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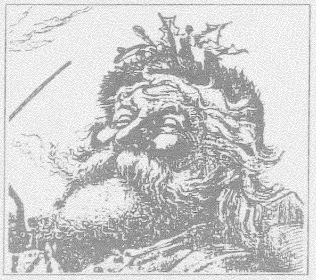
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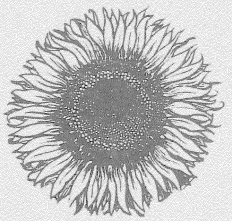
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What about Santa Claus and Other Holiday Symbols?

BY SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



TRULY SANTA CLAUS IS A MYSTERY.

Christmas is a holiday of ***Love*** and sharing with others, and symbolizes the birth of the God Spirit in man. It is the finest gift mankind can receive from the Infinite, that of LIFE, given with LOVE. So often a Spiritualist questions the pagan beginnings of the holiday symbols or practices and can rob themselves of the happiness of the season by judging. Let us look at the holiday signs of the season for their beginnings, their Spiritual meanings, and their joy.

This time of the year has been used for celebrations since pagan times due to the winter solstice. The people celebrated because the shortest day of the year had passed and now each day would be lighter. The early people added light and fire to the Midwinter Festival with the yule log and candles which were thought to protect the house and ward off mischievous spirits. The candles and fire release energy and light. We know all energy and light comes from the Infinite Intelligence.

The Christmas tree is attributed to Luther. It is told that while walking one evening, he was so inspired by the beauty of the night and the evergreens, that he took one home on Christmas Eve. The perennial greeness represented to him eternal life or the tree of life. He then decorated the tree with candles and a star to further reflect the beauty of nature. The star and candles symbolized the light that shines through the darkness. They remind us that if we look to the eternal light of God that it will always guide us. Stars reflect the light of the sun with the promise of a new beginning and a new day.

The gift-bringer has many names and many origins — *Saint Nicholas, Bonhomme Noel, Father Christmas, Santa Claus* — but the fact about the good old soul is that he is a Spirit. Who else but a Spirit could go down so many chimneys in one night. It is a big world out there! So the spirit of St. Nick splits itself up into tiny atoms of love and kindness and inspires the hearts of moms and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Of course this spirit must have lived once. One story tells us that there was a rich man named Nicholas. One day he was walking by the house of a nobly born man whose money had all been lost and who was now on the verge of starvation. His three daughters were pleading with him that they might go into the streets and beg, for it was hard to starve. The proud father answered, *"Not yet. Not tonight. Let us wait one more night. I will again pray God to save my children from such disgrace."*

Nicholas had inherited three bars of solid gold from his father and he hurried home and retrieved one of the bars. That night he went to the house of the impoverished man and thrust the gold through an open window. The next night he repeated the kind act. The third night when putting the bar in the window he was discovered. The poor father who believed the gold had come from God, knelt at Nicholas' feet. Nicholas lifted him up telling him to give thanks to God, for it was God who sent him to the needy man.

This was the beginning for Nicholas and the gifts he continued to make in secret for the love of God and his fellowman. His spirit, it is said, still comes on Christmas Eve to inspire the whole civilized world to be kind, gentle, generous and peaceful.

Other areas tell of Father Christmas riding on a donkey and climbing to the roofs with his sack of toys. In France, Bonhomme Noel is what they called Santa Claus and he is accompanied by another spirit — a thin, weasel-faced old gentleman, with a long gray beard,

frowning over threatening dark eyes. This is Le Pere Fouettard or Father Whipper. He carries a basket of tiny birch rods, and these whips are given to naughty or greedy children. The children put out wooden shoes in front of the hearth, instead of hanging up stockings.

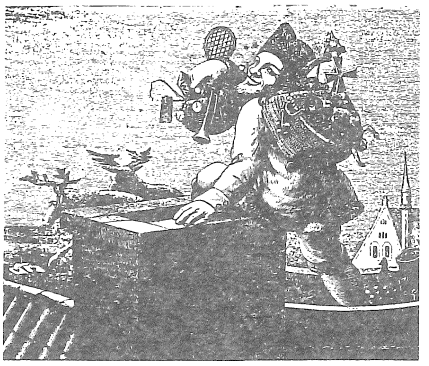
Truly Santa Claus is a mystery. No one was sure what this kindly spirit looked like and during the civil war cartoonist Thomas Nast created the modern Santa. Previously St. Nick was usually a tall, thin domineering character with a stiff-brimmed hat, but as a morale booster during the Civil War Thomas Nast (from whose pen also came the Democratic donkey and the Republican elephant) created a short, fat and jolly man with a stocking cap and a long white beard. Nast was 21 in 1863 and working as an artist for *Harper's Weekly*. He drew this jolly Santa bringing gifts to Union troops in a star-spangled jacket, striped pants and a cap. Nast said he was influenced by Clement Moore's poem *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* which depicted a twinkly-eyed, happy Santa smoking a pipe. Each year after that Nast drew a Santa that was similar and he always put a sprig of mistletoe on his cap.

Kissing under the Mistletoe had its origin in Scandinavian legend. The powerful spirit of the mistletoe was revered as a cure for many ills and as a plant of peace. The tradition of *"kissing and making up"* under the mistletoe is centuries old and was especially popular in England. Mistletoe was first hung by the Celtics to protect against undeveloped spirits.

Sharing gifts help us practice the law of abundance for there must be a giver and a receiver. When we truly give from the heart, it is a two way path and each will appreciate blessings. Christmas cards are a way of bringing the good tidings and honoring the season, while reflecting on fond memories and special friends. The wreath is circular showing unity and eternal life. Pinecones speak of new growth, of birth, of the spark of life within. Music and songs remind us of the angels singing, the music of the spheres, like an uplifting prayer.

We think especially of angels and guides during the season, knowing that they are all around us, at all times. Many religions have Spiritual celebrations at this time, which puts the beautiful energies into the ethers to help uplift all mankind. Thoughts of peace and brotherhood, cheerfulness and joy, sharing and giving, goodwill and love, and a childlike wonder of hope are all descriptions of the holiday. They are also expressions of the Infinite.

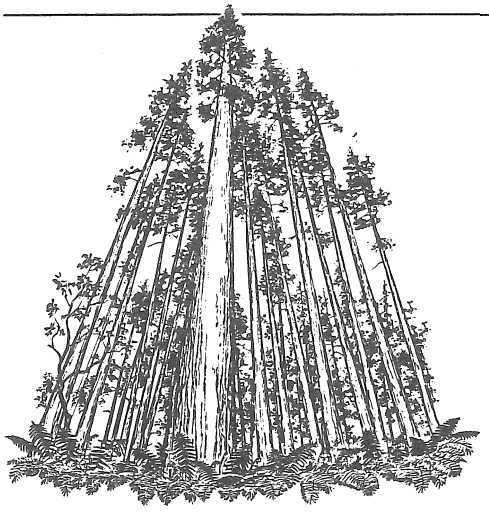
It is not the material trappings of the holiday that are so important but rather it is our inner being, how we demonstrate our God light, how we share our love, that is the true merit of the time. The harmonizing presence of Spirit is evident in this celebration of life where we each affirm our sonship with God. Let Light and Love be born in you today.



"Santa Claus in the act of descending a chimney on Christmas Eve," 1845.

LET LIGHT AND LOVE BE BORN IN YOU TODAY.

FEATURE



Celebrate National Forests 1891-1991

The protection of America's natural resources was signed into law under President Benjamin Harrison on March 30, 1891. This was one of the first acts of conservation and the recognition by the inspired, far-sighted leaders that the natural resources are not unlimited and must be protected.

As the population of the United States grows, we are dependent as never before on our national forests and grasslands for wildlife and plant habitat, for watershed protection, for minerals, forage and timber, for recreation, for wilderness and wild and scenic rivers. The vast acreage helps with our belief that America is a land of open spaces and spectacular scenery but it is more than that for it contributes to the health of the global environment.



We Are One!!!

The Middle East is still possibly volatile; there is hunger and poverty in many parts of the world; global warming and pollution continues; scandals in politics and religion . . . these are some possible world topics or subjects that come up in conversations. We wonder as Spiritual beings, ***"How can we help?"***

We know that all things in the Universe are individualized points of expression of Infinite Intelligence . . . everything is interconnected. Therefore, we want the highest good for all, for we are one.

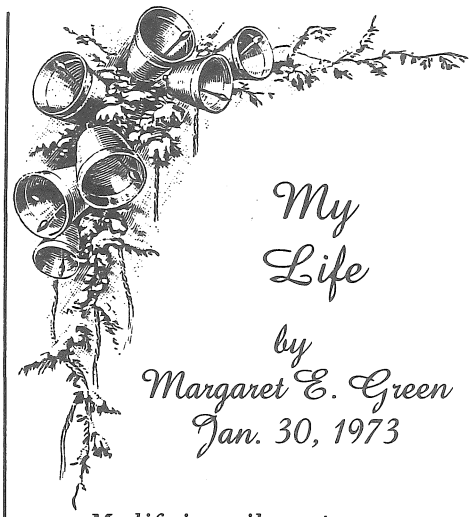
Humankind is emerging as a global entity and common human interests are beginning to gain importance. An essential unity of all life, as one energy, with the future of all things on the planet in a harmonious state is the prayer of millions on **December 31.**

This World Healing Meditation, begun in 1986 by John Randolph Price, has received support from spiritual, caring people the world over. A wonderful and amazing chain of events have transpired in these years including physical, mental and country barriers dissolving. It is a way we can help, by taking time in the quiet to send prayers for spiritual order on the planet. Join and share your light, your healing, your love, knowing that ***WE ARE ONE!***

TIME-ZONE INFORMATION

London, England	*Noon*
Montreal, Canada	*7:00 a.m.*
UNITED STATES:	
Honolulu	*2:00 a.m.*
Pacific Standard Time	*2:00 a.m.*
Mountain Standard Time	*4:00 a.m.*
Central Standard Time	*5:00 a.m.*
Eastern Standard Time	*7:00 a.m.*

The intent is for all areas of the world to spend the same hour on December 31, meditating, visualizing, praying or singing for a harmonious, peaceful world. This will send out a lot of wonderful, collective, positive energy. If for some reason you cannot meditate at the appointed hour, spend a different hour in the quiet to contribute to the planet goal of ***Peace and Harmony on Earth.*** ■



My Life

by
Margaret E. Green
Jan. 30, 1973

My life is a silver stream, meandering thru the peaceful valleys, and rugged hills, in search of its final goal, ETERNITY.

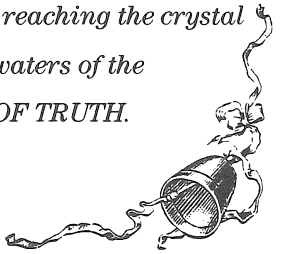
It ripples over the rocks of turmoil and strife, bringing music to my SOUL.

Thru the valleys of light and warmth, thru boiling rapids, into the placid pools of contentment, it meanders on . . . ever seeking truth and enlightenment.

My life stream was enriched by a stronger stream, and together we wound our way thru many of nature's beautiful wonderlands.

Two riverlets branched off from the main stream, and trickled on their way, returning to the main stream for strength and cleansing.

The silt of human error is cleansed from the waters by the sands of time, before reaching the crystal clear waters of the SEA OF TRUTH.



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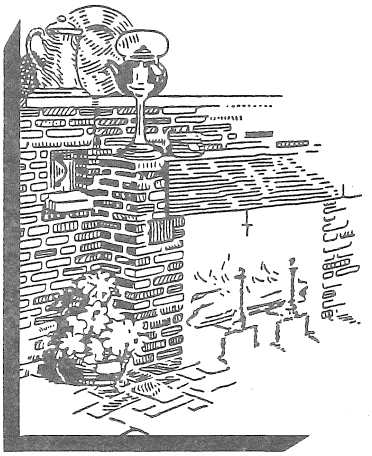
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You will receive a "One Each Day" packet. To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group" — CHECK HERE ☐

Please **keep in touch** with the National Healing Center if you have an active Healing Prayer Group, or if you desire information to begin one, or to become a member of one. The Center needs to know the group leaders name, members names, place, day of the week and time of your meeting. **This is a wonderful way to practice our Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer and something that EVERYONE can participate in.**

— 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.



Spirit In The Fireplace!

By Gene Pfortmiller, NST

While seated before a log fire, Spirit related why a fire is so relaxing, mentally healing and almost hypnotising. This was the essence of a fire meditation.

Watching the pine log make its' change of vibration from one energy to another, the smoke reminds one of the spirit leaving the physical body on the transition called death. The peacefulness of the fire symbolizes the peacefulness that we will enjoy when we too some day will make our transition.

We know that all energy comes from Infinite Spirit, is a part of Infinite Spirit and therefore, it will never end. It goes through many changes, but the energy itself never ceases.

The process of transition involves the light, beautiful, strong and colorful. The heat from the fire is energy that initiates the change of form. It takes one source of energy to change an energy to another form. There has to be a decaying process to create a new beginning. It is the way to change the physical vibration to a spiritual one.

A Higher energy brings dissolution of the physical to change to a higher rate of spiritual vibration. Then the Spirit vibration takes from the decayed vibration to create a new material form. This is to prove that Infinite Spirit is ever reproducing and in control of natures form of existence.

This form of continuation can be the theory that mankind can use to fulfill his every want and need if we can only trust the process. Don't hold on to life — let go, release, let life change form, share and make room for more to come to you. We must accept the idea that everything continues to flow from the Divine Natural Laws of the Universe. What Infinite Spirit does for nature, Spirit will also do for mankind. God's laws, the Law of Continuity is at work in all creation.

Recently my friend, Dorothy and my mother, Elsie made their transition to the Spirit world. As I sat before the fire, all grief released as I saw the form of the log change and go up in a different vibration. It was indeed a healing meditation for me to reaffirm that ***"there is no death, there are no dead."***

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HIS WAY

A Short Story

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, D.S.N.U.

I couldn't have been more than ten when I became aware of old Mr. Birch. I would see the big soft man, kindly and compassionate, shuffling down Green Street in all kinds of weather, in timeworn clothes, with one or another of his wooly white dogs trotting along beside him, smiling and chatting to the dog, or to himself.

Mr. Birch had time to chat. I recalled how he would meet someone he knew, stop on the street, greet the friend with a wide smile, as joy illumined the warm brown eyes in the weathered face, and talk and talk.

But I was young. I believed I had better things to do than talk all day to the old fellow, and when I'd see Mr. Birch ambling down the street toward me, I'd attempt to duck around a corner.

It was Mr. Birch's voice I remembered the most, though . . . a voice, deep-pitched and resonant, like a fog horn on a stormy night. It was a sound I never forgot, nor did I overlook the words it said.

"Take life as it comes, laddie," Mr. Birch would say. *"Don't go around trying to get your own way all the time. Life's simple, you know, Johnnie. It's people who make things complicated."*

"There's a Master Planner, you know, Johnnie," Mr. Birch would say another time, and he'd point to the sky. *"He's up there, ready to help. Don't forget."*

I put aside Mr. Birch's beliefs many times in the years to come. Convinced I was invincible, unconquerable, without peer, I played my own game by my own rules. Success at any cost, even the cost of others, was the game. And I played to win. I didn't need anyone. Or, so I thought. Twenty years I did it *'my way.'* Or was it *'my way?'* Was it ever *'my way?'*

The sickness came like a thief in the night, the unreasonable tiredness, stealing my energy, sapping my strength. I, the invincible one, fought and challenged, denied and lied. *"Life will be played 'my way,' "* I cried. *"I'm not sick - I'm not sick."*

Numb with shock and fear, I heard the doctor say, *"Leukemia. There is hope. Treatment must start at once. I'll make arrangements."*

In the dim recesses of memory I heard, again, Mr. Birch's deep, echoing voice: *"You can't get your own way all the time, laddie. There's a Master Planner, you know."* He'd been trying to give me this wisdom long ago, but I hadn't accepted, nor believed, though the words were clear.

There's a Master Planner, you know."

Like a ghost from the past, I thought I heard Mr. Birch's voice in the crowded waiting room of the cancer hospital. It was no delusion. It was Mr. Birch, sitting on a chair, wearing a blue hospital gown, waiting for chemo-therapy treatments, like me. There he was, still smiling, still talking, still his friendly old self. I recognized him, but he didn't know me. I let it be.

"We have to take life as it comes," I could hear Mr. Birch talking to the pretty, blue-eyed girl in the blond wig. *"There's a Master Planner, you know,"* and pointed upward. *"He's up there ready to help, and we can't go around getting our own way all the time, you know."*

The girl nodded. She understood.

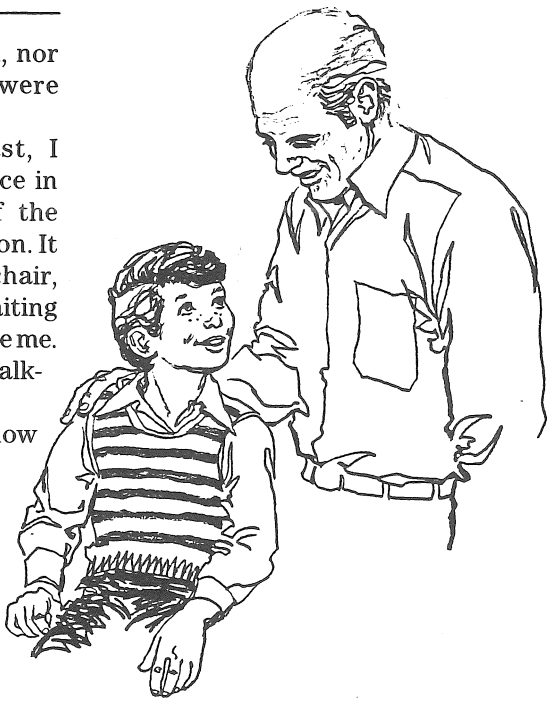
The waiting room emptied, as the patients, one by one, were treated and left. I sat alone, deep in thought and prayed.

"Forgive my arrogance. Dear God, forgive my pride. Help me to understand, help me to accept."

I prayed for a long time and with clarity, understanding came. I finally accepted and believed what Mr. Birch had been trying to tell me. I knew it was up to Spirit above, the Master Planner, to plan the way. It would be His way, and not mine.

And in the stillness, at peace at last, I added . . .

"Bless Mr. Birch."



A Time For Reflection

By The Rev. Brenda J. Wittich



ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, many of us make resolutions for the coming year and affirm, more or less, with determination to achieve whatever it is we have resolved. We look forward to accomplishments in the coming days which lie ahead. We say to ourself or to others, *"This year things will be different, I'll go on a diet, I'll quit smoking, I'll become more patient and understanding."* The list can go on ad infinitum. We all must have short and long-term goals and look forward to their fulfillment, but do we take the time to reflect on the previous year or years resolutions? Do we see if any changes for the better have occurred? It's easy to pick one day of the year to resolve to change and then let it slide past as it has done previously.

The world has changed drastically this past year. We have either contributed to this change in a positive or negative way. The world reflects to us our state of consciousness . . . are we pleased or saddened? All contribute to the make up of the whole.

We need to never forget where we have come from on our spiritual journey. By reflecting on the past, we, hopefully, can see the lessons we have learned as well as the ones we still need to be working on.

Each day is a new beginning for every one of us, not just New Year's Eve. The physical body changes every day and so do we. Do we take the time to reflect at night as we go to bed upon the thoughts, deeds and actions of the current day? Do we affirm that tomorrow we will do better after this close examination? Tomorrow is the best we have to correct our errors, SOMEDAY never comes. Tomorrow will be today — NOW, this is all we have.

When we pause for these quiet times, are we willing to do our part by working on ourself TODAY? When we change ourself in a positive way, we change our home environment, contribute to change in our church environment, our national environment (politically as well as within our own organization) and world-wide.

Let us remember, TODAY, is all any of us has and not wait another year to contemplate changes in ourself, our organization and our world. ■

Thoughts today produce the action of tomorrow; no matter what you appear to be, your secret thinking will eventually become an outward manifestation. The things that happen are not produced by God. They are brought about by individual thinking and living; this law applied to everything in life. This is a hard doctrine but a true one. If we transgress, we suffer."

— H. Gordon Burroughs

What happened in DECEMBER throughout the years?



DECEMBER 1847 *"Univercoelum,"* a paper founded by Andrew Jackson Davis was begun at this time and published for a year and a half. It was then absorbed by W. M. Channings *"The Present Age."* In 1849, Davis published the *"Spirit Messenger,"* in 1860 the *"Herald of Progress."*

DECEMBER 2 **Hanukkah or Chanukah,** the Jewish Festival of Lights that is commemorated for eight days to remember a victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem.

DECEMBER 15, 1885 . . . marked the departure of **Charles H. Foster** from the physical expression. Known as the Salem Seer, he was thought of by some as the most remarkable and gifted Spiritual Medium since Swedenborg. He had many unusual mediumistic abilities such as messages in archaic languages, reading through opaque substances, billet-reading, skin-writing *(blood red letters on his forearm)*. He was a test medium and his seances were patronized by scientists, clergy, royalty, famous authors, U.S. President Lincoln, prominent society and more.

DECEMBER 15, 1910 **Hudson Tuttle** passed to the spirit world. He was a foremost medium, speaker, and writer in the early days of modern Spiritualism. His profound writings gave much evidential proof of inspiration reception, for due to ill health as a child he had attended school only about eleven months. He was married to Emma Rood Tuttle, a noted poet, prose and press writer. She also worked diligently for the Spiritualist Lyceum.

DECEMBER 19, 1971 **The Rev. August Cervin's** birthdate. He was a mental medium, spiritual healer, pastor of two churches in Texas, President of the Texas State Spiritualist Association, did valuable missionary work throughout Texas, and served as a Trustee of the N.S.A. for ten years.

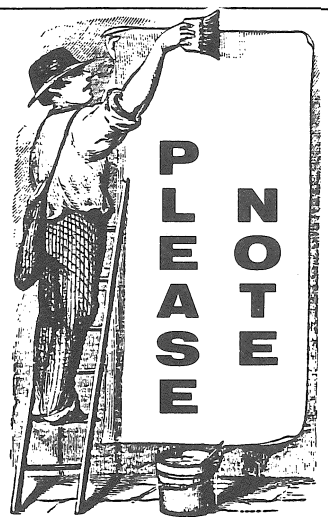
DECEMBER 24, 1934 **Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader** passed to spirit. She was a zealous worker for Spiritualism, one of the organizers of the National Spiritualist Association, Honorary Vice-President of the N.S.A., Missionary, owner of the Progressive Thinker for twenty-four years, travelled extensively for Spiritualism, served State and National Conventions, wrote prose and poetry, wrote *"Hydesville in History,"* and was called the Animated Encyclopedia of Spiritualism. She was very active in Lyceum work and it was through her efforts the Andrew Jackson Davis Lyceum building was built at Lily Dale, N.Y. She worked hard to have a marker erected at Hydesville to designate the exact spot where the Fox cottage stood.

DECEMBER 25 **CHRISTMAS** - a time of giving and sharing with others. Jesus of Nazareth was born, taught love, light and law and practiced the Gifts of Spirit. He was probably one of the greatest mediums that history has ever recorded.

DECEMBER 31 **World Healing Meditation** - an International event to send our World, and all that is in it, positive prayers and energy. Take time to help with your own love and light.



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. . . Churches, Camps and State Associations Tax Form Information

Just a reminder that the 1099 tax form for speakers and workers that have received $600.00 or more payment per year from a church, camp or state association, needs to be given to the individual before January 31. The duplicate copy of the 1099 then must be filed with the Federal Government by the end of February. Consult with an accountant if you have questions as to whether or not these forms apply to your organization. If you have not paid any one individual $600.00 or more during the past year. you do not have to file this form.



The YTH of the Virgin Birth

BY THE REV. F. VICTOR DAMOS

IN OUR WORLD today we have many evangelists who base their preaching on Scripture. For most of us, when we hear the word *"scripture,"* we immediately think of the Old and New Testaments. In fact, the word *"scripture"* simply means *"writings,"* and there are many other ancient writings besides the Old and New Testaments. Another fact is that most people have never read or studied scripture, but depend solely on what the preachers tell them that scripture says.

If you really want to know what scripture means, you should not look to a priest, rabbi or minister. All that these people have is the authority to reinforce the approved church interpretation. That doesn't guarantee that it is historically or literarily correct. Instead, you should look to someone versed in the liberal arts: history, language, literature and philosophy. Scripture should be interpreted according to the background history of its own day, as this is what gives meaning to the words. One should also know the language of the time. What the words meant then is important, not what they mean today. The author of the writing was using the meaning that he had for the words, not our present day meaning.

Literature is closely related to language for the use of similes, metaphors, allegories, and other stylistic methods of expression. Philosophy is important to be able to detect inconsistencies and contradictions. Put it all together and you will have a pretty good idea of what the true meaning of ancient writings is.

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The noted theological scholar, Rosemary Reuther, has used an analysis of ancient Greek to point out the meaning of scripture, by examining the words for *"brother"* and *"sister,"* and also *"cousin,"* in Greek. The Gospels were written in Greek, so we must look to that language for the meanings. The word for brothers is "h'adelphos," and sisters is the same but with a feminine ending: "h'adelphai." The word for cousin is made by combining the preposition "hez" meaning *from* or *out of* with the word for brother or sister. Hezadelpho meant the child of a brother, and hezadelpha meant the child of a sister, and so, cousin.

Now there is a passage in scripture that reads: *"Your mother and brothers are waiting for you outside."* (Matt. 12:47; Mark 3:32). This is in reference to Jesus. Now in the 1800s the clergy were so intent on promoting the idea that Mary was a Virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus, that they could not abide this passage, as it would indicate that Mary had other children. So they said that in ancient Hebrew times people referred to their cousins as brothers and sisters. Unfortunately the Gospel was written in Greek, not Hebrew, and in Greek there is a distinct word for cousin, but the author didn't use that. He used the word for brother which clearly must have been his intention.

Early Christian writings, which are found in museums in Israel (and we must remember that early Christians were mostly Jews), all refer to Jesus as a natural man, and do not ascribe anything miraculous about him and his family. So how did we get to the point where we turned him into a God and subsequently had to have his mother become a Virgin?

Let's go back in history. Siddhartha Gautama predates Jesus by about 500 years. He lived in India and there are excellent records of his parents, his birth, life and death. He was a mystic who learned how to meditate and find enlightenment into the spiritual world. He told his followers, *"I am not a God. I am a man like you, who had discovered the Way to Enlightenment. When I am dead, do not raise up temples to me, but practice the Way I have taught you."* Interestingly enough, 150 years after his death, people had got far enough away from him to have forgotten his message. His followers began to ritualize his message until they had created a religion called Buddhism. They re-invented his history saying that his

mother was a Virgin and while rowing in a pond of lotus flowers, God fell out of Heaven and into her womb. Among other things, the lotus represents eternity and the idea of a Virgin conceiving was a way of saying that only God could be the father. So the child becomes a demi-God. In Greek the word *"hero"* means half-God and half-man. And so we find this same myth in Egypt, in Persia, and in all the ancient cultures.

Going further, they then have Siddhartha, now known as the Buddha (which means the Enlightened One), performing miracles in his life, such as walking on water, raising the dead, multiplying food, and finally when he dies, going up to heaven on a cloud.

Now the same thing happened to Jesus. The earliest followers recognized him as a great teacher and that was all, but by 150 years after his death the various myths of the past began to creep in. And in fact, if we examine Jesus' life, we find a very good parallel to that of Buddha.

By the year 300, the mythology of Jesus was well established, and when Constantine became emperor of Rome, and made Christianity the official religion of the state, he was in effect declaring that the ritualization of Christianity was complete. From this point on, churchmen searched for scriptures to prove the myths. That is why in the year 325 at the Council of Nicea, all gospels, except for the 4 which supported the myths, were declared heretical. The Old Testament was searched to find quotes that would prove the point.

The late Father John MacKenzie, a theologian of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), has pointed out that in 325 A.D. the churchmen found a quote from the prophet Isaiah, which has been used ever since to supposedly prove the myth. *"And behold, a Virgin shall conceive and be with child."* This taken out of context sounds impressive, but when you take the original context, the meaning entirely changes. The prophet was in the market place exhorting the men to band together to defend themselves against the coming Assyrian occupation, and their subsequent loss of freedom. The Jewish men ridiculed

Let's go back in history.

the prophet saying that Jehovah would protect them just as He had done for their forefathers, without them lifting a finger. In exasperation the prophet looked out into the village square where women were carrying water, and he said: *"Behold, there is a virgin. She will conceive and before she has brought forth her first born, the Assyrians will have descended on you and taken you into captivity."* He was not in the least making a prophecy about a Virgin Birth, but rather about a political and historical event.

Now we can see by examining history where we got these ideas, and we can see that they are not really literally true, as we have been taught. Does that destroy our faith? Yes and no. If our faith was simply blind obedience to what we were told, then yes, we have been enlightened, or to put it another way, we have been educated, and education does destroy superstition.

But is this bad? Think for a moment. As long as Jesus is a demi-God, then really, can any of us follow him? If he is so perfect that he is almost not human, then can any of us ever achieve that kind of perfection on Earth? But if Jesus is a man like we are, a full human being, then what he achieved, like the Buddha, is something that any one of us can do. That is, to learn how to meditate, and how to achieve spiritual enlightenment. Actually by being a man, Jesus opens to us the doors of heaven *(which he said was within you)*, — and so we should listen to his message and follow his way.

And what is that? His words were: *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." These are the two greatest of all the commandments: "Love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and soul and Love they neighbor as thyself. This contains the entire law and all of the prophets."*

So if we follow Jesus' teachings, we don't really need to follow all the rituals, and it doesn't really matter whether Mary was a virgin or not. We really are trading our mythology for a substantial and real way of life, that will benefit us and all humanity, rather than relying on magic and myth to get us into heaven. Granted, it is not easy — and maybe that is why so many people prefer to hang on to the myth.

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In an interview in the early forties, Madam Chiang-kai-shek said she was not interested in religion, but that she was interested in knowing God. She said, she did not believe in telling Him what to do, in our prayers, but, for us to keep still and find out what He wanted us to do.

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

In this column we list ***Favorite Sayings to Live By.*** *Please send in your sayings that have helped you, for they may in turn assist another.*



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"As no true work since the world began was ever wasted, so no true life since the world began has ever failed."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"Know the value of time! Snatch, seize and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today."
— Lord Chesterfield

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"Sometimes it is more important to discover what one cannot do, than what one can do."
— Lin Yutang, (submitted by Roma Plagman)

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History repeats itself, and that's one of the things that's wrong with history."
— Clarence Darrow, (submitted by Roma Plagman)

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"I believe in immortality of the soul because I have within me immortal longings."
— Helen Keller

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"One truth is clear: whatever is, is right."
— Alexander Pope

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"The desire of perfection is the worst disease that ever afflicted the human mind."
— Louis de Fontanes

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"Think only of the past as its remembrance gives you pleasure."
— Jane Austen



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"Let quietness of heart be given unto me instead of cakes and ale."
— Egyptian Book of the Dead

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"I have never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself."
— Dwight L. Moody

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Jest Joking...

■ Coloring a message does not mean when the medium gets embarrassed and their face turns a bright red.

■ How many Spiritualists does it take to change a light bulb? None. It has to assume personal responsibility and change itself.

■ One day during a church service a non-believer decided to loudly heckle the speaker. He shouted, *"What do you mean there ain't no heaven or hell? A spirit world, fooey. Even if there was a spirit world I wouldn't want to go there."*

Someone behind him clearly, but softly commented, *"You have free choice. Go to hell then, but do it quietly and on your own time."*

■ We have all heard the complaint about the inevitability of death and taxes. We as Spiritualists are thankful that only life is continuous and not taxes.

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COULD MY Mother HAVE BEEN A SPIRITUALIST?

By The Rev. Frances Scher, NST

Our True Religion Is How We Live.

My mother was born and raised a Jewess, but I ask this question . . . because as I think back now, to my childhood, I realize that most things mama taught me are as close to our Spiritualist Principles and beliefs as any could possibly be.

She told me we must believe in God.

She told me that all the great wonders we have, only God could give to us.

Our true religion is how we live.

She said that how we live now is how we will always be, but we could make things better if we want to.

Mother explained that on the Sabbath evening we can ask our loved ones who have passed on before us, to help those of us who are still in the living here.

She said, if we want people to like us and respect us, we must give love and respect to others.

She said we must be responsible people, for all the things we say and do. Only we are responsible for our own mistakes.

Mama said, we must make up for our wrongs, but that God would always love us, and would always give us the chance to change our ways if we want to do better.

I think that is pretty good Spiritualism. Perhaps now in the Spirit World, she too has had this realization.

Responsible

by Robert Hull

I am responsible
For my own life
All my actions on this plane
Return to me again and again.

The hurt sent out
Pains me in full.
The love given free
Enriches me.

Christmas Message

By A. Ravic Russell

I worship the Message
And not the Man
Because Spirit says
All of us can
Live a life
Of great worth
Spreading love
And peace on earth

I can see
What is divine
In every heart
That's warm and kind

I can see
The face of God
In a homeless stranger
And a child's nod

I can make
The world better today
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Across the sea
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PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
1522 Encanto Blvd.; Rev. Alma Reeves; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m.; All Message Serv. Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m. Secy., Shirley Bassani, c/o Alma Reeves, 1815 E. Fairmont, 85016

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION,
Pres., D. Haddick; Secy., Evadell Sordelet, 5537 Whitney Ave., Carmichael, 95608, (916) 481-8729.

ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
2305 Alameda Ave.; Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546, (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 9:30 a.m.; Classes - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Pres. Arthur Iman; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Wayne L. DuBois, NST, 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

ALTADENA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation,
Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Harriette Calloway, 225 E. Loma Alta Dr., 91001, (213) 681-1677.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines,
Direct Mail to 457 Grass Valley Hwy., #12, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Fri. All Message Service. Church phone: (916) 823-1816.

LOS ANGELES - Spiritualist Society,
Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Fri. 7:30 p.m. Please phone (213) 927-7079 for information.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
149 Clinton St., 94062; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., John Johnston; 155 Elder Ave., Millbrae, 94030. (415) 692-4536; Secy., Barbara Welge, 50 Horgan Ave., #55, 94061, (415) 364-8476

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY — Spiritualist Church,
604 South "H" St., 92410; Sun. Serv. Healing & Dev. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Pres., Dana Calhoun; Secy., Janice Larcom, 913 Kansas, Colton, 92324, (714) 825-6926 or 825-5817.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.
732 N. Sierra Way, Direct Mail To: P.O. Box 1435, 92402; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m.; Pres. William Sanabria, (714) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (714) 862-4376.

SAN DIEGO - Progressive Spiritualist Church,
Mailing: 2949 Live Oak Pl., Escondido, 92029. Services: 4144 Campus Ave., 92103; Pastor, Rev. John Guthrie; Secy., Rev. Helene Martin-Guthrie.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple,
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) Sunday: Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST, 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, (510) 283-1449; 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; Mail to: P.O. Box 4375, 94913; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres. Ronald C. Cavender; Secy., Beverly J. Houser, (415) 472-3633.

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 6:30 p.m.; Thur. Inter. Unfoldment Class 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Nite Live: Meditation Circle & Lecture 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Foard Memorial Lib. Open by Appt. at the back of the Church; Pastor, Rev. Linda Schneider, 302 E. Figueroa St., 93101; Asst. Lic. Min., Mary P. Wadsworth, 7430 Canby Ave., #4, 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, 80222; Sun. Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Worship Service 10:30 till 11:30. Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Pres. Patricia Schott, (303) 794-7093.

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,
Pres., Christa Dixon; 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, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

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; 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; Pastor John Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwalk, 06854, (203) 866-3885; Secy., Denise Puglia, 30 Edison St., 06487, (203) 377-3912.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic,
268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing Serv., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; President Ruth E. Moore, 2-C Pleasant St., Plainfield, 06374, (203) 564-8497; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354. (203) 564-5976.

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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., Judith Snider, 6200 Wilson Blvd., #316, Falls Church, VA. 22044.

• 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.

• 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, 139th St., Rt. 5, Box 262, 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) 931-4374; 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. Pres., Helen Lopotowski; Secy., Elaine King, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, IL 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, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Secy., L. Anne Blair, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617, (312) 221-1231. 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, (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.

• 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 Address: 1417 Louisedale Dr.,46808; Sunday Lyceum Classes 10:00 a.m. when scheduled; Thursday Evening Service 7:45 p.m. (Healing before service); Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. (Healing before service); Sunday Philosophy Class when scheduled; Pastor, Rev. Jay Fisher; Co-Pastor, Rev. Edward Cummings; Secy., Delores Espinosa, (219) 422-8600.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritual Science Church of Frankfort Inc., N.S.A.C.,
Magnolia & Green Sts.; Sun Healing Serv. at 2:00 p.m., Worship Message Serv. at 2:30; Reading Days, 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur 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 & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, 636 McKinley St., 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 p.m., Dinner every third Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS — Progressive Spiritualist Church,
6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902; Serv. Sun. "Psychic Tea" 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Reg. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 West County Line Rd., Camby, 46113, (317) 831-2499; Secy., Willie Kersey, 215 Welcome Way Blvd., E Dr., #305A, 46214.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
314 W. Coolspring Ave., (219) 874-6002; Correspondence to: Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W., #77, Daphne Park, 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Carleen Boyle, 3455 W. 400 N., LaPorte, 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. August Schnyder; Secy., Connie Graddy, 2905 Dakota Dr., Anderson, 46012.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church,
541 - 6th Ave. So., 52732; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton, 651 - 2nd Ave. So., 52732. (319) 243-9738.

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.; (Closed during July and August.) Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. Thirteenth St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Roma Plagman.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Rev. Arlene Sikora, P.O. Box 46, Etna, 04434; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD #4, Box 208-L17, Auburn, 04210; Secy., Carol A. Rickards, RR #1, Box 147, Bradford, 04410.

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., Nancy Parry; Treas., June Conley; 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., Kathy Jablonski, 534 Greely's Landing Rd., 04426; Secy., Wanda Adkins, P.O. Box 224, Sangerville, 04479. (207) 876-4107.

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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) 269-3451; Secy., Betty Simpson, RFD #3, Box 504, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

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.; Class Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Thomas Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 727-3850; Pres., Warren Nielsen; Secy., Agnes Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093.

• 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., Christine Nagle, 18-C Shore Dr., Peabody, 01960.

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, 01085, (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, 49720,

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, 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, 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel,
21 Dennison St., 48501.

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.

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.

ROBBINSDALE - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church,
Secy., Toni Ferdelman - address mail to: P.O. Box 22722, Minneapolis, 55422, (612) 535-8072. Services held at 10:00 a.m., 3829 W. Broadway (left rear suite). Unfoldment class: Tues. Evenings, 8:00 p.m. Pastor Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer, 3908 Georgia Ave. North, 55427, (612) 535-2746.

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., 55104, (612) 224-0698.

• MISSOURI •

KANSAS CITY - The Light of the World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.
3724 Red Bridge Rd.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Mailing address: Secy. Edna Rowland, 601 S. Ward Rd., Apt. D, Lee's Summit, 64081, (816) 525-0902; Pres., Ann Wynn.

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.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, Lillian Warwick, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (609) 767-1651; Pres. Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (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, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065. Sunday Serv 10:30 a.m.; Spiritual Unfoldment Classes. Mon.-Thurs.; Open Circles, Fri. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.

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ALBANY - The Capital District Spiritualist Church,
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes, Mon.-Thurs., Open Seances every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Sun. at 8:30 p.m.; Psychic Horizons Bookstore is open Weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Center,
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010. Sunday Services, 6:30 p.m., and open seances every Fri. at 7:30 p.m. year-round. Psychic Development Classes, year-round. Spiritual healing offered every Monday evening at 8:30 p.m. 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.,
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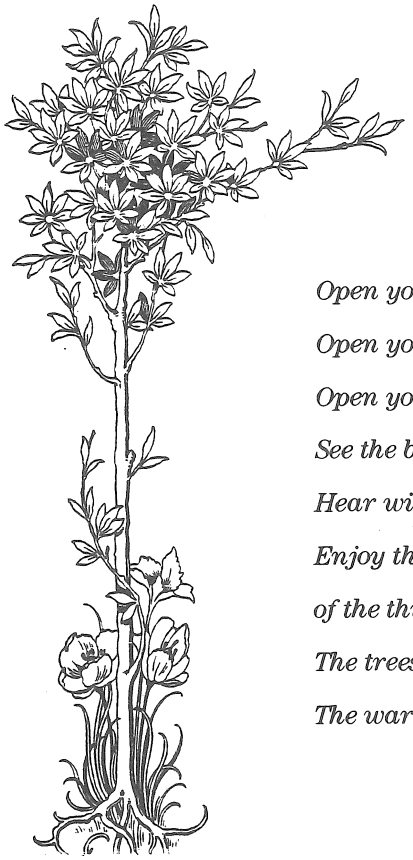
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Whatever is — is best.

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Sometimes, by the hearts unrest,
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FEATURE

An open letter to the Subscribers and Readers of *The National Spiritualist*

By The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST
Business Manager



The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST.

Since it is now nearing the end of another year, I thought that I would like to express to you, the readers of *The National Spiritualist (TNS)* some of my feelings regarding the past year and one half.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as business manager of *TNS*, sometimes referred to as the *Summit*, for the past 18 months. Of course, I have been blessed with having a talented, wonderful and dedicated Spiritualist, Sandra Pfortmiller, as the editor. Truly our pioneers in the spirit world provided the guidance necessary to find her.

TNS was started when a bequest was made on January 18, 1919 by Mr. John L. Jackson, of Fort Worth, Texas. The purpose of *TNS* was, *"to promote the teachings of Spiritualism and strengthen the N.S.A. and to conduct it that substantial Spiritualists shall have little opportunity to be ashamed of its appearance or of either its advertising or reading material. Its object is to promote the teachings of Spiritualism and strengthen the influence of the N.S.A. The paper craves no dictatorship, its columns intended to interest and educate Spiritualists and outsiders and offer them space for exchange of ideas and make friends of our organized movement."*

Working together, Sandra and I have done our very best to live up to the purposes stated above. From the many complimentary letters we continue to receive I am convinced that we are indeed, delivering the type of material that is needed. Our intent is also to strengthen the N.S.A.C. and to assure that ALL Spiritualists will continue to be very proud of their *TNS* publication. With the inspired articles that we have been receiving, and the large increase in circulation, I am certain that we will continue to be successful in our goals.

I wish to personally thank all of you for your continuing support. And I am looking forward to the next twelve months, certain that, with the help of our spirit loved ones, we will continue to provide a publication that is informative, educational and enjoyed by all.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

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AURA

BY NANCY LLOYD

The aura is as old as life itself. Studies of the aura have been recorded as far back as Ancient Greece and Egypt.

Paracelsus, one of the ancient Swiss physicians wrote, *"The vital fluid is not enclosed in man, but radiated round him like a luminous sphere."*

Zoroaster, the Persian religious leader states, *"The human aura is the most potent among all auras of existing creatures or things, as it carries with it the active living forces of human will, in other words, the soul power of man. This aura exerts infuence, perceptible or imperceptible, on all material objects which it touches, and especially on other auras. One person's aura may receive as well as repel another's aura."*

From medieval times onward, pictures of the *"saints"* show a body with a circle of energy manifesting as light above the head, or sometimes radiating from the whole body. The circle of light above the head is called a halo or nimbus. If the light extends around the head and shoulders it is called an aureole. Light around the full body is called the Glory.

When a medium says, I see your aura, he/she is seeing a blending of five different aspects of the semi-material energy fields, or higher vehicles, surrounding the physical body which are called collectively, the Aura.

First, there is the **Health Aura** which surrounds the healthy body with an enormous number of straight lines radiating evenly in all directions. This is the aura through which the magnetic healer works.

Light around the full body is called the Glory.

A magnetic healer is a person who's own physical body has a superabundance of the minerals and chemicals needed for healing. The spirit chemist uses these materials in producing the healing energy which is transferred to the patient through the Health Auras of both the healer and the patient.

The spiritual healer and the spirit chemist use a combination of the **Health Aura,** the **Vital Aura** and the **Spiritual Aura,** plus materials from the healer and from the ether or atmosphere to effect a healing. As the healer passes his/her hands close to the body, he/she is able to detect gaps or cold spots in the **Health Aura** which indicate the location of the discomfort or illness.

The **Vital Aura** indicates the condition of the life-giving blood circulating throughout the body. As the blood leaves the heart its color shows in the astral or etheric body as a clear rosy tint which then becomes bluish as the various bodily systems absorb the oxygen and nutrients in the blood.

The third aspect of the Aura as a whole is the **Karmic Aura.** This energy field is the mirror of every thought and emotion the individual has, whether it is expressed or not. Anger and gross materialism will show as a dark muddy red, or fear, particularly sudden panic, will register as a sickly gray similar to a heavy fog. These colors change constantly with the individual's changes in awareness, thoughts and emotions. Also, the interpretation of the meaning of a color, or combination of colors, will vary. Each medium has his/her own teacher's system of symbols to be used in interpreting the colors.

AURA

Now we come to the fourth aspect of the Aura, the **Aura of Character.** This aura is a record of everything the individual has ever thought, said or done. THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND.

The clear eyes and unlined face of youth must be replaced by the eyes of wisdom and the lines of character that maturity brings, for it is natural that the learning experiences which prepare us for the life to come are recorded outwardly as well as spiritually.

Finally, we come to the part of the total Aura that determines our relationships with other people on the earth plane and which will dictate our place in the spirit world. It is of course, the **Spiritual Aura.** The medium who can see this aura separately is highly evolved and also very rare. The **Spiritual Aura** is our connection to our spirit teachers and guides. It is the means of mediumship, inspiration and intuition. Within the **Spiritual Aura** is the result of our efforts to *"understand"* through meditation, study and practice of spiritual values in daily living. It is not only the specialized fields of endeavor such as the ministry, lecturing or the demonstration of phenomena through mediumship that bring light and comfort, it is also the spirituality of all truly caring people.

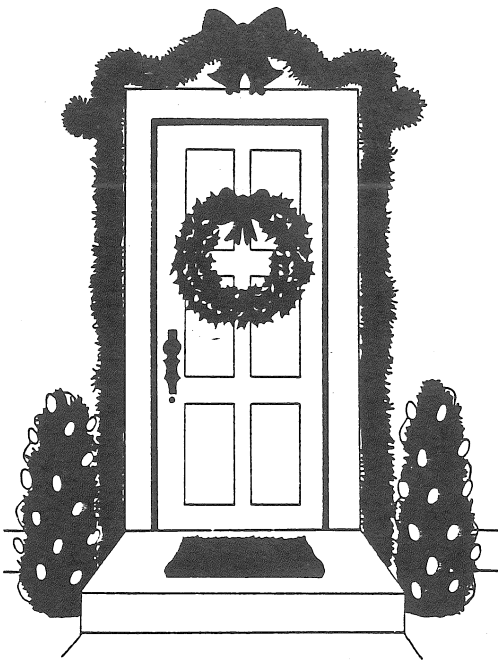
Practice the concept of the Golden Rule.

Our 6th, 7th and 8th principles in the Declaration of Principles pretty much cover the requirements for living a spiritual life here, and hereafter. Practice the concept of the Golden Rule, it is an idea that is expressed in all religions in one way or another . . . for instance, the Persian version of the Golden Rule is, *"Do to others what you would have them do to you."* Accept personal responsibility for your thoughts, actions and reactions. Read, discuss and meditate. Try to develop a well-rounded perspective for mental growth and increased understanding in all areas. Hudson Tuttle reminds us in his book, *Mediumship and It's Laws*, that our spirit teachers are with us to supplement earthly wisdom, not to supercede it. Keep a firm grasp on the Magic Staff given to us by Andrew Jackson Davis' teacher, Galen, *"Under all circumstances, keep an even mind."*

Fortunately, whatever *"hell"* has been created will eventually be eliminated by the increased understanding of spiritual growth.

A word of caution. There are on the market today, devices through which the inventors claim that everyone can see the aura or hear spirit communication. If these devices work at all, it is at a vibration higher than human, but a lot lower than enlightened teaching from the spirit world. Also, these are material objects and cannot be used in the spirit world.

NST FORUM



HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS

BY THE REV. COSIE ALLEN

CHRISTMAS TIME is upon us once again . . . so let us take a moment to reflect how we are planning to relate to this beautiful season. Is it a time to run around to as many stores as possible to find just the right gift for a child, friend, or loved one? When people rush here and there, when doubt enters into their minds, if they have spent the right amount of money or bought a gift the person will enjoy, then the joy of the season is lost.

A sure fire way to make sure you have the right gift for the right person is to give yourself!! It won't cost a thing!!

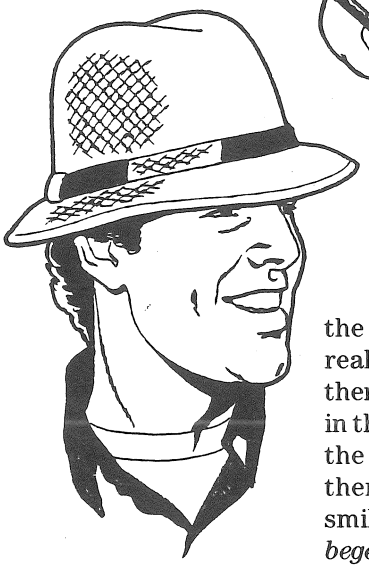
So often we spend so much time wondering what someone would like that we forget EVERYONE wants expressions of LOVE. Give a hug, a kiss on the cheek, a sincere compliment, a pat on the back, a helpful service or even a smile and the recipient will benefit. So will you.

Let us all start with this Christmas season to give a little more of ourself — maybe we'll like it so much that we will celebrate Christmas and Love **EVERY** day of the year.

THE POWER OF A SMILE

BY ROMA PLAGMAN
Spiritualist Harmony Church,
Davenport, Iowa

When I walk along the streets, I try to have a pleasant expression on my face because I feel that those who pass by me do not need to see a worried, sad, or distraught face to add to any of the same feelings they might be experiencing. Then, if someone coming toward me smiles *(which doesn't happen so very often)*, I actually feel better, as though a beneficent force has enveloped me and entered into my being filling me with a sense of warmth. And, there is something personal about it, as though that person is a friend, even though I have not seen that one before and might never see her or him again. This is someone who is aware of my presence in this world and wants to show me that awareness. It helps me feel that I am not an absolute non-entity, almost invisible to those passing me.





A smile begets a smile.

How often do people actually look at other persons they pass? So much of the time we are so occupied with our responsibilities, concerns, problems, that we are enclosed in a cocoon which separates us from all else. When I see a person approaching with a solemn or grave or far-away look on their face, I know that person probably has much on his or her mind and is really not very aware of those who pass so close. That cocoon is that person's world in which he walks, and he is alone in that world. Perhaps, however, a gentle smile, a projecting of oneself to her or him, thereby entering even if only momentarily into their world, can give them that beneficent, healing force, a sense of quiet peace and release from the pressures of our workaday world. It can bring the realization that there is somebody, even a stranger, out there who cares about them, and keep that smile lingering in their memory for some time. I have seen the surprise on the face of the one to whom I have given a little smile, and then the brightening of that face and a returned like-smile. As in all things where *"like begets like, a smile begets a smile."* Have you ever rejected a warm smile? If this warm exchange could become universal, think what a feeling of *"oneness"* there would be. It would truly become a *"more gentler society;"* a smile, one of the thousand points of light our President has spoken of.

This, of course, should be one of our attributes as Spiritualists: to show all those we meet, if only for a fleeting moment, that we are people who care about them. We would then be displaying **love in action** . . . that Divine love shining through us.

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PICNIC IN THE ROCKIES

by Pastor Bonnie Winston

The Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C. held their first annual picnic., August 10, 1991 at Bishop Square Park in Westminster, Colorado.



Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C., 1st Annual Picnic.

The feast was overwhelming with a variety of foods that would tempt anyones taste buds. Thirty-five adults and twelve children attended. All enjoyed a beautiful day in the Rockies, plus being entertained by the childrens' relays and games. We're already looking forward to next year's fun.

As Pastor of the Chapel, I give a special thanks to Juanita Wallace and Joe and Maye Phelps for their support. All donations were given to the Childrens Lyceum.

TRANSITION

by M. Elaine Weichner, MSSAC Secretary

Ralph B. Cheney, 78, passed to a higher life on August 19, 1991 at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petroskey. He was born March 6, 1913 in Jackson, Michigan. Mr. Cheney was a retired Consumers Power foreman.

Mr. Cheney's wife, Florence (Kerby), whom he married in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1939, passed to a higher life March 8, 1986. His brothers, Arthur and Edward, also preceded him. Surviving are his son Arthur of Livonia, Michigan; daughter, Gail Wrona of Charlevoix; brother, Nathan of Florida; sisters, Marvel Killewald of Cheboygan and Marveen Case of Utica; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Tibbitts.

The service was held at the Edward Korkoian Funeral Home, Spiller-Spitler in Royal Oak, Michigan, with the Rev. Cosie Allen officiating. The burial was at Oakview Cemetery, also in Royal Oak.

Ralph and Florence belonged to a young people's club at First Spiritual Temple, Royal Oak. They later married and belonged to the same church. They were both hard workers for the cause of Spiritualism for many years. Ralph had been on the church board most of the time including the president. He and his wife ran many a Rally Day, repaired the church and maintained the same. You could always tell when Ralph was around, the church grounds were always beautified with trees, bushes and many flowers.

Upon his retirement he moved to Charlevoix, and joined Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, again he served on the church board. Mr. Cheney held his membership at Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp for many years. He was a willing worker, serving on the board, cleaning, maintaining and beautifying the church and grounds. He also served on the Michigan State Spiritualist Association's board. Mr. Cheney was named Spiritualist of the Year at the MSSAC Convention in 1990.

Ralph Cheney will be sadly missed by his family and so many friends, but he too has earned his rewards.

THE REVEREND RUPERT SIGURDSSON IS ORDAINED



The Rev. Cosie Allen of Grand Rapids. The Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, The Rev. Arlene A. Sikora.

Augusta, Maine —The Reverend Arlene A. Sikora, assisted by the Rev. Cosie Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, officiated at the ordination service for the Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson held August 4, 1991 at the Augusta Spiritualist Church.

Rev. Sigurdsson was escorted to the platform by his wife of 52 years, Mary.

Guests attended from several Maine communities, as well as from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Michigan.

Rev. Sigurdsson, a third generation Spiritualist, spent

many years studying to become a Spiritualist minister. He is dedicated to the cause of modern Spiritualism and brings a great deal of knowledge and insight together with a determination to promote the cause in a positive manner.

Prior to being ordained, Rev. Sigurdsson received certification as a Healer, Licentiate Minister, and National Spiritualist Teacher. Recently, he also completed the Pastoral Skills Training course.

The Spiritualist community is fortunate to receive the many blessings Rupert brings with him as a person and as a leader. May he help light the way for others who follow the path.

PASTORAL SKILLS TRAINING CONDUCTED AT TEMPLE HEIGHTS

by Nancy Marshall Parry

Northport, Maine - The Reverend Cosie Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, assisted by the Rev. Arlene A. Sikora of Palmyra, Maine, conducted an intensive two-week residential Pastoral SKills Training course, held July 29-August 9 at Temple Heights, a National Spiritualist Camp.



Training included on-site segments at Eastern Maine Medical Center with Hospice Director Peter Briguglio, and Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. John Hoelter; as well as Gary Smith, a funeral director at Brookings-Smith Funeral Home in Bangor.

Participants received information on all aspects of death and dying, counseling, home and hospital visitations, creating individualized services, ceremonies, and insurance for church buildings, property and caregivers.

Certificates of completion were awarded to Rev. Sikora, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, Mary Bouchard, Clinton H. Cady, June Conley, Nancy Marshall Parry and Carl Rickards.

The class expressed heartfelt appreciation to Cosie for an outstanding job. Being her first class, a bond developed between and among us which words fail to describe. Gifts of appreciation were presented to Cosie at the conclusion of the course.

Each participant brought many valuable experiences which were gently woven into the course material to produce an experience the depth of which will continue to guide us as we pursue our chosen paths. It is truly the *"people"* who make the difference. Written material is necessary, but ultimately it is the individual who successfully integrates the book and classroom learning with life experiences to provide quality pastoral services.

Special thanks to the Temple Heights staff, under the leadership of Harriet and Roland Gurney, who provided hearty meals and a pleasant atmosphere to create a wonderful environment in which to experience the training.

CAMP MEETING IN CLINTON, IOWA

The 109th Annual Camp Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa was held July 20 through August 17, 1991.

The camp, under completely new management, had a very successful season. It began with Vera Bunten and Edith Myers of Indianapolis the first week. Serving the second week were the Rev. Albert Jay Fisher of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Si Baynes, Jr. of Florissant, Missouri. Guests for the third week were the Rev. Pamela Ashlay-Lehrer of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Martha Gilmour of Hamilton, Ohio. The fourth and final week was capably handled by the Rev. Bryan McCotter of Le Roy, Illinois and Shirley Long of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In addition to these fine mediums, the Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr. of Davenport, Iowa acted as Hotel Host and Staff Medium all season.

Activities included Worship Services, Healing Services, Circles, Private Consultations and Private Healing Sessions, Trance Circles, Mini-Readings and classes.

At 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 3rd, Camp Historian William E. Buchholz, Sr. hosted a program *"Down Memory Lane,"* which reviewed some of the rich history of the camp since its founding in 1882. Historical documents and photos were on display. All in attendance enjoyed it and plans are underway to repeat it during the next camp season.

The 109th Annual Membership Meeting was held

August 16, and the Executive Board for the next season will consist of: Harvey Horstman, President; Kenneth Farley, Vice-President; Bonnie Horstman, Secretary; Jocelyn Farley, Treasurer; and Trustees: Shirley Long, Linda Qualman, Joyce Walwer, Carolyn and Richard Trude and Clark Smith.

Applications are now being accepted for the 1992 Camp Season from qualified Certified Mediums and Commissioned Healers. To apply, contact:
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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Spiritualist Harmony Church of Davenport, Iowa celebrated its 20th Anniversary the weekend of Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25, 1991. The Rev. Juanita Lupetti, Pastor of Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C., Dayton, Ohio was guest.

She provided private consultations each day and conducted a trance circle Saturday night. The large number in attendance each received many evidential messages.

The ladies of the church hosted a pot-luck dinner Friday evening, and a feast was enjoyed by all attending.

The anniversary celebration concluded on Sunday afternoon, beginning with Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr. conducting a laying on of hands healing service at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Lupetti was guest speaker and message minister at 2:00 p.m. Worship Service, which opened with the hymn, *"Faith of our Fathers."* Anita J. Buchholz provided organ accompaniment. Rev. Lupetti traced the history of the church from its founding in August, 1971 to the present time. This brought to a close a very enjoyable weekend for all.

ROBERT "BOB" PIERCE FETED BY CHURCH

Following the closing of church services for the season on Sunday, May 26, members of the Church of Spiritual Life, Inc. of Methuen, held a surprise party honoring Bob Pierce for his many years of dedication to Spiritualism in the capacity of certified healer, as well as his generosity to the church, plus the free time which he has given over the past 20 years that he has been a Spiritualist.

A luncheon was held and many members were in attendance for this occasion which was followed by a special cake for Bob.

The culmination of the affair was when Bob was presented with a beautiful plaque upon which his name was inscribed and read, *"In Appreciation of Your Generosity, Dedication and Hard Work on Behalf of Spirit. The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc. Methuen,"* dated May, 1991.



Robert "Bob" Pierce of Methuen, Massachusetts Church.

Bob, who was quite surprised and overwhelmed with it all and said, *"To be publicly honored is something that I never would have thought or dreamed of. At no time has anything quite like this happened to me."*

Having served on the former Massachusetts State Board as treasurer, Bob was well known over the years for the great dinners which he had been in charge of when Mass Meetings used to be held here in Massachusetts. He often was in charge of regular church suppers over the years and everyone was always assured that when Bob was in charge, there was always a bountiful amount of food for everyone.

Bob has been a dedicated healer, often giving much of his free time to others who have been in need of healing. He modestly avoids talking about it when asked (though we know through the grapevine). He regularly serves the church and has gone many times to hospitals and to private homes to allow his Spirit guides to work through him so that others might receive help.

Early this October Bob will be retiring from Raytheon where he has been employed for 36 years as an electronic technician. We were hoping now that he is retired that he might have more free time to prepare other dinners for us but Bob says *"no."*

He is eligible to hold a dual citizenship due to the fact that his maternal grandmother was born in Ireland. Bob has told us that application has already been made to the Irish Embassy, and is looking forward to receipt of his papers. Bob plans to make his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico and between there and Ireland, plans to spend a lot of his time.

We wish Bob well and hope that he enjoys his retirement years. Knowing him, we are sure they will be active and productive years with a lot of his time dedicated to the work of Spirit.

Bob did assure us that we would see him around, as he will be in the area to visit once a year at least.

Best of Luck Bob and many happy retirement years.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 I experience life fully and lovingly.	**2** I have lots of friends who care for and love me.	**3** My mind is filled with peace and harmony.	**4** I am an open channel for inspiration.	**5** God and Spirit help me to handle everything that flows my way.	**6** I set my goals then work toward fulfilling them.	**7** My life reflects only good.
8 I respect others and they respect me.	**9** Exciting new ideas come to me daily.	**10** Today I listen to others with interest and compassion.	**11** The colors of Nature are healing to my soul.	**12** I accept only thoughts of love.	**13** The people I meet are all unique and wonderful.	**14** I live in harmony and balance.
15 Spirit expresses through me. I am proud to be me.	**16** I am one with the Infinite and all of life.	**17** Life presents me with wonderful opportunities for growth.	**18** Each day I learn something new. I am always growing in my understanding.	**19** I look within for all my answers.	**20** Love flows from me in a continuous stream.	**21** The world shows me new ways and insights.
22 I trust my inspired thoughts.	**23** I attract all I need for my fulfillment.	**24** I celebrate the joy of life and family.	**25** Today I share the gift of love with all mankind.	**26** I am capable and efficient in all my undertakings.	**27** Divine Light surrounds me at all times. I am guided and protected.	**28** My future is divinely guided.
29 I pray for abundance and peace for this world.	**30** I know with God all things are possible.	**31** Every moment, every day, every year, my life gets better and better.				

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