty and with equal rights for all.

"The poverty of Lincoln's youth," rightly states one public speaker, "was more of a blessing than a handicap, for it brought him to manhood with a serious view of life and a capacity for work that made him successful. And although he had only one year of regular school, his thirst for knowledge and his intense reading of good books engendered in him a splendid capacity for self-expression that he used to great advantage in his career as statesman.

"Lincoln was a man of great physique and wonderful strength, but greater than these attributes were his kindness of heart and his great mindedness.

"The destiny of a nation was affected by an incident in the life of a youth when Lincoln, working on a flatboat, floated down the river to New Orleans and there saw a young black girl sold on the block. He then told his companions that some day he would strike a blow at the system under which such things could be."

How completely he carried this promise into effect is so fully recorded and so well known that it would be superflous to enlarge upon the incidents at this time.

David Dudley Field once said he considered Lincoln the greatest man of his day. He said: "Others were great, each in one way, but Lincoln was great in many ways; others were wonderful combinations of goodness and weakness, while Lincoln seemed strong in every way."

After Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation he said: "The promise must now be kept; I shall never recall one word."

Lincoln had that rare nerve and courage which is not swerved by public clamor and can bear abuse and ridicule, and it was this indomitable spirit which sustained him through all difficulties on his hard journey from the log cabin to the White House, through all struggles for the emancipation of man — until victory had been achieved and a united nation made possible, in which could be unfolded absolute freedom for all mankind in body, mind and soul.

Through all of his life - whether in the field, at the plow, in the forest as woodsman, axe in hand, in the home with life and loved ones, in public debate with political opponents, or sitting with his cabinet, weighing in the balance acts and policies that would affect the destinies of his country and the welfare of millions of fellow men - always he displayed traits that evidenced a perfectly developed character, a fully rounded out true manhood, with confidence and trust in unseen spiritual powers that he knew were ruling the destinies of nations, and he felt were guiding him in his untiring efforts for the salvation and welfare of his country.

Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist? is a question that is often asked. It may be truthfully answered in the affirmative for he in every way conformed to the definition adopted by the National Spiritualist Association in regard to what constitutes a Spiritualist, which reads as follows: A Spiritualist is one who believes as a part of his or her religion in communication between this and the Spirit World by means of mediumship, and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communion.

That Abraham Lincoln firmly believed in Spirit communication is amply demonstrated by the well-known fact that many times he sat in circles with Nettie Maynard as Medium, and received through her lips counsel and advice in regard to most serious problems in the conduct of the war. He was too busy, too honest, too earnest a man to waste time on things in which he did not have perfect confidence, and too sincere a man to play with or make light of things which were to him most sacred.

That he moulded his character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communion, as well as in accordance with the highest promptings of his noble soul, none will deny. May his life be an example that shall lead the pioneers of the present day to renewed effort for the unfoldment of newer truth on the physical, mental and spiritual planes of life for the welfare of mankind.

The Way We Teach Our Students Of Spiritualism

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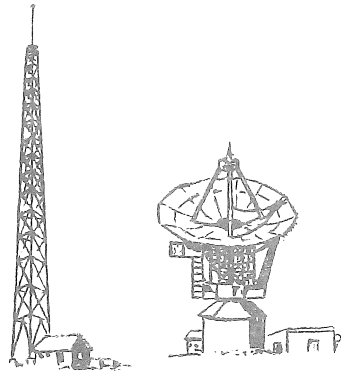
is far more effective in emphasizing caution to overly impressed students who are longing for a psychic experience of some sort than any alternative explaining which I might do, to point out the need to make sure we make spirit contacts that are well chosen and a credit to our work. The only possibility of upliftment coming to the earth plane from spirit communication lies in making contact - and enhancing that contact - with spirits who have been over in the spirit world long enough and have educated themselves sufficiently, that they are no longer reciting the beliefs they were once taught on earth. For this we must continue to question - and ever push for explanations and reasons why any belief is held by the spirits we contact. We must also sift and be discriminating in what we accept. Then we will be respected as full partners in the work of disseminating what the spirit world would wish our world to know, for its own good. This is needful for teachers to hold dear and exemplify, even as for their students to grow to understand and emulate in their work.

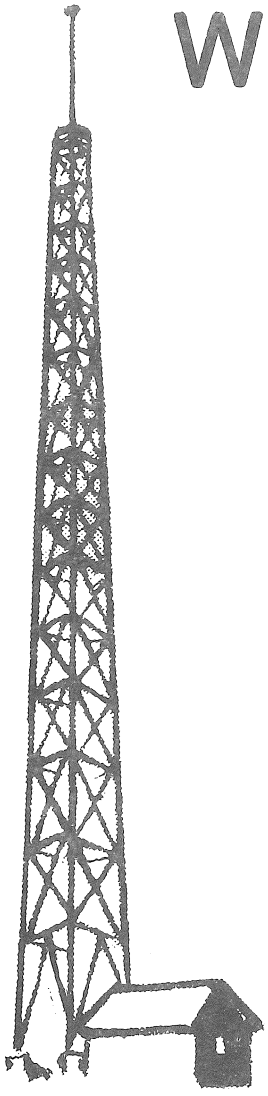
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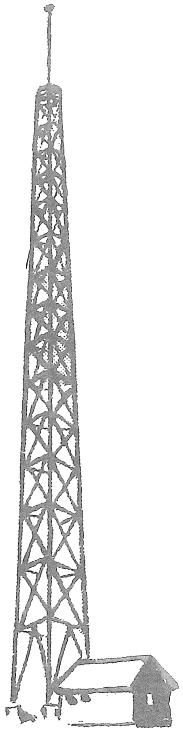
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Worlds Beyond Update

What we have been waiting so long for has finally become a reality. The production has been finalized and by the time this article goes to print, should be available to those desiring to order the tapes.

The first two of five tapes covering Mediumship and Healing were shown at the National Convention in San Diego and a rousing ovation was given the production crew that has brought forth what will be five (5) one-half hour tapes.

The quality of the film and the treatment of the subject matter is unsurpassed, and credit goes to Executive Producer Joseph Calloway, Producer Elizabeth Ulm, Technical Adviser, the Reverend Anna Franz and Secretary the Reverend Louise Espinoza.

The professional film crew spent nearly two weeks at Lily Dale which offers a natural setting for the film and being all non-Spiritualists with the exception of James Vancey, Script Writer, a profound impression was left on the crew, relative to the religion Worlds Beyond represents.

Until finances can be built up for a nation-wide presentation of Worlds Beyond, it will remain for churches and church groups - National and non-National to purchase the tapes for local showing. One method for public showing is for local churches to make contact with television stations in their area and obtain time for public showing in their area.

There are five (5) one half hour tapes and will be available from the N.S.A.C. office at $100 for each tape, or $450 for the five tape set.

This must not be the end! Our original aim is to have Worlds Beyond on a national hook-up and for this purpose we must not let up on our appeal for donations. $145,000 went into the production of Worlds Beyond which more than depleted the donations we gratefully received from contributors. We must keep on KEEPING ON to get Worlds Beyond before the public nationally, and to continue making more tapes bringing the scientific, philosophical religion of Spiritualism to the world at large.

With YOUR help and contributions this CAN BE DONE!

Spiritual Healing

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God.

The time that we take for prayer, even though it be observed regularly, occupies but a very small proportion of our days. Nevertheless, this fraction of time is of tremendous importance, because it largely determines our attitudes, the direction which we travel, and the spiritual growth we attain.

One who includes prayer in his life is headed in one direction, while one who omits it - travels a different course. A daily prayer time, sincerely and faithfully observed, brings changes of a very beneficial nature. It is inevitable that through such fellowship with spirit, we shall come to dwell on a higher spiritual plane of understanding.

We do not know all the ways that intercessory prayer works, but no one who is familiar with the story of the Gospel Records, can doubt that it does work. The New Testament is full of records of prayers of intercession that were answered. Christ touched people with transforming power wherever he went. He touched the blind and they saw. He touched the lame and they walked. He touched the lepers and they were healed. Jesus said, "Greater things than I do - shall ye do if ye believe." As Spiritualists we do believe — we know — and let us, as individuals, support our Healing Center.

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Mailing address: Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, NY 14211. Attn: Mrs. Sue Desimone. You will receive a "One Each Day" packet. To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group" Check here: ☐

The National Healing Center is in the process of updating their records. For this reason we are asking that if you, your church or organization are currently holding a Healing Prayer Group that you please notify us of its activities. Please include the group leaders name, members names, place, day of the week and time of meeting.

If your group is already listed with us, please forward once more the above requested information as it will help with our update.

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N.S.T. Forum

Creating A Stronger Foundation For The Future Growth Of Spiritualism

By Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, N.S.T.

During the past seventeen years as a Spiritualist I have found myself to be constantly in a learning position, as well as in a teaching position. It was my good fortune to have been a student under a Teacher (N.S.T.) whose entire life had been dedicated to that purpose. In following the pattern for teaching in the classes, which had been experienced by myself under her guidance, I believed her methods to be suitable for the needs of the students desiring to learn and grow in all aspects of spiritual expression and understanding. Thus, I have applied those same methods to my teaching work, with the students who have come to me for their needs.

It is my strong belief that there should be as little a debarkation from the classtime as it is possible to have. Once a student has gathered a Spirit Guidance around him/her, there should be an unceasing flow of harmony, and cooperation, in the learning process, and in the unfolding process. With my teacher, classes were continous except for the holiday seasons, and vacation times for families. Her expressed thoughts were that Spirit did not take a vacation, but was always ready to give the guidance needed for the student that was seriously desirous of making progress in every aspect of growth. I know that there will be much disagreement with this attitude, and I do respect the policy which other teachers might have.

As did my teacher, I always have prepared printed lessons for the students on each class night. It is the intention that the lessons be taken home, reviewed carefully, meditated upon, and to be used as a basis for further research by the student. On the next class night, a period of time is given to discuss the previous lesson, and to answer any questions the students might have.

The usual format for a class session would be as follows:

1. Short time for meditation when the students arrive at the class (no talking or other socializing).
2. Prayer for guidance and protection.
3. Lesson for that session, and review of previous lesson, with discussion and answering of questions.
4. Group participation in healing work, and practice as Healers at a healing chair, with instruction, and guidance by the Teacher.
5. Group participation in demonstration of Spirit communication thru message work.
6. Discussion concerning each student's experience, impressions, or feelings during these two sessions.
7. When a study group has begun showing positive signs of progress, the Teacher's Spirit Guide or Teacher frequently makes comments on each of the students progress, and may make them aware of new additions to their Spirit Bands.
8. Time allowed for students to make comments or ask questions relating to their progress, related experiences, or problems they may be concerned with.
9. Closing Prayer for continued protection and guidance for each one.

I must agree with those N.S.T.'s who find the need to teach the History, the Science, the Philosophy and the Religion of Modern Spiritualism to selected students, whom they believe will become an asset to their Church, by becoming qualified in all aspects of their understanding. We are unable to stress strongly enough these aspects during the limited times of addresses from the platform on Sundays, or even through special Forums or other group sessions which we may become actively involved with.

However, I am becoming more strongly convinced that we must begin to be quite selective in which students we permit to share our teaching time and abilities. We need to create a stronger foundation for the future growth of Spiritualism, and this will not be possible if we continue to share our valuable time, and abilities, with students who may not be willing to reciprocate in return by sharing their spiritual growth with our Churches.

Education Speaks For Itself

Morris Pratt Institute Association — Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary

Each month The National Spiritualist will feature the writings from a student who is currently taking the Educational Course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is Roberta Howd, Church of the Infinite Spirit, Newington, Connecticut.

Spiritualism is a religion, science, and philosophy based on proven facts. This statement is the one thing that holds Spiritualism apart from all other religions. We continually state that we have no dogmas or creeds, that we believe because we know. How do we know?

We know because through investigation, questioning, and hard study we are able to penetrate the myth and learn the facts - the facts of spirit survival, intelligence, and intervention. The science of Spiritualism allows us to perceive truths that we might not otherwise know. And science forces us to be precise and exact. Spiritualist leaders such as Andrew Jackson Davis, Sir William Crookes, The Rev. E.W. Sprague, and Harry Boddington have shown to us again and again that precise, relentless investigation is the key to proving the truth and beauty of this religion.

Classification is a tool by which scientists and investigators can arrange and study the many avenues of spiritual phenomena. Just as the modern day meteorologist uses his maps, balloons, charts, and computers to observe the weather and thus predict results with amazing accuracy, so too, our investigators use the tool of classification to study, discern, and reveal the many forms of phenomena that have and still do manifest from the spirit world to ours.

Modern parapsychologists are studying with a new revelation what has been revealed to man for ages, even before the written word. We must look upon this not as an affront, but as a means of bringing the truths of spirit to our world. Let us be glad and applaud the efforts of those who use this important tool. The truth will be revealed. Spirit will use this as an opportunity to show forth the truths that have eluded man for ages. Let science classify; let it analyze; let it do its part in bringing the age-long truth of life to man. We will be better off for it.

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457 Grass Valley Hwy. Space #12, 95603; Direct Mail to 22681 Placer Hill Rd., Calfax 95713; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (Classes); Pastor, Rev. Frances Scher, N.S.T.; Pres., George Brenner; Secy., Pat Woolworth, (916)269-0275.

LOS ANGELES - Spiritualist Society,
6000 W. Pico Blvd. 90035 (213)933-3534; Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Lyceum 11:00 a.m., Classes, Healing and Books available; Pres., Rev. Rita Faubel, N.S.T., 8150 Gallatin Rd., Downey 90240 (213)927-7079.

ONTARIO - Valley Spiritualist Center of Friendship,
625 Euclid 91762; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Healing Center, Sun. 6:00 p.m., Wed. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. John Meyer, 896 A Redding Way, Upland 91786 (714)981-9292.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
149 Clinton St.; Sun. 11:00 a.m.; Secy., Mrs. Margaret Breneman, 1895 Mountain Creek Court, San Jose 95148 (408)274-9515.

RESEDA - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers,
6747 Yarmouth Ave., 1 blk. west of White Oak at Vanowen; Services Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pat Smith, N.S.T., 5935 Lemp Ave. #4, N. Hollywood 91601 (818)762-0773; Pres., Donna Scott (818)705-5725.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.,
732 N. Sierra Way; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ivamay Leverich; Secy., Margaret Haskins; Church Correspondence to P.O. Box 1435, San Bernardino 92405.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY - Spiritualist Church,
604 South "H" St. 92410; Sun. Serv. Healing & Dev. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Anna Franz, 353 West "E" St., Colton 92324; Pres., Suzanne Greggs; Secy., Janice Larcom (174)825-6926 or 825-5817.

SAN DIEGO - Progressive Spiritualist Church,
4144 Campus Ave.; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Healing 7:30 p.m., Worship Serv.; Pastor, Rev. Daisy Brunner, Rte. No. 5, Box 185, Escondido 92025 (619)741-8250; Secy., Ruth A. Brown, 2609 Root St. 92123.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritualist Temple,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Milton W. Monroe; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Alfred A. Conner, 3324 17th St. 94110 (415)621-0491.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Messages 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michelle Imburgia; Secy., Barbara Ann Love (415)621-0491.

SAN FRANCISCO Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of) Lyceum, Sun. 11:00 a.m., Healing 6:00 p.m. Service 6:30 p.m.. Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m. (415) 885-9976

SAN LEANDRO - The Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
1349 Hayes 94577; Sun. Serv. 10:15 to Noon; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil (415)283-1449; Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette 94549.

SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association,
32 Upper Road 94903; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Richard P. Goodwin; Secy., Sandra Johnson (415)472-3633 (Church address for mailing).

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of The Comforter,
1028 Garden St. 93101; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edmond Foard (805)965-6745; Secy., Rosemary DeMarco (805)685-2650; Church Phone (805)965-4474.

SANTA CLARA - The Spiritual Science of Life Church,
1661 Scott Blvd. 95050 (Mailing address: 1252 W. Hedding, San Jose 95126); Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Louise Peruch (same as mailing address); Secy., Mrs. Belen Barrera.

COLORADO

DENVER - Temple of Harmony Church,
3375 So. Dahlia St., 80222; 756-3226. Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Tues. Message-Healing 7:30 p.m.; Pres. D.R. Obland, 6750 So. Clermont St., Littleton, 80122, (303) 771-8540; Secy. Lee Motter.

CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
228 Broad St., Norwich 06360; Pres., Joyce Orcutt, Wales Rd., Andover 06232; Secy., Joann Camby, 228 Broad St., Norwich 06360 (203)889-9670.

NEWINGTON - Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave. 06111; Church phone (203)666-1606; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury 06704 (203)754-3559; Pres., Richard S. O'Brien, 92 Vera St., West Hartford 06119 (203)521-2803; Secy., Roberta Howd, 37 Center Rd., Tolland (203)666-1606.

NEW LONDON - The New London Spiritualist Church Inc.,
P.O. Box 1268, New London, 06320, Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Henrietta Cox; Pres. Iris Larson, 53 Phillips St., Waterford 06387, (203) 447-0928; Secy. Kay Smith, 14-16 Park Ave., 06320, (203) 443-9247.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church,
P.O. Box 939, 29 Park St. 06360; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Lyceum 11:15 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Calista Rita, 15 Cedar St. 06360; Pres., Mrs. Gwendolyn Skinner, 15 Colt St. 06360; Secy., Judith P. Skinner, RFD #3, Box 111, Lot #9 06351.

OLD GREENWICH - Alberton Memorial Church,
293 Sound Beach Ave. 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Secy., George A. Bailey, 5 Parkview Rd., Rowayton 06853 (203)853-0202 or 866-1113.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth,Inc.,
N.S.A.C. Boothe Memorial Park; Services 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat. Sept. thru June; Pres., John J. Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., Norwalk 06854. (203)866-0663; Secy. Jacqueline Kerney, 21 Bassett St., New Haven 06511. (203) 624-3816.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St. 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres. Lillian S. Cady, 75 Colchester Commons, Colchester 06415 (203) 537-4352; Secy., Donna M. Szall, RFD 1, Box 551, Jewett City 06351 (203) 376-3382.

DELAWARE

NEWARK - Spiritualist Church of Fellowship,
420 Willa Rd. 19713; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Mon. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Genevieve L. Alexander, 109 Kingswood Rd. 19713 (302)737-8180.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON - Church of Two Worlds,
308 "Q" St. N.W., Georgetown 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Service 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Virginia Bates, 2716 N. Lexington St., Arlington, VA 22207 (703)538-5164; Secy., Mayette Murray, 210 Willow Terrace, Sterling, VA 22170 (703)430-1449.

FLORIDA

CASSADAGA - First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga,
300 South Volusia Ave., Orange County; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:45 p.m., Lecture & Messages 2:00 p.m.; Pres. and Co-Pastor, James A. Buchanan (904)228-2630; Secy./Treas. and Co-Pastor, Rev. Helen C. Hanson, N.S.T. (904)228-2751.

MIAMI - Metaphysical Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
7701 S.W. 76th Ave.; Sun. Healing 3:00 p.m., Worship and Message 3:30 p.m., All Message Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernard L. Cusmano (305)382-6592.

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C.,
3210 Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857); Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Pastors, Rev. Pamela K. Ward (305)857-1573 and Rev. Elizabeth R. Edgar (305)894-5930; Pres., Jean I. Lerch (305)834-5378; Secy., Shirley A. Hoeft (305)677-9640.

GEORGIA

ATLANTA - First Spiritualist Church of Atlanta
1236 Techwood Dr. N.W. 30306; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Gertrude Stewart, 1763 Center Ave., East Point 30344 (404)768-7596; Secy., Kristin Roberto, 611 Twin Brook Way, Marrietta 30067.

ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St., LeRoy 61752; Secy., Arsenia J. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, Chicago 60628 (312)995-1911.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora,
141 N. State St.; Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Annabelle B. Saxon, 1312 E. Division St., Lockport 60441 (815)838-6961.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church,
13906 Greenbay Ave. 60633; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Anne Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago 60617; Secy., Mary Jo Kratochvil, 1015 Devonshire, Hobart, IN 46342.

CHICAGO - The Church of The Spirit,
2651 North Central Park Ave. 60647-1101 (312)489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sun. Family Worship Hour 10:30 a.m.; Wed. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Albert W. Potts, Jr., 1500 Hinman #704, Evanston, IL 60201-4648 (312)869-9050; Secy., Dorothy Wagner, 155 North Harbor Dr. #1102, Chicago 60601-7318 (312)861-0798.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.;

Pres., Mrs. Helen Lopotowski, 4050 N. Oriole, Norridge 60634 (312)452-8754; Secy., Mrs. Anna Habenicht, 5925 W. Byrn Maur 60646.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave. 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., First Sun. of each month Communion Serv.; Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave. 60636; Secy., L.B. Johnson, 8227 S. Marquette 60617.

CICERO - First Spiritualist Church of Cicero,
5033 W. 25th Pl. 60650; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages & Healing; Pastor & Pres., Ellen Stopa, 5033 W. 25th Pl. 60650; Secy., Joseph A. Stopa (312)652-6953.

ELGIN - First Spiritualist Church,
77 Villa St. 60120; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m. Healing, Lecture & Messages; Pres., David Frost, 1410 Plainview, Carpentersville 60110; Secy., Bruce Smallman, 1944 Edgebrook 1A, Palatine 60074.

LEROY - J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church,
102 S. Pearl St.; Wed. Lyceum & Serv. 6:30 p.m., Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St. 61752; Pres., Kattie Mahan, 406 N. Weat St. 61752; Secy., Elsie Philips, 101 E. Vine St., Apt. 20 61752 (309)962-6841.

INDIANA

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
Pres., Rev. William F. Melick, 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis 46220; Secy., Doris Copeland, Rt. 6 Box 183, Greenfield 46140 (317)326-2523.

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St., P.O. Box 8151 Station D 46898; Sun. Serv. 6:00 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Thurs., 7:45 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sun. of month; Sept. thru May 3:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernice Brock, 1604 Andrews St. 46808 (219)426-9866; Secy., Beverly Bradley; Lyceum Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m. each Sun.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist Church of Frankfort Inc.,
Magnolia & Green Sts.; Serv. Sun. Lyceum 1:00 p.m., Church Serv. 2:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Sun. each month, Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Message Circle 6:00 p.m.; Pres., Billy Joe Gregory; Secy., Henrietta Reed, 1321 E. Spann Ave., Indianapolis 46203.

GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., N.S.A.C.,
2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Velma Dickson; Pres., Jesse James Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St.; Secy., Verillia Sharref, 768 King St. 46406; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:30 p.m., Dinner every third Sun.

HAMMOND - First Progressive Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
6928 Alabama Ave.; Serv. Wed.; Pastor, William Schaller; Secy., Jean Fleener, 230 Hobart St., Gary 46406.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church,
6225 N. Carrollton Ave. 46220 (317)255-4902; Serv. Sun., "Psychic Tea" 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Reg. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 West County Line Rd., Camby 46113 (317)831-2499; Secy., Willie Kersey, 2313 Hermitage Ct., Apt. 1019, 46224.

INDIANAPOLIS - Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
1415 Central Ave.; Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 7:30 p.m., Sun. & Thurs., Tues. All Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Janet R. Jackson (317)786-8139; Secy., Victoria L. McIntyre (317)898-5194.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
314 N. Cool Spring Ave.; Correspondence to: P.O. Box 8923 46360 (219)872-6621; Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak; Secy., Irma J. Sawaluk.

MUNCIE - First Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
Corner of Ninth & Mulberry; Sun. Healing Serv. 2:30 p.m., Church Serv. 2:45 p.m., Dinner served last Sun. of the month at 5:00 p.m. followed by Student Serv. 6:00 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Tues. 8:00 p.m., Muncie - Fri. 8:00 p.m. Chesterfield; Pastor, Rev. Virginia L. Falls, 1925 W. Ninth St. 47302, 284-2494; Secy., Doris Copeland, Rt. 6, Box 183, Greenfield 46140.

PERU - First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church,
62 S. Miami St.46970; Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Lewis W. Norton, 208 E. Miami Ave., Logansport 46970; Secy., Virgina E. Hoover, 504 Tanguy St., Logansport 46947 (219)732-0270 or 563-6359; Lyceum and General Philosophy Class at 12:30 p.m. Sun. All ages are welcome.

IOWA

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church,
541 - 6th Ave. So. 52732; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Classes Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Edward E. Ridyard; Secy., May Ridyard, 1249 - 15th Ave. So. 52732 (319)243-3233.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church,
1429 W. 7th St. 52802 (319)324-9659; Worship & Message Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Lyceums: Adults Tues. 7:00 p.m., Children's Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr, 421 East Tenth St. 52803 (319)326-3201; Secy., Anita Buchholz, 1502 West Seventh St. 52802 (319)326-3453.

MAINE

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Thomas B. Haldane, Box 222, Rt. 1, W. Buxton 04093; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD No. 4, Box 208-L17, Auburn 04210; Secy., Florence C. Langley, Same address.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church,
Corner of Perham & Court Streets; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres. June Conley, 50 Windy St., 04330; Secy. Stanley C. Conley, 48 Middle St., 04330, Treas., Ms. Lyndell Heald, Route # 2, Box 1160 Litchfield, 04350.

DOVER-FOXCROFT - First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church,
Thompson Free Library Clubroom 04426; Services 2nd Sun. each month at 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Kathy Herring, RFD No. 1, Box 55, 04426; Secy., Kathryn Weymouth, RFD No. 1, Box 16, Abbott 04406 (207)876-3005.

ETNA - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church,
Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m. May - Sept. only; Pres., Robert Patten, Bangor, ME; Secy., Florence Seavey, 33 Pond St., Etna 04434; Pastor, Rev. Arlene Sikara, Etna 269-3451.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp,
Meeting Assocation, Inc.; Located on Lakewood; Camp season July 12 through July 26, Pres., Bernard Langley, RFD No. 4, Box 208-L17, Auburn 04210; Secy., Florence Langley (207)998-2276.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Corp. (Camp),
RFD 1, Belfast 04915; Summer programs available; Pres., Marjorie R. Maddocks, 67 Waldo Ave., Apt 2-8, Belfast 04915; Secy., Carol Fricke, R.R. 1, Box 1423, Belfast 04915.

PORTLAND - Portland Spiritualist Church,
180 Sawyer St., So. Portland 04106; Pres., Sheila Werner, P.O. Box 14, New Gloucester 04260; Secy., Agnes E. Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton 04093 (207)727-3850; Pastor, Thomas Haldane (same address); Serv. Sun. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE - Sanctuary of Truth, Spiritualist,
Y.W.C.A. Room 108, Park Ave. and Franklin St.; Sun. Serv., Healing 2:15 p.m., Lecture and Messages 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Marie Gorsuch, 2302 Penn. Ave. 21217; Secy., Mrs. Roberta Miller, 210 Forest Spring Ln. 21228.

MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
Pres., Rev. Charles D. Harding, Jr., N.S.T., 145 Herring Pond Rd., Buzzards Bay 02532; Secy., Rev. Irene I. Harding, (Same Address) (617)888-6049.

BOSTON - First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society,
40 West Quincy 02169; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Lawrence T. Hilton, Jr., 253 N. Central Ave., Quincy 02170; Secy., Marie Gaines, 151 Tremont St., Apt. 18J, 02111.

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church,
54 Glenwood St., 02401;Thurs. and Sun. Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 7:30 p.m., Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St. 02402, 587-5107; Pres., Gerry Allain, (401) 437-0703; Sec., Mary Lou Lambert, (617) 659-2952; Church Phone: (617) 586-7671.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist),
37 Lowell St. 01844 (In Chapel 1st Methodist Church); Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. James H. Henderson, N.S.T., 46 Westland St., 01844 (617)686-4212; Secy., Paul E. Butzien, 2 Castle Rd., Salem, NH 03079 (603)893-0418.

ONSET - First Spiritualist Church,
Highland Ave.; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Wed. Class 7:30 p.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Kenneth Custance & Rev. Gladys Custance; Secy., Mrs. Eleanor Creamer, 19 Highland Ave. 02558 (617)295-1441.

PLYMOUTH - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,
131 Standish Ave., P.O. Box 1302, 02360; Sun. Healing & Serv. 2:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Charles Harding & Rev. Irene Harding, 145 Herring Pond Rd., Buzzards Bay 02360: Secy., Inez M. Vespers, P.O. Box 41, Sagamore 02561 (617)888-7984.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
34 Warren St. 01970; Early service 5:30-6 P.M.: lunch break 6-6:30: Healing & Evening service 6:30-8 P.M.. Telephone for weather cancellations: (617) 745-2098. Wednesday Billet service 2 P.M. Church season is Sunday after Labor Day - last Sunday in May. Billet service Oct-May. Pastor, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers 01923; Pres., Mrs. Muriel Karolides, 9 harbor St., Danvers, Ma., 01923, (617) 774-2753; Secy., Patricia A. Bertucci, 190 Sycamore St., Roslindale 02131 (617) 469-2568.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
33-37 Bliss St. 01105 (413)732-1234; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington 01098 (413)238-5506; Secy.Medium, Mrs. Joanne Yacovone, 114 Conn. Ave., W. Springfield (413)733-4723; Secy., Mrs. Elizabeth Vancour, 904 High Path Dr., Windsor, CT 06095.

SWAMPSCOTT - Swampscott Church of Spiritualism,
61 Burrill St. 01907; Sun. Serv. 6:45 p.m.; Thurs. Evening Healing Sanctuary 8:00 -10:00 p.m.; Secy., Mrs. Peggy Handy, 179 Mill Road, Hampton, NH 03842 (603)926-1432; Pastor, Mrs. Ida J. Donadio, 28 Ninth Street Unit 606, Medford, MA 02155 (617)396-6091.

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Rev. Norma W. McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Marjarie Elaine Kwapich, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220 (313)542-0784.

BAY SHORE - Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. Otto Allen, 419 Pearl, Petosky 49770; Secy., Ralph B. Cheney, 07453 Old 31 Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720 (616)3899.

BAY SHORE - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31; Service 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. une-Sept.; Pres., Ralph B. Cheney, 07453 Old 31, Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720 (616)347-3899; Secy., Ms. Gail Tibbitts, 07453 Old 31, Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple,
97 Delaware Ave.; Sun. Serv. & Lyceum 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Frayne Kluzak, 4161 Buckingham 48224 (313)881-5496; Secy., Dianne Whittie; Lyceum Cond., Dawn Hyatt.

JACKSON - Goodfellows Spiritualist Church,
1014 Leroy St.; Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m., Children's Lyceum Classes every Sun; Pastor, Rev. Norma McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd.; Secy., Jane Bostedor, 2684 Vineyard Lane 49230 (517)592-5552.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Church Service 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Donald Weichner, 130 W. Main St., Rives Jct. 49203; Pastor, Rev. Norma McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 913 D, E. Porter, Jackson 49202 (517)787-0422.

MUSKEGON - First National Spiritualist Church,
3320 Thompson St., Bluffton Area; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Marvell Francisco, 14439 Mercury Dr., Grand Haven 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel,
21 Dennison St. 48051 (313)628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Catherine Welch; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue.

PONTIAC - First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
576 Orchard Lake Rd. 48051; Sun. Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Pres., Owen O'Berry; Secy., Betty McDonald; For Information - 338-6881.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple,
3224 Greenfield Rd. 48072; Sun. Church Serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Marguerite (Peggy) Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn Ave., Hazel Park 48030 (313)548-2240; Secy., Doris Remington, 12812 Fenton, Redford 48239 (313)255-4646.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association,
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., South Branch 48761; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. July & August, Annual Retreat Week in July; Lycuem Supt., Daron Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, P.O. Box 237 Leslie 49251; Secy., M. Elaine Kwapich, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220 (313)542-0785.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. 9th St.; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Secy., Linda Larson, 301 Osakis St. 55803 (218)728-2881; Send mail to Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church,
2230 Lyndale Ave., N.; Sun. Serv. 3:15 p.m. Pres. Birdi Torgerson; Secy. Chrissy L. Degendorfer; All Mail to be addressed to: Box 6115, 55406.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church,
Y.W.C.A 65 Kelloge Blvd. 55101; Sun. Awareness Class 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. E.A. Yankovec, 1535 E. Magnolia Ave. 55106 (612)774-5497; Secy., Menalinn Haberkorn (612)224-0698.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY - Ninth Spiritualist Church,
2301 Van Brunt Blvd. 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Harry Grisson 9103 James A. Reed Rd. 64138; Secy., Loreen Morgan, 836 W. Gregory 64114, 523-3894.

KANSAS CITY - The Light of The World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
5112½ E. 27th St. 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Mollie Foreman, N.S.T., 2825 Denver, 64128; Secy., Joan E. Oberholtz, 3018 York 64128 (816)861-3095.

ST LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd. 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. Virginia Brehm, 3710 Connecticut St. 63116; Secy., Mrs. Virginia Lee Gummels, 7608 Comfort Ave. 63143, (314)647-5289.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, N.S.A.C.,
321 Hascall St. 68108; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor & Secy., Alace Fanslau, 321 Hascall St. 68108 (402)345-8042; (Class - Sunday Noon)

NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN - Fourth Spiritualist Church,
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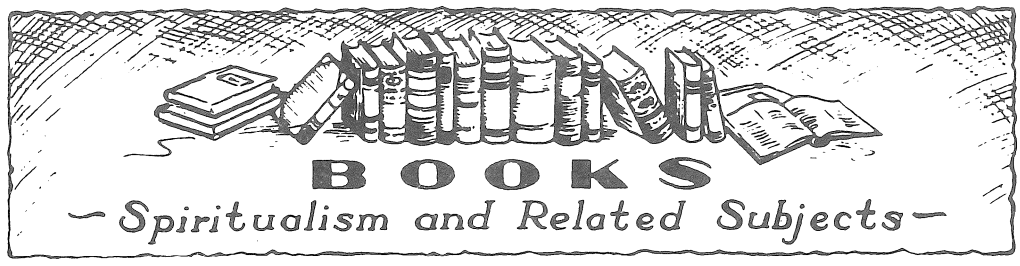
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"Unconditional Love"

By Rev. Joan E. Youngblood, N.S.T.

At this point in time I feel drawn, almost compelled, to write about the spiritual law of love or an aspect of love called "Unconditional Love."

It seems in these times that many things are happening all around us where this aspect of love is needed.

One needs to understand that "unconditional" means without limit, without condition.

At Valentine's Day time, we see people all in a flurry to buy candy, cards, gifts for the ones close to their heart, and this is a wonderful, normal, good, healthy thing to do.

But this is not the love I am talking about specifically. Spirit wishes for me to speak about the broader aspects of love.

Alfred Armand Montapert says in his book "The Supreme Philosophy of Man," "That love is the central theme in the laws of life, for love is the cement that makes men whole."

He goes on to state by love we mean love of life, love of God, love of people, work, beauty, learning, nature and animals. There are two types of love. "Agappa" is the love that builds up. "Eros" is the selfish love that tears down. One is constructive, the other is destructive.

The words, God is love, do not explain God, but they do reveal Him. With the revelation comes understanding, not comprehension. When God passed on to men and women his spiritual power, he gave the most God-like thing in his power to give, namely power to create another creature and the power to foster His very own nature — love.

Love is a demonstration not merely declaration. Love never asked anybody to do an unworthy thing.

In this poor, broken world, the teaching of Jesus Christ is the only known philosophy of life which has never been seriously tried. Incredible as our stupidity may seem, man is still blind to the fact that the cause of all his troubles is within himself. The heart of life is love. His relationship with himself is wrong. He is divided by inner conflicts and torn asunder by the warring of his various selves.

It seems ironic to me that humankind in all of their espousal of this great law of love do not fully comprehend nor do they practice it. For if we did, we would see some "miracles" in this world.

If we as humans need to pay attention at all to the spiritual laws that govern us, it would be to this law of love.

Psychologists tell us that we need love as human beings to feel complete, worthwhile, whole.

It makes me wonder then why there are so many situations, circumstances, and people that make it difficult for us to love them.

Sometimes I think we become too soon old and too late smart.

When I see some of the things going on around me that I have seen recently, I see how great the need for "Unconditional Love" on this earth plane is.

For example, when I see constantly on various news programs and in the newspapers, the countless people who have now become homeless, who are not alcoholics, drug abusers or derelicts, the mentally ill, veterans, entire families with children, older people who've lost loved ones, had catastrophic illness, have been honorable tax payers and contributors to society, but are forced into shelters, it makes me wonder what has happened in this great country of ours.

A friend of mine had a friend of his, do some work on my car. I asked the gentleman if he had a restroom.

He said yes, rather embarrassed. It was a form of a lean to. There was no roof on it. Being a woman and naturally being curious, I looked around the corner. There was a

couch, a corner full of books and paper, again partially covered over.

I was shocked to realize that this man must be a homeless person.

I asked him how did he keep warm. He said he built a fire at night. He went on to say that just today he had gotten a job working in an office. Here was a person who had an accident, became an alcoholic, hit bottom, and is working his way back up. My heart goes out to this young man. He said if it hadn't been for the help of my other friend, he could not have gotten this far. It takes "Unconditional Love" on the part of people to help the less fortunate in this world.

I know of another situation lately of another friend of mine who took in her brother's child, spent money on her, bought her clothes, fixed her teeth, gave her guidance, opened her home willingly to her, but because the child had been forced out of her home by her real father, who didn't want her, and an unfit mother, the child unfortunately turned on my friend who had taken in her brother's child. When it was pointed out to the child's father that this girl was his responsibility, his response was that he would lose his second wife because she and his child do not get along. In fact, she threatened to divorce him if he took the child back. Oh, the tragic consequences that occur when the most important element of life is missing in relationships, that being "Unconditional Love".

On a personal level, this year in the classroom, I have a clique of young ladies that delight in calling me obscenities when I am in the hall, because I attempt to get them to obey the school rules. Sometimes, I have felt a mixture of emotions in my dealings with them. I know now exactly what Rev. Anna Franz long ago meant when she talked to us in classes about learning "to love the unlovely" means. I pray for my students daily. Many of them have problems that I cannot help them with.

Sometimes my heart cries when I see some of the inhumane things others do to others. I have a friend who has had practically every inhumane thing physically and mentally happen to her. This friend has leukemia added to her physical and mental complications. Also, she has three different doctors who prescribe medications for her. Because these doctors do not work in conjunction with each other regarding her medications, she has suffered a condition of overdose with the medications for which they have put her in the "psyche" ward of the hospital. This has been very demoralizing to her.

Part of the painful part of this is her husband, son and father seem relieved when she is in the hospital because then they don't have to worry about her. Love is not something that is selfish.

I would like to interject here that upon learning of my friend's distressful situation, I got the prayer wagon moving with family and friends and praise Infinite Intelligence my friend was not taken to the psyche ward this time. No one could tell me that the power of prayer does not work.

To give another for instance, toward the end of January, in my period #6, 7th grade Social Studies class, one of my students, a foster child, showed me a letter her real father had sent her from Connecticut. He is a manager living with another woman. Years ago, he had given this little girl up. She didn't explain what had happened to her real mother after she had come to the states from the Phillipines. Her father had tried to take care of her for a while, but put her in a foster home and took off with another woman. He told her in the letter that he would never claim to be her father as he hadn't raised her and many other things. The girl was devastated. She cried for a half hour.

What can we do when the people who are supposed to love us turn their backs? Can you imagine what this devastation is doing and will continue to do to this little 12-year-old. It absolutely breaks my heart.

The great scientist Alex Carrel says this about love:

> "The precept of loving one's neighbor has a double aspect. Explicitly, it commands everyone to love others, but implicitly, it also commands everyone to make themselves worthy of being loved. It is beyond human powers to love the average product of human civilization, that is to say, an individual who is selfish, worse, proud, lazy, envious, intemperate, ill-natured and lubricious. Mutual love will remain a Utopian ideal until we make an effort to give up the habits which render us odious to other people."

What Alex Carrel says is true. Many of us at one time or another, wonder why we have trouble in our human relationships when it is we who do things that other people find disgusting or intolerable.

This reminds me of a conversation I had in my early 20's with a lady friend of mine about male-female relationships and marriages. She stated that a person should make themselves so that they had something to offer another person.

What we were talking about, of course, was that a person should attempt to, as they are maturing, develop admirable characteristics about themselves so that they would have something that another person would want.

A lot of people these days, seem to focus on the concept of what can I get from a particular relationship, instead of what can I give or what do I have to contribute to this relationship.

"For the first time in my life, I saw the truth as it is set into song by so many poets. Proclaimed as the final wisdom by so many thinkers," writes the great Viktor Frankl. "The truth that love is the ultimate and highest goal to which man can aspire. Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart; the salvation of man is through love and in love. I understand how a man who has nothing left in this world still may know bliss, be it only for a brief moment in the contemplation of his beloved."

Truly Mr. Frankl has spoken the truth. Even if a person has no material possessions, is down on his luck, if he is shown love and care by someone, all is not lost. I think we need to be aware of things we do and say that do not show love to others. The following is such a list:

1. Being unkind in any way by something that we say, do in our deeds and our actions.
2. When we ignore a call for help that we could help with.
3. When we become judgmental when we don't have a right to be.
4. Sometimes when we think of ourselves first, when we should think of the other person as well.
5. When we deliberately hurt another person's feelings.
6. When we put unfair conditions on love.
7. When we unfairly try to get our own way in certain circumstances and situations.
8. Things that we say in anger, in the heat of the moment, that we don't mean and later wish we could take back.
9. When we give dirty, condescending looks.
10. Screaming angry words at people.
11. Saying obscenities at them.
12. Giving obscene gestures when they do something you don't like.

Learning to love must come from the heart. It is easy to love people that are close to us, who we want to please and who want to please us and who we want to be our friends. Learning how to love people who are not good to us, who are not spiritually concerned, who really are not concerned if we like or care about them, is who we have to learn how to unconditionally love and is a test of our spiritual growth.

We have to learn that one of the most significant contributions that we can make in this life is by being an example, showing unconditional love to others because by our being this way and showing others unconditional love, then maybe it will serve as a guidepost or be an instrument in helping to change others so they too show unconditional love, thus creating the billiard ball effect.

One may be tempted to ask at this point how or what are the ways that we can show love, unconditional love. They are as follows:

1. To show our respect and love for God by loving others when they behave in unlovely ways.
2. To help others in need.
3. By showing to others in as many ways and as much of the time as possible such characteristics as kindness, respect, unselfishness, attention, patience, understanding and trust.
4. By not putting conditions on your love.
5. By cooperating with others whenever and wherever it is possible.
6. By not fighting and causing disharmony when it is possible.
7. By not always looking for other's ulterior motives in things they do or say.
8. By trying as much of the time as possible not to hurt them deliberately by words or actions.
9. By doing little extras for people to show you care.
10. By showing forgiveness to others when they do something ugly or unkind.
11. By doing special things for people for no other reason other than you care for them.

I would like to share with you now some biblical quotations about love. They are as follows:

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Lev. 19:18

"Thou shalt love the lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might." Deut. 6:5

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Pr. 17:17

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." S of S 8:7

"If ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them." Luke 6:32

"Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great." Luke 6:35

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8:28

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another." Rom. 13:8

"He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."
Rom. 13:8
"By love serve one another."
Gal. 5:13
"Perfect love casteth out fear."
I John 4:18
"If we love one another, God dwelleth in us; and his love is perfected in us."
I John 4:12
"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"
I John 4:20
"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."
I Cor. 13:1-3

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
I Cor. 13:4-7

I would also like to on this Valentine's Day 1988, share some thoughts with you about love that came from the Dictionary of American Proverbs edited by David Kin. They are as follows:

"Love will find a way."
"All's fair in love and war."
"Forced love, like fanned fire will never whet your desire."
"He that falls in love with himself will find no rival."
(Greek Myth - Narcissus)
"Love conquers all things."
"Love knows no obstacles and grows with them."
"Love levels all men down - and up - to the human."
"All mankind loves a lover."
"There is more pleasure in loving than in being loved."
"If you would be loved, love and be lovable."
"The course of true love never did run smooth."

The key to peace and harmony in this life as well as advancing one's soul and spiritual growth is putting the spiritual law of love into daily, hourly, weekly practice. I wish everyone success along their journey in learning to give, share and practice love in this lifetime. After all, perfecting our ability to love helps us with our highest goal and that is to become more God-like.

I would like to end now with an anonymous person's definition of what is love?
It's silence when your words would hurt.
It's patience when your neighbor's curt.
It's deafness when the scandal flows.
It's thoughtfulness for another's woes.
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It's courage when misfortune falls.

Transition

Jeanne Ford, founder of Harmony Chapel N.S.A.C. passed to a higher life January 8, 1988 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Born August 13, 1909 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jeanne Heber McAdams was the eldest of six children.

She attended Penn State University where she met Edwin W. Ford. They were soon married and moved to Avondale, Arizona.

She was very active in community affairs and services including:
American Red Cross, Daughters of the American Revolution and Women's Club. She helped to form and charter the Women's Club.

It was during this period that she and Edwin became interested in Spiritualism. Moving to Phoenix in 1951, Jeanne founded and chartered Harmony Chapel which has been continuously active ever since.

Continuing to be active in clubs, Jeanne joined the Musician's Club and Children's Theatre.

Jeanne led a full and active life until she was stricken with Alzheimer's disease in 1980.

Jeanne's survivors include her daughter: Trina Ford Huerta, three granddaughters: Robynn, Renee and Regina, three great-grandchildren: Samantha, Beniamine and Spencer, two brothers: William and Royal.

Memorial services were conducted January 17, 1988 at Harmony Chapel, with the Rev. Alma Reeves conducting the services which were attended by family and close friends.

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By Rev. Elizabeth R. Edgar, N.S.A.C. Secretary

The Reverend Joseph H. Merrrill, N.S.A.C. president, and the Reverend Alfred A. Conner, newly elected treasurer, spent several days at the N.S.A.C. headquarters in Cassadaga during January.

Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., retiring treasurer, met with Mr. Conner and turned over the treasurer's records.

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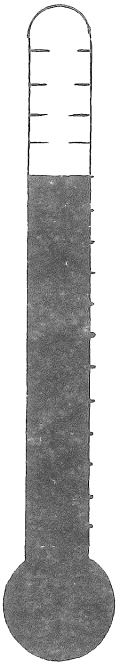
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3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.

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

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

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

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