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FUTURE TIMES of GREAT CHANGES

BY THE REVEREND SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

"It has been predicted our planet earth is in store for great changes in the next few years. If the earth does indeed tilt on it's axis creating new lands and flooding other areas, what an incredible transition it will be for those humans that experience it. How should we prepare for this possibility?

Another prediction is that a Golden Age of Spirituality, of peace and brotherhood is about to begin. Do the two go together? Does the former need to transpire before the latter can be experienced?

Some hear the talk of the coming unsettling times with fear and personal plans for survival. Several years ago a family I know purchased property in the mountains, then dug a survival pit structure and stocked it with clothing, blankets, medical supplies, food and water.

The Church of the Latter Day Saints teach their followers to stock two to three years of food. Other people are consulting a map that has been circulated of the possible changes to the earth after the tilt and they are moving to *"safe places"*. Channeled books talk of what we should do to prepare, and even T.V. is starting to mention it on the talk shows. How can we as Spiritualists plan for a transition such as these that are predicted?

First of all, let us release any fear. The Infinite Loving Source is always on purpose and we will be guided and cared for. Walter Starcke, a *Science of Mind* writer, commented in an issue, *"If we want to live from our spiritual center, it is imperative that we depersonalize what is happening and become aware of the Divine plan for us all. We've always had change, but this current time of change is more confusing, if not more threatening, because whenever something new is being brought forth, something never before experienced, there is no way to relate to it through logic . . . Therefore, the ultimate solution is not through logic but through love."*

"When I think of the suffering and famine, and the continued slaughter of men, my spirit bleeds, but the thought comes to me that, like the little deaf, dumb and blind child I once was, mankind is growing out of the darkness of ignorance and hate into the light of a brighter day."
- Helen Keller

If God is in charge, we know whatever happens will be according to the Law. The Natural Laws of the Universe are moved or impelled by Love. Because God is Love, whatever happens will be for our highest and best good.

Holding fear for these possible changes is not loving or trusting. Creating more of an inner life of peace is one of the major steps for the future. Releasing the past and the thought that everything must stay the same is another step. While change is proceeding into the unknown, when we understand that it creates soul growth and that a Loving Universe is the designer and creator of each event, this allows change and these times to be exciting. Each event in the Universe, and in our lives, carries a Divine reason. Our higher consciousness guides us forward when we take the time to listen.

People have been predicting the end of the earth for hundreds of years. Endings open the doors for new beginnings, yet humanity is not destined for oblivion. There is no oblivion and to propose this runs contrary to Natural Law and to the laws of science. Listen to your heart when you are quiet and you will feel and know that oblivion is not God's course of action. Spiritualists also know that life transforms from one state of being to the next and that this happens all the time.

Our world may or may not tilt on its axis, but it will change. This is evolution. Look at the history of our world just 100 years ago to see how dramatic these changes can be. The human adjusts and continues forward. We are as prepared for changes as we are at peace within, as we know ourselves.

Change isn't easy and we stubbornly resist those unknown new horizons and stay in our uncomfortable places of comfort. The concept has been proposed that we remain in unpleasant modes until it hurts more to stay than it does to change. Maybe the only way we ever do change is because of conflict. The old saying, *"If it isn't broken, don't fix it"* could be rephrased, *"If I'm not challenged, I won't change."* Maybe unpleasant situations are attention getting teachers from the Universe helping our stubborn resistance to life's evolution. Release the pain of the past and resolve it in

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your heart or you will continue to create the teaching situations.

A crisis in our lives forces us to reach out, but there are other gentler ways we also are eased into changes. Sometimes a leader can inspire us to step-out or look-in. When we see someone who's life is working, who encounters daily trials with ease we have a role model to encourage our thoughts and actions. This example shows us that following Natural Law does work and that it is for everyone.

Spiritualists have this opportunity to teach by example. As others see a harmony within our lives they ask what we are doing that works so well. Tell them about Natural Law. Spiritual seekers are often eased into change by inner revelations through their meditations, dreams, or clairvoyant messages. Sometimes when the higher Powers within strongly encourage a change, the conscious mind begins to agree it seems like a good idea.

Another way we bring changes into our lives is when we reach out to help others in need. Because life mirrors for us what we need to learn, look to others for the reflection of your stubborn spots. Listen to yourself when you are counseling another as to positive steps they can initiate to be in accord with Natural Law, then make that conscious effort to grow.

Change is so important that we should welcome each opportunity that enters our lives. Just imagine if a baby was never let out of it's crib and never encouraged to experiment. Think of a school with kindergarten as the only grade.

We are in a period of deep change, but there is an emerging force leading us into the next evolutionary step where our multisensory abilities bring new perspectives to our lives and our Universe. The opportunities to grow and develop are unlimited. Inspirations and perceptions are heightened in many ways to open our awareness to wisdom and truth.

The evolutional period is not of the physical form, but of the mind and the heart. Gary Zukav in *The Seat of The Soul,* writes, *"That a truly evolved being is one that values others more than it values itself, and that values love more than it values the physical world and what is in it."*

As Spiritualists we understand that physical survival is not life's criterion rather spiritual nourishment for our souls which are eternal. We must decide between the external power of possessions, competition, social, political and economic structures, or the inner power of love, acceptance of life with its meaning, purpose and reverence for all forms. The changes we as Spiritual beings are experiencing are those of expanding inner power, expanding consciousness and expanding our multisenses. All of the great teachers and prophets such as Gandhi, Jesus of Nazareth, and the Buddha, had their being in the invisible realm within so their words and actions benefitted and awakened others.

"The pain we have to suffer seems so broad,
Set side-by-side with this life's narrow span,
We need no greater evidence that God
Has some diviner destiny for man."

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Each experience in life is purposeful for your souls growth, therefore an opportunity to let your immortal soul shine through you. The great surge of Spirit Energy carries with it changes which produce inner turmoil and outer turmoil. Transitions always include moving from one stage of development to the next by releasing past hand holds and reaching for new ones. Unfoldment is never complete. Sue Sikking writes in *Light Up Your Haunted House, "Our unfoldment from limited man to the fullness of Spirit is the next step in the earth's evolution"* And *"Some may not be fully aware of any outer change, but dissatisfaction and discontent can be Divine movement. All kinds of challenges and trials can spring up as we advance on the path of change."*

Each step in our unfoldment prepares us for something higher, so if there is a growing pain, don't hold on to it. Examine it and release it and return to your balance point. Remember that God and Life are one. This helps you to look from the experiences and outer conditions of the world to the understanding that ALL WILL BE RIGHT. Much of what we see is in the stage of passing as the world makes a cosmic change.

Don't dwell in the past, don't try to change the world or yourself. Rather accept God, go within, practice love and trust in the Infinite Intelligence that created us, and sustains us. Know that the Living Spirit is within you, within all men, women and children, within all nature, and ALL IS WELL! Let us acknowledge and accept that all life and all experiences are of value and are of God.

Our world is always changing and the Universe is guiding these improvements. If our planet goes through a major transition in the coming years, we each will be as ready as we know ourselves within and trust in the Divine Source of All.

My spirit helpers claim any earth changes will be gradual, although they may be happening at a greater speed than in years past. My guides inform me that heightened energy is the cause for the majority of changes and to prepare myself by continually lifting up my energy to the God within and to practice being more loving. Ask yourself daily . . . how can I be more loving today, or in this situation, and then follow the inner advice you receive, and you'll be prepared for any change. Let us rise above the fear of the future and reach into the darkness of our unknown potential to bring light to new truths, new awareness as we remember the One God in and of All, that supports us at every level. ■

FIRST PERSON SINGULAR

By Charlene Kleinschmidt, New York

We say them at every service, as Spiritualists we accept them as guidelines for our personal belief system. Yet, I believe we sometimes take them as symbolic more of what we, as Spiritualists, collectively believe rather than a personal commitment. What am I talking about? The Principles. Have you read and heard them so often that you say them by rote? Have they lost the impact they had the first time you read them? Then perhaps you would like to try an exercise in personal understanding.

Take each of the Principles and put them in the first person. Not, we believe but, I believe, not, we affirm but I affirm.

What does it mean to you when you say, *"I believe in Infinite Intelligence"*? Not the text book definition of what we believe, but your personal attitude and feeling about this principle. Notice I am not giving you any ideas or suggestions about it because I want you to define it for yourself. Ask ten people and you will get ten very personal answers. As individuals we each have our personal understanding if we do not bind ourselves by what we perceive to be the *"acceptable"* answer.

Now take the second principle, in the first person, *"I believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence."* Do you look at the storms and events in life negatively, or with the understanding that all life is movement. No punishing, God decided it was time for the weather we've seen or for the events that have manifested in your life. All is simply the outworking of Natural Laws. Man has somehow managed to come to think his dominance over others makes him immune from the consequences of his own acts. The interpenetrating world of Spirit should not be viewed with alarm, but understood as a guiding light that can help us understand what we can do to bring the highest and best into our lives.

"I affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitutes true religion." What does it mean to you personally? Do you laugh at recycling? Do you indulge in self destructive attitudes and behaviors? Do you scoff at conservative efforts? We must be stewart's of our lives. We must do all we can to make our world beneficial for all life.

"I affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism." Have you examined the things you have heard and seen to your own satisfaction or are you still a bit timid at the idea of *"talking to the dead"*? Let Spiritualism remove the blindfold from your eyes and look at all that has been given to you through Spirit. Are you not better for what you have seen and heard? Have you found answers to your heartaches and encouragement to go on with your life? When one truly understands the richness and rewards to be gained by asking for the highest and the best and by following that guidance, one cannot deny that communication is indeed a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

"I believe the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, 'Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them.'" This sentiment is repeatedly stated through most religions and yet it is the most difficult for man to understand and live. How often in your life have you been hurt by the action and words of others only to retaliate in like fashion? Cause and effect? For every action, there is a reaction? What if your reaction were one of love and tolerance, not retribution? Do you try to live your life by the Golden Rule? Remember, this exercise is only to help you put thought into how you live The Principles. If you find you feel remorseful or inadequate, don't berate yourself. Being kind to yourself is the first step in learning to be tolerant of others.

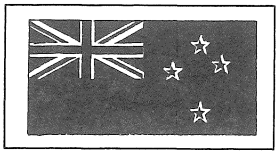
Our seventh principle states (in the first person), *"I affirm the moral responsibility of individual's and I make my own happiness or unhappiness, as I obey or disobey natures physical and spiritual laws."* A little harder to handle in the first than the third person? Personal responsibility is a beautiful concept in the abstract, but a demanding task master when we try to live by it. Like all disciplines though, truly trying our best to accept personal responsibility will, in the long run, make life more rewarding and satisfying. Even the simple steps of self control in our physical environment, eating correctly, exercising and sufficient rest will make a difference we can appreciate.

"I affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter." Do you sometimes despair that someone you care about, or even yourself, will never change? If you truly believe in the eighth Principle, how can you have anything but hope? Once again life is always changing and each of us has the ability to seek progression when we, as individuals, desire to do so.

And, finally, the ninth Principle, *"I affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship."* Have you, to your own satisfaction, read the Bible, thinking for yourself how different passages illustrate Spiritualism in action? Or do you say this Principle figuring you've heard scripture quoted enough to believe it. Reading the Bible passages referred to in the Manual with your new understanding can be an exciting adventure.

If the Principles have become old hat or if they don't seem to be making a difference in your life, I recommend this exercise. Reawaken the joy and thrill you felt when you first encountered our beautiful Principles and felt they spoke of your own belief system. See if trying to live by the Principles doesn't make a difference in your life. ■

Natural Spiritualists of New Zealand



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Like many non-European races, the Maori of long ago lived in close rapport with the natural world; their lifestyle evolved around land and all aspects of nature. Maoritanga – the whole culture of the Maori people – includes a wealth of knowledge in the form of myths and legends which, among other things, depict the origin of the universe, the nature of man and his inter-relationship with the earth, sea and sky and, his spiritual heritage. Because integration and intermarriage with the Pakeha (white man) Maoritanga came very near to dying out, but fortunately, in recent years, there has been a determined effort to revive Maoritanga, and most schools today include the study of Maori and their language in their curricula.

New Zealanders – both Maori and Pakeha – gain much knowledge and insight from the study of Maoritanga, but Spiritualists, particularly, find to their interest that this race of people, descendants from migrations of Polynesians who arrived centuries before European colonization, were *"natural"* Spiritualists. Indeed, their whole culture was based on understanding the Spirit World and Spirit Communication, the Maori being conversant with many forms of psychic phenomena.

To start with, it was believed that the Universe evolved out of a *"Nothingness"* and that all life is a gradual evolution. Life after death was an accepted fact illustrated by a belief in the existence of the spirit world in which there are many states. After death, the soul travelled to the Underworld and there awaited reunion with loved ones who had previously passed on and together they would resume their lives. The Overworlds consisted of many gradations and were the homes of the gods, although progression from the Underworld to the Overworlds was possible.

TERMINOLOGY: Man is a composite being of spirit and physical matter possessing a soul or wairua which is immortal and accompanies him during his life span. Apart from excursions from the body during sleep and unconsciousness, the soul remains till death when it departs for the spirit world. (Animals, trees and inanimate objects possessed wairua also.) It was also believed that dreams could show what was happening elsewhere at the time and that they often foreshadowed the future. The Mauri is the life spirit or principle of all living things – human, animal, vegetation, forests, rivers and lakes and ceased to exist at death. The Hau of a person is attributed to his vital personality or vital principle or mana. The Ata of a human being was his divine shape, image or reflection.

Atua means gods, a term applied to supernatural and immortal beings. Mana Atua is the term for supernatural powers gained through training as a tohunga (priest and/or medium). Mana means authority, control, influence, power, prestige, psychic force. Whilst a person could be born with mana, he could either increase it or decrease it depending upon his way of life. The higher his mana, the greater his degree of tapu (sacredness).

The Tohunga is an expert who specialized in certain crafts and was often regarded as a priest whose training and knowledge was directed towards occult or esoteric matters. Second sight or matakite could be conferred upon those who possessed the necessary mana. It was part of the training of many tohunga although it was recognized that others, including women, possessed the gift naturally.

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It was the custom for Elders of the tribe to look for signs of gifts amongst the children. When one was sighted, the Elders would take this child and teach him of his Maoritanga. He would be classed as tapu and a gifted elder would be appointed to care and teach the child; whilst under tapu, which could last for several years, the child would lead a solitary life, away from everyone else.

The Maori is like all other races – not all are interested in learning about the spiritual and psychic nature aspects of life, but if they are so inclined, they can be found amongst the pakeha at Spiritualist church meetings, some have home circles and are sitting for the development of mediumship. A small group frequently gather at our meetings with overseas mediums.

There is no distinction between Maori and European, all have equal rights in New Zealand. But, with the revival of Maoritanga in recent years, there is no doubt that collectively, there is a greater awareness of their heritage, and as a consequence, a renewed self-esteem. Maoris are naturally musical, and if they come to church as a group, their rhythmic singing is very uplifting. ■

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.

"But a man is spirit, uncreated and physically free; he is not going to become spirit."
– H. Gordon Burroughs

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"There is no death! What seems so is transition, For this life is but a suburb of the afterlife Whose portal we call death."
– Longfellow

■

"I know this world is ruled by Infinite Intelligence. It required Infinite Intelligence to create it and it requires Infinite Intelligence to keep it on its course. Everything that surrounds us – everything that exists – proves that there are Infinite Laws behind it. There is no denying this fact. It is mathematical in its precision."
– Thomas A. Edison

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"I look upon all creatures equally; none are less dear to me and none more dear."
– Bhagavad Gita

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"One who knows the inner self knows the external world as well. One who knows the external world knows the inner self as well."
– Jainism. *(Acarangasutra)*

Jest Joking...

■ Life's real humor happened for Jean Martin as she was walking along the road to join some friends at Fellowships House, Lily Dale, New York. She encountered a young man who appeared to be about 10-12 years of age. They exchanged greetings, and he asked where she lived. *"In Pittsburgh,"* she replied, *"Where do you live?"* He indicated a house on the street, and asked her if she was at Lily Dale for the Summer. *"No,"* she answered, *"I'm here for school. I'm a student."*

His response: *"Are you going to be one of those meteors?"*

■ Have you ever offered an idea in a meeting and then been elected to carry it out?

■ My CPA has a sign in her office: **Tax Preparation: When you care enough to send the very least.**



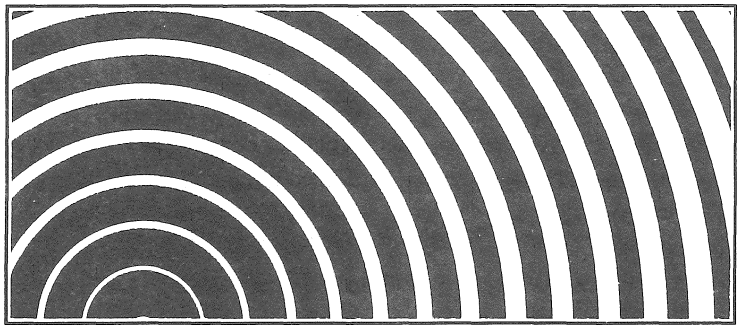
All life of plants and animals . . .
refers to God.
As is our God, so are we. Nature
is the appearance
of God, and it's motion and life, His spirit.
– by Andrew Jackson Davis

Evolution

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Our physical bodies have been specially developed over a long course of evolutionary changes, extending over a thousand million years, to enable the spirit to function on the surface of the earth as individual entities, and to acquire consciousness.

According to Andrew Jackson Davis, man (the physical, mental and spiritual being) is obviously the crowning effort of creative power, for the universe is organized for the purpose of developing and organizing man. Man is the culmination of nature. The vast spiral of ascending forms of nature strove to be man. Man is indeed, the epitome of nature, energy and matter, plant and animal. Spirit is the directing power, and matter is the forming substance which has evolved into the human body.



We know that it is impossible for what is living to have arisen from what is lifeless, and millions of years ago, when life arose – that is, it became visible – it struggled by different ways to evolve. Unicellular creatures were the first to appear, followed by the rich diversity of species of plant and animal. Some succeeded, some failed. There are many species of plants and animals which no longer exist.

The oldest class is fish. From fish come amphibians, and from them the reptiles; from reptiles, one side comes birds, on the other, the mammals. In this evolution, we see a gradual enlargement of the brain. In fish, it is still a primitive affair. Reptiles, which at an earlier period, were the dominant creatures on earth (dinosaurs) still had a small and poorly developed brain. Mammals represent an enormous evolutionary leap forward, but even here, there is a difference between the earliest ones and the most recent species (man).

Scientists say humans spring from what is pre-human, and yet humans are more than animals. The famous scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin says: *"L'animal sait, l'homme sait qu'il sait."* (An animal knows, but man knows he knows.)

No serious investigator of evolution today supports the naive view that man descended from the ape. The view taken now is that the ape and man constitutes two forks or branches in the evolutionary process, which go back to a common source. Only man is open to further development. The transition from animal to man was not a jump from modern animal to modern man, but from 'super animal' to pre-man. What scientists found in pre-man was always a species already in full strength. Homo sapiens were just suddenly there, having developed – perhaps in Africa, Java and China (where they have been found) – and then spreading rapidly around the earth.

As soon as evolution reached the human stage, human responsibility became the key to evolution. Man took his evolution into his own hands. To evolve, man had to develop intellectually, spiritually and morally.

Man found the means to keep evolution and development going by using his mind and spirit. There is now only one branch of life that continues to evolve: man himself.

The peculiar mark of man is consciousness. Man, himself, is responsible for his own evolution. Consciousness, then, is tied to evolution and is forever expanding. Consciousness and freedom are correlative. With man's consciousness, freedom, too, comes into it's own. Evolution, therefore, is governed by human freedom.

More and more, the world, today, is engaged in discovering God, for all science, all knowledge leads to God. Mankind is reaching out for unity with Him. There is a turning toward the earth in order to find God through it. Man does not find God in fleeing from the earth, but can find Infinite Spirit, because Spirit and nature are one – it is the 'medium' through which God reveals the Spirit to us.

That is why to know and love this beautiful earth is a way for us to come to know God. We do not live as an isolated 'I', but as one person, sharing in the joys and sorrows of mankind, participating in the development of all life. ■

** The term 'man' and gender references in this article are used by the author to represent humanity, male and female.*

From Physical to Mental Phenomena

By Judy Merrill, D.S.N.U., Canada

From the Bible and other recorded history, we have found incidents of mediumship. As man evolved from concern for his material existence to acknowledgement of his spiritual being, he became more aware of the possibilities of mediumship with the spirit world. From earliest demonstrations, the phenomena was produced through the mental facilities of the medium, but because of his connection with his material existence, a physical form of mediumship had to be employed. To accomplish this, spirit developed the ability to bring the medium's mind into a trance state for their use in producing the phenomena desired.

Studies of the mind have demonstrated man's ability to separate his consciousness into areas of use which allow for the state of trance to be induced. Man's mental faculties consist of Consciousness, Sub-Consciousness and Super-Consciousness. In the physical condition you have the physical body wherein is contained the brain; that is your Consciousness and from the brain the body in all its varied functions is controlled. There is also a theory of Bodily Intelligence, but for the most part your brain has control of the bodily function.

The Sub-Consciousness is the storehouse wherein every experience is contained. it is the sum total of all that you have experienced and read and know. On any subject that comes to the consciousness, the sub-consciousness is accessed for any stored information of past experience. When you are able to quiet all that is physical (the body, the brain) in your makeup, you access the spirit that is within. The spirit mind is the super-consciousness and it has access to the universal intelligence.

Since the demonstration by the Fox sisters in March, 1848, we see the evolution of mediumship from the Physical demonstration to the more widely used mental mediumship of the present day. Through the Fox Sisters unconscious awareness of mediumship, they produced rappings in the walls of their home, from which they were able to produce an alphabet for communication with a dead peddler buried in the cottage.

Thus, began the widespread demonstrations of physical phenomena from music hall platforms all over the United States and spread to England and from there to the cities of Europe. How was this physical demonstration of rappings produced? Why was it only produced in the presence of a medium? For answers, we must look to the natural laws of life, which have application to the phenomena of mediumship. All matter is motion and is governed by the natural laws in nature and life.

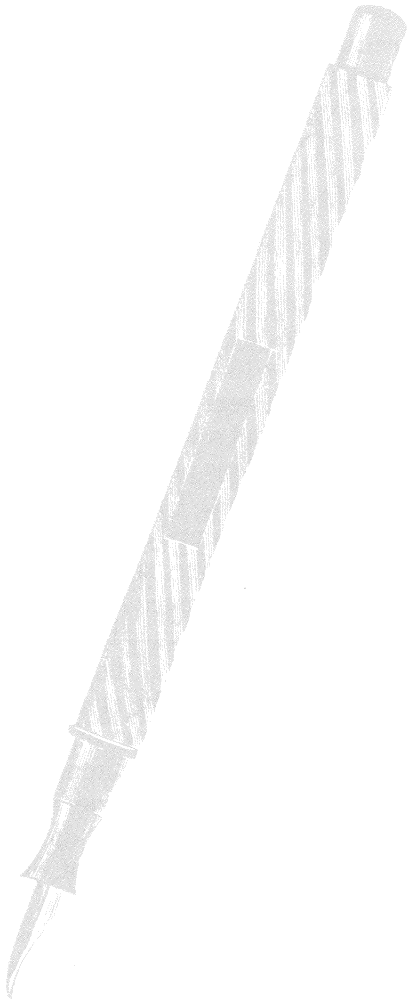
The rappings would begin when the Fox sisters were ready to go to sleep. They would have quieted their physical body and brain, ready to go to the sleep state. In this quieted condition, they were mentally prepared to access their spirit within. Through this contact with their own spirit, it could also contact the spirit in the unseen world and give it the needed energy to produce the phenomena of rappings.

Much has been written about the proper 'condition' to scientifically examine the phenomena mediumship. If we examine the lifestyles of the late 1800's and early 1900's, we find there were fewer automobiles to cause noise, air and sense pollution compared to today. There were less physical distractions in the quieter lifestyles of the past. This would mean a readier acceptance of the altered mental state of trance to produce the physical phenomena of the past.

In accessing the mental state of trance to produce the physical phenomena, the nervous system of the medium is used. Any noise, light or other physical distraction can cause shock to the medium and break the state of trance in a sudden and harmful manner. One of the 20th Century's most effective physical mediums, Helen Duncan, writes in her autobiography of the sudden shock and its effects caused by physical distraction during the trance state. While the physical phenomena of the past shocked, titillated and excited the congregations of the past, in a more intellectual age it is important to have demonstrations that cannot be construed as a matter of fraud. Mental mediumship is able to reach a larger congregation and enlighten more people with the message of Life after Death and bring them back again and again for further enlightenment. Intelligent demonstrations will reach educated seekers. ■

Direct Writing

BY CLAUDIA LORD, Indiana



Spirit must have felt the time was right. For six years I have been a Spiritualist . . . a member of Spiritual Science Church in Michigan City, Indiana. With unfoldment classes led by our Reverend Ruth Novak, plus my own lessons and experiences with my Spirit teachers, I knew I had learned a good deal to pass on to others. Now it was my turn.

So, through Spirit-prompting, I volunteered to give a speech . . . my first ever . . . scheduled for Sunday service, July 10, 1994.

Through meditation, my teachers steered me in the direction of a topic. I would discuss the various types of "Spirit" writing, Automatic, Inspirational, Direct and one I've coined as "Subconscious," only because I couldn't find a definition in the dictionary. But today, for the sake of space, I will only discuss Direct Writing.

Direct Writing is Spirit talking through us. Their words flowing through our mind, truly, as though our brain had ears. As though we were taking dictation, yet we have heard no words. Taking exception to this are those blessed with direct writing through Clairaudience. Direct Writing is a direct hook-up to the Great Source of all creativity which is God – Infinite Intelligence. It is an invaluable friend. I could not write creatively without the help of my Spirit teachers filling my head with their many inspirations, and at times, their very words.

For Spirit draws on the infinite knowledge and creative forces of the Universe.

To anyone who is a writer, it is certainly worth our while to recognize this Spirit help and to give thanks. For the more we use God's gifts, the more we will receive. This is the great Law of Abundance . . . and it works!

During my lunch hour at work, I sat down with paper and pen and called on my teachers once again to help me work on our speech. I say "our" speech because Spirit and I are a partnership. We are a team in the very best sense of the word. No room for egos here. We're team players. I have long-ago learned how wonderful and extraordinary an arrangement this is. Writer's block has become a thing of the past.

First, I must say I would love to experience more Direct Writing from Spirit than I do. What I do receive comes mostly through in bits of wisdom. Short sentences really. There is little or no re-writing needed, truly music to a writer's ears. The next paragraphs which have been written in bold, are the very words Spirit gave to me through Direct Writing.

Thank God and your Spirit teachers every day. We are a true partnership when we work together.

Acknowledging this truth has given me a great sense of freedom. It has removed the fear and taken the pressure off the, *"Will-I-be-able-to-equal-or-surpass-this success"* (whatever it may be), or am I to be forever a flash in the pan, a one-hit wonder?

Remember, with God there is UNLIMITED CREATIVITY.

. . . And if you have any doubts, you have only to look at the infinite variety of flowers, in fact, all living things, to know of God's LIMITLESS IMAGINATION.

Only when you cling to your ego by not accepting God's part in "your creation" do you put the pressure to repeat success on yourself.

Thank God for all your Direct Writing and Spirit inspirations. Write them down as soon as possible, for they are as fleeting as butterflies and God is a generous giver. He'll just give them to someone more receptive.

Do yourself a favor. Get rid of

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your ego. It is the biggest hindrance to that perfect flow of creativity we all desire. For when we say (or think) we've done it "all alone" thus reaping all the credit for ourselves, we will, indeed, be doing it all alone. We will have closed the door to that great source of Creativity which is Infinite Intelligence.

Most of the time, when I write creatively, it's a real struggle. It seems sometimes I feel more like a dentist than a writer as I yank out words, often painfully, one by one. This is the experience most writers chalk up to *the hard work of writing*. But when we tune in to Spirit and allow SPIRIT to channel THEIR words through us, it's like sweet music. You feel a bit of what Mozart must have felt, for he wrote with 'an ear of such perfect pureness' that he never had to contend with rewrites. Can you imagine! He must have had highly evolved and inspired Spirit-help through Direct Writing.

As I grow in my unfoldment, I feel I'll be able to trade in some of those "dental tools" as my direct hook-up to my teachers grows stronger. I urge not only writers, but everyone, to form a partnership with God and our Spirit teachers. The benefits are immeasurable and the results can be beyond our exceptions!

The butterflies left me as soon as I began to speak. I could feel so much Spirit strength coming through me. I could feel myself being uplifted. I knew I was being given the confidence, encouragement and help I needed. I found myself enjoying this opportunity to speak . . . to pass on to others the valuable knowledge Spirit had passed on to me.

About "our" next speech? . . .

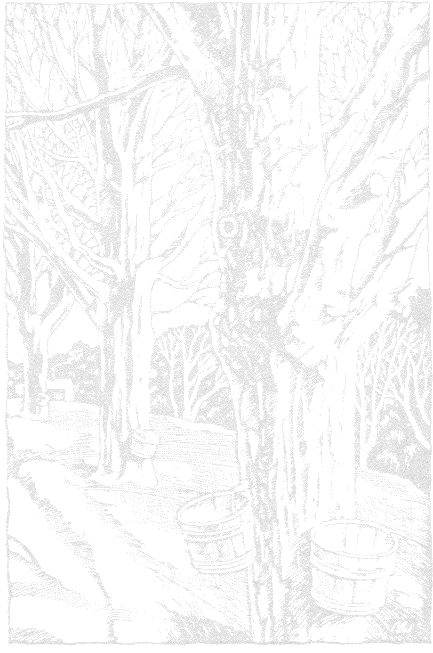
Will we be ready, my Spirit teachers and me? You bet! For I know Spirit will prepare me well and I will have done my homework..

We can hardly wait!

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The Tree of Life

BY MERRY BROWNE



The great Truth of Life divined by Saints and Seers through the centuries that God is *"ALL THERE IS"* has begun to be seen by the secular sciences.

David Bohm, one of the world's foremost scientists said, *"Life and mind is infolded in everything."* Science is but a step away from realizing that the consciousness in everything from a stone to a star is Consciousness of the Creator.

This quantum leap from belief in matter to mind will end the world as we knew it (or thought it) and a New Age will have begun. This is but the first stage of infancy, however, and much must be learned as we proceed to grow in this new understanding of Life.

The Creator's Plan of Life is all about us as a child's picture book, and we must learn to read it. Gazing upon a giant Oak Tree in it's full maturity, seeing it's fullness condensed at points and falling from it to lie at it's feet as what we call acorns ... is to realize the Transcendence and Immanence of the Creator. The Oak has not become less than its original state by involving itself to acorns. Nor does the Creator.

Thanksgiving

Let us be thankful . . .

Spiritualists know we do not have to wait until Thanksgiving Day to be grateful for all of our blessings, yet at this time each year we pause to re-evaluate all the things we have in life to be grateful for. Prayers of thanksgiving attract new wonderful potentialities of life.

This Thanksgiving Day, let us give thanks for the things we take for granted . . . the air we breathe, the plants that give off oxygen, the sunshine, the rain, the abundance of the earth, the inventions that make our lives easier, our home, our country, our workplace, our churches, our family, co-workers and friends that mirror for us, that we may grow in our life's purpose, for animals, bugs, birds, fish, **for all life**. The Universe requires and needs the participation of all life, and we are important too! So APPRECIATE yourself and your life. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, everywhere, from all of us at TNS. ■

Ethical Guidelines for Spiritualist Ministers - Part XXII -

BY THE REV. MIRIAM BOSTWICK, CALIFORNIA

1. You have been invited to serve at another church, while there, you meet some very nice people that you feel would be an asset to your church. They live about equi-distant between the two churches. So, you speak to them about coming to your church.

RESPONSE: Be very careful not to proselytize among the members of another church, Spiritualist or other denomination. You may say, *"If you are ever in the area and want to visit us, you are welcome."* But that should be the extent of it.

2. Does being ethical on a church staff mean confidentiality at all costs? Or, are there ever extenuating circumstances?

RESPONSE: The following is taken from Brooks Faulkner's article, *Ethics and Staff Relations,* Review and Expositor, 86, Fall 1989:

A recent court case describes this second maxim. Under the heading of *"Can a judge force a clergyman to disclose details of counseling and to tell whether he passed along to supervisors information gleaned from counseling sessions?"* In the *National and International Religion Report,* September 12, 1988 (Wike Associates, Inc., P. O. Box 21433, Roanoke, VA 24018), ran a story about a Maryland Catholic priest, Paul M. Norton, refused to answer questions in depositions in a $12 million civil lawsuit against a fellow priest and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., claiming confidentiality privileges. A Montgomery County, Maryland, judge ruled neither privilege of psychologist and patient, nor confessor and penitent applies. Why? A cleric, the colleague of Norton, was arrested and pleaded guilty in 1986 to molesting three youths. He received a 25-year sentence that was reduced. Norton knew of the actions. The judgment was that both Norton and the officials of the archdiocese knew of the pedophile's activities, but did nothing. Doing nothing means withholding pertinent evidence.

A pastor of a Baptist church in a New England state heard the confession of a minister of music. The minister of music was emotionally and sexually involved with a member of the congregation. With the encouragement of the pastor, the relationship ended. The minister of music stayed in the church. The member of the congregation and her family left the church. Later the family suffered the after affects through a divorce and a bitter family rivalry over custody of the children. The pastor, however, felt he had done his ethical duty. He had been redemptive, and the minister of music stayed on in the church. Two years later, the minister of music was emotionally and sexually involved with another member. In an effort to remedy the situation and alleviate the problem, the pastor went to a leader in the congregation expecting to gain an ally. Instead, he found an entanglement that ultimately ended in the termination of both the pastor and the minister of music. The congregational leader did not understand why more stringent actions had not been taken in the first relationship. Why was the information not shared more responsibly? The congregation placed blame on both the pastor and the minister of music. The pastor felt he had the obligation of confidentiality. The extenuating circumstances were more far-reaching than he imagined. The congregation felt the pastor was incompetent in dealing with irresponsible behavior.

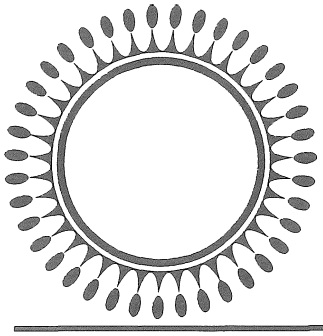
Both Paul Norton and the pastor in the New England state felt they were being ethical. They felt they were keeping confidentiality. Paul encouraged Timothy to remember that *"we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully"* (1 Tim. 1:8, NASB). But even priests and pastors cannot mold the law to what they feel is their own categorical imperative if it is not lawful. The pedophile acted unlawfully, and the law is a rule of conduct to be performed by all. The law should be *"enjoined by a competent authority, and if need be, enforced by penalties."* [7]

In many states, adultery is unlawful and punishable by penalties. In a church, where staff members are models for lawfulness, morality, and integrity, adultery cannot be "winked at." Congregations will not understand the intent of redemption. Indeed, only God can give that redemption. A pastor has an obligation to use good judgment in confidentiality. In this case, he jeopardized his own effectiveness as a leader by using poor judgment. *"Being ethical on a church staff does not mean confidentiality at all costs."*

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

The AURA



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 Janet Tisdale , LM, of Chapel of the Sunflower in Phoenix, Arizona.

The aura has been many things to many people since the beginning of time. Attempts to understand it have led to many discoveries, from many different religious beliefs as well as scientists and interested research organizations.

The aura has been defined as a permanent radiation around the human body and proceeds from the nervous system. It is also stated that the aura is a field of energy surrounding and emanating from the physical being projecting to the sensitive in a variety of colors. There are four levels which gives us a tremendous amount of information, for those who can see, or are sensitive to its presence.

Many have expressed the aura in their works of art. Dating back to Ancient China and to Christianity, artists in paintings expressed the aura as a halo around the head of Jesus and holy beings. The fundamental thought regarding the aura is that it is made up of higher energy vehicles that extend over a much larger volume of space than the physical body. When people are together in large numbers, their energy fields are influenced by one another. The magnetic influences between people can either be in accord with one another or they can create a disharmony.

It is a proven fact we can detect an illness before it begins to manifest in a human body through the aura. The detection comes from the coloring of certain parts of the energy field as it appears to the clairvoyant. These various colors and shades of coloring from endless combinations of blendings, degrees of brightness and the size are all indicators of the emotions, health and thinking of the person.

The research that has been ongoing has given us a way of actually seeing the aura through photography and with special screens. The seamy-suminous vapor that emanates from the aura has been termed the Odic Force by Charles Von Reichenbach. He has brought much curious investigation for many to explore.

Science has given us a strong foundation in this study. As a Spiritualist, I am eager to follow up on this etheric body that we call an aura. The information it projects is interpreted by a clairvoyant to help in analyzing diseases. Some people will never see the aura, but are very sensitive to its presence through clairsentient feelings. Spiritualism recognizes the etheric body and the aura (which is the extension of the etheric). It is through our intuitive or psychic that we will see or feel the aura in our own way. Our Spirit guides help us to interpret the color meanings for each individual. This is an ever growing research. ■

Thinking Healing

From a Spirit Guide through the mediumship of Mary Sigurdsson, Maine.

Each individual is drawing from life what he or she thinks into it. As with healing, faith and trust are a must. By thinking, a person can bring into their experience whatever is desired, if they think correctly and carefully. Understand that all healing can be positive, complete and fulfilling with joy and happiness as you accept this from the Universe.

Also those who provide the instrument for loved ones to use in a spiritual manner, also feel the benefits of healing from the spirit healers for a few moments of time. When you become unfettered from your agitation's of the physical world, you become a door opener for spirit to step through. You can build a bridge for the guides and guardians, and teaches to cross over into the human vibration.

These few moments of the joining of energies and attuning to the higher forces can bring joyous greetings and wondrous feelings from Spirit in a special way. There is so much to gain from Spirit.

Come now and welcome those spirit helpers who wish to assist you in their own unique ways. Many in the Spirit World have assembled here especially for you. They are ready to help and guide you with every step you take to feel well at all times. Put your faith and trust in God and God's helpers.

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SPIRITUALISM
A Life of Service!

BY
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Spiritualists are a very real sphere of individual influence. As we recognize and convince ourselves that we do make a difference to and for Spiritualism's growth, we will cultivate positive thoughts that will help us to let go of criticism against ourselves. *"Thoughts are things." "Thoughts are capable of bringing plans into actual buildings."* There is a great need for buildings of any size to house the Spiritual Truths being brought to us daily. (Just read any copy of *The Summit* and you'll see that Spirit is active.)

All Spiritualists wish to be of service to Spiritualism. As we develop the capacity for reflective and meditative thoughts we are helping humanity and we are tapping into a level of consciousness from which can come creative ideas and a higher intuitive understanding that makes it possible to give more of ourselves in service. We learn HOW to serve by SERVING. We re-organize our lives so that we have TIME to give to training, studying, and putting into practice our special talents. (Everyone is *"Talented."* We will become more productive as Spiritualists than we ever thought possible. A life of service and sharing will achieve solutions to any problems or concerns. Practice after theory.

Spiritualists don't retire. We learn and understand much by listening to our oldest Spiritualists wherever we can meet or read about them. They were there . . . we're getting there. Remembering and Honoring All Spiritualists will be the energy which will aid and help expand the understanding of what Spiritualism really is.

Opportunities for service can be found wherever we are. Spiritualists have responsibilities. Service is a very strong calling. *"Service as convenient"* is not what Spiritualism asks of us. To be willing to look around us, and then



do what we can do in a cheery way, being there for others, that smile, that shoulder to cry their tears on . . . may be just the motivating energy of kindness they need.

Let us all try to be a living center for Spiritualism. Let us create beauty with our thoughts. Then energies will come into form in a practical way for Spiritualism.

Let us all take a part in the SPIRIT of SERVICE! Shall WE? ■

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful individuals can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
– Margaret Mead

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• ARIZONA •

PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.
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PHOENIX - Church of the Living Spirit, N.S.A.C.
2641 W. Union Hills Dr. (at the Wyndham Garden Hotel); Mailing address: 3521 W. Topeka, Glendale, 85308; Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 4:00 p.m.; Thurday Classes 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Nancy Yudell; 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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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. Hoblitt; 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 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Class 12:00 p.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. Church phone (916) 823-1816.

LONG BEACH - Spiritualist Society
3212 E. Eighth St., 90804; Sun. Serv. 5:00 p.m.; Awareness and Advances classes, phone (310) 927-7079.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.
149 Clinton St., 94062; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres. Robert J. Wolverton, 1070 Crestview Dr., San Carlos, 94070, (415) 598-0111; Secy., Angela DiBerardino, (415) 964-6350.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church
2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 210, 95821. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; 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., (916) 652-4568.

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 Church
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.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism, N.S.A.C.
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., Benito Santiago, (415) 861-1801; Secy., Joan A. McDaniel, (415) 321-5626.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:00 a.m.; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Services, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; 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 Associaton
322 Upper Rd., 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; (Corresp. 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 to 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. B-5, 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. 5:00 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., Shirley O'Brien, 24 Woodland Rd., East Hartford, 06108, (203) 289-2452.

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; 29 Park St.; 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 Peterna, 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.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., Pauline Hathaway, 7213 Strawberry Court, Bryans Rd., MD, 20616-9637, (301) 283-4224; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

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

FRUITLAND PARK - Spiritualist 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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ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.
Secy., Martha L. Witt, 624 Walnut Ave., Elgin, 60123, 708-931-4374.

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 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 (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sunday; Pres., Helen Lopotowski; Secy., Judity 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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Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Dr., Indianapolis, 46214, (317) 248-9639.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist 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.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
5416 - 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 Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georiga Milton Reed, (319) 243-9738; Secy., Mary Ellen Roberts, Cedar Heights Trailer Court, Lot #49, Camanche, 52730, 1-319-259-4004.

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

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802; Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Classes available; Please call (319) 326-3453 or 324-9659. (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Anita Buchholz.

• 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., Erwin Zambory, P.O. Box 154, Columbia Falls, 04623-0154.

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, 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.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
Healing and Sunday Service, please call for time; Church season is Sunday after Labor Day - Second Sunday in June; Pastor, Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset, 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Elizabeth Winston, 66 School St., Whitman, (617) 447-0791.

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. begins 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 Street, 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
1 1/2 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
1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., June-Aug.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old U.S. 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.

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., Leeann Weichner, 719 Sixth St., Jackson, 49203; Lyceum Conductor, Mary Ellen Weichner; Assistant Lyceum Conductor, Elda Goddard.

MUSKEGON - First National Spiritualist Church
3320 Thompson St., Bluffton Area, 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.
21 DENNISON ST., 48371; 1-(313)-628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dambrique; Secy., Elizabeth Wilson.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritualist Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48703; 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. Pamla 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, 64801; 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.

• MONTANA •

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2402 Atchison Dr.; Sunday Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Open Seance 8:30 p.m. following Message Service; Psychic Dev. Classes held in Billings, weekly; Pastor, Rev. Jeanne C. MacVilla, NST; Call for info., (406) 628-5711.

• NEBRASKA •

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• 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.

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SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 892, Metheun, 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 •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation
Herbert Schneider, 107 W. Maple Ave., 08109.

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BUFFALO - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood
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Box 26, 13068.

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LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.
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175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. Evening Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Tom Hyldahl; Pastor, Lyn Dennie, 4687 Rt. 88, Sodus, 14551, (315) 483-2198; Secy., Debra Thelen.

ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light
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• OHIO •

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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp
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ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
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• OKLAHOMA •

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• PENNYSLVANIA •

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PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
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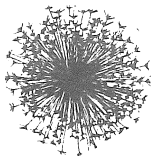
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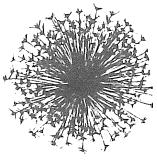
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Rush into Nature's waiting arms!
By doing so, you're sure to find
That Nature's God is likewise kind.

Though evil arrows oft seem sent,
Unbending . . . harsh . . . malevolent . . .
Close scrutiny bares the reverse:
Love . . . order . . . rule God's universe.

This unique sequence holds the key
To love and perfect harmony.
For where ere love first cuts the trail,
Order follows without fail.

Try this: When someone's filled with strife,
Describe how love has changed YOUR LIFE,
And how an orderly array
In YOUR life's helped to pave YOUR way.

Watch hope invade their doubtful eyes,
Know much can come to one who tries.
If you can kindle but a spark,
Hope's flame can once more fill their heart.

Once hope has sent its glistening ray,
To light their path and show the way,
Doubts and fears will be dismissed,
As sorrow's transformed into bliss.

Life's adventure's meant for man . . .
To enjoy and try to understand.
Still, mortal living's breadth and girth
Leave mysteries as yet unearthed.

That change called "death" which gives souls wings,
Still doesn't answer EVERYTHING . . .
Traversing through the mind of man,
As he strives to fully understand . . .



Existence on all planes of living,
Depiction of all getting . . . giving . . .
Transport to another form
Of life, where he's, in fact, RE-BORN!

Life hereafter's no mere dream,
And fact's not always as it seems.
As a dweller there in spirit-land,
Your "ghosts" may well be carnal man!



Vibrations on a higher key
Will be sensed by you and me.
And viewpoints there may be transposed;
No longer will you hope, but KNOW . . .

Just how far you've, in fact, progressed.
Who you've aided or distressed.
What you've accomplished back on earth . . .
That's of value, or of little worth.



Your treatment of your fellow-man,
Your loves and hates and secret plans.
Each one of these determines here
Where you'll begin on spirit spheres.

So, reviewing progress here, may we
Look onward to eternity.
Each thought we think must stand the test,
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Man With A Mission
THOMAS GRIMSHAW
An Appreciation

BY CHARLES R. SMITH



REV. THOMAS GRIMSHAW

It is difficult to put into words a full appreciation of the life and character of a great man such as was that of Rev. Thomas Grimshaw. Born in England more than seventy years ago of humble parentage, he was compelled, at the early age of seven years to assist in the support of himself and his parents.

Such was the first outlook upon life of Thomas Grimshaw, and yet, without the opportunity of education, he determined to make of himself something worthwhile. This determination was the result of his recognition of the fact that there was a power, outside of himself, urging him on, out of which came the splendid trance mediumship, which on so many occasions has held his audiences spellbound.

I have known Tom Grimshaw for forty years and in all that time he has been the same quiet, unassuming gentleman. Self effacing, never attempting to dominate, yet with wisdom and good judgment, given in his gentle way, he has done more to promote the Cause of the Religion of Spiritualism in this country than we at the present time can realize.

Although coming from humble parentage, as already stated, and with no opportunity for the usual education, he was probably one of the best informed men in the entire world, on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. A prolific reader and a student at all times, never thinking he had absorbed all knowledge, he in turn became the teacher and mentor of hundreds of people throughout this entire country and in other parts of the world, through the lessons he compiled for the Bureau of Education of the National Spiritualist Association. Lessons which have done more to standardize the requirements for ordination in our ranks, than all efforts, previously made have been able to do.

By all students of the Bureau, both those who have studied for ordination and those who have attained the N.S.T. degree, he was held in the highest esteem and yearly it was their custom to meet with him at a banquet, held for that purpose, during the annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association to reaffirm their love, loyalty and devotion to him and to the splendid work prepared by him for the welfare of the Bureau and its students.

Another institution to which he devoted time and energy and which he dearly loved was the Morris Pratt Institute, at Whitewater, Wisconsin, the only college devoted entirely to the training of students for the ministry of Spiritualism.

Being President of the Institute and one of the early members of the Association, I know somewhat of the work done by him there. During the early years, when Moses Hull was Principal and later, when Professor Weaver was in charge, Thomas Grimshaw made weekly or semi-weekly trips to the school for the purpose of delivering lectures to the students, on the related subjects taught there. Later he assumed the duties of Principal, moving to Whitewater and devoting a number of years to the teaching of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. During his several terms as Principal of the school he endeavored always to impress upon the minds of the students the importance and value of knowing something of Comparative Religions, Higher Criticism, and Hours with old Philosophers. In this way he gave to the students the opportunity to consider and to analyze questions and problems and thus be prepared to answer questions of the investigator and give proper explanations, such as is always required by the inquiring and studious mind. I know that I but speak the thoughts of the Board of Directors of the M. P. I. and all of its students who came in contact with Thomas Grimshaw, when I say, he was a profound thinker and generous to a fault in imparting his knowledge to others.

And now through the inexorable decrees of Nature's Laws, "OUR TOM" has stepped over the Great Divide and has entered the "Room Upstairs" where dwell so many of his former friends and associates, from whom, doubtless, we, their successors, shall often receive guidance and counsel for the welfare of the Cause which they loved and served so well.

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ONE God of LOVE!

Christianity: *"Beloved let us LOVE one another, for LOVE is of God; and everyone that LOVETH is born of God..."*

Confucianism: *"To LOVE all men (and women) is the greatest benevolence."*

Buddhism: *"Let a man (and woman) cultivate towards the whole world a heart of LOVE."*

Hinduism: *"One can best worship the Lord through LOVE."*

Islam: *"LOVE is this, that thou shouldst account thyself very little and God very great."*

Taoism: *"Heaven arms with LOVE those It would not see destroyed."*

Sikhism: *"God will regenerate those in whose hearts there is LOVE.'"*

Judaism: *"Thou shall LOVE the Lord thy God with all they heart, and thy neighbor as thyself."*

Jainism: *"The days are of most profit to him who acts in LOVE."*

Zoroastrianism: *"Man is the beloved of the Lord and should LOVE Him in return.*

Baha'i: *"LOVE God that He may LOVE thee. If you LOVEST Him not, His LOVE can no wise reach thee."*

Your Garden for Success

By D. J. Harrington

First plant 7 rows of PEAS
Presence
Promptness
Preparation
Patience
Perserverence
Positive Action
Prayer

Then plant 8 rows of SQUASH
Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Indecision
Squash Negativity
Squash Worry
Squash Envy
Squash Greed
Squash Fear

Then plant 9 rows of TURNIPS
Turn-up for Training
Turn-up on Time
Turn-up with a Smile
Turn-up with Good News
Turn-up with New Prospects
Turn-up Excitement
Turn-up a Positive Attitude
Turn-up with Determination to make
Everything Count for Good and Worthwhile

No garden is complete without LETTUCE
Let Us be Faithful to Our Duty
Let Us be Honest with Ourselves
Let Us be Unselfish and Loyal
Let Us be True to Our Obligations
Let Us have Fun and Regulations
Let Us Love and Help One Another

and last, but not LEAST...
Let Us ask for God's Help...

THOMAS GRIMSHAW, AN APPRECIATION

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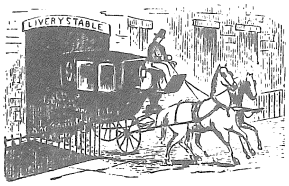
Tom, you have left us in the physical form and it has been decreed that I shall fill the station left vacant by your passing. I accept this trust with the fervent prayer that you will, when possible, give me your guidance, by impressions, I will so much need. I cannot take your place, no one can, but I will try to do my duty as you would like to have it done and at this time I re-pledge my loyalty to our N.S.A.

So the earthly chapter of a great man comes to a close, yet his character, his profound knowledge and his kindly philosophy will always be an incentive to we who remain to carry on.

From a humble beginning, with only a bleak outlook before him, he refused to be discouraged. Reaching out into the realm of the Infinite, guided by Wise Teachers from the upper spheres, Thomas Grimshaw rose to the heights of unforgettable greatness and wisdom. In your higher sphere of Life, "TOM" we salute you. In our hearts we shall always love you and in our minds and souls you will always remain a Friend and a Wise Counselor . . .

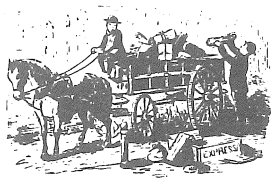
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SPIRITUALISM
A Religion For The Ages

By The Rev. Catherine Snell, NST



There seems to be so many discomforting scenes in our world today and recently a friend commented, *"We should re-read our Declaration of Principles again because it seems to me that we need to re-discover what life is all about."*

Well, I took her advice to heart and one evening when I was quietly sitting, I decided to re-read our first three principles from the perspective of someone looking at them for the first time. And I have to admit, as I looked at them from this angle, I was suddenly aware of the power that is in them – of the inspiration and guidance that our pioneers must have experienced when they brought them forth from Spirit so many years before.

These three principles are truly the essence of the "religion" in the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. They contain the heart and soul of what we are all about. They inform the world that we, as Spiritualists, believe that religion is very, very simple. We believe in God and we follow Natural Law. Period. End of Statement.

Now, on first glance, this seems deceptively easy. But then it hits you that these statements contain a hidden catch! You see, it isn't enough to just believe in Infinite Intelligence. You also have to take your beliefs into the material world and LIVE YOUR LIFE in harmony with ALL of the Infinite's laws and creations.

And that, my friends, is where our principles really get tough! Because what this implies is that WE – you and I – each of us – is personally responsible for our relationship with Spirit. Everything that we say, everything that we do, everything that we think, either flows with Natural Law – or it doesn't.

This isn't really anything new though. As far back as mankind can remember, religious systems have pretty much said the same thing. This holds true for Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity – you name it. As a teacher of mine always says: *"Truth is truth, no matter where you find it."*

An ancient Tao poem says:

"The Tao is mysterious, unfathomable
Yet within is all that lives:
Unfathomable, mysterious,
Yet within is the essence,
Shadowy, intangible,
Yet within are vital principles,
Principles of truth
Informing all creation."

If we look closely at the meaning of this poem, we realize that to the Taoist, the word "Tao" means exactly the same thing as our word, Infinite Intelligence means to us. Both mean the Infinite and Unknowable Energy that is in itself more than the sum of its parts.

And if we continue to look, what exactly does this poem attempt to explain to us except our own first three Principles? It says that God is Infinite and yet within God is everything that lives. And within God are also the vital principles – the principles of truth called Natural Laws – that govern these creations.

So, what our first three principles are trying to teach us, then, is to work WITH Natural cycles – not against them. And when we learn to do this, we learn to honor not only LIFE'S seasons, but our OWN as well. We learn to enjoy every season of our lives, and to practice the wisdom of beginnings and endings, and to prevent problems by making careful choices. Recognizing the Cycles within and around us, we KNOW which action is best at every stage.

And the best way for us to get in touch with the cycles within and around us is by using that time tested method called meditation, so that when we are faced with a person or a situation that seems to be beyond our control, or more than we can bear, we can connect with that source of wisdom and understanding that always knows what the right thing is for us.

When we take the time to meditate on a problem – to become centered – we automatically respond to hostile cycles with greater wisdom and clarity. Then our minds become like a mirror. Clear and centered, we can then act successfully in all situations.

And when our vision is clear, right answers are there when we need them. We act harmoniously, affirming the good of the whole, following our own intuitive wisdom. The Chinese call this wisdom "hui." It's always with us, but buried deep within, often obscured by the trouble surface of life.

But we can access this inner knowing through meditation. And when we do return to our own inherent wisdom in this manner, we then become channels of the Infinite into the material, pouring out our light from our own celestial vessel.

For the first three Principles of Spiritualism teach us that all of life is connected – that all of us are a part of the circle of life – and that beyond all apparent changes, life is an essential unity.

By regularly meditating, observing nature, and listening to that small still voice within, we return once more to a transcendent understanding of the All Pervading Oneness that we call Infinite Intelligence, and we truly understand that, indeed, Spiritualism is a way of life.

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The On-I-Set Wigwam Celebrates Its 100th Year

BY SUSAN BANQUR

"Erected to the memory of the Redmen 1893, Liberty throughout the world and freedom to all races."

The Wigwam has had a very eventful season this year. From the east comes a wind, sweeping out the heat and humidity of the late afternoon.

It blows softly through the open doors of the On-I-Set Wigwam, bringing with it the sweet scent of pine and the sonorous cadence of a tribal chant from a pow wow at Lopes field, half a mile away.

The dedication came after long hours were spent by Paul Pearl restoring the wigwam to the way it was when it was built in 1893 for Spiritualist Mary Weston. Mr. Pearl, a retired restorer of early homes, supervised and worked on the wigwam. *"He did this with his heart and love,"* said his wife Gerry Pearl.

The Wigwam was recently restored by residents of Onset who have nominated it to the National Register of Historic Places.

The wooden structure, octagonal in shape, 26 feet high and 96 feet in circumference, was built a century ago by a group of Boston Spiritualists. They wanted to establish a summer camp for members of their congregation. They bought 150 acres of land on what was once known as Pine Point in Wareham. Here they began a summer camp - with assistance of Native Americans who also once used the land as a summer residence.

We have had lectures every Saturday night from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. One lecture on a Friday night was on fire walking by Henry Smith-Rohrberg, PhD, psychologist and Robert Otto, PhD, parapsychologist. There was a lecture by Mrs. Geraldine Pearl on the history of Onset and the Wigwam. Mrs. Pearl is a member of the On-I-Set Wigwam Restoration Committee. There was an interesting lecture by the Rev. Kenneth Custance who reflected on his earlier experiences in Spiritualism such as slate writing and spirit apports. There was also a very interesting workshop/lecture conducted by Bob Miller. We would like to thank Patricia Bertucci for arranging the Saturday night programs.

We would like to thank the people who were the lecturers and message bearers at our Sunday services: the Rev. Ida Donadio; Verline Eldrige; the Rev. Charlotte Gordon; Mary Bouchard; Althea DePascale; the Rev. Erle Myers; Helen Salg; the Rev. Lelia Cutler; the Rev. Joseph Merrill; the Rev. Steven Herman; the Rev. Paul Spencer; the Rev. Peter Walker; Edna Adamson and our own Al Ferency.

On the exact one hundredth anniversary of the Wigwam, a re-enactment of the candlelight ceremony took place and participants were Native Americans, residents of the village of Onset and Spiritualists. We were pleased to have in our three day celebration, the Rev. Joseph Merrill. It was our pleasure this summer to also have the Rev. Paul Spencer and his wife Peggy, from Buffalo, New York, the Rev. Lelia Cutler from the National Board, the Rev. Ida Donadio, an N.S.A.C. missionary, and Mary Bouchard who spoke before and after her six week visit to Poland.

We were pleased to be the recipients of a nine square hand painted quilt . . . each square painted by a different artist depicting nine major events in the history of the Wigwam. After our season, the quilt will be permanently displayed at the Wareham Library.

We would also like to thank those who helped out on Wednesday nights, especially Patricia Bertucci, who moderated the Wednesday night services; Ruth Dyer; Mary Lou Baumhoff; Audi Martin; and May Bouchard. ONE GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR LOANING US THE $10,000.00. That was used as seed money to start the restoration – estimated to exceed $50,000.00,

It was exhilarating to feel the support and cooperation of the residents of the surrounding communities. The summer season was climaxed with the most beautiful promise of the future of Spiritualism, the naming of a one month old child, Dakota Robert Manely. The ceremony was conducted by the President of the Wigwam, Al Ferency, and shared by all in attendance. In remembrance of the occasion, each one present was gifted a carnation. ■

THE BOOK SHELF

HIDDEN MAN

By Paul Beard

Spiritualists often speak of their Guides – those invisible helpers from non-physical dimensions of existence. But what, exactly, is a Guide? And what are the natural laws which govern one's relationship to these unseen teachers?

"Hidden Man" takes a Survivalist view of this controversial subject, covering only that category of personifications which suggest the presence of discarnate teachers. It is written by one of our favorite authors, Paul Beard, formerly President of the College of Psychical Studies in England.

The author begins by pointing out that the steady accumulation of factual evidence in favor of Survival had produced three main themes which discarnates seem to want to communicate. First, proof of their continuing existence. Second, descriptions of life as it is lived after death. And third, the subject of this book, their offers to serve as Guides to our own spiritual development while still here on earth.

Beard admits, *"Clearly it is necessary to evaluate the stature of the communicators and why they should be believed when they earnestly declare that the values they have now found can gradually change and enrich us on earth in the same way as they themselves have come to be changed after death."*

However, *"They declare emphatically that an overall plan exists which has empowered them to help us, as they in turn are helped by superior beings further along the path of human achievement. What is offered is a human brotherhood, stretching out to touch our hidden inner being in a close and intimate way."*

The author agrees that such relationships, by their very nature, bring pitfalls. He says, *"Before communication with a guide is accepted as valid, a considerable period of skepticism is normal."* He also recommends that we judge the suitability of such a relationship before committing to it, saying, *"Confidence, naturally enough, grows if one finds that a teacher first offers convincing insight into one's own earth character and its accompanying problems."* And, *"The teacher is expected to speak to the listeners own interior world with more effective insight than the listener has been able to acquire for himself."*

The fundamental purpose of a Guide is to orient the student to the basic spiritual laws which underlay his experience. They are laws of compensation, equilibrium, and balance, which affect us in our most ordinary moments as well as in our more inspired moments of meditative awareness.

Beard says, *"The tone of the guide's voice is one of experience. It is simple and direct. Similarly the morality offered, with its constantly unfolding layers, does not easily harden into a code."* He challenges us with a further thought, *"What does the guide offer in place of a code? He offers something very simple, the principle of motive. Motive,"* he says, *"is what determines the value of acts."*

This *"fellowship involves a deeply based effort to help men to improve the quality of their lives on earth, and in particular to get to know more now of their true selves, the hidden man or woman within, so that after death they will not find they are a stranger to themselves. Life here and life there are shown to be related and deeply reciprocal."*

This expansion of our spiritual faculties while still in the physical element seems to be the goal of discarnate intercessions on our behalf, says Beard. *"It is not to give his student an easy path into happier realms after death, nor is it to shelter them from the hardships and endurances of earth. It is to help them achieve maximum spiritual growth and fulfillment of purpose. A guides working tools are his love and wisdom, humour, compassion and a deep insight into human character."*

With good humour, the author admits, *"A great deal of the spiritual path lies in putting one's own house in order. That makes it unpopular."*

However reluctant many people are to enter the unknown realms of spiritual effort offered by discarnate Guides, there are still others who embrace the opportunity to explore these further dimensions of spiritual Selfhood and the deeper, more meaningful connection to others which it offers.

We recommend *"Hidden Man"* to those of you who are already working with Guides as well as those who would like to begin. It offers a clear head and a steady hand. You can order it now through the N.S.A.C. Books By Mail Service.

– Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

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Advanced Studies On The Spiritual Path

By Eliott James

There are many ways in which the Hidden Man within each of us can make itself known. This is the story of one man's experience with that eternal quest for Self-mastery. Eliott James traces his spiritual quest from incidents in childhood on into the big and little events of manhood, including marriage, fatherhood and the need to earn a living.

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THE PROMISE

By

Lily O'Donnell, Florida

May I introduce to you Jack O'Donnell, Spirit, so recently from earth. Jack had been a machinest, not a psychic, but he understood what I was and treasured it. Even before we were married, he came to my classes, lectures, and read my books. He said to me once, *"Because of what I have learned from you. I am not afraid to die."*

When he began to be very sick, we had many conversations. I said to him, *"If you go before me, please come back to me, touch me, talk to me, work with me. Get me the truth."* He promised and has kept that promise in most delightful ways.

On November 5th, 1985, he died. In spite of everything I have learned, I went through the usual grieving stages. Like all wives, I didn't want to lose him. At the funeral parlor, there were all the grandchildren sitting in the front row of seats and crying their hearts out. I thought to myself, *"I can't go in there and keep my composure."* I sat down and mentally said to my Jack, *"What shall I do?"*

His thoughts came to my mind. It was startling because they were so foreign to me.

I asked my daughter-in law to bring the children out to me one at a time. As I took each of them on my lap in turn, I said to them, *"Well, now isn't it wonderful for us to have our very own Grandpa up there with them. Our very own angel who loves us, cares for us. You can talk to him. He will hear you, answer you. He loves you and always will."*

The tears dried up and smiles came out and we went ahead with the service.

I still went through many weeks of crying, but finally began to discipline myself and talk to him each evening after I went to bed. Asking him questions, like, *"What are you doing now? What's it like over there?* His answers were, *"I am going to school and it's majestic."*

One afternoon, sitting, facing the windows, I saw that it had started to rain. I closed my eyes and in a state of light reverie, sent out the thought. *"What do you do when it rains, Hon?"* Then I saw him, clear as can be, running across the lawn, come in the door with a big grin on his face, much as to say, *"What do you think I do, I come in out of the rain."*

Startled, I opened my eyes. Then, of course, he was gone.

One evening as I was talking to him with my mind, I heard his voice in my head talking to me. I listened. He said, *"I have to leave you for a little while. There is going to be fire . . . flood, fire, and earthquake. Many people are going to die. I can help them. I am needed. But don't worry, it will not come near you.*

I didn't understand until the next evening when I saw on TV, the Chernoble disaster. Then I knew.

One afternoon, feeling lonely, I asked him (mentally), *"Do you still love me?* No answer just then, but the next morning, no matter where I went, inside or out, there was this awesome, intense feeling of waves of warmth and love coming at me from all directions. I didn't know what was happening until I remembered that I had asked, *"Do you still love me."*



These intense manifestations gradually slowed down, and I only felt him near when I would ask him to help me with ideas for *The Messenger.* Sometimes the ideas came so fast I could hardly type fast enough to get them down.

I wrote a letter to a medium, Rev. Gerald Polley, in Maine. We had never met, but he writes articles for a publication I produce. I did not tell him anything about Jack except that he had died. Gerald would have no way of knowing that Jack helped start my publication. Here is what he answered, and it is so remarkable.

"Greetings, Lily ... or are you sometimes called 'Lil' (Jack was the only one who ever called me Lil). *I know the promises I made to you, but on coming here, I have found certain powers and abilities that help many people. I do work with you whenever I can, but those abilities have made it more important for me to be other places, and do other things. Remember the keys that I have given you. They will open many doors. Continue to do that which we began together. Help it grow, for it is needed. Listen to the wise counsel of those I send you. One day we will again walk on the shores together. For I am preparing a place for us here which someday we will share. But remember your needs now, where you*

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WHAT SHALL I GIVE THIS YEAR?

THE HOLIDAY SEASON with its Thanksgiving feast and Christmas sharing is fast approaching. What shall I give for my family and friends this year? **Give Spiritualism!** What would be nicer than a subscription to *TNS*, or a nice book from the N.S.A.C. Bookstore . . . how about one of the New Updated Lyceum Manuals? The books or the magazine may be mailed directly to the recipient . . . with a gift card, if the purchaser so desires. ■

THE BOOK SHELF

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Throughout, in one form or another, his progress is guided by Masters from both the external and hidden planes of reality. His chronicle of these experiences and the expanding spiritual insights produced by them will be of special interest to our readers because of the emphasis placed on paranormal states of understanding.

As his spiritual Self truly takes hold of his life, the author says, "Eventually I chose to live in only the moment, being aware of past and future, but not caught in them . . . The single greatest point of anything I may say should be that whatever we may believe to be true in our lives, whatever spiritual knowledge we hold, it has little value if it can not not be lived actively every moment."

– Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

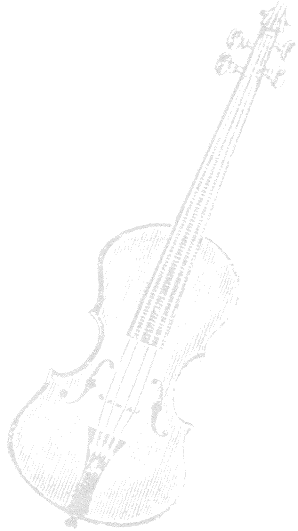
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THE PROMISE

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are. My love will always be with you. Do not turn away from other love, for love is the food of the soul. There is plenty to go around for all." Gerald wouldn't know that Jack had made me any promises, or that he had told me about his powers and abilities, or how much this answer confirmed everything I had learned about the life here-after.

Two more incidents, just to prove that it wasn't all mental. About a year after Jack died, my son sold our boat, a Hobie Cat, to two young men who never met either Jack or me. They took the boat out for a sail and when they beached the boat for lunch, they saw a man sitting on their boat. They described Jack to a "T", dark clothes, blue braided visor hat, blue eyes, and holding a pipe. I laughed at the thought that Jack took his pipe to Heaven with him. He was never without that pipe. When they had started to walk toward him, he just simply disappeared.



In 1987 I was in the hospital for gall bladder surgery. I couldn't get to sleep. Then I felt someone grab my toes and shake them. Thinking that it was the nurse coming in to ask if I wanted anything for the pain, I opened my eyes. The room was dark, the door closed, and no one there. *"Oh, good, Jack has found me,"* I thought, and fell asleep.

There have been many little ways he has let me know that he is around, but the most significant thing was a letter I got from Nore Liang Pope, a California medium. I had written asking her to get in touch with my Jack. Again, not telling her anything significant about him.

In quoting Jack, he addresses me as *"Lily Bell"*. No one else had ever called me that. He continues, *"It was time for me to go. I had finished my work. You are as close or closer than when you gave me the gift of your love on earth. Your love reaches me, as thought vibrations have no barriers, and carries me forward to Higher Realms."* He then said something that shocked me out of any complacency I may have had.

He said, *"You know, we earn our home here in each sphere. I think you would like my home in the woods."*

Now this may not be amazing to anyone but me, but before Jack and I were married in 1972, we went to visit my sister-in-law who lived in the middle of a woods. I had said to Jack then, *"If we ever have a home together, I would like it to be in the woods."* He laughed and said, *"I can't guarantee a woods. Would a couple of trees do?"* We laughed at that and I completely forgot the incident.

■ ■ ■

23RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN IOWA

The Spiritualist Harmony Church of Davenport, Iowa, celebrated its 23rd anniversary, August 26 through 28, 1994, with Carl Davis, St. Louis, Missouri as guest.

Mr. Davis provided private consultations each day for church members and the public. The ladies of the church hosted a pot luck dinner in his honor August 26, and a clairvoyant circle was conducted August 27 by Mr. Davis and church staff and student mediums. All in attendance received many evidential messages.

At 1:30 p.m., August 28, N.S.A.C. Commissioned Healer, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., conducted a laying on of hands healing service, assisted by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis was guest speaker and message minister at 2 p.m. worship service, which included absent healing and spirit greetings.

Now that the MVSA camp season is over, everyone was very glad to get back to church and start a new church year.

During July and August, while we were in recess, necessary maintenance work was done, including a new furnace for the mediums' apartment. Also the apartment kitchen walls, the porches and outside steps, were painted.

We are already scheduling mediums for 1995, and any who are interested in serving in the Quad-Cities should contact the church. ■

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The SUMMIT is the very best now, and thanks to you and your fine staff. The format appears well put together. I am pleased with all the departments of your magazine.

I would like to state at this time that you are to be commended for publishing the fine work of the Rev. Miriam Bostwick. The need for ethics to be taught in our seminaries is too important to be overlooked. But including her articles gives all of us who are out in the field a type of training we need. Spiritualism is a religion which must set an example by its ministers and lay workers living the highest of character.

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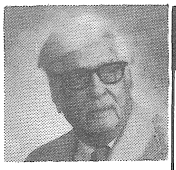
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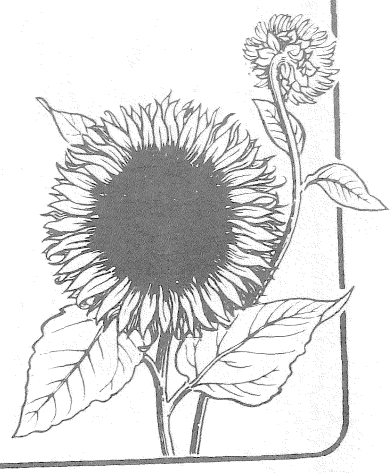
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 I assume a victorious attitude.	**2** I create my day with Spirit.	**3** The universe flows freely with its abundance.	**4** I am well rounded and natural.	**5** Laughter fills my day with joy.
6 The all-encompassing Love of Spirit fills my soul.	**7** I re-examine my fundamental ideas for truths.	**8** I show extra consideration for others today.	**9** There is no limitation with God.	**10** I am a student of truth.	**11** Bless all those that love their country, the earth, the world.	**12** I forgive myself and others for perceived mistakes.
13 The Universe only creates blessings.	**14** The Spiritual good we do for ourself, benefits all others.	**15** Happiness will recycle — if I let it.	**16** I stop trying to make things happen and flow with life.	**17** I don't worry, for I trust Infinite Intelligence.	**18** I see the beauty of nature in the moonlight.	**19** When we are ourselves, then are we truly with others.
20 I take time to pray to the Greater Power for guidance.	**21** Responsibility is mine, yet I ask for direction from Spirit.	**22** Accepting me as I am brings me greater possibilities to be more.	**23** I take time for me today, for some fun and laughter.	**24** I thank the Universal Energy for all things in my life.	**25** I have a special contribution to make to life.	**26** My happiness today spreads to others.
27 I focus on growing more loving and spiritual.	**28** I open myself to the creative forces.	**29** I see the constant changes and beauty in nature.	**30** When one of us triumphs, we all triumph.			

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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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