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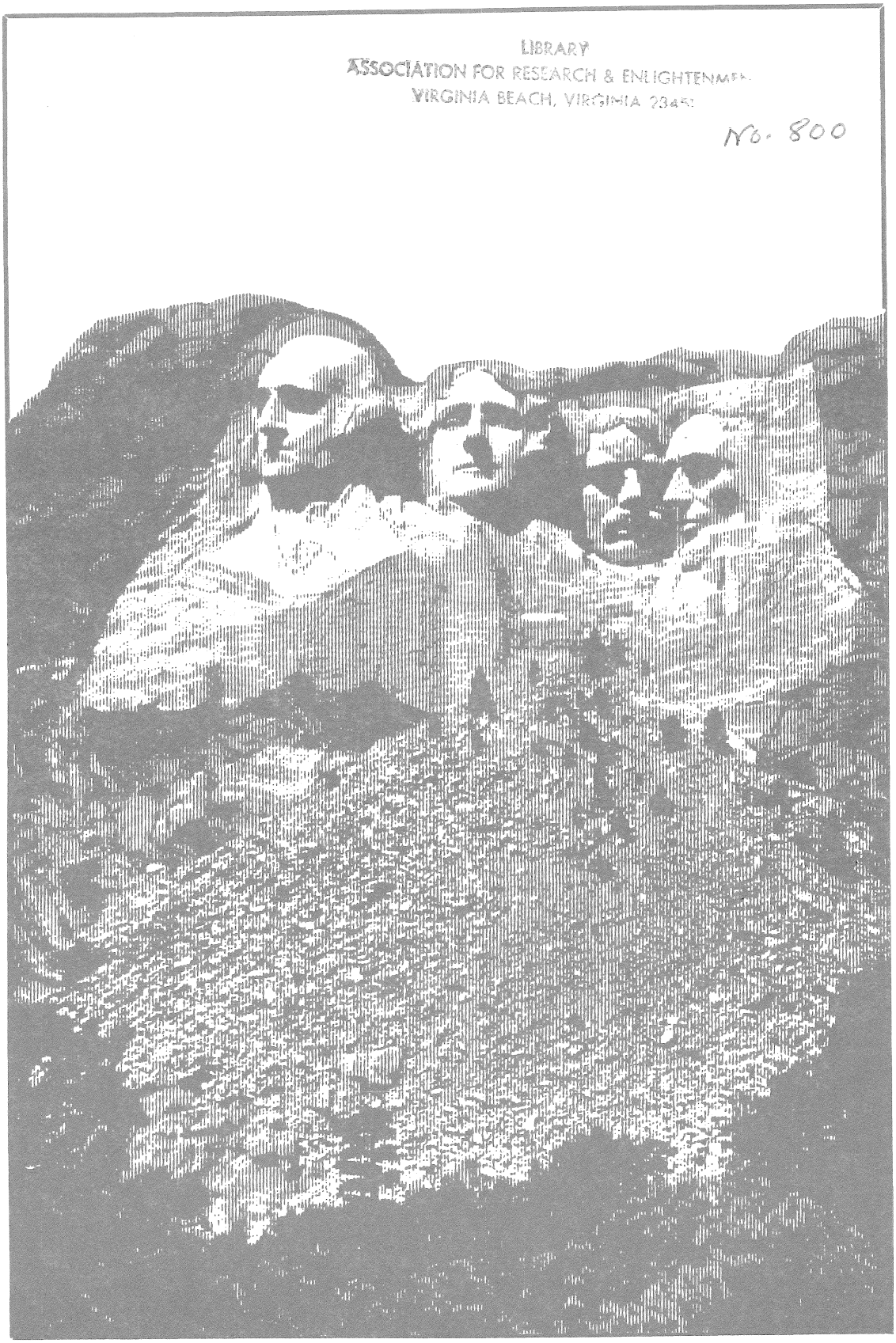
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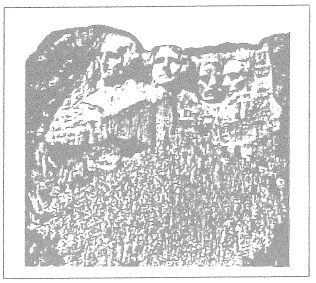
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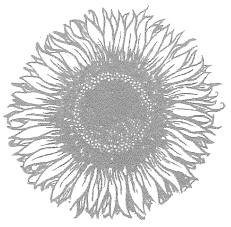
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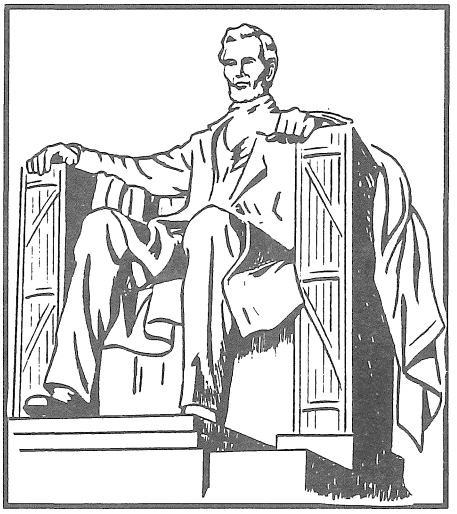
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The Spiritualist President ABRAHAM LINCOLN!

BY SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Many articles have been written by Spiritualists about President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln communicating with spirit, but do history books make any mention of these communications? Research in Carl Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and The War Years*, included references to Spiritualists and mediums with the following as an example.

> *On New Year's Day, 1863, Browning rode in her carriage. 'Mrs. Lincoln told me she had been, the night before, with Old Isaac Newton, out to Georgetown, to see a Mrs. Laury, a Spiritualist and she had made wonderful revelations to her about her little son Willy who died last winter, and also about things on the earth.'*

What kind of a man was Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States, that communicated with spirits? Writer ("Uncle Tom's Cabin") Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote about him:

> *The world has seen and wondered at the greatest sign and marvel of our day, to-wit, a plain working man of the people, with no more culture, instruction or education than any such working man may obtain for himself, called on to conduct the passage of a great people through a crisis involving the destinies of the whole world . . .*
>
> *Lincoln's strength is of a peculiar kind; it is not aggressive so much as passive, and among passive things it is like the strength not so much of a stone buttress, as of a wire cable. It is strength swaying to every influence, yielding on this side and on that to popular needs, yet tenaciously and inflexibly bound to carry its great end; and probably by no other kind of strength could our national ship have been drawn safely thus far during the tossings and tempests which beset her way.*

President Lincoln was a great man. Just what makes someone great? He was honest and strong in his beliefs, unselfish, with a gentleness and wisdom that was coupled with the practice of keeping an open mind and practicing the Golden Rule. Lincoln wrote:

- *I never knew a man who wished himself a slave. Consider if you know any good thing, that no man desires for himself.*
- *I know that there is a God, and that He hates injustice and slavery.*
- *There are no accidents in my philosophy. Every effect must have its cause. The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future. All these are links in the endless chain stretching from the Infinite to the finite.*

How can we today benefit from the example President Lincoln set for us so long ago? One of the challenges he faced was that of **slavery** and it is something that each of us should look at in a personal way still today. We make jokes that we are slaves of coffee, or marriage, or work — often we are. Our freedoms are one of the principles we value and must also evaluate. Consider how you treat your spouse, your children, yourself. Then ask if you allow all to be the best that they can be, or the worst as they so choose? Each has the freedom and the responsibility to control their own life and to pursue their own divine potential.

Each restrictive quality that another displays, is a mirror to look at as you seek to free yourself of judgements and habit slavery. So often we judge, judge, judge. Let us remember that all is perfect with the Infinite and that God expresses through life and law. We can bring positive changes with our desire and affirmative energies. Emancipation (to free from restraint) opens the way to receive.

The actions of great men never die, their words inspire and spur others to greater achievements. The reason is that truths follow Divine Law. President Lincoln would not have affected the course of history if it were not God's Plan and if it were not handled in accordance with Natural Principles. Each of us can put the Spiritual Laws into practice in our lives and we will be rewarded with greatness.

Greatness does not necessarily mean fame. The synonymns include: *to soar, amplitude, abundance, remarkable, infinity, strength,*

intensity, distinction, to rise above or transcend, notable, esteemed, elevation, endlessness. If a great person were described they would be compassionate, truthful, forgiving, generous, principled, just, open, balanced, honest, gentle, developing, natural, helpful, inspired, accepting, striving for better things and have God in their life. Most of us know someone who meets many or all of these qualifications. We might also look in the mirror to reflect how very often these basic laws of good are the ones we each strive to incorporate into our lives. Spirit tells us that all creation is necessary and needed to fulfill the universe, therefore **we are each great** in some way.

Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist? Maybe he did not join the ranks of the movement but he conformed to the definition of a Spiritualist:

> *A Spiritualist is one who believes as the basis of his or her religion in communication between this and the Spirit World by means of mediumship, and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communion.*

Mr. Lincoln definitely believed in spirit communication and in life after so-called death. He sat in circles with Nettie Colburn Maynard and other mediums to communicate with his departed son and to receive counsel on serious problems of the war. He was a busy, sincere, and serious man and would not have spent time and energy on things that he did not have confidence in. He also molded his character and conduct in accordance to the highest teachings and from his souls inspirations.



This portrait of Mrs. Lincoln, taken in 1863, shows her still wearing mourning black after the death of their son William "Willie" Lincoln in February 1862. The photograph of Lincoln was taken in Washington by Mathew Brady during the months following the boy's death. *(Photos from: "ABRAHAM LINCOLN: The Prairie Years and The War Years")*

Lincoln never gave up in troubled times. He sought Divine insight to help in his decisions and to guide his war and idea torn country. The poverty of Abe's youth may have been more of a blessing than a handicap for he gained views of equal rights for all. His lack of education did not stop his thirst and striving for knowledge and understanding. Abraham Lincoln succeeded in spite of the odds by his strong desire, his kind character, his hard work and determination. Life's experiences bring disquieting periods to all of us, to our country, to our families, but let us, like this great man, look to Spirit for inspiration and keep our knowing strong that there is a Greater Power that lovingly steers us to our **Highest Good.**

Abraham Lincoln is an example of how a common man using the Spiritual Laws became a great man. We all can soar to our own greatness. ■

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

Feb. 9, 1835 The birth date of **Mrs. Orpha E. Tousey.** She was a teacher and student of literature and was attracted by A. J. Davis's *Divine Revelations* and works of Prof. Robert Hare and Judge Edmonds. She sought employment in the field of Spiritualism and became connected with the *American Spiritualist* and the *Courier.* Eventually she became co-editor of the daily *Cassadagan,* also a reporter for two years for the *Banner of Light.* Two books of her own were published.

Feb. 15, 1855 The day **Alfred Kitson** was born. He was the Father of the British Spiritualist Lyceum Movement. Mr. Kitson co-authored *The British Lyceum Manual,* wrote for many Spiritualist publications, wrote books and edited *The Lyceum Banner.* He was a lecturer and served from the platform.

Feb. 22, 1891 **State Spiritualist Association of Missouri** was organized and incorporated.

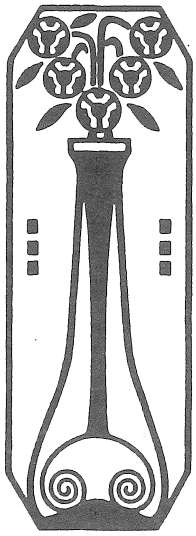
Feb. 17, 1908 **Pennsylvania State Spiritualist Association** was organized. It was incorporated May 9, 1908.

Feb. 27, 1904 **Indiana State Association of Spiritualists** was organized and incorporated April 9, 1904.

Feb. 28, 1859 **W. A. Mansfield** was born on this date. He was one of the first slate-writing mediums in the world. Through his wonderful mediumship he convinced thousands of the truth of spirit communications.

Some other dates and names to remember in February are **Horace Greeley** (3rd); **Nathaniel Tallmadge** (8th); **Lyman C. Lowe** (11th); **Abraham Lincoln** (12th); **George Washington** (22nd); and the day of Love on the 14th, **Valentine's Day.**





Commitments and Promises

BY MARGARET E. GREEN

A *commitment* is an act of doing or performing something. A *promise* is to pledge to do or not to do something specific.

We make many commitments and promises, and I hope you make them in honesty and truth. You are not true to yourself if you can not be true to others.

We make a commitment to learn and therefore the learning process begins and years of study follow. Actually growth should be continuous with a lifetime commitment to learning.

We make a commitment to friendship and therefore years of true friendship follow. Yes, some fall away, but many last a life time, bringing great joy to each other.

We bring children into our lives and years of caring, loving, praying and teaching follow, bringing joy to our lives and a sense of fulfillment.

We make a commitment to Infinite Intelligence and years of study follow in learning, understanding and practicing God's Laws.

How many times have you made a commitment or a promise, yet never followed through with it? Do you have any idea of the damage or hurt it caused the person involved? Try to not make a promise or a commitment unless you really, really plan to do it! Of course there are times we are kept from fulfilling our commitments and promises but we can always make amends - not excuses - and ask forgiveness.

What happens to your *"good name"* if your promises are only words? Do people trust and depend on you? It is up to us to demonstrate what our standards are as Spiritualists, and to maintain them at all times, as best we can. In this way show the world how well a truly spiritual philosophy can mold our lives with love, personal responsibility and high standards such as the Golden Rule.

When we are asked to perform a duty or to fill a position we should reflect:

1. Think about what is involved.
2. Consider if your schedule allows the time needed to complete.
3. Ask yourself if you can do a good job.
4. Think if you really want to do this.
5. Ask yourself if you are sincere and dedicated to this commitment.

Do not say yes unless you **will** and you **can.** Even if the job is very small it is necessary to complete it or you would not have been asked to perform it. The acceptance is a commitment and a very *"personal act."*

Man makes his own future,
Stamps his own character,
Suffers his own sins,
Must work out his own salvation.

All of this can be done by committing and working toward living in accordance with Natural Laws.



The Blind Lady

By Frances Brown

Somebody help the blind lady home, she lost her cane and no guide dog does she have. Her steps are slow, yet certain determining gestures she has, show she is sure of her destination. As she walks the sound of traffic and people passing by rings in her ears.

Herself dressed neatly as though she had been on a social visit with friends, yet perhaps she enjoyed the way of life that she found herself in.

She wasn't too tall, but she walked very straight though her feet did not move very fast. Her face was lined somewhat yet not to detract from her simple style. Her eyes looking forward had somewhat of a smile that encompassed her face.

I wondered as I looked at her and then a thought came to me that she had helped so many people in her time.

As she walked her dress brushed a flower bush and she stooped to touch and smell them. Her hands gave expression as though in fairer times she had grown many flowers of her own.

At the street corner she stood quietly and cars went whizzing past. A young man, seeing her, offered assistance lest she falter at the curb. Briefly he spoke to her and she nodded in reply and said, *"How good of you to help me, God bless you every day."*

Going further on, the man departed and she kept walking on until suddenly she was conscious of houses nearby, low set yet modest with porches on each one. A sort of rail to cling to from the outer walk and a sidewalk to the house.

She turned and as if led by intuition made her way to the chair on the porch. For a moment she sat in quiet complacence and then raised up from the chair into the house.

Coming inside she reached out her hand and there before her was the cane she had lost. Just as she was about to turn on the light came a knock at the door.

"Anyone home? I've come to stay a while," and who should it be but the young man who had assisted her earlier. She greeted him and offered him a cool drink which he accepted.

After talking for some time, each telling their background, it was learned that he was a family relative who had not been seen for some time.

A joyful time was spent recalling past days and family that had not been together for awhile.

Who can say that this was not the act of Spirit intervention!

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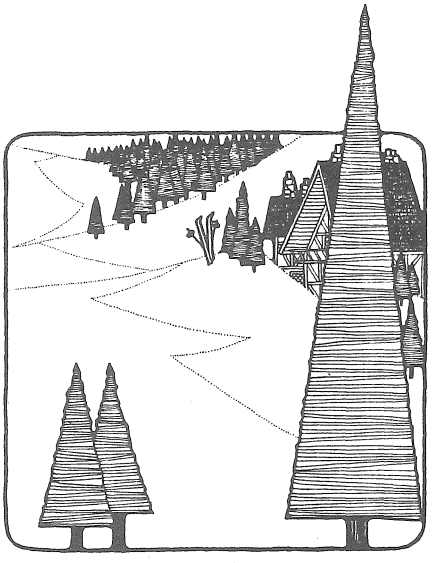
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— Prayer for Spiritual Healing —

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.

Winter Is A Time For Healing

By The Rev. Neil Griffen



Winter is upon us. Much of nature is outwardly dormant during this season but by no means inactive. It is a time for inner growth and preparing for the seasons ahead. It is time to be quiet and let ourselves heal from the wounds of the previous seasons and grow strong and healthy. Winter is not meant just to be endured but rather to be used. Just as we need sleep to rest and recuperate from the day, we need the winter for longer periods of inner growth and healing.

I like to look out my window when snow is on the ground. A white mantel covers the land and everything seems peaceful. This vision of nature becomes the start of my meditation. The white snow becomes a healing color. As I relax and envision the beautiful snow a peace begins to surround me. A white light often forms and fills all that I see. The peace of the vision of snow, and nature at peace, helps me to attain peace within myself. Suddenly I do not wish to fight nature and complain about the snow and cold. Somehow it seems right that it should be here. The healing and hope that manifests in winter is unlike that of any other season. I reach out and touch the healing power that is ever present.

It is not just the cold hard ground that is winter. That is just the surface. Beneath the snow and cold are the seeds and plants that are waiting for the spring and the time to grow. Suddenly I find a new patience and know my own growth will come in its season. I am content to wait till spring knowing that the seeds within me are preparing for the time when my own spirituality will flower. I then say a silent prayer of gratitude for winter.

> *"Perhaps nature is our best assurance of immortality."*
>
> - Eleanor Roosevelt

P·H·I·L·O·S·O·P·H·Y and Q·U·O·T·E·S

BY DR. VICTORIA BARNES

"It is not obligatory that one be a believer in any religion in order to progress after death, but IT IS NECESSARY to live one's earth life as nearly consistent with the mandates of Natural Law as possible."

"Unlike religions that begin with theory, Spiritualism accepts the purely scientific method of observation and deduction of life based on Natural Law. It does not accept man as being a worthless worm of the dust, but as being an infinitesimal atom of the Divine, a repository of divine attributes which should be recognized as capable of unfoldment. When we tap that inner self, unfolding and using the potentialities within, we behold a new world in which to express: wonders are revealed to us."

"In the spirit world there is a universal language - an understanding born of common interest and mutual love, and this is transmitted by thought vibrations. This also explains why spirits who spoke various languages while on earth, can make themselves understood by Mediums who are unfamiliar with such language."

"Spiritual advancement, both Here and Hereafter, is in direct ratio to the degree you live life, consistent with the physical and spiritual mandates of Natural Law. There are limitless spheres ahead of you, for we are ever dealing with the Infinite. Man advances, or progresses, gradually, through self effort, self culture, and soul development."

You can attract the higher or more developed spirits "through sincere desire, followed or accompanied by an earnest effort to develop the soul's potentialities through correct living, and striving for the attainment of lofty ideals. To accomplish this, take an interest in the masterpieces of art, good literature, the best plays, good music, manly sports, while at the same time keeping as close to Nature as possible. Such a life will produce a high, fine rate of vibration, easy to contact by the type of spirit entities" that are highly developed.

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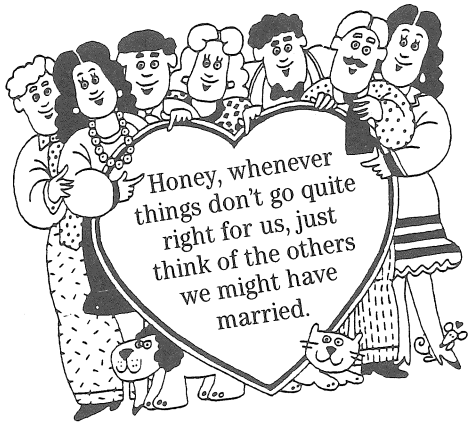
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"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues."
- Abraham Lincoln



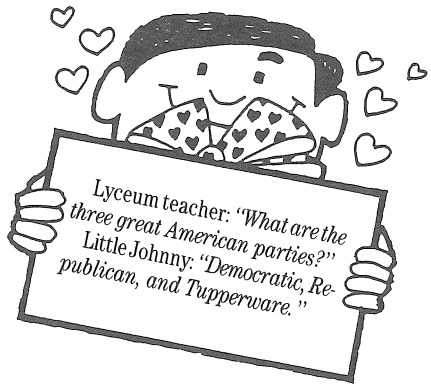
The one I love is the one I dream with and laugh with.

"... the only thing that makes one place more attractive to me than another is the quality of heart I find in it ..."
- Jane Welsh Carlyle (1801-1866)



"The giving of Love is an education in itself."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

"The story of love is not important - what is important is that one is capable of love. It is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity."
- Helen Hayes





Daydreams of a Spiritualist

by The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST

It has been generally agreed to, by many eminent psychologists, that daydreaming is indeed healthy. It has even been suggested that all of our great thinkers have been daydreamers! In many cases, daydreams ARE the things from which reality springs.

We all daydream at one time or another. During these periods our minds might wander in many different directions. We may imagine that we have accomplished some great things, or soon will do so. We may imagine that we have just won the lottery, and then go on to dream about what we are going to do with this new found wealth.

We may imagine that we have met the person of our dreams, and that the person of our dreams feels the same way about us as we do about them, that a beautiful relationship is now going to happen, perhaps even a marriage to the one who is our heart's desire.

We may daydream that a negative situation is going to improve and become a positive situation. We may even dream that many positive situations are about to take place.

Quite often these dreams become reality, especially when we pursue the attainment of them. Without the dream, we might never have even tried.

A very wise person once said that, "*Everything began with a thought.*" Of course, I fully agree with this statement, because without the thought, there could never be an action.

As Spiritualists, we may be dreaming of the day when our beautiful religion will take its place as the foremost religion in the world. We may even be dreaming of the day when our own church expands in membership, and perhaps to a larger and more fitting location for our services.

How about the continuing development of our workers? I dream that most of us now hope and work for this development for each of our students, and I'm sure that we all have this desire.

I dream about the time when our national organization will be recognized as one of the leading religious structures in the world. Yes, the entire world. We do have the most beautiful religion of all time, so, why not the world?

I said that without the thought there could never be an action. Let's look at some of these dreams and consider some of the actions that can help them to be realized.

GROWTH OF OUR ORGANIZATION:

How important this is to all of us! Not just to members of the N.S.A.C., but to all Spiritualists, in all countries throughout the entire world.

I listed this first because it has always been so important to me. I have always believed that once you stop growing you begin to wither, and even to cease to exist. Isn't this Nature's way?

Consider the very positive impact that this growth will have on all Spiritualists. The National Spiritualists Association of Churches, the largest, best organized and most influential Spiritualist organization there ever was, growing even larger and more influential.

Now to do this we must continue to progress and find better ways to do things. We must not be stuck in a rut and continue to do the same things over and over again. We must seek and find ways that face today's needs; ways that address the problems that we now all face. After all, solutions that worked yesterday, for yesterday's problems, will probably not be very effective today, for today's problems.

Well how do we do this? To start with, rid yourself of any preconceived ideas and notions. As stated in *The Magic Staff*, "Under all circumstances keep an even mind." Now I don't mean to imply that all former ideas and solutions are useless. There are many, many things that have worked well and will continue to work well far into the future. What I do mean is that we must not be stuck on old and outdated approaches.

As Spiritualists, we frequently state that we are always open to new truths and that we will accept these truths as soon as they are revealed. Well, by the same token, we must be constantly open to new ideas and methods. We need vision and foresight in our plans and efforts. We have the responsibility to assure that Spiritualism flourishes

and continues to prosper for ours and future generations. Not a bad daydream I would say!

THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WORKERS:

This daydream is one of the utmost importance to us, for without this, where will our organization be? What will become of our religion, which proves the continuity of life through our developed mediums, without continued growth and new mediums? What will become of our teachings of healing, which is such an important part of our religion, without development of the healers?

The first thing we must do is to realize that by answering the above questions we can quickly understand that the continuing development of our workers **IS** critical to our future.

Let's start with the Lyceum movement. We have, in the N.S.A.C., a wonderful Lyceum movement. It is well organized and offers information and assistance to our churches that now have, or are considering starting, a Lyceum. We have an official Lyceum publication titled *'The Spotlight'* which is available to all for a very modest sum.

We have state associations which are extremely active and supportive of their respective churches. We have independent churches that have their own Lyceums. All of this is truly good. Now, let's do some dreaming!

What I dream is that our Lyceum movement will continue to grow and will double, triple, quadruple, etc., until all of our churches have a Lyceum. I also dream of the time when our N.S.A.C. churches will begin to have their own day care centers. Think about that! Not only will we be able to provide a solid beginning to our young Spiritualists, which are our future, but we will also open up another means of revenue for our churches.

I further dream of the day when we will have our own grammar schools. Again providing the means to teach our young all about the beautiful religion of Spiritualism!

Continuing my dream, I see a time when we have all progressed past the point of jealousy and envy. When we are all supportive, encouraging and proud of the progression that **ANY** of our members make. Now just give that dream a little thought. Think about how this positive posture, by all of us, will intensify and accelerate the development of our workers.

I dream that both internal and external conflicts between all Spiritualists will be eliminated. This is an easy dream to understand because, if you are reading this you are a Spiritualist. As such you also would benefit from and desire such a situation. Shouldn't we expect to work in cooperation and harmony with each other, to demonstrate mutual respect to each other, and to behave with courtesy toward one another?

Consider those in your church who have accepted leadership responsibilities. They certainly have not done so for any financial gain. An old cliche goes, *"If you don't do anything you won't make any mistakes."* Think about this cliche if/when you hear gossip about your churches members and leaders. Don't accept *'hearsay'* from anyone. Insist on specifics and true facts and support your church leaders. **YOU** and **YOUR CHURCH** will be the beneficiary of this action.

Continuing the same dream of conflict elimination, I dream of having no conflict between our churches. I'm sure that we all can think of (at least) one situation where this might have occurred. Isn't that a wonderful thought?

Now I said that these were daydreams, of mine, but couldn't they just as well be your daydreams? Would they be so difficult to make come true? All of these things and more, have been done by other groups, so why shouldn't we, Spiritualists, be capable of doing the same things, and perhaps even better.



Think about these things that I dream about. Decide if you should also dream about them, and decide if you can help to make those dreams come true.

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A SPIRITUALIST PARABLE

BY DONALD W. McFARLAND
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The first thing Denny remembered about that morning was a gentle tapping on the bottom of his shoe and a cheery voice saying, *"Yo, buddy, time to roll out. Street-sweeper coming."* Denny half-opened one eye and peered undertainly at the dim shape that loomed in front of him in the early morning light.

"Man that was weird," Denny thought to himself grumpily as he started to lay back down on the thin layer of grimy newspapers that composed his accommodation of the previous night. Suddenly his body snapped upright as the sound of a heavy engine filled the alley where he had taken shelter, accompanied by the distinctive swish-swish of giant brushes as the sanitation crew swung into the lane with reckless disregard for what might be within it. Denny leapt to his feet and dashed unsteadily to safety as the streetsweeper roared past.

Going down to the mission for some breakfast was always first on his list. As he was finishing off his day-old toast and thin coffee, the priest who ran the place came up and put a hand on his shoulder. *"How's it going today, Denny?"* asked the padre, as he always did. *"Darn near got myself killed this morning, that's how it's going. Anything else you want to know?"*



The priest sighed and sat down next to Denny's chair. *"Ah, I know it can be touch and go out there sometimes. Look, you know you can stay here if you want to. We can help you get back on your feet . . ."*

"Yeah, clean me up and put me in some two-bit shoe-shine operation with some pencilneck boss. No thanks!" Denny shouted, pushing back his chair and storming out of the mission. None of that for him, nossir! One thing he promised himself when he got back from 'Nam, nobody'd ever tell him what to do with his time again. And that was for sure!

After breakfast, Denny would usually head over to the main drag and spend a few hours bumming change from the tourist, but today he was so mad at the priest for butting into his trip again he decided to go to the park and chill out for awhile instead.

"Way to go, baby, that's a real good start," a voice spoke up from behind the bench where Denny sat. Denny jumped a good eight feet straight up, or so it seemed to him, he was that startled. *"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"* he screamed. *"Shinola, what do you mean sneaking up on me like that? You a cop or something?"* he asked, suddenly suspicious.

"Naw, man, I'm no cop. Don't you remember me? Your old buddy who tried to warn you this morning before you got turned into overripe linguini?" The man paused and looked for some sign of recognition. Denny wasn't normally all that clear-headed at the best of times, but he did seem to recall a fuzzy shape that had tried to help him sometime before.

"Yeah, o.k., so maybe you ain't a cop. But how come you been following me around so much?" The man looked at Denny a moment before replying, *"I've been watching you for a long time, helping you over the rough spots now and then, but maybe you never knew I was around so I just dropped by to say howdy and see how you were getting on."*

The man was serious now. *"Remember Quang Tri, Denny?"* he asked softly. *"Remember that trip-wire that you almost stepped on when Charlie jumped your platoon?"*

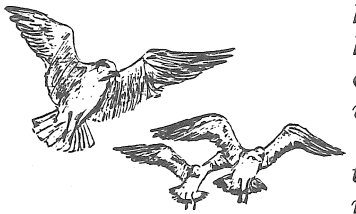
"Yeah, that was kinda weird. They nailed the lieutenant and about half the guys on the first blast, and the rest of us were just tryin' to get to the dust-off zone. That claymore mine would have cut me in half if I hadn't seen something shiny out of the corner of my eye and . . . how did you . . . you was THERE?" Denny was shaking now from more than the usual DTs. This guy was definitely a candidate for the Twilight Zone.

The man spoke again. *"Who do you think put the shine on that wire, boy? Charlie? Sometimes I wonder why I even bother with you, but I guess I've just got a thing for hard cases."*

Denny decided that it was time to put some distance between him and this character. Backing away slowly, he said, *"Hey, look, I've got to go. See ya around, o.k.?"*

Several days later, Denny was still trying to sort it all

out. He still went to the mission for meals, but his mind was working so furiously he actually forgot to get drunk for long stretches of time. The old Priest had observed Denny's uncharacteristic musings, and was astonished when Denny came up to him after breakfast one day and said hesitantly, *"Say, uh, Rev, uh, any chance of me getting ahold of some of those old clothes you got?"* The priest was speechless with amazement for a moment, then managed to say, *"Sure Denny . . . come on."* They went in the back room where the church stored the used clothing donated by parish members, and while the priest watched in silence Denny picked out an old but serviceable raincoat, trousers and shirt. Looking up, he asked if he might use the shower before changing. *"Sure, Denny, go on in. Use my razor, too, if you want."* The priest waited for the expected outburst; Denny had always been very touchy about his lack of hygiene. Instead, Denny just went quietly into the bathroom and came out thirty minutes later washed, shaved and combed. *"Well, don't you just look fine!"* beamed the priest. *"You know, a friend of mine came in the other day looking for a fellow to help him clean up some property, and you..."* Denny looked up sharply with a hint of his old belligerence, and the priest thought, 'Now I've done it! He'll storm out of here and I'll never see him again!' Fearfully he waited, but in a moment Denny's look softened and he said, *"Might be interesting, I guess. Where is this guy?"* The priest told him, and Denny left.



The priest breathed a silent prayer.

Months had passed and Denny had gone through a lot of changes, but he still liked to come to the same bench in the park to feed the pigeons. His head was bowed as he watched, but suddenly he smiled and said, *"No need to stand on ceremony, big guy. Come on and sit down."* The now-familiar form of his mysterious friend came from behind the bench and sat down next to Denny with a smile of his own.

"Hey, all right, buddy!" he laughed. *"Things must be doing pretty good, you pick up on me like that. So what's been happening?"* Denny said, *"Don't you know? I got a feeling there's more to you than you been letting on."*

"Yeah, I reckon you're coming along just fine. But tell me anyway, just for fun."

"Well, I was really freaked out after that last time, you know? Like all this weird stuff was going on inside my head. So I just started walking around, you know, looking at stuff. Passed by a store window and got a good look at myself, all dirty and weird, and just seemed like it was time to clean up a little. So the Rev' helped me out with some new duds and a wash . . . man, you should have seen his face when I came out of the john. He about had a cow!" Denny laughed. His friend listened silently.

"Anyway, he put me onto this guy who was looking for some help and I went to see him. Don't know how, I turned back about a million times, but it just seemed 'right,' you know? Like it was just what I should be doing. So I went and he seemed like a real gumball at first; always wanting to do all this dirtbag stuff that didn't even seem to make sense. But after a while it seemed like I really got into it, you know? And it turns out he's this big-deal contractor or something and he's going to get me into this technical school so I can really start getting involved in the business. Man," Denny said with a dreamy look, *"I can hardly believe it's happening. And you know what? He's even got this really nice daughter, and all . . . What are you looking at?"*

His friend replied, *"Well, I think you got things pretty much under control now. Had me worried for awhile, but I'm so proud of you I could bust. Guess it was worth all that time and effort, after all."*

"Yeah, thanks. But listen, you're not going to disappear on me are you? Couldn't we get together sometime on the old bench and chew the fat now and then? Who the heck are you, anyway?"

The man sighed and said, *"Well, you may not see me so much from now on. You'll be busy enough getting on with things as it is. But I'll still be around. I got all the time in the world. Gotta make sure you don't get strange on me again like before, after all. Gotta protect my investment. This is a nice bench, I guess. Tell you what, anytime you've got something really heavy on your mind, come on by here and we'll work it out, o.k.? As for who I am,"* he said, getting up to go, *"stick around awhile, and someday I might tell you. You done real good, Denny. Take care of yourself."*

And he faded away.

The Angel Spoke — by James R. Woodhams, Jr.

Old man sitting on the front porch swing,
thinking he'd seen everything;
Just about then, a spirit appears,
and the old man drowns in happy tears.

It wasn't the first time he had seen,
an angel bathed in light of green;
This time she spoke and told him so,
after death, he'd know where to go.

He'd not get lost in the realms above,
and she'd be there with lots o' love;
To take him to their spirit home,
never for a moment would he be alone.

It wasn't the first time he'd seen her,
nor was it the last;
That was many, many years ago,
and he has long since passed.

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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* ***Ludwig L. Zernicek.***

The lesson begins our study of the Religion of Spiritualism by examining Spiritualism as a Philosophy. We go back into recorded history to the time of the early lovers of wisdom, the Greek philosophers. We find that the standard of philosophy gives us a general conceptual picture of knowledge. The lesson examines the understandings of the Greek philosophers and others down to our present day. It also writes of the philosophy of Spiritualism, our quest of the understanding of life and the existence of the human personality after death, problems of existence and the existence of our spiritual core being -our individual spirit.

Natural Laws are investigated and found to exist in this world and the next, the Spirit world. Natural Laws can be best thought of as being of a long never ending line, a continuum stretching from our material world into the Spirit world. The only difference being an increase in the vibration, giving us a straight line, a continuum upon which all Natural Law lie. We follow man's progress in consciousness and his, our, relationship to all life, including the spirit life. The lesson examines the triune aspect of man, his body, mind and spirit.

In viewing the philosophy of Spiritualism we turn our clarifying lens to examine the ideas and forms of the gods and God, and where these many ideas originated. Orthodoxy sees God as an overseer, full of pertant dogma to be followed. Spiritualism sees God as Infinite Intelligence or as Spirit, God in creative action. This is an open ended ever growing expanded view giving greater awareness of Infinite Intelligence. We examine the views of science and religion concerning creation, seeing their theories and insights gathered through knowledge. A knowledge and gathering of which we applaud as an increase in awareness. This lesson clearly shows us a growth of the **Philosophy** of **Spiritualism** from the early lovers of wisdom to our own ever expanding non-dogmatic insights of Infinite Intelligence, God. An insight that is non-anthropomorphic in intent and non-judgemental in view to allow us all the inner space needed to unfold, develop and grow spiritually. This lesson shows very clearly our growth in awareness of Infinite Intelligence and ourselves through our love of wisdom. A growth in consciousness and an ever increasing awareness concerning the core of our beliefs about Infinite Intelligence and creation.

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Man's unhappiness, as I construe, comes of his greatness; it is because there is an infinite in him, which with all his cunning he cannot quite bury under the finite.

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True humor springs not more from the head than from the heart; it is not contempt, its essence is love; it issues not in laughter, but in still smiles, which lie far deeper. It is a sort of inverse sublimity, exalting, as it were, into our affections what is below us, while sublimity draws down into our affections what is above us.

— Thomas Carlyle

WHAT EXACTLY IS TRUTH?

By Alice Miller

Our understanding depends on certain factors.

SOMEONE said, *"That which we feel here as beauty, we shall one day know as truth."* I believe that all perception of truth is relative; it varies in accordance with our training and consequent prejudices. The degree in which our education and experiences differ will constitute the measure of our different viewpoints in accepting or rejecting any philosophy.

Man doesn't really *discover* great truths, he only uncovers them, for they have always been there. Modern-day astronauts did not of course discover the moon on which they trod. The moon, like Spiritualism, has always been there. The capacity to investigate has always been there. Natural phenomena do not change their fundamentals. Human beings only develop capacities to investigate more closely.

As we all know, back in the times of Copernicus and Galileo and other deep thinkers and investigators, if one dared to utter what he believed to be as yet uncovered truth, he would be subjected to imprisonment, persecution or death.

However, in these days of intellectual enlightenment each thinking person, each branch of science, religion and philosophy, is searching diligently for what seems to them to be new truths, and they are free to express themselves. Minds are expanding, giving thought and expression to that which was once considered taboo.

Consciously or unconsciously, we are all searching for truth in the way *we* can understand it. The Bible-oriented person often cannot reconcile what he has been taught with the findings of science. And science sees the Bible as being subject to a great many contradictions and errors in translation.

In the area of philosophy we find that while it was given to some in the past to express thoughts which have withstood the scrutiny of time and experience, others it seems were not thinking in the right direction. Sir William Crookes said, over a century ago, *"A truth may be expanded or developed, but it cannot be made an untruth, else it was not true in the first place."*

Of the hundreds of theories being taught today, sad to say some are merely propounded for profit. But others teach their particular philosophy in complete sincerity — and each claims to have *"found it."*

So we do have to come to the conclusion that truth, for each of us, is where he or she finds it. We can declare, *"And **that's** the truth!"* — but it's only the truth as we ourselves see it.

We are living in changing times. There is a great deal of upheaval and uncertainty around us, but change is part of natural law. All things are in motion and are subject to change. Even that which seems to be static may be in the process of decay.

That too, is merely change of form, though it is not desirable from our point of view, it is necessary in the process of nature's cycle. We must learn to cope with change and try to understand the principle behind it; to observe what truths and lessons can be learned, even from undesirable conditions we may see around us.

Truth of course is only a word. It is what the world means to each of us that is really important. I notice in my dictionary the definitions of truth are long, varied and rather complicated. But of all the explanations, I prefer the following, *"A quality of representations that convince one of their truth to life, either as it actually is or as it universally is."*

In my estimation there are universal truths, and for want of better words simple truths. Universal truths apply to the nature of man, his relation to God or to the universe. Simple truths are concerned with man's everyday life, with survival and experiences, and with our relationship to each other.

Universal truths are profound and never change. Nothing that was worthy in the past departs. No truth or goodness realized by man ever dies or can die, but is still there. Recognized or not, it lives and works through endless changes.

What I call simple truths come from everyday observation and experience. They change in accordance with our ability to grasp them. What appeared to be a truth to us five or ten years ago may seem untrue to us at this time. Our level of consciousness and capacity for understanding may have advanced meanwhile to quite a degree.

That is as it should be. When we do not change, we become static; our thinking becomes small and narrow and we actually regress. Truths cannot enter where the door is locked, where pride, preconceived opinions and prejudices are stubbornly held. If someone voluntarily closes himself to new thoughts, or new words, which may lead to truths (perhaps because they do not come through what has been considered accepted, conventional channels), sad to say, here no real progress is made.

As we learn to recognize simple truths, and live in accordance with them, it may be given us to become receptive to universal truths. Then we will indeed become more in tune with all of God's creatures. Then will we

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MILTON, Rev. Georgia. 651- 2nd Ave. So., 52732. (319) 243-9738.

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BUCHHOLZ, Anita J., Licentiate & Medium. 1502 W. 7th St., 52802. (319) 326-3453.

BUCHHOLZ, William E., Sr., Licentiate. 1502 W. 7th St., 52802. (319) 326-3453.

BUCHHOLZ, Rev. William E., Jr., Medium and Comm. Healer. 806 E. Thirteenth St., 52803. (319) 326-3201.

● MAINE ●

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ETNA

SIKORA, Rev. Arlene, NST, Certified Medium, Commissioned Healer, P.O. Box 46, 04434. (207) 269-3451 or summers (207) 938-2807.

WEST BUXTON

HALDANE, Thomas B., Medium, Licentiate Minister, Rt. 1, Box 222, 04093. (207) 727-3850.

● MARYLAND ●

LA PLATA

HATHAWAY, Pauline R., Medium, Licentiate. Consultations by appt. Classes at Church of Two Worlds, Washington, D.C. (202) 333-5114. Home - P.O. Box 699, 20646. (301) 934-2454.

● MICHIGAN ●

GRAND RAPIDS

ALLEN, Rev. Cosie, NST., Certified Medium. Workshops, by appointment. 1418 Hall St., 49506-3960. (616) 241-2761.

HAZEL PARK

GUTT, Rev. Stanley, 813 E. Evelyn, 48030. (313) 548-2240.

● MINNESOTA ●

CRYSTAL

LEHRER, Rev. Pamla Ashlay-, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer. 3908 Georgia Ave. N., 55427. (612) 535-2746.

DULUTH

LESKINEN, Sheila B., Healer. 2624 W. 3rd St., 55806. 723-0026. Winter: 4708 Oakeller Circle, Tampa, FL 33611. 831-3071.

● MISSOURI ●

ST. LOUIS

WITTICH, Rev. Brenda J., Medium. Classes, private consultations by appointment only. 3903 Connecticut St., 63116. (314) 773-0106.

● NEVADA ●

MINDEN

POTTER, Rev. Louis, Certified Medium. P.O. Box 1657, 89423. (702) 267-2492.

● NEW JERSEY ●

PENNSAUKEN

SMITH, Theresa A., Licentiate, Certified Medium. Consultation by appointment only. 4803 Forrest Ave., 08110. (609) 768-5751.

● NEW YORK ●

DELEVAN

SPENCER, Mrs. Maude, Medium. Box 511, 14042. (716) 496-5418.

SPENCER, Rev. Paul, NST, Box 511, 14042. (716) 496-5418.

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KLEINSCHMIDT, Charlene, Certified Medium. 1071 Wish Circle, 14052. (716) 652-4972.

KLEINSCHMIDT, Albert C., Medium, Comm. Healer. 1071 Wish Circle, 14052. (716) 652-4972.

LILY DALE

SABOL, Julia A. (Goodworth), N.S.A.C. Licentiate Minister & Certified Medium. Private readings by appt. Public lectures & clairvoyance. 8-4th St., 14752. (716) 595-2462.

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● OHIO ●

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● TEXAS ●

AUSTIN

BROWN, Mrs. Frances, Licentiate & Medium. 2723 S. Congress, Apt. 2311, 78704. (512) 447-2188.

● VIRGINIA ●

ALEXANDRIA

HERMANN, Stephen A., L.M., Certified Medium, Private Consult., healings and classes by appt. only. Will travel. Available for lectures and public demonstrations of clairvoyance, 307 E. Duncan Ave. #D, Alexandria, 22301. (703) 519-9470.

ARLINGTON

BATES, Virginia E., Licentiate Minister. 2716 N. Lexington St., 22207. (703) 538-5164.

● WASHINGTON ●

CHEWELAH

WADSWORTH, Mary P., Certified Medium & Licentiate Minister. N. 110 4th St. East, P.O. Box 1195, 99109-1195.

MILTON

JOHANSON, Rev. Lillian, Box 132, 2601 Milton Way, 98354. (206) 927-5579.

SEATTLE

BEVANS, Virginia D., Certified Medium, 322 Broadway, 98122. (206) 927-5579.

● WISCONSIN ●

LA CROSSE

MAHAN, Rev. Kattie E., Certified Medium, Comm. Healer. Consultation & classes by appointment. 425 N. 12th St., 54601-3506.



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

• ARIZONA •

PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.,
2250 N. 16th St. (S.W. corner of Oak), Suite 105-106, 85006. Pastor Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, (602) 838-8990; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; All Message Serv. Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Healing Classes 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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,
Secy., Evandell 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.

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. or Clay) 94109. Sunday: Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Services, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Service 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 855-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; 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,
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.

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

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church,
29 Park St., 06360; P.O. Box 939.

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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Directory of Churches, cont'd.

• 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,
Secy., Arsenia J. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, Chicago, 60628, (312) 995-1911.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church Of Aurora Inc.,
141 N. State St.

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,
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; 221 W. 9th St., 47302-1635, (317) 284-2499; Secy., Connie Graddy, 2905 Dakota Dr., Anderson, 46012. Open last Sunday in October thru last Sunday in May.

• 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, Rev. 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., Michael Carter, 55 Bay St., 04103.

• 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.

• 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.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 4400 Edgar Rd., Lot 25, 49251, (517) 589-5193. Silver Star - Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Rebecca Strauss & Edna 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.

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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.,
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• NEW JERSEY •

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FREEVILLE - Central New York Spiritualist Assoc. Camp,
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LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly,
5 Melrose Park, 14752.

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,
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ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light,
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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp,
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MASSILLON - Sanctuary of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C.,
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SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
Crystal Fountain Park, Services 2:00 p.m., end, 4th & 5th Sundays, March thru Dec.; Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 863 Warren St., P.O. Box 163, Roanoke, IN 46783, (219) 672-2769.

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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BLACKWELL - First Spiritualist Church of Blackwell,
1202 W. Oklahoma St., 73701.

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

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McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church,
809 Locust St., 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4M, 15132; Secy., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230.

PHILADELPHIA — Second Spiritualist Church,
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AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church,
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science,
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SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel,
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, N.S.A.C.,
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• VIRGINIA •

NORFOLK - Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
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WEST ALLIS - Spiritual Science Church,
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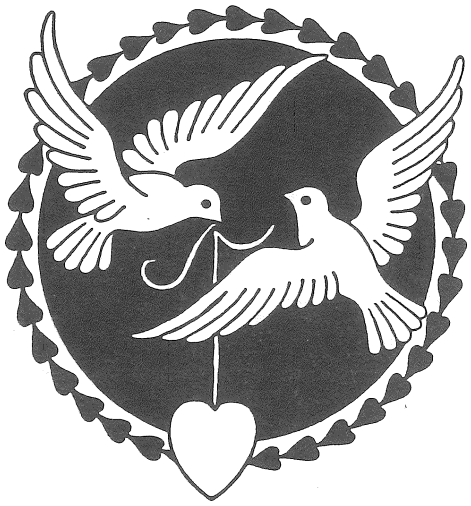
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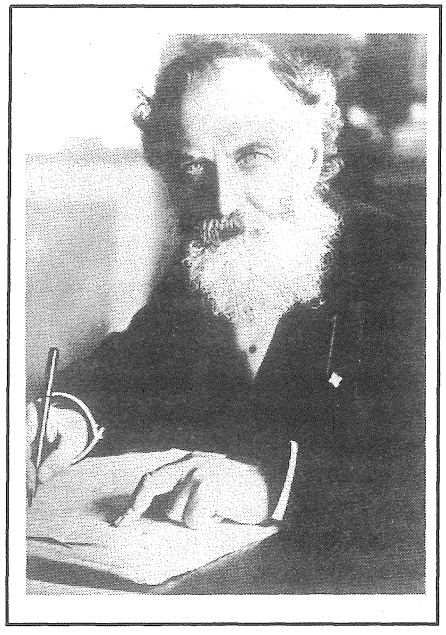
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W. T. Stead and the Titanic's Fate — Part I —

BY GRACE ECKLEY



W. T. STEAD

BOTH HUMOR AND PATHOS — and much controversy - attend the fact and the fiction of William T. Stead's transition in the waters of the Atlantic. Jim Rasmussen has recently reminded us (**National Spiritualist,** August 1989) of the history of this pioneering Spiritualist who repeatedly predicted the sinking of a great ocean liner without sufficient lifeboats and then, headless of his own warnings, sailed on the **Titanic.**

The warnings uttered by Stead in print and in private apparently originated in his childhood, when his favority hymn was *"Be Gone, Unbelief,"* with its prophetic lines: With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.

In 1897 he scoured the world for the favorite hymns of prominent persons and published **Hymns That Have Helped.** *"Nearer, My God, To Thee,"* was the favorite hymn of the Prince of Wales. Stead had published its words and music earlier, in 1901, when President McKinley was said to have murmured its lines just before he died.

Stead was born at Embleton, England, in 1849 in the manse, a few yards from the sea, and as an adult was known to be an intrepid sailor. In the waters off Hayling Island, where he had a home from the 1890s onward, Stead rescued a small child from drowning and was made an honorary member of the Life Preservers Association. While editing the **Pall Mall Gazette** in London he published an article in 1886 describing the sinking of an ocean liner with its horror of loss of life and appended an editorial note: *"This is exactly what **might** take place and what **will** take place if the liners are set free short of boats."*

Repeatedly, the motif of the ship sunk by an iceberg appeared in his writings, as in 1904: *"Frequently the result of a vessel colliding with a berg is that she is never heard of more."* In his introduction to **Hymns That Have Helped** in 1897, he said, *"Wanderers should tell where they found the green oasis, the healing spring, or the shadow of a great rock in a desert land. It is not regarded an egotism when the passing steamer signals across the Atlantic waves news of her escape from perils of iceberg or fog, or welcome news of good cheer."*

Profoundly religious, Stead's conversion to Spiritualism came about through easy stages, one of which was research in the Unconscious, which he called, *"The ghost that dwells in us."* In 1890, a young American journalist visited him in London and then the following year died of influenza in Boston. In 1892, through the urging of a friend, Stead tried his hand at automatic writing, and this same Julia Ames became his spirit guide. When he published, from 1893 to 1897, his quarterly journal called **Borderland** on *"Spiritualism, Telepathy, Clairvoyance, Psychics,"* the serial *"Letters from Julia"* was one of its major features.**Letters from Julia** was reprinted six times in the first eight years and, under title **After Death** — by 1913 it had been translated into German, French, Russian, Greek, Icelandic, Swedish, and Hindustani.

Another prominent Spiritualist, Frederic W. H. Myers — credited with proving telepathy — was Stead's good friend. In July 1893 Stead sent Myers a letter warning him not to sail on the **Majestic,** a ship preceding the **Olympic** and the **Titanic** in the White Star Line. Myers scrawled on the bottom a reply that he did not fear this warning from *"Stead's wife's uncle's ghost."* The **Majestic** did not sink.

Meantime, Stead — the world-famous editor of the international monthly journal the **Review of Reviews** — kept tabs on everyone in the news and everyone who was newsworthy. He knew personally Captain Edward J. Smith of the **Majestic.** Anticipating his first visit to the United States to attend the Chicago World's Fair, Stead wrote a fictional *"Christmas Annual"* supplement for the **Review of Reviews** titled **From the Old World to the New.**

Stead's fiction in this and subsequent efforts utilized the facts and interests of the moment; even his *"fictional"* characters were barely disguised, generally consisting of himself plus friends and acquaintances. In this, his first fictional effort, he utilized the manifestation of the uncle's warning against sailing on the **Majestic** to spin a tale of love, disaster, and rescue, and of his own sailing on the **Majestic,** captained by E. J. Smith.

This historical novel has special appeal for Spiritualists because Stead also incorporated into it his communications with his spirit guide Julia Ames. He cast himself in the role of Jack Compton, who receives the confidence of

a Mrs. Julia Irwin on board who has the gift of *"second sight"* and says that she saw a ship among icebergs and the ship sinking fast. The crew *"were crying piteously for help. Some had climbed on ice, others were on the sinking ship. Even as I looked she settled rapidly by the bow, and went down with a plunge."*

Jack volunteers a similar message he received by automatic writing from one John Thomas, an acquaintance, who had escaped from the sinking vessel and climbed onto the ice. Captain Smith remains skeptical until his own daughter goes into trance and confirms the reports. Then he sails away to rescue John Thomas, the only survivor.

A doctor of philosophy on board very carefully explains the phenomenon of icebergs, their origin and movement, saying, *"A whole archipelago of icebergs will sometimes sail southward right across the ocean route to America."* He adds, *"the icebergs bring fogs with them, and the fogs hide the icebergs until the steamer is close upon them."*

Stead's interests were universal, and his writings were characterized by brilliance, boldness, and bluntness — generally intended to improve the world. He seems never to have shirked a personal danger; and, in attempting the impossible of moving public and parliament, he felt a *"boyant confidence,"* he said. *"To see a great evil or a terrible peril clearly is a sure prophecy that the time has come to strike a great blow against the evil or to ward off the threatened danger."*

Lord Fisher, Admiral of the British Fleet, told frequently one of his favorite stories about Stead:

> When he was over sixty he performed a journalistic feat that was wondrous. By King Edward's positive orders a cordon was arranged round the battle cruiser **Indomitable,** arriving late at night at Cowes with the Prince of Wales on board, to prevent the Press being a nuisance. Stead, in a small boat, dropped down with the tide from ahead and swarmed up a rope ladder under the bows, about 30 feet high and then along a sort of greasy pole, known to sailors as the lower boom, talked to one of the Officers, who naturally supposed he couldn't be there without permission; and the **Daily Mail** the next morning had the most perfect digest I have ever read of perhaps one of the most wonderful passages ever made . . .
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> Of course no other paper had a word.

Stead's public affairs engaged him in opposition to the Boer War, in launching peace crusades, in attendance at both The Hague Peace Conferences in 1899 and 1907. In 1901 he was nominated for the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Meantime, he continued his work in Spiritualism, and naturally he was called upon to defend it against the skeptics. In 1909 he published **How I Know the Dead Return** and used the metaphor of journeying across the seas to eternity to explain the problems of communication with departed spirits:

> ...let us imagine the grave as if it were the Atlantic Ocean, as it appeared to our forefathers before the days of Christopher Columbus. In order to make the parallel complete, it is necessary to suppose that the Atlantic could only be traversed by vessels from east to west, and that ocean currents or strong easterly gales rendered it impossible for any voyager from Europe to America to return to the Old World . . .
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> If Christopher Columbus after discovering America had been unable to sail back across the Atlantic, Europe would after a time have concluded that he had perished in an ocean which had no further shore. If innumerable other voyagers had set out on the same westward journey and had never returned, this conviction would have deepened into an obsolute certainly.

"To see a great evil or a terrible peril clearly is a sure prophecy that the time has come to strike a great blow against the evil or to ward off the threatened danger."

Yet Christopher Columbus and those who followed him might have been living and thriving and founding a new nation on the American continent. It would have been impossible for them to convince those they had left behind of their continued existence. Europe would have regarded America as *"That undiscovered bourne from whence no traveller returns."* And their friends and relatives would have mourned the brave *"Who went but who return not."*

Yet all the while Christopher Columbus and his gallant men would have been living under better conditions than those which prevailed in the land of their birth.

What would have happened in those circumstances? In all probability the faith even of the most ardent believers in the reality of Columbus's great vision would have grown dim. If it did not altogether die out, it would be due to the fact that from time to time, in the dreams of the night, their friends saw him alive and well in a strange, new world. But everything would be shadowy and unreal as a dream.

Now let us transport ourselves from the time of Columbus to our own day. We must assume that the original physical impossibility of crossing the Atlantic from west to east still continues. But in the intervening centuries the men who had crossed from east to west have increased and multiplied, and have built up a

great nation with an advanced civilization on the American continent. Like us they have discovered telegraphy, like us they invent and use the telephone. After a time they discover and apply the principle of wireless telephone.

Stead then posits newcomers arriving and finding a vast continent of thriving and healthy people, who eventually discover the wireless means of communication.

> At last, after innumerable disappointments, it is possible that the captain of the last exploring expedition might succeed in getting through a message, clear, direct to the point, such as this —
> *From Capt. Smith, of the* ***Resolute*** *ss., to Lloyds, London. Alive and Well. Discovered new world filled with descendants of Christopher Columbus and his men.*

Stead concluded this extended metaphor of the problems of communication with departed spirits, *"with patience and perserverance and careful allowance for the obstacles in the way of trans-oceanic intercourse the existence of the American continent would in the end be established as firmly as I believe the existence of the Other World is very soon about to be established, beyond all question or cavil."*

With Stead's faith in survival of personality after death the actuality of communication with departed spirits, skeptics have retorted sarcastically that none of his *"dear departed"* forewarned him of the **Titanic** disaster. Actually, he had several warnings; but if he had been told unequivocally of certain death, he would have gone anyway. That was his nature. As the incident reported by Admiral Fisher indicates, Stead stopped at nothing.

Besides, in **How I Know the Dead Return** he set forth some of the problems of psychic communication, which are not unlike those of physical communication: *"the replies might not arrive when anyone was in attendance at the other side; the instruments might not be properly attuned, the messages might be so mutilated as to be unintelligible."*

From 1909 onward, Stead funded and managed *"Julia's Bureau"* from his office. This enabled persons who completed precise application forms to receive communications from their departed; the applicants were not permitted to make payment either to the medium or the stenographer. Julia's Bureau met intermittently the summer after Stead's passing and then was disbanded.

With hindsight, the most pronounced warning about the **Titanic** seems to have been that of Cheiro, the world's greatest palmist, whose real name was Count Hamon, who told Stead that he would die by water and to beware the month of April. After the **Titanic** sank on April 15, 1912, in the debate on Spiritualism titled, *"Is William T. Stead Still Alive?"* the Spiritualist journal, **The Two Worlds** reported a lecture given by M. de Kerlor at the International Club in June stating that in September of 1911 he had predicted by the lines in Stead's hand that his death by violence would occur between his 62nd and 63rd year. Stead would have turned 63 on July 5th. M. de Kerlor saw a picture of the stern of a huge black ship and warned Stead against travelling westward.

Stead's response to the first warning seems to have been, *"One prediction is as good as another."* His daughter Estelle Stead, herself a medium, in her biography of her father relates that on one of his visits to a psychic a friend took notes. There were two sittings, both *"very indefinite, and the conditions appeared to be so mixed that nothing tangible was given — he did get gloom and disaster."*

During the winter months he was constantly receiving messages bidding him "put his house in order." Now was the time; for the work that lay ahead would take him afield."

Estelle concludes that Stead had no *"direct signpost"* as to the nature of his new work in the States but *"subconsciously he undoubtedly knew."* She recalls:

> During the winter months he was constantly receiving messages bidding him *"put his house in order."* Now was the time; for the work that lay ahead would take him far afield. So he put his house in order — arranged things in office and home, often speaking of how he wished things carried on, if he should be away any length of time. He went through many of his papers, sorting, tidying, arranging and labelling, and in many ways seemed to be settling matters for what might be an absence of some months.

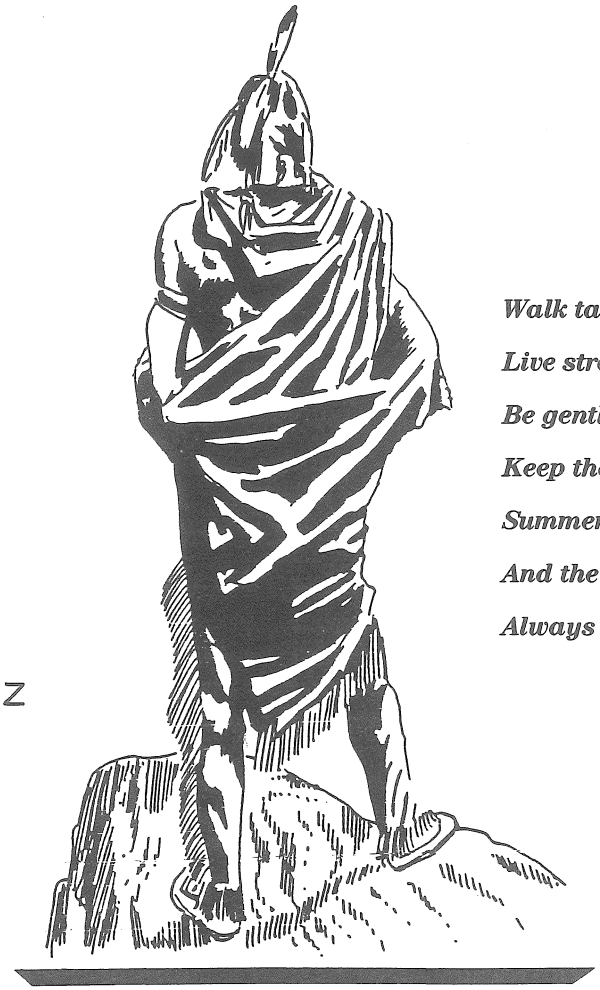
Stead had been summoned to speak on *"World's Peace"* in Carnegie Hall in New York City, at a meeting of the Great Men and Religion Forward Movement, at which he was to share the platform with President Taft, James Bryce (the British Ambassador to the United States), William Jennings Bryan, and Booker T. Washington.

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. . . Don't miss the March Issue of *TNS* for Part II of *W. T. Stead and the Titanic's Fate* . . .

Walking with an Indian Healer

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Walk tall as the trees,
Live strong as the mountains,
Be gentle as the spring winds,
Keep the warmth of
Summer sun in your heart,
And the Great Spirit will
Always be with you.

— Author Unknown

I received a framed copy of this prayer from a friend. I enjoy reading it over and over again. *Walk tall, live strong, be gentle, keeping warm thoughts in your heart, and God will always be with you.*

As a native of our beautiful State of Arizona, I have had the pleasure to know many Indians and to participate in various ceremonies. Our state is home to many different tribes.

As a child I ran and played with the Yaqui Indians. They are a warm, loving, laughing people. Each child is given a nickname that depicts their personality. Mine was "Guerra". Guerra is one with light colored skin and fair eyes and hair. I was also called, "Yaquicita". Translated it means little Yaqui.

Native American Indians have been residents of our country since their ancestors crossed the natural land-bridge from Northern Asia to Alaska at the end of the last Glacial Period.

These first Americans did not have bronzed colored skin and round eyes. Their skin had a yellowish cast to it and their darkly colored eyes were slanted.

Parents died along the tedious trail and children continued the teak until each found the direction and the lands in which they would call home for many generations to come.

It is a scientific conclusion that the Asian immigrants were the first people to live on this land. This means that **ALL** Native Americans, including the Eskimos, are descendants of the Asian immigrants. It was these decendents that greeted the famous Italian immigrant, Christopher Columbus, in October 1442.

Scientific evidence indicates that by 10,000 BC Ancient Indian Tribes, ancestors of the Hopis, Pimas and Papagos were living in what is now called Arizona and New Mexico.

I grew up with friends of all of the Arizona tribes mentioned above. My parents owned a trading post in Scottsdale, Arizona. The descendants of the ancient ones are living on the Pima Indian Reservation bordering Scottsdale. They rarely ride horseback anymore. If they ride anything it's a brand-new four-wheel drive vehicle.

This particular tribe recently sold some very valuable property bordering the edge of Scottsdale and with the sale, many families life styles are changing. They drive modern vehicles, they have constructed some wonderful

homes. Their bellies will be full and contented for the first time since their grandfathers settled on the reservations years ago.

The changing of living habits have not interfered with the tribal beliefs and ways. They continue to conduct healing ceremonies. They still believe in the Great Spirit... God. They love their babies and it's wonderful to see how the Indian babies are loved by every member of the large families.

I am the proud possessor of three very old handwoven Papago and Pima baskets which presently adorn my living room walls. Originally they were serving pieces, used to hold corn and squash and acorns. The Papagos and Pimas are primarily farmers, growing crops to feed their families.

Modern day Pimas eat a diet of fresh vegetables, beef, and fry-bread. Modern day immigrants enjoy fry-bread with beans lettuce, tomatoes and onions spread on top.



— INDIAN FRY BREAD —

3 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup of water

Mix the dry ingredients adding water until dough forms a ball. Kneed the dough making small balls in your hands. Flatten the dough balls to about ½ inch thick and deep fry. Drain the fry-bread of the cooking oil. Spread the bread with honey and powdered sugar... An Indian taco is a delight! Topping the fry-bread with refried beans, diced onions, red tomatoes, and homemade salsa is a real treat.

The Navajos and their relatives, the Apaches, were considered newcomers, migrating about 1500 AD from what is now Northwestern Canada to the American Southwest.

In 1540 when the explorer Coronado and other Spanish Conquistadors reached the southwest, the Navajos and other Southwest Indians first saw men wearing beards and riding horseback — they bore firearms as well.

Spain and then Mexico ruled the southwest. The nomadic Navajos, who were hunters and raiders maintained almost complete independence. Learning to live with sheep and goats, brought into the southwest by the early Spaniards, they learned to be shepherds.

In 1846 the United States took possession of the southwest territories acquired from Mexico. The rest is history.

Eventually by the 1880's the railroad and disease from the White mans society crept into the Indian lands. Trading posts sprang up. Tribal councils were formed.

The Navajos believe that everything has a soul... including plants and all the animals. A spirit lives in each plant, animal and human being.

Sometimes the spirit of an animal will trance through the person called a Hand Trembler. A Hand Trembler is also called a hand shaker or star gazer. The person places himself in a trance. Knowing that the spirit of the Gila Monster lives within, the Trembler recognizes the Gila Monster who tells him what is wrong with a person.

The Gila Monster causes the hands to shake, the divine hand tells the person the nature of your illness. He is a diagnostician, not a healer.

The Navajo myths tell exactly how the world came into being. The myths tell how the people were afflicted with disease and how they were treated for their maladies.

Many modern day Navajos continue to live in the 8-sided windowless hogans. The hogan is usually constructed of mud, mortar and boards. The structure has basically remained the same for hundreds of years.

Many Indians continue to use the natural medical remedies used by their ancestors thousands of years ago.

NSAC does not practice ancient smudging ceremonies. However, in our church, we do say the affirmation, *"I release all negative thoughts and conditions."*

NSAC feels much the same as our Native American healers. All services, (or healing ceremonies) must be entered into with a happy heart, we must sing, we must pray and walk in a spiritual manner to be helped by spirits in the sacred realm of the Great Spirit.

As we sing the Healing Hymn #24, our Indian counterpart sing healing hymns to the Great Spirit.

Both follow God's natural laws.

Our Indian Healer performs a smudging ceremony to cleanse the healer and the patient. Sage, Cedar and Sweetgrass are three commonly used herbs in this ceremony.

Sage is burned in smudging ceremonies to chase out negative vibrations or conditions. The Plains Indians cover the floor of their sweat lodges with sage and the participants rub sage leaves over their bodies while in the sweat. Sage is sometimes spread in a lodge or on an alter where the pipes touch the grounds. Sage wreathes are placed around the head and wrists of Sundancers.

Cedar is burned while praying aloud or silently. The prayers, using the cedar smoke as a vehicle, rise to the Creator. The Pacific Northwestern Native Americans

burn cedar for purification. The spirit of the cedar is considered ancient and wise by these Northwestern tribes.

Sweetgrass is a tall, wild grass with a reddish base and perfume-like musty odor. Sweetgrass is usually found braided together. Usually burned by shaving little bunches over hot coals or lighting the end and waving it around, allowing the smoke to spread through the air. Sweetgrass is rarely found today.

— SMUDGING CEREMONY —

To do a smudging ceremony, burn the clippings of these dried herbs, rubbing your hands in the smoke, gather the smoke and bring it onto yourself — or rub it onto yourself (especially the areas that need Spiritual healing). Pray that the spirit of the plant will cleanse your own spirit. Sometimes, one person will heal another, or a group of healers may use feathers to lightly brush the smoke of the other person.

The Native healers are able to locate dark spots in a person's spirit body, that require healing. N.S.A.C. healers are able to locate areas in need of healing too, sometimes it is a *'hot spot'*.

While our religion does not practice smudging ceremonies, we do gather in groups to send healing energies to persons both present and absent. We do ask help from our spiritual guides for mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. We do sit in healing meditations where animals sometime appear to offer wisdom and advice.

I believe that the greatest healing agent is FAITH! Faith in the fact, that has been scientifically proven, the Creator of all things, directs healing through spirit workers who in turn send it directly to the individual.

Infinite Intelligence, God — Creator of plants, animals, earth, and the universe ... Creator of all ... our gratitude is overwhelming for the healings administered by You!

WHAT EXACTLY IS TRUTH ?

(Continued from page 13.)

comprehend that each experience in this life contains a lesson for us, one necessary for our growth and development, materially and spiritually. Knowledge is fine, but it is not necessarily perception or understanding.

True perception is an illumination. It's like a light suddenly turned on in our consciousness. Someone says something, or a new thought enters our mind, or we read something, and we suddenly perceive that it is a truth. We look at it in awe, and wonder why it has never occurred to us before. It stays with us all our life and comes to mind at times, to give us a broader outlook.

If we take some time to meditate and go into silence, asking for guidance and inspiration, our consciousness expands. Those who love us and work with us from the next dimension can draw close and impress us with beautiful truth symbols which will come flooding in at this state of heightened perception. And as we interpret them and adapt them to our life, we gradually form a philosophy which represents truth to *us* personally.

Or, we can reason. But do we always reason in the right direction? If we seek universal truths with our finite mind, they may not necessarily be great truths but only our opinions.

Yet, if in the very nature of things, all divine truths were really made known to us, we might not be too happy with what is expected of us, for we do perhaps deceive ourselves a lot about our responsibilities.

We do often study, listen, experience and form a philosophy which seems right to us as we reach each plateau of progress. Even though occasionally it may turn out to be only our opinion, it is that which we can accept at a particular time.

Regarding forming a philosophy, a spirit communicator who brings my husband and me some interesting philosophical thought patterns, once told me in answer to my questions that he taught at Cambridge University while on earth. He gave us his name, which we later researched and found to be evidential. I asked him, *"Did you teach philosophy?"* He replied: *"My dear, you do not* ***teach*** *philosophy. You teach young minds to* ***think****, so that they can form their own philosophy."*

Even though we may be searching for spiritual enlightenment and have received what seems to us to be really inspired thoughts, still we can only accept information in accordance with our level of understanding. It cannot be otherwise. Incidentally, this can also be true of souls on the other side of life. Some say: *"We can only give you what we have gathered up to now. We are not necessarily omnipotent."*

As we meditate I'm sure we all ask for the highest and best that we can receive. Then if our motives are good, and we are really striving to overcome our failings, we will attract progressed spirit teachers to work with us in our efforts to become better individuals. Then they will be able to impress us with profound truths from time to time.

There is one universal truth of which we as Spiritualists are absolutely convinced. It is that as individuals we all survive death of the physical body. We have incontrovertible evidence to support this great truth; that we and the boundless universe are integral parts; and that the spirit is indestructible.

I would like to share with you a beautiful poem by our great Spiritualist poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

CREDULITY

If fallacies come knocking at my door
I'd rather feed and shelter full a score,
Than hide behind the black portcullis Doubt,
And run the risk of barring one Truth out.
And if pretention for a time deceive,
And prove me one too ready to believe,
Far less my shame, than if by stubborn act,
I brand as lie, some great colossal Fact.
On my soul's door, the latch-string hangs outside;
Within, the lighted candle, Let me guide
Some errant follies on their wandering way
Rather than Wisdom give no welcoming ray.

TEN YEAR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On October 27th, 1991, the Spiritualist Chapel Of The Pines in Auburn, California celebrated the tenth year of their charter. The founder and co-founder, Rev. Frances Scher and Loll Washburn drove the eight hours to be there with their friends.

The morning started out with welcoming hugs and kisses. It was so wonderful to feel the love and respect that was shown to Rev. Scher and Loll Washburn, something both founders have missed so much, since having moved to Southern California.

The service started with the healing which was brought to the congregation by the Rev. Frances Scher. The Devotional Service was chaired by a staunch friend and member, Pat Woolworth. Loll Washburn and Rev. Scher brought verbal accounts of the beginnings and progression of the church. We were all delighted by a vocal and organ solo by the President of our church, Evie Sordelet. Prior to the message portion of the service we were again pleasured by a duet by June Kilmer and her son Donald. Messages were brought by a student of Rev. Scher, Pat Hudson, and by Certified Medium Loll Washburn.

Following the service delicious food, a beautiful cake and champagne was served to all. It was heart-warming, joyous and fulfilling to see how the church was being cared for in every sense of the word. You could feel the happiness and pride that exuded from all who were there. We pray that God, the Infinite Spirit will be our Guide and Director always.

TRANSITION

Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., 1235 W. Prospect Road, Ashtabula, Ohio, made his transition November 18, 1991 after an extremely short illness. Ralph was a member of the First Spiritualist Temple, Ashtabula, Ohio, also former Treasurer and later Secretary of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. He also held the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Spiritualist Benevolent Society and Secretary of the Stow Foundation until it was re-incorporated.

He is survived by his wife, Audra Cutlip; son, Ralph, Jr.; daughters, Ardie DeVaul, Janis Fleissner and Glenis Caudill; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and one sister, Pauline Huff.

The funeral was held November 21, 1991, with The Reverend Joseph H. Merrill officiating.

There was a lovely basket of red carnations, placed by the National Board, and many other beautiful flowers at the Funeral Home of Childs, Marcy & Fleming.

NEWS FROM DAVENPORT, IOWA

September proved to be another busy and exciting month for the Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport, Iowa.



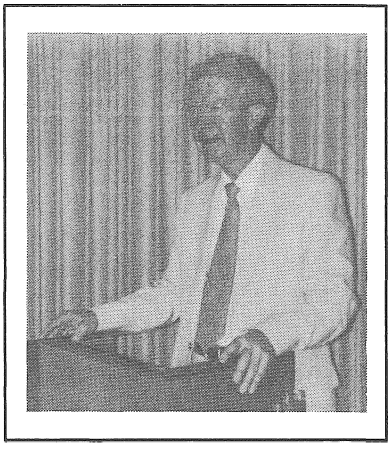
Rev. Wm. E. Buchholz, Jr. joins David Roy Van Der Kamp and Darla Jean Van Der Kamp in Holy Matrimony, September 13, 1991 at Bettendorf, Iowa.

It started with a huge yard sale on September 4th and 5th. On Friday the 13th of September, the Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., pastor of the church, officiated at the beautiful single-ring ceremony uniting David Roy Van Der Kamp and Darla Jean Van Der Kamp in Holy Matrimony. A love gift of a silver chain was presented the groom by the bride, in lieu of a ring.

A large crowd was in attendance at the early evening service, held at the home of the groom. The bride wore a beautiful black sleeveless dress with a lace over-dress, which had a handkerchief hemline touching her shoes, with two rows of white ruffles, one at the hemline and another 12 inches higher. She carried a lovely black and white bouquet. The groom chose western attire with a black silk shirt.

The brides brother, Steven Van Ausdall, served as best man, and the bride chose her recently married sister, Kathleen R. Ratliff, as Matron of Honor. A reception followed the ceremony.

During the weekend of Friday, September 27, through Sunday, September 29, Mr. Paul Keller, President of Progressive Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis was guest. He provided private consultations each day, and conducted a circle Saturday evening.



Paul Keller lectures at Spiritualist Harmony Church in Davenport.

A pot luck dinner was held in his honor Friday evening, with

bean soup and turkey sandwiches. Many other delicious dishes were provided by those attending. After the meal, one of our long-time members, Mr. Jack Anthony, presented a magic show for our enjoyment.

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 29, Rev. Buchholz conducted a laying on of hands healing service, which was immediately followed by our 2:00 p.m. worship service. The service opened with the hymn, *"Sweet Hour of Prayer,"* with Anita Buchholz providing organ accompaniment. Mr. Keller served as guest speaker and message minister. After the message service, the ladies of the church served refreshments and a social hour followed.

Our guest in October will be Vera Bunten of Indianapolis.

M.S.S.A.C. FALL SOCIAL

Submitted by M. Elaine Weichner, M.S.S.A.C. Secretary

On November 9th, 1991, the M.S.S.A.C. held a Fall Social at the Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church in Leslie, Michigan. Our usual practice is to hold a Fall Conference, but the M.S.S.A.C. thought it was high time to hold something that would include the Lyceum children as well. It was the idea of Donald Weichner, trustee on the M.S.S.A.C. board.

We began our social at 1:00 p.m. so those that had to travel didn't have to get on the road at the crack of dawn. We held a bunko with prizes for all ages; all prizes were donated by all the Michigan Churches. Truthfully, I think the adults had a great time playing bunko along with the children . . . at least the adults created the most noise while playing . . . not to mention any names, but just ask Tim Weichner, president of Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church. All the children won prizes as well as some of the adults.

We also held another Chinese Auction with some very beautiful gifts donated by members of the various churches. Chinese Auctions seem to be a habit with our Michigan group, everyone really seems to enjoy them.

The members of Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church held food booths (hot dogs, chips, cake and pie as well as a variety of beverages) which turned out to be a good fund raiser for the church as well. We all know how Spiritualists love to eat!

On hand were writing pads and pens with the M.S.S.A.C. logo on them...these sold well, too. This idea was suggested by another M.S.S.A.C. trustee, Grace Butterfield.

Everyone paid a registration fee of $1.00 which was used for a 50/50 drawing. Pete Hatch was our winner. We had 29 in attendance.

Churches in attendance were: First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit; Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church; Spirit of Harmony Chapel; First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak; Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp as well as many M.S.S.A.C. board members. A great time was had by all due to the efforts of the combined Michigan Churches.

On May 14th, 1992, the M.S.S.A.C. will be celebrating our 100th year . . . why not plan on attending? It will be a special convention with our guest speaker, the Rev. Paul Spencer from New York. There will be special decorations and entertainment under the guidance of Mrs. Peggy Gutt. The 1992 convention will be held at the Holiday Dome in Houghton Lake, MI. We are looking forward to our 100th, and are in hope that many of you will join us.

- *Trumpets* -

The N.S.A.C. is now selling *Spiritualist Trumpets* thru the Book Store, P.O. Box 217, Lily Dale, N.Y. 14752.

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"To be good is to do good."

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"He that hath a truth and keeps it, keeps what not to him belongs; But performs a selfish action, and a fellow-mortal wrongs."

— Andrew Jackson Davis






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Affirmations . . .

SUNDAY	MONDAY	T
2 Spirit guides me to my highest good.	**3** I express my thoughts with truth.	w
9 I share my blessings with others.	**10** New understandings come to me daily.	hea
16 The law's of nature are foremost in my mind and actions.	**17** My power comes from the Infinite.	I be
23 My thoughts are positive and constructive.	**24** I desire to feel completely healthy.	Let

tatements To Help Create A Positive Day

FEBRUARY 1992

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 I release all but the light and love of God.
4 My life is orthwhile and fulfilling.	**5** The joy of Spirits' touch is with me.	**6** Health and harmony are mine today.	**7** My quiet moments bring clarity to my thoughts.	**8** I forgive myself and all others. I let go.
11 My body is lthy and serves me well.	**12** Spirits' light flows freely in all areas of my life.	**13** My life is open to prosperity and abundance	**14** I am compassionate and understanding of others.	**15** I pray for the light in all mankind.
18 contemplate auty in nature and life.	**19** The unity of all life fills me with peace.	**20** I accept God's will which I know is good.	**21** Healing and love uplift those in need.	**22** Spirit is always with me.
25 there be peace on earth.	**26** Spiritual uplift-ment is mine today.	**27** My correct thinking creates correct actions.	**28** I am youthful, vibrant and vigorous.	**29** My affairs are ordered and positive.

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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.
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