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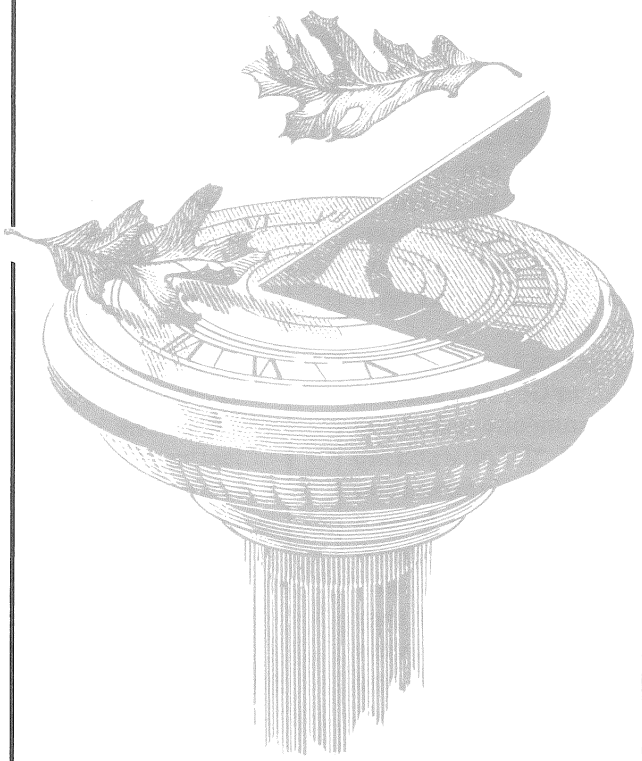
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It's Our Time!



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Have you watched television lately? Day and night talk show hosts like Oprah Winfrey, Donahue and other programs seem to be featuring authors, guests and speakers that are talking about the power of prayer, the power of words and thoughts over our physical bodies, about angels and guides, near death experiences, OOBE's, ghosts, healing, spiritual experiences and more. The talk shows often poll their audiences as to what they think or if they have ever had similar happenings. The people that have said yes were considerable, and they described the event in Spiritualistic type of terms.

The public seems to be more accepting of Metaphysical ideas today than they were even a few years ago. As the editor of the magazine, I come in contact with the community who learn I am a Spiritualist. In the four plus years in this position, the reaction of others has changed — or maybe it is my thoughts and responses that have changed.

The first year as editor, if someone would look at me funny when they saw the name Spiritualist, I would defend the religion. Now if someone shows even the slightest interest, I start talking and telling them of Spiritualism. We have a Golden opportunity to flow on the winds of the times and teach about our philosophy. There are individuals we encounter that we may never see again, but if they have been exposed to the idea that there is no death and that the soul/spirit always lives on, the breeze of a thought form has stirred something. They might then be in a book store and see one of the best sellers: *The Celestine Prophecy*, by James Redfield; *Healing Words: The Power of Prayer and the Practice of Medicine*, by Larry Dossey, M.D.; *Real Magic*, by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer; *Ageless Body, Timeless Mind*, by Deepak Chopra, M.D., or countless others. The concepts in these books expose the readers to new expanding possibilities of personal responsibility and spirit power.

We have heard the hundredth monkey theory, that when a fixed number of a species makes a change, the rest of the species begins to also change. This seems to be an evolutionary promise that proves that life is unlimited and continuously growing. Let us apply this theory to the consciousness of the human race. Each time an awareness of one person grows, it adds to the whole until gradually the world population accepts the growth concept. Books and shows like those that have been mentioned are part of a wonderful evolutionary change where men and women will become more loving, caring, enlightened, and Spiritual.

It is our time — are you ready? We have many opportunities to begin a conversation about spiritual matters, but sometimes what we understand as Spiritualism is not what the public believes. There have been times when people have said things that surprised me because they were so different from the religion. For example, those folks who think that Spiritualism is involved with Witchcraft, the Occult, Gypsies, etc. So I did some research on each, so I could tell them the differences without putting the other practice down. We must honor everyone's right to their beliefs if we want others to honor our right to our belief.

The way we learn to present our religion in a wonderful light is of course by sharing it in an informed way. But keep it simple! A quote from *Bits & Pieces*, "The recipe for a good speech includes some shortening" (Gene Yasenak). So often when we are asked a question we go off on an answer that goes on and on and we even forget about the others need to speak and question. This might not encourage someone interested to pursue the subject or to listen to our long winded answer.

Recently while meditating, I heard, *"POINT OF ORDER! POINT OF ORDER! Semantics, semantics, semantics."*

"What is the meaning of all this?" I questioned. My spirit guide began a lecture to me about using God and spirit in the same breath and how confusing this can be to someone that is not familiar with the religion. The thought that Infinite Intelligence and those in the next dimension are often given equal billing was pointed out very strongly.

Now we have all heard, maybe even said, *"Thank you God and spirit," "My messages come from God and spirit,"* etc. There are many ways Spiritualists use the word *SPIRIT*. First of course is Infinite Spirit. Then there

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is the Spirit energy within all life, our spirit friends, guides and loved ones in the next dimension (also called the Spirit World), and the inner Spirit in each individual.

Someone new to our religion must at times wonder which spirit we are talking about. My guide went on to caution about giving the guides in the next dimension too much credit and depending on them for anything that one is responsible personally to act upon. I heard that if I asked spirit to make a decision for me, I would only attract an entity from the lower planes, who would be most happy to say something. There are entities in the darker realms, or lost souls, that may even be mischievous. All those not in the physical are lumped together as spirit, thus without thinking included in comment, God and spirit. The higher guides will not interfere with your life other than to love you and try to create more joy in your existence. But unadvanced souls have not learned this lesson yet or don't care.

Who do you pray to? Infinite Intelligence, the Creator of All life, the Loving Source, the All in All, **or** God and spirit? I remember at a trance session once, someone asked the entity his name. The speaking entity said, *"If I give you my name you will give me credit. I receive my information from a higher source, who receives information from a higher source and so on. Think on what I have to say. Test it and accept what seems right, for only the One knows all."*

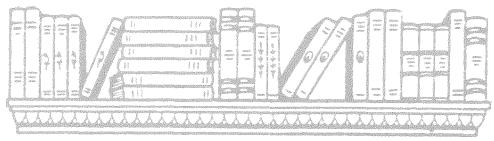
Do Spiritualists give their guides more power than they should, and how do those just entering the religion view this? I recall once something unpleasant happened and the individual involved commented, *"But that's what spirit told me to do!"*

I replied, *"Then maybe because of the upset, the guides that were present were not of the highest and the best. We always have to exercise personal responsibility."*

Spirit guides and their messages are some of the most important first issues to the inquiring public, so Spiritualists might want to review their presentation of Spirit and spirit helpers. What role should our guides play for us? God is first. Always. We pray to God. The healing energy comes from God. Our joy in life is received from being in touch with God.

When a loved one leaves the physical expression and the soul travels to the next dimension, they do not all of a sudden become all seeing, all knowing, all wise, all loving. Life in both the physical world and the etheric world are processes of growth. That which we have learned in the earthly life is carried with the soul, placing the entity in the realm of like minds in the after life. If the soul was wise, loving and giving while in the physical, it will be the same in the next expression. If the personality was selfish and egocentric while in the body, I would question the advice I received from this entity through a message.

The communication with those in the next dimension is what sets Spiritualism apart from other religions. Let us teach and speak with understanding, truth and love to all who are interested. This is a TIME of great opportunity for us to spread **Spiritualism!** ■



Who Does God Help?

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

When studying to become an ordained minister of The National Spiritualist Association of Churches, there were many required books to read. The title of one of them stands out in my mind, *"God Will Work With You But Not For You,"* by Lao Russell.

That title, to my mind, sums up the way God, or as the term we use, Infinite Intelligence, meant us to live in order to receive assistance. So many of us expect rewards in life without really working for them. One has to pay their dues if they expect lasting success. It is true, that some seem to achieve instant success on bluffing their way through life, but usually their success is short lived. Others go through life always with an excuse, it was so and so's fault they didn't get that advancement in their job, or some other excuse for their failure, always blaming others for their lack of achievement. They were always looking for short cuts to get to the top, instead of the day to day study and hard work that was required.

On the other hand, I have seen those with nothing but **determination** working towards their goal, doggedly studying, long hours of hard work, accepting small goals cheerfully and they came out with the credentials they were seeking or the positions they were seeking.

This is not a world where you can sit back and expect God to help you, if you do not put your best effort into it. It is the old story, God helps those that help themselves. Set your goals in life, whether it be in politics, religion, or any position that holds your interest. Study the basics, take one step at a time, don't complain that it is too hard, that you would rather do something else, study tires you, the hours are too long, with those excuses you will never get anywhere. But for those that persist day after day on a path of steady progress, the creative power that we call God, Infinite Intelligence or by any other name, and our spirit friends, will be like a bulldozer clearing a path for your steady progression in life. After all, what does spirit tell us about this life on earth — that we are in a school of learning to prepare us for the greater opportunities in the spirit life to come. ■

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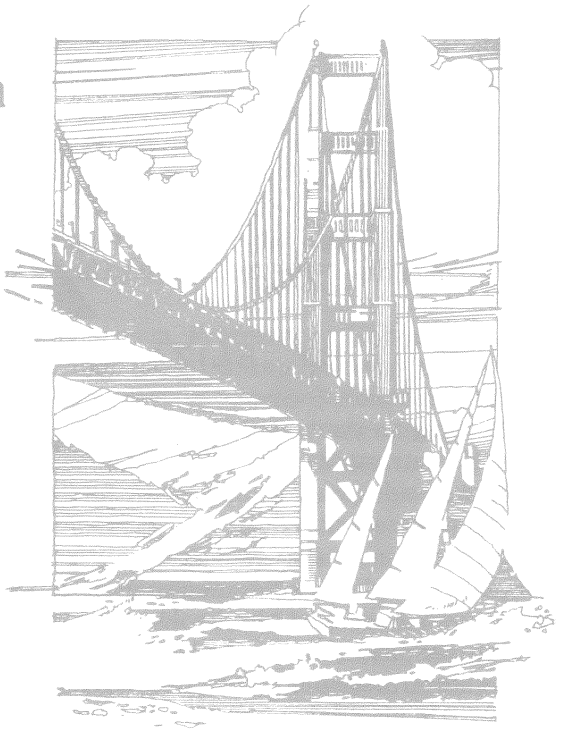
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NEW AGE

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

> ***Under all circumstances keep an even mind.***
> *- Andrew Jackson Davis*

Spiritualists have difficulty keeping an even mind while, surrounding us from all sides, is a bewildering new spiritual movement called New Age. We watch it on T.V., newspapers report it and bookseller's shelves bulge with books about the topic.

It's time we Spiritualists have a look at it. For New Age is not only a social movement, a healing movement, a philosophy, but it's also considered a spiritual movement and Spiritualists have always considered themselves the specialists in this field.

New Age is the name given by the mass media to describe this diverse movement. There are no churches, institutes, schools or organizations, as we know them, called New Age but, rather, groups of persons work independently in various 'workshops' — perhaps not even knowing one another.

Although New Age and Spiritualism is not the same thing, we note some similarities between the two — in the field of healing — the belief that the body, mind and spirit constitutes the whole being — in communicating with the spirit world — personal responsibility — and free will.

Yet, we Spiritualists are alarmed over the differences — namely, who or what is God — ideas about good and evil — the willingness of New Age-ers to believe any and all spirit communication without proof or verification, reincarnation, dabbling with tarot cards, Ouija boards and trying to prove so-called past lives by hypnotism.

Again, Spiritualists have principles and guidelines. They are simple and few, but the New Age movement is vast and many-sided. No one person speaks for the entire movement — no one book covers it all.

Although Spiritualism prides itself on being a progressive movement, open to changes and evolution, we are also noted for being practical, intelligent realists. We are not naive, head-in-the-clouds, gullible souls. We have always insisted on proving our theories and keeping an even mind. This doesn't seem to be the case with some New Age-ers.

I've researched many aspects of the New Age movement, and being an experienced Spiritualist, have chosen a few areas of differences and similarities between the two to talk about. Hopefully, I will be able to show how fortunate we are to have found Spiritualism, because Spiritualism is experienced, safe and sensible.

We know people are probing for help, searching for a meaning and purpose to life. There is a longing in people's hearts for 'magic' and instant solutions. They want simple answers to overwhelming personal and social problems.

Because of this, many find their way into the popular New Age movement. Spiritualism, too, can provide answers to these problems and it's unfortunate we are not always at the right place at the right time nor do we have popular books available on the market nor T.V. and newspaper coverage to publicize our movement.

However, let's look, now, at what New Age has to offer. Because of the diversity of the New Age movement it's difficult to find the gems among the debris.

Alternate medicine and healing known as holistic healing is New Age. Organic farming is New Age and New Age teaches us how to gain inner-balance as well as how to unify the body, mind and spirit for good health. Spiritualists agree with many aspects of holistic (whole) healing.

But channeling, or spirit communication is the most publicized area of New Age and is also the area of biggest concern for the Spiritualists.

What is channelling? The mass appeal for chaneling began in 1985, and by 1987, tens of thousands of channelers were in business dredging up spirits across the U.S.A. It's similar to trance mediumship of Modern Spiritualism. But, although channelers are to-day's popular spiritual mediums, they know or care little about Modern Spiritualism. They are not concerned with contacting deceased relatives to try to prove life after death, but wish to receive help and guidance from other planes or planets. These mediums contact what they call guides or 'entities,' or sometimes a cluster of 'entities' to do this.

Channelling is so popular today that in the U.S.A. anyone can take night-school courses in channeling at

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recognized schools and colleges.

It's also become big business. Shirley MacLaine (the Hollywood movie star) has reportedly made a fortune from her seminars where thousands attend at $300.00 each.

But, to a trained and experienced Modern Spiritualist, this new spiritual movement shows unmatched gullibility and willingness to believe almost anything — believing any spirit guide and the utterances as gospel — accepting uncritically the legends of lost civilizations such as Atlantis — accepting the belief that the whole human race is the result of genetic experiments by extraterrestrials from uncharted planets, to healing with crystals, to contact with aliens on UFOs.

Evidence and scientific proof, it seems, is the last thing New Age-ers want.

Another difference between Spiritualism and New Age is in understanding FATHERHOOD OF GOD. Spiritualists believe God is in us and we are part of God. New Age-ers say that each of us IS God. A New Age-er often tells the story of how she once found herself alone, dancing on the beach and shouting, *"I am God!"*

New Age-ers say that to love God means self-love, since we ourselves are divine. Once we are God, moral values, as we know them, cease. The almighty *"I"* or *"Me"* rules.

Another frightening point of view of New Age thinking, brought through their communication with 'entities' is belief that a person is beyond good and evil. A New Age channeler, J. (Judy) Z. Knight, operating with a 'spirit entity' called Ramtha, supposedly a 3500-year-old warrior from Atlantis, says that God is neither good nor evil. He is without morality. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS EVIL. Evil is merely the result of ignorance and only a temporary experience in the evolutionary process.

We must conclude, if we believe this, that nothing is wrong for us — even murder or child molesting. And if we also believe in REINCARNATION, we have a double problem. We could believe there is nothing wrong with murder or molesting children and also, that to grow and progress, our souls need all experiences of life — even murder and child molesting. The killer, Charles Manson, we must remember, also believed he was beyond morality.

Spiritualists believe we are all subject to Natural Laws. But a disturbing opinion expressed by a New Age advocate is, *"We all create our own reality."* What a fanatic outrageous thought this is. For once we create our own realities, any talk about what is or is not true, or any searching for proof, becomes purposeless.

Warnings come from strange places. Joe Fisher, in his book, *Hungry Ghosts*, quotes, *"There are those who believe that the multitude of channelled entities . . . are determined to undermine society's moral, religious and cultural values. Quietly, but convincingly, the 'entities' seem to be saying that they intend to shape our future."*

At the same time, many doctors and psychologists are now showing grave concerns about reincarnation and past-life recall by hypnotism — a popular activity of New Age-ers.

Dr. Ian Stevenson, Professor at University of Virginia Medical School says, *"Many persons who attach no importance to dreams . . . believe that whatever emerges during hypnosis can be taken at face value. But, the state of the hypnotized person resembles that of a person dreaming, and hypnotically evoked personalities are entirely imaginary, just as are the contents of dreams."*

He goes on to say, *"In addition to reincarnation, there could be several other explanations for spontaneous recall. For example, it could be caused by telepathy, clairvoyance, or even spirit possession . . . the influence of some discarnate personaltiy."* Spiritualists agree with Dr. Stevenson in this respect.

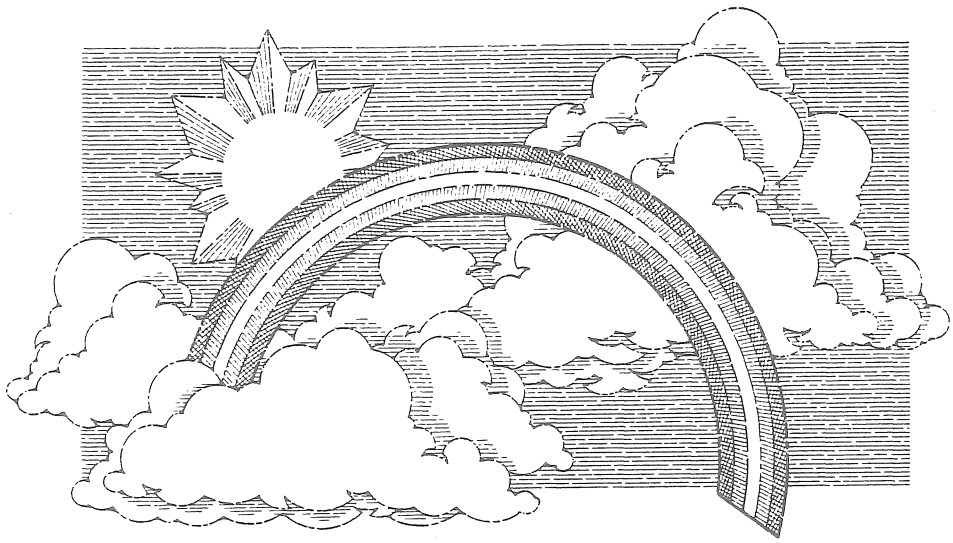
However, this new spiritual movement may stabilize and mature with time — the wheat gleaned from the chaff. Alexander Blair-Ewart, Editor, *Dimensions Magazine* (New Age), Toronto, says, *"As with all human exploration, trails are followed that lead to danger and confusions and often as they bring useful and rewarding results. The magic of discovery can yield both black and white."*

For New Age is a new spiritual awakening and at this time is vibrantly young and attractive, it's growth is phenomenal. And to be fair, we must remember that even early Spiritualism, with it's physical mediums, cases of fraud and dissension, has taken 140 years of growing, developing and organizing to become the Modern Spiritualism we enjoy to-day.

Although it's difficult to predict the future of the New Age spiritual movement, it would be foolish of Spiritualists to dismiss or ignore it. We might even wonder if, because of the publicity given, New Age will outshine and may even eclipse our safe, stable experienced kind of Spiritualism?

I sincerely hope not. ■

The Super Life After Death



BY THE REV. LOUIS POTTER, NEVADA

One of the most persistent questions man has ever asked himself is the meaning of DEATH. Because we believe that nothing greater can be done for the happiness and well-being of mankind than to solve this problem of death and the mystery of life after death.

The collective effort that people have expended on the study and understanding of death has resulted in the establishment of all the great religions of the world today. The earliest recorded religious writings, such as the Hindu Vedas in India, which are said to be ancient writings 3,000 years old, contain the theme of death and the pathway of life after death.

Everyone, at one time or another, has at least thought about the possibility of life after death. In fact, every society, race and religion has offered some ideas about what this kind of life will be like.

Sometimes these thoughts go from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Why is this subject of such importance to mankind? One answer is obvious, no one really wants to believe that death of the physical body spells the end of consciousness, the knowing and being alive in the physical body.

Spiritualism asserts that we physical creatures are endowed with a spiritual body, which is an exact duplicate of our physical body. It goes further and says that at death, the spiritual body, under control of mind, parts from the physical body, and continues its conscious existence in a world of finer matter or higher rate of vibration circling this earth plane; that, though separated from the physical body, it is possible, under certain circumstances, for this spiritual being to communicate with us on the earth plane.

The Spiritualist not only goes the entire way with the scientist, but goes farther, and believes that time must bring the scientist alongside, as the Spiritualist has definite evidence through mediumship for his belief which the scientist has so far ignored.

Thus, Spiritualism is the science of the entire universe. Physics, and the other departments of science, consider only the physical and material universe. Spiritualism embraces these, the physical and material, and the spiritual as well, which the Spiritualist claims to be the real universe. Spiritualism asserts that to ignore the spiritual side of life is to be content with a study of only part, NOT the whole, of natural phenomena.

Knowledge, that we live in a higher vibration after the change, based on evidence through mediumship, makes men and women feel FREE, makes them happy, and makes them respect one another.

Then there is the fear of the unknown! Everyone, by instinct if not by conscious thought, wants to continue to live into infinity. And we do live into infinity because we are made in the image of God, or Infinite Intelligence, which is Spirit.

Starting with primitive man, it soon becomes apparent that man has always entertained a belief in that great subject — life after death, the so-called end of earth life.

The actual picture of continued existence that the primitive mind paints is one that closely resembles the life that he lives on this earth! Of course, the BIG difference IS that one life is seen and the other life is unseen, NOT visible to the untrained eye.

Otherwise, the two lives, the seen and the unseen, coincide quite closely. The inhabitants of the Spirit World carried on the same occupations that they had in this earth life to the primitive mind. A good indication of how literal the primitive man was in this idea can be found by looking at their practices of both human and animal sacrifices. There is very little difference between the spiritual world and the physical world as far as the primitive mind is concerned.

God, with Infinite wisdom, decided to conceal the Spirituality of MAN from man. Where did God put that Spirituality? Where humans never seem to look, inside! Meditation is the key to unlock your spiritual awareness,

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in order to gain a glimpse of the Spirit World.

Man must learn to trust God.

The rationale behind the act of sacrifice apparently goes like this: *"Since everyone continued the exact same life in the UNSEEN WORLD, there was no harm in including some friends, loved ones, and wife, and especially loved or needed animals to accompany the dead one on his journey. Then everyone could take up the New Life in exactly the same way that they had lived the old life, with very little interuption or change."* Little did they know how short that journey is. Just close one's eyes and you are there.

But this stage of awareness did guarantee the primitive mind at least two things: *"It produced both an identity with the physical and the Spiritual Worlds. It also gave a uniform sense of dependence on both worlds."*

Almost all religions of the world and those of antiquity endorsed some kind of belief in a life after death. It is at this point that the similarity, however, ends. Each religion adds its own special idea or flavor to its doctrines about life after death. So there are many diversified and interesting ideas that could be explored in this area.

Spiritualism is the only professed religion in the world that establishes a firm foundation for ALL religions by demonstrating the continuity of life, and through mediumship, establishes communication with those spirit entities who live in the Spirit World.

The unique and interesting difference between Spiritualism and most other beliefs is that Spiritualism incorporates and demonstrates psychic phenomena as part of its religious practice.

We have healing chairs for those who wish to use the Spiritual Healing. We have the spirit message part of the service which brings communication from the World Beyond, through the mediums, from spirit loved ones.

"One of the most tempting things to do is to attempt to APPLY some kind of definition to explain — God." Spiritualism avoids this temptation, for it is impossible for the finite mind to fully comprehend the Infinite Intelligence. The scope of this Great Intelligence is so VAST, so unfathomable that it is most aptly called INFINITE.

Infinite Intelligence is AGELESS, and so is every man, woman, and child, because ALL are part of God. Each individual is immortal because they are an individualized part of God.

There are two fundamental concepts about life after death that the Philosophy of Spiritualism strongly adheres to. They are of importance and should be kept in mind as you learn more about the involved picture of the next dimension.

1. SPIRITS are REAL PEOPLE. Human beings (men, women, and children) stripped of their outer physical garment, but still possessed of real, substantial bodies which we know as the spiritual body.

2. The Spirit World IS a real world! Just as real, to the spirit entities as the physical world and our physical bodies are to us. They live only on a higher vibration than we do.

The longest journey begins with a single step. And so our first consideration is: What is the beginning step into eternity like? How does it all begin and where do we ultimately find ourselves?

Entering a new existence is very much a matter of learning to expand our awareness. Basically, this is what occurs at death, the departure from one state of awareness to the arrival at a greater one.

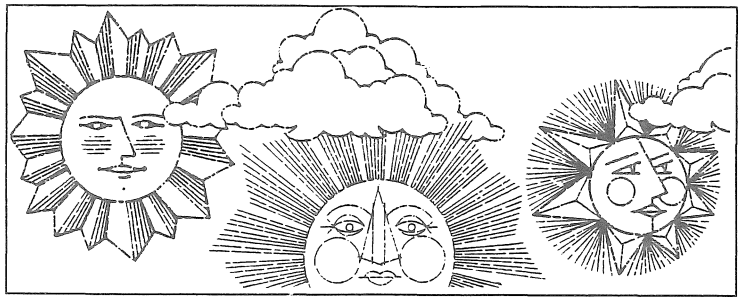
The new state has definite existence. It is filled with the vibrancy of life. Yet, it is characterized by a completely different atmosphere and kind of awareness. It is a real state of being, but reportedly larger and more expansive than anything we can adequately conceive of while still in a physical environment.

But the mention of an expanded perception is NOT enough of a description. It is still difficult to picture where we are after the death of the physical body. But, what can it be like to arrive and be a part of this new world on a different frequency?

It has often been stressed by those who have made the change, that the newly arrived entity finds themselves in a world, or state of being, that is not very different from the physical world. Apparently, there is no overwhelming change. The individual keeps memory, emotion, and intellect.

So, orientation to the new environment, while challenging, is not difficult to achieve. Obviously, the key to the new existence is continued awareness or consciousness. Life after death is a change from one form of expression to another: not a change in location, motivation or spirituality, but a change to a higher kind of vibration.

Since the new environment to which we all are going is a real one, it is not unreasonable to assume that there are similar landscapes and objects like the ones found on earth. It has been reported, through mediumship, of course, that this is the fact and that the world of life after death is quite like the physical side in its immediate characteristics. And just as on the earth plane, landscapes can be found even more awesome than those observed on earth.



It is a REAL WORLD. However, life is geared now to a different environment, a higher rate of

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Let's Get Together!

By The Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, Florida

Life after death — does it really exist? Well, of course it does; just ask any Spiritualist! For non-Spiritualists however, it's not quite that easy. Many of you may have noticed the number of television shows, movies, and books on spiritual subjects that are in such profusion lately. The books of Dr. Raymond Moody and Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross especially, have focused attention on the possible existence of life after death. These books and others, have raised questions for the scientific community, as well as to the non-scientist. Science as a whole has not conclusively embraced life after death. Many individual scientists, however, have conceded they are keeping an open mind and watching investigations into the continuation of life closely. Add to that the recent movies *Ghost, Heart & Souls*, and *Always*. Most recently major networks have televised programs on the subject of angels as well as Near Death Experiences. A television show, *"Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman,"* presented a special two-hour program involving a woman who had passed to spirit and returned to communicate. No longer does this kind of program end with a simplified explanation, such as a dream sequence, or wishful thinking. More often, the program ends with the premise that these things do exist, and leaves the viewers with the idea that there is truth to this phenomena. These movies, television shows and books serve a two-fold purpose. They generate questions and issues that need to be addressed by non-believers; and they fill a void for those who *want* to believe and are seeking some scientific basis for their instinctive sense of that which is true and right.

And this, my friends, is where *we* (Mediums, Spiritualists) come in! Yes, we have all been saturated with those new-age, metaphysical types (for want of better terminology) who visit our churches, offer *their* views of life in general, and never return. However, I believe that the potential now exists in our churches for



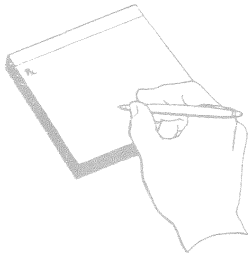
more middle-class, average men and women who have realized their conventional religions are not filling the void. These people may possibly have been attending church on a regular basis, *"Just going through the motions."* More probably, they have stopped attending because they cannot accept the dogma and inconsistencies that are taught there. They are intelligent, business-minded people who don't want fantasy; they don't want stories; they don't want threats and negativity. These are people who have common sense; who have questioning minds; and who have begun to sense, if not fully realize, that *"there is more out there"* than they have been led to believe.

Nearly everyone will admit they have intuition, or *"gut-instinct."* It is our responsibility and privilege then, as Spiritualist Mediums, to welcome these folks into our churches. We need to give them accurate readings, *stressing spirit identification*, reminding them that *life continues.* And then we need to remove the mystique from our message work. Time to get rid of the ego, folks! Our religion and the truth of Spiritualism won't get anywhere as long as we hoard it to ourselves, pretending that mediumship is a divine gift bestowed upon a chosen few. We should stress that spirit communication is open to everyone who has the desire and dedication to pursue it. We can impress business professionals with the benefits of meditation, including reduction of stress (which of course brings both mental and physical benefits), and with guidance in business matters, as well as personal relationships. The most important benefit to be stressed of course, is that communication with loved ones in the spirit world can be attained by all, bringing the realization that life does indeed, continue.

Of course, not everyone desires to personally communicate with spirit in the beginning. The thought of it may frighten or intimidate some people. It may seem impossibly out of reach to beginners. But if we encourage individuals to establish that bond with the spirit world, then they will, of course, begin to feel the *real* benefit of spirit communication; that of finding the light of Infinite Intelligence within themselves. As we well know, our guides and loved ones on the spirit side of life can influence our behavior and encourage our spiritual growth far better than most people on the earth plane are able to.

Are we as Mediums, going to be obsolete some day? Perhaps, if enough people find the truth of the religion of Spiritualism and consequently develop their own ability for spirit communication. Is that a scary thought? Not really. Just think of how people of all nations could finally live together in peace and harmony, with the guidance of Spirit. Just think how beautifully our religion could be growing and influencing all humanity *right now*, if we would but put aside our egos and follow the guidance of Spirit. *Someone* needs to start doing it . . . *someone* has to set an example of our beautiful religion of Spiritualism in thought, word and deed . . . *someone* . . . could it be *you* and *me?*

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Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Kathy Bentley*** *of Spirit of Harmony Chapel, Oxford, Michigan.*

Different Types of Healing

Spiritual healing, as in contact healing, involves the kind of spiritual healing where direct physical contact takes place between the healer and the individual in need. This covers a large area in spiritual healing. It includes the laying on of hands. This is an exclusive description of contact healing. This is also the same law-governed force, the same infinite intelligence governed it all.

Absent healing is the healing of a patient who is at a distance. It is considered direct and complete contrast to contact healing, which features physical closeness or contact between healer and sufferer. There are ways in which absent healing can be established. One, the sufferer himself can petition for healing. A direct link between healer and patient is set up right away, or a third party can intervene and ask for help for someone that they know is truly in need. With this, there must be some kind of closeness, some kind of affinity established between the healer and his guide. The desire to be healed has to also be established.

Magnetic healing is another phase of healing. This is a type of paranormal healing that has no direct spiritual significance of any kind. It is much more accurate to consider it a form of physical healing. Magnetic healing has been described as the giving to the sufferer of healthful power from the healers' personal reserves.

Magnetic healing does not involve spirit intervention. If magnetic healing is practiced too often, or with too much intensity, it can cause a depletion of the healer's own energies. While spiritual healing usually strengthens the healer. When a magnetic healer also works with the Spirit forces, the healing benefits can be dramatic.

Healing hands play an important part in discovering an individual's specific problem. This assists the healer to *"concentrate"* on a specific *"troubled area"* in order to transfer the healing energy.

Healing Intelligence, a word coined by Harry Edwards, like magnetic healing, is a form of healing that doesn't always involve spirit intelligences. It is a kind of intelligence that is directly connected with the physical body that is called *"bodily intelligence,"* or a *"command headquarters"* that regulates controls and coordinates the battle against diseases.

Color healing is a color therapy, defined as *"using color to influence human health."* It is to repair the bodily imbalance caused by disease or injury and ultimately restore spiritual-mental-physical balance.

Ancient manuscripts from Egypt, China and India have shown that it was a healing technique even during that time. Color healing was and is a health science based on the laws of nature, man and universe in which we live.

The aura is often used as a basis of color healing. It is the means by which the healer who uses color can become aware of the problem areas.

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JESTING

■ *"If A equals success, then the formula is A equals X plus Y and Z, with X being work, Y play and Z keeping your mouth shut."*
— Albert Einstein

■ *"After you've heard two eyewitness accounts of an auto accident, it makes you wonder about history.*
— Bits & Pieces

■ *"The taxpayer — that's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take a civil service exam."*
— Ronald Reagan

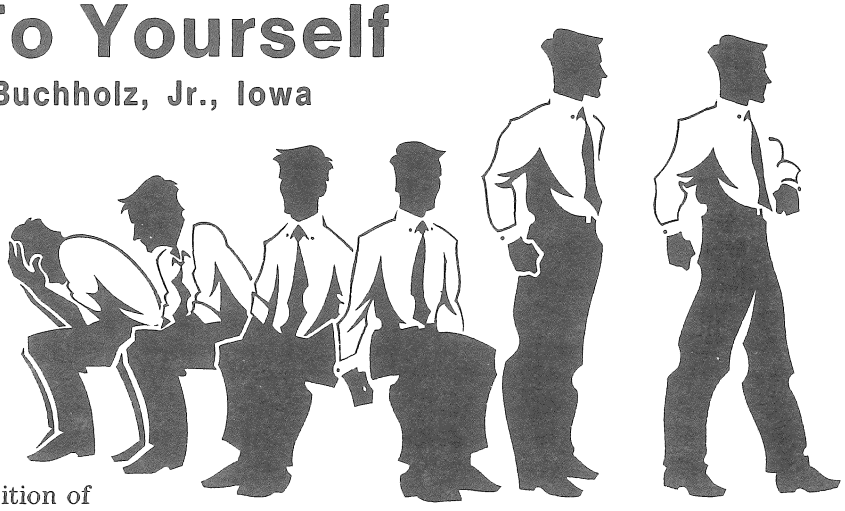
■ This summer we received an invitation to a wedding, a second marriage for both the bride and groom. The last line of the invitation stated, *"No gifts please, as we are combining two households. Reception and garage sale immediately following the ceremony."*

■ *Have you ever wondered who's bucket was measured when the car manufacturers developed one size bucket seat?*

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Ministering To Yourself

By The Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., Iowa



The Spiritualist minister's duties are many, including being on call whenever needed to comfort and console those who are sad or facing a crisis situation. However, to be a proper tool for use by Infinite Intelligence and those of the spiritual realms, one must always be cognizant of the need to sharpen their mental and mediumistic skills whenever given the chance. To do so properly, they must truly *"minister to themselves,"* since most of this life takes recognition of and reliance upon personal abilities to weave through the maze of problems and duties confronting them. One can use the same skills in erasing their own problems that they would in helping another to abolish theirs. And perhaps the most difficult part of it all is that the minister must often deal with these problems alone.

Of course, no man, woman or child is ever really alone. Infinite Intelligence is the cause for all existence everywhere, and spirit loved ones, teachers and friends are on call to help us whenever the need arises. Yet, we have all felt that ominous feeling that comes when responsibility for our own or others' welfare seems to lie solely upon our shoulders. What are we to do? The answer: minister unto ourselves.

In dealing with our own difficulties, may we always remember to use the same logic with ourselves as we would if another approached us with similar problems. Thus we can be more objective, and common-sense reasoning replaces the emotion-fraught variety we so often succumb to. Here is a suggested list of questions we can ask ourselves to give us direction in problem solving:

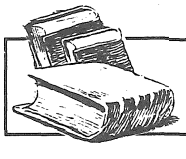
1. **What is my REAL problem?** Here we combat the tendency to make our difficulties more complex than they actually are. Perhaps we are the victim of a seeming inability to treat some individual with true brotherly love, however hard we seem to try. Instead of listing all of the specific things about them that cause us irritation, closer inspection could help us discover that we are actually jealous of their prestige, ability to make friends easily, monetary wealth, etc. Once we pinpoint the specific element in their life or actions which cause us pain, we can better determine our next logical step in eliminating it.

2. **Who (if anyone) is actually to BLAME for the problem?** In many cases, we had better have a mirror handy, since it is really a shortcoming of ourselves that has inflated a difficulty far out of proportion. In our example, it is not the other person to blame for our distress, but us and our enlarged sense of insecurity.

3. **What can I do to help ELIMINATE the problem?** If **we're** to blame, let's proceed to change our thinking or use proper actions to help alleviate the weakness within ourselves that has brought on the trouble. If **another's** at fault, let us practice the gentle but intricate art of foregiveness. If the answer to our question seems to be that *"nothing"* can be done to eliminate the problem, **Think Again,** since whatever the answers to 1, 2 or 3 might be, we can **always** apply the panacea of prayer! In fact, prayer can guide us through **all** of the steps, and can call to our aid our spiritual resources to help us. These include Infinite Intelligence, our spirit loved ones and guides, and all of the as yet untapped and unrealized powers we have as spiritual beings, with a mind with a direct link to eternal truth. Learn to exercise this ability!

In our ministry for others, then, may we remember to memorize and utilize these three simple questions that will guide those seeking help just as they have aided us in our personal problem-solving. By guiding others through these three keys to discovering truth, we will be helping provide them with tools they can carry with them into the spirit world as well!

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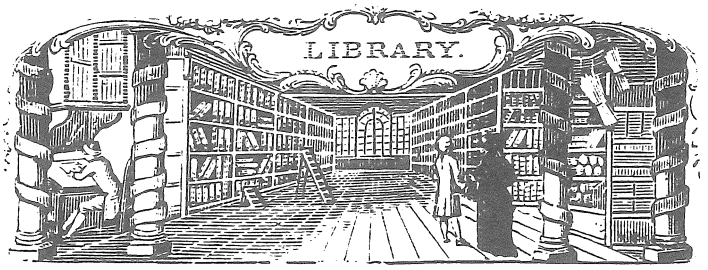


We must allow people to be what they are. God gave his children different rooms, but did not intend locks on the doors. *— Merry Browne*

Ethical Guidelines *for* Spiritualist Ministers

- *Part XX* -

BY THE REV. MIRIAM BOSTWICK, CALIFORNIA



1. A client comes for a reading. You have never seen this person before. He/she is exhibiting very strange behavior. Before being seated, he/she takes out a handkerchief and wipes off the seat. As he/she sits there, he/she constantly rearranges the small articles on the desk, picks up the paperweight many times and examines it, etc. The client also has a need to keep an eye on the door to make certain it has stayed closed and gets up several times to actually try it. The client describes an exhausting schedule of daily activities with much compulsive behavior. Do you feel qualified to make a diagnosis of this person's behavior? Would you attempt to set up further appointments, or would you refer this individual to a community resource?

RESPONSE: *If the behavior is truly bizarre, ask if they are in therapy, and if not, refer for professional help.*

2. A needy family has multiple problems. They do not know where to turn. Are you familiar enough with agencies in the community that you can wisely direct them? How much do you do and how much do you encourage them to do for themselves?

RESPONSE: *A minister should be aware of community resources, and to the extent possible, refer to the appropriate agency. People in need appreciate as much direction as possible and may become frustrated with agencies when shunted from one to another.*

3. As an insurance agent, you come in contact with people in many different walks of life. You learn much about their financial picture and other rather personal things about their lives. Would you use this opportunity to talk about your spiritual beliefs and invite them to attend your church?

RESPONSE: *No, you demonstrate your spirituality by your actions, and if they open the subject, be very factual about church services. Do not proselytize.* ■

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vibration. For, what a person thinks, that is their level of understanding, exactly determines one's environment in this life after death. The state of mind with which one enters their new life is the determining factor or reason in the kind of existence one will accept.

Individuality is retained. Even though the Spirit World is a real world, the thoughts we bring into the Etheric World when we arrive dictates the exact reality we will acquire out of it. Reduced to its simple formula, the purer, the better our thoughts, intentions, and spirituality, the better the environment that we have earned for ourselves in our spiritual bank account.

Spiritualists recognize immeasurable existence of God, the Source, Infinite Intelligence, and recognize God or the Source in a greater scope of awareness in that God can NOT be limited to a human being, but must be all inclusive, Omnipotent and revealed through all forms of life and matter.

Therefore, it is understood that all expression is of God, the Infinite. Nature and all of its phenomena are the expression of God, this Source. The Universe (Nature) operates in a rational, orderly fashion by an UNSEEN Power, God, Infinite Intelligence.

But it can be said that behind the phenomena of Nature, there must be a motivating force with an evident purpose. Since it seems apparent that the motivating force has definite purpose, INTELLIGENCE is implied. This is so because there could be no purposeful direction with Intelligence.

The scope of this Intelligence is so vast, so incomprehensible, that it most aptly is called Infinite. Which we call God, Infinite Intelligence. ■

Morris Pratt Course referenced for this article.



Words of Encouragement

BY THE REV. GENE PFORTMILLER, NST, ARIZONA

Let's all go to Convention!

We love this great religion of Spiritualism, so let's support it by attending the National Spiritualist Association of Churches Annual Convention.

Each church can be represented by delegates and it is an honor and a privilege to be a delegate to the National Convention. Of course, there are responsibilities too. As delegates, we have the right and the obligation to assist our religion in its decision making, to elect a board of directors and officers to guide the N.S.A.C. between conventions, to encourage and support the projects of the organization, i.e., education, literature, new songbooks, etc.

Let us encourage new and young members to come to the annual meeting, and to especially attend the seminars and the church services. There they will encounter the fine teachers, mediums, and speakers from around the United States and experience the power of the healing mediums. It is also exciting and fun to meet Spiritualists from all areas and walks of life, and to share ideas and information. Many new friendships are formed at conventions.

The only way we can stay strong and get stronger is to support the N.S.A.C., so let's all be there. Remember the courage of our Spiritualist pioneers when they stood up and were counted. We too, need to speak our truth, for when all of us contribute, then the organization becomes a representation of the many churches.

A convention is only as good as the people who attend, and the delegates are the leaders and decision makers of the religion. The leaders or the delegates set the trend and the example for Spiritualism. Decisions made at conventions affect our future as Spiritualists and the future generations of Spiritualists. Can you see how important your participation is? Spiritualism needs doers! ■

See you at Convention in beautiful San Francisco, California!

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PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.
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PHOENIX - Church of the Living Spirit, N.S.A.C.
3521 W. Topeka, Glendale, 85308 (In Phoenix, but served by Glendale Post Office.) Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 4:00 p.m.; Thursday Classes 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Michael Nagy; Secy., Joyce Ann Freese, (602) 265-4963.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.
1522 Encanto Blvd.; Rev. Frank Staats, (602) 275-7876; 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.

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CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION
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ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
2305 Alameda Ave.; Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546; (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Emma K. Gilliam; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, NST, 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation
34 E. Huntington Dr., 91006; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Located inside LOOK WITHIN bookstore. Enter from parking lot behind building. Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Winston Lumley. Info call Harriette Calloway, (213) 681-1677.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines
Direct Mail to 457 Grass Valley Hwy., #12, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Class 12:00 p.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. 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.

LOOMIS - Central Spiritualist Church
5833 Horseshoe Bar Rd., 95650. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, 95650, (916) 652-4568; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes Tues. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST.

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., Angela DiBerardino, (415) 964-6350.

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, (909) 862-4376.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple
3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST; Pres., Arthur H. Iman, (415) 333-2014; Secy., Donald W. McFarland.

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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; All mail to 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; Pres. Ronald C. Cavender.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter
1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; (Corres. to Secy., Eliz. Mottl; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30/7:00 p.m. Healing/Reg. Serv.; Wed. All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Call for Unfoldment Class schedule and info on Rev. Foard Memorial Library; Pastor, Elizabeth Mottl, 302 E. Figueroa St., 93101; Asst. Pastor, Richard Carlisle, 3996 Maricope Dr., 93111; Co-Pastor, Rev. Linda Schneider, 281 Pebble Hill Dr., 93111; Co-Pastor, Rev. Connie Smith, 29060 Burkley Rd., Hayward, 94544.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers
7417 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite "R", 91405; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Mailing address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 8901 Eton Ave., Sp. 39, Canoga Park, 91304, (818) 701-7633.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness
6457 S. Xenon, 80127; 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) 337-2978.

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; Secy.-Treas. Jim Winston.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710. Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, (203) 440-3150; Pres., Al Ferency, 2 Moore Court, 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Tues. Healing Class open to the public; Wed. Development and Meditation Class; Thurs. All Message service. These are all at 7:30 p.m.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 754-3559; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Sept. thru May; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017; Secy., Joyce Barlow, 16 Seymour Rd., 5H, East Granby, 06026, (203) 651-0507.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove
July and August Services, Sundays at 2:30 p.m. For a program listing all Summer activities, call (203) 739-2157 or write to: Secy., Rev. Virginia J. Berg, 1280 Class Ave., Holbrook, NY, 11741.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
P.O. Box 939, 06360; Church phone (203) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.

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.; Lyceum Classes every Sun. before service from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., children and adults, all welcome. Pastor & President, Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (203) 742-7846; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354, (203) 564-5976.

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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., Rev. Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Rd., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 834-5378; Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

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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, 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., 7:00 p.m., on first Wed. 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., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Lyceum every third Sun.; Secy., L. Anne Blair, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617, (312) 221-1231; Pres., Yogi Guice; Vice Pres., Trudy Person; 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.

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INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE. N.S.A.C.
Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46214. (317) 248-9639.

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 p.m; Reading Days, 3rd Saturday of each month at 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., Bonnie J. Ashman.

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, P.O. Box 4278, 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Dinner every third Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church
6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902. Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 W. County Line Rd., Camby, 46113, (317) 831-2499; Secy., Pam Estes, 545 W. 73rd St., 46260, (317) 253-8458.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, N.S.A.C.
314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 1:45 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., La Porte, 46350.

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CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
541 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every other Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pres. & Pastor, Rev. Georgia Milton, (319) 243-9738; Secy., Dorathy Burns, (319) 243-9260, 329 6th Ave. So., Apt. 323, 52732.

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

CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bonnie Horstman.

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. and Sat. 10:00 a.m. (Closed during July and August.) Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Roma Plagman.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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AUBURN - Madison Campmeeting Spiritualist Assoc.
R.R. 4, Box 208 L 17, 04210.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Worship & Healing Serv., 2:00 p.m. followed by social hour/buffet at 3:30 p.m.; Awareness Class, Thurs. 7-9 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Fred Odione; Treas., Jane Frost; Secy., Victoria Binkley. All correspondence to: P.O. Box 5086, 04330.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church
120 Park St., 04401; Sun. Serv. 4:00 p.m.; Healing Serv. Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arlene Sikora, (207) 938-2807; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR #2, Box 5055, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

DOVER-FOXCROFT - First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church
Thompson Free Library Clubroom, 04426; Serv. every Sun. in May and Oct. at 2:00 p.m.; Every 2nd Sun. June thru Sept. at 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Wanda W. Adkins, P.O. Box 224, Sangerville, 04479; Secy., Nancy W. Crabtree, RFD #3, Box 115 D, Guilford, 04443, (207) 876-4535.

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

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp Session mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Serv. at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. and Sat.; Seminars Monday 7:30 p.m.; All-day workshops Sat.; Accommodations and meals available. For a program or information: R.R. 1 Box 1091, Belfast ME 04915; (207) 338-3029; Pres., Valerie Van Winkle; Secy., Harriett Gurney.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport. Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from April to Nov. and in Belfast from Nov. to April; R.R. 1 Box 1086, Belfast ME 04915; (207) 338-3029; Pres., Valerie Van Winkle; Secy., Carol Fricke.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook. Mailing address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102. Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Beth Carter; Secy., Michael Carter, P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102, (207) 797-2039.

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• MASSACHUSETTS •

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
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.

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C., Chapel of Peace
Sunday Services held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St., 02155; 5:00 p.m. Healing Service, Sermon and Spirit Messages. Sunday Serv. for the Winter will end June 19th; Summer Healing Serv. begin on July 12th, Tuesday evenings, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Laying on of Hands Circle; Pastor, Rev. Ida Donadio, 235 Winthrop St., Unit 7711, 02155, (617) 393-0130; Vice Pres., Sandra Millen, (508) 744-0546.

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

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. 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, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 1st Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. before June at 3:00 p.m.; Summer Serv., at 7:00 p.m.; Student Serv., 3rd Wed. of each month; Development Classes, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Steve Hermann, NST, 115 Federal St., Belchertown, 01007; Pres., Mike Caro, Box 9, Ninantic, CT 06357, (203) 739-4963.

• 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 - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
1½ miles west of Bay Shore on old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., March-May and Sept.-Nov.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
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DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple
97 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00, Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy Gordon Glynn, 2053 Rolfe Rd., Mason, 48854, (517) 676-5364.

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 Spiritualist Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1½ blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (313) 288-4026.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 19, 1994 through Sept. 4th; 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; Secy., Melanie L. Helvig, (612) 529-0781.

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. 10:15 a.m.; Secy., Chrissy; Pres., Warren, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Secy., Toni Ferdelman - address mail to: P.O. Box 22398, 55422; Services held at 4:00 p.m., 4401 Upton Ave. So. (Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg.); Unfoldment class, Tues. Evenings 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Palma Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer, 3908 Georgia Ave. North, 55427, (612) 535-2746.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Mailing address: P.O. Box 7312, 55903, (507) 775-6358.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:00 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, (314) 773-0106; 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.
1018 E. Sahara Ave., 89104; Mailing address: P.O. Box 82134, 89180; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes offered; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Katheleen Holmes, (702) 385-5418.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 892, Methuen, MA 01844; Year Round Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wed. open classes 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, (508) 454-4163.

• NEW JERSEY •

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WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 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.

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AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Church
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97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, N.S.A.C.
37 Hart St., 11206; Serv. 1st & 3rs Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Asst. Pastor, Rev. Michael J. Martino, Jr., NST, Hillside Ave. Bldg. 7, Apt. 7, Rockaway Boro, 07866; Secy., Willette Law, 10 Argyle Rd., 6C, 11218, (718) 282-8542.

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

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

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
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261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003.

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ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ann Lazerson, 691 Parsells Ave., 14609, (716) 288-5666.

ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light
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• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
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• TEXAS •

TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Executive Offices: 5213 Chestnut Lane, Bellaire, 77401.

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CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
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DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church
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GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, N.S.A.C.
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2115 Turner St., 77009.

HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
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SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, N.S.A.C.
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• VIRGINIA •

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SPRINGFIELD - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, N.S.A.C.
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• WASHINGTON •

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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth
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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity
Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 25th Ave. Crt., 98354.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association
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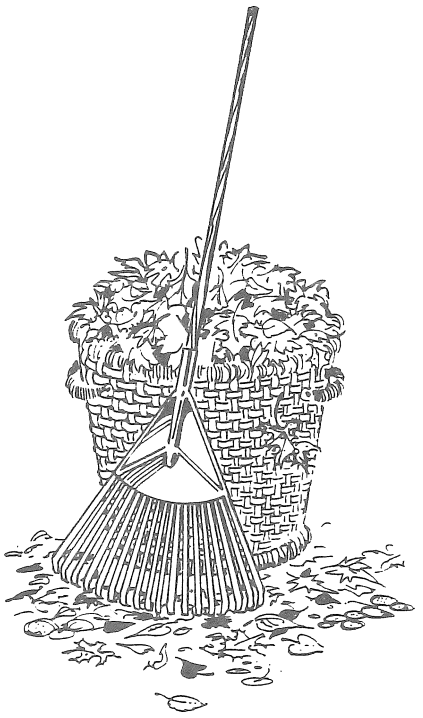
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Beyond the petty and mundane
The air to breathe
The earth to walk
In the colors of wind and rain
To laugh a joyful laugh
In rough hewn garb
And touch each
Where met on this path
With light and love
A world of lusty men
In the cathedral of
sweat and dust.

Bond Aid

By Merry Browne

To aid the plan
of the unity of men
that all act as brothers,
Look for flaws within
thyself
and only virtues in others.



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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"You pray in your distress and in your need. Would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy."
— Kahlil Gibran

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"If your religion does not change you, then you should change your religion.
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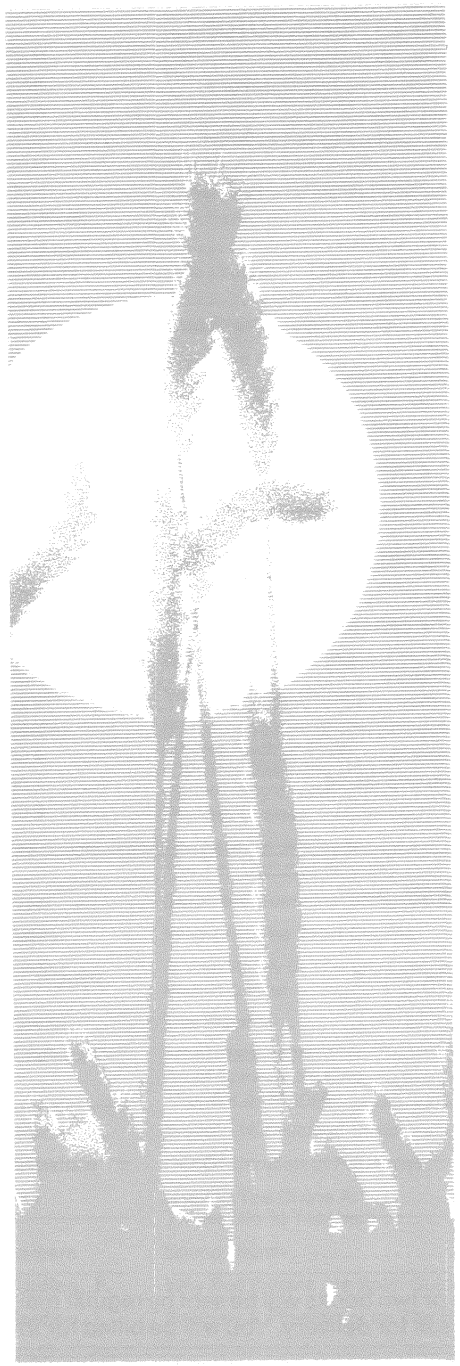
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PROPHESY

BY THE REV. GENEVIEVE WOELFL, NST, CALIFORNIA



For as long as humanity has labored to unravel the mysteries of life, we have struggled to learn the source of and reason for prophecies. Their nebulous beginnings flow from the intellectual founts of earliest history itself. Their reason is clearly for the edification, guidance, and protection of the vast human family. Throughout time they have been accepted, but without the depth of study available today. Our evolved thinking enables us to better assess the prophecies and their actual results. By this century great prophecies have been fulfilled or are in the process of development.

Prophecy is a forecast of what, at the moment, seems likely to occur in the future.

A **Prophet** is a **Seer** (See-er), a Sensitive Medium with Spiritual vision who conveys Spirit-word to man foretelling what is apt to be. Prophets can psychically see events developing which could result from causes already in motion through the action of Natural Law.

Prophecy is ever a thought procedure, born in the mind and sent out on waves of thought to be mentally picked up by the mind tuned in to the same vibration thought. In this manner, whatever is seen mentally and spiritually by a Spirit-mentor, who recognizes Natural Law in operation with its branches of Cause & Effect and Vibration, can be put out into the Universe as a prophecy, if it may so result. Psychically it registers upon the consciousness of those able to receive it at that time. A correct interpretation by the receiving Medium is essential.

This is much like weather prediction through knowledge derived from continuous study of patterns followed over and over again under similar conditons. Prophecy is not infallible. A change of plans or procedures automatically influences the action. When the original Cause is supplanted by a new determinant, a different result may follow. Even hurricanes and typhoons are known to change direction when acted upon by extraneous forces. But all is according to Natural Law. Natural Law is infallible. In most of life's affairs, prophecies follow through to the end unhampered and unchanged.

Four hundred years ago, Leonardo da Vinci foretold the atomic destruction of 1946, although he was unacquainted with atomic energy. This superb scientist, sculptor, engineer, naturalist and unsurpassed painter was also a visionary prophet. He said, *"There will come forth from beneath the earth that which by its terrific report shall stun all who are near it and cause men to drop dead at its breath. It shall devastate cities and buildings. Men shall see new destruction in the sky and flames descending therefrom."*

Did not the atomic bomb drop over two cities in Japan to terminate World War II? Did it not stun and kill and devastate? From where did this great man receive this prediction if not from Spirit Intelligence? His open mind made da Vinci great. He ever sought to know more, to use his knowledge to better the whole world. With his **drive** and **will** to achieve, people today could attain some of the wonders he did.

Victor Hugo also gave us something to think about. This French writer and master of many arts wrote a prediction on the wall beside his death bed in 1885: *"I represent a Party which does not yet exist. This Party will make the twentieth century. There will issue from it first the United States of Europe, then the United States of the World."*

The Common Market of Europe is well under way and the United Nations is of the World. This noted Thinker also declared that the scaffold would be abolished in the twentieth century. If this finally comes to pass, capital punishment will be a thing of the past.

Psychic prediction has long centered around prominent people. On her coronation day in 1558, Queen Elizabeth listened to John Dee, who spoke to her Majesty while

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psychically gazing into his pink-tinted crystal ball (now in the British Museum) saying, *"For three-hundred years these Islands shall flourish, their power shall increase and their strength and domain shall spread."* Dee's prediction proved correct. Queen Elizabeth reigned nobly and long. Now, three centuries later, Britain may be in a period of decline from the powerful nation that ruled the waves and on which the sun never set, but Britain's solid foundation shall yet endure.

Enlightenment with new hope and great good can come from Prophecy. A very famous Prophetess was Mother Shipton. In 1571, she told of World War II ending her poem with:

Old Worlds shall die and new be born.

Her prophecy continued in rhyme:

Carriages without horses shall go
And accidents fill the world with woe
Around the world thought shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye
The world upside down shall be
And gold found at the root of a tree
Through hills men shall ride
And no horses be at their side
Under water men shall walk
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk
In the air men shall be seen
In white, in black, in green
Iron in the water shall float
As easily as a wooden boat
Gold shall be found and shown
In a land that's not now known

Many of these predictions have materialized in the last one hundred sixty years, the automobile, airplane, submarine, telephone, telegraph and many more. Astronauts have traveled in the air and seen the world upside down. Gold was discovered in California, a country not yet known, and deep-sea divers have walked on the ocean floor.

Five hundred years have passed since Mother Shipton's prophecies. How was it possible for her to see then what has become commonplace today? Only intelligent mentors (now living on the Spirit-side of life) could have impressed upon her mental sensitivity what was to come a half millennium later. Her subconscious mind could never have housed thoughts of the unknown probabilities which even her imagination could not conjecture. **Spirit-communication must be the source of such prophecy.** It has been said that in Spirit, a thousand years are as a day here. If Spirit-entities have the ability to produce such a fantastic, yet true forecast, what can they not see ahead for you and me!

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. We can always change our pattern of life for better results through Natural Law, the God-Law of the Universe. Every day is a new beginning.

Much is known about Nostradamus. He prophesied that men would fly through the air like birds touching the stars.

In 1555, Nostradamus brought out his first edition of *The Centuries: The Prophetic Works Of Nostradamus*, containing prophecies into the year 3797. These writings were composed of one hundred quatrains, verses of 4 lines. The true meanings of this psychic's prediction were often veiled to obscure them from eyes of contemporaries who might have persecuted him because of their own ignorance. This was strongly inferred in his Epistle to his friend, Henry 11, King of France. He wrote, *"I would have calculated more profoundly and integrated them even further, Most Serene King, but for the fact that some given to censure would raise difficulties."* One can almost see this Medium-Seer in his seance room, seated on his 'brass stool' far above the clamor of the crowd — those who would destroy that which they could not understand.

For 1999 he forecasts war and its misery in Quatrain 16, Century 1. He states that very near the turn of this new Century 1999, toward the highpoint of Sagittarius, between November 23 and December 21, when Saturn joins with Aquarius, a horrendous war will be unleashed.

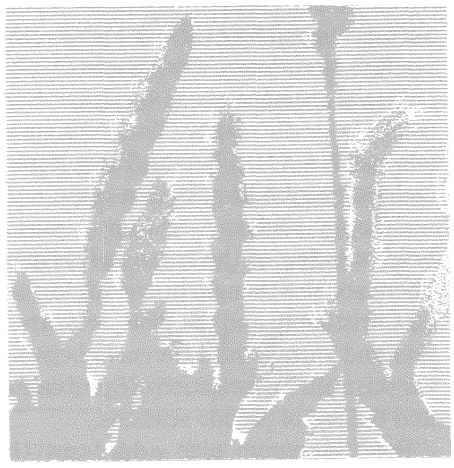
Nostradamus seems to indicate that in July and August 1999, eclipses of Saturn in Aquarius will be followed by the changing of the poles in the month of October. In Century X-72, he further detailed his War prophecy:

The year 1999, seventh month,
From the sky will come a great King of Terror.
To bring back to life the great King of the Mongols
Before and after Mars to reign by good luck

In the Sixteenth Century, even a man-operated machine was beyond comprehension. Today bombing is something known all over the World. In 1999 will a great warrior, another Genghis Khan, frighten the world with sky bombers? Could not Mars refer to the Planet Mars? This has already been photographed and been mechanically explored by astro-scientists?

According to the Ames Research Center at Moffet Field, California, an unmanned Viking craft will be dropped to the surface of Mars for testing and chemical experiments. By 1999, our astronauts may have land ed on that planet, no longer a mythical god of war. Here they may have found life and even established settlements of our Earth people there.

There is still much more to learn about Prophecy, but we can use the knowledge we have gained, toward the understanding of Spirit Communication and its contribution to World Prophecy. ■



THE BOOK SHELF



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

By The Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST

"Church Membership Classes" is a course of Spiritualist studies authored by the Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, who also serves as secretary of the N.S.A.C. Board of Directors.

This spiral bound manual has a workbook format which can be used individually by anyone who is considering church membership, or as a study aid for group discussions in membership classes organized by N.S.A.C. churches. There are 15 lessons in all, each ending with questions to be considered by the reader or discussed in groups.

The author tells us, *"Spiritualism has no creed or dogma, we affirm and express a belief in the Declaration of Principles which are a loose statement of our beliefs. We strive to guide individuals to a recognition of the universal religion of truth which speaks to them from within, teaching them how to live in harmony with natural law."*

In addition, she says, *"The religion of Spiritualism strives to cultivate the attributes of the spirit and tries to help each one recognize and unfold to their highest potential their soul qualities."*

This 58 page manual covers the essential teachings of Spiritualism, focusing the reader's attention on those issues which a potential member needs to understand before he or she makes a final decision to join an N.S.A.C. Church. These topics include Spiritualism as a science, as a philosophy, and as a religion — plus a brief overview of the history of religion. There are also thought provoking lessons on Christianity and the Bible, reincarnation and karma, the differences between the scientific investigation of Spiritualism and the use of pseudo sciences.

Rev. Snowman also addresses the triune being of humanity and the nature of Infinite Intelligence, explaining, *"We each have our own thoughts and beliefs, no matter what our religion, when we think of Infinite Intelligence or of things that are related to Infinite Intelligence. Just as no two people are exactly alike, we are not expected to think alike either. It is in this vein of thought that we each build our own religion, our own set of beliefs."*

She counsels her readers, saying, *"Religion is a very personal part of us as it is the unfoldment of our higher nature, our soul qualities and it changes day to day as our personal understanding changes."*

While this encouraging and helpful manual emphasizes the foundation beliefs upon which Spiritualism is based, the author says in her final lesson, *"We ask people not to believe anything we say because we have said it, but to test these facts for yourself and prove to yourself that what is occurring is true. Spiritualism is the modern day practice of all the phenomena that has ever been recorded in the Bible. The Spiritualist Church does not teach religion, it teaches a Way of Life. It teaches us to LIVE by what we are taught, not just to learn it."*

Rev. Snowman assures those who are interested in church membership that, *"Spiritualism provides for every need of the body, mind and spirit and provides direction for a better way of life. It also assists in the evolution of the soul's growth and in this manner serves every need of what is termed by humanity, religion."*

"Church Membership Classes" is a brand new book which has just been added to our list. You will find it a helpful adjunct to the information offered in the N.S.A.C. Spiritualist Manual, described next. To order, contact the N.S.A.C. Books by Mail service.

— Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

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Life Made Manifest

By Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, Massachusetts



"What does it all mean?" "What does Spiritualism stand for and what does it teach?" There are questions which are being asked daily among all classes of society and in all parts of the world and are most important, and because of their importance we would give them our most careful consideration.

Spiritualism is the teaching of the fundamental principles of life and the application of them to every day life.

In the old, orthodox explanation of life and its application to things that are, there were so many gaps and impossible conditions in their explanation, that two ideas of the fundamentals of life have resulted. God and the Devil, absolute identities, on the one hand, and Spirit and Matter, two distinct states of action on the other.

Resulting from scientific discoveries, careful observation, and critical analysis of things, as they are, we have come to realize, from the Spiritualistic position, that there is only one fundamental essence and power, which is *Spirit* and that its activities, functioning and manifesting in and through *Matter*, produce all that we see and feel and are.

Thus we have come to the explanation of *Life* where there are no gulfs between, no insurmountable conditions, but a systematic flow of action and results, which constitute the expression we call nature, from the tiniest cell to the majestic form, called *Man.*

This has cleared away so many, seemingly unanswerable questions in the life of all things. It has taught us that we do not have to fight other Devils than ignorance within ourselves and misunderstandings with others. With every wrong deed, deliberately commited, we may see, as we look in the mirror, the evil within looking back at us with eyes of scorn. Or we may see and commune with God as we gaze upon his manifestation of self in the trees of the forest, the flowers of the garden and the grain of the field, all in accordance with the manner of life we are living.

The teachings of Spiritualism teach us how to maintain an even keel in the flow of our living. The Magic Staff which Andrew Jackson Davis gave us is the balancing power in expression, *"Under all circumstances keep an even Mind."* This makes us Master of ourselves and generally of the situation in which we find ourselves.

Spiritualism has helped to make this plane of life more understandable and more beautiful. It not only leads us outward and onward to the grave, but it helps us on and over in no uncertain manner. It has so lighted the way that we now know that life is continuous and natural and that we simply move on to more life. It has brought the proof that there is only the oneness of all life, that we are all related to each and to all, and that in all, there is the same One Spirit, which so relates us to things, and to others that we now realize that we are truly all members of one family and in this fuller understanding we are able to demand and to receive much more out of Life.

All Men are Divine in essence and that which so often seems so wrong is the wrong use of Divine Power and opportunities. I once read an article about a wonderful old man who said that he visited with God every day, and when he spoke to the flowers and the rocks, that God herd him and knew that he was talking to Him, and it made a Great Light come into his Soul. So when we recognize *Spirit* in all things, it is then that we speak to God and it is then that He hears us. Not always long prayers, with many words, bring results, but the sincere recognition of Spirit, within self and within all things, bring quick and sure response.

Spiritualism stands for liberty of Body, Mind and Soul. It teaches Man how to attain the wealth of Living, the satisfaction of Soul, and the Unity of all Men.

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HAPPENINGS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 27, 1994 was a very special day for the Church of Spiritual Life of Salem, New Hampshire. Pastor Kenneth Wingood welcomed three new members, Mr. and Mrs. George Mingins and Ms. Jackie Barrows. Beautiful sunflowers, donated by John Baumhoff in memory of his father, graced the podium. President Dwight Broadstone greeted the new members and presented each with a sunflower from the bouquet. On behalf of the church, John Baumhoff, Trustee, presented each new member with a Certificate of Church Membership. The Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was celebrated with Mary Lou as the lecturer. Gratitude Sunday was noted with a special offering. After the service, refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed. Each member in attendance received a sunflower from John. Although this church is chartered in Lawrence, Massachusetts, we are now meeting in the Masonic Hall in Salem, New Hampshire (just four miles from our previous location in Methuen, Massachusetts).



Rev. Ida Donadio presenting Licentiate Certificate to Ken Wingood.

Sunday, May 22, 1994 was a great day for The Church of Spiritual Life and especially for Pastor Kenneth Wingood! The Church Board had received word the day before that Ken had passed his exam and his certificate was ready to be presented.

Reverend Ida Donadio of Medford, Massachusetts (Ken's teacher) was on hand to present the certificate with most of the Board attending.

Ken has been a member of The Church of Spiritual Life for over twenty years and has served as President as well as other positions on the Board. He was appointed as Pastor in January. Ken will be attending the Pastoral Skills Course later this month. Everyone in the Church of Spiritual Life is very proud of our Pastor Wingood.



Mr. Owen and Mrs. Pittilla.

The Church of Spiritual Life of Salem, New Hampshire, recently presented *"An Evening of Awareness"* featuring Mr. Lionel Owen and Mrs. Mavis Pittilla of Great Britain. Mr. Owen is the President of the International Spiritualist Federation. He has represented that body at various gatherings in Great Britain and Europe. He is also Vice-President of his own church in London.

Mrs. Mavis Pittilla is one of Great Britain's top Mediums and Teachers. She is a tutor and course organizer at *"The Arthur Findlay College,"* the University of Spiritualism in England.

The program which these two guests presented on June first was well received by the audience gathered from church members and friends from surrounding churches and interested members of the community.

Before beginning his talk, Mr. Owen welcomed five new members into the International Spiritualist Federation. These five, all members of the Church of Spiritual Life were Mary Lou and John Baumhoff, Debbie and George Mingins and Pat Bertucci.

Mr. Owen then gave an in-depth explanation and demonstration of spirit photography featuring many early examples of that phenomenon. During intermission refreshments of punch and cookies were served from a table decorated with a centerpiece of silk sunflowers set in an antique epergne.

Mrs. Pittilla then gave a demonstration of physical phenomena with a wooden table. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful evening! The church was proud to have these two fascinating workers as guests. We look forward to seeing them again. ■

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BUSY IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA



Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.: (standing) The Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, John Baumhoff; (seated) The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, The Rev. Frances Lafler, and MaryLou Baumhoff.

John and MaryLou Baumhoff, from the Church of Spiritual Life in New Hampshire, were kept busy when they visited the Phoenix area for a weekend in May. On Saturday, the Baumhoff's and mediums from Church of the Living Spirit, N.S.A.C. and Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C. sponsored a Medium's Day to profit the two churches. Along with the Spiritual portion of the day, the church members conducted a sidewalk sale, with other businesses in the area of the Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C. joining in. It was a profitable and fun day for both churches. There were some new faces that came in for readings and have since returned to learn more about Spiritualism.



Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.: Pastor, The Rev. Frank Staats, center, and fellow Spiritualists.

Sunday Morning, MaryLou Baumhoff was the featured speaker at Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C., and John Baumhoff was the message minister. Then Sunday Afternoon, they went to the Church of the Living Spirit, N.S.A.C., where John Baumhoff was the guest speaker and MaryLou delivered the spirit greetings.

Sunday evening, the Baumhoff's traveled to Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C., where they delivered spirit messages. The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, and the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, participated in the service and also gave messages. Joyce Ann Freese played the piano. Several members and ministers of the churches attended two or three of the services and said that a Spiritual Festival, and three church services in one day left them super charged for the next week.

Phoenix thanks John and MaryLou for their visit, and their service to others, and to Spiritualism.

EXCITING EVENTS IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



Lelia E. Cutler presenting certificate of newly ordained Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey.

There was an additional buzz of excitement at The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia on Mother's Day this year. Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, serving as Resident Minister for the church and as a representative of the National Board of Directors had the honor of ordaining Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey as minister of the N.S.A.C. Rev. Burdick-Carey also received her Mediumship Certificate and her Healer's Certificate, and several members of the church Board of Directors participated in the morning service.

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Fred H. Brown, C.M. and President of The Memorial Spiritualist Church, Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey and Rev. Lelia E. Cutler. Presenting Rev. Burdick-Carey to congregation upon her ordination and accepting her into membership with MSC.

A highlight of the service was Beverly's acceptance into membership with the church in Norfolk which has been a second home for her. She has been serving MSC twice a year for the past twelve years. Due to her love for MSC and the National, she studied hard and was accepted as an independent minister through sanction into the N.S.A.C.

To Beverly's great surprise, three members from her home church in Royal Oak, Michigan, drove down for the weekend to attend the ordination service. It was a secret well-kept since she did not know of their attendance until she was seated on the church platform on Sunday morning.

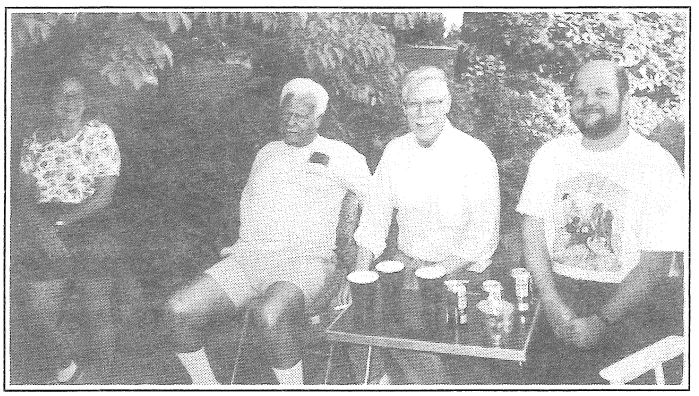


James McMillan, Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey, and Kathleen Cribb. Beverly receives a gift from the church auxiliary President (Kathleen) to hold pictures of her ordination. Presented at Memorial Day picnic at Rev. Cutler's home.

Beverly has been in the religion of Spiritualism for twenty-plus years and has been an active minister traveling on behalf of our religion for much of that time. It is a delight to have her as a member of National and of The Memorial Spiritualist Church.

The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk has three services a week, on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m. They also hold classes three nights a week, but the highlights for the congregation are often the social events, which are enjoyed by all. The annual Memorial Day Picnic held at Rev. Cutler's home was the first picnic of the summer. The July 4th picnic is held at the home of C.C. and Raquelle Hill. Labor Day will be at another location, and there are birthday parties and socials in between.

Often the social side of the church life is just as important as the opportunities for spiritual growth in our churches. The opportunity to gather in a social setting with people of like mind, and be able to discuss our religion, or just be comfortable with people who understand our philosophy of life gives us a great feeling of belonging. This is also a part of our growth — being open in our ideas and sharing freely in conversation with others.



Cheryl Brown, Melvin Baker, Fred H. Brown, and Scott Maphis at Memorial Day picnic.

At MSC, we advertise our picnics and socials in the monthly newsletter, and we have a good response. As we constantly seek balance in our lives, we realize that our social lives are also a part of that balance. We highly recommend it; give a party, hold a picnic, or just gather for an evening of friendly games (every third Saturday night at MSC), or it could be just conversation over a snack. It adds another dimension to our spiritual growth.

19th ANNIVERSARY IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The Spiritualist Church of Awareness in Orlando, Florida, celebrated its 19th anniversary on Sunday, May 15th. Featured during the morning service was a dedication ceremony for the **Rev. Elizabeth R. Edgar Library,** conducted by the Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST and the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST. During the 1991 N.S.A.C. Convention, the Rev. Elizabeth R. Edgar, well known as *"Betty,"* was granted the title of Secretary, *Emeritus.* In addition to being ordained, she was a Certified Medium and Commissioned Healer. Sharing her knowledge of spiritual healing was a special joy to Betty. Rev. Edgar, who at one

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Front row: Jan Schmidt, Treasurer; Sandy Budd, Outstanding Member of the Year; Rev. Ann Otzelberger, Secretary. Back row: Jim McConnell, V.P.; Rev. Jeannie Lerch, President; Trustees, Emilio Lebron, Kathy Beatty, and Frank Seely.

time served as co-pastor of the Spiritualist Church of Awareness, made her transition on May 15, 1992. The church's library exists largely due to the generous gift of books from Rev. Edgar's personal collection.



Rev. Jeannie Lerch, NST, Diane Weeks, Library Chairman, and Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST.

Immediately following the morning service, church members enjoyed lunches they had brought from home, and desserts and beverages provided by Board members. Part of the Annual Membership Meeting held in the afternoon on May 15th, was the election of officers. The church Board also presented Mrs. Sandy Budd with the *"Outstanding Member of the Year"* award. This award is presented to one church member (Board members are not eligible) who has worked harder than most, to benefit and support the church during the previous year. Sandy is a charter member of the church, and has served Spirit in many ways for years, both in the church and in the nursing home where she is a volunteer. Also during the meeting, a *"Certificate of Appreciation"* was presented to the church's Library Chairman, Diane Weeks, for the countless hours she spent cataloging the books and preparing the library for use by the membership. ■

Cash Contributions of $250 or More



The tax laws have changed for charitable contributions: **The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 (RRA).** The RRA contains provisions relating to substantiation and disclosure requirements for charitable contributions that will affect many of us. The purpose of the rule is to ensure that taxpayers do not overstate their charitable contributions and that their deductions do not include the value of goods or services received from the charity. Under pre-RRA law, a taxpayer did not have to provide specific information on the return regarding a contribution made by cash or check, except for noncash donations over $500.

Effective for contributions made after December 31, 1993, no deduction is allowed for a separate contribution of $250 or more of cash or property unless the taxpayer has written substantiation (letter or form) from the charity (church). *Taxpayers can no longer rely on a cancelled check to substantiate contributions of $250 or more.*

For a noncash contribution that is worth $250 or more, the substantiation from the charity or church should describe the donated property and indicate whether the donor received any goods or services in exchange. However, the church or charity is not required to place a value on the noncash property received. The document must include a good faith estimate of the value of any goods or services that the charity provided to the taxpayer. If none were provided, the substantiation must state that fact. This rule applies to separate, not aggregate, contributions. If you contribute $200 per week, you are okay, but if you contribute $400 every other week, you need substantiation.

There is also a new disclosure required for so-called *quid pro quo* contributions; that is, contributions that are made partly as a gift and partly in consideration for goods or services provided to the donor by the charity. Under the RRA, a charity that received a quid pro quo contribution of more than $75 is required to notify the donor in writing that the contribution can be deducted only to the extent that the amount of the contribution exceeds the value of the goods or services. The notice must provide a good faith estimate of the value of the goods or services provided to the donor. An example would be when the taxpayer contributes $100 to attend a church or charity function and he receives a dinner worth $25. Notification does not have to be made if the goods or services are of minimum value, such as keychains or mugs, etc. bearing the charity's logo.

Ask for a letter from your church if you make a contribution of $250 or more at any given time. The Secretary, Treasurer or any officer will be glad to complete a letter for you. ■






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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 All life is a blessing to me.	**2** I am the offspring of the Light.	**3** I envision a larger concept.
4 My ears hear truth, my eyes see beauty.	**5** The work I do is for God.	**6** Life is a great opportunity.	**7** "God is light, and in him is no darkness..."	**8** I release all limitations.	**9** My curiosity brings new understanding.	**10** I am fulfilled by life.
11 Bless all the children.	**12** God's love inspires me to greater things.	**13** Common sense is Spirit speaking.	**14** My environment is joyous.	**15** I create a peaceful environment.	**16** Today I will try something new.	**17** My understanding of the Universe grows daily.
18 My circles of life are ever-widening.	**19** Life assures me with positive messages.	**20** I practice unity with all life.	**21** All is well when I trust in God.	**22** Each day I grow more Spiritual.	**23** The fall colors are a blessing to behold.	**24** A special blessing to all my family.
25 Being in balance is my goal today.	**26** I bless all doctors and nurses and healers.	**27** Eternal life is a gift of God.	**28** My world is filled with wonders.	**29** There are many cycles of growth.	**30** There are many dimensions of consciousness.	

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 individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.
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