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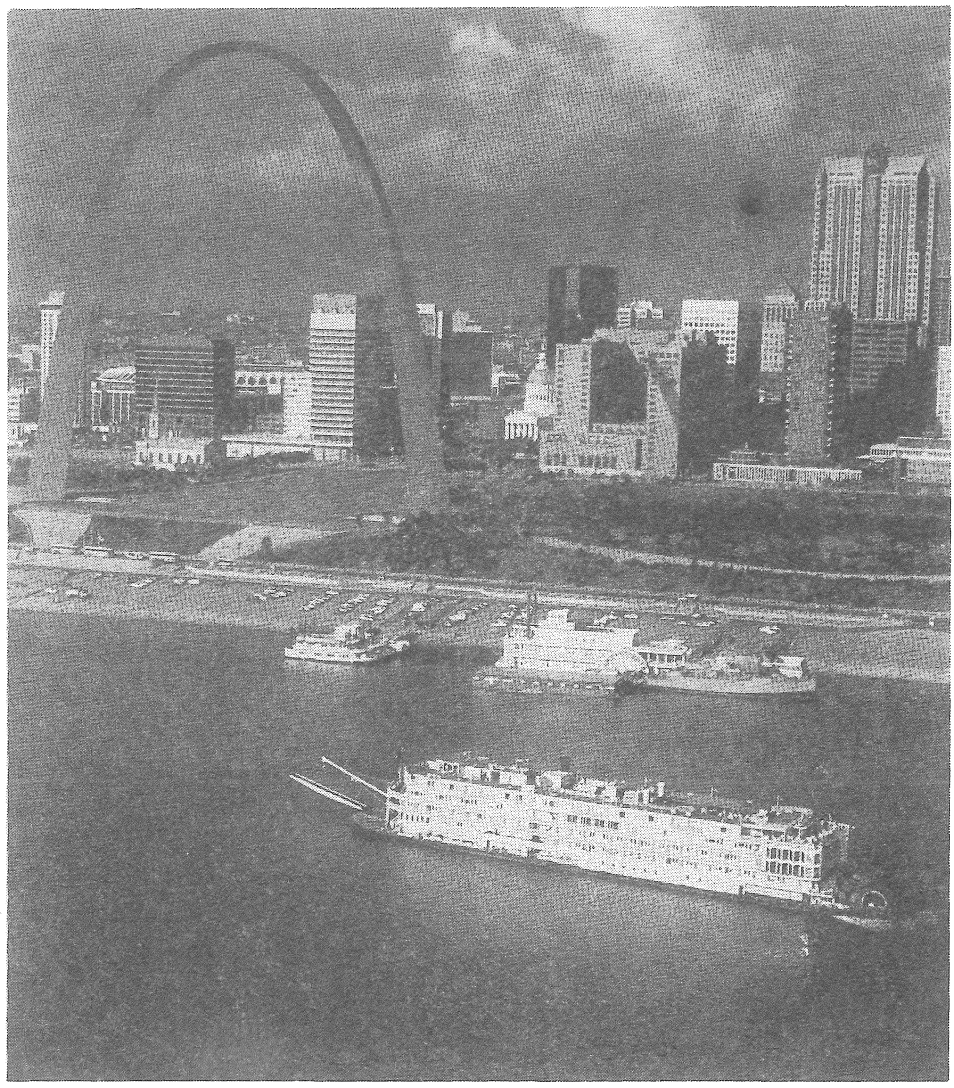
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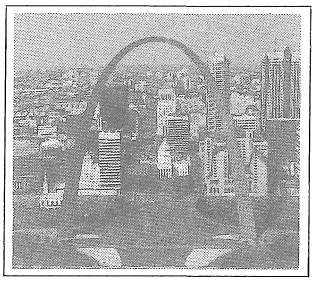
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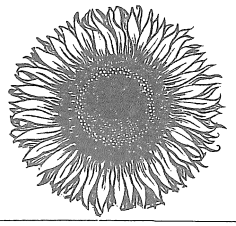
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fter-Death Communications

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Shortly after my eleven-year-old son made his transition I heard his voice. I was in the shower and heard, *"Mommy,"* just the way he always said it. I threw the shower curtain back, but no one was there. This was the beginning of our communication between the planes and the dawn of my investigation into paranormal phenomena.

Extraordinary, spontaneous communications to the bereaved are not new and far from isolated events. The experiences are usually spiritual even though there is no medium or psychic involved, for the person who has died shares love, hope, joy, forgiveness, encouragement and most of all reassurance that life does continue. Some grieving people have found a wonderful turnaround and the depression has lifted after such an adventure with their departed loved one.

We have heard about research being conducted on NED'S *(near death experiences)*, OOBE's *(out of body experiences)* and now there is a study in the process, about **After-Death Communication — ADC experiences.** This research is another step in bringing to the public the awareness that there is no death, there are no dead. ADCs are spontaneous happenings around the time of the death and for several months afterward but have been known to occur even years later. In a lot of countries this phenomena is widely accepted.

Many people found Spiritualism because of communication with a loved one after so-called death. It is indeed comforting and reassuring for bereaved individuals to have this type of a Spiritual occurence proving that love and the personality does continue after the change from the physical to the Spiritual existence.

Researchers Bill and Judy Guggenheim have interviewed people who live in all 50 American states and 8 Canadian provinces, gathering over 2,200 firsthand accounts of after-death communications. They have discovered that there are many categories of ADC experiences and that ADC's are approximately 5-10 times more common than near-death experiences. It is estimated that 10-11 million Americans have had an NED and about 50 million Americans have had at least one ADC with a deceased relative or friend.

The following is a brief review based upon the Guggenheim research of the ADC experiences that have shown several basic types of communication:

1. **Sensing the Presence** — There is a distinct feeling or sense of the deceased family member or friend, that they are close, even though they are not seen or heard.
2. **Hearing a Voice** — This voice can be heard with the physical ear or with the spiritual ear through telepathy, or mind to mind communication.
3. **Smelling an Aroma** — Scents or aromas that are associated with the deceased may be smelled.
4. **Visual Experiences** — Reports indicate visual appearances ranging from a *"transparent mist"* to *"absolutely solid,"* from the head and shoulders to a full figure materialization.
5. **Visions** — Generally in radiant colors, seen externally or internally in the mind, these visions are like observations or looking at still or moving pictures.
6. **Twilight Experiences** — The *"Alpha state"* of consciousness occurs as a person is falling asleep, waking up, meditating, visualizing or praying. The above experiences can occur more easily in this state.
7. **ADC Experiences While Asleep** — Sleep-state ADCs are very common, vivid, colorful, logical, and intense. They seem like an actual visit with your loved one and are not jumbled, fragmented or filled with symbols as normal dreams are.
8. **Out-Of-Body ADCs** — These dramatic experiences occur while the individual is asleep or in a meditative state. The arrival at the loved one's level or place where he or she exists, displays environments filled with love and light, happiness and joy. The visit seems very real, vivid and intense.
9. **Physical Phenomena** — The bereaved people frequently report physical phenomena happening in their homes. Some examples are lamps, TVs, radio, and appliances turning on or off with no physical assistance. Objects are moved to attract the attention of the loved one.

The bereaved interpret these communications as positive for they

Ten Hints For A Good Reading

BY THE REV. BRENDA WITTICH

1 Seek a medium's help at a time when you are relaxed and undisturbed. If not, put your mind at ease. **RELAX!!!**

2 Allow the medium to proceed in his or her manner. Do not expect your first problem to be discussed at once. **PATIENCE.**

3 No medium wants or needs help — but do not attempt to confuse them. Let them know when they are correct. **BE FAIR.**

4 Skepticism, demanding proof, arguing or wanting things done your way, only leads to failure. **EXPECT GOOD.**

5 Spirit often manifests by name. Evidence comes in many other ways, description, relationships, simple tests, etc. **BE WILLING TO VERIFY.**



6 Do not be too quick to say "No." Wait — you will soon understand.

7 The true value of a reading is not always measured by prophecy. Prediction is always possible, but you have free-will to make changes. **GUIDANCE** is the key-note.

8 **MEDIUMSHIP IS NOT FORTUNE TELLING.** A good reading should explain the philosophy of right living. **EXPECT TRUTH.**

9 Every medium has his or her unique way. It is unfair to compare the abilities of mediums.

10 Do not try to prolong a reading. The medium realizes when the force is gone. Come again.

AFTER-DEATH COMMUNICATIONS *(Continued)*

reassure them that their loved one is happy, in a good place, still loves them and is healed. This acts as a kind of permission to get on with their lives.

Compassionate Friends *(a national support group for bereaved parents)*, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Hospice and ADC seminars have each recorded numerous examples. Stories tell of deceased parents revealing the location of important documents, loved ones learning of another's death before they are officially notified, grandparents from spirit saying goodby to grandchildren, names being called, phone messages, symbols such as rainbows and white lights.

Guggenheim says that usually the person who comes back appears entirely healed and whole. That they communicate to let family and friends know that they still love them and that they are OK, to let them go, to not worry or grieve unduly. Typical messages are, *"I'll see you again,"* or *"I'll always be there for you,"* or *"Everything's wonderful,"* or *"I'm fine,"* or *"Thank you,"* and most often, *"I love you."* Bill Guggenheim believes, *"The underlying message behind everything is that love is eternal."* ADC occurences are where the deceased comes back to say goodbye to the living . . . with love.

If you would like to share an ADC experience with researchers Judy and Bill Guggenheim, contact them at P.O. Box 536365, Orlando, FL 32853.

Sharing of mirth doubles a laugh;

Sharing of burdens divides them in half;

Sharing of love adds to good will;

Sharing of knowledge multiplies skill;

Sharing of bread subtracts from need,

Making a total that's blessed, indeed.

Creation and the Spiritualist Concept



By The Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST

THERE EXISTS no answers to mark the very beginning of physical creation. Speculation in this area has always intrigued mankind because it is a mystery which to this day has never been solved. Numerous theories and tales have been expounded and recorded through the ages in regards to what actually took place to bring our universe into it's physical creation. No one really knows what occurred. Of all the theories which have been developed, many sound so plausible that it is impossible to indicate which of them is closest to the truth; although these same speculations, having never been established in fact, have had a very profound effect on the life of man. All speculation into the theories of creation fall into three main categories or groups. As stated by Herbert Spencer: *"There are three possible explanations of the Universe; it is either self-existent, self-created or it was created by some external agency."*

One of the theories of creation which is adopted by Modern Physical Science is that the universe has always been in a state of creation. That it is self-existent. This has been referred to as the **Steady State** universe. In this concept, the universe is viewed as not having a beginning. Every galaxy, star, planet and even to every atom is ascribed as having a beginning but not the universe itself as it has always existed in one state or another. Although these things are components of the universe, the universe itself is viewed as basically an unexpected conclusion to these events.

A second theory which is expounded by the scientific community is that the universe came into being through a tremendous concentration of matter into an extremely small space. The result was a spectacular explosion which started the universe. Logicians believe that this occurred with the explosion of a luminous block of plasma which was perhaps one mile square. This block of plasma they feel was so heavy that a thimble full would have weighed as much as our own planet. This massive explosion did not cause planets and stars to form all at once but irregular chunks of matter which had been thrown off, through time and perpetual spinning, did draw more and more substance to themselves and it was the spinning which rounded them out. This concept of creation is referred to as the **Big Bang** theory and is representative of theories that the universe is self-created.

In keeping with the Big Bang theory, scientists are currently considering that the Black Holes in space which have such a tremendous gravitational force that even light cannot escape them, are actually the means of these massive explosions. Theoretically, these Black Holes swallow so much matter that they cannot contain any more mass, then the explosion occurs spewing out all of their contents into space. This action is on such a massive scale that it is suspected that they may even contain enough material to form galaxies. Matter spewed out in such a manner forms nebulas which when they condense around a core, form planetary systems.

Since no one knows for sure how the universe came into being, neither the Steady State or the Big Bang theory are acceptable as proof of creation but either is currently considered acceptable as a basis for further speculation by the scientific community. Regardless of the concept utilized as an explanation for the beginning of the universe, science has been able to lend some definite facts to our understanding of the universe itself. One of these facts relates to the approximate age of the universe. By measuring the rate of decay of radioactive substances, cosmologists believe that the universe came into being some 15 billion years ago.

Another theory for the creation of the universe is that of the religionist, that the universe is God-created. This also is an assumption and cannot be proven. The basis for the Christian views in regards to creation is based on a revelation purported to have come from God and is recorded in the first book of the Christian Bible, Genesis. The creation story of the Christian Bible stipulates the time factor of original creation to be 6,000 years ago. These theories of the religionist's do not coincide with scientifically documented facts concerning the earths history. Geologists who

had tried years ago to bring out the facts concerning the earths age and history were persecuted by religionist's as being Cataclysmists, people who were trying specifically to overthrow the Bible's authority with a violent upheaval of devastatingly contrary information.

It has only been in recent times that some religionists, but not all, agree that the findings of the scientific community do not affect the literature of the Bible. This line of thought became evident from the investigations made by the Father of Geology, Sir Charles Lyell. Lyell brought to light the facts that the development of the earth from its beginning could be accounted for by the acts of nature. Natural laws at work which we see in action around us every day. It was as a result of this new acceptance that the Geologists became known as Uniformitarians instead of Cataclysmists. Uniformitarianism taught that all the phenomena of nature could be explained as the result of existing forces having operated uniformly from the origin of the earth through to present time.

In contrast, the Genesis story originally taught that the universe came into being as the direct action of God within a six day period. This was later modified to state that the six day period was actually six periods of time in order to partially reach agreement with the scientific community. Even with this concession there are many scientific findings which do not find agreement with religionist theologies. It became more and more obvious that there existed to wide a discrepancy between the religionist theory of creation and scientific fact for any amount of compromise or rationalizing of creation.

In studying creation, science first postulates the existence of matter. To this day, science does not claim to know what the true essence of matter really is. It does however accept the fact that something does exist which is the substance of forms and this substance of forms is a reality. It further states that matter has always existed, will always exist, is indestructible, may be found in many forms such as solids, gases, fluids or even ethers, but can never be destroyed.

Another element which science feels can never be destroyed is force. Matter is subject to force or motion which is the aggregation of the particles of matter. Force may also be transmuted but not destroyed. It is with these two known elements as it's base that the scientist is able to theorize the construction of a habitable world.

With a telescope gazing at the night sky, you would be capable of viewing patches of vaporous substances which seem to be floating in an aimless manner. These substances are called nebulae or have been referred to as fire mist. The particles of matter



within these nebulae flow towards the center in obedience to the law of gravity. Here in the center, centripetal and centrifugal forces cause the moving mass to form a sphere. Denser particles gravitate towards the core because of their density and the gravitational pull and the finer particles tend to remain on the outer surface. Condensation and the contraction of the core generates heat which causes these finer particles to be thrown off in the form of rings as the core revolves. In turn these rings condense in the same manner and start to revolve around the parent body as it's satellites. This is in fact the observable, documented, scientific explanation of the birth of a solar system and is the manner in which science states our own earth came into being. The earth and all the planets in our solar system were originally cast off from our sun. Through time and it's ages of development the earth stabilized to the point where it was capable of evolving the myriad forms of life which exist upon it. This then, is the Materialistic concept of evolution which represents the universe as a self acting machine which has no plan or purpose. Science states that this is an observable law of nature but gives no explanation as to what the law is or why nature does things this way.

The philosophy of Modern Spiritualism is based on scientific facts. Therefore, Modern Spiritualism accepts the established facts of science concerning creation but differs in the explanation of these facts. In this manner Spiritualism adds another dimension to the study of creation.

In Thomas Grimshaw's *Creation In The Light Of The Spiritualistic Philosophy*, he states:

"Unless we conceive of matter and (energy) as being directed by a primal source 'spirit,' we could have nothing more than change, probability and chaos."

This new dimension added to the scientific theories of creation suggest that spirit utilizes energy as a directing force, matter as a means of expression and the end product is creation. Spirit contains within it the attributes of consciousnesses, thought, will, love and all other creative aspects and considers force to be the tool which this directing power utilizes. Matter is the matrix through which the spirit element in nature or man expresses it's self.

The Spiritualistic theory of creation considers the nebulae to be compounds of these primary elements and because of this, the scientific theory of evolution takes on new meaning.

The physical universe as we see it, from the view point of Spiritualism, represents the materialized expression of invisible energies, a part of which is that directive power which we call spirit. The Natural Laws which govern this universe are simply

the consistent manner in which this directing energy, *(Infinite Intelligence)* which is at the root of all things, works. Spiritualism accepts and endorses the theories of evolution outlined by science to a point. It is only when science tries to explain spiritual occurrences in a purely materialistic manner that we differ. Science confounds the Soul with the physical organism, intelligence is recognized as merely a function of matter and consciousness becomes the result of a combination of chemical reactions or material elements. If this were true, then at the time of physical death, life, consciousness and all that comprises man would necessarily cease with the dissolution of the physical elements.

Spiritualism through the demonstration of it's phenomena, has scientifically proven the persistence of consciousness, personality, characteristics, mentality and the soul. This makes irrelevant the assumption of science that these things are incidental or transient. Spiritualism agrees with Huxley that consciousness represents a third thing in nature which we refer to as the spirit and claim to be the prime motivation in creation.

In the **General Course . . . of Modern Spiritualism,** by Thomas Grimshaw, we read:

"The visible universe represents the harmonious action and interaction of this universal trinity of elements. There is no antithesis between matter, force and spirit, anymore than there is between a man and his clothes. Spirit is eternal; it is not a compound or an evolution from something other than itself. Force is eternal; it may be transformed, but it is eternally conserved. Matter, the substance of forms is indestructible, therefore, eternal. Spirit at work will build up and destroy a thousand forms, but it cannot destroy matter; spirit and the substance in which it works are eternal. Worlds are born, they grow to maturity and old age and pass away. These worlds are not created and governed by some power outside, separate and distinct, but they grow up like men and women, governed largely by the spiritual forces within the mass."

Each of us is a part of a perpetually evolving universe which receives it's design and motivation from the animating power intelligence of Infinite Intelligence. The findings of science are endorsed, the theistic theory of cosmic evolution is accepted and the physical universe is viewed as a materialized expression of immanent spiritual forces within the mass. It is these spiritual laws at work within the universe which have evolved not only the unvierse but have prevented perpetual chaos.

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The Singers . . . Not The Song.

By Peggy Handy

Spiritualism is the Song.
We are the Singers.
Before, right now, in time yet to come.
The Song is always there to be sung.
It is the Singers who must learn how to sing it.
Each hears it a bit differently.
Each using their own special talents
To blend each with another is the only way.
No one Singer must be out of Harmony.
The Song called Spiritualism is written according to the Great Spiritual Law, LOVE.
Love for all no matter where or when or who these Singers are.

* * *

The Song is Spiritualism, We, each of us, Are The Singers.



Oh! say, can you see?

By Nancy Marshall Parry

Oh! say, can you see, how far we have come
The journey's been long and by no means is done
But we'll continue our struggle for as long as it takes
Knowing how vital the Spiritualist difference makes
In the lives of those both far and near
Whether family or friends, the message is clear
Resolving the conflicts existing on all sides
Returning to harmony where unconditional love abides
There is no more time for bickering and strife
In what is left of this earthly expression of life
So gather together all those you know
Discerning carefully the direction to go
Which brings out the best for one and all
Listen carefully — heed that inner call
Out of the ashes the Phoenix appears
Sometimes taking many long years
Spiritualism is ready to gain strength anew
Combining efforts from both me and you
Proudly standing in the place where once it was stripped
Now freeing mankind from death's fearful grip
Do you think you're prepared to follow the Light
A beacon of Truth in the darkest night
Join hands and hearts with oneness of mind
Together we can indeed help mankind.



To Everything There Is A Season

By The Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST

The complete sentence of the above title is a quote from the King James version of the Bible, Old Testament, Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verse 1: *"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven."* As Spiritualists, this quotation suggests to us two universal truths:

1. The Law of Cyclicity.
2. Living in the now (present).

By living in the now and realizing its fullness, which is all we have according to multitudinous communications from spirit, (this moment is all we're assured of), doesn't mean that we should disregard the future. Obviously, our present actions have a significant bearing on our future condition and state of being physically and/or spiritually.

Enjoying the moment puts us in an uplifted frame of mind, in which we can plant in fertile ground the seeds for our future crop. Consider the planting of seeds or bulbs now for a spring or summer blooming!

How do we achieve this goal?

1. Achieve what we think we want, and evaluate the consequence of having it.
2. Pray about it. Talk to Infinite Intelligence, recognizing that there is a price for everything, be it physically, materially, mentally, financially or spiritually, and any combination thereof.
3. Visualize the end result, not the process. The soul, that individualized part of Infinite Intelligence in man, is all-creative and indiscriminate, acting as a magnifying glass for the mind, bringing into being whatever is projected by the mind.
4. Accept the manifestation now or tomorrow by expressing gratitude to Infinite Intelligence.

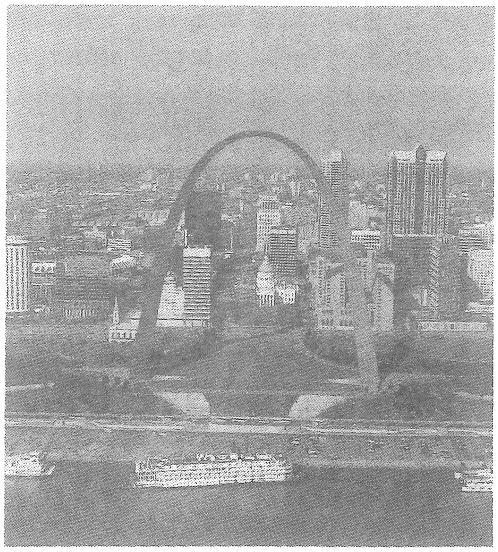
Meanwhile, cultivate the garden of the mind and spirit so that the season for reaping will bring a *"quality"* product.

Teachings of Silver Birch

Austen

You will find, usually that those who start their material lives with a material defect have in their souls a compensating principle. They exhibit in their characters more kindness, toleration and gentleness to others. There is an eternal principle of compensation. There is nothing that escapes the law of cause and effect.

Our allegiance is not to a creed, not to a book, not to a church, but to the great Spirit of life and to eternal natural laws.



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SPIRITUAL HEALERS LEAGUE
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Subject: Color Healing and Color Meditation
Presenters: E. Ann Otzelberger, NST; The Rev. Neil Griffen; The Rev. Arlene Sikora, NST: The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST
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NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS CLUB
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Subject: How to Charter a Church
Presenters: The Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST

Time: 11 a.m. - Noon
Subject: Open Question and Answer Forum
Presenters: The National Spiritualist Teachers Club Board of Directors

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Subject: Physical Phenomena Mediumship
Presenters: The Rev. Edward Cummings
Donation - Both Seminars: $4.00

SEMINAR: Thursday, October 8, 1992

OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCES
Time: 1:30 p.m. (approx. 2½ to 3 hours)
Subject: OOBE's Practical Instructions with exercises throughout the seminar.
Presenter: The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST
Donation: $12

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N.S.A.C. Convention Meetings

All breakfast meetings will be held in the hotel dining room. You may place your orders with the waiter/waitress there.

NST CLUB ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 6th at 7 a.m.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, October 7th at 7 a.m.

THE HEALERS LEAGUE
Thursday, October 8th at 7 a.m.

THE LICENTIATE MINISTERS and CERTIFIED MEDIUMS SOCIETY
Friday, October 9th at 7 a.m.

ANNUAL LYCEUM MEETING
Wednesday, October 7th after the Evening Service.

All business meetings, services, seminars and banquets will be held in the Sierra Ballroom.

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Dear Friend,

A member of our congregation returned home after visiting Los Angeles recently. Whilst there she attended a Spiritualist Church and brought home copies of the March, April and June magazines which she kindly passed on to me.

Well, I have to admit I was truly surprised and very grateful to have, at long last, some official information about Spiritualism in the USA. For so long, I have waited, as well as enquired, for some knowledge of the Movement in the country in which it originated. As you will see by our letterhead, we are principally focused and connected with Spiritualism in the United Kingdom and sad to say, the most common image we receive and have had for some time, is the *"new age"* coming from your country.

The National Spiritualist-Summit alters that image considerably! We have copied out your Church address listing to put on our notice boards so that future visitors to USA will have this vital information.

I am enclosing a bank cheque in US dollars to cover a personal subscription to your magazine and look forward to keeping in touch with all your activities.

We produce a newsletter every quarter, although this lapsed so far this year, but in our upcoming issue we will be making special mention of the N.S.A.C. and your magazine. I will send some copies under separate cover with the hope that we may be able to exchange information and develop a sharing relationship. There are some articles which we would like to reproduce in our own newsletter, and I wonder if it would be possible to have your gracious permission to do so?

I am looking forward eagerly for my subscription to commence; meantime I send Greetings and Best Wishes from the membership of our Church.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Kennedy (Mrs)
President & Minister

A Prayer for the Convention

By Ann Christine Collins

Precious Infinite Spirit

I pray for the delegates at this years' convention

I pray that the delegates may stop for but a moment and become that child of old

That they may stop for but a moment to reflect upon the purpose of them being together

That they may reach into their being and find those attributes of Tolerance, Open-Mindedness, Understanding and Compassion

Remembering always that what is the most conducive to the general welfare and what promotes virtue be accepted

After their week together may they all leave and take with them the linking of that divine spark within

We know that even as Spiritualists we have let our Spirituality be replaced by materiality by allowing such things as politics, jealousy and competition to fester within

May the delegates all become one again with you

May they all remember principle number 9

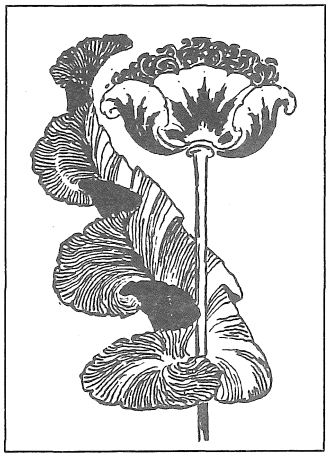
I ask for your blessing and healing over this years' convention

I thank you that it is in fact accomplished in Spirit

Amen and Amen

— *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.



A Healing Testimony

By Joyce Orcott

The GOD of my understanding is so good . . . ALWAYS there . . . ALWAYS giving . . . There have been so many **"Healings"** within my family throughout the years, too numerous to count yet each outstanding in our minds.

Five years ago Spirit impressed upon me to make an appointment for my husband to see the doctor. He checked out alright, but because of his age the doctor gave him the self test kit for occult blood. He tested positive . . . 2 days later he was given a sigmoidoscopy by a specialist who discovered a polyp . . . 5 days later he was in the short term unit of the hospital for a colonoscopy and polyp removal.

But doctors said they wouldn't know for sure until the pathology report came in, but from all outward appearances, the polyp looked benign.

A week later we were called into the specialist office who grimly told us that the polyp tested was malignant. He asked us to consider having a section of the intestine removed as a prophylactic measure because he had the pathologist slice into the growths stem and the entire core was malignant.

We agreed to the operation. Sometime during the next week some friends of mine were gathering for a Healing Session, including a Catholic priest and some instruments from other Spiritual avenues and states.

My husband is supportive of me and my Spiritual choices, but he himself never got involved and never before sat for a healing. But as Spirit would have it he agreed to go to this meeting and let them do healing prayers and laying on of hands.

NOTE . . . we never had a biopsy of the intestinal site done because it stood to reason that if the entire polyp core was malignant, then it was almost guaranteed that the site area would be too.

My husband had nine inches of intestine removed and later in the day, our primary physician, the Specialist and the Surgeon came into the room and they COULD NOT BELIEVE that there was NOT ONE malignant cell on the removed piece.

The doctors were mystified . . . we were *so grateful to God and Spirit* and again I thought how it *never ceases to amaze me what God and Spirit can do.*

Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you . . .

An interesting note is that today my husband is a firm believer in Healing and the Power of *Gods Love* . . . He is also a beautiful instrument of Healing himself.

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The Joys of Mediumship
- Part 1 -

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST

We often hear people say that there are many joys associated with mediumship. We, as members of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, are certainly aware of many of these joys. We have all experienced the pleasure of having the absolute knowledge of continuous life. The knowledge that we do and will continue to live on after we leave this mortal form. We have obtained this knowledge through our mediums.

Please note that I said *'absolute knowledge.'* I did not say faith or belief, because our religion does not require blind faith or belief. Our wonderful religion provides the absolute proof of all of our teachings. We are constantly open to new truths, eager to accept that which is and can be proven. How lucky we are to have found Spiritualism!

Each one of us can remember some experiences in which the sacred office of mediumship has brought great joy to people. I can remember so many instances, and it makes me very happy to think about what mediumship has done to ease suffering for so many people.

I remember one particular instance in which I was privileged to serve as the medium for a gentleman in the world of spirit who wanted to contact his loving wife Marie. It seems that he had made his transition in a very sudden manner, and she had not at all been prepared for his departure from the physical.

Well, her grief was overwhelming. He was such a young man when he left and the lady had depended on him so very much. She was still in the early stages of her marriage, and all that was important to both of them was that they be together. They had just started forming a new circle of married friends when the husband left the physical expression of life.

How tragic this was for Marie. They had their entire life together ahead... now he was gone. They had made such wonderful plans for a family, a house, and all of the other things that young marrieds often dream about. To add to her problems was the fact that she had not yet found a job, so she was now faced with many bills that she had not even thought existed. What a dilemma! What could she do? How could she face life like this?



He was such a young man when he left and the lady had depended on him so very much.

Added to her problems was the fact that she had always been a person who had helped others. She had never sought help, always being the giver, rather than the receiver. So now, with the difficult situation she was in, she didn't even know where to begin.

There was one thing greatly in her favor, she was a Spiritualist. Now I don't mean someone who occasionally feels that they should go to church and see what message they might get. She was an active Spiritualist and had a deep understanding of this beautiful religion.

Well, this was about to serve her in good stead. She was about to find some new joys in her chosen religion. Even though she had fully accepted the truth of continuous life, she had never really appreciated the great benefit this knowledge could be to someone in her situation. She had in fact, never even thought about the possible benefit this knowledge could be to her!

Well, after a short period of time, she decided to talk to me about her deep hurt and her feeling of almost being in a hopeless and helpless situation. I listened intently, for I had known both her and her husband when he was in the physical form. I sincerely wanted to find a way to help her.

As we continued to discuss her plight, I felt the

presence of several spirit entities. They had come to our meeting uninvited, but certainly not unwelcome. They had come to provide assistance from their world, the world of spirit. They had come to help her find the right way; to help her in her hour of need. For you see, all of the good she had been doing in the past, was about to be returned to her. Marie had no idea of the forces that were being assembled in her interest.

I mentioned above that this lady had always been used to providing help to others. She had in fact, helped others deal with the physical loss of a loved one. Calling on her understanding of our religion, she had provided insight and understanding to several people who had experienced such a loss. In fact, one of these people was a gentleman friend of her husband named Charles, who had lost both of his parents in an automobile accident. He had been an only child and besides being his parents, they were also his dearest friends. His loss was very great.

She had led him to Spiritualism, had explained our teachings, and had even brought him to church services. And in these services he learned that continuous life is a fact. He learned that the individual personalities of his parents were actually continuing and that they were not really dead. Perhaps they had left the physical, but he had received enough proof to convince him that they both were continuing their existence. What comfort this was to him. She had no way of knowing that her efforts had indeed been the primary factor for him being able to continue and resume his life.



My story ends with Marie and Charles continuing to see each other, now on a very regular basis.

But Charles knew. And he did realize that had it not been for Marie, he might have given up in despair, and not been able to cope with his situation.

Charles had begun a business that took up most of his time and had also lost contact with Marie and her husband. So he had no way of knowing that Marie's husband had made his transition.

As Marie's visits to the church continued several things began to happen. She received many evidential messages from her spirit friends, describing the progress her husband was making. She received encouragement for her to go on with her life, knowing that her husband was fine and was proceeding with his development in his new home. She also received assurance that she would be given help from her spirit friends.

Well, about 8 months passed since the tragedy, and Marie was beginning to again become the person she was before. She had found a job that did not pay much, but it enabled her to provide for her simple needs. Marie was still mourning her loss, so she really had little interest in doing too many things. She was content to just work and had recently decided to again go back to church.

This was the time when she wanted to talk to me about her situation. I asked her why she now decided to discuss it and she replied that she really didn't know, but just felt that perhaps I could be of some help to her at this particular time.

Since I strongly believe and trust in spirit, I asked their help in this matter. I also know that, even though they will never fail you, you must do your part. With this knowledge I decided to have a series of talks with Marie. All the time asking that we both receive guidance for whatever help was necessary.

Well, we began our talks, and the very first thing that was given was that Marie would be very interested in attending a craft show that was about to be held at the Phoenix Civic Center. This made no sense to me but it was not for me to judge. I relayed this to her and she looked at me and said, *"I have never had an interest in such things!"*

Now both of us knew that things have a way of being accomplished . . . sometimes in strange and roundabout ways. And we were both Spiritualists, so we did trust in spirit. Well, Marie decided that she would go. Of course I was pleased and now anxious to see what was going to happen.

Finally the day of the show was here and Marie, true to her word, went. She browsed the many displays and spoke to several people. Seeing some jewelry that she liked, she began a conversation with the attendant. The attendant was a young lady about Marie's age and was very helpful. She advised Marie that there was a variation of the jewelry being displayed that would be just right for her. The problem however, was that Marie would have to go to the manufacturer clear across town. The lady wrote the address and phone number down and gave it to Marie.

Well, Marie really liked the jewelry, and on the advice of the lady at the display, she decided that she would visit the place where she could see the jewelry that was *'just right for her'* as the lady had said.

After about two weeks Marie decided to go and see this jewelry. Entering the large and obviously successful store, Marie was stunned to hear her name being called out. Turning she saw her husband's old friend Charles. What a

pleasant surprise this was. Marie hadn't seen Charles in over four years, and all of a sudden, here he was, the owner of the store!

After exchanging the usual amenities, Charles asked Marie if she could stay and have dinner with him. Since she did not have any other plans, Marie agreed. Marie suddenly thought of the reason she had come here for in the first place, and asked Charles if he had a certain style and design of jewelry in stock. Charles laughed and replied that indeed he did. In fact, he had not yet put it out on display since it was a completely new design. He said, *"What a coincidence that you should ask for that particular style."* Well, Marie herself was a bit surprised since that lady at the show knew all about it and had recommended Charles' shop!

Charles appeared baffled. He couldn't understand how anyone could know of this since he himself had designed it and had not yet shown it to a single living person. He told Marie that the design had come to his thoughts about two weeks earlier and the lady couldn't possibly have known anything at all about it.

Well, Marie knew what had happened and she proceeded to describe the lady to Charles, even down to a small crescent shaped scar on her chin. Hesitatingly, Charles took a photo from his billfold and asked Marie if this was the lady. Marie replied that it was and Charles' face turned ashen and he said, *"I have to sit down."* The lady Marie had just described to Charles, the one in the photo, was his mother, who had made her transition many years earlier.

They decided to go to dinner and continue their discussion, and apparently, this was what their spirit friends had wanted in the first place. Of course, like so many things do, it took an indirect route to accomplish this, but they were successful.

My story ends with Marie and Charles continuing to see each other, now on a very regular basis. In fact, I fully expect them to announce their engagement in the near future.

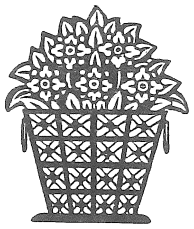
The Joys of Mediumship? Yes, this for me was one of them. To think that I was privileged to be the medium that our spirit friends selected to help these two people meet each other is indeed a joy for me. To think that I had been given the opportunity to help them find happiness together is more of a reward to me than can ever be imagined.

Spiritualism has come to the world as a benediction to dispel ignorance; to give man knowledge regarding the laws governing the universe of which he is a part; to acquaint man with his complexities and the part they play in his earthly mission; his relationship to Infinite Intelligence. It has come to demonstrate the Law of Unselfish Service and Divine Love among mortals, and to instruct man in how to unfold that Kingdom of God within.

— Dr. Victoria Barnes, M.D.

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October 1927 The **National Spiritualist Teachers Club** was formed for those having an NST degree.

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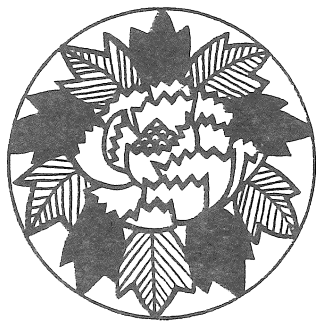
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GASBER, Rev. Velma, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003. Pastor of Way Memorial Temple. (204) 232-5795.

● WISCONSIN ●

LA CROSSE

MAHAN, Rev. Kattie E., Certified Medium, Comm. Healer. Consultation & classes by appointment. 425 N. 12th St., 54601-3506. (608) 784-7964.



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; (602) 264-7626; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m.; Sat. All Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.

• CALIFORNIA •

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

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

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.

DOWNEY - Spiritualist Society,
Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Fri. 7:30 p.m. Please phone (310) 927-7079 for information.

MONROVIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation,
825 S. Magnolia (VFW Hall); Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Hariette Calloway, 225 E. Loma Alta Dr., 91001, (218) 681-1677.

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,
7776 Hesperia, 92345.

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 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., Donald W. McFarland.

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

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of 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, NST; 4504 Independence Rd., Glencoe, 95232. (209) 293-4795.

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. (510) 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. Sandy Romer 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.; Thurs. Inter. Unfoldment Class 6:30 p.m.; Rev. Foard Memorial Library, open by appt., in the Social Room; Pastor, Rev. Linda Schneider, 302 E. Figueroa St., 93101; Asst. Pastor, Richard Carlisle, 3996 Maricope Dr., 93111; Co-Pastor, Rev. Connie Smith, 29060 Burkley Rd., Hayward, 94544.

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.

DENVER - Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C.,
1545 N. Hooker St., 80204, 280-9015. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Messages & Healing, Wed. Serv. 7:30; All Message Service, Fri. 7:30. Pastor Bonnie Winston; Sec.-Treas. Jim Winston.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Ruth Moore, 2C Pleasant St., Plainfield, 06374; Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church,
P.O. Box 1268; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., 2 Moore, 06320; Pres., Al Ferency, P.O. Box 271, Ledyard, 06339; 1-800-302-8658; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 754-3559; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. - every 4th Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Message Circle; Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017; Secy., Deborah Gagne, 90 Bridge St., Manchester, 06040, (203) 649-8341.

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; Secy., Alvera Gauvin, 70 Peck St., 06360, 889-5968.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism,
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., N.S.A.C.,
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June; Pastor John Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwalk, 06854, (203) 866-3885; Secy., Denise Puglia, 30 Edison St., 06487, (203) 377-3912.

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

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• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds,
3038 "Q" St., N.W. 20007: Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres. Pauline Hathaway, 3 Strawberry Court, Bryans Rd., 20616, (301) 283-4244; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

• 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., Marilyn Jenquin, 1813 Ivy Ln., Winter Park, 32792, (407) 671-6644; Secy., Christine Davis, 525 C Georgetown Dr., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 831-3474.

• 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., 60647-01101; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church. Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues. Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum, 12:15 p.m. on the second Sun. of each month; All Message Serv., 2:00 p.m., on first Sat. of each month. Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Ms. LaVerne DeChristopher.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., healing, lecture, messages every Sunday; 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; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Correspondence to: Pastor & Pres. Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W., #77, Daphne Park, 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Mrs. Lorraine Carley, 6443 W. Bleck Rd., 46360.

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) 284-2494; 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; (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:00 a.m.; Sun. Dev. Class 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during Month of August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pres. & Pastor, Rev. Georgia Milton; (319) 243-9738; Secy., Dorathy Burns, 369 6th Ave. So., Apt. 323, 52732.

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.

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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.

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.

SO. WINDHAM - Portland Spiritualist Church,
River Road (the Unity Building); 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 •

BROCTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brocton,
Healing and Evening Sunday Service 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Church season is Sunday after Labor Day - Last Sunday in July; Pastor, Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Cathy Rossi, 142 Morton St., Stoughton 02072, (617) 341-2142.

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, Elva Peters, 830 Broadway, Haverhill, MA 01830, (508) 373-2408; Pres., Stanley Kotce, 19 Union St., North Andover, MA 01845; Acting Secy., Penelope Demers, 8 Wedgewood Dr., Andover, MA 01810.

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; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Pres., Priscilla Herrick, 9 Harbor St., Danvers 01923, (508) 777-4268; 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, N.S.A.C.,
21 Dennison St., 48371; 1-(313)-628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dambrique; Secy., Elizabeth Wilson.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple,
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1½ blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073; Sun. Serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association,
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 20th through Sept. 5th; 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, 3328 Minnehaha Aves. #4, Mpls., 55406, (612) 722-8480.

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. Ninth St.; 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 22398. 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., 55102; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. E. A. Yankovec, 1687 Century Circle, #319, Woodbury, 55125, (612) 735-7579; Secy., Menalinn Haberkorn, 1040 Laurel Ave., 55104, (612) 224-0698.

• MISSOURI •

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

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., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, N.S.A.C.,
Pres. Catherine C. Stewart. For information, call (702) 431-2571.

• NEW JERSEY •

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

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life,
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Warwick, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (609) 767-1651; Pres. Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY — Capital District Spiritualist Church,
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes, Mon.-Thurs., Open Healing Forum every Friday at 7:00 p.m., Open Seances every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Sun. at 8:30 p.m.; Psychic Horizons Bookstore is open Weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

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ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center,
Mailing address: 1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065. Sunday Serv 10:30 a.m.; Spiritual Unfoldment Classes. Mon.-Thurs.; Open Circles, Fri. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.

AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Center,
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010. Sunday Services, 6:30 p.m., and open seances every Fri. at 7:30 p.m. year-round. Psychic Development Classes, year-round. Spiritual healing offered every Monday evening at 8:30 p.m. Pastor, Jeanne M. MacVilla, (518) 842-0205.

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

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, N.S.A.C.,
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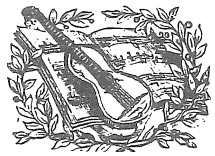
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Living Your Life To It's Fullest



by Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr.

Living your life to it's fullest,
Takes honesty, patience and grief.
For the good and the bad rolled up in a ball,
Are important to heart-felt belief.

Loving and liking and living
All take their toll on a soul,
For life without love and some sort of pain,
Is far less than a pure, perfect whole.

This thing we call life has it's trials
And its own special penalty-box,
But, strangely enough, in this complex, hard world,
We hold the key to its locks.

Roses and lilacs and laughter and love,
Are strewn o're the ways as we trod
Along, ever upward and onward,
Toward that Infinite Entity, God.

It is no mistake that true living,
When we behold all of its worth,
Rhymes with that simple word "giving,"
That's the key to our renewed rebirth.

So, sing all your hymns and your prayers, then,
Rejoice in the tempest of strife.
And recognize waves, as you're tossed to and fro,
As keys to absorbing true life!



Jest Joking . . . Have a Specter-tacular Halloween

Halloween is an old festival that is still celebrated by children of all ages. In the spirit of making Halloween more understandable, let us look to the past and then suggest for the present.

The Romans honored Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees around the first of November.

The ancient Celts celebrated Samhain or "summer's end." They believed the lord of the dead called together the souls of everyone who had died the previous year and put the souls into the bodies of animals for the coming year to cleanse them of sins. The Celts then built bonfires and paraded in costumes of animals heads and skins.

The last day of October in medieval Europe was thought to be an important witches' Sabbath. The people sacrificed black cats because they thought they were witches in disguise.

The Druids in Britain celebrated a festival to honor the sun god, and in thanksgiving for a good harvest. Later the Christians held a feast day to commemorate all of the saints and martyrs. Thus, the eve of the festival came to be called All Hallow E'en.

Many beliefs grew up about this time, such as the belief that on this one night of all the year our spirit friends come to visit their old homes. In many parts of the old world the homes were cleaned, food prepared and entertainment arranged for the spirit guests. Settlers brought some of these beliefs to America when they arrived and a variation is still practiced today.

Here are some suggestions to get in the spirit of Halloween Night. Be advised the following are gory and we advise caution in their use.

1. Turn out all the lights and use flashlights under your chin when you answer the door to trick or treaters.
2. Buy real spiders early so you can have authentic spider webs.
3. Spray paint dead flowers black and hang them on the door.
4. Put on your gloves and put some dry ice in a bowl of punch to create a steaming, carbonated brew. The dry ice can also be placed in a water-filled crock to fill the room with fog.
5. Decorate a paper grocery sack and put it on a post on Halloween night — let your weird, artistic imagination design your sack creation, and cut holes for the eyes, nose and mouth.
6. Play a terrifying audio of the group singing. Make a tape with your friends of howling at the moon, owl hoots, bangs and crashes.
7. Hang several strips of garden hose around your home and put rattlers in the end of them. Make people walk through them to get to the door.
8. Drape your furniture with white sheets, (make sure no one is sitting there first), to make your house BOOtiful.
9. Serve leftover candy from the Easter Bunny.
10. Harry Houdini died on Halloween Night in 1926, so do some magic tricks.
11. Blacken out your front teeth and remember to *SMILE*.



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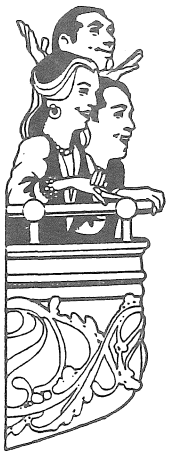
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Skit

By Ann Christine Collins



Some people question whether Spiritualists believe in God or not because:

a. they don't understand our first principle
b. they are ignorant of our beliefs,
c. and, they don't understand how God can be anything but, anthropomorphic.

SCENE: Twenty-eight-year-old child goes home and tells her mother she is a Spiritualist.

MOM: You no good child. To think I raised you the best I could and off you go declaring yourself an atheist and worshipping the devil. Take you and that Spiritualist religion out of my house.

CHILD: But mom, I am not an atheist. It is true I don't believe in a God that is supposed to look and act like my father, I believe in a God that is more beautiful and more powerful than that.

MOM: I never did agree with that anthropomorphic image of God myself, okay go ahead.

CHILD: We believe in the existence of a power, a purposeful intelligent power that is immanent in and manifesting through nature both physically and spiritually.

MOM: I can see some sort of God here, can't you give him more form?

CHILD: "Him" mom, we don't refer to God as him. We try not to define or place limits on God. What we believe in is a motivating force that has a definite purpose. God, or sometimes we use the term Infinite Intelligence, is ALL.

MOM: Is ALL?

CHILD: God is the Eternal Perfect . . . ALL knowing . . . ALL powerful . . . Manifesting through man, thus making him a part of the whole.



MOM: Well, if I am a part of this God, how do I get to know this God of yours?

CHILD: Mom, this God is for and in everyone, not just Spiritualists. In Spiritualism we seek out Spiritual development and slowly we gain a greater perception, a greater awareness of the God concept. Picture a baby: they drink breast milk, then cereal, on to fruits, then vegetables, meats and finally solid foods. It is a developmental process.

MOM: Now that I know this God of yours, how can I become part of this God?

CHILD: You are already a part of God. Infinite Intelligence is ageless, therefore so is man, because ALL are a part of God. Man is immortal because he is a part of God. God is the Universal Creative Power. God is the Life and Intelligence. God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnificient. God is Omnifarious and so on . . .

MOM: So in other words, I was incorrect in my assumption. Spiritualists are not atheists or devil worshipers. They believe in a force. This force is ALL, this force is everything and because we are a part of this force we are an outward manifestation of this Infinite Intelligence who I would like to refer to as GOD.

CHILD: That is an excellent summation and a great start.

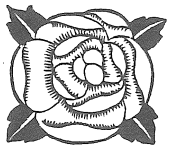
MOM: A great start?

CHILD: This is just the foundation, we need to build the house and understand how it works, so the structure is secure and won't move or rock in times of turmoil. Why don't you come to Lyceum class with me, it is a lot of fun?

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EDUCATION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Morris Pratt Institute Association ■ The Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Beverly Cotton.***

I began the study of this lesson by reading Melbourne Christopher's book *Mediums, Mystics and The Occult.* I initially found Christopher's investigation of psychic phenomena confusing. On the one hand he paraphrased Puharic's address to the Academy of Parapsychology and Medicine concerning psychic surgery by saying: *"Puharic said he could not prove a spirit doctor directed Arigo', but it seemed to him that the scales tipped in favor of the spirit concept."* Two paragraphs later, Christopher states bluntly, *"Psychic surgery, as practiced in Brazil, the Phillipines and other places, is simply one of the cruelest hoaxes ever perpetuated on a credulous public."*

Concerning his chapter on Uri Geller, while describing with believable detail the way Geller performs hoax and deception, he also states that persons observing Geller on television experienced metal objects bending in their homes. I did not know that Geller claims to receive his powers from the habitants of the planet Hoova. I asked myself — if there is a spirit world, and I believe there is — do I put limitations and boundaries on where it is and who lives there?

Reading the chapter of Peter Hurkos, it began to dawn on me that Hurkos and Geller appeared to be interested in the promoting of their careers, the glamour, fortune and fame. Though they obviously had psychic abilities, these were not used in connection with any commitment to Spirit or the pursuit of a spiritual life.

Christopher devotes the remainder of the book debunking such notables as Arthur Ford, Ted Serios, etc. Then, in the last chapter he does an about face with descriptions of death-bed phenomena and out-of-body experiences which he presents as credible. These phenomena differ from the ones debunked in that they contain evidence of the soul separating from the body, retaining consciousness, reporting information. He leaves us with the concept that though proof of a soul has not been proven, rather than saying these experiences are non-existent or fraud, he concludes by saying that they are still unresolved.

I then turned to *The Psychic World* by Carrington and *The Founders of Psychical Research* by Gauld. I felt more on solid ground with those now familiar names: Myers, Gurney, Sidgewick, James, Swedenborg, etc. Dealing with intellect and logic, we return to the beauty of Spiritualism with the following from Gauld, quoting Swedenborg concerning the spirit separating from the body at death:

"As it floats over the body . . . there comes to it, drawn by their affections or by their duties, spirits possessing form and shape, beautiful beyond thought. They support this spirit-child until it recovers its consciousness . . . Then all the spirits whose lives are pure, whose mission being accomplished toward it, now take it by the hand, and bid it look around."

I find Spiritualism satisfies my mind as well as my soul. I appreciate the opportunity to review books such as Christopher's, which leave one no room for bias confirmation.

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MONTHLY



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



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

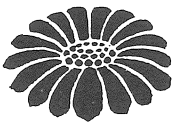
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"Be great in act, as you have been in thought."
— *William Shakespeare*

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"Friendly counsel cuts off many foes."
— *William Shakespeare*

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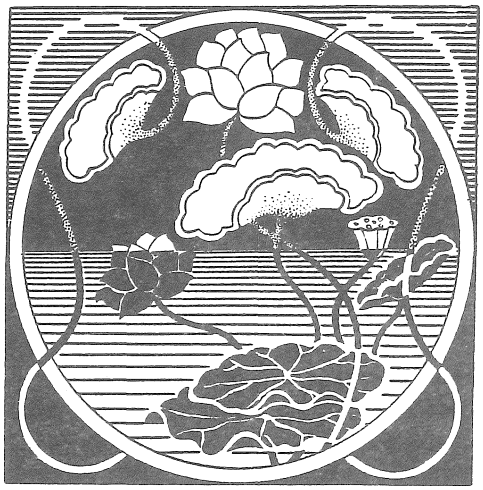
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"Give me the storm and tempest of thought and action, rather than the dead calm of ignorance and faith!"
— *Robert Ingersoll*

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"What is good is worth repeating."
— *Philip Sidney*

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Thank God I've Found SPIRITUALISM!

BY VAL C. NELSON

I find it really strange at times how certain occurances, normally unrelated to anything in your life, can eventually have a major impact. I will explain that statement further a little later. No more than a few short months ago I had little, if any, interest in Spiritualism. If you had asked my opinion then, I would have said that I found it interesting and nothing more.

In my forty-odd year search for *"my church,"* I had found so many con artists and quacks in every religion, as well as church members more interested in forming little social cliques while quickly judging others, rather than practicing what they preach. I had just about decided that there was no such *"animal"* as my church. It seemed to me that the church leaders were spending more energy on cash collections than on God. The people I seemed to attract were the top upstanding members of the church who, coincidentally, were also able to donate more money than most. They appeared to be interested in *"showing off"* their faith so that others would be impressed at their *"holiness,"* rather than letting their faith show itself from within. Rather than love and fellowship, I felt a great deal of phoniness coming through. *"I will talk to you and have fellowship until a 'more prestigious member' comes along,"* was more the rule than the exception.

At each church, I attended *"Bible"* or *"Sunday"* school. I had tried to read the Bible on my own and, to be very honest, couldn't understand most of what I had read. Therefore, at these study sessions, I would ask some very good questions, at least I thought they were *"good questions."* I would say things like, *"How did Jesus save us all from sin, even those of us who had not yet been born?... How did his death on the cross erase the sins of all mankind?"* The plastic smiles would quickly disappear and I would find myself being stared at with, *"How could you not know that?"* stares. I was told many times that I would understand the whole thing if I had enough faith. I would respond with, *"Maybe my faith would grow if I could understand more?"* I didn't know it at the time, but I was talking of *"faith through knowledge,"* something mentioned more than a few times in the Spiritualist movement. No one was ever able to satisfactorily answer my questions. My potential *"Mister Popularity"* award at the next pot luck dinner was obviously in jeopardy.

At this point, I don't want you to think that I went to *"a church"* and made all of these observations in one visit. I have, over the years, given a great deal of time and effort to the Mormons, Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, as well as several *"generic"* Christian churches. They all were pretty much alike, including the members with the *"plastic smiles,"* a term my wife, whose name is Bea, coined after one of our many *"church tryouts."* Yes, my forty-odd year search for *"my church"* had proved fruitless. I had basically given up and decided that I liked my church that I have *"within"* me more than any of the *"humanized"* churches I had attended.

Rather than love and fellowship, I felt a great deal of phoniness coming through...

In the beginning of this journal. I mentioned that it seems strange that certain set of occurances, seemingly unrelated, can have a major impact on your life. I will now try to explain that statement. Here is the story of my introduction to Spiritualism:

A male acquaintance at work, a co-worker with whom I had been *"friendly,"* but not necessarily close friends, had a wife who had been battling cancer for years. She lost the battle and died well over a year and a half ago. I am not, nor have I ever been one to attend funerals. I can usually come up with an excuse and reassure myself that it's okay to miss a funeral, as the person who died is

Dead, and nothing I or anyone else can do will help that. My father, as well as my grandfather, had a favorite saying, that when someone died and they were asked, *"Are you going to his funeral?"*... they would respond, *"Why should I, he's not going to mine!"* Well, despite my feelings, for some reason I attended the funeral of my co-worker's wife, even though I didn't know her. It did take some prompting from Bea who told me that funerals are for the living and not for the dead.

Because I attended that funeral, I gradually became more acquainted with my co-worker than I had been for the last 10 years of working with him. He asked if I was going to the company picnic, as he had met a lady and was bringing her to the picnic and would like Bea and I to meet her. We attended the picnic, and upon being introduced to his lady-friend, Ingrid, Bea and Ingrid were attached like siamese twins for the entire picnic. Ingrid said that she felt like Bea was her *"soul sister"* from the moment they met.

Several months passed since the picnic, with only a little contact with Ingrid. We then received a phone call from her inviting us to a party. It was a gathering of people to get a *"reading"* from a Spiritualist. Uncertain of our belief in such things, but being quite open-minded, Bea and I decided it would be *"fun and interesting."* Unfortunately, we had another engagement we could not break and were unable to attend. The thought of such a *"party"* stuck overwhelmingly in our minds for the weeks to come. Bea called Ingrid and suggested that we give such a party in our house and inquired about the *"reader."* We invited several guests whom we felt would be open to such an event.

We found that we, inviting the few people we know who would be willing to attend a *"reading,"* were still left short of the desired 10 people. Bea, having worked only a short time at her place of employment, didn't know the people there very well. She was getting to know some, but to really know someone takes a long time. Now, what I am about to tell you is unlike anything Bea or I would ever have the nerve to do. She, for reasons unknown to us at the time, was to mention this party to Sandy at work. She had no idea what Sandy would think, or what the rest of them would think if the word got out that the new girl on the block was a *"weirdo,"* if you know what I mean. Well, Sandy was not only very interested in attending, she has had *"Spiritual"* experiences before and had always been interested in Spiritualism! She had never delved into it for fear of a warning that someone at church had given her when she was young, *"avoid that sort of thing or you will become possessed by evil spirits."* Sandy said that she would mention it to her husband, Ron, but wasn't sure if he would be open to something like this. To make a long story short, Ron was very willing and they have really been our partners in our journey into Spiritualism. They are quickly becoming the closest couple friends we have ever had. It takes me years to trust anyone as a friend, but, in the short time we have known Ron and Sandy, I already trust them more than I ever imagined.

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The party went very well, with Jan (the Spiritualist) doing better than I expected with all but one attendee. Actually, she had done very well with that one person, but she was giving him a picture of what he was, and it didn't agree with his own picture of himself. He immediately blocked Jan mentally and closed up. However, Bea and I were so impressed that we scheduled a private reading with her. Again, the private reading went very well with Jan *"hitting right on"* a little too much to be lucky guesses or coincidences. At every reading, Jan has hinted that I have a lot of ability inside of me to learn to do what she does, or at least grow and experience much of what Spiritualism has to offer.

At another reading party, she actually said, *"I know you are getting into Spiritualism and all, but if you only knew what you have inside of you!"* I had known just about my whole life that I had a touch of *"ESP,"* as did my mother. I seemed to know things before they happened, but always tossed it aside as craziness or coincidence...but even more than that, it frightened me as something possibly evil, something to hide, as no one would ever be able to understand, and I would quickly become the weirdo, the outcast. Therefore I avoided it, as well as ignored it, as much as possible.

One night while laying in bed, I decided to try to open myself up to whatever this external force was and invite *"communication"* from whoever or whatever. I then relaxed myself completely and tried to rid myself of all earthly thoughts. Needless to say, you could go crazy trying to think of nothing, so I just let my mind wander.

Nothing happened for several minutes until I was almost asleep. At that point, a man appeared to me and told me his name. This was not a dream, not my own thoughts, and not my imagination. It was different than anything I had experienced before. I actually saw and heard this man very clearly and very loudly... not with my ears and eyes. If you have never experienced anything like this before, I doubt if I can make you believe it or relate to it, and I don't blame you. Before all of the happenings in this journal, I would have listened to this story, nodding my head silently wondering if the story teller had also been aboard a spaceship, possibly with Big Foot and the Lockness Monster? Well, the name this man gave me was a foreign name which I had never heard before, and while falling asleep, I told myself I must remember that name. The next morning when I arose,

I couldn't, for the life of me, remember that name! To this day I can't remember that name and still kick myself for forgetting it, but, because of the occurances that follow, I know that if it is important for me to know this name, it will be repeated to me.

I tried each evening for a week or so to repeat the above experience, but, much to my disappointment, nothing happened. I had decided that the whole thing was silly and gave up. The first night I had settled down without the thoughts of *"spirits"* in my mind, it happened again. This time, it was all even more vivid than before. It also happened well before I fell asleep, so I had no problem remembering the whole thing. I saw, yes, saw, several people I didn't know, each standing in a line so as to leave an opening from about twenty feet away leading up to me. I then saw a man coming down the opening toward me and someone in the crowd said, *"You know who he is! He's Bartholomew."* I must reaffirm at this point that I was not asleep. I was relaxed but very much awake. I felt no fear, but on the contrary, peace and friendliness. I responded, *"Yes, of course, I know him,"* even though I had never known anyone by this name in my life. The best way I can explain my answer is, have you ever had someone come up to you who obviously knows you and you can't remember them? You might say, *"Oh, yes, of course,"* while trying to figure out who they are. Even so, I felt as if Bartholomew and I were being introduced for a purpose.

The next morning I was having my coffee and reading the paper when something seemed to be pointing me to the obituaries. Believe me, my favorite way of waking up was not to have coffee and read the obits. I opened the paper to the obituaries and my eyes went right to the middle of the page, and there, seemingly darker print than the rest, was that name Bartholomew! I was so shocked that I put the paper down and didn't read the rest. I can't tell you the feeling I had. I was driven to the obits and nearly forced to read them. I neither read nor saw any other names. I was so startled by the whole thing that, later that same evening, I called Jan on the phone. She had been thinking about me all day and had known that I would call her. She immediately told me that she felt that I had a need for some explanations of something bothering me. I expected Twilight Zone music to start playing any minute. Jan said that she felt that Bartholomew was one of my Spirit Guides, and this was my introduction to it. She said you have it! But she explained that yes, it could drive a person nuts if that person is without knowledge. She gave me the names of some books that I should read and made me feel a lot better about the whole thing.

Bea and I decided to attend some of Jan's classes held on Tuesday nights. We would have a time of meditation and invite the spirits to come in and communicate with us. The first time we did this, I saw vividly Bartholomew standing with his arm around the shoulder of a young boy. He was saying to me, *"Let them know that Joshua is ok and not to worry."* I held this inside for several minutes and I was afraid that I would be wrong, that it was just my imagination. Finally Jan, who I am sure was sensing something, said, *"Val, are you getting anything?"* Now, I need to explian here that Bea and I have quickly grown to love and respect Jan and there was no way I would or could answer untruthfully, so I said meekly, *"Does anyone know a young boy named Joshua?"* Jan, after a pause, said, *"I do, he's my grandson."* At this point my heart was trying to come through my shirt, as giving a message to Jan was like someone teaching Alexander Graham Bell to use the phone. Gathering courage, I finally spoke again. *"Well, Bartholomew is with him and says to tell someone that Joshua is ok and not to worry."* Jan thanked me and said that she had been wondering about Joshua... was he doing ok, etc.?

At the next class we attended, I again received a clear message. I saw two gentlemen with their arms over each other's shoulders as though they were great buddies . . . one of them spoke . . . *"We are Melvin and Howard, tell them that everything is fine. I like where I am and I visit quite often."* Well, there was no way that this was anything but my imagination, probably coming from a movie about a *"Melvin and Howard"* or something like that. I never have known a *"Melvin and Howard"*... I knew a man named Howard once, but no Melvin. I, again, was very hesitant to forward this message verbally. I was certain that if I said, *"Anyone know a Melvin or Howard?"* people would just look at me in bewilderment. Of course hiding anything from Jan or the others in our class is impossible. Jan again looked right at me and said, *"What message did you get Val?"*... I mean, not even, *"Did you get something?"*... no!... now it was, *"What message did you get?"* Again, gathering all the courage I could muster, I said, *"Does anyone know a Melvin and Howard?"* Well, at that, a lady just gasped! Jan quickly said, *"Melvin is her husband who crossed over (passed away) recently ... then the lady (I have since learned her name is Dolores) said, "And Howard was his best friend!"* You see, if I had confidence in my messages, I would have said, *"I see a Melvin and Howard who seem to be great buddies . . ."* I told Dolores the message and she said that Howard is still on the earth plane. Jan explained that this message was Melvin's way of telling Dolores that he had been to visit Howard.

We have attended the Chapel of the Sunflower Church (Jan's church) on several occasions. I have never felt

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WEDDING CELEBRATION IN OHIO

Lucille Cubbin and Grover L. Smith exchanged vows and rings as they joined together in Holy Matrimony on June 13, 1992 in Colerain, Ohio. Lucille is a third generation Spiritualist and Grover is a devout Catholic. Grover's Priest would have come to the Spiritualist Church, which is permissible with special dispensation from the Bishop, but this takes weeks to obtain. Because of this, the couple chose to marry at the Catholic Church with the Spiritualist minister assisting. It was a FIRST!

Rev. Velma Gasber, dressed in a white linen suit walked down the aisle with the Priest in his white robe. It looked quite neat! The wedding was beautiful and very unusual. The matron of honor was Barbara Gasaway Sako and the Best Man was Larry Smith. Children and grandchildren were part of the wedding party. Their children are all married and very well pleased with the new union.

Both the bride and groom are seventy-two, and the couple met at the local Senior Citizens Center four years ago. They thought it only proper to invite anyone who cared to attend from the Center. Seventy of them cared! What with both of the families, friends, church families, etc. there were about two hundred people to celebrate their special day and enjoy the wedding reception. Many Blessings on the Happy Newly Weds.

PHOENIX PASTORAL SKILLS



Cosie, Juanita, Kit, Sandy, Fran, Annette, and (seated) are Pat, Alma, and Bonnie. *— Photo by Gene.*

The Morris Pratt Institute presented the Pastoral Skills Seminar at Chapel of the Sunflower in Phoenix, AZ. This is a two-week intensive training course designed to assist the Spiritualist pastors, ministers, mediums, healers and workers in their service to others and a requirement before ordination. The instructor, the Rev. Cosie Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, made the days *(which were hard work and often very serious)* more fun with her special sense of humor.

Included in the outline of discussion were: death and dying, living wills, counseling, role playing with various problem situations, visitations proceedures with the sick, practice of all the ceremonies offered by ministers and workers, guidance for speaking and listening, a visit to a funeral home, insurance for church property and decorum for all platform associates.

Certificates of completion for the course were awarded to the Rev. Pat Smith from Van Nuys, California; Kit Stewart of Las Vegas, Nevada; Bonnie Winston and Juanita Wallace from Denver, Colorado; and the Phoenix group consisting of the Rev. Alma Reeves, Frances Lafler, Annette Lopez, Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller. The nine classmates with instructor Cosie, celebrated Pat and Cosie's birthdays with a Chinese Lunch, receiving almond cookies instead of cake.

The sharing between class members in a course such as this, creates a closeness and a bond that will be long remembered.

TRANSITION IN IOWA



Ethel A. Gonyier, 90, a long-time member of the Spiritualist Harmony Church of Davenport, Iowa graduated to the higher expression of life July 11, 1992 at Mercy Hospital.

She was a very active member of the church, attending services regularly, helping with yard sales and pot-luck dinners, and attending almost every circle. She also enjoyed attending the worship services at the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Camp, Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, each Camp season.

She served the church as Trustee from 1985 to August, 1991 when her health forced her to resign.

She is survived by a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

She will be missed by those left behind on the earth plane, but will have a happy reunion with her husband, George, who preceeded her to spirit in 1979.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

I want to express my appreciation for the free pamphlet by Rev. Bernard Baker, NST. I have sent to Rev. Snowman for a bundle which I intend to enclose in my personal correspondence, pass out in my class and at our church service. It is a most concise and accurate explanation of our beliefs and purpose of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. Life is a state of mind, death is a state of body. *— The Rev. Lillian Johanson*

DOUBLE ORDINATION IN ARIZONA



The new Reverend's, Sandy and Gene's, ordination was a very "Sunflower" day.

Once the concept of spiritual life is introduced into the consciousness, this God energy multiplies in beautiful ways. This wonderful reaction of Light brought growth to Gene and Sandra Pfortmiller and on August 1, 1992 they celebrated their ordination into the Spiritualist ministry with a double ordination at Chapel of the Sunflower, Phoenix, Arizona.

The services were blessed with the presence of friends, family, church family and guests from around the country. Among those serving at the ordination were: Joyce Freese, organist; Janet Tisdale and Frances Lafler, Chapel of the Sunflower; Alma Reeves, Pastor of Harmony Chapel, all of Phoenix, AZ. Bonnie Winston, Pastor of Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C., Denver, CO; Catherine C. Stewart, Pastor of Spiritualist Desert Church, N.S.A.C., Las Vegas, NV; the Rev. Pat Smith, Pastor of Spiritualist Chapel of The Flowers, Van Nuys, CA, also assisted in the ordination service. The Rev. Cosie Allen, Pastor of The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church and Northern Lake Spiritualist Camp, Charleboin, MI, sang a special solo.



Rev. Cosie Allen, Rev. Brenda Wittich, Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, Rev. Bernard Baker, Rev. Alma Reeves, and Pastor Kit Stewart.

The ordination charges were given by two N.S.A.C. Board members, the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, to Gene, and the Rev. Brenda J. Wittich to Sandra. The Rev. Wittich is the Pastor of the Fifth Spiritualist Church in St. Louis, MO, and the Rev. Baker is Pastor of Chapel of the Sunflower, Phoenix, AZ.

There was hardly a dry eye in the church as the emotions of joy seemed to overwhelm everyone, including Sandy *(before the service, during the service and after the service at the reception.)* In fact there was so much hugging, crying, laughing, and good fellowship, that the day was a special sharing time for everyone present. Good food too!

No one enters the ministry by chance, but through the guidance of Spirit, and we pray that both of these devoted Spiritualists will continue to grow and share. May Infinite Intelligence form a circle of Light, Love and Service around their Spiritualist ministry. Congratulations Reverend Gene Pfortmiller, NST, and Reverend Sandra Pfortmiller, NST!

On The Ordination of The Pfortmillers

by Mildred Wrightman

Two hearts, two minds, two souls.
Became just one and reached their goals.
These two are now about to give
This world a better chance to live
In spirit truth and love divine
And wisdom from the cosmic shrine.
Their earthly time was wisely spent
In quest of knowledge heaven-sent.
Their light will be a guiding beam
Since love has been their only dream.

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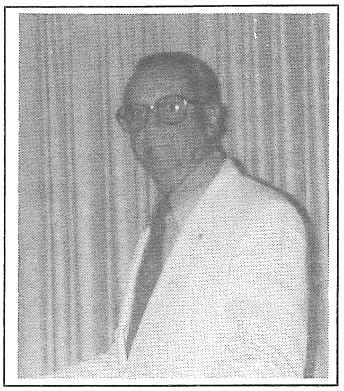
NOTES FROM THE FIELD

At the recent 97th Annual Convention of the California State Spiritualists Association held in South San Francisco, June 25th through 28th, the pictured members were elected to serve in board positions.

The State Board wishes to thank those who have been on this board in the past years for their service to our state organization. May the Infinite Source of Life lead you to whatever your path of progression dictates.

GREETINGS FROM DAVENPORT, IOWA

The 21st season of Spiritualist Harmony Church was brought to a fine conclusion with nationally certified medium and commissioned healer, Si Barnes of Florissant, MO. During his stay he provided private consultations, healings, conducted a trance circle, and delivered a very inspiring trance lecture on June 28th.



Si Baynes speaks at Spiritualist Harmony Church in Davenport, Iowa.

Earlier in the month a Father's Day wedding was held on June 21, 1992. The Rev. William Buchholz, Jr. officiated a double ring ceremony uniting John and Judy Heckman in Holy Matrimony. The ceremony was held in their lovely Rock Island, IL home.



John Heckman and Judy Heckman repeat vows.

Susanna McCormick was chosen as matron of honor, and John McCormick served as best man. Judy's daughters *"gave away"* the bride. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony for the many friends and family of the happy couple.

THANK GOD I'VE FOUND SPIRITUALISM

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more welcome and at home before. The Pastor, Bernard Baker, is the most dedicated, honest, sincere person, and the people whom we have met at the church are much the same. I must mention the collection now, because of my past experiences with other churches. At many of the other churches, the preacher would honestly spend 10 minutes *"preaching the sermon"* and 45 minutes preaching how we should all give more money and 5 minutes collecting it without a word said afterwards. That has always been my *"pet peave."* Well, to my surprise and delight, Pastor Baker spends about one to two minutes on the collection. He started with *"Now comes everyone's favorite part . . . the collection!"* They quickly pass the plate, actually a basket, and then the Pastor actually takes the time to give thanks through prayer and ask that those who have given shall receive ten thousand fold. He is not there for the money, he is there because he is a true Spiritualist who really practices what he preaches. Finally I think we have found *"our home."*

I still get messages occasionally and I still have a fear of sharing the messages. Fear of being wrong, being taken as a *"weirdo/cultist/psycho,"* whatever the fear is, it is eased somewhat when we are with Jan. I continue to pray that I can overcome this fear, and I hope that with each success I will become more confident. I don't think that I will ever be able to give readings with as much ease as Jan and others at the church. I feel as though I must really trust the person before I will give a message. Or, maybe more importantly, learn to trust myself.



The Holidays Already?

While October may seem too early to write about the holiday's, because of the time it takes to prepare and mail a magazine it is necessary to mention our **Season's Greetings** section now for inclusion in the December issue. *TNS* will feature Holiday and New Year messages as personal greetings from you. These holiday thoughts are a special way to send a loving wish to other Spiritualists around the country. If you want to be included, send your communication to the magazine **before November 1st.** Include a short message, your name and a remittance of $10.00. The love you share with others is the love that returns to you.

Another way to share love, joy and Spiritualism with others is a gift subscription *The National Spiritualist* magazine. This is a gift that will be appreciated each month of the new year.

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Positive Statements To Help Create A Positive Day

Affirmations . . .



OCTOBER 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New creative ideas flow to me.	**2** I move into all changes with courage and assurance.	**3** Personal insight flows through me today.
4 Divine right action and natural law guides my life.	**5** I am one of nature's great expressions.	**6** I am at peace with myself and my world.	**7** I believe in my inner strength and touch within often.	**8** Positive thoughts fill my waking hours.	**9** I speak only good of others.	**10** The power of God brings good to me as I accept it.
11 I examine the cycles of my life.	**12** My relationships in life are healthy.	**13** I am part of something greater than I.	**14** My prayers inspire and guide me.	**15** Infinite supply meets my ever need.	**16** My sleep is healing, restful, rejuvenating.	**17** Today I relax and enjoy nature.
18 Infinite energy helps my projects to materialize.	**19** I experience the fullness of life.	**20** Love and joy are my divine inheritance.	**21** I give 100% to each moment.	**22** Divine order makes all things right.	**23** With God, all things are possible.	**24** My dreams are for peace.
25 The ineffable joy of God surrounds me.	**26** I give thanks for all my blessings.	**27** God is right here, right now!	**28** I open myself to the flow of Spirit.	**29** I claim success in all my affairs	**30** I turn to love and God and all things work out.	**31** Thank you God for all my Spirit Guides.

Declaration of Principles

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



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