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EDITORIAL



Holiday Message



What message would the great avatars of by gone days share with us this holiday season? How would Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, Socrates, Plato or Emerson share the cosmic message of truth?

Three words come to mind as I contemplate a message from the great thinkers and teachers of the past - *LOVE, LIGHT and LAW*. If we meditate and study these we will receive a strong message.

LOVE — There is love or the opposite fear and these two emotions bring us peace of mind or turmoil. Fear is the absence of love. God is Love, so when we fear, we have removed our trust from God. Fear is the result of our ego mind and of external factors. Love is the result of our God mind and originates and guides from within. Love is forgiveness of self and others. Love raises our vibration, thus attracting better things to us. Love is understanding, giving, sharing, patience, kindness, service, faith, growth, trust, freedom, acceptance, peace and joy. The most nourishing energy we can provide for the soul, the body and the spirit is love. Love is the flame of the Universe and the peak of Spirit consciousness toward which we all strive. Where there is love, there is God.

Peace between countries must rest
on the solid foundation of love
between individuals. — Mahatma Gandhi

Love cures people. Both the ones
who give it, and the ones who
receive it. — Dr. Karl Menninger

LIGHT — Light is the energy, the Divine Spark in ALL creation. It is within every cell and atom, the center and the circumference. Science tells us that there is nothing in the entire universe except energy. Light cannot be created or destroyed. All is Light, not separate, but a part of the whole from which Light originates. Go within, be still and look for the Light. Let your inner Light shine. The Light is our infinite good that we can claim for our own. When we understand the inner Light, then will we be able to walk in the Light which Lights the World both on the visible and invisible planes of existence.

"From out of nothing comes the cosmic
substance from which all is made
and to which all returns."
— Wilbur Colville

"Out of the shadow of the past, the world is
moving into the light. It is daybreak everywhere.
And on the horizon of the human mind,
Spiritualism is dawning, bringing a brighter
and kindlier light to all."
— The Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell.

LAW — The Law is God's guidance to show us the way to grow and obtain peace. It keeps order and balance in the Universe. As we follow laws principles, so do we make our happiness or unhappiness. Adhering to God's Laws actually gives one more freedom. Natural law is impartial, unchangeable and immutible, so we can always depend on it. Law governs the physical and the spiritual on all planes of life revealing an orderly, progressive existence. It is the only constant in the Universe. Obtaining knowledge and understanding of the Laws of Nature is essential to the unfoldment of an individual.

"It is well that we understand the laws
governing mental science, so that
we may be able to live more
abundantly, both physically and spiritually."
— Peggy Barnes
"Chemistry of Thought"

The three words Spirit gave me for consideration, contemplation and a Christmas message are three expressions of Infinite Intelligence. How wise, for what better meditation could we have than one that is of and with the Divine Source. *LOVE, LIGHT and LAW* is the working center of our being, is our universe, is our power, is our happiness, is our oneness.

Peace, beauty and blessings to you all during this holiday season.

Sandy Pfortmiller,
Editor

Let the magic of Love and Sharing we feel during
the holidays be reflected each day of the New Year.



Take Pride In Your Religion



by Jane E. Babinsky Bortz

Spiritualism is a science, a philosophy, a religion. Modern Spiritualism as we know it, was born on March 31, 1848 in the Fox cottage at Hydesville, New York. The phenomena that occurred in the Fox cottage that night gave proof that life continues after the transition known as death. Many people knew in their hearts and minds that life does continue, but being so tied to the physical planes of earth we needed physical proof that life never ends. The rappings in the Fox cottage were enough to give us that proof that we were looking for.

It was now time to build upon the base of the physical phenomena and develop a philosophy and religion. The philosophy and religion that was compiled by the builders of Modern Spiritualism is based upon the Truths of God - The Laws of Nature. Spiritualism did not rest on the laurels of dogma and creed.

Those who developed spiritually under the auspices of Spiritualism were proud to be a Spiritualist. Can you say the same? Where is your pride? Are you not willing to share what you've found with others? It is time for Spiritualists to come out of the closet, so to speak, and share this beautiful truth with the world. Just as Lee Greenwood's song says "I'm Proud To Be An American," and I am, I'm proud to be a Spiritualist. Part of being a good American is abiding by the Laws of Nature as governed by Infinite Intelligence - the same laws that we as Spiritualists believe in.

I know that sometimes it is easier to be a "closet" Spiritualist so that we don't have to explain ourselves to friends, neighbors, and sometimes family. I have been accused of being a member of a cult, a devil-worshipper, or just plain crazy for believing in Spiritualism. We must learn to forgive people of their ignorance. We must step out of the closet and educate the ignorant about Spiritualism. Do not be afraid to share your beliefs with others. If they condemn you for your beliefs, remember that they are only hurting themselves. A. J. Davis was given a Magic Staff to believe in - to always keep an even mind. An even mind is an open mind and allows for growth. Those that cannot abide by this are stifled in growth and do not possess spiritual happiness.

I had a dream several weeks ago that I perceived as a nightmare. As a matter of fact, I probably could have sold it to Stephen King for his next horror novel. I won't describe the entire dream, but I would like to share part of it. It was about a church that was not far from Lily Dale where tourists were flocking to like sheep. There were a dozen or so "priests" at the church that appeared to me as very evil and were trying to brainwash the tourists with their beliefs. I remember waiting in a long line to go in and as we walked through the door we were required to deposit a twenty dollar bill into the basket. The girl in front of me was upset and remarked, "Is this all we get for our money?" As I ran out of the church I was grabbed by one of the "priests". I told him that I was not afraid of him or his group because I was not of the other religions, I was a Spiritualist! I then proceeded to say to him that I was from Lily Dale where he could find spiritual peace. I had come to his church, now he should come to mine. The dream did not end here, but the true meaning of the dream did. I am a Spiritualist, and proud of it! I believe in the Truths of Spiritualism and cannot be shoved into a closet no matter what others say or believe in.

Take pride in yourself, your beliefs, your church. Tell your friends, neighbors, and family, about Spiritualism. Remember to focus on the beautiful philosophy and religion, not just the science, the physical phenomena. Invite a friend to come to church with you. Don't be afraid to share the Truth with others. Now, I'm not advocating knocking somebody over the head and dragging them along. Nobody appreciates this, nor do they truly benefit from the experience. What I am advocating, is if somebody asks about your religious preference, don't be afraid to tell them that you are a Spiritualist. Educate and enlighten them to what Spiritualism is. Try to dispel the myths that we are a cult, do the work of the devil, and fly around at night with our crystal balls!

Yes, it is time to stand up and be counted. Modern Spiritualism was not organized so that it could be thrown into a closet and eventually no longer exist as an organized religion. It is time to progress and grow. As Spiritualism progresses and grows, so will we as Spiritualists.

Celebrate the season by sharing love and light with another.

Q·U·E·S·T·I·O·N·S

by The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST

As a Spiritualist I'm certain that you have been asked many questions regarding your religion.

Usually, when the question of religion comes up and you state that you are a Spiritualist, you probably hear something like, "What is that?" or, "Are you a Christian?" or, "Do you believe in God?" or some other such thing.

And sometimes, the way that these type of questions are asked, can make you feel that you must be defensive, or in fact, take offense. Remember, you do not want to be defensive when discussing your religion.

I would like to share with you some suggestions and ideas on how you might answer these type of questions. Of course there are others, but I have found that these are usually quite effective.

What Is Spiritualism?

Be careful with the question, "What is Spiritualism?" when talking to a person who does not know or really care about the answer, or who might be more interested in discrediting than learning. By trying to define Spiritualism in one minute or less, you are putting yourself and your religion in a difficult spot. Just think about how long it took you to really understand the answer to this question.

Your best response might be to invite that person to a church service. Or to ask them to sit in on a development class. Or to offer them some literature to read. If they persist and you determine that they are approaching this with a negative purpose, then simply ask THEM to define THEIR religion on the fly, just like they are asking you to do.

But in no case should you yield to any pressure to be defensive when discussing Spiritualism. If you do yield to this pressure, you are certain to run into the usual narrow minded, pre-determined ideas that have no chance of changing.

Are You A Christian?

One of my favorite situations, when religion is being discussed, is when I am asked, "Are you a Christian?" It does of course, seem odd to me that I have never been asked if I am a Muslim, or a Jew, or an atheist or something else. It is always "Are you a Christian?"

My immediate response is to ask, "What do you mean by the term Christian?" Of course, I usually get a funny look, some stuttering, and on some occasions, an explanation on just what that person THINKS a Christian is. This usually includes such statements as, "You know, do you believe in God?" or, "Do you believe in Jesus?" or some other similar question. My response, as stated above, then frequently leads to the cessation of the conversation, or to a very interesting exchange of ideas.

After the person gets done explaining what they feel a Christian is, I then give my response. I usually say, "If you mean do I accept salvation through the blood sacrifice of Jesus, or do I believe in the virgin birth, the trinity, eternal damnation, etc., then the answer is a very definite NO."

Continuing I say, "However, if you are asking me if I attempt to live my life in a positive, loving, manner, without causing harm to others, and in support of my beliefs and religion, then I must say that I do try to do these things." (Please notice that I still did not say that I consider myself to be a Christian.)

Have you ever heard people saying, when discussing something good someone has done, "He or she is a good Christian?" You might, in a non-confrontational manner, ask them if they mean that in order to be good, you must first be a Christian?

The term "A good Christian" should be corrected by explaining that the term "A Spiritual person" means that a person is close to God, and would not presume that all who are not Christians are bad. I have even gotten myself into the habit of using the term, "A good Spiritualist" when talking about a person who has done some good deeds.

I once had a telephone conversation with a lady from a different state that I was planning to visit, and she was proudly explaining to me that her son-in-law had just been ordained a Christian minister.

I offered my congratulations and she then asked me what religion did I practice? I VERY proudly responded that I was a Spiritualist, and, that I was also privileged to be an ordained minister of Spiritualism. Her response almost floored me. She acted like I had said a horrible thing.

She started to tell me about the Bible, the Devil, about Heaven and Hell and finally, I had to stop her. Not wanting to sever the long-standing friendship I had with her family, I stated that I was deeply offended by her opinion of my chosen religion, and that I would be more than happy to discuss it in detail when I did visit her state, but that continuing our phone conversation would not be proper. She reluctantly agreed to this and the conversation ended.

Two months later when I did finally see this lady face to face, she completely ignored what we had agreed to and acted as if we had never had the conversation. I asked her if she would like to continue our previous discussion but she

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said that she did not have the time then to do so. And of course, she never did find the time.

I wondered what had happened to cause her to choose to ignore the situation rather than confront it head on? Perhaps she had learned something, or perhaps she thought better of entering into this type of discussion. And certainly, it did work out better since we are still friends with her family and whenever we talk, she does not bring the subject of religion into the conversation.

Do You Believe in Jesus?

Much discussion on this subject continues to take place. There are several schools of thought that feel that the man Jesus never existed. But that the Christ concept is the motivation for the fabrication of a myth.

For discussion purposes, let's assume that we accept that the man called Jesus did exist.

We as Spiritualists DO NOT accept the deity of Jesus. This then implies that there are many things about the story of Jesus that we also cannot and do not accept.

We are all children of God and, as humans, we share the same biological destiny. We also share the same opportunities for eternal progression as a result of our own efforts, or to put it another way, personal responsibility.

Which of course means that we cannot accept the theory of vicarious atonement, or the blood sacrifice of Jesus to save us from the results of our sins.

We accept Natural Law as unwavering. This then does not allow us to literally accept the theory of the virgin birth. Of course, at that time any woman who had not yet conceived a child was considered a virgin.

Several of our churches will not allow even a picture of Jesus to be displayed. They may even very consciously avoid any lectures or discussions of the man. The reasons for this are not that they do not admire and respect Jesus.

But rather that they are aware that many people who have not yet released their ties to orthodoxy, would anxiously interpret this to mean our acceptance of the Christianity that he represents. And these churches do not want to put out any messages other than the ones that state, "We are Spiritualists."

How Do Spiritualists View The Bible?

I have a very simple statement that I like to give. And this statement clearly explains, in a very few words, our position on the Bible.

"The Bible is a collection of historic works, written by inspired human beings, but is not the word of God."

Now this is not very difficult to understand and accept. When one studies the history of the Bible, you clearly see that it was put together by man, at different times in our history, and with many diverse and often contradictory ideas.

A very interesting booklet I once read titled, "Impeachment of the Bible," identifies numerous contradictions within the Bible. In fact, one statement referred the reader to a specific Bible passage and said that, "we would print the passage in its entirety if it were not for the fact that this booklet is sent by mail and we would be violating postal obscenity laws!"

Now if a person accepts the Bible as "the word of God," and has taken the trouble to recognize that it is fraught with contradictions, I wonder at the logic they have used? If they consider that God is perfect, how then can God's word be imperfect?

I HAVE taken the time to ask devout Bible students this question and IN ALL CASES, I have failed to receive a direct answer. They always have said such things as, "That's not how it is meant," or "That is a different situation," or some other such non-answer.

I know of a specific case where a Christian school, that very heavily stresses Bible study, refuses to talk about the Book of Revelation! When asked by a student, "Why?" the pastor replied, "We do not talk about that in this church." So, if this is really the word of God, why NOT talk about it?

What Is The Spiritualists View On Reincarnation?

There is a booklet written by the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, our current president, titled, "What Do We Believe?" This booklet very clearly gives our perspective and many reasons why we do not teach the theory of reincarnation.

Mr. Merrill states, "If the Spiritualists believe in the continuity of life and forward progressive conditions, onward and upward as it were, they cannot but reason that to be re-born in another body would break the line of continuity and start all over again in darkness for nine months when birth takes place. It would never again be the continuity of life that Spiritualists believe."

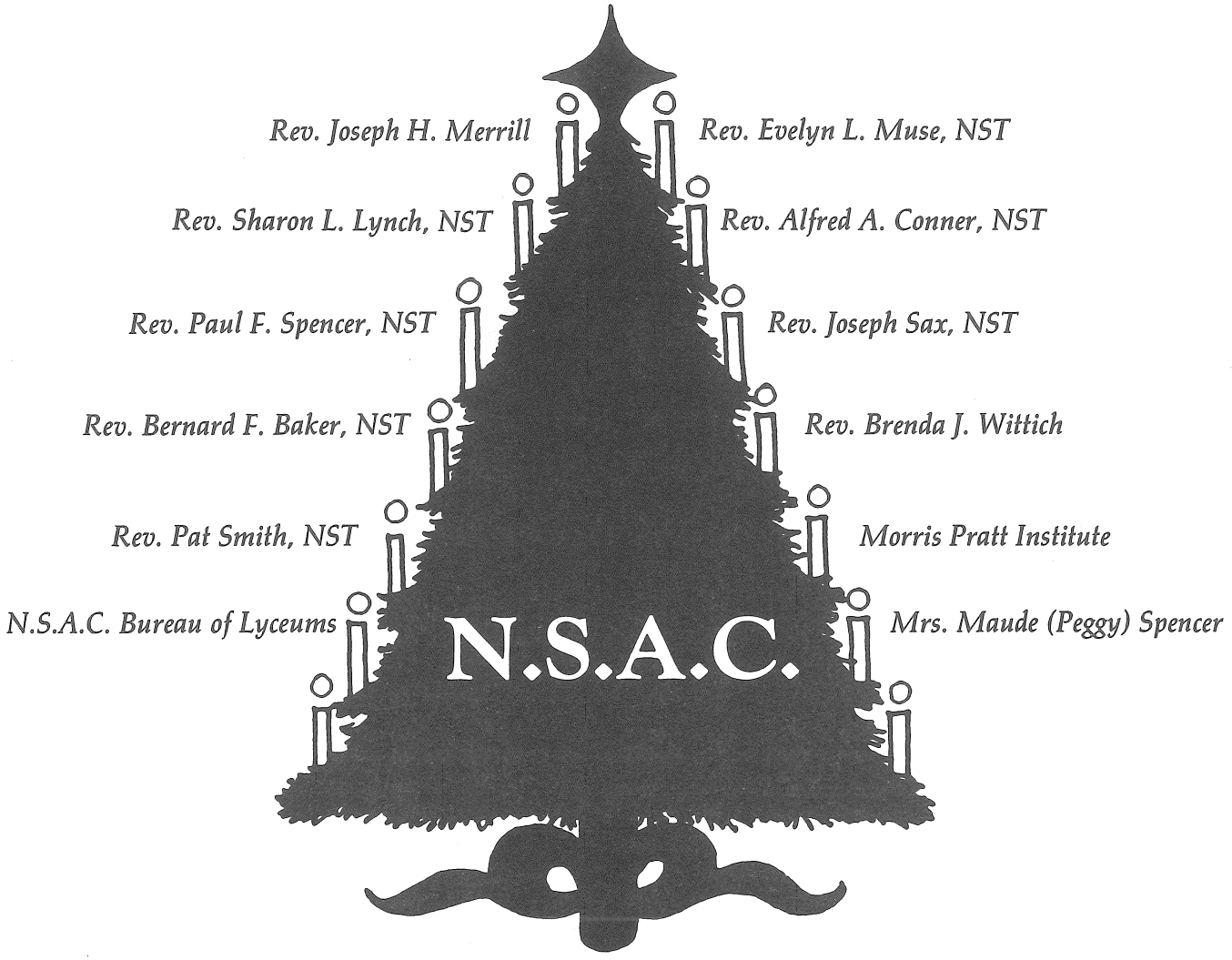
Mr. Merrill further states, "Sunday after Sunday the Spiritualists repeat the fourth Declarment - "We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continues after the change called death." We do not say that this continuence stops at a certain point and breaks the line of continuity to be re-born in another strange body. Life is continuous and progressive.

And when it comes to the theory of a Karmic debt having to be paid, and that certain conditions, good or bad, in our present life are results of Karmic law, the Spiritualist who believes this has overlooked the seventh Declarment when we say that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey Nature's physical and spiritual laws. Personal responsibility is the belief of the Spiritualist, not the fact that we are paying a debt of another existence."

We, as Spiritualists, teach the truths of our beautiful religion and we will not teach unproven theories.

I have given you some possible answers to some of the questions you may be faced with responding to. Remember, you have the truth and knowledge of Spiritualism with you. So, study your religion, be prepared to discuss such things as I have discussed above. And, "under all circumstances, keep an even mind." ❁

Holiday Peace, Love and Blessings to All of You, From All of Us.



All of us at *The National Spiritualist Summit* send you the merriest of wishes. May it truly be a Spiritual Season for you, your loved ones and for all mankind.

— *Sandra Pfortmiller, NST*



Scrooge versus Santa Claus

— A Short Story —



"I believe in Santa Claus," I told my grandchildren, "not as a man, but as a spirit of Christmas, of things good, filled with joy and of giving and sharing with others."

"Bah-hum-bug," said their father, "what nonsense are you trying to teach my children. Christmas is for the merchants. People spend lots of money giving gifts that others can't use. Even the Christmas story has little logic to it. A virgin birth in a stable - science would disprove that in a minute."

Each year at the holidays my son-in-law became a Scrooge. "Don't tell the children there is a Santa Claus. This is an illusion and not even a good one because when the child discovers there is not St. Nick they feel betrayed."

"I must agree with you about a commercialized Santa but I love the spirit or energy that I feel at Christmas and this is what I am telling the children about. I call the guide of Christmas Santa Claus."

The father snarled, "If you really feel that way, let's have Christmas without spending any money and see how Spiritual you and the children think it is. This means all the trappings that go with it too. No cards to clog up the postal system, no candles -electric lights are safer and brighter. Carols are basically medieval and we have heard them over and over, so no old songs. What do Christmas trees have to do with the holiday? We'll spend no money on a tree. They should be allowed to live and grow bigger for lumber anyway. Aren't you always preaching ecology?" He stormed out, "This will put an end to the foolishness of Christmas spirit."

My attention was now drawn to the children who had tears in their eyes. "No Christmas? No presents?" they cried .

Emotions welled and I was silent for a moment while I called on Spirit for HELP. Inspiration came with a challenge. "We can have Christmas without spending money. We will make all our gifts and make our cards and decorate the house. Let's write a new song or poem or something to show everyone that the holiday season is one of giving."

The children looked dubious. "Let's gather some paper and make a list of things we can do. We can decorate the house with a paper chain made with construction paper of red, green and white. The chain will show mans interconnection. We'll say the red means energy, the green means growth and the white means purity.

The gifts are important, for giving is receiving, so we'll make everyone a gift or give them a service. If we can't sing songs, we can do a play. Christmas is an expression of love, so maybe we could write a play about love."

"What if we didn't speak in the play, just show love?" my grandson asked.

"Great idea, like a mime," I said, pleased they were getting into the idea.

"We could be happy Christmas clowns, showing how to share with each other. I will be a clown with a big red nose."

"Wonderful. We'll make each other laugh, and laughter raises the vibrations and brings in the joy," I told them. "We will be Santa Claus this year."

We made plans and each of us got busy. The enthusiasm was fun and catching. No more were the kids whining about all they wanted, but busy seeing what they could arrange to give to others. There was much secrecy, whispering, and giggling.

On Christmas Eve we put up our paper chains and did our skits. Then we ate popcorn and homemade cookies. I had thought the children might weaken with not a tree or presents. Then the presents began to appear. Everyone went to a different hiding place and all of a sudden there were lots of gifts . . . all homemade, unique, recycled or services. They were creative, inventive, fun and thoughtful. The children squealed with delight. The love and joy off the season filled the room.

My son-in-law tried to remain Scrooge, but the child within was reborn and he quickly joined in. Pretty soon he excused himself and went into the garage. He came back with armloads of beautifully wrapped presents. The children's eyes got big and one put her arms around her daddy and said, "Just like Santa Claus." We must learn to be good receivers, as well as happy givers, so no one reminded him that money was not to be spent.

My grandkids are teenagers now, but we still talk about that Christmas and the lessons it taught us all. Our excitement of giving our creations with love, brought about the abundance of receiving. We captured the essence of Christmas which is sharing, joy, love and happy surprises. I have also many times thanked my spirit guides for the inspiration that brought the wonder and light to the love-filled event.

MEMORIAL

- The Rev. Verna K. Kuhlig -



One of our great pioneers, the Rev. Verna K. Kuhlig, made her passage to the spirit land on September 5, 1990. Rev. Kuhlig was 94 years of age, retired, and living in Wisconsin. She is survived by many friends and relatives including Lee Berger and Robert Kupfer.

Verna Kuhlig was a well educated, well rounded individual. She was an accomplished violinist, a retired supervisor at Deaconess Hospital. She graduated in the second graduation class of Morris Pratt Institute in Whitewater, Wisconsin in May of 1930.

Rev. Kuhlig was the business manager of The National Spiritualist in 1936 and later appointed associate editor. The early magazines are filled with her writings and wisdom especially in the Lyceum Field. She was ordained as a National Spiritualist minister on Nov. 21, 1937.

At the Forty-ninth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Association held in Los Angeles, Ca. in 1941, she was appointed the National Superintendent of Lyceums. Miss Kuhlig had been an associate of the Bureau of Lyceums since 1934 and Wisconsin State Superintendent of Lyceums from 1932 until 1940.

In 1938 she organized the Lyceum Luncheon, and in 1939 a Luncheon and Conference combination. The purpose of these meetings was to present new methods of teaching and new literature to the Lyceum leaders.

She compiled and edited the American edition of the Lyceum Manual which is filled with wonderful truths about Spiritualism. It is interesting and educational to young and old alike as the Lyceum textbook or just good reading. Rev. Kuhlig also authored leaflets, lessons and a handbook. She had great success in absent healing after she retired for health reasons.

The Rev. Verna Kuhlig worked diligently and faithfully for her chosen religion of Spiritualism and her work will extend far into the future. We send prayers of thanks and blessings for her smooth transition into the higher life.

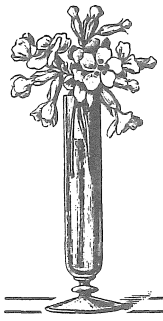
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Under All Circumstances Keep An Even Mind — Davis

by The Rev. Verna K. Kuhlig

"The founder of the Lyceum, Andrew Jackson Davis, was born on August 11, 1826, and made his transition on January 13, 1910. The interesting life of the Phoughkeepsie Seer is well known among Spiritualists and Lyceumists, as Mr. Davis organized the first Lyceum on January 25, 1863, at Dodsworth Hall, New York City. The voluminous literature he wrote and left as a living monument, and a heritage to mankind is well known. The Autobiography or Magic Staff, which is the story of his life, is one of the most interesting of his writings.

From the Constitution in the Davis Lyceum Manual, we quote, in part: 'We believe in a religion of justice, social unity and physical progress—in the happy and complete cultivation and symmetrical development of body, soul and spirit—to the accomplishment of which the whole life and the best talent of men and women should be consecrated. The body, mind and spirit of the child should be drawn forth progressively, and educated in all the ways of love and wisdom. By pleasing and natural methods the young should be taught to understand and reverently love whatever is useful, beautiful, just and wise, not only for immediate advantage in this world, but also for uninterrupted progress, and to secure higher happiness in the Summer-Land.' "



Spiritualism Versus Spiritism

by Mary Makrias

What is Spiritualism all about? It's about discernment. It's about discipline. It's about maintaining the connection between the Power and the Source of the Power. Most of all, it's about growing and developing to be of service to that Power Spiritualism calls Infinite Intelligence. It's what you contribute, and not what you receive, that's important.

As it began, Modern Spiritualism was designed to bring the light back into religion. Our forefathers saw the damage created by dogma and creed prominent throughout orthodoxy, and they were determined not to limit the spiritual growth of any individual in their search for truth. They proposed, rather to encourage individuality of expression. And so, from these noble beginnings, modern Spiritualism came to be.

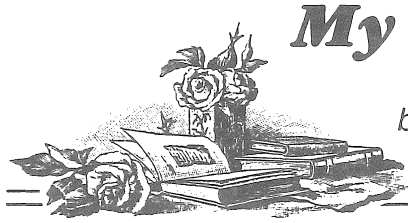
Once the doorway between the two dimensions was opened by the Fox sisters, many avenues were made available. Some broke away from the discipline and lost the essence of what spirit was bringing to us. Some began to separate the power from the Source of the power leading to self destruction. Others ignored discernment and left themselves at the mercy of forces they were just beginning to understand, or became lost in the world of spirit. Even the master teacher, Jesus warned of the dangers in Spiritism when he instructed his students to trust not all the spirits, but learn to discern.

The question then, is not of the existence of spirit but, of how to best serve the controlling forces of the universe. It is not what spirit can do for us, but what we can do to best serve mankind. Always remembering that it is not us. Always remembering to give thanks. Always remembering to think first of the consequences of our actions in relation to the will of God. The gifts are not created by our will or power or even direction but are gifts which are freely given to us and can be just as easily taken away.

Worry not for your tomorrows, live for the now. Rejoice for there is no death! Grow and accomplish all that is in your destiny. Give, laugh, experience, appreciate and learn to love mankind and to aim for the highest good while you live in this world. Strive to be in the world but not of it. Allow your light to shine brightly for we are the light of the world.

What we do now will influence the future. Think about the future and the contribution of your actions. Yes, there is so much to do, there is so much work ahead for us all. Yet, there can be no greater cause or no greater honor than to do the work of God and to serve mankind.

I Heard You, My Dear



by Elizabeth Harris

The morning sun penetrated faded curtains and dimly lit the room within. The filtered light reached Johnathon, sitting motionless in the corner, lighting his sparce grey hair and red-rimmed eyes. It glimmered on the crumpled spread of the double bed and night tables piled high with magazines and old newspapers. Parchment shaded lamps stood sentinel in dusty gloom.

Johnathon rose slowly from the chair and moved to the window. He lowered the shade and returned the room to shadows. Retracing his steps, he again sat in silent sorrow . . . grieving in despair. He could feel familiar melancholy rising . . . a choking, squeezing, merciless agony . . . a lonesomeness, cold and heartless as death.

"Margaret, Margaret, I need you," he cried.

Beautiful, lovely Margaret dead, they said. Johnathon had been trying to understand and believe, ever since the accident, but he wasn't sure it was true. It was too hard to believe. Perhaps it was only a dream. If he tried hard, he could hear her now, stepping around the kitchen, preparing Christmas dinner. He could hear the splash of water as she washed the turkey in the big kitchen sink, and he knew she'd soon take blue bowls from the high cupboards to mix chestnut stuffing for the turkey.

Tomorrow was Christmas and Margaret would be ready.

She must be baking too, Johnathon thought . . . he could smell the sweet aroma of mincemeat and shortbread drifting through the open doorway.

Johnathon was sure he could hear her singing, in that light lilting way, making familiar Christmas carols live. Oh yes, Margaret sang well, Johnathon thought. She could sing like the angels, he used to tell her.

"Christmas is a happy time, Johnathon," she always said. It's the best time of the year. A time for loving and giving and sharing."

He dimly saw her now . . . a silhouette in the doorway . . . a sturdy little woman, eyes . . . violet as the woodland flowers she loved, grey hair . . . smooth to touch and skin smelling of scented soap and kitchen spices . . . familiar and beloved.

"Christmas is for sharing, Johnathon," she said.

Margaret smiled her warm loving smile, lingered a moment and was gone.

The words 'sharing - sharing - sharing' echoed in the silent room as Johnathon slowly rose to his feet. Standing in the stillness, overcome with awe and wonder, he

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Constitutional Amendments and By-Law Revisions at the 1990 Convention

— CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS —

ARTICLE VIII - SECTION 3

Line 5 change the word "exclusive" to "concurrent". Line 10 delete the words "exclusive or".

ARTICLE XVI

Line 9 delete the words "thereupon immediately" and insert the words "within ten days."

— BY-LAW REVISIONS —

ARTICLE I - SECTION 1

Add after "section 1" "the current edition of ". Insert after "shall be" "the Parliamentary".

Article I - Section 1 would then read: The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the Parliamentary authority and . . .

ARTICLE I - SECTION 7

Line 4 after the word "to" delete the word "ten" and insert the word "five". Delete the final period and add the words "per candidate and each candidate shall be limited to five minutes to address the delegates. If there is but one candidate for a position, election may be by voice vote."

ARTICLE I - SECTION 10

Line 2 delete all after the word "at". Add "the end of the morning session of the fourth day."

ARTICLE II - SECTION 5

Delete Section 5.

ARTICLE III - SECTION 2

Line 2 after "Annual Charter Fee" delete "$15.00" and insert "$25.00". Line 2 after "annually" delete "$2.25" and insert "$5.00". Line 4 after "the" delete "two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25)" and insert "five dollars ($5.00)".

ARTICLE III - SECTION 3

Line 1 delete "collection" insert "love offering".

ARTICLE IV - SECTION 9

2nd line change "majority vote of the full board" to "6 votes of the Board of Trustees".

ARTICLE V - SECTION 2

Line 4 change the word "exclusive" to "concurrent".

ARTICLE IX - SECTION 24

Line 10 Application fee delete "$15.00" insert "$25.00". Line 11 Annual Renewal Fee delete "$7.50" insert "$25.00".

ARTICLE IX - SECTION 25

Line 3 delete "$15.00" insert "$25.00". Line 6 delete "$15.00" insert "$25.00". Line 6 delete "$10.00" insert "$20.00".

ARTICLE X - SECTION 16

Correlation change. Line 3 after the words "By-Laws and" insert "the current edition of". Line 4 after the words "of Order" insert "newly revised".

— N.S.A.C. RESOLUTION ADOPTED —

Whereas the Spiritualist philosophy is based upon the principle of individual and corporate responsibility; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the N.S.A.C. is empowered to invest N.S.A.C. funds, and to reinvest said funds within their sole discretion; and

Whereas it is the will of the N.S.A.C. membership that the N.S.A.C. funds be invested in those corporations and organizations which are environmentally and socially responsible and which have refused to support apartheid;

Therefore, be it resolved that the N.S.A.C. Trustees establish guidelines prior to the 1991 National Convention to carry into effect the will of the membership as stated above;

Be it further resolved that the Trustees will report to the 1991 Annual Convention on the guidelines effected and the specific actions taken to implement this resolution.

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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.



Grateful For Spiritual Healing

by Gene Pfortmiller, NST
Pres. of Spiritual Healers League

Have you ever stopped to think how our church services would be without the beautiful healing vibration that the Spirit World brings to us? The Healing Prayer and the mental healing creates the attunement for our own vibrations to correlate with the music and prayers, assisting the flow and feeling of Spirit energy. This sets the stage for our mediums to communicate with the spirit world.

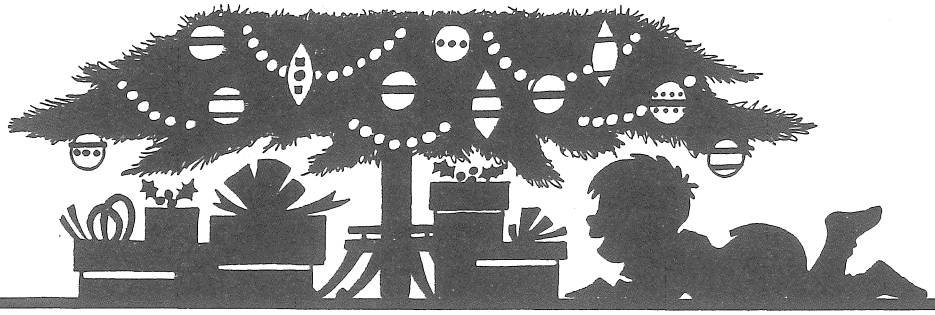
Mental healing is a clearing, a cleansing and a purifying of our energies. It is a way to relax and release the cares of daily living which need be accomplished before we can become good channels and good receivers for communications with our guides and loved ones from the higher plane of life.

It is also a time to send healing and loving thoughts to those who cannot be present with us in our church service. This is a wonderful way to share the spirit worlds positive energy. Therefore, healing has a way of continuously uniting all of us Spiritualists together, whether we are sitting next to each other in church or are many miles apart.

Healing is the vibration that opens up the doorway to Spiritual growth, understanding, communication and puts us and keeps us on the Spiritual path.

Thank you Infinite Intelligence for Spiritual Healing Energies.

Is It Christmas Already?



by The Rev. Brenda J. Wittich

Christmas is the most stressful time of the year for the majority of the people. The stress of trying to decide what to give to everyone that will top that which was given the previous year. The stress of spending money so quickly that it will be next November before this Christmas is paid for. The stress of trying to meet the expectations of others as well as those we place upon ourself has caused many people to dread even the mention of the word — Christmas.

At some point in time, our society decided that loving and caring were expressed by the size of the gift given and the amount of money which this gift cost. A small gift means that you care very little and if it is also inexpensive, you care not at all. I have seen people cry because they could not buy groceries and pay the house payment, let alone spend money on such luxuries as gifts. This pressure has caused many to feel worthless, unloving and underserving of self respect or respect from others. STOP THE WORLD! We have made a grave error somewhere when the season which is to be the most joyful and happy causes just the opposite effect.

Is sharing and caring limited to one day a year designated as Christmas, or is it supposed to occur the other 364 days of the year? If I am thoughtless and unkind everyday but Christmas, does this mean I love you? I do not believe this is true. As Spiritualists, we believe in the Golden Rule. We know that giving is an everyday expression of our true spiritual nature. Gifts do not have to be of a material nature, the greatest gifts are from our heart and divine self. We as Spiritualists have a great gift to share with our families, friends and the world, the gift of the knowledge of the continuity of life. When we share this gift everyday, we have given the greatest gift we have to give.

What would you give to the world if you were given the opportunity to have any "wish list" granted? I wish to share with you my wishes for all of you.

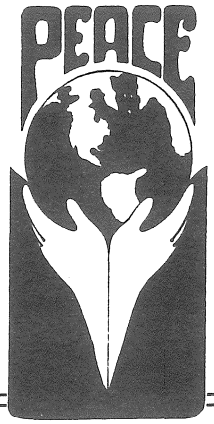
> *I wish for all of God's children a true sense of the awareness of this Infinite Spirit, a true realization that you never walk alone for the guiding angels are always present. I would instill the true knowledge that we are expressions of this Infinite Spirit.*

When this "wish list" is fulfilled, hunger, loneliness, homelessness, and greed will be eliminated. Is this idealistic? Perhaps. Is this the true meaning of Christmas and what it stands for? I think so.

Merry Christmas!!!

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

— Dickens



World Healing Meditation

Since 1986, on December 31, there has been a remarkable international event called the World Healing Meditation. Each year on this date millions of people the world over are spending one hour singing, meditating, praying and visualizing a harmonious, peaceful world. We would like to invite the readers of *The National Spiritualist - Summit* to join in and share their prayers and positive energy.

The idea was conceived by John Randolph Price (author of *The Planetary Commission).* He felt this is "our opportunity as individuals . . . to begin to heal and bring our planet back into harmony and balance - a worldwide non-denominational, non-political, cooperative effort that will unite people in a common bond with a common goal: PEACE ON EARTH."

In the past people representing all major faiths and religions, from 77 countries on seven continents and 524 organizations participated in the hour of global cooperation. Gatherings were held in parks, meeting halls, temples, ashrams, churches, hotels, public buildings, stadiums. But they were also held in private in homes, at the beach, with nature and in the quiet.

We hope that you will join with us and with the worldwide meditation on December 31 at noon Greenwich Time. This gets pretty early in the morning for some areas but it is well worth the effort. Please, if you should sleep through your alarm, spend some time during the day, as soon as you can, to send out your prayers for the peace of our great planet.

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This World Healing Meditation is a way we can help and practice what we believe in. So often we feel the world is so vast . . . what can one person do to help? Well, here is an opportunity for each one of us to be an open channel for the healing expression of Infinite Intelligence thereby helping to create a more peaceful world. *"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."*

I Heard You, My Dear, (Continued from page 10 . . .)

felt the warmth of vast love flow through him.

"Margaret, Margaret," he whispered. "I love you so."

Lowering his head he stood trembling in silent prayer.

The echoes receded and Johnathon slowly emerged. Moving to the window, he raised the shade. Large flakes of snow were gently falling outside, covering the dead grass with a blanket of white. It would be a white Christmas tomorrow, Johnathon thought. Margaret would have liked that.

Johnathon straightened frail shoulders as understanding illumined his thoughtful face.

"I'll be alright now, Margaret," he said. "Thank you, my dear."

He would leave for the store soon, Johnathon thought. Somehow he would buy a turkey and make some stuffing. Not as good as Margaret, but he would try. He would have to buy the pies though . . . and perhaps some ice-cream . . . and he would think of someone, somewhere to come and share it with him.

His glance lingered on the doorway a last time.

"I heard you," Johnathon said. "I heard you, my dear."

Christmas was for sharing, Johnathon knew, at peace at last.

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3324 17th St., 94110; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Messages 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pres. & Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, N.S.T., 3324 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Secy., Mary Ann Hylander.

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

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of) Lyceum, Sun. 11:00 a.m. Sept.-May, Healing 6:00 p.m., Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, N.S.T., 870 Junipero Serra Blvd., 94127; Pres., Sonny B. Gee, 679 The Alameda, Berkley, 94707, (415) 524-4082; Secy., Frances Richardson.

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., Jayne Patterson, 1252 W. Hedding St., 95126, (408) 241-0576.

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
1349 Hays, 94577; Sun. Serv. 10:15 a.m. to Noon; Co-Pastors, Rev's. Betty and Don Nauratil, (415) 283- 1449; Asst. Pastor, Mary Nichols, 25275 S. Lammers Rd., Tracy, 95376; Pres. Jean Kuhl, 816 Cary Dr., 94577. (415) 483-5630; Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549.

SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association,
322 Upper Road, 94903; P.O. Box 4375, 94913; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Ronald C. Cavender; Secy., Beverly J. Houser, (415) 472-3633. (Church address for mailing).

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of the Comforter,
1028 Garden St., 93101, (805) 965-4474; (Correspondence to Secy. Marysue Lewter at Church address) Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Wed. All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Mon. Beg. Unfoldment Class 7:00 p.m.; Thur. Inter. Unfoldment Class 7:00 p.m.; Fri. Nite Live: Special Seminars & Activities 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Foard Memorial Lib. Open by Appt. at 302 E. Figueroa St.; Pastor, Rev. Connie Smith, 660 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro, 94577; Asst. Lic. Min., Mary P. Wadsworth, 7430 Canby Ave., #3, Reseda, 91335.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of The Flowers
14411 Vanowen St., Suite 118, 91405. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Pat Smith, N.S.T., (818) 785-1871.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness,
225 Acoma, Denver; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Messages & Healing; Pres. Patricia Schott, (303) 972-2654.

WESTMINSTER - Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C.
8020 N. Federal Blvd., Suite 8, 80030. 280-9015. Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Messages & Healing; Unfoldment Classes Mon. 7:30 p.m. on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism; Pastor Bonnie Winston; Sec.-Treas. Jim Winston.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
P.O. Box 271, Ledyard, 06339; Pres., Al Ferency; Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - The New London Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
P.O. Box 1268, 06320; Sun. Ser. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Iris Larson, 53 Phillips St., Waterford, 06385, (203) 447-0928; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 23 Triton Pl., Groton, 06340.

NEWINGTON - The Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 666-1606; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. - every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Christa Dixon, 25 Woodland Park, Windsor, 06095, (203) 688-7581; Secy., Helen K. Salg, 739 Forest Rd., (Rear), Northford, 06472.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp,
1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, N.Y. 11741; Secy., Virginia J. Berg.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church,
29 Park St., 06360; P.O. Box 939; Hope Valley, R.I.; Secy., Alvera Gauvin, 70 Peck St., 06360, 889-5968.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church,
293 Sound Beach Ave., P.O. Box No. 143, 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Secy., Irmgard LaForge, 223 W. Ave., Darien, , 06820.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., N.S.A.C.,
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June; Pres., John Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwalk, 06854, (203) 866-3885; Secy., Doris G. Wendell, 377 Queen St., Bridgeport, 06606, (203) 374-5174.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic,
268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Ruth E. Moore, 208 Gooseneck Hill Rd., Canterbury, 06331. (203) 546-9748; Secy., Doris E. Gillooly, 180 Kimball Rd., Lisbon, 06351. (203) 376-2234.

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• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds,
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Pauline Hathaway, P.O. Box 699, La Plata, MD 20646, (301) 934-2454; Secy., Mayette Murray, 513 Lindsay Ct., Sterling, VA 22170, (703) 430-1449.

• FLORIDA •

CASADAGA - First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga,
P.O. Box 185, 32706

FRUITLAND PARK - Spiritual Enrichment Center, N.S.A.C.,
P.O. Box 519, 34731.

MIAMI - Metaphysical Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
7701 S.W. 76th Ave., 33143.

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C.,
3210 Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857); Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Pres., Jean I. Lerch, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 834-5378; Secy., E. Ann Otzelberger, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812.

• GEORGIA •

ATLANTA - First Spiritualist Church of Atlanta,
3120 Maple St., 30309.

BRUNSWICK - Golden Isles Spiritual Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
2916 Springdale Rd., 31520

• 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.; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Alma L. Kaes; Secy., Annabelle B. Saxon, 1312 E. Division St., Lockport, IL 60441, (815) 838-6961.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church,
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Maude E. Mazzacavallo, 14235 Oak St., Dolton, IL. 60419, (708) 841-1792.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.,
8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June thru Sept. - Nov. thru May; Serv.: First Sun. of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Maurice Witt, 624 Walnut Ave., Elgin, 60123, (708) 931-4373; Secy., Richard Taylor.

CHICAGO - The Church of The Spirit,
2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-1101, (312) 489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sun. Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Wed., Development Class, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Ms. LaVerne DeChristopher.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Secy., Margaret Altese, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30; Lyceum every third Sun.; Pastor, Rev. Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Secy., Lorraine Blair, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617. Pres., Trudy Person; Vice-Pres., Yogi Guice; Treas., Betty Frazier.

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.

LE ROY - 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, 61761, (309) 452- 1738; Secy., Donna K. O'Crowly, 34 Chiswick Cir., Bloomington, 61704, (309) 662-3845.

• INDIANA •

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

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church Of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St., Mailing Add: P.O. Box 8151, Station D, 46898; Sun. Lyceum Classes 10:00 a.m., Thurs. & Sun. Eve. - Healing 7:00 p.m., Serv. 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernice Brock; Assoc. Pastors, Rev. Jay Fisher & Rev. Edward P. Cummings; Secy., Jeanne Navaro, 1615 Wells St., 46808, (219) 422-8600.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist Church of Frankfort Inc., N.S.A.C.
Magnolia & Green Sts.; Sun. Healing Serv. at 2:30 p.m, Worship & Message Serv. at 2:45; Reading Days 3rd Saturday of each month. Pres., Mildred Schlogel, 3232 Mac Arther Lane, Indianapolis, 46224, (317) 291-0799; Secy. Mary E. Galloway, 6709 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis, 46203, (317) 359-7229.

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

HAMMOND - First Progressive Spiritualist Church of Hammond
230 Hobart St., 46406.

INDIANAPOLIS — Progressive Spiritualist Church,
6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902; Serv. Sun. "Psychic Tea" 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Reg. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 West County Line Rd., Camby, 46113, (317) 831-2499; Secy., Willie Wissing, Route 5, Box 137, Rushville, 46173, (317) 663-2582.

INDIANAPOLIS - Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
1415 Central Ave., 46202; Philosophy Class 6:00 p.m., Sun.; Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 7:30 p.m., Sun. & Thurs.; Healing Prayer Group 7:00 p.m., Mon.; All Message Serv. 2:00 p.m., Tues.; Classes, Seminars, Consultations & Special Activities available. Pres., Herbert Ray Worth, (317) 251-4889; Secy., Edith Myers, (317) 248-9773, Church phone (317) 634-1430.

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 Student Serv. 6:00 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Tues. 8:00 p.m., Muncie - Fri. 8:00 p.m. Chesterfield; Pastor, Rev. Virginia L. Falls, 2221 W. Ninth St., 47302, 284-2494; Secy., Doris Copeland, 5096 N. 300 E. Greenfield, 46140, 326-2523.

• 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; 1249 - 15th Ave. So., 52732, (319) 242-0462.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp.,
Mt. Pleasant Park, 52732

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church,
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802, (319) 324-9659 or 326-3453. Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Class, Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. Thirteenth St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Roma Plagman.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Thomas B. Haldane, Box 222, Rt. 1, W. Buxton, 04093; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD #4, Box 208-L17, Auburn, 04210; Secy., Florence C. Langley, Same address.

AUGUSTA — Augusta Spiritualist Church,
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Worship & Healing Serv., 2:30 p.m., Buffet following service at 4:00 p.m.; Awareness Class, Thurs., 7-9 p.m.; Pastor, Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Paul J. Lovell; Treas., Lyndell Heald; Secy., Jane Frost, P.O. Box 5178, 04330.

LINCOLNVILLE - Temple Heights Spiritualist Assoc. Camp,
P.O. Box 166, 04849.

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 #1, Box 55, 04426; Secy., Kathryn Weymouth, RFD #1, Box 16, Abbott, 04406, (207) 876-3005.

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ETNA - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church,
P.O. Box 100, 04434; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Healing Serv. Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Arlene Sikora, (207) 938-2807; Secy., Carol Rickards, P.O. Box 100, 04434, (207) 327-1458.

AUBURN - Madison Campmeeting Spiritualist Assoc.,
R.R. 4, Box 208 L 17, 04210.

PORTLAND — Portland Spiritualist Church,
302 Stevens Ave., 04103; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551, P.T.S., 04102; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Class Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Thomas Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 727-3850; Pres., Warren Nielsen; Secy., Dale Johnson, 75 Forest Ave., 04101.

• MARYLAND •

BALTIMORE - Sanctuary Of Truth Spiritualist,
YWCA Bldg., Room 108, 21201.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton,
54 Glenwood, 02401.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.,
37 Lowell St., 01844 (in Chapel of 1st Methodist Church); Sun. Serv. 6:00 p.m.; Acting Pastor, Constance Evans, 21 Hind Lane, Pelham, NH 03076, (603) 635-8876; Secy., Mary F. Gibeau, Concord Garden Apts., Bldg. 16, Apt. 2, Concord, NH 03301.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Church Camp,
13th St., 02558.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem,
34 Warren St., 01970; Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30, Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations: (508) 745-2098; Wed. Billet Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Billet Serv. Oct.-May; Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers, 01923; Pres., Muriel Karolides, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 774-2753; Secy., Dorothy R. Crocker, 14 King St., Peabody, 01960, (508) 977-9554.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres. Bernard Hilton, 133 Upper Rd., Deerfield, (413) 774-2354; Medium Secy., Mrs. Alyce Andrews, 53 Burns Ave., (413) 782-4584; Recording Secy., Mrs. Elaine Avery, Avery Rd., Montgomery, (413) 862-3310.

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,
1½ miles 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, Petrosky, 49770; Secy., Ralph B. Cheney, 7453 Old 31, Rt. 3, 49720, (616) 347-3899.

CHARLEVOIX - 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., June-Sept.; Pres. Ralph B. Cheney, 7453 Old 31, Rt . 3, 49720.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple,
97 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00, Church Service 10:45 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506, (616) 241-2761; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 4400 Edgar Rd., Lot 25, 49251, (517) 589-5193. Silver Star - Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Rebecca Strauss & Elda Goddard.

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, 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel,
21 Dennison St., 48501, (313) 628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Catherine Welch; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple,
3224 Greenfield Rd., 48073; 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., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., July & Aug.; Annual Retreat Week in July; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

MINNESOTA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES,
P.O. Box 6115, Mpls., 55406 (Birdi); Secy., Melanie L. Helvig, 3028 Minnehaha Ave., #4, Mpls., 55406, (612) 722-8480.

CRYSTAL - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church,
Sec. Anne Maalis - address mail to: P.O. Box 22722, 55422, (612) 535-8072. Services held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 10:00 a.m., 4947 West Broadway. Unfoldment class: Wed. Evenings, 8:00 p.m. Pastor Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer, 3908 Georgia Ave., No. (612) 535-2746.

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. Ninth St., 55805. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3652, 55803-3652.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church,
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 3:15 p.m.; Secy., Chrissy; Pres., Birdi, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 724-8968.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church,
411 Main St., 55101; Sun. Awareness Class 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:30 a.m., Pres., Mr. E. A. Yankovec, 1535 E. Magnolia Ave., 55106, (612) 774-5497; Secy., Menalinn Haberkorn, 1040 Laurel Ave., (612) 224-0698.

• MISSOURI •

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., 403 Cambridge Rd., #101, Belton, 64102; Secy., Edna Rowland, 601 South West Ward, Apt. B, Lee Summit, 64081.

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
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. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Catherine C. Stewart. For information, call (702) 431-2571.

• NEW JERSEY •

N. CAPE MAY - Stow Memorial Foundation,
Florence Statkiewicz, 218 Siva St., N. Cape May, 08204.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life,
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, David H. Edwards, 25 Lippincott Ave., Gibbsboro, 08026, (609) 784-2340; Pres., Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08017, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center,
Mailing address: 1471 Rte. 9, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065. Sunday Serv. 6:30 p.m. held at The Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave. Spiritual Unfoldment Classes. Mon.-Thurs.; Open Circles, Fri. 7:30 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST. Pres: Patricia Cizewski (518) 383-1931 or (518) 371-8975.

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AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Center,
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010. Lecture & message service, Sunday, 11:30 a.m., and open seances every Fri. at 7:30 p.m. year round. Development Classes, Tues.-Sat., October 'til May. Pastor, Jeanne M. MacVilla, (518) 842-0205.

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 Rd. #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; 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., Lyceum classes for all ages, 5:30 p.m. Mediums Day 3rd 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.; Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Spencer, N.S.T., Box 511, Delevan, 14042; Secy., Charlene Kleinschmidt, 1071 Wish Circle, 14052, (716) 652-4972.

ELMONT - New Horizon Spiritualist Church,
261 Elmont Road, 11003; Pastor & Secy., Milagros G. Rivera, (516) 354-1395.

FREEVILLE - Central New York Spiritualist Assoc. Camp,
Box 26, 13068.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly,
5 Melrose Park, 14752.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church,
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There flow streams of healing balm with which
Your soothing hands annoint our aching heart or
Fevered brow; and all our weariness is washed away
That we may, though reluctantly,
Return to strive with another day.

Cherished Comforter, in grief our only solace;
Deliverer from pain's torment; priceless Friend
In mercy given us to make bearable our pilgrimage
Along this way.

There will be one final journey when
Having borne us there you lay us gently down
To awaken in that starry land;
And we return no more to this, the dream
We thought to be reality.

— Roma Plagmann
— Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport Iowa

— A World Without End —

There comes a time in each one's life
when a little rain must fall.
Then comes the sunshine
which over shadows all.
Let us not weep for those
who have gone ahead,
for they must not tarry
but be on their way
to a higher life
and a brighter day.

Who are we to say?
Why dear Lord why?
For that is the law,
that is the way,
to one's own destiny
be what it may.
So let us not weep,
let us not cry,
let our love for them
be their guiding light

of traveling into the astral
where they will be met
by their loved one's
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Education Speaks For Itself

MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE ASSOCIATION
The Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary

Each month *The National Spiritualist* will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the Education Course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by E. Ann Otzelberger of the Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C., in Orlando, Florida.

In this lesson we are taught that all potential healers should find and study with a qualified spiritual healer. We are taught that experience is necessary for us to become a truly qualified healer. We must also always remember that the foundation on which all thoughts rest is that ultimately all is derived from the spirit. The closer to the spirit source the better the healing, and the more nearly the healer is in tune or co-operation with the forces which produce healing. There is no magic, nothing depends on ceremonial, the "correct passes", the right stance, the proper incense, or the ancient prayer intoned in the appropriately humble voice. The healer must feel a true sense of responsibility at all times. There is no reasoning, no attempt to transfer definite thoughts, and no effort to control or hypnotize the mind of the patient. The healer should bring a gentle soothing, atmosphere about the patient, for them to absorb according to their need and receptivity.

The healer is to always remember that it is not himself that is the all powerful mind or factor, he is the willing instrument of the higher Power. The healer must take steps to achieve a state of attunement, a conscious awareness toward Omnipresent Spirit, keeping a state of peacefulness and quiet. Healers should help the patient to feel a similar attitude or state of being.

All spiritual healers must understand the laws that govern both spiritual communication and spirit healing. Spiritual healing is really a part of all of our lives and each of us uses it much more often than we think we do.

The healer has responsibilities, he must be a clean, alert and intelligent vehicle through which healing forces and energies can effectively flow. He must remember that all people have the right to spiritual healing, we are all children of the Infinite. A determination to truly serve mankind, and to do so with sincerity, dedication and humility is an essential basic responsibility to the spiritual healer.

The healer is responsible to see that each unjust criticism is met with patient knowledge and each intolerant act met with tolerance; and each statement of disbelief met with kindly understanding.

Attunement helps the healer be prepared for his work. He is like a transmitter. He transmitts the healing energies or forces from the spirit, or Infinite Intelligence, God, to the sufferer. It is a chain, from spirit through the healer to the one in need. Attunement is necessary and it is also to be understood that this attunement is unlike the attunement necessary for the medium. The healer is not sitting for the specific development of any form of mediumship, nor attempting to set up a trance situation in which the control of the situation passes to the spirit entity. The healer sits in meditation in order to attune himself to Spirit. This is different from attracting any specific spirit entity as is often done in development circles. Thoughts are directed toward the Infinite and spiritual unfoldment and upliftment become the primary goals of such an effort.

We are told to go to a place where we will be undisturbed for a brief amount of time. Here we establish comfort of body and ease of mind, consider nothing specific, remembering the purpose for the attunement is to heal the sick and the removal of suffering. The healer attunes to both the sufferer and spirit and there is established a kind of oneness among all three. Harry Edwards states that the importance of patient attunement cannot be overemphasized.

The hands are considered in this lesson, and we are told that vigorous hand and arm passes over the sufferer is most unnecessary and should not be done. This was done as a way to cleanse the aura of the ill and to take away all the symptoms. Here again, Harry Edwards states that one cannot heal a reflection any more than one can heal a shadow . . . However, we are reminded that when healing does take place in the physical, mental or spiritual, there is a change reflected in the aura. The hands become a symbol or focal point for the art of spiritual healing. In the Bible we read of the 'laying on of hands', in reference to healing. There has been a significance to the hands of the healer attached by the patient. It makes the sufferer more aware of the healing when there is contact with the hands of the healer. There is an importance in contact healing for the healer to allow his hands to be used as a dispenser for healing energies and forces as they are received from spirit. The healing hands are an outward expression of the inward desire to heal, but of themselves they possess no healing virtue.

There is a discussion about the healer washing his hands after each healing. It has been suggested that this is not necessary. Many healers do wash their hands, and it has been felt by some healers that this will relieve the healer of any psychic contamination he may have received from a sick and diseased sufferer. It is not really made clear if the lesson is teaching us to or not to wash our hands. I have

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some thoughts on this, one is that if we are only a channel for the healing energies to flow through, then we would not need to wash our hands. Also, if we do stop to wash, we may tend to break our attunement with spirit. On the other hand, it makes a distinction between the patients if we are acting as healer for several people, and gives us a moment to start to attune to the next sufferer and spirit.

Both spiritual healing and scientific healing exist to serve mankind and each, in their own realm, serve to heal the sick of all physical, mental and spiritual ills. Spiritual healers are not opposed to scientific medicine. Intelligent, open-minded co-operation is the best of all possible approaches to the relationship of spiritual healing and scientific healing. Spiritual healers are never to make a diagnosis of any problem, and they should always advise the patient to seek medical assistance. The healer should never suggest that the patient should not see a doctor, and should never give advice as to taking drugs or any medicine.

Healers sometimes feel that they take on the symptoms and problems of the sufferer. This is because the healer "senses" the pain and discomfort of the sufferer. This happens because the healer is properly attuned to the patient and his problems. This is a mental psychic-spiritual awareness, it is not an actual physical experience. This can be avoided as the healer develops and becomes more proficient at practicing the art of healing.

The healer should never disclose any information given during the spiritual healing, it is to be considered strictly private and confidential. Healers should be most careful giving advice to the sufferer. When a healer does feel that he has legitimate advice and comments to pass on, he should give them in a manner which does NOT discourage the patient from attempting to solve his own problems or fight his own battles.

We are told that we must have six notarized affidavits attesting to treatment and result . . . proof of the healing course. We must serve as a student healer in a church at least one year preceding the application. In my own case I must submit my completed application form, application fee of $7.50, evidence of completion of Healer's Course, and six statements notarized from patients attesting to the specific ailment treated by me and the result of the treatment. The church secretary will then forward the endorsed application form and other previously mentioned items to the N.S.A.C. secretary. Then I will be given a written examination which will be processed and graded by qualified State Board members or committees appointed thereby. Upon satisfactory completion, certificates will be issued and sent to the church secretary for presentation. Prayers and supplications of healing do go to the Infinite, it is attunement that reaches and is directed toward the spirit helpers. Attuning to spirit entities for assistance is not the same as praying to the Infinite for healing. The initial appeal through attunement involves spirit intelligences, the ultimate source of healing involves Infinite Intelligence.

The patient should be helped by the healer to learn to become as fully receptive as possible. The sufferer should learn to look forward to the day when he is well and spiritual healing is accomplished.

The patient should remember and observe basic health rules of cleanliness, good eating habits, plenty of rest and the like.

We are taught that time really has no spiritual significance. We realize that time has nothing to do with spiritual healing. Time is of no spiritual importance, and has no influence over the whole matter; then spiritual healing is exempt from the dictates of time. Spiritual healing happens all the time and as soon as it is asked for it starts to help the one in need. It is a continuous process, night and day, and is neither affected by, nor does it affect, that apparently man made element, time. Faith has virtually nothing to do with healing. If a recipient of healing does not even know he is receiving it . . . yet he is obviously responding and doing much better . . . then faith could not have any bearing.

Sometimes healings appear to fail. This may be due to physical reasons, such as . . . if the one seeking healing continues to break the rules of good physical health, before, during, and after the actual spiritual healing. Also, sometimes a sufferer has become so used to the symptoms and debilitating effects of his disorder, that he automatically continues to demonstrate the ills and problems that he had before. If a mental-emotional problem exists with the sufferer, the degree of healing success is directly proportional to the ability of both the sufferer and spirit to remove the 'mental blocks' interferring with progress. Sometimes there are spiritual reasons for healings to fail. Sometimes a disorder is so advanced or so entrenched that it simply cannot yield to complete recovery at any specific time. Progressive spiritual growth can begin to offset the healing that fails.

Healing is a spiritual science that has progress as its foundation. We have learned that healing is an enlightening, uplifting guide to ever greater spiritual awareness. Healing carries with it a great responsibility on the part of the healer. A healer must truly wish to serve mankind. This also is what a Spiritualist must wish to do, serve mankind, and grow in knowledge and understanding.

May the new year be filled with Natures wonders and each day be more blessed than the one before. May all of nature whisper peace and blessings, and may the year be filled with promise, joy and prosperity. Let your dreams and creations reflect your inner light.

SPIRITUAL HERITAGE SERIES



The Christmas Tree

We often have an intuitional belief that somewhere, out in the future there are *'things coming'* that shall make life sweeter, better and happier for the individual seeker, in which belief a world of hope and trust and faith are placed.

How many, or rather how few, of these high expectations and hopes are ever realized may be seen in the faces of the millions of unhappy disappointed lives daily walking the streets of our cities. And yet all of these wonderful possibilities that are spoken of by philosopher, poet, sage and divine, are among the possibilities of life for man when he learns the way of attainment, which is pointed out by Spiritualism in all of her philosophies when understood, and by all Nature, when her methods are studied and her secrets revealed.

What then are the reasons for failure to achieve on the part of so many? All who look to outside aid or assistance, whether it be idol or image, angel or saint, priest or prophet, guide or Spirit friend, or who pray to some unseen power to bring them blessings, comforts, and undeserved joys, miss the lesson of life and the understanding of truth.

For illustration, read the story of a Christmas tree that many years ago was supposed to be endowed with intelligence and with the usual number of human weaknesses, impulses and desires.

A Christmas tree one day heard from other Christmas trees, with whom he associated, that there were, afar, large cities where wonderful houses were built and where wonderful beings, like unto gods, dwelt in luxury and ease. He was told that these gods, who were known as men, once each year bestowed upon all the Christmas trees that came into their homes, wonderful gifts of beautiful things that all admired and loved and appreciated. He was told that he would be taken from his native soil, and that no longer would he be able to unfold on his branches the buds and blossoms and foilage which he saw so beautifully unfolded upon the branches of the larger, older and more beautiful trees with which he was surrounded, and which nature intended to be his own.

All of this made him discontented. Having heard of the wonderful things which other Christmas trees had received at the hands of their men gods, he longed for them, and prayed that he might have them also.

So one day when he saw these men gods walking through the forest, he said to himself, "Now I will show all of my beauty and perfection and these men gods will take me to their homes in the large city and will give me all of those things which I so long for and desire." So he spread out his branches and tried to look his best, and one of the men looked and saw the beauty of his form and the perfection of his branches and said to his companion, "Behold a perfect tree. Of a truth, it is beautiful. We will take it and for it we will obtain a bountiful price for lo, it is a perfect tree." And Christmas tree hearing all of this was very happy, and he said unto himself and to all the surrounding trees, "Lo my prayer is heard, I am now to have many beautiful things, and I shall be happy ever after, for, lo, they will be all mine." And a wise and aged tree standing near answered, "Yes, thou wilt have them, but they will not be thine."

And the little Christmas tree heard what was said and wondered.

So the men gods took the Christmas tree to the home of a very rich man god, and for it they obtained many pieces of silver.

And when Christmas time had come, lo, there appeared in the large and beautiful room where it had been placed, beautiful lady goddesses, and men gods and boy gods and girl goddesses, and beautiful Christmas tree said, "Give me" - and they gave. They tied upon his branches many apples, oranges and grapes, and other kinds of fruit of which he had never heard . . . there were several kinds of candy, also beautifully colored electric lights for decoration. Later came fancy dresses made of silks and satin, and then jewelry, and all were very happy and joyous together, until time came to turn out the lights and then all of the big gods and the little gods went from the room and left Christmas tree in darkness. And he remembered the words of the large and wise tree, "They will not be thine" and he pondered well the words, and wondered, "How can these things be mine . . . they did not grow on my branches. . . they are only tied there with string. . . they are only loaned to me. . . I cannot keep them, for they are not mine, they are not me."

And lo, in the early morning he knew what his wise old friend had meant when he said, "Yes, thou wilt have them but they will not be thine."

Such is the story of the foolish Christmas tree who was willing to give up the possibility of being something, for the pleasure of *seeming* to be something.

Such is the story of the foolish man or maid who vainly asks or prays his God, his angel friend, his guide, to bring to him something from the outside, when all the time, all that comes from outside is the seeming, while the

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Calendar Corner

What happened in December throughout the years?

- DECEMBER, 1770 -

Ludwig von Beethoven's birth. One of the greatest orchestral composers who ever lived. After the age of 30, he was totally deaf, yet continued to produce scores and conduct orchestras.

- DECEMBER 11, 1814 -

Birth date of Joseph Rodes Buchanan. Known for discovery of Psychometry.

- DECEMBER 10, 1830 -

Birth of Emily Dickenson. Wrote brilliant Spiritual poetry that she did not share. At her death, 2,000 poems were discovered.



- DECEMBER 15, 1885 -

Charles H. Foster passed to Spirit. Known as the Salem Seer or the Skeptics Medium. Noted for pellet reading and the production of stigmata.

- DECEMBER 11, 1901 -

Morris Pratt Institute incorporated in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

- DECEMBER 12 -

Chanukah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights.

- DECEMBER 25 -

Christmas, the birth of the child Jesus of Nazareth, is celebrated today even though the exact date is not known. It was decided in the 4th century to consolidate several winter holidays to one sacred event.

Each month we plan to feature an Almanac Section. This is not only to remind us of events and leaders of the past, but is also to honor our many dedicated workers and leaders of the present. We are requesting information for this feature from you, our readers. Please send us dates that you feel may be of interest and a brief paragraph about the event or the person. If you have a picture this could be an asset and we will promise to **try** to return the picture. Everything is handled by several people before it is finally published, so sometimes things get mislaid or lost. Won't your favorite medium or pastor be surprised to see their birth date mentioned in this section. How about the date your church opened its doors, or anything of interest that you might like to share. Hope to hear from you. . .

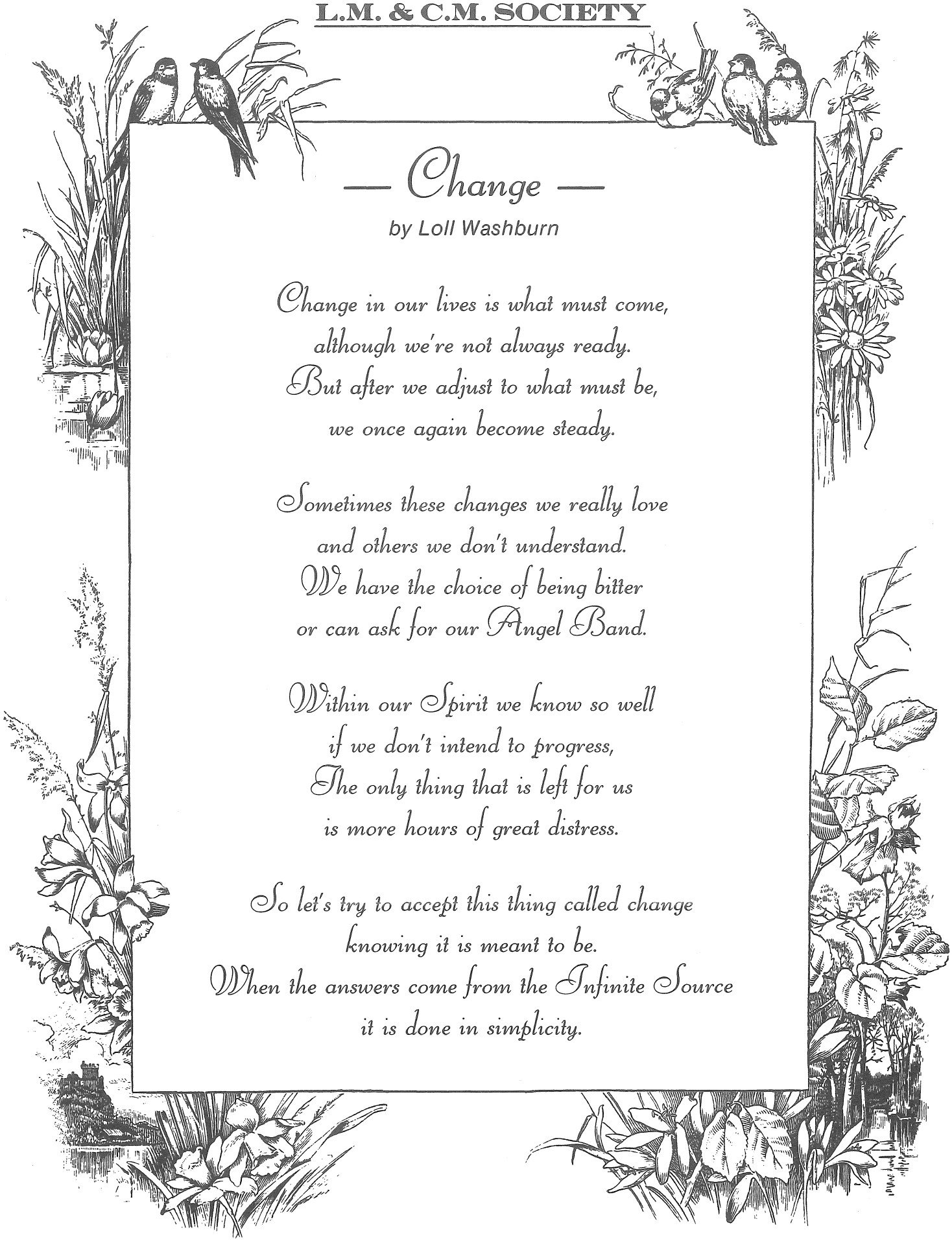


The Christmas Tree, *(Continued)*

BEING must be attained and acquired from within . . . All treasure and the real things of life, that can ever be called truly yours must be unfolded from within, from the power of the Soul.

With the unfoldment of honor and virtue comes the development of character, growth of intellect, love of beauty in art and in nature, and the unfoldment of the finer sensitive faculties which make life sweet and loveable, which of themselves attract, and make possible, health, strength, vitality, love of fellow man, and success in all departments of life.

(This article was reworked from the February 1, 1931 issue of *The National Spiritualist.*)



— Change —

by Loll Washburn

Change in our lives is what must come,
although we're not always ready.
But after we adjust to what must be,
we once again become steady.

Sometimes these changes we really love
and others we don't understand.
We have the choice of being bitter
or can ask for our Angel Band.

Within our Spirit we know so well
if we don't intend to progress,
The only thing that is left for us
is more hours of great distress.

So let's try to accept this thing called change
knowing it is meant to be.
When the answers come from the Infinite Source
it is done in simplicity.

Reflections 1990

by Annette Lopez, Chapel Of The Sunflower, Phoenix, Az.

December is the twelfth month of the year. In the Roman year, which began in March, December was the tenth month. December 22nd is the winter solstice . . . the period of the shortest day in the northern hemisphere and of the longest day in the southern hemisphere.

December is traditionally the month of gift giving. We express love for our families and our fellow man. We collect food boxes for distribution to the less fortunate. We clean our cupboards and closets looking for an article that may be shared with others.

Today was a day of reflection as I thumbed through my personal desk calendar for 1990. I jot notes along with appointments. I am truly amazed how quickly time passes.

Infinite Intelligence showered spiritual gifts upon our household throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to share these gifts with you.

January 1st . . . New Years Day . . . Susie and Harriet . . . just a few lines bring memories and awareness of Spirit working, bringing people together with people long before the need arises.

About 12 years ago Harriet was our neighborhood Cosmetic Lady. Little did I know that the sound of the doorbell ringing, was really announcing the arrival of a friendship.

Completing her sales, Spirit nudged me, . . . "Harriet," I began, "You know that your daughter will return to your home. She will be gone for 4 years and then tiring of her current lifestyle, she will leave and return to her families home."

She looked at me in total amazement. "How do you know that, Annette?" "I didn't mention my daughter!" She went on to say that one of her three daughters had married a young man that insisted that she not visit or communicate with her parents or siblings ever again! No one had been allowed to see her for 2 years. Now that's hard stuff to handle.

We continued our conversation for the next 12 years. This opened the doorway to communication with Spirit. By introducing her to spiritualism as a religion, as a continuity of life, enabled her to cope with many of life's problems.

You see, Harriet was widowed a few years later. By being introduced to Spiritualism as a religion, she knows without a doubt that life continues on and on and on.

The door was opened. She did not choose to become a Spiritualist. But the door was opened and this knowledge was most helpful.

Thank you Spirit for sending a long lasting, rewarding friendship and enabling me to share my knowledge with others.

My fingers continue walking through the appointment book.

January 8th . . . Abe and I took our 88-year-old aunt to the doctor for a check-up.

January 17th . . . Bowling after school. This is a great way to practice meditation. If you can become totally involved in a meditation at a bowling alley filled with kids, then you can concentrate anywhere!

God sent the gift of concentration.

February 2nd . . . Robert is home! This was a wonderful day for a family reunion. A few telephone calls and everyone is assembled to welcome Robert home!

Robert had been away for a couple of years! Our kitchen was rapidly turned into a tamale-making assembly line. What is a Mexican celebration without tamales? Everyone helped. "Kimbie, you have to put every other black olive into the oja . . . which has been covered with masa." "O.K. Kimbie . . . then do this . . . one olive for the tamale, and one for Kimbie."

Spirit sent a joyous, love-filled celebration of life to our family. Six hours and 7 dozen tamales later, 18 people had made new memories . . . As Abe tells us, "Pansa lleno -corazon contento!" "Full stomach - happy heart."

Thank you, God, for a large, warm, loving family.

February 16th . . . Jesse's surgery. Jesse is our 7-year-old grandson. He has had two other surgeries on his ears. Will this be the successful one? . . . We wait for Mom to call. Our prayers are answered. Another beautiful healing has been given to our family.

March 12th . . . Happy Birthday Kimberly! This baby celebrates her 6th year of life.

March 23rd . . . Mandy and Kimbie have Chicken Pox. This spiritual gift included patience, healing and humor. As a writer, I delighted in receiving the following note from Mandy.

Dear Nana, (That's me!)
I have Chicken Pocks. They ich. I have them every-where! I hate having Chicken Pocks. But they are getting scabs. I steel hate them. I mist my cousins soccer game because I got the Chicken Pocks. I mist school too. I cannot play because I have Chicken Pocks. I wish there were no such things as Chicken Pocks!

Love, Your baby, Mandy

PS I love you!

May 22nd . . . Our oldest daughter's birthday!

June 13th . . . Abe's birthday! Spirit certainly worked overtime with these two birthdays. Our oldest daughter has

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been a delight since she arrived in 1959. LIFE! We have been given the gift of life! Proving once again that all things are possible with Spirit's divine guidance. All healings may not be as dramatic as Abe experienced. Some healings may be directed towards the emotional self, bringing peace and tranquility. Looking back through the calendar year, I see where our family has been blessed with physical, emotional, and financial healings.

So many times we hesitate to ask for the healings we need. Perhaps we don't recognize that we make our own happiness and unhappiness as we walk through life. We need to give ourselves permission to be successful in all areas.

July, August and September included many changes. Once again we feel God with us. We feel our spiritual guides working in all areas.

October gave us the experience of seeing democracy in action as 300 people attended the Religious Convention of the N.S.A.C. The glowing faces and smiles along with the positive attitudes which were displayed is proof that Spiritualism works! I did not see anyone present that wanted to be somewhere else.

December is approaching once again. Spirit suggests giving yourself a gift by looking at your own calendar of events for 1990. Do some searching and you too will find days wrapped in a beautiful wrapping and tied with a pretty bow. Look at the employment area, as well as the home life. Separate the two and be ready for more surprises in this area in 1991.

Dearest God, we truly give thanks for the many gifts we have received this past year . . . Your Infinite wisdom is greater than ours, we remain appreciative of the multitude of spiritual gifts received, wrapped in joy, love and light. We promise to continue doing our share, God . . .

Our Chapel of the Sunflower has received an answer to our prayers. We successfully hosted a National Convention. We have enjoyed many guest speakers. We truly enjoyed the guest mediums that brought messages to the congregation.

The Sunflower has sprouted new growths. Our religious family continues to grow, both in numbers and spirit. Music has been added to our Chapel with the arrival of our gifted organist, Joyce Freese.

Friendship and bonding is visible with our spiritual family.

As the Reverend Bernard Baker sings with joy in his heart, . . . "Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings and see what God has done."

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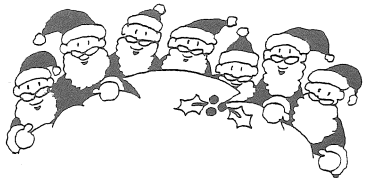
Two original songs were sung at the 1990 Convention by Bruce Lehrer and Pamela Ashlay. Several people have requested information about these songs: *"The Spirit of Life", and "Put Your Money In The Basket."*

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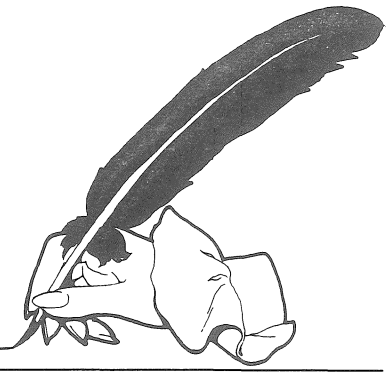
Jest Joking...



I HEARD THAT SCIENCE NOW ENDORSES SANTA CLAUS BECAUSE HE FITS THE REPEATABILITY FACTOR . . . he is on the corners ringing bells, in the department stores, on T.V., etc.

There was a holiday greeting and a message to call a friend on my answering machine the other day. I returned the call and got her machine. She called back and got my machine and so it went. By the time we saw each other at the Sunday Service, we had forgotten why we called in the first place.

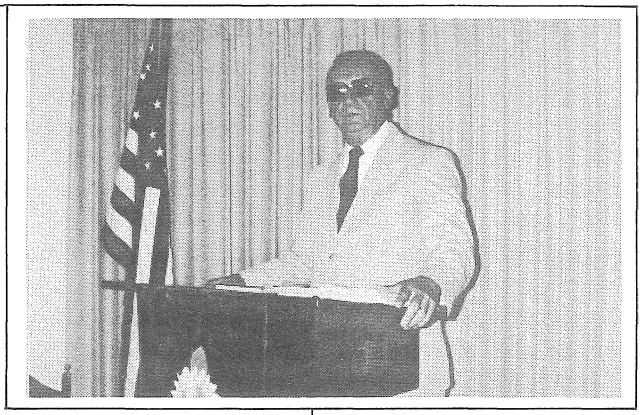
Notes from the Field



Greetings from Davenport, Iowa

Mr. Si Baynes, Jr., Licentiate Minister, Certified Medium and Commissioned Healer of Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis, Missouri was guest Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30, 1990 at Spiritualist Harmony Church of Davenport, Iowa.

He provided the congretation and public with private consultations each day, and served as guest speaker and message minister at 2 p.m. worship service September 30. A capacity crowd was inspired by his trance lecture, and a laying on of hands healing service was conducted. The ladies of the church served refreshments, and a social hour followed.



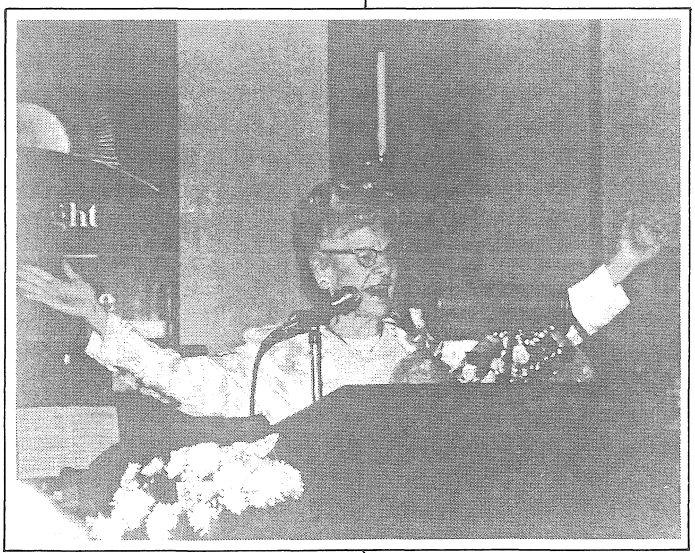
Mr. Si Baynes, Jr., guest speaker.

A very enjoyable pot-luck dinner, featuring spaghetti, was served in his honor on Friday evening, and all enjoyed the delicious meal and the warm and friendly fellowship.

A circle was conducted on Saturday evening, and all in attendance were treated to trance messages from Mr. Baynes. Associated pastor Anita Buchholz and our student mediums delivered spirit greetings clairvoyantly, and all thoroughly enjoyed the event filled weekend, and are looking forward to Mr. Baynes return next year.

News from Way Memorial Temple of Wheeling, W. Virginia

Sunday, 20th of May, was a very special day at the Way Memorial Temple. Rev. Velma Renollet Gasber celebrated her 60th year of Ordination. She was ordained at Crystal Fountain Park, Sherwood, Ohio, May 18, 1930. To honor the occasion, a few of the members planned a surprise by presenting her with a bouquet of white roses, and a gift of monetary value. Each person in attendance was given a red rose, and following an eloquent speech of praise by Joseph Marriott, the audience stood in unison, holding their roses high, in Rev. Gasber's honor. Solos were rendered by Marty Runyon and Walt Warren, accompanied by guitars. Eva Jean Wilson sang "How Great Thou Art", accompanied at the organ by Barbara Gasaway Sako. As we left the Sanctuary each one presented their rose to Rev. Gasber amid hugs, hand shakes and teary eyes.



Rev. Gasber throwing kisses to the audience.

Preceding the celebration, Rev. Gasber held a dedication service for seven-month-old Chelsea and four-year-old Erica, children of Walt and Sue Beth Warren. This, too, was a beautiful service.

Rev. Gasber then presented rememberance gifts to Mrs. Beulah Ault, Barbara and Red Marriott, and Jolyn, daughter, son-in-law and grandaughter of Beulah's, who leave our membership to take up permanent residence in Florida. Thus: more hugs, hand-shakes and tears!

All of us at the Temple are enjoying the "new" *National Spiritualist Summit* and wish to congratulate you in all your efforts.

Many Gather for September Board Meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Members of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists met in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Spiritualist Church of Divine Science for its September board meeting. Afterwards, a carry-in dinner was enjoyed by over fifty members, friends, and guests. After supper, a church service was conducted by state board members present: The Rev. Edward Cummings, Service Leader; Rev. Ruth Novak, Speaker; The Rev. Virginia Leach Falls and The Rev. Jesse James; The Rev. William Melick, President of Indiana State Association, Opening Invocation.

— *TRANSITIONS* —



Florence Starling and husband, Ira Starling.

Vice-President Emeritus Ira C. Starling, 77, a charter member of Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport, Iowa made his transition to the higher life on September 16, 1990.

Mr. Starling was elected Vice-President at the founding of the church in 1971, and served in that capacity until 1973, and again from 1988 to 1989, when he was named Vice-President Emeritus. He was a trance medium, and gave many evidential messages to the congregation over the years. An accomplished carpenter, he built and donated the pulpit in honor of his son, Leslie.

He and his wife, Florence, were present at the time their small son passed away at a local hospital, and they observed his spirit leave the physical body and rise up through the ceiling.

After searching for thirty years for an explanation, they found it at a circle held in the William Buchholz family home.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Florence, two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He will be missed by his family and many friends on the earth plane.

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Reverend Goldie (Dodd) Golden passed to a higher life the early part of August 1990 at the age of 89 years. Rev. Golden was an ordained minister of Spiritualism for many years. She was a member of The First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit as well as secretary of the same church. Shortly before moving to England with her husband, she was a member of The First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak, Michigan. Rev. Golden also was secretary of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches for many, many years. She remarried in later life and had moved to England where her passing took place. There was a memorial service for her in England. Through the years Rev. Golden worked hard for Spiritualism . . . held many Lyceum classes and Ministerial classes, through this she made many long time friends. She is sadly missed by her congregation, and will always be remembered by all.

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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