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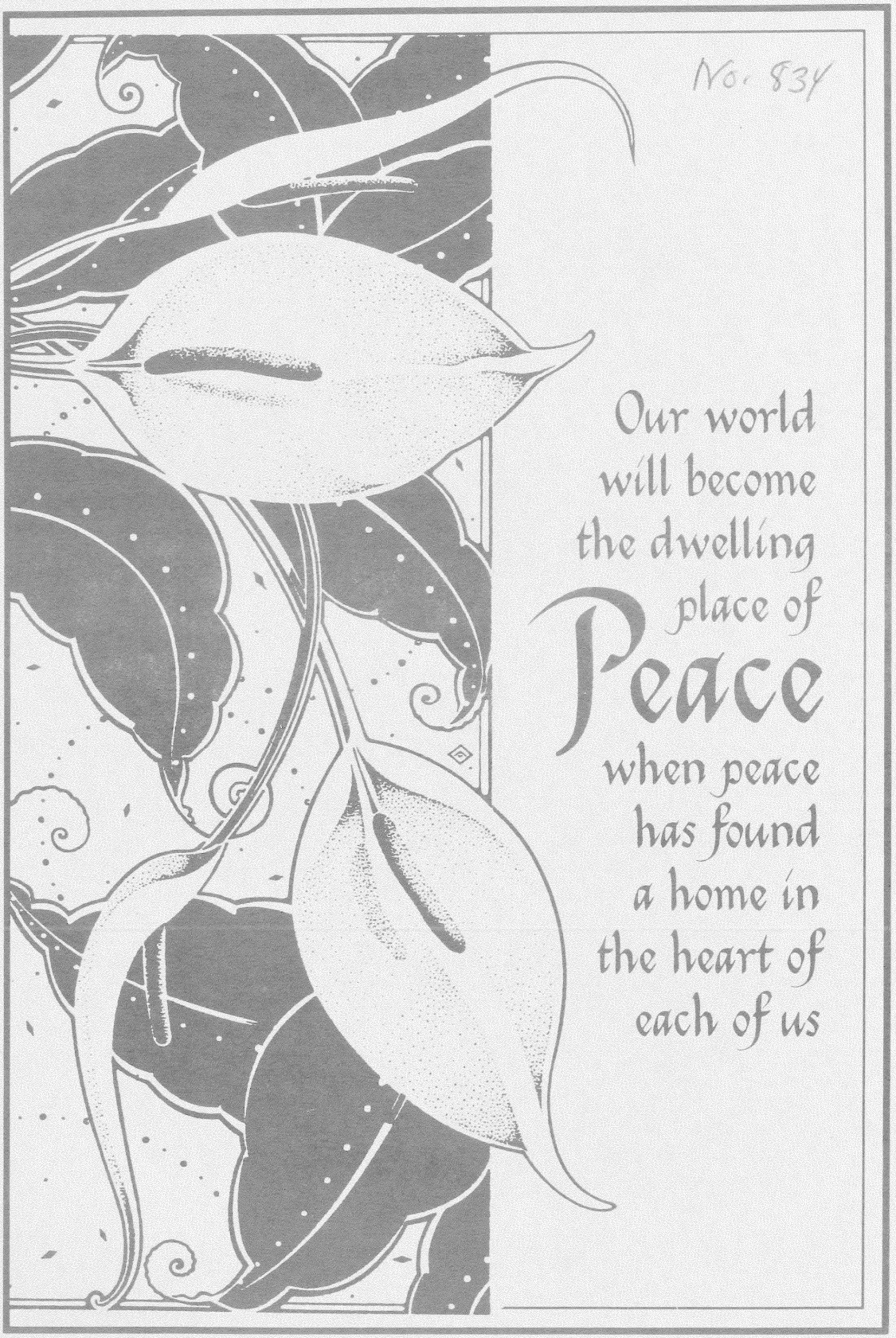
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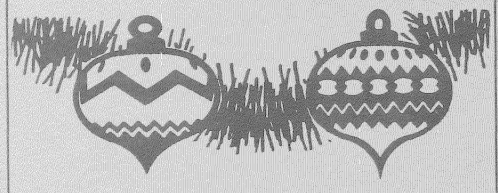
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"I"

BY
THE REV. SANDRA
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I had a cross correspondence message from a medium, several books, and then a meditation. Cross correspondence messages are information received from several sources, at various times and when put together there is a definite meaning. This message was like an Ah-ha for me, putting things I knew into a deeper perspective.

It was a period in my life when I was heavily working at centering, at knowing myself, at going within, with releasing and forgiving that I might grow personally to be more accepting of life and be more loving. By doing these processes, I had brought up some old *"stuff"* I had to look at and deal with. Some days I seemed confused and out-of-balance. This wasn't fun. But once begun, I couldn't seem to stop the process.

In my prayers and meditations I had been asking for direction. The inner voice kept saying, *"Just Be," "Just Be."* I wasn't completely sure what the whole meaning of this was or how to *"Just Be."*

Then I received a message in church to *"Just be yourself and everything will be fine."* Later I finished reading *Awakening The Healer Within,* by Andrea Cagan. She wrote, *"You have only to be who you are. What could be more perfect or special than expressing what nature has intended for you to be?"*

I was reading an author, Walter Stacke, in the *Science of Mind* magazine daily guides. *"In the beginning was the Word, not the words. Words may be the result of the Word, but they are concepts and do not have the power or reality that the Word has. The Word is a spiritual sound. The Word is "I". The word "I" is the way, the truth and the life."* This was something new for me to contemplate, so I decided to meditate on it.

The first thing I saw was a burning bush that was not consumed, and remembered Moses asking God what was His name. *"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM."* Then I saw a single eye like the third eye and the phrase, *"Let thy eye be single"* came to me. Eye-*"I"*. Single - one God in All Life. Put God first in your life. The eye with-in or the God within, the creator, the maintaining, sustaining force of all that is, *"I AM."*

"Every being has the Buddha Nature. This is the self. Such a self is, since the very beginning, under cover of innumerable illusions. That is why a man cannot see it." Buddhism.

The Word is also the Law, the great Divine principle of life that is impersonal Truth, and that when we follow, our life flows in balance and peace. The Law is truth, the Word is Truth. Truth and the Word is the way, is the Tao. *"From the bosom of the sacred Word he brought forth the world. On high, below, he abides is his own laws."* Hinduism.

Words. Our brain or consciousness hears all the words we speak. Because the *"eye" ["I"]* is single, it feels each thought, each word, and all words concern it. Therefore, if we say another is stupid, or angry, or fat or ugly, or broke – the consciousness feels this applies to us and works to bring this about. Maybe we should learn from the *"Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil Monkeys."* Ever notice when you get too involved in another's problems, all of a sudden they become your problems? Just Be. Be with God and the consciousness will be hearing positive uplifting words.

God is the *"Infinite I",* the Word, but how can I know the Infinite? *"God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship Spirit and Truth."* Christian Bible. I am a triune being - body, soul and spirit, therefore when I go within in prayer, meditation and contemplation, I will learn of God, or the Infinite Spirit, and also learn of myself. The soul is the intermediate principle between the physical body and the spirit. The soul helps to slow down the high vibrations of the spirit, or the God Spark, so the physical awareness can communicate with the higher awareness of Spirit.

All these messages put together seemed to give me a truth or direction I was searching for. Yet while the words or the messages were personal, they also seemed to be Universal, therefore, I have shared them with you in hopes that they may inspire you too.

Be yourself, for that is your individual relationship with God. Be yourself, for that is all you can be in Truth. Be your *"I"*. Love yourself enough to honor and trust your inner *"I"*. Let the words you speak be in the feeling of the *"Infinite I"* – words of love, peace, unconditional acceptance, truth. Be yourself, for you are the *"I Am's"* creation and God expresses through you, as you. Know yourself and you learn of God. Spend time within and you spend time with God. Each moment with the Infinite Intelligence, the all-loving Source is a moment of joy, happiness, peace and understanding. What more can we want?!!

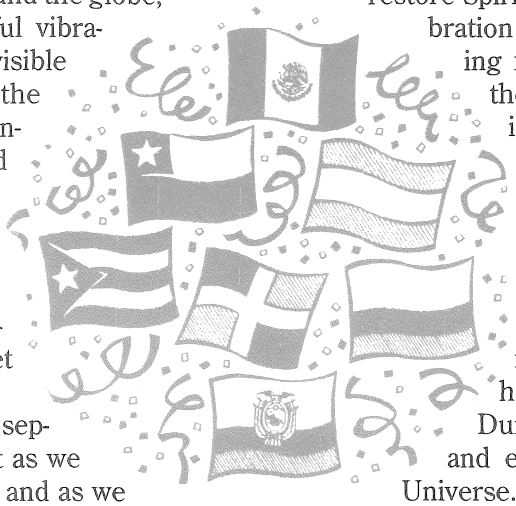


During this time of the year, many religions celebrate some joyous period in the history of their search for God. On December 31st, around the world,

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Let There Be Light, Let There Be Peace!
WORLD HEALING MEDITATION

We are each individual "Lights of the World," and this Power within us is energy we can share with others and with our beautiful land. As we spend time in the silence within, communing with the Source of Light and Peace, we can visualize the light waves of harmony emanating from our consciousness and spreading around the globe, touching all life with loving, peaceful vibrations. Everything matters, whether visible or invisible, and the energy of the Universe can be directed from the consciousness of individuals to create and radiate a Higher Force that HEALS and harmonizes. Positive energy waves help change the pattern of the movement of electrons of fire, air, earth and water. Prayer and meditation and visualization are powerful, Let Them Begin With You!



Spiritualists know that we are not separate, but a part of the whole, so that as we heal ourselves, so we heal the whole, and as we heal the whole, so we heal ourselves. All life is interconnected. When we move beyond the personal to the Universal and the Spiritual, the Light is magnified and intensified. Each time we tune into the Divine Source, we become radiating centers to spread good energy in the etheric level.

Each year on December 31st, since 1984, peoples from around the world spend an hour or more in meditation, song, dance, prayer, visualization and sending the Powerful Spiritual Energy out into the ethers to help restore Spiritual Order and Balance. This is a celebration of cooperation and consciousness linking for the higher good of humanity and the planet earth. Take time to participate in the World Healing Meditation. If possible, try to meditate and pray at the same time as others around the globe are sharing, and you may experience wonderful feelings that are surprising in their strength. If for some reason you cannot spend time at the designated hour, then try to include an hour as close to it as you possibly can. During the day continue to send thoughts and energy of peace and harmony to the Universe. In fact, why not, the last day of every month throughout the year, include a visualization of Spiritual Order and Growth for all life into your schedule. Together we can make a difference and help to transform the World Energies to Peace and Light. ■ ■ ■

PRAYER TIMES: *Noon at Greenwich Time*

San Francisco	4:00 A.M.	London	Noon
St. Louis	5:00 A.M.	Copenhagen	1:00 P.M.
Chicago	6:00 A.M.	Cairo	2:00 P.M.
New York	7:00 A.M.	Moscow	3:00 P.M.
Montreal	7:00 A.M.	Tokyo	9:00 P.M.

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people pray for peace for mankind, the earth, and for all the creations that inhabit this earth. This age is a time of rapid transportation and communication that has brought religions and people into dialogue among the leaders, the theological scholars, and the philosophers. This greater knowing of other areas, other peoples, other religions, contributes to our understanding of the whole. Rather than focusing on the varying differences, it is becoming more a practice to grant the integrity to each religion, for it is significant for the believer of that faith. Common themes and teachings, in addition to the beliefs in the afterlife, confirm and testify to the Divine origin of all religions.

The religious prejudice of earlier times is falling away as humanity recognizes there is one Ultimate Reality, called by many words, but at the root of all religions. One God, One I AM, many names, many concepts, many paths. The teachings of another religion can often confirm, or enlighten, or spark new ideas. Inspired words to give insight to the *"I."* Each one in humanity has much in common, can describe personal human and religious experiences, and can only locate the *"I"* within. Each of us on this earth plane is distinct, unique and needed and should just be, that which we are, the best we can be. Let Truth, the Law, and the Word be your inspiration and your direction.

I wish you much insight, joy and peace during this Spiritual time of the year and each day of the new year. ■

Holiday Greetings from Fellow Spiritualists

Compliments of the Season.
- Alf Connor

Season's Blessings.
- Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, President Emeritus

Seasons Greetings to All.
- Rev. Nancy A. Lloyd

God's Blessings.
- Al Ferency
1-4-3

May the peace, joy and love of Christmas remain with you forever.
Sunflower Spiritualist Church, Clinton, Iowa

May the peace and joy and love of Christmas be yours throughout the coming year 1-4-3.
- The Rev. Georgia Milton Reed and James Reed

Peace and Blessings to All for the Holiday Season.
- From the Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers, Van Nuys, CA.

Mother Earth's Spiritual Peace and Love of the Holidays abides within each of us. Gratitude to all our relations!
- Elsie Feather Song

Blessings to you in this season of love, and may you all have much happiness and prosperity in the New Year.
- Ron and Jeannie Lerch

As Spiritualism Lights the World, may this season of light illumine all mankind.
- The Memorial Spiritualist Church, Norfolk, VA

Have a joyous Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year.
- Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp

May the Light of the Season spread as a beacon of light to all who seek illumination.
- Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NSAC Treasurer

Holiday Blessing To All!
- Pamla & Bruce Ashlay-Lehrer, Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church

Greetings of the Season to our pastors, Arthur and Rose Hanson of Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas, Texas.
- From members and friends of the congregation

May Infinite Love and Light be in your heart and in your Holidays,
May your New Year be filled with Spirit's Special Vibration.

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Holiday Greetings to all.
- From the Spiritualist Church of Awareness in Orlando, Florida

Celebrate Life Joyously! Live, Love and Laugh.
- Harvey and Bonnie Horstman

Holiday Greetings to all our Spiritualist Brothers and Sisters everywhere.
- Chapel of the Sunflower, Phoenix, Arizona

*The NSAC Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society wishes both sides of the veil a very Spiritual Season and a New Year filled with peace, love and attunement.

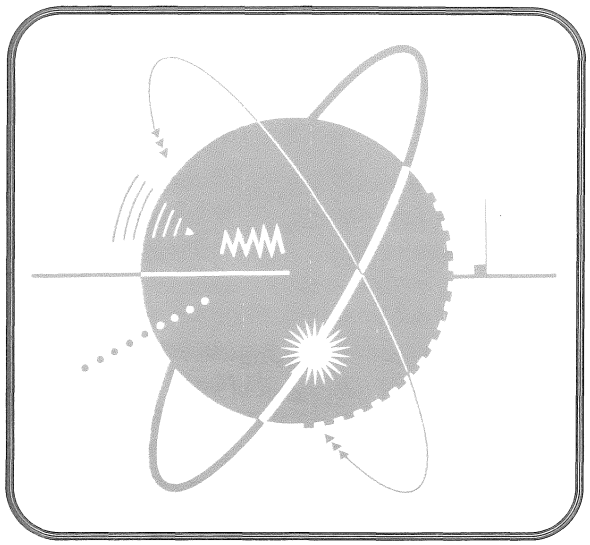
May your Spiritual Nature Awaken and Bloom Forever More.
- Mr. Chester and the Rev. Brenda Wittich

May the joy of the Spiritual Light and Love inspire you to wonderous accomplishments and growth.
- Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller

*Love Heals, so let us carry the love of the Season into the New Year to bring Health and well being into all that we do.
- The NSAC Spiritualist Healers League

May beautiful Spiritual moments be yours this Holiday and throughout the year.
- Janet Tisdale

Seasons Greetings to all my NSAC Friends.
- Arthur Iman



WHAT DOES SCIENCE SAY?

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

"As a scientist, I believe we're going to understand everything one day, but this understanding will require bringing in a realm we don't understand at all yet. We're going to have to bring in the extra-energy realm, the realm of spirit and soul . . . "

— Professor Candace Pert, Rutgers University

Scientists in the past have been a hard-headed, unemotional and for the most part a non-religious lot, so, what delights me now is the number of modern main-stream scientists proving what we Modern Spiritualists believe.

For the growing number of modern scientists who have moved to the view that the whole universe is 'a cosmic dance of energy,' and that it could be a 'thought world' moves the heart of a Modern Spiritualist. Because this is not a new concept to us. We've been given remarkable scientific knowledge from the spirit world. We've been aware of these things for a long, long time.

Modern scientists such as David Bohm say that the universe is essentially an indivisible whole. The material visible world is but the surface or outer layer of an invisible order. Mind or consciousness belongs to an underlying, psychic order and is the cause of matter rather than the effect or emerging from it, as we previously thought.

In July, 1982, an article in Science Digest speaks of Sir James Jean's book, the *'Mysterious Universe.'* Jean foresaw that science was headed toward a belief in 'a non-mechanical reality' — that the universe begins to look more like a 'great thought' than a 'great machine.' Scientists are beginning to suspect that they ought to hail 'mind' as the creator of matter. People who still say that the mind is simply a matter of brain function or that matter is the sole and ultimate reality are wholly out of touch with modern physics.

Doesn't this sound like Spiritualism?

In the old scientific view, mind was nothing more than a function of the physical brain. But, the biologist, Adolf Portmann, in his book, *'New Pathways To Biology,'* says, *"No amount of research along physical or chemical lines can ever give us a full picture of psychological, spiritual or intellectual processes."* In other words, while the mind depends on the physical brain as its tool or base in this life, it is nevertheless something different from the brain itself.

Again, the noted Canadian neurosurgeon, Dr. Wilder Penfield, saw that the mind seems to act with an 'energy' all its own. It makes decisions and puts them into action by employing the brain. But it is something more than this.

Dr. Penfield pointed out, *"The mind is a distinct and different essence from the body altogether."* He went on to say, *"The physical basis of the mind is the brain action in each individual. It accompanies the activity of his spirit."*

This is modern scientific thought today, yet, we Spiritualists have known these things since the book, *'The Rock of Truth,'* by the Spiritualist, Arthur Findlay, came on the market in August, 1933 . . . long before the current scientific studies began.

In his book, Findlay said, *"Mind, or the directing force of the universe, constitutes God. We are all part of this directing and creating mind, and through mind we are related to the guiding intelligence of the universe."*

Findlay again said, *"The universe is one gigantic scale of vibrations. The vibrations of the etheric world, I am told by my informants there, commence just above those of the physical world."*

And, Findlay, as well as countless other Spiritualists, has spoken of the etheric double. Modern scientists are, only now, understanding what Spiritualists already know.

For studies into paranormal phenomena are being carried out by well-known, main-stream modern scientists. Marie-Louise von Franz, a disciple of Carl Jung, has concluded from her studies that there is another realm beyond this natural world and says, *"Modern physics has begun to speak about universes with which we cannot communicate."*

In her book, *'On Dreams And Death,'* von Franz has a chapter on the 'subtle' or astral body. She says that each

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person has not just a physical body, but also a subtle body which survives death. This body has several names — a spiritual body, a sidereal or 'star' body — made up of finer, more intense 'energy' than the physical body. As physicists now see material made up of a 'cosmic dance of energy,' von Franz says that the 'psychic energy' of the soul or mind-spirit may underlie all three aspects, our mind, subtle body, and physical body.

Findlay said, in 1933, that Spiritualists recognize the *'Trinity of mind, etheric body and physical body.'*

Von Franz goes on to say, *"The subtle body would then be a form of the psyche that would remain close to the body, but would also possess a certain minimal mass and extension in time-space. Since, in modern physics, mass is no longer associated with a material substance, but by particles which are but bundles of energy, the idea of a body that is transformed into an intensity which is no longer visible in space and time becomes a rational concept. This new way of scientific thinking offers a new rational approach to paranormal phenomena."*

Light, from the brilliant sphere called the sun, first shone four billion years ago. It is pure unadulterated solar energy and scientists confirm that light is the highest perceiving form of energy.

Scientists also say that light is the source of all colour, a measurable entity. Again, they know that the human body not only gives off heat, odor and moisture, but transmits a series of electronic or magnetic fields. These emissions can be measured with modern equipment such as the electroencephalograph (EEG) which also measures brain waves.

Spiritualists know of these fields of energies which are given off by the human body for we can see them (auras).

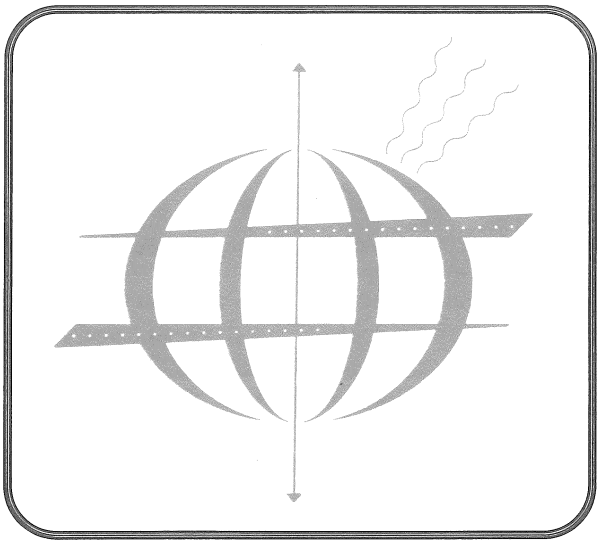
Psychologists research emotional and behavior responses to light and colour as well as their healing qualities.

But, scientists are now aware of energies more subtle than light.

The modern physicist, Fritjof Capra, has studied vast fields of energies of other frequencies, which not only underlie our own, but interlock with it. There are many dimensions of reality going on simultaneously around us, he admits.

Scientists say that we experience the physical as well as the psychic through imagination, inspiration, intuition and insight. But there are other energies as well which we do not have 'eyes' or 'ears' to discern. It's like knowing the air all around us is filled with transmissions of dozens of channels of television and radio programming — and yet, without a radio or television, we are unaware of any signal whatsoever. Scientists now realize that the material or physical universe is a double of a subtler, more psychic universe.

Professor Bernard Grad spent thirty-five years as a biologist researcher in McGill University, Montreal, proving that the laying-on of hands cures illnesses. He was convinced of a strong power in and around us, a kind of bioenergy which flows from God and is caused by Him.



Spiritualists are well aware of the benefits of using the energies of the 'great unseen healing force' (God) to cure illnesses.

However, a few scientists such as Dr. Grad, Teilhard de Chardin, as well as Einstein, realized that it was impossible to understand modern science without thinking of religion. For modern science fuels religious thoughts.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, in his book, *"The Mysticism Of Science,"* made this quite clear. He went on to say that besides the phenomena of heat, light, etc., studied by physicists, there was, just as real and natural, the phenomenon of spirituality.

Teilhard pointed out that the study of energy resources in the past was confined to coal, oil and uranium, but scientists now were considering the vast energy resources of spiritual, mental and psychic energies.

For Teilhard, love, divine (God) and human, is the inexhaustible source of energy. He wrote about the prominent place of love in human evolution. He likened it to fire, which can stand for warmth and light as well as for the fusion and transformation of the other elements.

Spiritualists, too, know the inexhaustible source of energy is light and love. We call this inexhaustible source, God.

Again, Albert Einstein viewed science on a very large scale. For Einstein, science was a matter of spiritual vocation, a response to an inner call, a spiritual path. For him it concerned itself with the nature of the physical world as well as the fate of man.

So, what we see in main-stream science today is remarkable. We now see a 'converging' between science and religion. Yet, Spiritualism has combined science with religion and philosophy for 140 years.

Moreover, modern scientists are only now discovering the 'energies' — 'astral bodies' — 'the power of the mind' that we Spiritualists have known about for a long time. Will they soon discover the spirit world as we know it?

Perhaps. ■

FIGHTER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

BY ROBERT J. MACDONALD

A famous man once said, *"these are days to try men's souls,"* and such an observation is as pertinent to-day as it ever was. *"The times call out for men with vision and purpose."* The organization of Spiritualism has not lacked champions, and when it seems that the leaders of the movement, have reached an impasse in their effort to bring the message of TRUE SPIRITUALISM to a troubled mankind, when the way seemed precarious, a champion has arisen to bring inspiration and courage.

Such a one was Nathaniel Potter Tallmadge, Governor of Wisconsin, born in Chatham, N.Y., February 8, 1795. He was graduated with honors at the age of twenty from William's College, Massachusetts. Mr. Tallmadge was admitted to the New York Bar three years later and in 1828 he was elected to the New York Legislative Assembly. The Hon. John W. Edmonds — later Judge of the Supreme Court, State of New York, and great advocate for Spiritualism — was a member of the same body and the two men became life-long friends. Upon the expiration of his term in the New York Senate, Mr. Tallmadge was elected United States Senator for a period of six years, and was offered a seat in the Cabinet of President Harrison, but declined this honor.

In 1844, he was named for the Office of Governor of Wisconsin which at that time was a Territory. His nomination was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. In 1852, Gov. Tallmadge became very disturbed because of newspaper attacks upon Judge Edmonds, occasioned by Edmonds' interest in Spiritualism. Mr. Tallmadge was not then a Spiritualist, but his sense of right and his ideals of American Justice were insulted at such untoward attacks upon a man because of his Religious persuasions. Governor Tallmadge took up the cudgels on behalf of his friend, and after a very fair and impartial study, and a careful weighing of the evidence of Spiritualism, he became a confirmed Spiritualist.

Mr. Tallmadge had the glorious experience of having manifestation in his own family circle. His beloved daughter, though she had no technical knowledge of music, was entranced and played classical and popular music. He received direct writing from Spirit and experienced strong Phenomena. In one instance, he was levitated while sitting on top of a table. In 1854, Gov Tallmadge realizing the precarious condition of organized Spiritualism was instrumental in having a memorial on behalf of the movement presented to the Congress of the United States, by General Shields. The Memorial had 13,000 signatures headed by the name of Governor Tallmadge. No official conclusion was reached in respect to the Memorial, and it was laid on the table, but it is preserved in the Official Archives and there it shall remain as part of the record of our Nation and its Religions.



GOV. N. P. TALLMADGE

The United States of America was founded upon the principle of Freedom, and while we are recognized as a Christian Nation, one of the bulwarks of our Constitution is, that there shall be no Law passed restricting Religious Freedom. Minority groups, Religious and otherwise are in the best position to appreciate how precious is their Freedom. Alas! few public men to-day are willing to lend their name and prestige to Minority Causes. Pressure groups of every kind seem to intimidate them. It is amazing to hear prominent people say, *"I KNOW Spiritualism is a TRUTH,"* but, — and how craven are the excuses they give as to the reason for their not being clearly identified.

The patience of Spirit is timeless though the hearts of men grow faint and their minds impatient, because of the fears of others, yet Spiritualists everywhere are encouraged at the rise of a Champion in every generation, to do battle with the ancient hydra-headed foe, Fear — Superstition — Cupidity.

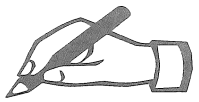
The National Spiritualist Association through the efforts of men like Governor Tallmadge grew to be a wise and respected body of serious Religious people, which has deserved and won the respect of the Nation, because of their circumspect behavior. There are many people practicing a quasi Spiritualism, quite removed from the TRUE

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Ethical Guidelines for Spiritualist Ministers - Part XXIII -



BY THE REV. MIRIAM BOSTWICK, CALIFORNIA



1. Someone comes to you asking for financial assistance, but that person has demonstrated an unwillingness to work, or to try to keep a job. Therefore, you feel any aid out of the small available fund of the church would not be used wisely by this person to better himself. However, you still want to be considered the *"nice guy,"* so you send him to another church to ask for money.

RESPONSE: Refer the person to an established social or welfare agency for help, not to another church.

2. There are a number of social issues which society is concerned about: abortion, equality for women in the market place, assisted suicide for the terminally ill, sexual harassment, Aids, joblessness, homelessness, cruelty to animals, capital punishment, etc. Do you feel the Spiritualist movement, or you as a Spiritualist Minister, should take a public stand on any of these issues?

RESPONSE: Spiritualism contains the spiritual values that are needed to influence public policy, but does it have the commitment? Paul D. Simmons states that "Ethics is interested in both the ends or goals toward which actions might be directed and the means or standards by which the actions might be guided . . . denunciation is of little value where no positive alternatives are made available . . . social change gets its power not so much from the force of arms or the superior technology of armaments as in a new idea . . . commitments to a new understanding undermine the allegiances to old realities and assures the collapse of structures that are at odds with the new vision . . . language is an important part of the minister's effort to shape opinion and fashion a moral milieu out of which public policy is formed and political actions take place." Spiritualists should become involved in fashioning public policy but *"Such efforts should be guided by commitments to justice, human rights, and religious liberty . . ."* (Paul D. Simmons, *"The Pastor as Prophet: How Naked the Public Square?"*, Review and Expositor, 86, Fall 1989.)

Editors Note: *At the 100th NSAC Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO in 1992, the delegates adopted Social Policy Statements that were then published in the July, 1993 TNS.*

3. One of your board members who is an accountant has offered to audit the church books for less than his usual fee. This would mean a considerable savings to the church. Do you take him up on his offer?

RESPONSE: In Paul Chaffee's book on **Accountable Leadership**, which is an excellent guide through legal, financial, and ethical issues facing congregations today, he states emphatically, *"Do not use the services of a Board member or a friend willing to do the job inexpensively. Rely on well-recommended certified public accountants who are not connected with the congregation. Accountability is the issue here, and doing favors for either the congregation or one of its members is inappropriate."* ■

Fighter For Religious Freedom

(Continued from previous page.)

IDEAL. People who have plagiarized and have adopted rites and ceremonies properly belonging to other Religious bodies, where their use has dignity and meaning, and which have been hallowed by age and tradition. Such rites and ceremonies have no meaning in the Church of Spiritualism, and their usage there is but a sly and cunning means to entice the investigator upon — apparently — familiar ground with an effort to convert instead of CONVINCE.

Governor Tallmadge's labors were directed to one end, — that Spiritualism would be recognized. That the FACT of its SCIENCE, the TRUTH of it PHILOSOPHY, the SOUL-AIDING qualities of the RELIGION would be understood by all people, and without subterfuge. Truly these times of political turmoil and mounting World fears and unrest need men of courage and good-will. When we consider the life of a man like Tallmadge, and understand what he suffered for the Cause of Spiritualism, we are constrained to realize that men will rise in every age to work for the Cause of Right in every department of Life. The Spiritualist KNOWS that all things move and have their being through Infinite Intelligence, and that, as Men grow wise in SPIRITUAL REALIZATION, there will be fewer disasters among Men and a keener appreciation of the RIGHTS of all.

Governor Tallmadge presented his petition in 1854. His name led the roster of 13,000. Millions since have followed where he led. He was a man who loved his fellow men; loved them enough to fight for the welfare of all. Modern Spiritualism approaches it's 100TH ANNIVERSARY in March 1948, and the memory of men like Governor Tallmadge have made its century of Progress, a worthwhile contribution of the growth of Civilization, and a deeper understanding of the true purpose of Religion. Religion which SHALL set men free, free from the hatreds which arise from FEAR and IGNORANCE, free to pursue the high-road of SPIRITUAL PROGRESSION under the banner of CONTINUING CONSCIOUSNESS. ■

(Taken from TNS, October, 1947.)

Celebrate the Birth!

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

Sometimes people will question why we, as Spiritualists, celebrate Christmas and our reply is that Christmas represents the joy that the birth of every child brings. Statistics tell us that this is often a difficult time of year for many people and that the scourges of depression and suicide rise at this time of year.

Perhaps you are among those feeling distraught at this time, so I would like to talk to you about a special celebration you can enjoy all by yourself. If it is true that the birth of every child should be cause for celebration, then what about your own? True this may not be the month of your birth, but for just a little while set that aside and marvel at YOU!

Yes, you, born as Jesus with the spark of divinity within. Yes, you, born a Child of God. No matter your gender, we are all children of God. No matter our state in this physical world, perfect in Spirit.

Celebrate your birth, the day that you came to this earth plane to experience all the incidents that have made you so unique. Yes, you, unique, wonderful you. Say *"yes"* to your divinity and put aside any feelings of despair, disillusion and disappointment.

For just a little while settle back in your favorite chair and think of the day you came here. Think of how sweet and marvelous that tiny being was, pure Spirit, clothed in the physical, with the potential to bring love, comfort and understanding to others in their daily lives. Think of that sweet and innocent babe, filled with the promise of God, the ability to bring peace on earth. For each of us has the ability to send healing thoughts throughout the Universe, to see the world surrounded with Love and to try each day of our lives on this plane to make it as close to the creation it is



meant to be as we can.

Celebrate the day of birth when you discovered the truth of Spiritualism, there are no dead, there is no death. Know, right now in your very heart how wonderful your birth has been, treasure the time you have spent here, remember all the beauty you have seen and cast aside those negative thoughts that are destroying your ability to be the Child of God you are meant to be.

Celebrate the important things of the Spiritual life you have been given. In these financially difficult times, we can all give gifts of love and fellowship, infinitely richer than any coin of the physical realm. We can volunteer to help others and in so doing help ourselves. If you are housebound, then contact your local telephone company or Senior Citizen services. Instead of asking to be put on a Telephone Assurance Plan, ask how you can volunteer to call others and visit with them. There are so many ways we can help if we will look for them, and while it may not seem like much to you, those who receive your help will feel blessed by the touch of someone who cares. If you feel no one cares about you, turn it around and start caring about someone else.

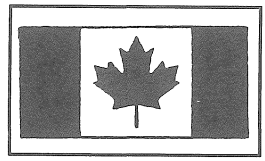
You are reading this magazine, so obviously you have a glimmer of what Spiritualism is teaching. Maybe you are just beginning to learn, but wherever you are on the path, you have already begun to discover the truth about you. You may have just learned that you are Spirit now, you don't have to wait for some great transition to become Spirit. Make the most of it. Celebrate your Spirit and the Christ within yourself. Go out or look out your window and see all the beauty of the earth. If Infinite Intelligence gave you this beauty, then how can you doubt the beauty of yourself.

Celebrate yourself! Then celebrate the birth of everyone you know, their birth as a Child of God. See through whatever you perceive in the physical to that special child within every person and soon you will find there is much to celebrate, not just at this time of year, but all year.

Behold the Christ within everyone you meet. It may be very difficult at times, but it is worth the effort. Pray for those whom have done you a disservice and you will find it difficult to stay angry with someone you are praying for, if you truly pray for them. There is a catch to it, for you must feel within your heart the words you speak. Empty words without charitable forgiveness are vain.

Celebrate, appreciate and acknowledge that you are Spirit now, filled with the Christ within and shining in the Light. What better way to enjoy the holiday, celebrating your very own special gift to this plane of existence, the wonderful, the beautiful, the Spiritual you. Merry Christmas and enjoy life here, and hereafter can only get better, if you allow it. ■

Christmas Celebration



CANADA

BY THE REV. JUDY MERRILL, DSNU

In our Church we have aspired to clean up our inclinations towards our Christian backgrounds. We have chosen hymns with the spirit message, we have ceased to use the Lord's prayer as part of our service and have replaced it with the beautiful Spiritualists' prayer published in a past issue of your magazine. We have chosen to stand up as Spiritualists and be recognized for our religion, science, and philosophy in all its beauty and inspiration!

Recently, someone asked us why we celebrate Christmas as it is a Christian holiday celebrating the birth of the chosen prophet of Christianity, Jesus. Of course, like many celebrations its true meaning has been blurred in materialism and gifting.

No celebration would have lasted so long if there had not been a special meaning and significance to its use. Do we not all turn to Peace, Harmony, Goodwill and thoughts of others at this special season of celebration?



As Spiritualists, it is all right to decorate your buildings, trim your trees, celebrate fellowship and friendship within your congregations with dinners and meetings, but indicate in all honesty and truth that the celebration is for Peace on Earth as the hymns celebrate, it is for Goodwill to all men as your gifting and generosity of spirit display, it is a celebration of Harmony with all men and nature.

The true significance and meaning of the various celebrations that Christians have continued have been lost in antiquity. The best that can be found is that when the Church authorities set up the pattern for Christian churches, they wished to retain celebrations and holidays to give the people a time of joy. A lot of these celebrations came from the Pagan tradition in which they celebrated the changing seasons, or any other event to have cause for a social and friendly gathering of the people. They were truly Party people!

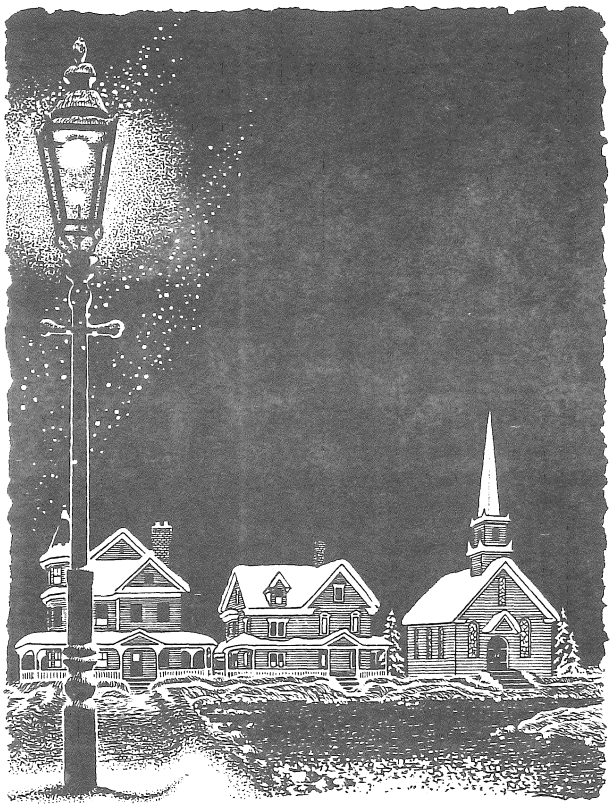
Man has not lost his need for friendship and fellowship, one with the other be it family or friends and Christmas certainly has become this form of celebration. We gather together in groups as friends for a celebration of Peace and Harmony and then we meet with family members for a Christmas dinner and social. It is a time when we feel inclined to get in touch with family or friends from near and far and renew old acquaintances and build new ones.

With motives of Peace, Harmony and Goodwill, may Christmas remain with us always. Our need for the beauty of life has never been higher. God bless. ■

One of the greatest discoveries in life is finding a true friend.
- Merry Browne

THOUGHTS from the SPIRIT PAVNAH

FROM THE MEDIUMSHIP
OF
MARY SIGURDSSON, MAINE



Be you dead of the earth, yet you still live, to walk, talk and think. What is this thing, that has happened to me? How can I look and see whom I have loved and lost, so long ago? What good fortune is this wonderful happening? I denied myself all those years, I feel such peace and serenity I've never felt before.

Here I am discovering my real self, I always thought when I died everything would be over and gone forever. Little did I know there was a new life after death of the earth body. **What happiness I now know is beyond description!** Our progression is endless, our spirits have no limit, I have learned that most of us return to our natural home, of beauty beyond compare, **where we all learn the full meaning of love and illumination of ones self.**

The spirit world is not a fictional or magical place in the sky, it is all around if man can only know it.

So try to have a better understanding of what life is all about, become a sensitive channel of knowledge for all souls will come together and walk the same paths.

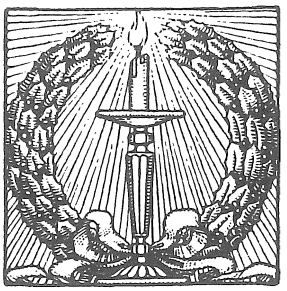
Teach the true meaning of life's purpose, which will enable them to go out among the seeker and help them to know as to what the soul, birth, life, growth and destiny is about.

Take care my friends, may God be with you, live in harmony, Pavnah. ■

Remember TAXES!

Taxes are often something that we try to forget, but the NSAC wants to remind the Spiritualist Churches, Camps and State Associations that the 1099 tax form for speakers and workers that have received payment of $600.00 or more during this year needs to be filed by January 31, 1995. The duplicate copy of the 1099, and the 1096, a companion form, then must be filed with the Federal Government by February 28, 1995. Consult with an accountant if you have questions as to whether or not these forms apply to your organization. If you have NOT paid any one individual $600.00 or more during the past year, you do not have to file this form. ■

Telepathy, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience



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

Spiritualism teaches that telepathy is the ability to sense another person's thoughts and mental states, or to convey your own thoughts to other people without the use of speech, gestures, or other physical signaling. This definition is from the Encyclopedia of the Unexplained. I experimented using telepathy with a friend of mine. We really did not know we were doing it until one day spirit pointed it out to me. I would think his name and think about him calling and within minutes, he would call. I would pick up on what he was wanting to do when we saw each other. He would come over and I would suggest the very thing that he was about to ask. This went on all the time and was exciting. But then he could not surprise me with much of anything.

F. W. H. Myers did some investigating with Gurney, Sidgwick and Professor Barrett, into the possibilities of telepathy, which they called 'thought-transference.' It's a good name, for it's defined as "transmission of thought independent of the recognized channels of sense." If it weren't for all the great people that we involved in the researches of this phenomena, we may not have known so much about this and how it relates to Spiritualism.

We have learned from all these dedicated people that telepathy is a fact, that has been proven with documented tests. Testing concluded that telepathy was or is not only a mind-to-mind, but from the spirit world mind to the earth plane mind.

Clairvoyance is the psychic ability to see or sense that which is not present to ordinary sight. This includes objects of events far away, ghosts, spirits or presences; awareness of things or objective events that is acquired without sensory means. It is regarded in Parapsychology as a subtype of extra-sensory perception, according to the Encyclopedia of the Unexplained. Much research has been done on Clairvoyance, a popular type of phenomena, that is readily displayed by mediums of organized Spiritualism. The meaning is 'clear-seeing', or Spiritualism calls it 'psychic sight'.

Clairvoyance can be either subjective or objective, and it is often difficult to distinguish between the two. Many Greek philosophers sought the wisdom they had through psychic channels. The classifications which it fell under was 'clear sight' of magnetic sleep.

Early in the movement of organized Spiritualism, Clairvoyance is accepted as fact, and communication with the Spirit World was demonstrated. Thanks to Professor Lodge, Myers and Richet in their study of Eusapia Palladino, much was learned and documented about various forms of Clairvoyance.

Clairaudience is another phenomena which scientists have researched. Clairaudience is hearing something not present to the ear, but regarded as having objective reality. Clairaudience is also 'clear hearing' of voices subconsciously generated and externalized in auditory perception; or of objective voices so much below the normally audible vibratory scale as to be imperceivable by auditory hyperaesthesia.

Clairaudience is a mental form of mediumship closely allied to Clairvoyance.

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Don't PANIC!

My phone begins to ring about the fourth or fifth of the month if people haven't received their issues of *TNS* when they usually expect them. Each year The National Spiritualist Association of Churches **GIFTs** our readers a Special Edition that highlights the NSAC Annual Convention. This extra magazine requires that time be **stretched** in order to fit in the regular monthly copy and an additional copy. With this in mind, our delivery schedule changes and the January and February issues arrive a bit later in the month. Usually by the March magazine, we are about back on the schedule. So **don't panic**, *TNS* will be coming.

WHAT IS A TEACHER?

BY THE REV. DONALD H. HADDICK, NST, CALIFORNIA

A teacher is one who is farther on the path than others. With their greater knowledge, they can demonstrate convincingly to the students. Therefore, there always have been teachers and there always will be teachers. This necessity for teachers is true in all fields of endeavor. Many of the reports shown in the various news media reflect a great discrepancy in teaching results. The appeal to the human intellect found in the academic environment is different from the goals of the spiritual teachers. We have some spiritual teachers more successful than others. Since no two persons are alike, it is not reasonable to expect National Spiritualist Teachers to use like practices. Some may stress the development of mediumship while others work to bring forth a students spiritual nature. By what criteria can it be said that one is more successful or important than the other?

One class may have students wishing to qualify for certificates of a Medium, a Healer, a Licentiate Minister and an Ordained Minister. Another class, with the same teacher, finds students with goals other than certification. Is Spiritual Awareness, understanding and application of the laws of God and Nature any less important? Both goals will be respected and used by every successful teacher.

A National Spiritualist Teacher works in the field of teaching where the highest degree of sincerity and education is required. They direct the students attention to the realm of the inaudible and unseen nature of their spiritual being. The teacher gathers together a group of aspiring students who are sincere and have an affinity for attracting harmonious potentialities. The spirit band, working with the teacher, bring into the classroom from the higher realms, spirit entities who may be able to work with and help the students with their progression. The students are taught about the subtle laws that govern the Spirit World and the students spiritual nature. Most teachers give the students various exercises to help them open up to the influence of these spirit entities they have attracted through association with the teacher. These exercises may include breath control, use of affirmations and prayers, how to concentrate and meditate. Much more is required of the student than the weekly attendance in the classroom. Study and daily application to any exercises must be given in a timely manner. A timely manner means a specific time each day. Remember, your spirit guides have many interests to occupy their attention. Your punctuality for time of concentration and meditation assures them that they too have an appointment with you, the student.

This practical approach to unfolding one's spiritual nature may bring to mind some questions. Why would spirit guides have interest in students? In what ways can they be of help to students? First and foremost, any help rendered to students become a stepping stone in furthering their progress in the Spirit World. Secondly, they have conquered many of the foibles of this material world and can strengthen the students resolve to do likewise. One may be a doctor to help the student maintain a chemical balance. Another may bring courage to do right because it is right to do so. Some may come to fortify the students efforts to overcome laziness, fear, regret, jealousy, conceit and every other weakness found in this material life. The list could go on and on.

Whatever course may prove to be most practical, we hope all teachers and students will give it their utmost effort. REMEMBER, the Wise One tarries not in the pleasure ground of the senses. ■



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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, NSAC
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SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church
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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.

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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, NSAC
1349 Hays, 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 11:00 a.m., Reg. Serv. 11:15 to 12:30; 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., Laurie Longanecker.); Sun. Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., including healing, lectures, and messages; Call for info on Rev. Foard Memorial Library; Co-Pastor, Rev. Connie Smith, 29060 Burkley Rd., Hayward, 94544.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers
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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.

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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., NSAC
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. Pres., Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (203) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354, (203) 564-5976.

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

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
3210 N. 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 Ridge 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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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.
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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., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

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

CICERO - First Spiritualist Church of Cicero
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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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FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist Science Church of Frankfort Inc., NSAC
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., NSAC
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
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MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC
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. Georgia Milton Reed, (319) 243-3233; 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.

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

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.

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R.R. 4, Box 208 L-17, 04210.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv., 2:00 -3:30 p.m.; Spiritual Awareness Class, Thurs. 7-9 p.m.; Mini Readings last Wed. of month 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Pres., Margaret M. Tracy, (207) 623-7264; Secy., Fred Odionne. Mail 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.; 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.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Assoc.
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, 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, NSAC, 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
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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. 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.
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.
OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
21 Dennison St., 48371.
ROYAL OAK - First Spiritualist Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (313) 288-4026.
SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 19, 1994 through Sept. 4th; Annual Retreat Week in July; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

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. 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, NSAC
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 •

LAUREL - Winds of Change Spiritualist Church
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 •

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

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC
1018 E. Sahara Ave., 89104; Mailing address: P.O. Box 82134, 89180; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes offered; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Katheleen Holmes, (702) 385-5418.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

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

• NEW JERSEY •

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

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ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center
1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, 12065; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m., held at Clifton Common Community Center, Vischer Ferry Rd., Clifton Park; Year-round Spiritual Unfoldment Classes; Circles Fri. 7:30 pm.; Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.
AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Church
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church
97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

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

BUFFALO - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood
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EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., 14052, (716) 652-5018; Sun. (except Mediums Day) 1:00 p.m. Lyceum Classes adult & children; 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture & Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Coffee Hour; Mediums Day 3rd Sun. of month; 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture and Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Dinner followed by All Message Service; Secy., Tracey Gaught, P.O. Box 314, Delevan, 14042, (716) 492-2069.

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

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
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LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.
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LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
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ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
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ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light
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• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Jack Pearsell, P.O. Box 253, Ashley, 43003, (614) 747-2688; Secy., Nikki DeWitt, 402 Lincolnshire Dr., Gahanna, 43230, (614) 478-4753.

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp
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ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
4230 Main Ave.; Sun Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; Pres., Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056; Secy.-Treas., Dorothy A. Benes; Services are held starting with the 2nd Sunday in September and continue through the last Sunday in May. The Book Shop is open every Sunday. Church is not in session during June, July, and August.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211; Devotional Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen, 8521 Old Worthington Rd., Westerville, 43801, (614) 263-1631.

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
848 Clover St., 45410.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
667 Henry St., 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Thurs. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Robert Hull, 316 Franklin St., 43302, (614) 387-8887; Secy., Dorothy Beveridge, 241 Uhler Ave., 44302, (614) 387-2400.

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial, NSAC
1123 Oak St., 18102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Ludwig L. Zernicek, LM, P.O. Box 329, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0329, (908) 479-1772; Pres., Sharon George, 202 N. 8th St., 18102, (215) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, P.O. Box 329, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0329, (908) 479-1772; Treas., Myrtle Frace, 2044 Ridgelawn Ave., Bethelem, 18018, (215) 868-5476.

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

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun., 3:00 p.m.; Serv., 4:00 p.m., Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

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

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
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CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
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GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, NSAC
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, NSAC
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SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
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• VIRGINIA •

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SPRINGFIELD - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
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• WASHINGTON •

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• WISCONSIN •

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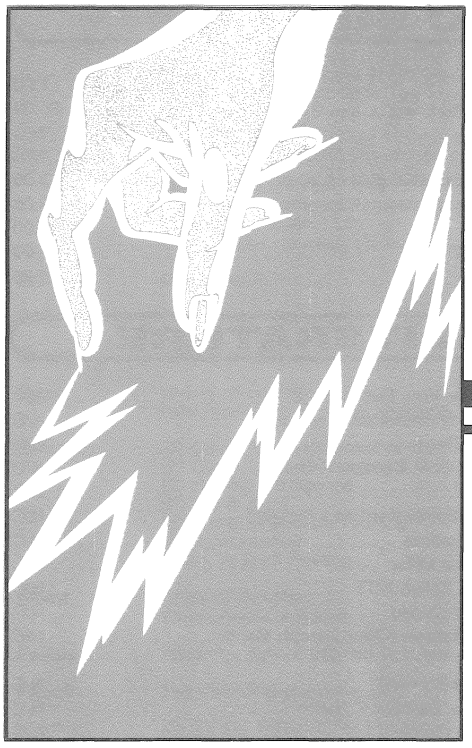
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1994 - The Healing Convention

Note: *I couldn't sleep last night. My mind kept racing with thoughts of the convention until finally I realized what was really happening. My guides were speaking to me and instructing me to write about what I had experienced and what my feelings were at the convention. In fact, the thoughts were coming so fast that I asked them to wait until the morning so that nothing would be lost. When I got out of bed, I took a cup of coffee and quickly headed for the computer and began this article. I hope that you enjoy it!*

MILLBRAE, CALIFORNIA, a small community just south of San Francisco and near the airport. As you ride through the streets of Millbrae, you feel very comfortable, you feel that you're in a place that you could easily see yourself living in. Millbrae also happens to be the home of several NSAC Spiritualists, perhaps another reason why the town feels so good!

Millbrae was the location of the 1994 NSAC's 102nd Annual Convention, and this was a convention that will have to go down in the history of the NSAC as a major turning point. This was the convention in which the delegates rallied and demonstrated sincere love for our beautiful religion and for each other. This was the convention in which the new direction has begun, the direction that will bring the NSAC into the new century.

The past year had been one of difficulty for our organization, and many people questioned the possible mood of the convention. But NO, our spirit friends and pioneers were not going to allow anything negative to happen.

Many of us had prayed for help from our friends in the Spirit World. We had prayed that the NSAC would be led on a path that would be progressive, and bring us together as our pioneers had intended. We had prayed for love and support for all Spiritualists, one for another. And our prayers were answered! Our friends in the Spirit World listened to those prayers and they responded.

It was time for a major healing in the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, and that is what took place in Millbrae.

Coincidentally, the first convention workshop on Monday morning was a **HEALING** workshop! (After thinking about this, perhaps it wasn't so coincidental after all!)

The business portion of the convention began when the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, our sixth president, added an addendum to his opening remarks. He announced that he was resigning from the office of President at noon on Friday, just prior to the election of officers. Much emotion was experienced as this elder statesman announced his retirement.

Many of the delegates strongly voiced the opinion that they would not accept his resignation. But then, Mr. Merrill asked the delegates to honor his wishes and finally, after a lot of sadness, his resignation was accepted by the delegates. He received two standing ovations at this point. He had served our religion for countless years and had passed the age of 90, so he has truly earned his retirement. We all pray for and wish Mr. Merrill well.

This bold move by Mr. Merrill set the stage for change, and Mr. Merrill is to be credited for ending his tenure in such a manner.

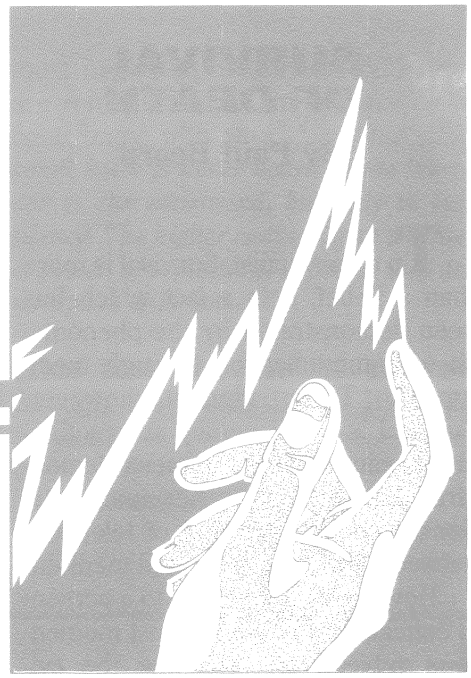
Mr. Merrill announced that he would be sharing the chair with the Rev. Brenda Wittich, our current vice-president. This proved to be another step in the healing process, as the love from Mrs. Wittich quickly permeated the assembly.

Her efficiency also became most evident as she skillfully kept the business of the convention moving along at an unbelievable pace. The number of constitutional changes that had been proposed were staggering. In the past, that many changes would have taken up the time allotted for the entire convention. But, under the vice-president's fresh and skillful direction, things kept moving along very smoothly.

The reports given by the several bureaus were all received well by the delegates. There were several constructive comments made, and I felt a deep appreciation for all of our sincere and dedicated workers, who donate so

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By The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST

much of their time to Spiritualism. This was **another form of healing** that we experienced!

Each of the four service clubs had successful meetings. And precedent was set when they agreed to work together for a full day's seminar on physical phenomena at the Phoenix convention in 1995. Here was more evidence of the entire National Spiritualist Association of Churches being drawn closer together for the common good.

Our educational bureau also began a new phase. A staff was appointed to address such things as advertising, enrollments, scholarships and applications, etc. This will leave the Superintendent of the Bureau of Education free to concentrate on the curriculum, accreditation and other such things. More progress! I'll report more on this in the near future.

On Friday at noon, The Rev. Joseph H. Merrill's resignation took effect and he again received a standing ovation from the delegates. At that time the Rev. Brenda Wittich took full charge of the convention.

Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., the elections began. The office of president was the first one to be voted on because of the vacancy created by Mr. Merrill's resignation. We all stood in continuous applause as the first woman president in the history of the NSAC, The Rev. Brenda Wittich, was elected and accepted the presidency and pledged her commitment. Here again was another example of the healing and changes that were happening to the NSAC!

Other Board members elected were the Rev. Bernard F. Baker as Vice-President, the Rev. Sharon Snowman (re-elected) as Secretary, the Rev. Alfred Conner elected as Trustee, the Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer elected as Trustee, and the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch elected as Trustee. The incumbents are our Treasurer, the Rev. Lelia Cutler, and Trustees, the Rev. Joseph Sax and the Rev. Barbara Thurman.

Because of the time it took to elect all of these Board members, the evening services were canceled. Nobody seemed to mind because of the wonderful feelings that were by now affecting all in attendance.

Another special event that brought healing at the Annual Convention is credited to the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco, CA. To my knowledge there has not been another Spiritualist Church that has given each other NSAC Spiritualist Church a gift at a convention. This is exactly what the members of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church did. A cassette audio tape made in 1948 by their church founder, the Rev. Florence S. Becker, was presented to a representative of each church. Contained on the tape is two private Independent Voice and Trumpet seances that commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism, representing such pioneers as the Fox Family, Charles Rosna, Judge Edmonds and others. If you have not had the opportunity to hear this thrilling recording, ask your church board to share this memorable gift, for it was given for all Spiritualists to enjoy.

The feelings that were evident at this convention are very difficult to describe. It was one of those times when "you had to be there" to experience it. I saw people that had barely been speaking to each other, hugging and talking about getting together. I saw people that had strongly opposed change in the past, open their minds to the strong knowledge that the NSAC was going to move forward. I saw, and personally experienced the great love that we, as Spiritualists, have for each other. New friendships have been formed and these will continue into the new year.

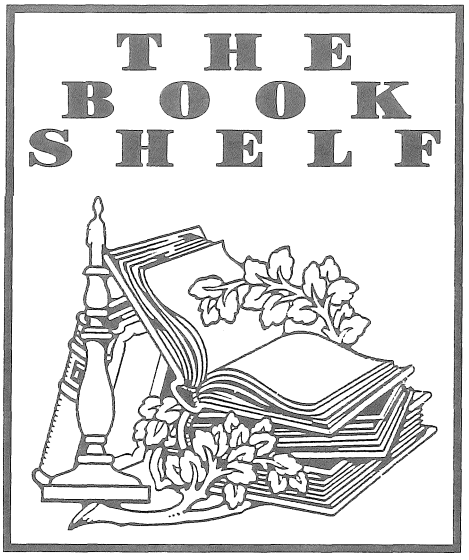
I was truly proud to say that I was a Spiritualist. And I was truly proud to say that I was an NSAC Spiritualist!

After the convention, I went to my room and I gave thanks for the help that had been given. I prayed for continuing guidance for our entire National Board, not just for me, so that we would be certain to always act in the best interest of the NSAC and our beautiful religion. I prayed for the ideas and energy that has surfaced at this convention, and I prayed for the continued healing of the NSAC. I am confident that these prayers are being answered.

Let's all continue these prayers and let's all work together to continue the healing process, and bring our religion to it's rightful place of eminence in the world! ■

SURVIVAL OF DEATH

By Paul Beard



To a Spiritualist, Survival is more than a belief, it is a fact which has been demonstrated by the phenomena of communication through mediumship. To a scientist, however, Survival is not generally accepted as fact because the phenomena demonstrated is open to other interpretations, most notably that of telepathy between the living sitter and medium.

How then do we come to a personal conclusion about this most momentous subject? By weighing the evidence as presented from a number of sources, says the author of this month's book section. And that is exactly what *"Survival of Death"* does. It is another one of those gems by Paul Beard, a writer who so thoroughly and carefully researches his material that one always feels well informed by the time the end is reached.

We quote the review, *"Many psychical researchers consider that severe difficulties exist in obtaining conclusive evidence of our continuing existence after death. But when 'Survival of Death' was first published in 1966 Paul Beard was accorded high praise for the analytical detachment with which he discussed the evidence for and against.*

"Such a careful and honest assessment presented many problems especially as the same evidence must be viewed, considered and weighed so differently from the two sides.

"As a long-standing member of the Society for Psychical Research and former President of the College of Psychical Studies for sixteen years, the author, with great clarity, indicates the way by which the reader can make his own decision."

The book has been organized into two distinct bodies of information called, respectively, Research and Search. This is a marvelous way to present the relevant material and we applaud the author's candor in both discussions.

The first part, under Research, leads us through a fascinating account of the more significant case histories collected over the past century by the Society of Psychical Research. These records include spontaneous phenomena witnessed unexpectedly by ordinary people as well as more formal reports made in the test sittings and private seances of well-known mediums.

In explaining to the reader the methods of scientific research, the author manages to clarify the difficulties in establishing proof in such a way that Survival is the only possible conclusion. Without veridical evidence, other paranormal modes of awareness such as clairvoyance and telepathy become just as likely a hypothesis of explanation of the scientist.

The first part of the book shows us how to look at communications and weigh their evidence for ourselves. The second part of the book, called Search, then guides us through the intangible elements of communication which have little to do with evidence, and everything to do with the subjective *"feel"* of a communicator. Ultimately, both the objective evidence and the subjective recognition must be present if one is to make a strong case for Survival.

Integral to this decision, then, is the actual practice of mediumship in which human fallibility becomes an additional factor. Paul Beard is especially good in discussing this topic for it is one he knows well, even though he jokes, *"A medium is sometimes pictured as a motherly old soul in musty velvet, lying in wait behind a bead curtain."*

On the contrary, Beard explains that true mediumship, as opposed to unrestrained psychism, makes huge demands on one's sensitivity and calls for continuous development. He says, *"The essential qualities of mediumship lie in two things; firstly, in a deep still receptivity, secondly, in the ability to express and interpret faithfully what is received."*

"It is very hard to hold the thread securely, to keep in touch at the same time with both levels of consciousness." And further, *"This sensitivity operates at a level at which a normal person is not aware; after the first task of perception at this level comes the second task of describing what is sensed in such a way that it can be taken hold of by the recipient."*

Beyond the more evidential facts of Survival lie an even deeper, more difficult subtlety to convey to the sitter. Beard tells us, *"true refinement of mediumship rises towards sharing the contents of the communicators' minds and feelings at their deepest level . . . It is far more than the communicator's words which are sought, it is his inner self, his very soul, and this is far less easily come by than his words."*

Thus, *"It is impossible to understand mediumship without appreciation of different and rapidly shifting levels of consciousness . . . "* And likewise, it is impossible to understand the phenomena of Survival without a clear understanding of its mediumship. This book is worth its weight in gold to those who want to understand both the Research and Search behind these topics.

(To order *"Survival of Death,"* contact the NSAC Books By Mail Service.)

- Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

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AN ANTHOLOGY OF INNER SILENCE

Compiled by Charles Jessel

In this busy world, mental stillness has become a rare thing, and yet it remains a necessary ingredient of spiritual unfoldment. *"An Anthology of Inner Silence"* is compiled of 365 quotations which are not intended to be read straight through, but rather to be taken a page at a time as a source of daily inspiration.

These seed thoughts on Inner Silence can be used for on-going contemplation, or as a method for soothing the emotions and calming the mind in preparation for more formal meditation. Their inspirational words have been gleaned from a wide variety of books and religious texts — contributions made by poets, writers, philosophers, saints and discarnate teachers from many cultures spanning centuries.

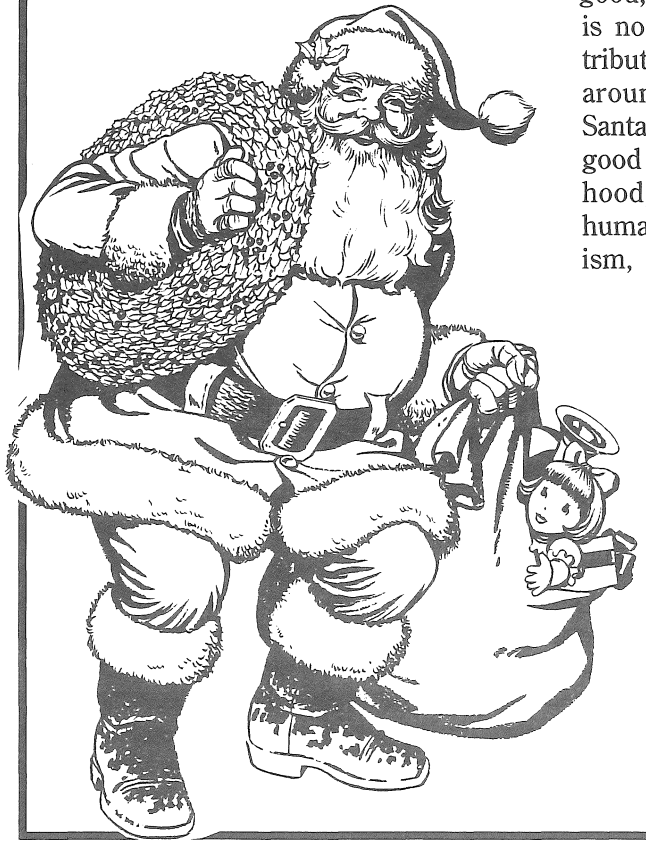
While Inner Silence is one of the most neglected of spiritual skills, we are reminded of its importance by a contributor who says, *". . . the still, small voice is never heard in the thunder or the whirlwind, but only in the silence. The higher contacts give a sense of power, of protection, of peace; they do not speak with voices."*

(This book can now be ordered through the NSAC Books By Mail Service.)

- Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

The mere mention of the name St. Nicholas brings a smile to the hearts of young and old everywhere. This caring, giving energy honors the Christmas Spirit at this holiday season. The history of this jolly saint is varied and unclear, but the message of old Santa Claus is one to consider.



St. Nick gives of his substance and his gifts are for the rich and poor, young and old, good and not so good, wise or the simple. There is no judgement, just the distributing of God's gift of joy all around this beautiful earth. Santa's message is peace and good will, sharing and brotherhood, democracy and unity, humanism rather than nationalism, generosity, service and humility.

As youngsters hang up their stockings during the holidays and reluctantly go to bed on Christmas Eve, they wonder if prancing reindeer, flying sleighs, and a well-fed Santa sliding down chimneys is in deed a fact.

Maybe the origins and outlines of St. Nicholas are hazy in the mists of history, but the spirit of the beloved saint is very much alive and hears sincere prayers and supplications. December welcomes this wonderful feeling of expectancy, of something about to happen, of service and sharing, of new beginnings.

The staff at *The National Spiritualist - Summit* requests Infinite Spirit to BLESS all who read this magazine with a special Spiritual Holiday filled with much joy and love. We pray that every moment throughout the coming year will be healthy, happy and harmonious.

- Sandy, Bernard, Sharon, Nancy, and Betty



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.

"No matter what you believe, you cannot act or move or have your being without the manifestation of God, acting as force, electricity, or whatever you may call it."
— H. Gordon Burroughs

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"That disciplined man with joy and light within,becomes one with God and reaches the freedomthat is God's."
— Bhagavad Gita

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Confucius said, "It is Goodness that gives to a neighborhood its beauty."
— Confucianism, Analects

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"Prayer, when rightly employed, should be an effort to adjust oneself with the great Infinite Intelligence, not merely something to say with our lips, rather something to live . . . It is when our heart calls out we have prayed because that expression of feeling is the voice of the soul itself. The voice of the soul is always heard because the great Infinite Intelligence of the universe is everywhere, is omnipresent, therefore in the sanctuary of the human heart."
— Dr. Victoria Barnes,
Advanced Course of Modern Spiritualism.

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"The fool who thinks he is wise is called a fool indeed."
— Buddhism, Dhammapada

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NSAC

It is time to seek nominations for the NSAC Awards Presentations. The awards will be presented during the banquet at the 1995 Annual Convention held in Phoenix, Arizona. The categories are:

• Literary Award •
• Teacher's Award (Individual) •
• Teacher's Award (State Association, Church or Camp) •
• Lifetime Service Award •
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Please list any individual, state association, church or camp, you think qualifies for these categories, giving the background as to why you think the individual, state association, church or camp should be entitled to receive this award.

The Lifetime Service Award requires a minimum of 20 years membership in the NSAC.

These awards cannot be given posthumously.

A previous NSAC Board Member must have been off the Board for a full two (2) years before he or she is eligible, i.e., 1994 no longer on the NSAC Board, eligibility is the spring of 1997.

We request a response for these nominations no later than **MARCH 1, 1995.** Please send the nominations to:
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The first printed Christmas Card in England appeared in 1843, when Sir Henry Cole, tardy with his holiday letters, had a printer DO a card with a jolly scene and festive greeting. By 1846, enterprising printers were creating their own cards for sale to the public.

- *Submitted by C. M. Handy*





Jest Joking . . .

■ "This year my cats have their own Christmas tree — it's a Douglas Fur Ball."
— *Parts Pups*

■ "Santa knows when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake. He knows when you've been bad or good and he's got it all on video tape."
— *Parts Pups*

■ The older we get, the faster Christmas arrives — the younger we are, the faster it leaves.

■ A Christmas card was sent to a wrong state because of an incorrect zip code. A postal worker in the holiday mood had written on the envelope, "No ZIP — slow trip. Wrong ZIP — long trip."

■ Christmas is a time that brings families together and checkbooks apart.

■ AD: Garage sale to raise money for Christmas. Clothes (baby, too), toys, odds 'n ends.

■ Did you hear about the UFO and Santa with his sleigh and reindeer? Neither one believed they saw the other.

■ The Lyceum teacher told the class that she hoped they wouldn't have a blizzard for Christmas. Little Jamie said, "I don't like the liver either."

"You Do Not Die"

By Ed Bodin



A worm beneath the surface spoke:
"Now listen here you crawling folk,
In all my squirmings I've not found
The proof of anything but ground".

"Today a crazy lizard said
There was a heaven overhead
Where worms with wings can move about
When something called the 'Sun' comes out."

"These wings, they say, can help worms fly
About some place that's known as sky.
And you will always get that way
When you pass over there, they say."

"Believe me, comrades, when I'm through
There's nothing more I'll ever do.
This talk of soul inside of me
Is nothing but absurdity."

So days passed by until one time
The worm began an upgrade climb,
When suddenly he reached a place
Where something flimsy touched his face.

"Hey, what are you?" the scared worm said
Surprised at no ground overhead.

And then with peace came this reply:
"I'm just a little butterfly."

The worm then touched the gentle thing,
He felt a worm and felt a wing.
"I don't believe such things," he said,
"I must be dreaming or I'm dead."

"There **is** no death," said butterfly,
"You only change, you do not die.
I'm living here above the earth
And fly around for all I'm worth.

"I once was just a worm like you
And bragged about the things I knew.
I, too, believed that I would die,
But now you see how well I fly."

"Well, I'll be darned", the worm replied,
"You **are** alive, you have not died.
Oh, let me get back in the ground
I'll tell those worms the truth I've found."

BUSY DAYS IN IOWA

September was another hectic, but enjoyable, month for the Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport, Iowa.

The adult classes, which are held on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings, resumed with several students eager to learn more about the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism.



Rev. Wm. E. Buchholz, Jr. and Rev. Franklin Yackle.

Our pastor, the Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., conducts a laying-on-of-hands healing service each Sunday at 1:30 p.m., which is followed by the 2:00 p.m. worship service. He chose as his topic for September 4, *"A Heart Full of Hope."*

Our regular Board of Trustees Meeting was held Saturday, September 10.

Associate Pastor, Anita J. Buchholz, explored the topic, *"Back To School,"* on September 11, and William E. Buchholz, Sr., spoke on *"Miracles,"* on September 18.

William E. Buchholz, Sr., assumed the duties of Lyceum Conductor on September 20. The topic for Tuesday was, *"Religious Aspects of Organ Transplants."*



(Back) Anita Buchholz, and (Front) Rev. Ruth Yackle.

The Rev's. Franklin and Ruth Yackle were guests from Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25. They provided the congregation and public with private consultations each day.

A pot luck dinner was held in their honor Friday evening, and there were many delicious dishes brought by the wonderful cooks of the church. We, indeed, had another of our monthly *"feasts."*

Rev. Franklin Yackle, assisted by his wife, Ruth, Rev. Buchholz and Anita Buchholz, and several student mediums, conducted a clairvoyant circle Saturday evening. Everyone in attendance received many evidential messages from the spirit world.

On Sunday, September 25, Rev. Buchholz conducted the laying-on-of-hands healing service, with the Yackles and student healer, Janet Latchaw, at the healing chairs.

Rev. Franklin Yackle was guest speaker at the worship service, and Rev. Ruth Yackle served as message minister.

The topic of the September 27 class was, *"Does The Bible Mean What It Says?"* Other interesting topics are planned for the weeks ahead, including a series of lessons on, *"What The Spirit World Is Like."* ■

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION IN PHOENIX

Wednesday, September 28, 1994, was another day for celebration at the Chapel of the Sunflower, NSAC, in Phoenix. Janet Tisdale was presented her Licentiate Minister's Certificate by the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, the pastor of the church, and Vice-President of the NSAC. Janet is the church president and is a Certified Medium and a Commissioned Healer. She has also completed the Morris Pratt course and is a very active Spiritualist in the Phoenix area. After the presentation, Janet was joined by many of her friends who were all extremely proud of her accomplishment. (And the cake and food was . . . as usual . . . excellent!) Mrs. Tisdale is also the chairperson for the 1995 NSAC Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. ■



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CEREMONIES IN VIRGINIA

The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC, celebrated this summer when two of our members, Patricia Stranahan and Barbara Starr, were ordained and received their National Spiritualist Teacher degrees. The Rev. B. Anne Gehman officiated. About 50 people were in attendance at the church service at which Rev. Starr served as chairman, and Rev. Stranahan gave an inspiring lecture from the heart. Mary Myers sang, *"Invitation to a Voyage,"* in French; she was accompanied by our pianist Karen Christiansen. The celebration that followed included refreshments and a special cake decorated and donated by Heinrich Hofmann. We are indeed proud of our two new ministers and NST's!



Pat Stranahan and Bunny Starr (seated), Anne Gehman (behind), and other church members and MPI students.



Bunny Starr, Anne Gehman, and Pat Stranahan.

In September, the church had its first Naming Ceremony, with the Rev. B. Anne Gehman officiating and Dr. Wayne Knoll leading part of the service. Rachel Anne St. Amant, born November 26, 1993, was officially named. She is the daughter of Rhonda Robeson St. Amant and Christopher St. Amant, and is the granddaughter of our pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman. This was a beautiful ceremony, with Rachel gracefully receiving lovely flower petals.



The official naming of Rachel Anne St. Amant.

Workshops in the past year were led by the Rev. Neil Griffen, Rev. Sherry Lee Calkins, Rev. Jonathan Ellis, Alvin Gasber, and Robert Howell. The Rev. Lelia Cutler was also a featured speaker. At a recent church service, the congregation had a real surprise. Instead of the usual lecture, we were visited by Emma Hardinge Britten, Andrew Jackson Davis, and Warren Chase! They shared with us the stories of their lives and their work in the cause of Modern American Spiritualism. Actually this was a short play, *"A Visit to the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC,"* written by Ellen Ratner, who played the part of Emma Hardinge Britten. Marc Wittlif had the role of Andrew Jackson Davis, and David Warner played Warren Chase. As the players were in appropriate attire for the period, their visit seemed very real, and was most interesting. We are looking forward to more inspiring speakers and workshop leaders in the coming year. ■



Pat Stranahan, Heinrich Hofmann, and Bunny Starr.

TNS Price Increase

In order to keep up with the increases in postage, paper supplies, additions to the magazine, the Convention Special Edition, etc., the NSAC National Board, at a 1994 pre-Convention meeting in October, decided that the cost of The National Spiritualist - Summit needed to be increased. The price of the magazine has been $12.00 for the past six years, but for the last five (this year included), you have received thirteen magazines for the same price as twelve.

The selling price of an issue will now be $1.50 per magazine or $18.00 for a years subscription. Bundles of five or more that are mailed to churches, camps, or to teachers will be $45.00 per year. Foreign subscriptions will now be $24.00 per year, or $90.00 for a bundle of five.

The Board also decided to raise the cost of an advertisement in the Directory for Certified Workers from $10.00 to $12.00 per year to bring conformity to the Directory fees and make the cost the same as that of the Church Directory. Maybe this will eliminate some of the confusion experienced by many each year when we had two different fees charged.

We sincerely hope you enjoy the magazine and that the great number of samples that are sent out monthly will help our churches and our religion to grow. Let us thank the National Spiritualist Association of Churches and the Stow Memorial Foundation for their continued support of our religion's written voice, for it is our way to share with Spiritualists all over the world and to spread the truths of Spiritualism to others. ■






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Positive Statements To Help Create A Positive Day

Affirmations . . . DECEMBER 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Happiness is always present and I let it emerge.	**2** I am grateful for my beginnings – they made me grow.	**3** My thoughts are inspired when I open myself to Spirit.
4 I acknowledge my fears and turn them over to God.	**5** I open myself to the Universe's perfection.	**6** We are never alone. Spirit is always with us.	**7** Divine direction guides all my decisions.	**8** All men and women are my family.	**9** My words are valuable, so I send them out with love.	**10** Natural Law is predictible and just.
11 I allow others to have their own feeling and differences.	**12** The door of my heart is opened by love.	**13** I put aside my ego to live in harmony with others.	**14** My prayers are answered as I believe.	**15** The indwelling Spirit of Light illuminates all situations.	**16** Challenges keep my mind sharp and active.	**17** The Universe expresses through me.
18 I draw to me my highest good.	**19** My mind is part of Divine Mind.	**20** Blessings on our earth and all it's creatures.	**21** Giving to others makes a joyful heart.	**22** Winter is a time of reflection.	**23** The indwelling Spirit brings life and light.	**24** I give of myself to others today.
25 I accept the presence of the Living Spirit in my life.	**26** I am more Spiritual every day than I was the day before.	**27** All experiences help me to grow.	**28** Forgiveness is a key to freedom.	**29** I use Universal Law correctly.	**30** Healing is always available for everyone.	**31** I pray for Peace, Joy and Love for the Universe.
		Happy Holidays!				

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

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.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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