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Editorial

Let Us Enjoy A Spiritual Christmas

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching. For most adults it seems that the period of time which encompasses a year moves ever more swiftly along. It actually seems only a few short months ago that I was making preparations for Christmas of 1987. Now it will soon be Christmas 1988 – and New Years 1989.

I noticed that some of the stores were displaying their Christmas merchandise, even before Hallowe'en. I personally find it a bit difficult to get into the mood for the holiday shopping while I am still mowing the lawn and raking the leaves and doing other outside chores. I realize that there are many others who like to complete their Christmas shopping while the weather is still pleasant and agreeable, and as my grandmother used to say "before 'bad' weather sets in."

Giving gifts at Christmas time is one of the traditions which has become a part of our Christmas heritage. Long ago the wisemen bore gifts to the baby Jesus. The story of the wisemen is another of the Bible's great examples of spirit communication. The wisemen had received no announcements of this approaching birth. Yet they knew a long time in advance of this very wonderful occasion, and they had traveled a long distance to reach their destination.

Let us consider some of the marvelous spiritual phenomena which preceded and followed the birth of Jesus.

The revelation began with an ancient prophecy of Isaiah, which foretold the birth of a Messiah. The prophet Micah pointed to the town of Bethlehem as the location for the fulfillment of this great event. We find recorded in the scriptures that as the time of Jesus' birth drew near, a number of spirit communications occurred. An angel appeared to Mary and told her of the approaching birth of a son. Also an angel communicated with Joseph in a dream, telling Joseph not to hesitate to take Mary as his wife. Here was demonstrated what we would today term "materialization and independent voice," as well as spirit communication in dreams.

On this first Christmas, the angels proclaimed the glad tidings. Shepherds who were tending their flocks on the surrounding hills witnessed in amazement, the gathering of the heavenly hosts, and listened in awe to the singing of the angelic choir.

The wisemen told of the star which they had seen in the east, the star which had moved before them to guide them to the lowly stable in Bethlehem. (Centuries earlier, a pillar of fire had guided the children of Israel through the treacherous wilderness).

Before leaving Bethlehem, the wisemen received a warning from spirit not to return by the way they had arrived or to report to Herod, but to return by another way.

Joseph, too, was warned of impending danger, and was told in a dream to take the mother and young child and flee to Egypt.

After Herod's death, an angel again spoke to Joseph in a dream, telling him it was safe to return to Israel.

Jesus demonstrated spirit communication throughout his earth ministry, and this is one of the great legacies he left to all of us with the words "Greater things than these can ye do also."

This is the great gift to all peoples that God or Infinite Intelligence has given to us. We not only retain the precious memories of our friends and loved ones, but we can, when the

conditions are right, communicate with them as well.

Christmas season is an ideal time to recall the memories of other happy and joyful occasions which will ever remain dear to us. These, too, are a part of our personal spiritual treasures.

The following is a personal experience which will always remain beautiful, inspiring and will hold special significance for me.

Several years ago while engaged in some last minute Christmas shopping, I was walking toward the Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. The snow on the streets had been reduced to a dirty slush by the thousands of automobile wheels which plowed and splashed in a seemingly endless procession, sending the icy residue in arcs of uncanny directness toward the hurrying wary pedestrians.

The rapidly falling temperature quickened their steps and brought expressions of greater determination as they walked, their breath forming miniature clouds of vapor about their faces.

Suddenly, high above the street from the steeple of the quaint picturesque stone church on Monument Circle, a joyous peal of the chimes poured forth upon the frosty air – sweetly melodious and awesomely beautiful. The pure clear notes of "Away In A Manger" – (the melody of "Flow Gently Sweet Afton") floated out above our heads upon the night, in wave after wave of harmonious sound that followed one upon the other.

A noticeable hush fell over the milling crowd, for a transformation was taking place. The thousands of multi-colored lights glowing in their haloed iridescence radiated a more spiritual light which beamed a message of love, peace and good will.

All too quickly the music of the chimes came to a close. The last reverberations hovered for an instant, then diminished and faded into silence.

Yet something remained – something beautiful, inspiring and uplifting which was of the spirit.

In years since I have relived those beautiful precious moments. Moments such as these provide us with greater awareness of the world about us, the awareness that our world is a spiritual world as well as a world that is fashioned of material things. It also gives us a greater understanding of the heights to which our spirits can soar during those special moments.

Somewhere among our daily experiences, we will find in an almost "miraculous" manner, the key to greater understanding, consciousness and awareness, which at the appointed moment will be placed in our hands. The words which we associate with the Prince of Peace will take on a greater and more profound meaning as we realize that the peace which we so fervently desire for the entire world must first enter and illuminate the kingdom which is within.

This Christmas may the Christ Child bring to each the gift of awareness of the reality and the beauty of the spiritual world. These are the blessings of the spirit that give us a meaningful and abundant life.

It is during the Christmas Season the vibrations of the earth plane will be raised so that we will each recognize and feel the joyful spirituality which reaches out to embrace all earth's children. It is a time when we raise our consciousness to a higher level of understanding and reality. It is a time when families will gather together – a time for caring and sharing. It is a time for remembering those who are lonely and less fortunate than ourselves. It is a time of light and inner illumination. It is a time that Spiritualism brings and will continue to bring that light of Truth to all mankind.

Perhaps we, too, will be aware of the presence of those arisen ones, those who live in the higher expresion of life; and perhaps we too can attune ourselves to the beauty of the angel voices who once sang in glorious exaltation above the plains of ancient Judea.

A joyous and blessed Christmas to you all!



Christmastime's Historical Reflections

By Rev. Genevieve Woelfl, N.S.T.

Throughout December joy seems contagious. It is passed to many on the wings of a smile. Kindness reigns over all.

Singing chimes ring out the ageless message of love. And infusing new hope into the hearts of the weary and often discouraged, the happy carolers wend their way through village and suburb.

Filling the atmosphere with communal warmth, candle-lighted services and merry-making festivities celebrate the first Christmas in Bethlehem, and Judaism's sacred Hanukkah. A spiritual happiness radiates from one to another.

If only such recognition of brotherhood continued throughout the year from one yuletide to another!

While Jewish families congregate at the feasting table and in the synagogue rejoicing over their great victory for freedom some 2000 years ago, the shadow of the illustrious prophet, Jesus, the Christian Wayshower, seems to hover over holiday activities.

And once again the beautiful Christmas story is unfolded. How shepherds watching their sheep in the quiet hillside heard singing angel voices proclaiming the birth of a new Leader; how a star of tremendous magnitude, unlike any other luminary, guided wisemen from countries far and near bearing gifts to the little one in Bethlehem, Judea; and how this child would grow in knowledge and understanding of men and their needs; and he would be their Comforter.

From his worthy parents, Mary and Joseph, Jesus received a high spiritual heritage, and teachings of Egypt's Essenes.



Like many others, his father and expectant mother made the long trek through Judea by donkey to pay compulsory taxes. Because the small town's Inn was overfilled, the only accommodation to be found was a stable. Here, on a bed of soft hay, Jesus was born. And Mary laid him in a manger, an animal's feeding bin, for a crib. How humble this birth of one who would rise to renowned greatness!

Jesus was so to embody the Christ-love that his wonderful works would be known the world over. Attaining exceptional wisdom as he grew to manhood his teaching would be unequalled in power to uplift and enoble men.

According to authoritative history records Jesus was born October 6, in Four B.C. However, the latter part of December was established as the celebration time for the Christian religion. There was a reason for this: The winter solstice was the traditional time for worshipping the birth of other saviors (born of virgin mothers with fathers said to be gods), who became sacrificial martyrs. For the removal of men's sins they were put to death. On arising from the grave they were supposed to have ascended into space heavenward. Such was the religious belief at that time.

Mithra was the last of the savior-gods prior to the advent of Jesus. His birthdate was designated as December 25, and so celebrated as a fes-

tival time. The Easter season commemorated Mithra's sacrifice for the expiation of men's errors and his subsequent resurrection from the dead.

And just as had befallen Mithra many years before through blind ignorance, Jesus was put to death for the remission of evil in all men who would believe in him. He, too, demonstrated the continuity of life. After death on the cross, he returned to his disciples. When he had conferred with them, and there was no longer any doubt in their minds that he was truly Jesus, he passed upward disappearing from their sight. To that high state of consciousness, for which his earth-life had prepared him, he ascended.

For centuries before the Christian Era, Mithraism was the Persian religion. Its roots were traced to India and Babylonia. In Seventy B.C. Roman soldiers, fighting in Persia, took home to Rome and the Roman Empire, at its height, the worship of Mithra.

After warring throughout the second, third, and fourth centuries of the Christian Era, beliefs of Mithraism and Christianity became so similar that they ultimately fused into one; Christianity absorbed Mithraism.

Seneca, the Roman historian, tells of many other legendary beliefs which developed into religions: Bel and Osiris of Babylonia; Prometheus, god of Greek mythology; and a dozen other "Saviors." In Tibet and Nepal, the Indian deity, Indra of 1500 B.C. is still worshipped for his death on the cross. His successor was the Hindu god, Krishna, born 1000 years B.C. He, too, was crucified for "man's forgiveness of sins." Today most of India worships Krishna.

Although much good dwells in all religions, the constructive psychology of Jesus, a practical, usable philosophy of life, has endured for 2000 years. Stressing the fatherhood of God, Jesus declared the brotherhood of man to be the most powerful instrument in the world; that brotherly love is the common denominator binding all peoples together. He further taught man's personal responsibility for his own acts, that no person can make restitution for another's wrong-doings or mistakes.

While Christians are extolling the birth of Jesus, Jewish people are observing the "Festival of Lights" – Hanukkah (Chanukah) – with the lighting of an additional candle to the first one for eight days.

Hanukkah is one of Judaism's happiest holidays. This "Feast of Dedication" with a candelabrum of lights in every home symbolized at the miracle of 165 B.C. during the Jewish-Syrian War – the Hebrew struggle for religious freedom.

At this joyous season both Christian and Jewish brothers brighten the lives of the less fortunate with spiritual and material comforts. People remember dear ones and friends with gifts. Firesides resound with laughter of happy children accepting the evidence of love surrounding them as a natural expression.

And in his wisdom, did not the great teacher-psychologist say we should "become as little children?"

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N.S.A.C. Strategic Action Plan – Part II

By Rev. B. Anne Gehman

Goal:
Develop a coherent, non-dogmatic doctrine and study program for all Spiritualists.

Objectives:
1. Develop standardized training and teaching literature.
(Expedite production and distribution).

a. Develop a popularized "This Is Spiritualism" give-away brochure.

b. Develop specialized brochures on Special Problems (i.e. break-up of family, addictions, loss of loved ones, etc.)

c. Develop a bibliography of Spiritualism "Must Reads."

2. Investigate Cooperative Training through existing Accredited Schools. (Also extention courses).

3. Strengthen and emphasize Spiritual Healing.

4. Develop guidelines for a Scholarship Program for Youth.

5. Utilize Think Tank – bring together appropriate participants, including those from highly successful organizations, cultures and religious organizations.

6. Strengthen Lyceums.
Train Teachers Better.
Promote or Require Lyceums in Churches.
Feature Lyceums at State Conventions.
Recruit Ad Hoc Advisors to help strengthen Lyceums.
Coordinate Lyceums with National.

Goal:
Place emphasis on "The Spiritual Unfoldment of Self" in N.S.A.C. teachings, with phenomena (including messages) in proper perspective.

Objectives:
1. Provide better training for Ministers, Speakers, Mediums and Healers. Emphasize Spiritual values and their meaning in life.

2. Offer Spiritual Unfoldment or Self-Realization Workshops, training and literature. (May be done in home groups or circles).

3. Offer training throughout the year at Lilydale through the Morris Pratt Institute.

Goal:
To make N.S.A.C. a more efficient and effective organization, with good communication among its various elements.

Objectives:
1. Adopt a policy declaring the intent of the Board to be Pro-Active, rather than Re-Active. (The latter leads to "crisis orientation").

2. Create a Board Committee on Standards and Practices.

Develop and implement performance standards for Churches, Mediums, Healers and Teachers.

Review The Church Handbook and the policy on State Associations and Camps.

Visit each church at least one a year (By a representative of the N.S.A.C. Board).

3. Adopt a Board policy on effective outreach.

Offer training workshops on outreach.

Develop a series of issue papers and timely bulletins to be distributed by the board of churches on crucial and timely topics.

4. Make N.S.A.C. a well-financed Organization.

Develop a Budget and Financial Plan.

Develop an Overall Resource Development Plan for N.S.A.C. and the Churches. (Including Guidelines to the Churches on fundraising, investments, special projects, such as Resale Shops, etc.)

Establish a deferred giving program.
(Wills, bequests, a special term insurance program, etc.)

Review and/or Revise Certifica-

tion and Fee Schedules.

Sponsor Public Workshops or conferences on "Death and Dying," "Spiritual Healing," etc.

Goal:
To bring aboout a consolidated Spiritualist National Organization of existing like-minded organizations.

Objectives:
1. N.S.A.C. shall stimulate a "Spiritualist Leadership Summit" around a problem or issue which is common to all existing Spiritualist organizations (Such as the need to Restore Dignity to the term "Spiritualism."

Note: Cooperation on one issue should lead to joint action on other problems.

Goal:
To build an effective Public Information Program for Spiritualism and N.S.A.C.

Objectives:
1. Promote segments of Worlds Beyond series for use on Educational Television and Cable.

2. Sponsor or arrange Special Events which are newsworthy.

3. Arrange Guest Interviews for Spiritualist Spokespersons on Radio and TV Talk Shows.

4. Prepare Public Information Packets (Press Kits) (Include sample or "Swiss cheese" news releases where local churches or representatives simply have to fill in the blanks).

5. Create more and better written materials for the public. (Including a mass "give-away" brochure).

6. N.S.A.C. representatives offer Technical Assistance to Media (Assist writers, filmmakers, television documentary writers and network programmers in acquiring proper facts about Spiritualism.).

7. Sponsor Effective Public Information Workshops.
(Encourage each church to appoint a Publicity Chair).

8. Enlist the help of celebrities and public figures who have an interest. (Shirley MacLaine, Bill Bixby, Sen. Clairborne Pell, etc.)

9. Do a well-documented feature story pertaining to the impact of Spiritualism on prominent American Leaders (Lincoln, Roosevelt, etc.)
(Also promote this story line among radio, TV and film circles).

10. Consider Spiritual "Rallies" (Similar to Indian Medicine Wheel gatherings or Amway inspirational meetings.

11. Investigate the feasibility of a Spiritualism TV ministry. (Similar to the 700 Club?)

12. Submit news and feature articles to "New Age" Newspapers and Magazines. (Also use these to promote and advertise workshops and other activities).

13. Offer Spiritualist Ministers for "End Of Broadcast Day" Devotionals on Radio and Television Stations.

14. Make more use of Radio (It is sometimes free).
N.S.A.C. might offer a series of taped radio shows to stations, particularly in non-church areas.

15. Stimulate Feature Articles for leading Magazines (Such as McCalls, etc.) (Relate articles to Gallup Poll findings pertaining to Americans' beliefs about life after death).

Recruit writers, including freelance.

Scour the fields for "story ideas."

16. Make "Media Events" out of appropriate activities which are newsworthy (i.e., a cooperative project between Spiritualists and the Hospice movement).

Summary and Additional Recommendations

We have taken a giant step for N.S.A.C. by beginning the process of beneficial change. The planning retreat clearly pointed out that, although N.S.A.C. has had a rich and meaningful history, current times will require significant adjustment if the organization is to survive and thrive.

The planning process you have begun will be continued through appointment of a standing committee of the Bureau charged with strategic and long-range planning.

A Strategic and Long-Range Planning Committee can be a forward-looking pro-active committee, charged with the responsibility of anticipating and recommending solutions to problems before they occur as well as with identifying opportunities for growth and progress.

This committee will also be charged with the responsibility of evaluating present programs and activities, and reporting to the Board whether they are consistent with the goals and priorities of the organization's adopted plan. This is an invaluable aid in determining if the organization's resources are being budgeted and spent in accordance with the priorities expressed by the Board.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with N.S.A.C. Board. I have every confidence that we have the motivation and the ability to take the actions necessary to solve the problems facing N.S.A.C. and to create a new plateau of accomplishment for Spiritualism.

May God bless us and our undertakings.

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    Diagnostic & Treatment Center
    Intensive Care Units, etc.
    2. Purpose: Sensitizing the trainee to the experience of the hospitalized person.

  B. Communicating with the Confined
    1. Information and ideas
    2. Expression of feelings
    3. Communication and listening

  C. Long Term Patient and Shut-in
    1. Their fears, (financial, rehabilitation, returning home)
    2. ABC's of nursing home visitation
    3. Communicating with those visually and/or hearing impaired persons
    4. Communicating with the aging
    5. Talking to (not about) the person

  D. Person in Crisis
    1. The person and family facing transition
    2. Communicating with the dying
    3. Supporting the bereaved (including stages of grief)

  E. Community Help and Self-help Resources
    1. How to locate
    2. Utilization

II. Funerals and Support of Bereaved
  A. Visit to Funeral Home
    1. Familiarization of experiences of the bereaved with the funeral director
      a. Making funeral arrangements, selecting casket, etc.
    2. Noting design of funeral home chapel
      a. Noting musical resources

  B. Visiting/Counseling the Family
    1. Learning wishes for content of service

  C. Designing the Service
    1. The service at the funeral home, its message and music
    2. Committal service

  D. Follow-up Visits with Bereaved

III. Marriage and Wedding Service
  A. Pre-marital Counseling
    1. Planning budgets

2. Planning parenthood
3. License information

B. Planning the Wedding Service
1. Couples participation in planning
a. Preparing promises/vows
b. Selection of music
c. Message

C. Post-marital Counseling
1. Developing skills
2. Locating resources
3. Making referrals

IV. Sunday Services
A. Visitations & Observations
1. Two different styles of services and churches' activities
2. Style of instructions

B. Design of Worship Service
1. Style of preaching
a. Use of stories & illustrations
b. Music
c. Participation of people

C. Designing Sunday Service
1. Preparing the message
a. Selecting a theme
b. Locating and using illustrations
c. Discerning the purpose of message
1. To instruct or motivate
2. To uplift, etc.
2. Music
3. Participation and response of people
a. How and why to involve them
4. Trainee design and delivery of service and message

V. Occasional Services
A. Special Observances:
Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas, Gratitude Day, Anniversary, Admission Fellowship, Consecration Service, Founders Day, Etc.

VI. Preparation and Design of Teaching Seminars
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a. Developing research and study skills
b. Using libraries
c. Selecting and using periodicals
d. Building one's own library
e. Watch for in local newspaper
f. Selectively using radio and TV
g. Locating and using tapes
h. Selecting/attending local seminars
i. Designing and keeping material files
2. Designing the seminar
a. Selecting and Researching the topic
b. Styles of Presentation
1. Lecture
2. Question and Answer
3. Discussion
c. Maintaining the topic and diversions
3. Use of materials
a. Developing and using an outline
b. Use of text and quotations
c. Audio and visuals

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1. Noting the lighting, sound limitations, advantages and disadvantages
2. Space limitation and fixtures

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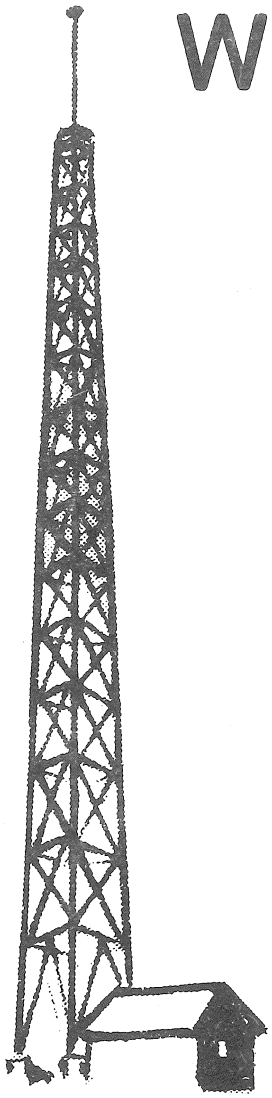
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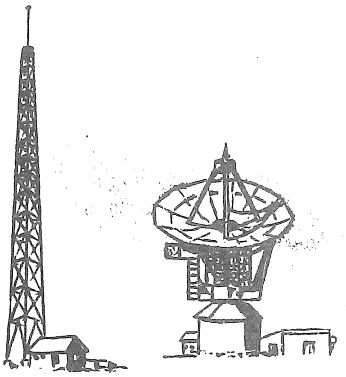
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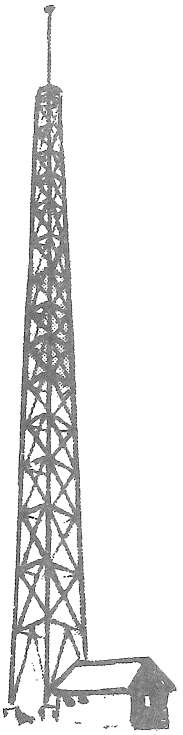
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Worlds Beyond Update

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 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.

One of the very important things which spiritual healing does for each of us is to help us become receptive to the great source of healing power which is available to all.

Many times when someone is very ill, just to know there is someone who sincerely cares can make all the difference. I recall a story told to me by an army medic in World War II, about a wounded serviceman who had lost the vitality which would give him the will to live. The medic had done all he could to booster the serviceman's morale. The results were beginning to show. The patient was improving.

It was about this time that the medic was transferred to another area. When he was able to inquire about the serviceman's condition, he found that his former patient had made the transition to spirit. He had needed more than medicine could give. He needed to be reinforced with spiritual caring, the healing power of spirit.

We can each help provide the boost to the morale of a very sick individiual, we can help them find the strength and motivation to desire to be healed, to become well.

It can make all the difference!

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.

Our Church

By Pauline R. Hathaway

It was my pleasure to attend the 1988 National Convention of the N.S.A.C. as a delegate from the Church of Two Worlds in Washington, D.C. I was proud to be among those who are working to prepare our organization to re-group and grow for the coming generations of Spiritualists so that we do not become splintered. . . ineffectively scattering our good.

I offer my fellow Spiritualists the following thoughts re: Our Church

People of all denominations use the collective possessive term "our" or the singular possessive term "my" to describe the meeting place where they perform those rites that are an integral part of their belief system.

The majority of so-called orthodox faiths have a central hierarchy, or governing body, which has a system of clergy in graded ranks. This hierarchy controls church affairs at every level. New satellite churches are established from above and manned with clergy who have come through the church educational system. These assignments may, or may not, be with the approval of members at the local level, depending on the manner in which the hierarchy is set up.

The membership body (bodies) at the local level work to improve their churches: raising funds for church operation, sponsoring innovative programs and, at times, erecting or buying new facilities. Their cooperative efforts certainly entitle them to refer to these churches using possessive terminology. At no time does this entitle them to legal ownership of their spiritual homes in a personal sense, either singularly or collectively!

The N.S.A.C. is an infant, compared to most religious organizations, having formed in 1893. Furthermore we are unique! Our churches are not satellites which have been formed by our hierarchy and passed down from "above." They are independently formed organizations which have elected to become chartered under the National organization for protection and collective strength. Our Principles and By-laws have been selected democratically by delegates to our National Coventions over the years. We have developed a system of education, certification and ordination for our church leaders. We are constantly examining ourselves and looking to advance our teachings. In short, we are progressive within our system of checks and balances.

The sense of personal ownership is particularly strong with Spiritualists, for we have met our founders . . . WE TOO ARE THE FOUNDERS! Our older churches, for the most part still have members who knew their founders and remember the struggle to come into existence. Many of our newer churches are still using rented space and dream of having their own building!

The fact remains that the decision to accept a charter under the N.S.A.C. carrries with it certain rights and responsibilities, as well as acceptance of its By-laws, including the penal code. Provision for custodial care by N.S.A.C. for chartered churches whose organizations have either become inactive or are in violation of the By-laws is covered in the penal code. Custodial care permits the membership to reorganize and reclaim those assets under new leadership and put them to the use intended by the founders. . . to promote Spiritualism!

Our N.S.A.C. By-Laws are a guarantee that at no time will individual material considerations violate our spiritual homes!

"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

By Agnes E. Haldane

The following true story is an occurrence that happened within my own family a few years back.

About eight months after the sudden death of my mother, my father had a physical and mental breakdown. He seemed to live entirely in the past. In his mind the present was clouded and the past seemed to come to the forefront. He lived with myself and family in our home but recognized none of us or the families of my brothers or my sister. He was as a small child and had to be cared for as such. He was not unmanageable and I was thankful to be able to cope with him in this condition.

The family doctor came often to see him and to give me advice in caring for him. My brothers urged me to have him placed in a nursing home or hospital, thinking him too much for me to care for, as I had three small children to care for also.

I could not agree to this as I wanted to do my best for him. He had always been a wonderful father to all of us. My brothers and my sister came from time to time to visit him, but I gave all the care I possibly could and he did have to have constant care.

I have given thanks many times for the strength given me in taking care of him through all this illness. Within a few weeks his health began to decline so our doctor said he would like to have him hospitalized for a time in order to run tests to determine his exact condition.

It was discovered that he was a borderline diabetic so his diet was changed. Because of this, his kidneys then became dysfunctional and he was then diagnosed as having uremic poisoning. At that time there was no dialysis and within a few days his body became swollen. Because of the edema, the urologist said that he might not live through the night and only a few days at the most.

Knowing this, we had him brought back to my home as I wanted to be with him when his time came to pass over. Although there was nothing I could do for him, I continued to check on him through the night and day. He lay there completely inert, as in a coma, with no bodily functions except very shallow breathing.

On the third day after his return to my home, my daughter and I had just left his room when we heard a noise. We rushed back into the room and saw him trying to lift his head from the pillow. This had caused the bed to bump the wall causing the noise. He would stare at me and then look toward the foot of the bed where a chair stood near a window. He did this several times and I felt that he was trying to tell me that he wished to sit on that chair. I finally asked him if that was his wish but received no answer. However, I felt that this was his desire so my daughter and I helped him from the bed and into the chair.

He sat looking out the window for a time and then the tears began to flow and he called me by name and said, "You might think me crazy but I have something to tell you." I said, "No, I won't think that, please tell me about it."

These were the first rational words that he had spoken since his breakdown.

He then said, "I had a card in my hand with your mother's name on it and also that of your aunt, her sister." He then said, "I went to this big door and the man opening it called me by name and asked, "Whom do you wish to see?" My father said "I handed him the card and he told me to follow him." He added, "As I stepped over the threshold it was the most beautiful sight I have ever seen." "There were acres and acres

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 Marguerite I. Gutt, First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak, Michigan.

We all believe in science (proving facts to be true) and our religion is based on that. The key word seems to be proof. We can give proof but not in the way scientists are used to it. They experiment time after time sometimes taking years getting the same results with the same circumstances.

But we know the Natural Law of vibration; therefore changes are always occurring and make scientific theories more difficult to substantiate as to proving our religion.

From the beginning scientists have not always been fair in their judgments of religion – of course this could be put down as human nature. The saying, if you wish to keep friends don't talk about religion.

I worry for the future – an article not long ago in the paper gave the results of a national assessments testing and it revealed – the United States is raising a generation of science know-nothings that only 7% of the nation's 17 year olds have enough knowledge to do well in college level courses.

Our pioneers did so well in getting us started that we must maintain that level and try to achieve an even greater goal.

Where He Leads I Will Follow *(continued)*

of green grass of a shade that I had never before seen." He told of seeing many people of all ages and they were busily helping one another, and that this is what God wants of us all. He went on to tell of the beautiful brightness of the place and the harmonious music like that of a church choir.

He then told of following the man along a path of white, and lined with beautiful flowers of varied colors and a different texture from those of this plane. As he went along the path, he said that my mother came before him and they were very happy and they embraced each other. He said, "Mother can hear now and she only looks to be about thirty-five and very healthy." When she had transpired she had been nearly eighty and almost totally deaf. He also said that my aunt was with her and that she also looked young and well.

My daughter asked if he had wanted to come back and he told her, he had not wanted to but that they knew he must though it would not be for very long.

Within several hours the swelling of his body from the uremic poisoning had disapperared and he resumed his normal size and bodily functions. I called my sister and brother and they came to see him promptly. He knew them at once and all was normal in the relationship. This certainly would appear almost miraculous. During the next several weeks he became very well and able to care for himself. It was wonderful to know that my prayers had been answered.

My father continued to live in apparent good health. A year and a half later, while he was watching TV, he called my sister and me to come into the living room where he was sitting and said, "I want you girls to know how much I love you, and I want to thank you for all that you have done for me." He then added "In two days I will be gone and I don't want you crying and carrying on, because you know where I'll be, with your mother and that is where I wish to be."

In two days he passed to the higher life!

Directory of Ministers

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Baker, Rev. Bernard F., N.S.T., 1710 E. Bell De Mar, Tempe 85283. (602) 838-8990.

Tisdale, Janet, Medium. Commissioned Healer, Private consultation. By appointment only. 11457 Hildago, Tolleson, AZ 85353. (602) 936-7019.

CALIFORNIA

Auburn-

Scher, Rev. Frances, Medium, N.S.T., 190 Hoffman Ave. Apt. No. 33, 95603-4238, (916) 885-6320; Classes, Private consultations.

Castro Valley -

Du Bois, Rev. Wayne L., N.S.T., Certified Medium, Comm. Healer, Brotherhood Spiritualist Church of Alameda, 2657 Miramar Ave., C.V., 94546, (415) 357-2436.

Lafayette -

Nauratil, Rev's Betty and Don, Certified Medium, Comm. Healers. Church of Two Worlds. San Leandro 1048 Via Roble, 94549. (415) 283-1449.

Larkspur -

Thurman, Rev. Barbara W., N.S.T., Medium, Comm. Healer, & Classes. 200 Marina Vista Rd., 94939. (415) 924-1106.

San Carlos-

Woelfl, Rev. Genevieve L., NST, Medium Consultant. 800 Walnut St., Suite #2. 94070. Appointment only. (415) 595-4706.

San Francisco-

Arnott, Rev. Wilma, NST. 55 Woodhaven Crt. 94131. (415) 731-5660.

San Jose-

Peruch, Rev. Louise, NST, Medium. Private consultation. By Appt. only. 1252 West Hedding St. (408) 241-0576.

San Leandro-

Smith, Rev. Connie C., NST, N.S.A.C. Missionary. 660 Broadmoor Blvd. 94577. (415) 568-3846.

CONNECTICUT

Stratford -

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FLORIDA

Cassadaga-

Ward, Mae Graves, Licentiate & Medium. P.O. Box 102, 32706.

Casselberry-

Green, Margaret E., Licentiate, Medium, Comm. Healer. 843 Winter Park Dr., 32707. (407) 699-4421.

Orlando-

Edgar, Rev. Elizabeth R., Healer. 3320 Clemwood Dr. 32803. (407) 894-5930.

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West Palm Beach-

Helen D. Cherry, Medium. 153 Lake Susan Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33411. (407) 684-9072.

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Pekin-

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Tousana, Mable, Certified Medium. 1421 Pennsylvania 46407. (219) 883-1635. By Appointment Only.

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IOWA

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MASSACHUSETTS

Danvers-

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MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids -

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MINNESOTA

Duluth-

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Two Harbors-

Johnson, June Marie, Healer. Rt. 1, Box 249 55616.

NEVADA

Minden -
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OHIO

Westerville-
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Austin-
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ENGLAND

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Freeman, Agnes, International Psychic. Medium, Healer. Animals. Advise and help by private sittings. 22 Callcott Rd. Kilburn NW67AE London, England. 624-8542.

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Directory of N.S.A.C. Chartered Churches and Auxiliaries

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PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.,
2250 No. 16th Street (corner of Oak) Suites 105-106; Pastor Rev. Bernard F. Baker, N.S.T. (602-838-8990), Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Unfoldment classes and books on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism are available.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
1522 Encanto Blvd.; Pastor, Rev. Alma Reeves; Devotional Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Healing & Message Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m., All Message Circle Sat. 7:30 p.m., 1st Sun. - Board Meeting 1:00 p.m., 2nd Sun. - Fellowship Sunday 11:00 a.m., 4th Sun. - Covered Dish Dinner 6:00 p.m., Thurs. Night Classes on the Sci., Phil. & Rel. of Spiritualism taught by Pastor Alma Reeves; Secy., Trina Huerta, 8725 E. McDonald Dr., Scottsdale 85253 (602)991-2160.

CALIFORNIA

ALMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church,
1300 Grand St.; Mailing address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546, (415) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Classes - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Wally Phillips; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, N.S.T., 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546, (415) 357-2436.

ALTADENA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation,
922 E. Mendocino St., 91001. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Harriette Calloway, 255 E. Loma Alta Dr., 91001, (818) 798-4577.

AUBURN – Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines,
457 Grass Valley Hwy., 95603, Direct mail to 22681 Placer Hill Rd., Calfax, 95713; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (Classes); Pastor, Rev. Frances Scher, N.S.T., (916) 885-6320; Pres., George Brenner; Secy., Pat Woolworth, (916) 269-0275.

LOS ANGELES - Spiritualist Society,
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REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.
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SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY - Spiritualist Church,
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SAN DIEGO - Progressive Spiritualist Church
4144 Campus Ave.; Sun. Services 7:00 p.m., Healing & Worship; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Daisy Brunner, Rt. #5, Box 185 Escondido, 92025, (619) 741-8250.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple,
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SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Messages 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, N.S.T., 3324 17th St. 94110, (415) 621-0491; Pres. Linda McClenahan; Secy. Barbara Ann Love.

SAN FRANCISCO Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
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SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church
"The Friendly Church", 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louise Peruch, N.S.T., 1252 W. Hedding St., 95126, (408) 241-0576; Secy., Mrs. Belen Barrera; Mailing Address: 1252 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95126.

SAN LEANDRO - Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
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SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association,
322 Upper Road, 94903; P.O. Box 4375, 94913; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Richard P. Goodwin; Secy., Sandra Johnson (415) 472-3633.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of The Comforter,
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COLORADO

DENVER - Temple of Harmony Church,
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CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 666-1606; Sun. Serv 2:00 p.m. - every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury CT 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Richard O'Brien, 21 Knollwood Rd., East Hartford 06118, (203) 568-0672; Secy., Roberta Howd, 37 Center Rd., Tolland, (203) 875-1891.

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STRATFORD – The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc. N.S.A.C.,
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FLORIDA

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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.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp Inc.,
8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June thru Sept. - Nov. thru May; Services: first Sun of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Maurice Witt, 624 Walnut Ave., Elgin IL, 60123, (312) 931-4374; Secy., Richard Taylor.

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

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.; We. 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; 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.

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.

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.

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., 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 80, 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; Church Phone: (617) 559-2939.

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. Serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Sun. Lyceum - Sept. till May 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Rev. Stanley Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030, (313) 548-2240; Secy., Marguerite (Peggy) Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030, (313) 548-2240.

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 Chruch,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 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.,
Sun. Serv. 8:00 p.m., 867 N. Lamb Blvd. (meeting room); Pres., Catherine C. Nelson, (702) 453-2571; Secy., Helen L. Camp, 867 No. Lamb Blvd., 89100, (702) 438-0602.

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 - Spiritualist Open Center,
79 Central Ave., 12206; Sun Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Spiritual Unfoldment Classes: Mon. - Thurs.; Hands of Light Healing Circle; Silver Cord Bookstore: open Mon. - Fri. & after all church func.; Pres., Hillary Kramer, (518) 371-8975; Secy., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 372-3993.

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., Neil Griffen, 8521 Worthington Rd., Westerville, 43081, (614) 895-0873; 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.

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.

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., Carol Perella, 110 East 18th Ave., Apt 3, Munhall, 15120.

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.

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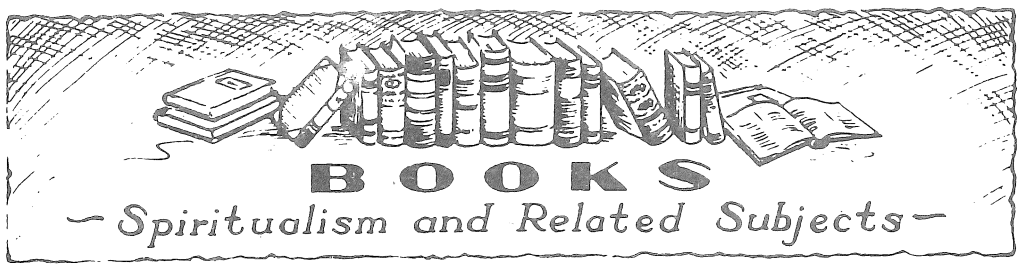
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Reincarnation – Is It An Issue?

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

As often stated, the National Spiritualist Association of Churches does not teach reincarnation. Also, the reason for this has been very clearly stated. But, for purposes of this discussion, it is worth repeating again. "Reincarnation cannot be proven and Spiritualism deals only with known facts."

This of course means that *if* reincarnation can ever be proven, we will then accept and teach it. This is true about any new truths and has been the way of Spiritualism always.

But the simple fact remains that the theory of reincarnation cannot be proven and remains just that –a theory.

When discussing this issue with a person who accepts the theory, you often find a tendency on their part, to reject all arguments that oppose it. They often offer cases of Deja-Vu, or speaking in tongues, or knowledge about events that have taken place at other times and in other places to support their position.

At the same time, the Spiritualist who accepts the theory, also accepts the fact of spirit communication! Why do they not concede the probability of spirit communication being the very logical explanation of these things?

I have often wondered why people persist in this belief. What need could it fulfill? I can easily understand widespread belief in a country like India where the masses are not only greatly depressed and suffering, but are also most often uneducated and unenlightened.

As the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill points out in his booklet titled "What Do We Believe?" – reincarnation is an old belief brought from India, and although the Hindu with the mystical Eastern philosophy has much to offer in the way of spiritual understanding, India as a nation has not accomplished much in the way of material advancement.

Because of their social conditions they must grasp at something that offers a chance at something better. And unfortunately, they do not have the blessings of the teachings of Spiritualism to lead them to the truth. If they did, they would know that eternal progression is theirs and this would be the hope, the something that is needed.

Let's now consider Natural Law. As Spiritualists we know that Natural Law is consistent and unwavering and *never* can be violated. Never will these laws be broken or reverse themselves. The way of Nature, and Spiritualism also for that matter, is onward and upward. Always forward. Never backward. Always progressive. Never regressive.

Look at evolution. Is it not a fact that science proves that nature always improves and goes forward?

Why then, as in the case for reincarnation, should we who have completed our earthly existence and have graduated to the higher life, come back to do it all over again?

The argument that we learn something from each existence is certainly less than weak when you consider that there seems to be nobody who remembers anything from a supposed prior life. If we "learn" anything at all we must certainly be able to remember it for it to be of any use.

How about Karma? This theory alleges that we must pay off debts from prior lifetimes. Again, as I stated above, nobody seems to remember any of these things. So, for purposes of discussion, we would be "paying" for something that we

Accepting Spirit Help

By Diane L. Cizunas, L.M.

I must admit that accepting spirit help comes very easy to me now. In fact, I've grown to depend on it.

But this wasn't always the case. Before I started unfoldment classes, I had no idea that spirit help was available because I had not opened my heart and mind to let them in.

Shortly after, however, my daughter, age three, came down with a fever. She slept fretfully because her temperature continued to rise as the night progressed. I was ready to sit in the rocking chair in her room to keep a vigil through the night. As I entered the room, I saw a brilliant white light surrounding a nursing nun clad in the white of her profession.

We spoke mentally, and she told me to get my rest so I could go to work the following day. She assured me that she would watch the tiny figure in the crib through the night and give her a healing.

I would have rather stayed in the rocker, but didn't want to offend this beautiful spirit, so I went to bed and tossed and turned all night because I really didn't know if I should believe her. Morning finally came, and I rushed to my daughter's bedside. The nun was true to her word because my daughter had not the slightest trace of a temperature and was able to go to nursery school, while I worked.

What else can spirit help do? I've avoided traffic accidents, snarls and trains because they show me which streets to follow. Among the most singularly beautiful phase, however, is when they take over my organ playing. It's as if I'm wearing a pair of long formal gloves. Spirit slips inside my arms and plays more brilliantly than I can, even though I started playing when I was four years old.

Their help with messages and healing is certainly indispensable because I function as a medium and must have their guidance. They also aid me in my sermons because they put me in a light trance and speak on the subject with an advanced knowledge that is far more enlightening to the congregation than what I had planned to say.

In conclusion, let me say that spirit help is available to anyone – all who but open their minds and hearts to let these willing workers help you. Accept it and do not struggle for spirit will bring the best for you if you only hold the door open. Remember, even though your loved ones are not on the earth plane, they still care about you and will do everything in their power to help you.

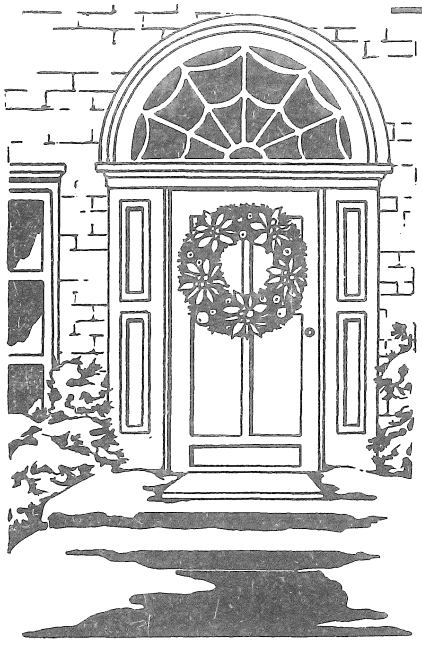
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were not responsible for.

That almost sounds like vicarious atonement. Which, by the way, is another theory that we as Spiritualists do not teach.

I think that I have heard every argument in favor of reincarnation. However, as a practicing Spiritualist I ***must*** accept Natural Law and our teachings of eternal progression for all.

Reincarnation – is it an issue? You must make your own decision on this question. But for me, it is surely a non-issue.



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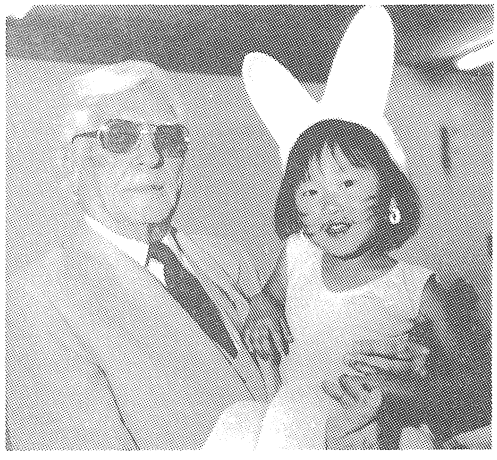
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A Merry Christmas, with warm and special greetings and our sincere thanks to all who contribute in so many ways to The National Spiritualist magazine.
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NOTES from the FIELD

Rev. Joseph H. Merrill and N.S.A.C. 96th Convention Mascot, Shannon Joy Schott (Joo, Mee Hye - Korean Name)



Shannon Joy Schott (Joo, Mee Hye -Korean name) was elected our mascot for the 96th N.S.A.C. Convention in Stamford, Connecticut. She was presented to the Convention delegation by the Rev. Evelyn L. Muse, N.S.T., Vice-President of the N.S.A.C. Rev. Muse also presented Shannon with a doll at this time.

Shannon attended every session of the Convention, also the evening services.

Shannon Joy (Joo, Mee Hye) was born February 19, 1984, in Kangwondo Province, Korea. She was abandoned February 20, 1984. There is no known family history. She came to live with her family in September of 1984: Mother, Patricia; Father, Lynn, Sister Heather; Brothers, Ryan and Jeffrey.

The U.S Courts finalized the adoption April 1, 1984, and she became an American Citizen on April 11, 1986. Shannon is a 4th generation Spiritualist. Her most remembered time is the 96th N.S.A.C. Convention. Shannon wants to say "Hi" to all her new friends and thank you for electing her to be the honorary mascot. Also, a special "Hello" to Rev. Joe as she fondly calls him.

The picture with the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill was taken in October, 1988 at the Halloween Charter Banquet for the Chapel of Spiritual Awareness, Denver, Colorado.

The Chapel Of Awareness, Denver, Colorado Receives Charter



Pictured above from left to right: Rev. Robert J. Haskins, Pastor; N.S.A.C. President, Rev. Joseph H. Merrill; Patricia Schott, Treasurer; Richard Studebaker, President: and Roe Stewart, Secretary.

October 30, 1988, The Chapel Of Spiritual Awareness Of Denver, Colorado, received its Charter, which was presented by the N.S.A.C. president, Rev. Joseph H. Merrill.

Rev. Merrill was also presented a plaque by the church Board President, Mr. Richard Studebaker to commemorate the Charter event.

The Chapel of Spiritual Awareness will hold its meetngs and services in a Masonic Building at 255 Acoma St., Denver, Colorado. Meetings are Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Transitions

A memorial service for Oscar Wascher, a longtime Spiritualist who made his transition on October 14th, at age 83, was attended by his friends and relatives with members of his church, at 2:00 p.m. on October 17, in the Guardian Midtown Chapel.

Joseph and Juanita Oyer, co-pastors of Central Spiritualist Church of Oklahoma City, conducted the service and conveyed the appreciation of all who knew him for his selfless contribution to his church, his friends and community as well as his loyalty and pride exhibited in his membership in the church and the Cowboy Hall of Fame. In addition to this was his anonymous assistance to those in need.

In fulfillment of a promise made to Oscar, the Director of the Senior Center where he had resided some 11 years, told of his unfailing helpfulness and sharing, as an on-site photographer for all occasions, his great love and rapport with children and flowers. He had accepted responsibility in making sure the flag of his beloved country was raised and lowered at the Center in the correct manner and at the correct times for many years. She noted that he is missed greatly because nobody has felt this dedicated in assuming the task since the day Oscar, with the only sign of depression she had ever seen in spite of a physical affliction suffered for a lifetime, told her with a tear in his eye that he could no longer care for the Flag since he now dropped it, and the Flag was too sacred and should never touch the dirt.

Oscar was a Spiritualist in the true sense, always being all that he could be under all conditions and circumstances.

He may have unknowingly still served his church that day, as some attending the service expressed their delight in the very loving and humanitarian service and asked for the locations of Spiritualist churches – or did he?

His physical presence will be greatly missed.



The Rev. Rita A. Faubel

Rev. Rita Ann Faubel, N.S.T. Co-founder of the Spiritualist Center in Los Angeles and later co-founder of the Spiritualist Society, N.S.A.C. of Los Angeles made her transition September 28, 1988. She was born in Indianapolis, October 1, 1933, the eldest of four children. She graduated from Purdue University.

Rita was a dedicated Spiritualist trying to raise the quality of all N.S.A.C. workers. For the last 20 years, she spent most of her waking hours doing spiritual work. She was truly a driven woman. She was a pioneer going where others were afraid to trod. She was the innovator of many of the programs now used by many churches. She tried to make Spiritualism popular while following the basics of tradition.

Rita never had children but compensated by teaching and leading. She developed a well organized 15 week introductory course on Spiritualism in 1972, a time when none could be found. She personally taught over 600 students. Many went on to be certified.

Rita is survived by her husband, Earl, her brothers, Tom White and Michael White, her sister, Denise Esparza, and other relatives.

Memorial serivces were conducted by Rev. Barbara Thurman, N.S.T., October 1, 1988, at the Spiritualist Society in Los Angeles.

An Attempt At Spiritualist Street Corner Evangelism

By The Rev. Albert W. Potts, Jr.
Pastor, The Church of the Spirit
Chicago, Illinois

Last spring Michael Kurban, owner of a psychic book and health food store in Chicago, commented that people no longer respond to the old forms of presenting the paranormal. Spiritualist churches and psychic fairs no longer drew people. What people wanted now, he said, is to go for a psychic reading during their lunch hour and then return to work.

His comment led me to consider holding noontime, weekday Spiritualist message services and mini-readings in some rented space in a downtown office area. First, however, it seemed wise to do some "market research" to see what parts of town might be most suitable, what sort of people might be most receptive, how much they might donate, and so on. I decided to experiment by offering noontime psychic readings outdoors on various street corners because this could be done with no outlay of money. Over the next few weeks a half dozen of our church people and I tried street corner readings seven times.

Our plan was that a church member would hand out fliers offering free psychic readings and I would do the readings. We decided not to ask for a donation initially but merely to see if readings could be done under the stress and bustle of street conditions and if anyone would stop. Our first corner was an upscale shopping street downtown. Dorothy Wagner, our music director, and I set up there, but too many business people were dashing here and there, wealthly shoppers bustled by, taxis kept coming and going, too much rush and preoccupation. We needed a slower corner.

Next Dorothy and I tried a six way shopping corner where foot traffic was leisurely. Handing out fliers turned out to be unsuitable. By the time people read them, they had moved out of range. We gave up soon.

The next time we chose the same intersection but had a table, two chairs, and a big sign. Yolanda Ericson handed out fliers and Carolyn Hill assisted with readings. In an hour we gave readings to five people: two children, a Hispanic man who was merely curious, an alcoholic who wanted predictions about his recovery, and a black who had taken out a loan from a mob loan shark and couldn't pay it back. Since that can be fatal, he was in some anxiety. The spirit of a street-wise black came through and gave him some sensible if not very morally uplifting advice which pleased the borrower.

The table and chairs proved cumbersome to carry and the sign kept blowing off the table, so the next time we made a sandwich board and chose another shopping corner. Len Guercio assisted me with the readings on this and all subsequent trials. For the first forty-five minutes only two children stopped. When we were ready to give up, people began to come and finally were lined up for readings. Among others, a young woman going to a psychotherapist wanted predictions about her many problems (as I was reading her, her psychotherapist walked by and looked doubtfully at us). An entering college student wanted predictions about his year ahead. A young woman wanted to know if her lover was coming back to her. A young man wondered when he would find a relationship.

That day worked out so well that we decided to try to elicit donations for the readings. We put a request for a donation on the sandwich board without specifying an amount. The usual donation was $3.00. We also

handed out a brochure on the church to those who gave, but no one has come to the church. We tried that corner again, but this time the temperature was 104°, our corner was in the sun, and we could not move to the shade because we needed a city permit for each corner and could not change it. What little foot traffic there was stayed in the shade and no one stopped for readings.

To see if students might be interested, we tried a corner near DePaul University, where street people and bums also gathered. Neither students nor street people were interested. A young woman unhappy about living at home stopped to ask if she and her boy friend were going to live together so she could get away from her family.

For the final trial we chose a Yuppie corner. One passer-by stopped to ask if her ex-husband was going to stop hassling her and would she ever find a satisfying love relationship. A very smartly dressed professional woman drove by, saw our sign, parked, and came by to say that she hadn't had a relationship since her divorce, but she now had her eyes on a man she was working with and wanted to know if the two of them would enter into a relationship together.

At that point we stopped on-the-street readings. I am vastly grateful to those brave and energetic church members and development students who assisted their nervous pastor on the street. We learned a great deal. If someone were determined to make a financial success of it, I'm sure that it could be done, but it would take a lot of nerve, patience, and standing around, plus advertising, a better sign than we had, more aggressive soliciting of people, and more aggressive appeals for donations.

We also learned about the type of person to whom Spiritualism appeals, not students, not street people, not the most upscale or the most downscale, but the average person who has a problem. This is an excellent finding because this type of person constitutes the vast majority of humankind. There is a great deal of room for Spiritualism to grow. We simply need to find the best ways to reach the "common man" and help him with his problems.

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