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Editorial

We Must Learn To Live In Harmony With Natural Law

The recent rains have begun the slow methodical process of coaxing the green back to the neighboring lawns which much of the past summer have been the color of newly harvested wheat straw. One lawn in particular is in the line of view from my office desk, and from this vantage point, I have watched the green slowly return. At first like a few random brush strokes on a canvas of coarse burlap, the areas of green broadened, and the scattered patches of color grew as they reached out to touch one another and merge into one continuous fabric.

Here we see demonstrated the innate healing process which is alive and active in all nature. The human mechanism also possesses this ability to be healed, for in each cell there is an intelligence which is ever working to replenish our bodies both physically and spiritually. This marvelous phenomena we know as the God within.

The year 1988, so far has been a particularly heavy one in many ways. During the past summer we experienced unusually high temperatures. Long periods with little or no rain brought on the drought that has extended over much of our nation. The effects of the summer's drought remain with us, for the adverse growing conditions is responsible for widespread crop failure and the drastic reduction of many crops, food items and agriculture related products along with livestock grazing lands. The drought has also brought about the abnormally dry conditions which have triggered forest fires that have devastated and laid waste thousands of acres of fine timber.

Through the media of television we have witnessed the floods of Bangladesh that have wrought such a measure of destruction to these people who are caught in a maelstrom of a tragic and painful reality.

The specters of famine and disease stalk these troubled areas of our earth. Thousands are homeless, hungry and sick. Human suffering is rampant in various forms throughout our world.

Added to this is the horror of war, bombings, killings and other violence in many forms. The tragedy of Aids is claming an ever increasing number of victims. With all our advanced medical knowledge, we know so little – we have so far to go to find a cure.

Dealers in illicit drugs grow rich, while the lives of those who become addicted to drugs become the tragic losers of the truly good things which life has to offer.

As we consider all these negative realities which encompass the darker side of life, we are looking at the effects – the results of causes that are very real. Some of these causes we understand. Some we do not understand, and some we comprehend only vaguely.

In short we are all living in the midst of a great world-wide demonstration of the Law of Cause and Effect. It is a law which will work either constructively or destructively for good or for ill. There is no escaping from its jurisdiction. It is neither a respecter of individuals nor nations. It can be either generous and richly rewarding, or harsh to the point of utter annihilation.

It is therefore vitally important that we learn to live in harmony with Natural Law!

The answer to solving the problems of the world, or even to approach their solving, lies not in the necessity for more laws, more legislation, more rules and more

Spiritualist Heritage Series

"Liberty Under The Law"

By The Hon. Mark A. Barwise, LL.M.
(From The National Spiritualist – February 1, 1931)

(Editor's Note: This article by the Hon. Mark A. Barwise, LL.M., was written under the pseudonym of Numa Analyticus. It was number 17 in a series of articles entitled "Letters On Spiritualism.")

Over the doorway of the old court house in Worcester, Massachusetts, there was a motto, composed by the late Senator Hoar, which is the basic principle which should guide the life of a free people, and reads: *Liberty under the law.* Not only should this motto be inscribed on the hearts of all Americans, as citizens of the United States, but it should be seared into the souls of all Americans who are members of our organized Spiritualist movement.

In the early days of our movement there was a deep-seated and general opposition to any form of general organization in Spiritualism. The fear of centralized power, whether

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regulations for humanity.

The answer lies in spiritualizing the peoples of the earth – establishing spiritual motivations, not material motivations.

We know that we live in a material world and consequently are in need of material things, but our material world is also a spiritual world and is greatly in need of the attributes of the spirit.

We need to stop waste in every area, conserving our natural resources and protecting our natural environment. We need to better utilize our human resources, the talent and abilities which so often are bypassed and unused, many times because of one's calendar age.

We should teach personal responsibility as we have never taught it before. We need to instill a greater sense of love and compassion for our fellow men.

Spiritualism teaches and emphasizes both Natural Law and personal responsibility.

A sincere approach to Spiritualism and a conscientious application of Spiritualism's teachings will take us a long way toward the mastery of life.

Very shortly we will be meeting at the 96th annual N.S.A.C. Convention at Stamford, Connecticut. Let us make this a joyful occasion as we renew acquaintances and meet new friends, and may we return to our homes with greater enthusiasm and determination to promote our beautiful religion.

I personally found Spiritualism at a time in my life when I faced a future that was complicated by illness, also responsibilities in the midst of adverse conditions which at the time seemed virtually insurmountable.

I personally know what Spiritualism can do – for you for me – for anyone who will accept and use it as a dynamic and abundant way of life.

It CAN make a difference.
WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

political or religious, is inherent in us Americans. It was a struggle to get the Constitution of the United States ratified by the different States, and in several ratifying conventions it was a matter of less than a dozen votes. Our ancestors had suffered so much from the tyranny of Government, and the tyranny of the Church, that the fear of dire results of organization was ingrained in their bones. They could not make it seem real that they themselves were the government. So it was that thousands of Spiritualists were never really reconciled to the organization of the National Spiritualist Association. It has taken two generations for our leaders,the country over, to really grasp the idea that they themselves are the National Association; that they, through their delegates, have all the power and make all the laws; that if there is a condition that demands more law, they have the power to make it; that if a law goes too far, and is abused, they have the power to modify or repeal it; that, in short, they are the *governing power.*

As one of the speakers at the Detroit Convention dwelt upon the fact that it is the consensus of the competent among the controls that should guide us in the presentation of our philosophy, so it should be the consensus of the competent among our leaders that should guide us, and I feel has guided us during the last two decades, in framing our laws. Our laws are in general sufficient for our purposes. They should only be extended as experience under them points the way. As our old friend, Trustee Maxwell, shortly before his transition, said to us: "Our laws are all right; we have laws enough; what we need to do now is to learn to live under them and up to them."

The Constitution and laws of the United States are the rules which the people, through their representative, have declared to be necessary to guide the individual for the safety and well-being of the whole. And this is precisely what our N.S.A. Constitution and By-Laws are, with respect to the safety and well-being of all us Spiritualists. Just as we have the somewhat noisy and yellow section of the press constantly slurring and belittling this or that Federal law, and doing all it can to weaken the general movement, so we have a small but noisy minority of local leaders who are doing all they can to destroy confidence in our National Association and to misrepresent its aims and purposes. Some talked openly this last season at some of our summer camps that they should defy our National By-Laws, and if any attempt was made by the National Board to enforce these By-Laws, they would see to it that their States Associations would secede. They do not know that Liberty must mean Liberty under the Law – under their own law, under the law that they helped to make. They think that liberty means total unrestraint, unbridled license to do anything that may enter their minds, whether or no it accords with what the majority of American Spiritualists have enacted as rules for our organized movement.

The principal business of our organization is, of course, to teach Spiritualism to the world. In order to best carry on that principal business we must present a united front line, with all the units behind working in harmony and in loyal support of that front line. Loyal support for movement can only come from a clear understanding of, and a sympathy for, the aims, methods and purposes of the movement. Then as a vital and supporting activity to our main purpose, we must teach our local leaders the scope, aims and purposes of the laws, rules and practices of our organization. They should become as familiar with our Constitution and By-Laws as they are with their multiplication tables, and so inbued with their fine spirit and lofty purpose that they have the same affectionate loyalty toward them as they do toward our Declaration of Principles.

I know that young people are prone not to take advice, and especially not to take advice from old people, but I would like to urge the National workers, and the officers of our State Associations, to use their influence with the officials of the local societies that they hold a monthly meeting, on a week-day night, for members only, for the study of our National Constitutuon and By-Laws. Let these meetings be in the form of a symposium where each section will be up for discussion, its meaning made clear, and its relation to kindred sections explained. One long Article, or two or three shorter ones, could well be made the subject of one of the lesson-discussions.

If this practice should be rather generally observed by our local societies, before the long June days are here many hundreds of our people would begin to see that the liberty and well-being of each of us depends on his observing and supporting the law for all of us; that our motto, *Liberty under the Law,* is a vital, living principle; would begin to gain a clear and comprehensive understanding of the inner meaning of our laws; would begin to see that through them all one golden purpose runs – that Spiritualism be taught by the proper persons, in the proper way, to a world hungering for the beauty, comfort and grandeur of its unique philosophy.

Personal Rights

By Lynda D. Baymiller, L.M.
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No two people are alike. To each is given that which is individual in mind, body, and spirit. That which is personal is intimate, private, and UNIQUE and can not be duplicated. Likewise, that which is just, orderly, and proper is RIGHT. The combination of these two we will discuss this morning - PERSONAL RIGHTS.

The Divine blessing of Personal Rights begins with ***thinking***. What you think comes from within your mind. It is of your creation and your conclusion (at the same time) of your world and all that is within it. Your thoughts are very special. They belong to you and will change, only as you change your evaluation of information that comes to you through your sight, conversation, experience or thought process. Your thoughts are not in competition with others. Your thoughts are not wrong because others do not agree. People use people to influence them. This can be accomplished when you are willing to give in or give up YOUR thought. This may not be for the correct reason – but as a response to a felt man-made pressure. To be successful and content within yourself, it is imperative that what you advance is yours and truly of your own thinking.

We have been given the sensitivity of ***feeling***. We feel with our physical senses every minute. We also feel with our spiritual and inner senses every minute. This is very important. It may be difficult in daily living to really be able to say whether you feel a certain way or think a certain way because these two processes are interdependent. What is unchanging is that how something feels for you and feels to you is true and real for you. It is as much a perception as it is a physical response. If it feels right for you, it is right! Doubt enters in only when we compromise ourselves and "think" rather than BELIEVE and wander in the world of "wonder if we might be wrong." We may take a poll – usually from close friends or family, to see if others agree that what we feel is what we should feel. As our search for confirmation of our point of view continues we may enter into gossip and further uncertainty receiving for our emotional energy an opinion of another. It is usually not the answer given, but the person we value. For example: " . . . so-and-so said, and that makes it so." How false and sad we are inside. This happens when what we receive doesn't corroborate what we wanted to hear and what we really felt was right for us. So we ask further, confuse ourselves and end up in a stress pattern. ***Trust*** in your own thoughts and feelings, is what was missing.

Our own personal thoughts and feelings do not come to us in a vacuum. They come from the Infinite Intelligence and those Spirit teachers and guides with whom we have a rapport. God knows our needs and wants before we do, and seeks to help us help ourselves by presenting to us those in Spirit who can impress our human condition and bring that to us which we can use for our good and happiness. Therefore, all is not the same for everyone. How boring we would be if, indeed we were nothing more than a mirror of our neighbor.

Our belief in our God, by what ever name you know Him, and through Him, our confidence in ourselves is what enables us to grow and share with each other. It is our ***uniqueness*** which makes us interesting to each other and promotes a feeling of anticipation about the next meeting. The opportunity to compare

notes and gather information for our consideration comes from being the 100% person we-each-are.

We learn from what we think, feel, *say,* and *do.* What we internalize and claim as our own becomes a ***belief*** and a part of us. We take ownership of our being, feeling, thinking, saying and doing. With this understanding comes a word that is usually quite frightening for all the wrong reasons. That word is responsibility. What is wrong about fearing responsibility is that responsibility means ***freedom*** and ***joy.*** It is hard only when we are not 100% ourselves. It is hard when we don't believe what we say, think, feel or do – when we are phony. What follows is the repetition of similar circumstances and encounters in which we are given that choice to handle things differently. We must go back to that which is personal and right for us.

The element that prolongs any avenue other than the one that belongs to us is ***time***. Time is unending. It is full of "todays" not tomorrows. When we are uncomfortable with a thought or condition or person, more often than not we are uncomfortable with ourselves. We tell ourselves that tomorrow would be a better time to face that which we are unsure of. We may have all the right abilities, indeed – done as much as we could to bring good, and considered the well-being of others as we understood it along the way, and still cop out on ourselves and try to wait until "tomorrow." Then we sleep; we wake up to today. We find our personal unfinished business buried within, is not gone and we look again at our right to be real.

I would ask that in being real we say, "Thank You, Father for today; for making it for me and for making me for it." Be the blessed, unique, special person you are, letting all your potential come to your awareness. When you are real and confident enough to know that you are the only YOU God loved enough to make just the way He did, then you can be real for others and you will give them the freedom to show their strength in return.

We need each other. Every contact be it in writing, voice, face-to-face, touch, observation, taste, smell, act or memory gives each of us input and is absorbed within our Triune Being. What we do with it and what comes from it is up to us.

Worry, like fear is not a solution. Because it is unresolved and usually exaggerated, it is a self-inflicted danger and not a conclusion.

Wonderful and intentional is the blessing of the Infinite Intelligence that we are on the earthplane *now*. We may not always think or feel we understand just what our special purpose is, but that is because of human impatience and interference which, too, will subside with our growth in spiritual faith, trust and acceptance of the responsibility of being ourselves. Personal Rights means being ourselves to the ***best of our abilities – not the perceptions of others of our abilities.*** So often I will say "nothing happens by chance." I also say, "no one happens by chance."

When there is an inner compatibility of like minds, it is because there is a mutual respect for the uniqueness and divine order between more than one mind, body and spirit. Use it. Know it. Then celebrate . . . for a friend is a present you give yourself.

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Where Shall We Go From Here

By Rev. Frances Scher, N.S.T.

From this point, at present, what shall we do? What shall we learn? How shall we make our lives better? What will be our foundation when we get to the other side? Do you have answers to these questions? Well, of course there are other questions. But the most important of all questions is, what shall we do, to put Spiritualism before the eyes of the world, and how shall we show the world that Spiritualists belong in the ranks of religious dignity, and should be looked upon with respect?

If we do not respect ourselves, and each other, then why should others respect us? We must show the world, not just our individual states, or churches, but the world, that we are not ignorant people. Just because we do not read from the Bible at our Services, though we may quote from it from time to time. We do know what the Bible contains, and even can quote by heart, some passages, we of course have a different interpretation. We are not uneducated in this respect. However, we must have enough knowledge of our own religion, so that we may show why, and how our interpretation differs from orthodoxy.

How important it is that we have classes in our churches – proper classes – classes that show us, and teach us the most important part of our religion, which is to prove the continuity of life. How do we prove this? First, we must unfold our spirituality, then we begin to develop our psychic ability. As we do this, we are sensitizing our inner beings. We are then raising our rate of vibration. This then opens the doors to the vibrations from the higher expression of life. These points are all necessary, and of vital importance. Of course there are other facets to our development. There is the development of the entire being, the body, mind and spirit. The importance of keeping in order the solar plexus, proper meditation, and the balance of within and without. Without any of these factors, we are really fooling ourselves, as well as everyone else, as to our Mediumship, and as to what kind of Spiritualists we are.

In our classes, in our studies, it is imperative that we are sincere, and in our studies, and our work, we do so with all our heart and soul – with our body, mind, and spirit. We are going to show the people of the Universe, that we have learned much more than orthodoxy teaches, which are the same old lessons, and tales that have long become stagnant. We must show that world what we have done with our knowledge, and through Natural Law, with the guidance, and assistance from our Immortal Teachers. We must show how we too, in this day and age, effected cures for diseases of the body, mind and soul. We must show how we have saved so many from futility, from suicides, from ignorance. So, our education is important. Stop thinking of yourself as being too old, too tired, too sick, not having enough time. We all know, we are our own worse enemy. You are not dignifying your religion.

As we learn and develop our abilities, it is not for the religious facet of our lives alone, but also for the mundane facet, that is a part of the whole. We learn how to live better. We apply all the Laws that govern our lives, God's Laws. We learn the importance of sharing, giving, and accepting. We do indeed learn that we are all sisters and brothers, we are all a part of the whole, like it or not. This is a Natural Law. How much of this do you think Christianity, or Judaism,

or Catholicism, teaches? How many of these facets we have here spoken about, including the Natural Laws, would orthodoxy wish to teach? Are they still calling these Natural Laws, miracles?

Aside from our learning, from the knowledge we receive from the Spirit World, we must learn yet another important lesson. We must begin to wear our badges, our titles, if you will, proudly. If we hold certificates, then we must hold them dearly. If you are not going to show the world your dignity, then why should they respect you, or your title? It is not actually the title we are concerned with here; on the other hand, why be certified, or ordained, if you choose to be called Mister, or Misses? It has nothing to do with orthodoxy, it has to do with the average lay-people, who seem to need something that denotes security, one in whom they can rely on to give them some assurance, in whatever may be their need. Of course when we are socializing, when we are among our friends, and family, we would not expect this formality. I resent however, people not using my title, when I am being introduced for the first time to anyone. There are certain people in my life that call me by a nickname, because they have known me almost since this world began for me, and then, only when we are socializing.

My title does not make me any better, or smarter than anyone else, but it does touch my religion, and me, with dignity, and it does remind people that we had to study, and we had to learn, and pass examinations. It may tend to remind ourselves that we did all this for a reason, with a purpose. The average lay-person, along with other clergy, may not respect Mr. Brown, but may respect more, Rev. Brown. We belittle ourselves, we have not enough pride – however, I must admit some have too m ch pride. If we could learn to like ourselves, without allowing our egos to show, we must then feel inclined at least, to be introduced to the world, properly. And, if we are not so inclined, then why have these titles in the first place?

These are the steps we should be taking, and soon we would know where we go from here. I shall now pose my last question, and I do so fervently. Why is it so much trouble to put on certificates, awards, where it is warranted, Rev. John Smith? You pass a difficult study, or course, and you are supposed to be proud, that there is your name, just as it was done in high school. "Best speller of the ninth grade, James Dimples." Please, I am not being facetious. There are those times when we need not use our titles before our name, but there are definite times when we most certainly should. I am proud to say, "I am Rev. Frances Scher, and I am surely proud of my title. Now, when will we be ready for some changes? This is where we should go from here.



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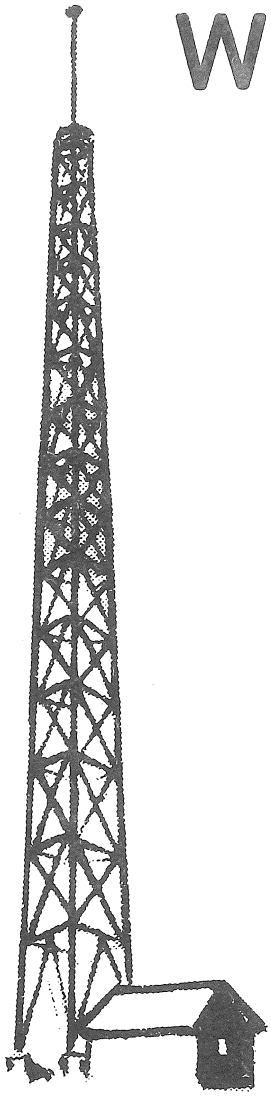
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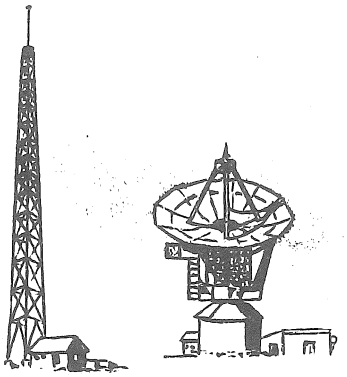
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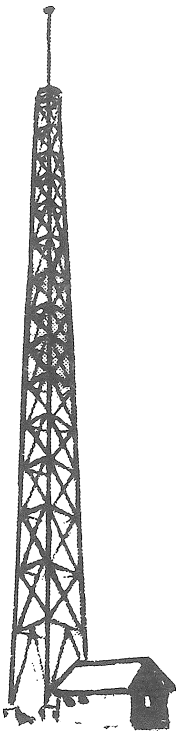
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The first two of five tapes covering Mediumship and Healing were shown at the National Convention in San Diego and a rousing ovation was given the production crew that has brought forth what will be five (5) one-half hour tapes.

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 that are available from the N.S.A.C. office at $25 for each tape, or $125 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.

In the Prayer For Spiritual Healing we find the words "and I will do my part." Do we truly give these words sufficient thought, and even more important, do we make the proper application in our daily lives?

These days we hear a great deal about diet, exercise and positive mental attitudes. Also our attention is brought more and more to our daily intake of sugar, sodium, and cholesterol. If a physician advises us to limit our daily intake of sugar or sodium, we usually think in terms of the sugar or salt that we add to our food when it is on our plate. A dietician alerted me to examine labels on processed food products when buying at the grocery. I was quite unaware how utterly loaded with sodium, sugar, fats and cholesterol the labels of some products reveal.

We must take into account the amount of these items already added to or in our food at the time it reaches our plate.

With 365 days in the year and eating three meals each day (a total of 1,095 meals) along with an evening snack occasionally included, we can see it is very important that these meals supply us adequate nutrition and that our intake of certain items be kept in proper balance. It is up to each of us to maintain control of our diet and nutrition, and we will certainly benefit in the long run by maintaining healthy efficient bodies, and by preventing many harmful effects to our bodies by an over consumption of foods which have an accumulative harmful effect.

Once such a careful scrutiny of our eating habits becomes a daily routine, we have come a long way toward "doing our part."

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(Please Print)

I request Spiritual Healing for:

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because of the following condition _____

I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups-Day _____Night _____

I will send a report of prayer results - Weekly _____Monthly _____

Please apply my love offering of _____for needed supplies at Healing Center.

This Spiritual Healing Request made by:

_____

(Your Name)

_____

(Your Address)

_____

(Your City, State, and Zip Code)

Mailing address: Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, NY 14211. Attn: Mrs. Susan Blessing. 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.

If you are not currently involved with a Healing Prayer Group and would like to be a member of one or wish to organize such a group, please write to the above address and information will be sent to you.

Platform Decorum And Mediumship Part II

By Rev. Pamela K. Ward, N.S.T.

In order to have well organized and informative services we need well trained platform workers. A Platform Decorum and Mediumship class can be very helpful. We cannot expect our services to present Spiritualism in the best light without an order to follow.

In the first half of this series, appearing last month, suggestions were given for a series of classes to let our workers know what is expected of them. The second part of each class would then be devoted to mediumship with emphasis on public messages delivered from the platform.

The previous article covered general appearance, a suggested order of service and the duties of the platform chairperson. We can now look at the suggestions for the speaker, healers, and mediums.

A reminder: Realize that the needs of each church must be considered. You must keep in mind that flexibility is the key to making this class work for your church.

Healing Ministers

This class is not intended to teach all about Spiritual Healing. It is impossible to do in only one class. Much more time is required and a complete course in healing should be offered at another time with encouragement to take the Morris Pratt Healing Course.

Healing Ministers should go to the healing room or area before the service. Although it is normally taken care of by the Platform or Healing Chairperson, it is a good idea to check on water and paper towels, healing stools, music etc. Vibrations in the healing room or area are important. Keep conversation to a minimum.

Don't forget to wash your hands *before* you begin healing. We all come in contact with a lot of different objects and people before a service. Different odors can collect on our hands and they may be offensive to our patients.

Everyone who works in the service should be careful not to over perfume themselves, but this is most important to a Healing Minister. Some people are allergic to perfumes and others who have respiratory problems may find it difficult to breathe.

This is a good time to remind our workers of local laws that affect Spiritual Healing. In most areas, Spiritual Healers can not diagnose or prescribe unless they hold a medical degree. It is often suggested that contact not be made with the physical body below the shoulders, except for the hands. Be careful not to massage. The hands must be lifted when moving from one position to another where contact is allowed.

Prayers should be silent. Elaborate displays, motions and emotions are discouraged. Take time for proper attunement. Remember, God is the ultimate source of healing, you are the channel. Proper attunement is necessary for good results. Achieve peace and quiet. Ask your healing guides for direction and assistance.

Have confidence that healing will occur. Be positive in your thinking. See the patient well and in harmony with Natural Law. Be pleasant and show concern. Develop a rapport with the patient.

Never let a patient think that Spiritual Healing should take the place of medical healing. Let them know they work best together.

At the close of the healing session, give your sitter some sign that the healing has come to an end. It can be

a phrase such as, "God go with you" or "God bless you." It should be short and spoken softly so you do not disturb the other healers. Give a prayer of thanks to Infinite Intelligence and your healing guides.

Leave the healing area clean and neat for the next session. This can be done before you leave the room or area or after the service.

Being a Healing Minister is a very responsible position. Treat it and your patient with respect. Be reverent in your conduct.

The Sermon

Your appearance and presentation will have a lot to do with the receptivity of the content of your speech. Refer to the section on General Appearance.

Presentation is very important. A good sermon can be lost with poor presentation. It is generally accepted that experienced speakers use few or no notes at all. I must say though, some of the best sermons I have heard were read completely.

Some people receive their best inspiration in writing. If you work best this way, make sure to prepare your material in advance. Then go over it aloud several times so you know it well enough to get a nice flow to the words.

A good way to deliver a sermon and not lose continuity of subjects is to write key words or topics on an index card. Then you can go from one idea to the next without stumbling or searching for the next idea. Remember, don't play with the notes.

There are many inspirational speakers in our churches. Some are good, many are not. Be fair to Spirit, the congregation and yourself. Try several each way, then ask a few people who are at liberty to give you their opinion. There is nothing wrong in relying on your own knowledge. This is also of God.

A member of the congregation told me recently that she always shuddered when the speaker began his/her sermon, "While on the way here this morning, I was deciding on the subject for today's service." The Boy Scouts of America have a great motto, "Be Prepared."

Know your subject so you can present it with confidence. Be enthusiastic about it and then show your enthusiasm with hand gestures and volume of speech. A monotone voice is hard to concentrate on after the first five minutes.

Be aware of the time limit of the sermon you are to deliver. If you use a prepared sermon, go over it, shorten or lengthen it to fit the time given. If you work inspirationally, ask your guides to keep you within the time allowed. But, remember, you are in charge. It is your responsibility to serve in the manner that has been agreed upon.

Select a subject that is educational, uplifting, inspiring and has something to do with Spiritualism and Infinite Intelligence. We have all heard sermons that never mention Spirit, Spiritualism or God. While these sermons were of a self-help nature, the church is a place to also be reminded of the God within us and our brothers and sisters.

At the end of the sermon, give a brief summary of the ideas you would like remembered. This will probably be remembered best.

Message Minister

Many of our guests visit our churches for the first time for a spirit message. It is important then for the message ministers to do a good job in their delivery and to prove that part of our philosophy which pertains to the continuity of life.

Know your time limit and order of working if there is more than one medium to serve at the service. You should know this *before* you enter the sanctuary.

A hymn will usually precede the Spirit Greetings. This is a perfect time for good attunement. You may also want to say a silent prayer. Attunement and prayer are preferably done before you take your place at the lectern.

Realize that you are there for Spirit and be happy to do it. Spirit communication is a beautiful experience and should be reflected in your facial expressions. We have all seen mediums working who look like they do not want to be there. If you didn't want to be a public medium, don't accept the appointment. If you do want it, make it from the heart and enjoy it. Smile, love and be happy.

If you are there for Spirit, then it follows that spirit identification is important. I recently heard a medium who gave spirit identity to one out of eight messages delivered. If the message is from a spirit entity, that entity deserves to be identified to the sitter. Isn't the purpose of spirit communication to prove the continued existence and individuality after the change called death? It is lazy and careless mediumship that does not include spirit identification.

Keep your messages short. Remember, Spirit Greetings are just that, greetings, not readings.

The content of the messages should be of course what you receive from Spirit. But deliver the message in a positive way. Nothing sounds and feels worse than one negative message after another. Be careful of your wording, there is always a nice way to say something or a positive side to see. *Don't color.*

Be careful with personal messages that are delivered in public. Not everything has to be said for the

Letter To The Editor

Dear Herbert Ray Worth:

I would like to receive The National Spiritualist Magazine earlier in the month. I am receiving it at the end of the month or the following month. I will appreciate it.

Thanks.

Respectfully,
Milagros G. Rivera
New York

Dear Milagros G. Rivera:

Please know that we at the Summit Publications Office are making every effort to bring out The National Spiritualist magazine so that it will reach our readers at the beginning of the month of issue.

Our staff presently consists of only three full time employees – the Editor, Design Artist and Printer. We three carry on the work at the office with the help of a part time typesetter who is also employed in a full time position, which necessitates that she do our typesetting after our regular working hours – on evenings and weekends.

A year ago, our staff consisted of additional full time employee, the Business Manager, who resigned at the end of November 1987. Another part time employee worked at the office four days a week. These two employees did the typesetting for The National Spiritualist magazine.

Even working short handed, we are moving forward, thanks to our present dedicated employees.

We are sure The National Spiritualist magazine will be reaching you at the beginning of the month very soon. The October 1988 issue should reach you about the first week of October.

Thank you for your interest.

Very sincerely,
Herbert Ray Worth
Editor

Platform Decorum
(continued)

message to get across.

Some mediums seem to be totally unaware of anything they are doing while giving messages. It seems as though some of the frills that they wear distract or bother them once they are attuned to spirit. This applies to jewelry, pocket change and even shoes! Please discourage student mediums from doing a mini-strip at the lectern.

Speaking of pocket change and jewelry, it should be noted that these items can become a "toy to play with" along with anything else that may be on the lectern. This is very distracting for the congregation and gives a very poor image of our workers. Can you imagine a fine speaker being preoccupied with a paper clip, or even worse, a rubber band?

Try not to point at the person you want to give a greeting to. It is better to identify them by the color they are wearing or the seat or row they occupy.

Lastly, stand straight and proud with respect for the congregation and Spirit. Keep behind or close to the lectern. Speak up nice and loud, even if the message is for someone sitting close to you. If the rest of those present cannot hear you, they will find things to discuss among themselves and this can be most distracting for everyone, especially you.

Many of the first-time visitors come to our services with preconceived ideas that are erroneous. They should leave the service feeling inspired and respectful of Spiritualism.

There are many people involved in a service and each one must do his/her part well. A really good service looks like a well rehearsed ballet where everyone knows the steps and performs them at the proper time.

It is our responsibility, each one of us, to create the image we can be proud of. We want our churches and religion to grow. We want our membership to increase. People will return if they see knowledgeable and loving people enjoying the truth of life.

Directory of Ministers

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON - Church of Two Worlds,
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dyer, 2912 N. 7th St. Arlington, VA 22201; Secy., Judith Snider, 12415 Hickory Tree Way, Germantown, MD 20874, (301) 972-5684.

FLORIDA

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; Pastor, Rev. Pamela K. Ward, (407) 857-1573; Pres., Jean I. Lerch, (407) 834-5378; Secy., Sandra M. Thomas, (407) 277-3643

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, Inc.,
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, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Diane L. Cizunas, 251 Park Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pastor-Pres., Mrs. Helen Lopotowski, 4050 N. Oriole, Norridge 60634, (312) 452-8754; Secy., Mrs. Anna Habenicht, 5925 W. Byrn Maur 60646; Mr. Fred Detzner, Conductor every second Sunday after Church Service.

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 Serv. 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 - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:30 a.m., Lyceum every third Sun.; Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Sec; 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.

LEROY - J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church,
102 S. Pearl St.; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 12:30 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter; 313 E. Center St. 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, IL 61761, (309) 452-1738; Secy., Terri Baumgartner, 404 W. Oakland, Apt.1, Bloomington, IL 61701, (309) 828- 0872.

INDIANA

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
Pres., Rev. William F. Melick, 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, 46220; Secy., Doris Copeland, 5096N 300E Greenfield IN 46140, (317) 326-2523.

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St., P.O. Box 8151, 46898; Sun. Lyceum Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Philosophy class 6:00 p.m. (Sept. - May, 1st & 3rd Sun.); Sun. & Thurs. Services 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernice Brock; Assoc. Pastors, Rev. Jay Fisher & Rev. Ed Cummings; Secy., Jeanne Navarro.

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.

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., Herbert Ray Worth, (317) 251-4889, Secy., Edith Myers, (317) 248-9773.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
314 W. Coolspring Ave.; Correspondence to: P.O. Box 8923, 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W. Daphne Park 46360, (219) 872-6621;, Secy., Carleen Boyle, 2878 W. Small Rd. LaPorte, IN 46350.

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 pm., 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, 5096 N. 300 E. Greenfield IN 46140, 326-2523.

PERU - First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church,
62 S. Miami St., 46970; Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Anita Wentz, 16509 State Road 120, Bristol, IN 46507; Secy., Virginia 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 - Sat. 9:00 a.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 L. Conley, 50 Windy St., 04330; Secy., Carole Rideout, Birmingham Rd., Chelsea, 04345; Treas., Lyndell Heald, Rt. 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,
Rte. #1 Box 4 Etna, ME 04434. May - Sept. Only; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Lyceum Sun. 10:00 a.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arlene Sikora, (207) 269-3451 & (207) 938-2807; Pres., Willadeen Dew, Box 105, 04434; Secy., Florence Seavey, Rte. #1 Box 4, 04434, (207) 269-4334.

PORTLAND - Portland Spiritualist Church,
180 Sawyer St., So. Portland, 04106; Servs. Sun. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Thomas Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 767-3611; Pres., Sheila Werner, P.O. Box 14, New Gloucester, 04260; Secy. Agnes E. Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 767-3611.

MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church,
54 Glenwood St., 02401; Services - Sun. & Thurs. Healing & Devotional 7:00 p.m.; No Sun. Serv. June, July, & Aug.; Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St., 02402, 587-5107; Pres., Gerry Allain, (401) 437-0703; Secy., Mary Lou Lambert, (617) 659-2952; Church Phone: (617) 586-7671.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist),
37 Lowell St. 01844 (In Chapel of Methodist Church ;) Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Pastor, Stephanie Frobese, 54 Connolly Rd., Pinehurst, 01866 (617) 677-6437; Secy., Paul E. Butzien, 33 Lynn St,. Lawrence, 01843 (617) 794-1473.

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; Pres., Mr. George Christman, 32 Flynt St., Palmer MA 01069, (413) 283-7496; Secy., Mrs. Elizabeth Vancour, 904 High Path Dr., Windsor, CT 06095, (203) 688-3259.

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Rev. Norma W. McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 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., Lyceum meets Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. Otto Allen, 419 Pearl, Petosky, 49770; Secy.. Ralph B. Cheney, 7453 Old 31 Rt. 3, Charlevoix, 49720, (616) 347-3899.

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.

LESLIE – Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00, Church Service 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506, (616) 241-2761; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 808 State St., Jackson, 49202, (517) 787-0422.

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

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; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale, 48220; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220, (313) 542-0784.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. 9th St.; Mailing Address - P.O. Box 3652, Duluth MN 55803-3652; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Eugene Johnson, 1301 Harrison, Superior WI 54880, Secy., Linda Larson, 301 Osakis St. 55803, (218) 728-2881.

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.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY - Ninth Spiritualist Church,
2301 Van Brunt Blvd., 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Harry Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138; Secy., Marcella Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138, (816) 761-9365.

KANSAS CITY – The Light of The World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
5112½ E. 27th St., 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Mollie Foreman, N.S.T., 2825 Denver, 64128.

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)

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, N.S.A.C.,
Secy., Helen L. Camp, 867 No. Lamb Blvd. 89100

NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN - Fourth Spiritualist Church,
28 N. 26th St., Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119-D Haddon Hills Apts., Crystal Lake Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

NEW YORK

ALBANY - The Capital District Spiritualist Church,
1011 Troy-Schenectady Road 12110; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes Mon. - Thurs., Open Seances Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Windows To Your Soul Bookstore open weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Robinson, N.S.T., (518) 783-1315.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church,
97 Riverside Dr. 13905 (607)723-0695; Sun. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Howell, 97 Riverside.

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, N.S.A.C.,
493 Clinton Ave. (2R) 11238; Serv. 1st & 3rd Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Secy., Willette Law, 10 Argyle R #6C, 11218 (718)282-8542.

BUFFALO - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood,
1980 Bailey Ave. 14211, (716) 892-5277; Sun. Lyceum Serv. 10:30 a.m., Director, Mrs, Marilyn Shei; Healing Serv. 11:30 a.m., Worship Serv. 12:00 p.m., Mediums Day 2nd Sun. every month, Dinner 1:00 p.m., Message Serv. Every Wed. 7:00 p.m., Classes, Seminars, Consultations & Special Activities available contact Pastor or President for further information; Pastor, Rev. Sharon L. Lynch, N.S.T., 11 Fourth St., Lily Dale 14752, (716) 595-3274; Pres., John Renzo, 90 Gibbons Rd., Lackawana 14218.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple,
29 Temple Pl. 14052; Sun. Healing 6:45 p.m., Lecture & Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Mediums Day 4th Sun. of month, Lecture & Message Serv. 3:30 & 7:30 p.m., Dinner 5:00 p.m., All Message Serv. 6:00 p.m., Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Coffee Hour 9:00 p.m., Adult & Children Lyceum Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Spencer, N.S.T., Box 511 Delevan 14042; Secy., Charlene Kleinschmidt, 1071 Wish Circle 14052, (716) 652-4972.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church,
Sun. Serv. Healing & Devotional 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June), Fri. evening Development Class 7:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Lois Theis, Director; Pres., Sharon Earsing; Secy., Louis Wyszynski, 14752, (716) 595 3132; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.,
15 Oak St., Patchogue 11772; Service alternate Sundays 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen 737-4651; Secy., Rev. Virginia Berg, 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook 11741 (516)588-1442.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,
175 Carter St. 14621 (716)544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ronald Skowronski, 1100 Ave. "D" 14621 (716)266-5617.

OHIO

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., 1235 W. Prospect Rd., Ashtabula 44004; Secy., Caroline Taylor, 850 N. Meridian Rd., Apt. 610, Youngstown 44509 (216)792-8633.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church,
4320 Main Ave.; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; Pres., Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056; Secy.-Treas., Dorothy A. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation,
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m. with Lyceum, All Message Serv. every 4th Fri.; Pastor, John S. Matrunick, 11 Woolley Park, Box 7, Ashley, 43003, (614) 747-2352.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden,
1751 Aberdeen Ave. 43211; Devotional Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Rev. Neil C. Griffen, Conductor, Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Private Readings 1st & 3rd Fri. each month 7:00 p.m.; Pres., David H. Ereira; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen; Secy., Lois E. Ereira, 280 Triumph Way, Gahanna 43230 (614)475-3250.

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
848 Clover St. 45410; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., All message Serv. 4th Sat. 7:30 p.m; Pres., Ray Moschke, 1468 Ironwood Dr., Fairborn 45324 (513) 878-1165; Pastor, Juanita M. Luppeti; Secy., Vanita Scholl, 1330 B Black Forrest Dr., West Carrolton, OH 45449.

KENT- First Spiritualist Church,
146 W. Oak St., 44240; Serv. 2:00 p.m. Sun.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church,
667 Henry St. 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Dorothy Beveridge, 249 Uhler Ave. 43302; Secy., Helen Brown, 400 Deleware Ave. 43302 (614)387-5834.

MARENGO - The Spiritualist Temple of Light,
1463 Co. Rd. 24, 43334; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor & Secy., Frank Staats, P.O. Box 217, Ashley 43003; Pres., Ardella Staats (419)864-4655.

MASSILLON - Sanctuary of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C.,
224 North Ave. N.E. 44646 (216) 832-9764; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Douglas D. Shanklin, 224 North Ave. N.E. 44646 .

SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
Services 1:30 p.m., 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays March thru December;Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 1629 Franklin Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808 (219)426-6793.

YOUNGSTOWN - First Spiritualist Church,
323 W. LaClede 44511; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mark S. Fellows, 162 Maywood Dr. 44512; Secy., Mary E. Burkett, 168½ Maywood Dr. 44512 (216)782-9600.

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Orpha V. Neal, P.O. Box 376, Kellyville 74039; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., Midwest City 73110 (405)732-7975.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church,
2348 N.W. 36th St.; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Joseph F. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St. 73110; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St. 73110 (405)732-7975.

TULSA - Tulsa Spiritual Light Church,
123 Xanthus St. 74104; Serv. Sun. & Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Margaret C. May, (same address); Secy., Anna L. Stiver, 1912 E. 5th St. 74104, 582-5945.

PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., John E. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona, Philadelphia 19121 (215)232-9219; Secy., Rev. Bertram C. Frace, 2044 Ridgelawn Ave., Bethlehem, 18018 (215)868-5476.

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,
1123 Oak St. 18102; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Sharon Politz, 223½ N. 2nd St. 18102 (215)434-3607; Pastor, Rev. B.C. Frace (215)868-5476.

HARRISBURG - First Spiritualist Church,
1221 S. 19th St. (rear) 17104; Sun. Healing 2:15 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Secy., Lawrence A. Peterman, 1913 Arlington St., Apt. 1A, Camp Hill 17011 (717)737-1835.

MCKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church,
809 Locust St. 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 42 Crawford Village 15132; Secy., Patrick Rebold, 5017 Dearborn St., Pittsburgh 15224 (412)661-0521.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church,
423 S. Broad St. 19147; Lyceum Sun. 2:00 p.m., Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Mr. John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St. 19121 (215)232-9219.

PHILADELPHIA - Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church,
Rising Sun & Park Aves.; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Healing-Sermon-Messages, Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m. Healing and Messages; Pres., Robert E. Gee, 4 Forest Hill Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Pastor, Elizabeth H. Benetz, 1116 Story Lane, Gladwyne 19035; Secy., Maria E. Whitaker, 1812 Edgewood Pl., Clementon, NJ 08021.

TEXAS

TEXAS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
3523 Beauchamp St., Houston 77009 (713)864-0474; Pres., C.D. Jessup, III; Secy., Marie W. Smith,12534 Enchanted Path, Houston 77044 (713)458-7035.

AUSTIN – First Spiritualist Church,
4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway, (512) 327-2769 after 6:00 p.m.

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church,
802 S. College St. 76520. Sun. Serv.: 10:30 A.M.; Pastor, Frances Brown, 2731 S. Congress #3105, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 447-2188; Healing Serv.: 11:30 A.M.; John Caporusso, 4902 Wind River Rd., Austin, TX 78759, (512) 345-9389; Pres., Pearlie Krenek, (817) 697-3027; Secy.-Tres., Regina Hairston, P.O. Box 1152, Cameron, TX, (817) 697-3862; Organist, Zelma King.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church,
3606 Howell St.; Sun. Serv. 10:45 a.m. (Last Sun. of each month 2:00 p.m.); Pastor, Mr. Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, 4653 Cedar Tone Dr.75211, 331-8236.

EL PASO - Luz Y Verdad Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
3523 Beauchamp St. 77009 (713)864-0474; Lyceum & Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, Charles D. Jessup, III; Secy., Marie W. Smith. 12634 Enchanted Path 77044 (713)458-7035; (Jovita Garcia, Lyceum Director 2:30 p.m.).

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel,
1627 Pan Am Express Way N.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz; Secy., Margie de la Portilla, 8410 Starcrest 78218 (512)653-0646.

TAYLOR – First Church of Psychic Science, N.S.A.C.,
West Fourth St. & Ferguson; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Social last Sat. each month; Rev. E.L. Actkinson, 5709 Dana Dr.; Acting Pastor & Secy. Pro tem, Mrs. Frances L. Brown, 2731 S. Congress, Apt. 3105, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK - Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
307 W. 37th St. 23508; Devotional Serv. Sun. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Fred H. Brown, 622 W. Princess Anne Rd. 23517, (804) 627-7015; Secy., Ms. Hazel Bowen, c/o Christian Metaphysical Chapel.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
P.O. Box 786, Milton 98354 (206)927-2050; Pres., Merton B. Boss, 1802 S. Adams, Tacoma 98405 (206)759-7144; Secy., Karen Hicks, P.O. Box 786, Milton 98354.

PUYALLUP - First Spiritualist Church,
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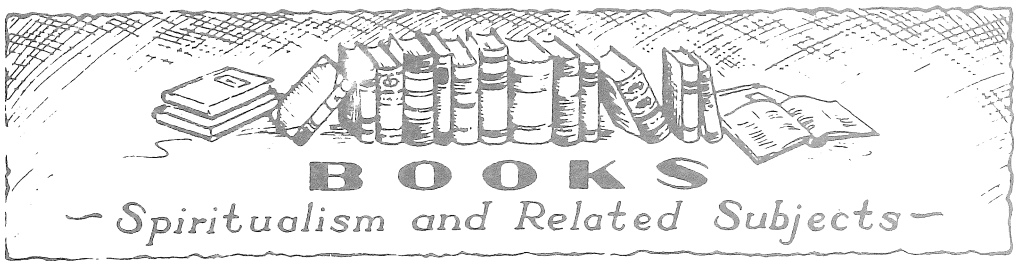
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By Brother John
(From Psychic News)

In these articles I rarely if ever touch upon secular matter, preferring to confine my efforts to dealing with subjects of a spiritual nature – life, soul development, destiny, death, and the future. These exert a strong fascination for all growing minds, and the importance of acquiring knowledge about them cannot be over estimated.

We cannot know too much of truth, and I, for one, cannot believe that the Great Spirit has placed a limit on the growth of man's understanding, or his capacity for spiritual conquest.

The universe is full of truth awaiting discovery, and I am convinced there is an answer to every problem that besets humanity. It is the privilege of every one of us to seek and find those answers, and if we go the right way to work, success must inevitably follow.

To ponder on these points is to marvel at the prevailing attitude of representatives of orthodox religion. Almost every week we read in Psychic News reports of these so-called spiritual leaders and their condemnation of a doctrine which happens to differ from their own. I mean, of course, Spiritualism.

Our teachings and claims seem to enrage these people to the extent that they will go to any length, no matter how unspiritual, to discredit us. Why should this be? What do they fear from us? We are willing to undergo investigation, but often those who shout loudest against us have never investigated Spiritualism or have any intention of ever doing so.

Yet Spiritualism is as old as human history. In all ages there have been revelations and manifestations which could only have come from an unseen world. The phenomena of Spiritualism cannot be explained by ordinary physical laws.

Some time ago I wrote here of the obvious relation to Spiritualist activities which are to be found in the Bible – a book religious fundamentalists regard as the word of their God. Can they explain this? Perhaps it is time *we* threw down the gauntlet and challenged them to prove the validity of their criticisms and denouncements.

Spiritualism has, through the agency of mediums, established communication between this world and the next, making it possible for thousands if not millions of people to receive messages and proof of identity from departed relatives, friends and others. The great truth that life continues beyond the grave has meant that Spiritualism has brought a tremendous blessing to mankind.

Of course it was inevitable that this would arouse many prejudices and disturb old-established institutions. It changed popular opinions regarding heaven, hell, angels and the resurrection. It modified current conceptions of the afterlife.

Active opposition and bitter enmity arose in various quarters, especially in connection with the established churches and rival religious organizations, and this has continued to the present day. But it must be a bitter pill indeed for these antagonistic forces to swallow, that there is no movement which has made more headway than Spiritualism.

During the present century many creeds and dogmas have crumbled before the tidal wave of spiritual revelation given through mediums, and which eventually will sweep away old theologies and systems of thought which have been the bulwark of centuries. But tides ebb and flow, and perhaps just now it is

Education Speaks For Itself

Morris Pratt Institute Association – Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary

Each month The National Spiritualist magazine will feature the writings from a student who is currently taking the Educational Course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is Thomas B. Haldane, Portland Spiritualist Church, Portland, Maine.

Fear is really a synonym for misunderstanding, and that is how man is apt to approach the study of the Universe. He wishes to Understand that which is about him and also that which directs all that is about him. However, he is apt to approach all of this in fear and misunderstanding, and thus he misses the path to the Infinite Spirit which is the directing element of all that is.

It is quite evident that for countless centuries man has believed that there is a Directing Intelligence which controls the Universe and that this Infinite Spirit whom men call God, Allah and by many other names rules supreme. It seems that men however find it difficult to realize that their own spirit is a part of this Infinite Being and that this portion of their being survives the dissolution of their physical bodies and that there are instances of communication between those spirits and those still in the flesh.

A careful study of what man knows of this world (universe) by studies of the many sciences which he has absorbed, should assist him in greater understanding of the Natural Laws of the universe and thus reassure him of the preservation of all that is both physical and spiritual. His religious studies should bring to him the assurance that spirits have communicated with man since the earliest of times and in many differing ways.

Man's studies of the geological, anthropological and archeological aspects of the planet should assure him that Infinite Spirit wastes nothing and that though something may be seemingly destroyed it is really only altered in appearance and usage.

The geological studies of the planet have shown that there have been many upheavals of the earth's crust and that there have also been

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on the ebb.

But we must not let this discourage us. The truth of Survival is solid as a rock. So is that of spirit communication. And whilst these are only a part of the foundation of Spiritualism, they represent a truth which nothing and no one can destroy. And with the mention of "truth" I go back to the theme with which I commenced this article.

We cannot, I have said, know too much about truth, and particularly that of a spiritual nature. But how to recognize it is a problem. Established institutions and so-called authorities do not necessarily know truth and may be in great error. A belief, unless founded on fact, is not truth. An opinion is not truth. Truth demands that all things be proven.

Truth is not confined to any one age, individual, church, teaching or doctrine. And though Spiritualism does not claim a monopoly of it, the fact remains that what it *does* claim *has* been proven.

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Mrs. Worcester was a sister-in-law of the Reverend Evelyn L. Muse.

many other drastic changes such as ice ages, really major flooding and shifts of the earth's axis. Anthropological studies have shown that man in one form or another has existed on this planet for several millions of years and that they have lived everywhere that we can explore including areas that are presently submerged under water. He has also had his ascensions and declinations in development and particularly in his mental stages. This would also suggest that his spiritual stages had their variations as well.

Archeologically, man has also progressed and retrogressed. Remains of structural progressions and retrogressions have also been found and studied by modern man. Some of these have been truly amazing to us. These include the pyramids of Egypt and of Central and South America. There are remnants of huge structures in the Andes Mountains which are amazing both as to their size overall and also as to the means by which such huge stones could have been moved to such heights of rare atmosphere.

Man's studies of man and his advancements and retrogressions in all of the above have also indicated that man has through all of this had an awareness of his spiritual self and here too there are shown to be progression and retrogression. All of the above have been by varied stages during any particular time period in history.

Mythology has also entered into man's study of mankind and his rise and fall. It enters also into the changes of the earth's surfaces.

Mythology, which is very likely somewhat based on truths in allegorical form, has brought to us tales of submerged civilizations in the ocean deeps. As there is positive evidence in the geological studies of the earth that those areas of our highest mountains were once submerged, it is only reasonable to believe that those now submerged areas of the earth were at one time exposed to the atmosphere and the sun. If this may be at this time believed, it is only logical to believe that man may well have existed on these areas and that he may have had civilization there as well.

It is not therefore, unreasonable to affirm a belief that Infinite Intelligence will continue to preserve and support all that is in this Universe including spirit and his man clad form as we know it.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is my personal belief that this Universe will continue throughout eternity and that there will be progressions and retrogressions in all aspects of spirit, matter and energy forever. I cannot believe that Infinite Spirit ever wastes any of the aspects of Spirit Infinite in any way but merely changes them as progression comes about.

I BELIEVE IN INFINITE SPIRIT!

Facing Your Fears And The Spiritual Value Of Conflict

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

At this time I would like to spend a short while discussing the idea that in this new age it is necessary for spiritual growth that one learn to face his worst fears, and expand beyond them. In addition, I would like to speak about the value of conflict to one's spiritual growth.

This year, 1988, has a lot of spiritual significance to it. If one looks closely at the eights, they will be reminded of the sign of infinity. It appears more than ever that people are having to face hard times, tough situations, make difficult choices, that are an aid to spiritual growth.

In these last few years there has seemed all over the world to be an increase in natural, man-made disasters, earthquakes, famines, plane crashes and such. More and more as time goes on people will have to choose life. When one chooses life, he will have to be equipped to deal with facing terrible fear and conflict.

A little story that illustrates this is what happens to a glass of water that has dirt in the bottom of the glass when you stir it up? All of the dirt starts to rise to the top. This is sort of what it is like when some of our deepest fears that we have pushed way down inside of ourselves start to rise to the top.

This year, 1988, seems to have caused a stirring up of the pot for a lot of people. On a personal level, one of my fears, due to what I've seen in my family and close personal friends, has to deal with health and going to the hospital. We know that through the Spiritual Laws of desire and attraction that we attract to ourselves the negative sides of these laws as well.

I had to face one such fear this summer when going to the hospital for my hysterectomy. I had put this operation off for five years partially out of fear of going into the hospital and going under the surgeon's knife. Consequently, I had a very fearful thing happen post surgery when my blood pressure dropped to 40 over 0 and all sorts of people were sticking me with things, hooking me up to different kinds of machines to monitor heart, lungs and things. It was a very scary night and early morning at the time, I did not face up to it very well, but I did learn we can manifest our own worst fears about something.I intend to try not to do this again in the near future.

A lady friend of mine being unable to face her fears because of a terrible assault on her person has had nothing but emotional difficulties, problems with her family, getting nowhere in her workman's compensation case, immense physical problems for the past nine years.

Because she refused to deal with her fears, because she refused to look at police mug shots of the individual who assualted her, the man has never been caught and as late as early this summer, he called and threatened harm to her and her family by phone after nine years. I am not judging this dear friend, but I am trying to point out that we can cause ourselves immense difficulties by not taking action to face our worst fears.

Many people that I know today have teenagers at this point in time. Those who do are in constant fear about their teenagers because of drugs, disease, alcohol, problems with the law, etc. Because we who have teenagers realize the significance of peer pressure on our teenagers and how easily some of them are led astray, we live in constant fear everytime they go out the door. At the high school where my daughter goes to school, there was a

drug raid this last year in which twenty-two students were picked up for dealing drugs. My daughter told me afterwards that someone had approached her earlier in the year as a freshman, as to whether she would like to deal drugs, and that she could make four hundred dollars a day. Thankfully, she did not fall for this one, but I found out that while she was in the eighth grade, she had tried marijuana and speed one time. One of her friends since elementary school days who has spent time in our home, had to go to Charter Oak this year because of his alcohol addiction.

One of the two ways that I've tried to deal with my fear about my daughter is to keep an open door to discuss teenage problems. I have watched specials on television with her and discussed them afterwards.

Somehow as parents we can't give up; we just have to just keep talking, just keep communicating with our teenagers even though the discussions get very heated and a lot of conflict seems to be stirred up. As parents or as teenagers, there is no perfect blueprint on how to deal with the many problems, conflicts that arise, but if we can remember them, there is soul growth when one successfully handles the conflict that comes his direction, perhaps we can have perseverance that it takes to get through some most trying times.

Another area which is a lot of concern to many people today and is a source of fear and conflict is their job or employment. Here again there are many involved in this if over the past few years one has kept up with how many steel workers have lost jobs, how many farmers have had to give up their farms, plant closings causing the loss of thousands of jobs due to advanced technology, phasing out older workers with pension rights, employers who have taken their factories overseas due to cheaper labor costs. This is a legitimate concern that people have about being able to provide for their families. Some of the individuals have not dealt with this concern very well. I recently heard a discussion on a late night television show about a new book that has been written about downward mobility in this country. There seems to be a trend of workers who have lost their jobs, found some other type of employment, but at a much lower rate of pay. It is the contention of the author of this book that people who have suffered downward mobility will never have what they once had.

Others in our society have never gotten another job, have become homeless persons, etc. thus causing a whole new range of problems that must be dealt with.

It is normal for people to have fears about their jobs and being able to provide for themselves and their families, but they must not let these fears overcome them because these fears will become their realities.

I too, have had fears about my job as a teacher. The fears have caused some unpleasant situations, health problems, etc., conflicts. But I have had to learn how to face these things and am still doing so. One must constantly have the attitude and ask from the heavens what is it that I need to learn from this for my soul's growth? One cannot allow oneself the luxury of fear, depression, anxiety, feeling sorry for oneself, because these feelings only compound the problems and cause fuzziness to one's thinking process when the thinking process needs to be clearer than ever before.

These are the very times one has to pray harder, meditate more, study more in depth so that through the higher self and with God's help one can figure out what one needs to do next in solving his problems and conflicts. One must remember it is not the amount of meditation that one does that counts, but the intensity, quality and sincerity of one's meditation that will help to effect the changes, answers that one needs.

It is interesting to see what some people in our society do with the physical level of growing old and less desirable looking. I can't believe the amount of surgeries, hurt, pain, people are willing to undergo to take away this or that wrinkle, or to suck fat out of the body from this or that place and put it into another place just to look what they consider to be more desirable. (Liposuction)

What if these same people were just as concerned about fixing their souls or soul development? Makes one stop and think doesn't it?

Many people experience fears about love and never having the right partner in life. These souls must be taught that they must give out what they need most first, before they will get what they need. They must be loving and give out love before they will receive love. They must learn to love themselves as well.

In Vernon Howard's little booklet about how to ***Conquer Anxiety and Frustration,*** he says that one can start in the right direction of conquering his anxieties and fears by being willing to do the four following things:

1. "To drop habitual but useless ideas;

2. To value truth above all else;

3. To be wrong if necessary; and

4. To let nothing block your search."

Let's take a look at these ideas for a moment.

To drop habitual but useless ideas.

How many people have you known including yourself that when they have problems resort to the same old useless, non-productive methods for handling a tough situation. We must learn to adapt new, true, and more successful patterns of handling problems. One such negative pattern people adopt is to first gripe, moan, complain, get angry, depressed etc. Instead of analyzing the problem, meditating and praying about it, we need to look upon whatever is positive instead of all of the negatives in the situation. One has to learn to expect to be victorious in solving his difficulties! This positive stance will bring about a resolution much faster.

To value truth above all else.

Here again is something we can all identify with. In our society it seems we have come to accept "the little white lie" and various other untruths as a way of life to get us out of things we don't want to do or unpleasant situations, or to get our own way. For some, this practice is so common that they would not recognize the truth if it came up and konked them on the head. Seeking truth above all else is definitely one of the requisites for soul growth.

To be wrong if necessary.

This one is a beaut. We have all known people who it is simply too much for them to admit that they are wrong about something. The strange part about this is that there is only one individual who ever lived a perfect life on this earth, Christ. So how can one expect never to be wrong? We are all travelers on the highway of life and sometimes we are naturally going to be wrong. This is the reason for coming to the earthplane of existence in the first place, to correct ourselves, learn our lessons from things we have done wrong. Part of the soul's growth involves being able to admit when one is wrong anyway. We must not let our egoistic pride get in the way and prevent our soul growth.

To let nothing block your search. Sometimes in one's life, people let themselves become stymied and allow things, situations, conflicts, other people, to block them from continuing their search for what is going to help them in the resolution of their fears and conflicts. One has to develop perseverance, tenacity in his ongoing search for ways to solve the problems of life. One has to realize that he can move mountains of difficulties if he will but persist. One example of this can go back to my lady friend, I spoke of in the beginning, who experienced the assualt on her person where the case has gone on for nine years. I kept thinking, meditating and praying about this matter. Finally, I was led to contact my State Senator and various others. An aide to the Senator was touched by the difficulty of my friend and contacted her lawyer, the workman's compensation judge and others. Finally there is some movement on this case.

One has to realize that conflict is everywhere in society in different religious views, in human relationships in different philosophies. One needs to realize without conflict there would be very little spiritual progress and that through conflict is the way to God and developing the soul.

There are some who believe that if only life did not have conflict, that life would indeed be most wonderful! They think this so much that they try to find the ideal way to live life. Some go up into the Himalayas to live, some undergo intense rigorous disciplines such as fasting, maintaining silence, etc.

Resistance is needed for progress. Can you imagine what life would be like without any conflict? People would become weak and unable to withstand anything if it did come their way. We all know that it is for this very reason that it is easier to learn our lessons on this side of the veil.

It should be noted here that one should realize it is wrong to intentionally create conflict with others because one would be breaking the spiritual law of harmony.

In our spiritual evolution it is necessary to understand that through conflict our willpower is created, our faith is tested and the good part of us comes out. We need these tests to develop our personality and so we can move toward our goal of spiritual self-realization.

If people do not know how to handle conflict, they sometimes develop an escapist philosophy. They run from all conflict thus creating a weak personality which leads inevitably to having to experience certain lessons all over again. There seems to always be something missing. We must learn to adapt and adjust. We need to sit back, watch and wait and to see how to continue.

It is like the situation of trying to put something together that you've brought home that is not put together. It is not the amount of hammering that is important, but the knowing where to hammer that is important!

As people, we need to realize that whatever situation we have right now is the best possible situation that we could have for the develop-

ment of our spiritual evolution. Then we can greet conflict with less apprehension and ideas, values of greater import can take hold.

Vernon Howard says in his little booklet **Conquer Anxiety and Frustration** that "a major cause of anxiety is the feeling of being rejected, unwanted, turned away. People will do almost anything to avoid this miserable emotion. But in merely avoiding it they guarantee that it will sneak back again and again with its agonizing blows. There is a wiser way. It consists of doing the right thing with what is wrong. Here are five methods for conquering the feeling of being rejected:

1. Instead of submitting meekly to its attack, question its right to take over your mind.

2. Instead of trying to escape its pain, stand there and quietly face its bluff.

3. Instead of letting it give you a strange sort of excitement, prefer to be given true mental peace.

4. Instead of tolerating its insistent repetition, refuse to go along with it anymore.

5. Instead of fearing that it can harm your real self, know that it can shake only your misunderstanding mind.

Remember where you want to go! You want to travel from frustration to freedom. There is so much here that one needs to think on this.

Here are some thoughts from the **Dictionary of American Proverbs** about fear:

1. We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

2. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

3. If you fear death, you're already dead.

4. A slave to fear creates a hell on earth.

5. Fear springs from ignorance.

6. Fear kills more than ignorance.

7. Fear not the loss of the bell more than the loss of the steeple.

As we travel down this life we can help ourselves and our spiritual evolution by learning to face our fears and to understand the value of conflict. I would like to conclude now with a poem by Edgar Guest called: "Things Work Out."

"Things Work Out"

Because it rains when we wish it wouldn't,
Because men do what they often shouldn't,
Because crops fail, and plans go wrong–
Some of us grumble all day long.
But somehow, in spite of the care and doubt,
It seems at the last that things work out.

Because we lose where we hoped to gain,
Because we suffer a little pain,
Because we must work when we'd like to play–
Some of us whimper along life's way.
But somehow, as day always follows the night,
Most of our troubles work out all right.

Because we cannot forever smile,
Because we must trudge in the dust awhile,
Because we think that the way is long–
Some of us whimper that life's all wrong.
But somehow we live and our sky grows bright,
And everything seems to work out all right.

So bend to your trouble and meet your care,
For the clouds must break, and the sky grow fair.
Let the rain come down, as it must and will,
But keep on working and hoping still.
For in spite of the grumblers who stand about,
Somehow, it seems, all things work out.

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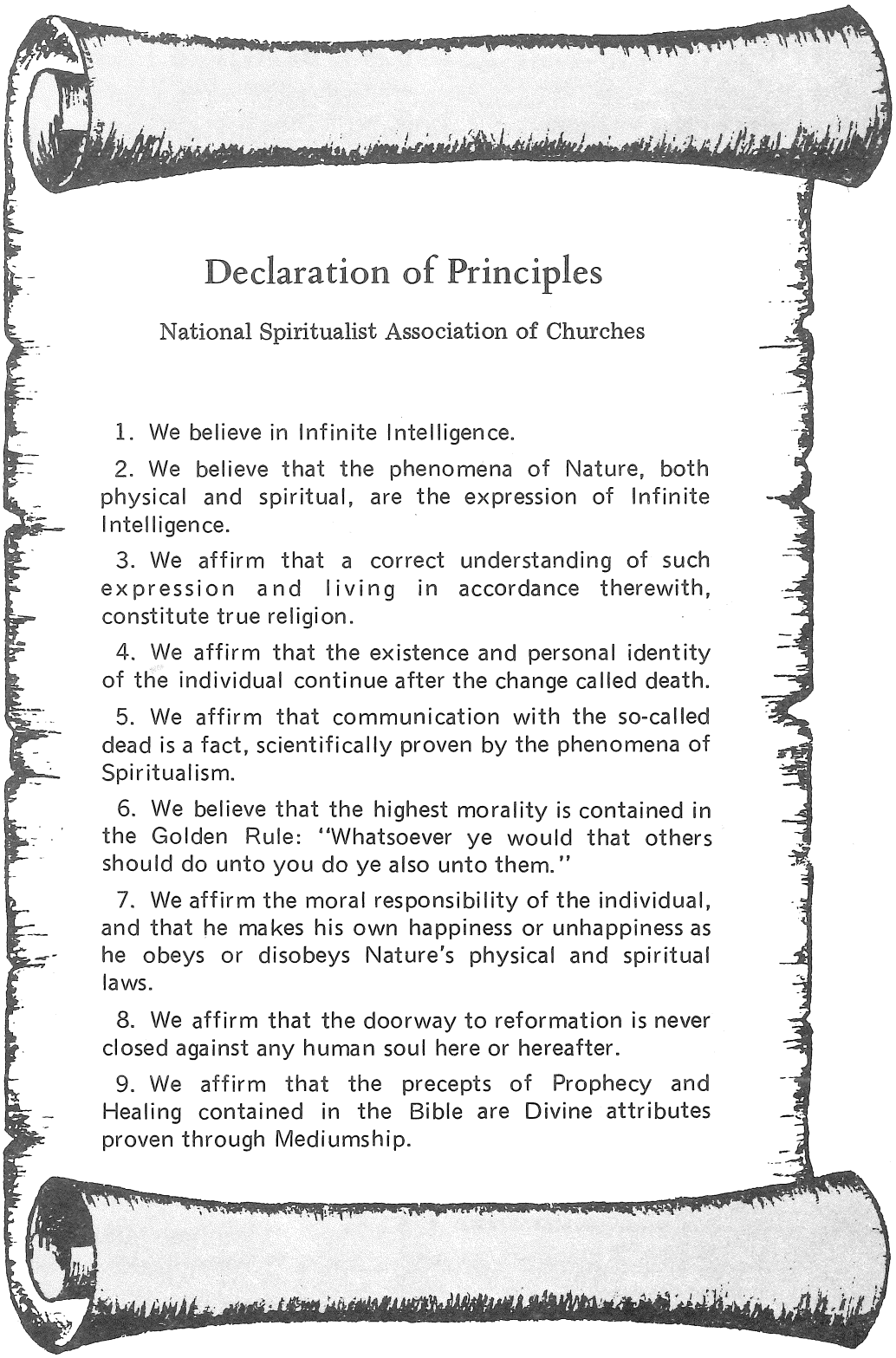
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