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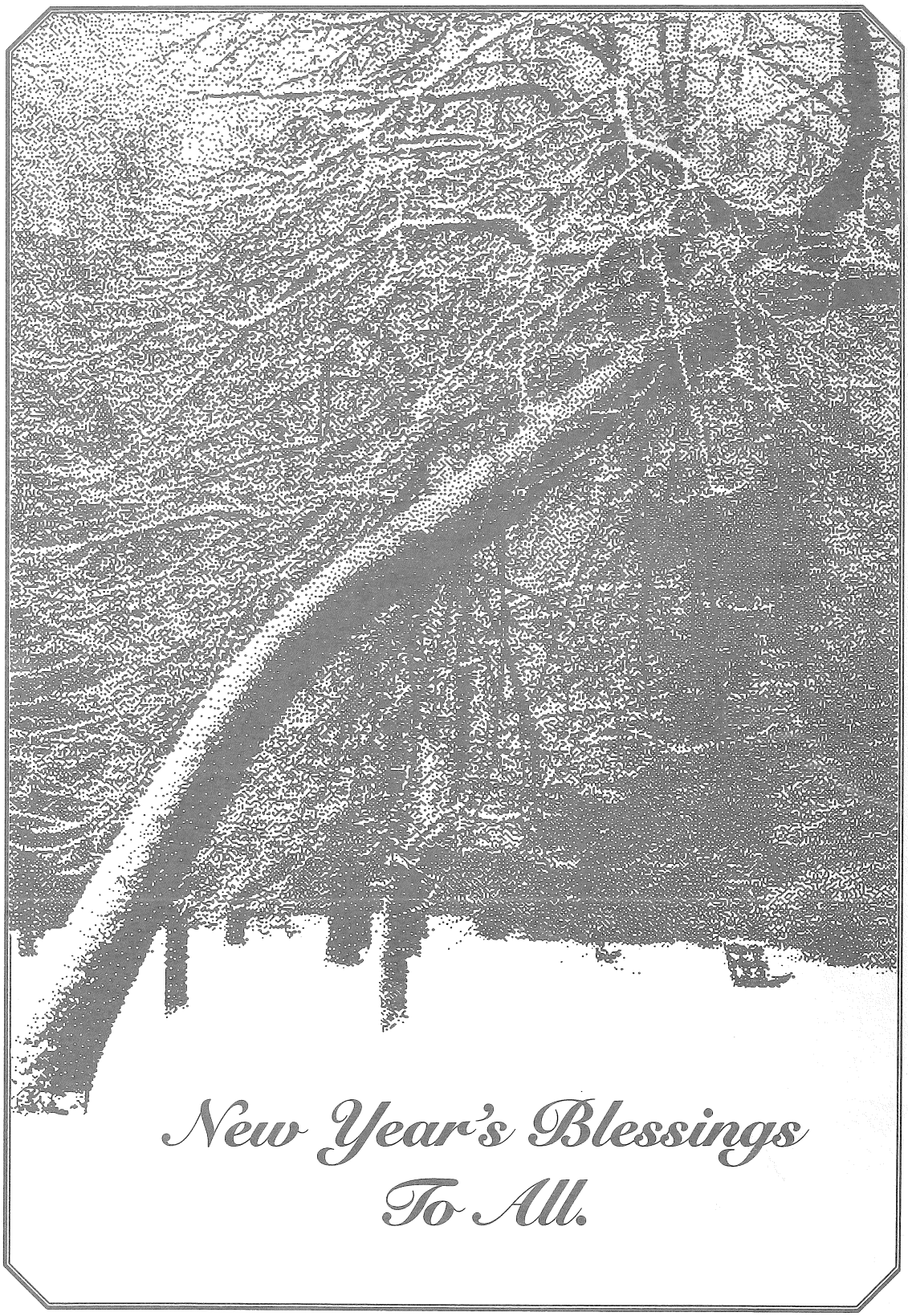
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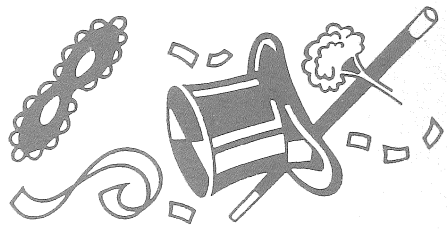
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ONCE UPON A . . .

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Once upon a January, in a time before time, it was the first day – a new beginning. There was a little spirit that awoke on this beautiful morning that the Universe Created. "What do I want to do today?" she thought. "Maybe I'll tie the curly tails of the piglets together and watch them squeal." As she ran out the door to begin this mischief, she caught one of her pigtails in the hinge of the door. "Ouch! Oh my, that hurt. Guess it would hurt the piggies tails too," she realized.

Running down the way, for young spirits rarely walk, she spied a mud puddle. The idea came, "What fun to go wading, but what about in my new shoes? They won't get too wet if I wade quickly." Before she could jump into the mud, a vehicle drove past and splashed her all over with mud. Yuck. "Gee, every time I go to do something that maybe I shouldn't, something happens to show me not to be thinking like this. If my negative thoughts bring negative results, I wonder what reversing them would do?"

Our little January spirit spied a cat and thought, "Rather than pulling the cats' tail and possibly getting scratched, I'll stroke the fur and be nice." The kitty-cat purred and loved the girl. A joy filled her heart along with the realization. She liked this new game of life. "Let's see how loving I can be? Now what can I do that's special?" She paused and listened within, guided by the spirit of her heart . . .

Stories – they catch the attention, while they teach us of life. Many of the inspired works of Spirit speak in stories or parables to teach and relate truths. Even someone that is not proficient in learning skills benefits from a story, often remembering it long after it was told. Stories bring visions and lead the listener to their personal myths.

Throughout history people have told stories to make their lives and their history live. The ancient cultures passed the rituals and rites of passage from generation to generation through the myths or stories that they told. Customs were set and direction of tribes or communities were determined by the information in the tales that were related to give life meaning. The American Indians have long known that the inner world of dreams and visions is imperative to influence the external world. Children are taught with Kachina dolls, dances, stories, ceremonies and rituals.

Scientific technology gives us powers that were not available to our ancestors. Powers of awareness that we can change and explore life and need not accept the rote repetitions of the past. This information revolution often revolves around the head and not the heart. The computerized age allows us to tap into knowledge of the physical world and get most worldly questions answered. But what about the spirit? What about our relationships with others?

Life is more than technology, it is about growth, about service, about caring, about reaching out to be the best that we can be. We each have a unique story that, when shared with another, helps us to understand who we are. The drama of our lives is about the drama of our growth. We meet others and understand their dramas as we hear their stories from the heart. *"Self-knowledge begins with self-revelation,"* so to grow and to serve, we must be confidant, lend a shoulder as a listener, be a friend, share our desires and our goals. When we hear or tell life's stories, we bring meaning to the happenings that surround us.

What is your story? Who have you, or will you share it with? The Buddha tells that the only absolute is the experiencer itself, the God expressing through each soul. The story of each expression of life has a power and a vibrancy, for we are continually inventing ourselves, creating new themes, authorizing our myths of how we fit into life. It is the journey that is meaningful and exciting, not the final destination.

Some stories seem like a tragedy, or a comedy, but when really listened to, the fabric of the persons direction is formed. When we really hear the details of another's life, we realize that we can truly never completely understand, so how can we judge, for each unique tale is a necessary part of evolution and God's plan.

A story activates imagining and draws the listener into the event. The imagination is powerful, and we can use this force in our lives for our positive growth. Visualization is the way we think, for before words, there are images. The inner eye is our connection to the inner Source which

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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.

"If there is any great secret of success in life, it lies in the ability to put yourself in the other person's place and to see things from his point of view – as well as your own."
– Henry Ford

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"One of the chief objects of education should be to widen the windows through which we view the world."
– Arnold Glasgow

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"There is nothing in this wide universe that is not open for your discovery. God has no secrets!"
– Quote from Mark Barwise

"It is not enough to be busy; so are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?"
– Henry David Thoreau

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"The best minister is the human heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God."
– Yiddish Folk Saying

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"All life is a school of experience that points in one direction: Godward.
– Paramahansa Yogananda

ONCE UPON A . . . *(Continued from previous page.)*

is our inspiration, for we see not with our physical eyes, but with the soul. Take a moment to become still and stimulate the imagination to create the story you desire for your life. Make it up! Tell it to yourself with you being the hero, and all great wonderful things coming to you. Smile as you see yourself accomplishing your greatest desires and remember that inner reality structures outer reality.

Paracelsus claimed that an individual's *"physical body is formed by imagination from his invisible soul. Through visualization man creates health or disease."* The creative process is a natural manifestation of everyone's life and we can take control of our personal stories through our imagination, meditations and visioning. As we take personal responsibility through our desired images, we send out electro-magnetic waves into the ethers. This mind energy goes out and makes contact with that which is needed to bring the story held in our heart and mind into reality. Thoughts have form and vibration which gather like form and vibration through the Law of Desire, and the Law of Cause and Effect or Action and Reaction. The more you work with visualization, the easier will it be to recognize your intuition. Let your inner impression fill your psychic screen, for you are the movie star, the author of the script and the director. Visualize a hero's actions as you journey forth in your life's encounters. Let your consciousness be loving and have faith that the Universe will provide the way.

The stories of your life **are your life**, so become as a little child, use your imagination, the power of inner visualization, to create a life for yourself that will be a spiritual inspiration for others. Let us send this joyous idea to our fellow Spiritualists, to our organization, to our country, to our world. Tell the story this year of peace, health, prosperity and spirituality.

. . . And our little January Spirit imagined a great white light coming to her. She concentrated steadily on it and felt that every movement she made gathered it out of the atmosphere. She ran here and there leaving sparkles of joy and light, laughing and giggling as she experienced birds and butterflies playing in the glow of her aura. "Oh this is fun!" She visualized helping a bird with a hurt wing and sent loving healing energy. Away it flew. "This is important," she thought, "if I can help a bird, I can help a person. This feels right!" The soul continued to grow in love, service and good, and it lived happily ever after. ■

What Is Your Resolution?

By The Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt, NST, New York

'Tis the season again, when everything old seems new again! I often wonder why Spiritualists make New Year's Resolutions when we know every day is a new beginning? Are you mulling over the same old changes you wanted to make a year ago? Have you given up New Year's Resolutions, figuring you've failed so many times in the past, why try again?

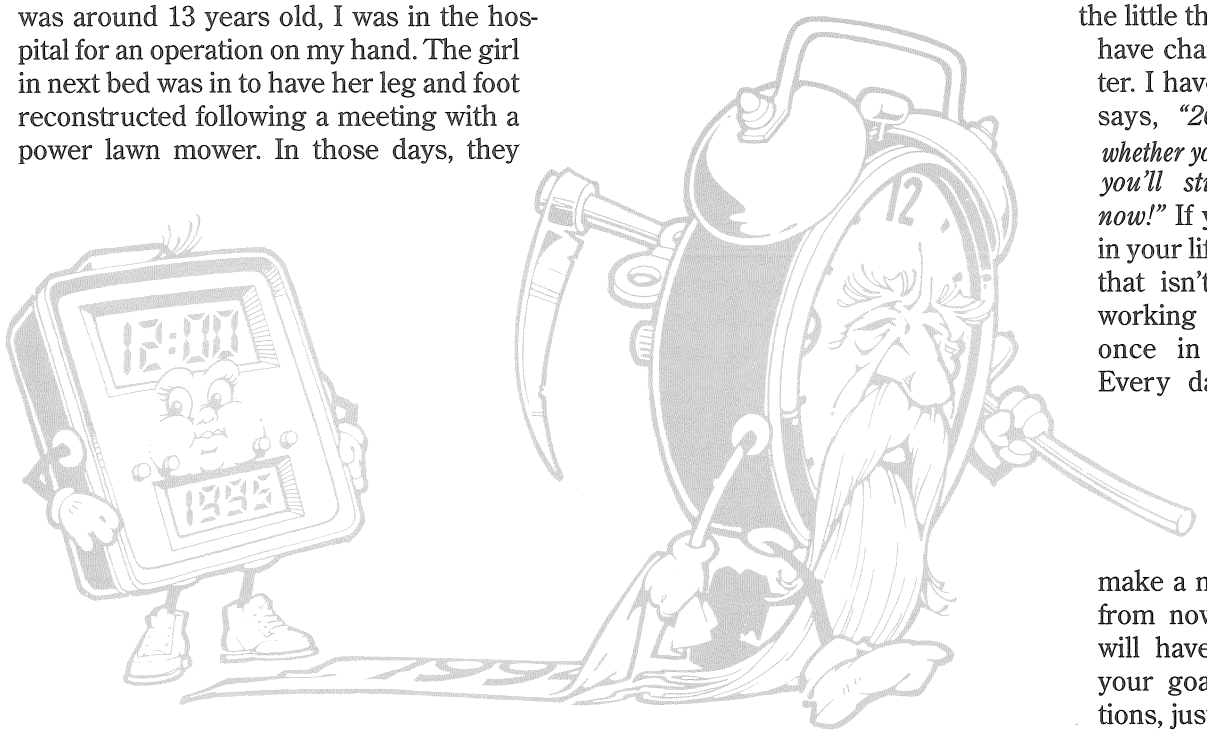
Why not try a new approach? Stop setting goals for yourself that you have already programmed yourself **not** to achieve. If you honestly believe that every day, even every moment is a new beginning, then why not work with that thought? If you can't do it for a year, break it down to what, at this time, of your understanding you are able to handle.

Over the years, I have come in contact with a great many people who were facing challenges others would let defeat them. In each case I noticed that the successful ones were those who could laugh at their own foibles and give themselves a loving talking to when they made a slip or didn't achieve the goal they had set for that day. I'm talking about people who amazed medical doctors by teaching themselves to walk or talk when everyone said it couldn't be done. The mind is an ingenious partner when we allow it to be. Once when I was around 13 years old, I was in the hospital for an operation on my hand. The girl in next bed was in to have her leg and foot reconstructed following a meeting with a power lawn mower. In those days, they had radios that could be attached to the bed and for a quarter you could listen for 30 minutes. Well, one of the radios was broken and would play without any coins. They removed it and put it in a bottom drawer where we could not reach it. There we were, me with no use of my hand, and she with no use of her legs. It didn't take us long to figure that if we could get the radio on one of our beds, we could use the money for goodies off the cart that came around. So, we put our heads together . . . I had legs, she had arms! I climbed out of bed and pushed a chair over to her bed, she slid onto it. I pushed the chair to the bureau and she reached in and got the radio. I must admit it was difficult and labor intensive, but we got the radio hooked on to the bed and the good one back in the drawer! It was three days before they caught us and such sweet music it was! The point is, we looked, not at the obstacles, but at the opportunities.

One of my favorite stories about my Mom is how she gave up cigarettes. She liked to smoke, until one day she saw a new pair of shoes she really wanted. Later in the day, she suddenly realized if she didn't buy cigarettes, she could buy those shoes. Sixty some years later she hasn't smoked. Visualize the gains you will make if you reach your goal. Don't see the minute problems, see the magnificent victory.

If there is a habit or an attitude or a goal you very much want in your life, you will have to will yourself to achieve it. But instead of making it a mountain, try to make it a gentle little trail that you can take one step at a time. I believe when we make big resolutions, we often set up our own self-fulfilling prophecy by secretly thinking we'll never make it. But, if we decide to just do a little, eventually all the little things we've done will have changed us for the better. I have a friend who often says, *"20 years from now, whether you did it or you did not, you'll still be 20 years from now!"* If you want something in your life 20 years from now that isn't there today, start working on it and if you slip once in awhile, so what? Every day really is a new beginning, if you can't make a day, make an hour . . . if that's too long, make a minute, and 20 years from now all those minutes will have helped you reach your goal. No more resolutions, just rewards.

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WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

BY THE REV. BRENDA J. WITTICH, MISSOURI

We are all familiar with the quotes, *"The truth shall set you free,"* and *"Where there is no vision the people perish."* But, have we failed to place these truths into action in our lives and in our religion? Some of us seem to think it is all the other person's responsibility to handle whatever problem arises within our church and within our organization. Is it always someone else's problem, not ours? Always someone else's responsibility? Spiritualism teaches us that we are all part of one supreme expression of life, Infinite Intelligence, and what happens to one happens to all of us on some level.

We are all guilty of being tired and frustrated by the changes that have occurred in the past several years in many areas of our lives. And, some of us have decided it is time to stop making an effort. But even more difficult to understand is the people that have failed to make any effort at all to resolve the problems. Instead, these same people blame the failures on everyone else, because the others are not doing what they think they should be doing.

Something that I have heard said in many places, by many people, is that they do not want their church attendance or membership to become too large, because then they will not be able to receive a message every Sunday. Somewhere along the line, these individuals have missed the *"true message"* of Spiritualism and have embraced a selfish attitude for personal comfort. If we do not place the guidance we have received into action, why should Spirit give us any further guidance? If we cannot add two and two, how do we expect to embrace algebra? All of this follows Natural Law and natural progression.



It is now time that we remember what directed us to Spiritualism in the first place. Was it the proof of the continuity of life? Was it becoming aware of the God within us? Was it learning that there is no Heaven or Hell? Was it the comfort it gave us in a time of grief or confusion? Or was it knowing there are those who are available to guide us when we seek their guidance?

What brought us into Spiritualism in the first place? Do we remember the joy we felt the first time we received absolute proof of personal survival and became aware of those whom we love still being with us and loving us as much, if not more than they did when they were upon the earth plane? Remember the feeling of exaltation when you discovered that the progress of the true self, the spiritual self, was up to you personally to determine? There are no barriers or limitations except those we create for ourselves.

Yet, some of us have reached a place in our lives where we do not want to share and spread this truth to others, because we may have to give up a message or lose our favorite seat in the church, or allow someone else to participate in an activity which has been our domain for so many years. This has happened so often that we have lost count, and this has contributed to the closure of many of our churches.

When one person is seen as the only person who can be pastor, president, chairman, entertainment chairman, healer, or whatever position is held, we begin to lose our vision and become static in ourselves which is then manifested in our churches, camps and organization.

Wake Up Spiritualists! Have we failed to fulfill the prophecy of our pioneers because we have moved away from the truths they so willingly passed along to us? Are we willing to sacrifice our time, effort and energies to give to our religion as our pioneers did? Or do we want things to continue status quo and eventually have no churches, camps and organization?

Refresh and renew yourself with the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism and find your enthusiasm and joy once again! Volunteer to be of assistance in your church, camp and organization . . . **Reclaim your vision and others will be inspired and will reclaim their vision, and we will all find the avenues to bring Spiritualism to the forefront and bless the lives of all humanity!**

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Each month **The National Spiritualist** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* **Lori Redman** *of The Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church in Minnesota.*

NATURAL LAW teaches that the universe is run in an orderly fashion, and that the same Natural Laws govern both the physical and spiritual realms, which are both manifestations of the same Spirit. As the physical world developed, so did humanity. Interestingly, mankind's idea of God has always been a close mirror of the morals and consciousness at the time. Combative peoples chose a warrior God, peaceful ones chose a blissful God. Primitive humans, to whom the world seemed a bunch of unassociated phenomena, had many gods. Temperamental, punishing people chose an unpredictable and petulant God. Instinctively, somehow inside, one knows that he or she and God are the same, but in what ways, they have trouble ascertaining. This lesson teaches that Spirit is the force behind everything. It is in Spirit that mankind is similar to God. However, since Spirit is infinite, we cannot define it with our finite minds. This is why we cannot define God.

It is philosophy that humanity has tried to use to bridge the gap between material facts and God, or Wisdom, or Love. As one's philosophy grows stronger, it links matter and God together more and more, so that eventually, hopefully, the link will grow so strong that we will finally be able to see everything as connected, as a whole. There will be no separation between God and this, or God and that, because each will understand that God is everywhere. Everything is part of God.

We are constantly evolving, so that our theories are constantly changing. We must always remain open to new possibilities and ideas. ■

New Tax Guidelines:
CHARITABLE GIFTS REQUIRE A RECORD

New recordkeeping requirements for larger charitable contributions went into effect at the beginning of this year (1994). Under the new law, donors must now obtain a written statement from the charity verifying any individual donations of $250 or more.

The new requirement applies to donations of $250 or more made on a single day to a particular organization. (In other words, separate contributions to a charity during the course of the year aren't aggregated for purposes of applying the $250 threshold.)

But the new law left unclear whether the new recordkeeping requirements would apply to employees who pledge a contribution of $250 or more, but have the money deducted gradually from their paychecks during the course of the year.

The IRS has now addressed the issue. According to newly published regulations, most workers won't have to worry about the recordkeeping requirements. The IRS said it would treat the amount withheld from each paycheck as a separate contribution. Thus, the new recordkeeping requirement won't apply to contributions made by payroll deduction unless the amount deducted from a single paycheck for donation to a particular charity is $250 or more. ■

– Taken from the San Francisco Chronicle.

Man's Sojourn on Planet Earth or Why Are We Here?

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

Have you heard the music, *"Thy way, not mine, Oh Lord."* It would be satisfactory if the article reminds you of that theme. I think all of us, who write about the philosophy of Spiritualism, approach such an important event with much respect and gratitude, knowing we are privileged to share some of the teachings given to us by the World of Spirit through the channels of mediumship. Grateful that we could know, from those teachings, the responsibility that we all have, consciously or unconsciously, that all activity in this material world, as well as the World of Spirit, is governed by Natural Law. Man made law may be capriciously manifested or judged. Natural Law is unchangeable and irrefutable. I was preparing to begin my spiritual exercises one morning when the topic for this day was given to me by Spirit. There was no doubt as to its source and it intrigued me.



Why are we here? Have any of you had occasion to ask that question of yourself, why are we here? In conversations with individuals, there are so many that have no concept or idea whatsoever of why they are here in this material existence. Untold numbers of people so encountered have felt that the change of death was annihilation, the end. We have compassion for those persons with this lack of understanding, the lack of hope that would encourage them to search for something of Truth, the Truth that Spiritualism has for all mankind. The understanding of the continuity of Life; that our existence here, while temporary, can be used as a stepping stone upon the pathway of progression if we apply ourselves to learn something of Natural Law.

The sole and primary reason, to my thinking, is to individualize your Soul, the part of you that Spiritualism teaches is your part of God, Infinite Intelligence. Picture, if you can, this vast universe surrounding us being filled with millions and millions of Souls awaiting the opportunity of being born into this expression of life so they can become individualized and start upon the path of progression? That makes this life very important and not to be scandalized or looked down upon. It is the open door to progress. If you can imagine this vast universe like a great ocean from which you might take a cup of that water, you would find that cup of water to contain all of the constituent parts of that great ocean, less only in quantity. When this biological act of the positive and negative unites a spark from this great universe of Life, it is impulsed into being through the Law of Attraction. Until that time, it remains a portion of that great universe of Life, even as that cup of water, before you drew it up, remained a part of that great ocean. It has to make sense that we are here for a purpose.

Many of our learned chemists, working in their laboratories, have been able to produce cell growth, however, without the spark of Life they cannot perpetuate that growth. Man's search of Spiritualism exposes him to the philosophy of continuous Life. We become acquainted with spirit entities gone before. Some are related by blood tie. Others, attracted to us by a like affinity, are interested in our well-being. They know they can guide, guard and offer help for our spiritual progress. They can give us greater courage, enhance our hope for a broader knowledge of reality and Truth, teaching the true meaning of Life. From them we learn that selfless service is the surest way for spiritual progression. We find ways to help others learn of the beauty and glory of those angelic souls who share their love. All of us have, from time to time, needed those blessings. Open the door of your conscious mind and allow Infinite Intelligence, the Light of Truth, to illumine your entire being. Only by sharing your Love, Goodwill, Generosity and Compassion, can you hope to progress spiritually in this expression of Life.

The task may seem to be great, and for some it is, for there are many temptations in this material life causing us to pause, or tarry, and lose sight of our pathway. When we endeavor to keep before us the Light of Truth, which shines within all of us, we will make progress. We will find ourselves doing a good work by assisting others to find their path through the Truth of Spiritualism.

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What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?

JANUARY, 1995

Happy New Year. Let us share the Spiritual Joy and Love, each day of the year, to our universe and all it's inhabitants.

JANUARY 1, 1919

The National Spiritualist became the official organ of NSA, sending out magazines of Spiritualism continuously since that time.

JANUARY 15, 1863

The **First Children's Lyceum** - A. J. Davis began at Dodsworth Hall, Broadway, NY.

JANUARY 15, 1995

Martin Luther King Day: Let us honor the peaceful messages this man brought to our people.

JANUARY 16, 1903

The **Rev. Joseph H. Merrill** spent most of those 90 plus years in the service of Spiritualism. Thanks and Happy, Happy Birthday Joe! Recently retired as President of The National Spiritual Association of Churches, Mr. Merrill was voted President Emeritus.

JANUARY 25

FOUNDERS DAY: Celebrate our youth and our religion in your churches.

MAN'S SOJOURN ON PLANET EARTH... *(Continued from previous page.)*

Recently I was listening to a tape that was made through the mediumship of Rev. Florence Becker in 1948 for the 100th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. Margaret Fox, Mother of the three Fox sisters, who were credited through their mediumship with bringing a new understanding and light to the thinking of mankind, told how bitter the experience was for them. Condemnation was constantly heaped upon them by an unknowing and unwise humanity. A humanity that maintained and proclaimed they were all in league with the devil. She also said when they arrived in Spirit they could find no devil, nor could they find a God sitting upon a throne ready to cast down judgement upon his children. You, who have accepted the message of the continuity of Life, that Natural Law governs at all times, first discarded all former teachings, giving up the old to make room for the new.

We meet our responsibilities, if not here, then in the World of Spirit. So take heart in knowing why you are here, that the purpose is to Individualize your Soul. Make use of every opportunity and remember, Sincerity of Purpose is the Cloak of Attainment. First, be sincere with yourself, then you can be sincere with all peoples. You have a work to do, while you may not think so, perhaps these words will help you know. God Bless you.

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Astral Journey

By Edna Haas

As twilight merges into night,
God gives His children sleep,
And puts a night lamp in the sky,
Its silvery watch to keep.

Both man and beast are in His care,
While fast as thought the soul has sped
To travel through the astral sphere
To meet the loved ones gone ahead.

Their spirit forms are real now,
Their love enfolds on every side,
The wondrous truth is now revealed;
The Spirit lives! They have not died.

From April, 1948 Spiritual Science Magazine
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William E. Buchholz, Sr., Davenport, Iowa



Mary Drake Jenne

BY THE REV. MARIAN F. BLAISDELL, NST

May 23rd, 1865, in Elliotsville, Maine, Mary Drake was born to Elhanon and Delana Drake. She was the third of a family of nine children. In 1868 the family moved to Monson, an adjoining town (a town noted for the excellent quality of slate, from its several quarries). There she received her education in its schools and at Monson Academy, after which she taught school for several years in that vicinity.

She married George Jenne of Monson. He was a worker in the quarries there. One son, Harold, was born to them. He passed to spirit expression while very young.

Her father was a devout Baptist and Mary was baptized in the church which she attended faithfully.

As a young woman, in about 1895, she made her first contact with Spiritualism, when she made a visit, much against her own wishes, with her mother, to an Etna Camp meeting. As she said, *"She came with a prayer in her heart for forgiveness for this misdemeanor,"* but she did stay to become a most faithful and efficient worker for the cause, always working for high standards for our state and national association.

When she became interested in Spiritualism, it was not enough that she leave the Baptist Church and go on her way. She had to be renounced in the church, that she could feel free to go on and work in what she had accepted as truth and beauty. It was her mother who encouraged her in the study of Spiritualism. She prepared a room in her home, for her daughter, which was only used for Seances and Lyceum work. Her father accepted Spiritualism before he passed to spirit in 1904.

She did not miss a Camp Meeting at Etna from 1899 on, and she was one of the first clairvoyants working at the camp from this state.

She gave freely of her time, strength and often money, and at the passing of her son, she brought his widow and the five children into her home at the camp, and considered it a joy to be able to help them.

For about 26 years, Mrs. Jenne served as secretary of the Maine State Spiritualist Association as well as secretary of Camp Etna and the State Superintendent of Lyceums. She was a deep thinker and extremely intuitive. Long before woman suffrage, she wrote a book on the subject and had it published. She kept diaries faithfully and also had compiled an historical biography of many of our pioneers, but they were burned in the disastrous fire at Camp Etna, in April, of 1922.

Soon after that great calamity, she, with two other outstanding Etna mediums, Laura Russell and Mary Hobbs Jones, started Saturday evening circles in the dormitory, during the summer and fall months. Those circles drew people from all over the state, and the large room was nearly always filled. The proceeds were used for different projects on the grounds. Many Maine mediums derived a great deal of help, working from time to time in these large circles, for they gave them the opportunity to work with larger groups. She carried on the Saturday night meetings until her health prevented, during the last year of her earth Life.

Another important part of her work was the Lyceum and many will always remember Mrs. Jenne and her work with the children, for until her passing in 1946, the Lyceum was very definitely an important project at the camp, and one evening was always devoted to the children's concert.

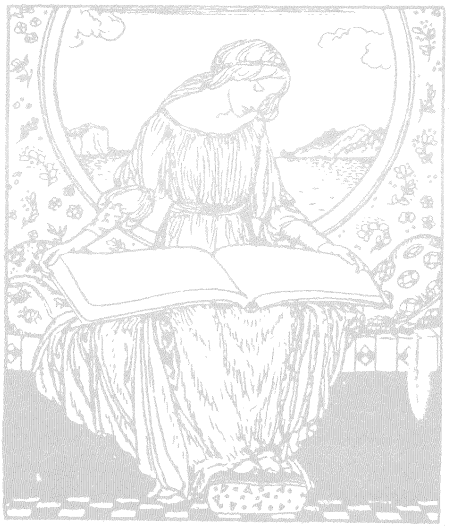
Through her many years of loyal and efficient work, she had many friends in all parts of our country, who loved and respected her for her kindness, and for her devotion to her splendid work for our great cause.

Hers is, indeed, a record unsurpassed in the state of Maine.

She passed to the higher expression on Nov. 5th, 1946. She was nearly 82 years of age. In accordance with her request, her ashes were interred at a designated spot at Camp Etna.

One especially appropriate tribute says, *"Mary Drake Jenne was a person who could always discover the good points in people, and those points she magnified, never seeming to see the less lovely part of human nature."* ■

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The Still Small Voice Within

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

Through simple poetry, Kingsley tells us a great truth – to be happy and make the world a happy place, we need to *'be good'* and *'do lovely things.'*

How we *'be good'* and *'do lovely things'* is different for each of us, but it's our responsibility to find the way – to understand what *'being good'* and *'doing lovely things'* are, how to *'do'* them and why.

We know, buried in each of us from birth, is a primitive germ of knowing right from wrong. It's often called *'the still small voice within'* or *'conscience'* and scientists tell us it's the most important difference between man and beast.

This divine monitor guides us. It is never defective or deceptive. It will shape us. If we listen, it will fill us with glorious ideas of always acting according to the highest standards we know – to be kind, helpful and compassionate – to not hurt or injure another – not in any way hinder another's progress – to do nothing which causes us shame and find out later we have behaved in a manner out of keeping with truths we know. In other words, we are guided in – *'being good'* and *'doing lovely things.'*

But the conscience of one person is not the same as the conscience of another. This is because each of us, being individuals and having free sill, develops our primal consciences at different rates and for different motives.

Some people listen to their conscience for fear of punishment – or for hope of reward – or to harmonize and agree to have favors returned. But the developed conscience is found in a happy person who has high ideals – the one who only wishes to live the best spiritual life possible.

> *'Be good, sweet maid, and let who can be clever:*
> *Do lovely things, not dream them, all day long;*
> *And so make Life, and Death, and that vast Forever,*
> *One grand, sweet song.'*

Consciences usually develop progressively, but occasionally we see them warped, stunted and underdeveloped. Nowhere is this more noticeable than in our prisons where moral immaturity is often found.

An example of this recently came to light.

A group of young inmates in a reformatory began meeting regularly to talk about a subject normally receiving little attention in prisons: morals. They were involved in open discussions with a trained social worker.

At the beginning of the sessions, many of the boys agreed with one teenage felon who insisted, *"If I'm not gettin' nothin', I'm not givin' nothin'."*

But later, through talks and development, they shared the point of view of another inmate who voiced an opinion which would have seemed strange to them before they began their meetings, which was, *'It's important to respect other people's feelings.'*

Without doubt, *'considering the feelings of others,'* shows moral maturing and a healthy developing conscience. No one becomes morally mature until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.

Given to us is a beautiful Golden Rule which tells us how to *'be good'* and how to *'do lovely things'* in the best possible way. It says – *'Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them.'*

The still small voice in each of us will guide us. It will tell us how to *'do lovely things'* through which we'll find our happiness.

And from it's small beginning, the voice will grow until it becomes a majestic triumphant song of joy with us – our mentor – uplifting and sustaining us as we journey to the vast Beyond. ■

Changes to the

NSAC CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I, SECTION 1, (page 3)
• *Name Seal - NSAC* •

Add: The initials NSAC shall stand as an abbreviation of the corporate name of this Association.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, (page 6)
• *Officers* •

The above named officers shall be elected in three groups as follows: President, Secretary and one Trustee; Vice President and two Trustees; Treasurer and two Trustees.

At the convention of 1994 the election schedule shall be established as follows; thereafter all terms shall be for the full three year terms in line with established groups as stated above.

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CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, (page 9)
• *Membership* •

The membership, of this hierarchical religious Association shall consist of its chartered auxiliaries, of the United States and Canada which shall be entitled to representation in its conventions as follows:

(a) A church auxiliary, two delegates for its charter; two delegates for the membership up to fifty members; and two additional delegates for a major fraction thereof when membership exceeds even fifties.

(b) Each auxiliary state, camp, or educational society, two delegates for its charter.

(c) An auxiliary must be in good standing on August 31 preceding the annual or special convention.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5, (page 10)
• *Departments* •

Bureau of Public Relations, shall be responsible for advertising, public relations and press releases for the NSAC and Stow Memorial Foundation. In addition, the Bureau is responsible for the editing of pamphlets and other literature, for the purpose of the enlightenment of the general public as to the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism and for any special projects assigned to it by the NSAC Board of Directors. The Bureau head shall be known as the Superintendent, who shall have authority to appoint assistants in the several states.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4, (page 11)
• *Jurisdiction* •

No local society shall have exclusive jurisdiction in . . . until a thorough **investigation** shows . . .

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 and Section 2, (page 12, & 13)
• *Legal Incorporation* •

SEC. 1: Every auxiliary chartered by this Association shall embody the following Sub-Section A in its constitution:

Sub-Section A. This organization is subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, a hierarchical religious society, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, to the extent that they shall not be inconsistent with the society or corporation laws of these United States or of this state.

SEC. 2: When incorporated auxiliaries of this Association incorporate, they shall do so in accordance with the civil law of the jurisdiction in which they are located, and shall include Sub-Section A. in their articles of incorporation.

SEC. 3: All prospective auxiliaries applying to this Association for charter shall include in such application the following agreement: We further agree on behalf of ourselves, our associates and successors, to incorporate our organization under the civil law of the jurisdiction in which we are located, and that the articles of incorporation shall contain Sub-Section A, Section 1, of Article X of the NSAC Constitution. If the auxiliary is established in a state whose laws do not provide for incorporation of religious societies, the unincorporated society shall include Sub-Section A in its constitution or bylaws.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, (page 4)
• *Impeachment* •

ADD: Any NSAC Board member found guilty and removed from office is precluded from holding future NSAC Board office.

BYLAWS ARTICLE I, SECTION 4, (page 15)
• *Conventions* •

Each delegate, as soon as verified, shall be supplied with an official badge by the Credentials Committee...

BYLAWS ARTICLE I, SECTION 7, (page 16)
• *Conventions* •

At two o'clock on the afternoon of the fourth business day of the annual convention the delegates shall proceed to the election of officers, ...

BYLAWS ARTICLE I, SECTION 10, (page 16)
• *Conventions* •

The final supplementary report of the Credentials Committee will be made at the end of the morning meeting of the third business day.

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3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST; Pres., Benito Santiago, (415) 861-1801; Secy., Joan A. McDaniel, (415) 321-5626.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:00 a.m.; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Services, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Frances Richardson.

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church
"The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 4504 Independence Rd., Glencoe, 95232, (209) 293-4795.

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

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness
6457 S. Xenon, 80127; Sun. Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Worship Service 10:30 to 11:30; Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00; Pres., Patricia Schott (303) 337-2978.

• CONNECTICUT •

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

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, (203) 440-3150; Pres. Al Ferency, 2 Moore Court, 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B-5, 06320; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Tues. Healing Class open to the public; Wed. Development and Meditation Class; Thurs. All Message Service. (These are all at 7:30 p.m.)

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 754-3559; Sun. Serv. 5:00 p.m., Sept. thru May; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017; Secy., Shirley O'Brien, 24 Woodland Rd., East Hartford, 06108, (203) 289-2452.

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

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc
P.O. Box 939, 06360; 29 Park St.; Church phone (203) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.

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

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., 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.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

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

• FLORIDA •

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.

• ILLINOIS •

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
10913 S. Parnell, Chicago, 60628.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.
Secy., Martha L. Witt, 624 Walnut Ave., Elgin, 60123, 708-931-4374.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Maude E. Mazzacavallo, 14235 Oak St., Dolton, 60419, (708) 841-1792.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
8002 Service Rd., 61016 Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June thru Sept., Nov. thru May; Serv.: First Sun. of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Pres.,Helen Hoffman; Secy., Richard Taylor.

CHICAGO - The Church of the Spirit
2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-01101; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum, 12:15 p.m. on the second Sun. of each month; All Message Serv., 7:00 p.m., on first Wed. of each month; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Ms. LaVerne DeChristopher.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth
6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sunday; Pres., Helen Lopotowski; Secy., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

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

CICERO - First Spiritualist Church of Cicero
5033 W. 25th Pl., 60650; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages & Healing; Pastor & Pres., Ellen Stopa, 5033 W. 25th Pl., 60650, (312) 652-6953.

LE ROY - J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church
102 S. Pearl St.; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 12:30 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St., 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, 61761, (309) 452-1738.

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE, NSAC
Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Dr., Indianapolis, 46214, (317) 248-9639.

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

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, 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
541 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every 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, P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 1995 Camp Season, July 8 through August 19; Pres., Harvey Horstman; Secy., Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST, (319) 242-8460.

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.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Rev. Paul Gilman, RR #4, Box 535, Wiscasset, 04578; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR #2, Box 5055, Carmel, 04419; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RR 1, Box 575-17, Poland, 04273.

AUBURN - Madison Campmeeting Spiritualist Assoc.
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., April 1st through Nov. 30th; 1:00 p.m., Dec. 1st through March 31st; Healing Serv. Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor pro tem, Rev. Ruth Walker; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2, Box 5055, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

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

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
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., March-May and Sept.-Nov.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31 North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., June-Aug.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old U.S. 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; 1-(313)-628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dambrique; Secy., Elizabeth Wilson.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual 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, (810) 548-2240.

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) 535-4833.

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.

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

• NEW YORK •

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

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
1980 Bailey Ave., 14211-2402, (716) 892-5277; Sunday Lyceum Serv. 10:30 a.m., Healing Serv. 11:30 a.m., Worship Serv. 12:00 p.m.; Mediums Day 2nd Sunday, Dinner 1:30 p.m., Circles following dinner; Message Service every Friday 7:00 p.m.; Classes, Seminars, Consultations & special activities available; Contact Pastor & Pres., Rev. Andrew Lynch for further information; Secy., Susan Blessing, 7299 Norman Rd., North Tonawanda, 14120.

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.

HOLBROOK - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, NSAC
1141 Grundy Ave., 11741, (516) 588-3150.

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

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
Sun. Servs. Healing 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June), Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Karen Payne, Director; Church Pres., Ronald Robertson; Secy., Arlene Bisesi; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.
261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Milagros G. Rivera, (516) 354-1395.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Healing Serv. each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Worship Serv. at 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen, (516) 447-2141; Asst. Pastors, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST, and Rev. Janet Travis, NST, (516) 724-8025; Secy., Ed Freidlein; Mailing address, P.O. Box 1150, West Babylon, 11704.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. Evening Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Tom Hyldahl; Pastor, Lyn Dennie, 4687 Rt. 88, Sodus, 14551, (315) 483-2198; Secy., Debra Thelen.

ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light
1712 Monroe Ave., 14618.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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Positive Statements To Help Create A Positive Day

Affirmations . . . JANUARY 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 The Love of God is Within Me.	**2** Infinite Spirit is the Source of my freedom, peace and joy.	**3** The joy and laughter of God fills me with wonder.	**4** I work daily to bring more joy and laughter into my life.	**5** Life creates excitement.	**6** I resolve to be true to myself, to my inner Light.	**7** ...ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. – *John 8:32*
8 I turn my whole being over to the Divine Center within me.	**9** I recognize Infinite Spirit in all my life.	**10** The Essence of God is Love. I let love happen to me.	**11** I give and receive freely and joyously.	**12** The wellspring of God's Love is ever abundant.	**13** I choose to renew myself in the life of God.	**14** Spirit's energy forever flows through my being.
15 The pattern of growth in all living things is change.	**16** I am alive with inspiration from the Higher Realms.	**17** I stretch my mind to a new, high place of peace.	**18** There is Infinite Harmony in life when I trust God.	**19** The Divine Spirit inspires me as I stretch, grow and create.	**20** I align myself with the higher energies.	**21** God is my supply, the Source of all help.
22 I reach up in thought to my God-self.	**23** God is my supply, the Source of all help.	**24** Infinite Good pours forth to me the abundance of the universe.	**25** There is only One Life and I am a part of that Life.	**26** In all situations, Divine Right Action for one, is Divine Right Action for all.	**27** I let go of everything within me that blocks my wholeness.	**28** I believe that life is good, rich, vital and perfect.
29 Since I am one with all life, I am good, rich, vital and perfect.	**30** I appreciate all of my experiences and take the best from everything.	**31** I look for truth and God in All Life.				
		Happy New Year!				

BYLAWS ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, (page 21)
• ***Charters*** •

The Board of Trustees of this Association, subject to the provision of Article VIII of the Constitution, shall have authority to grant charters to local religious societies, or to state, camp, and educational religious societies, constituting them constituent units of this association with all the rights and privileges accorded and bound by all the obligations imposed by its Constitution and Bylaws....

BYLAWS ARTICLE IX, SECTION 20, (b) (page 33)
• ***Ministry and Authorized Representatives*** •

Delete Section 20, Subsection (b) in its entirety.

BYLAWS ARTICLE X, SECTION 19
• ***Omnibus*** •

New Section:

Salaries for officers and employees shall be determined annually by the Convention delegates only after discussion of the Budget and Finance Committees Report.

BYLAWS ARTICLE X, SECTION 20

New Section:

Transfer of affiliation from American Federation of Spiritualist Churches to the National Spiritualist Association of Churches:

Subsection a: Effective with the 1994 Convention, members of American Federation of Spiritualist Churches who have successfully completed the prescribed NSAC educational courses for AFSC certificate or commission, including ordination shall have the right, without examination, to exchange certification held for equal NSAC Certification upon the submission of the following to the NSAC Board:

(1) Completed Application for Certificate Exchange
(2) Copy of MPI Educational Course certificate(s)
(3) AFSC certificate(s) (original or copy)
(4) Appropriate NSAC fees
(5) Completed NSAC membership application for future NSAC church membership

Subsection b: Religious societies affiliated with the American Federation of Spiritualist Churches, desirous of transferring from AFSC to the jurisdiction of the NSAC will provide the following to the NSAC Board:

(1) Letter of intent with a copy of society's membership meeting minutes which indicate change.
(2) AFSC Charter (copy or original)
(3) Appropriate NSAC charter fee
(4) Completed NSAC Application for Membership for each member of the society.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IX, SECTION 21, (page 26)
• ***Ministry and Authorized Representatives*** •

Delete the entire Section 21.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IX, SECTION 22, (page 26)
• ***Ministry and Authorized Representatives*** •

Delete the entire Section 22. (Re-number the following Sections.)

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

To substitute throughout the NSAC Constitution and Bylaws, where appropriate, the wording, religious society for the words association, society, organization, and auxiliary.

Throughout the NSAC Constitution and Bylaws where appropriate, refer to certification issued by the NSAC with the appropriate wording/capitalization:

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To substitute throughout the NSAC Constitution and Bylaws, where appropriate, the word Bylaws for the word By-laws.







Jest Joking . . .

✎ We get reprieve from worry two days each year – *yesterday and tomorrow.*

✎ My friends love animals and garage sales. They claim they get the pick of the liter.

✎ Most of us can keep a secret, but I'm not sure about the people that we confide it to.

✎ *"Swallowing your angry words now is a lot easier than having to eat them later."* – Bits & Pieces

Home Circles



What Does That Mean To You?

BY THE REV.
PAT SMITH, NST,
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Someone expressed some doubt to me about what we could give you that you do not already know.

Well, I started to sit in a home circle at the age of 10 years, at the request of the spirit to my mother. I am aware of the differences between a home circle, a seance, a message circle, and an unfoldment circle. I may or may not give you new thoughts . . . on the other hand, no matter what we know (or think we know), there are always other viewpoints and ideas worth listening to. Everyone, even those of us giving these seminars, can gain something new if we listen and join in, those who sit back and state there is nothing anyone else can say, that they do not already know, have the most to learn.

The home circle consists of a small group of family and close friends who gather together on a regular basis, one of whom is usually a trance medium. The group should be guided by spirit as to what is the best type of mediumship for that medium to work with for their circle. The sincerity and energies of the sitters will play a big part in the success or otherwise of the circle. It is possible to just enjoy spirit working through the medium to bring us what they feel is right for us at that time, or we may be in a circle that concentrates on the trumpet, slates, automatic writing, levitation, etc. There are so many different phases, I can only mention a few, as our time is limited.

The most important thing to remember is the Law of Attraction . . . if you are not sincere, and working for the right reasons, or maybe just joining in for amusement, you will not receive the highest and the best for the group. While those you attract may not mean any harm, they can play games with you, and not have your best interests in mind. Remember also, that when we say always ask for the highest and the best, it will always be at your level of understanding. Some get carried away with High Masters and Teachers. You cannot plug a high voltage item into a low voltage outlet, you know what happens. However, you can use transformers to make a connection, but there are still limits.

The same applies to the vibrations involved with mediumship. You learn all of these things in your classes. You have a lot of time and effort to put in, to raise your vibrations as high as you can. In the early days of what we call modern Spiritualism, people had plenty of time to make the necessary commitments to bring forth the wonderful physical phenomena. Today, everyone wants instant, coffee, tea, and mediumship. We are usually taught as children, that anything worth having is worth working for . . . it's a statement that will always be true. So to have a good home circle, you need to work at it, first with your choice of members, those who will commit themselves to attend regularly, no if's, but's, or maybe's. It is the consistent, regular, and sincere group that will be well rewarded through the communication from spirit teachers and loved ones.

Even sitting in home circles with no intent of opening up your own mediumship, in a class for that purpose, it is wise to learn basic definitions of words involved with mediumship . . . for that reason I am attaching a page from *"Handbook of the Phenomena and Philosophy of Mediumship,"* received through the Mediumship of Mary V. Vlasek, second edition 1927.

From the handbook of the
Phenomena and Philosophy of Mediumship
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• DEFINITIONS •

A **Phase of Mediumship** is the name given to a phenomenon which requires certain physical, mental, and spiritual conditions for its production.

Negative Mediumship is the name given to mediumistic phenomena that are produced at the will of a spirit, at any time or place, whether desired by the individual or not.

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Positive Mediumship is the name given to mediumistic phenomena that are produced *only* at the desire of the medium, all conditions being favorable.

A **Circle** is the name given to any group of people who have gathered together to witness, study or produce mediumistic phenomena.

A **Band** is the name given to the group of spirits that have gathered about any individual for the purpose of producing mediumistic phenomena.

The **Guide** is the leader of the **Band.**

A **Control** is an assistant to the **Guide,** and has a certain definite work to do; e.g. one **Control** will heal, another lecture, another give messages, etc.

A **Helper** is an assistant to the **Control**.

The **Doorkeeper** is the spirit that determines what spirits, if any, may contact his medium.

Physical Mediumship is the name given to those phases of mediumship which can be perceived by **all** the members of a circle through their five physical senses; e.g. raps, materialization, trumpet, table tipping, etc. . . . Energy to produce the phenomena is drawn from the circle. This energy is vitalized by being passed through the medium. The spirit *"guide"* and his assistants then utilize this vitalized energy to produce the phenomena. The above explains why the quality and quantity of the physical manifestations are dependent solely upon the condition of those witnessing their production. One person out of harmony may stop all manifestations.

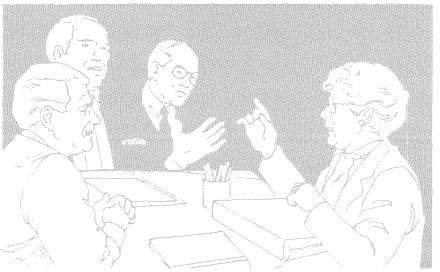
Mental Mediumship is the name given to those phases of mediumship through which the spirit can contact *certain* members of a circle through their mental senses; e.g. clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc. . . . Mental mediumship depends solely upon the medium, The condition of the sitters is immaterial.

Spiritual Mediumship is the name given to those phases of mediumship through which the spirits can contact a *few* members of the circle through their spiritual senses; e.g. inspiration, illumination, etc. . . . Spiritual mediumship depends wholly upon the spiritual attitude of the individual.

The **Spirit** is the Ego, that indestructible principle of life that never dies.

The **Soul** is the covering of the spirit or that through which the spirit manifests while in a physical form. The soul creates and functions through every part of the physical body. To the mind it acts as the storehouse. To the body it is the creative force or energy. The soul is known by many terms such as, the subconscious mind, subliminal mind, etc.

The **Mind** is the connecting link between the soul and the physical body. In the physical it expresses itself through the physical brain. It manifests itself through the forty-two mental faculties, such as, hate, anger, reverence, love, etc., which in the physical are manifested through the emotions.



There are three **Wills**: the *soul will,* the creative force; the *will to live* and the *objective* or *positive will.*

The **Soul Will** is that innate creative energy that when positively awakened, acts under the guidance of the soul force. This can be acted upon by a Spirit out of the body. When this will is awakened, the individual may become instantly healed.

The **Will to Live** is that part of the soul energy that clings to the physical expression of life, and it is this will when awakened, that enables the individual to overcome great obstacles and to recover from serious illness. People who have this will well developed, cling tenaciously to life.

The **Objective Will** or the will of the mind, is that positive determined mental attitude of the individual that at times will not listen to reason, but asserts its positiveness.

Magnetism is that vital energy emanating from the physical body as seen in the vibrations of the aura in its various colors. These colors are determined by the rate of vibration. Magnetism is very essential in healing, as it is a vitalized or life energy. ■

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"Far from being a form of super religion, Spiritualism is really a carrier wave on which all religions have imposed their peculiar vibrations. Belief in spirits and in their ability to communicate with us across the gulf of death is the keynote of every supernatural faith."

– Quote of Adams Gowan White, 1927, TNS

Physical Mediumship

BY THE REV. PAMLA ASHLAY-LEHRER, NST, MINNESOTA

General Rules for Sitting In Circle

By
The Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer

1. Meet at the same time and day of the week.
2. Limit the circle to approximately 7 people.
3. Be disciplined – don't miss a week, if possible.
4. Don't change the sitters – keep the group cohesive.
5. Be patient – some phenomena takes years to develop.
6. It is better not to sit alone.
7. Sit for 40 minutes to one hour each time.
8. Use a red or blue light – not necessary to sit in total darkness.
9. Open with a prayer – ask spirit to join you.
10. Do a meditation and deep breathing to still yourselves.
11. Sing to raise the vibrations in the room.
12. Verbally acknowledge phenomena so spirit knows you recognize their presence.
13. Skepticism and doubt blocks a circle.
14. Do not break the circle unless extreme emergency – better to close the circle first if possible.
15. Do not flash lights or touch the medium – could cause harm or death to the medium.
16. Respect the circle, the medium, the other sitters, and the spirit world – this is not a parlor game.
17. Close with a prayer of thanks.

CABINET: A cabinet is used to enclose the medium. This allows the medium to focus more. It also allows the forming of ectoplasm to occur and to be seen. Cabinets use to be built of a wood frame, just large enough to place a chair in for the medium. The frame was then draped with black material, with an opening only in one side for the medium to enter. Spirit uses the ectoplasm (gray cloud like substance) that comes from the medium and the sitters to materialize. A materialized spirit will walk out of the cabinet or form in front of the cabinet against the black material.

Present day – people are making cabinets by using a corner of the room. Using two walls of the corner as two sides of the cabinet, place eyelet screws into the ceiling in a formation that when a wire is run through it, it will form a square. Using black sheets or black material with a hem sewn into it, run a heavy wire through the hem. Attach the wire to the eyelet screws on the ceiling to form the other two sides of the cabinet. Make sure your material reaches to the floor. We have found that it is not necessary to attach the material to the wall.

This room then becomes your seance room and should be used for only that purpose, if possible. Some mediums teach class and do their healing and consultations in their seance room, as this adds to the vibration. Use good judgment, for it can also take away from the vibration.

Have only enough chairs for the medium and the sitters in the room. Do not clutter the room with objects and knickknacks, as spirit sometimes moves them. Keep a red light in the room. The best is a utility bulb, screwed into a socket that plugs into the wall or a small lamp. If you use trumpets, slates, or other objects for producing phenomena, keep them in the room. Be prepared to sit.

SLATES: Use two slates with wood frames (available through the NSAC Bookstore). Place a pencil or chalk between the slates. Bind the slates together with rubber binders or cloth strips. Place the slates on the table in the center of the seance room or the medium can hold them on her lap.

Sit with a red or blue light. Say a prayer, do a meditation and breathing to relax. Sing songs to raise the vibration and invite spirit to join the circle. Sit quietly and wait, adhering to the general rules for sitting. No messages are given during slate sitting. When the circle has been properly closed, open the slates. Spirit uses the slates for independent writing. Examples of slate writing can be seen in the museum at Lily Dale.

TRUMPET: Trumpets are made of tin and usually come in three sections (available through the NSAC Bookstore). A new trumpet should be cleared and energized. This is done by running water through the trumpet and placing it in the sun. Keep your trumpet in your seance room and allow no one but yourself to touch it. A trumpet becomes a very personal tool for a medium and should be respected.

Place the trumpet on a wood table in the center of the seance room. Some stand the trumpet upright to begin with and lay it on it's side half way through the seance, others place the trumpet on it's side the entire time.

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Spirit loves the elements and uses them to produce phenomena. Place a bowl (glass) of water, a bowl (glass) of earth and a candle on the table or near it. Say and opening prayer, meditate and deep breathing to relax and singing are important to trumpet sitting. Spirit uses the vibrations of the voices of the sitters to build a *"voice box"* inside of the trumpet. We have found it helpful to sing several times during the seance.

Ectoplasm builds from the medium and the sitters and forms rods to levitate the trumpet. The trumpet moves about the circle and independent voice can be heard coming from the trumpet. Spirit uses the trumpet like a megaphone.

Other phenomena seen with the trumpet: the trumpet changes shape, trumpets disappear, colors form on and around the trumpet, the trumpet may begin to *"breathe,"* odors come from the trumpet, faces show on the trumpet, ectoplasm strings come from the trumpet toward sitters, and apports may appear.

As with the slates, no messages are given during a trumpet seance.

SILKS: Use a 8 1/2 by 11 piece of white silk cloth. The piece of silk is placed on a piece of construction paper and given to the sitter. Have open bottles of ink on a table in the seance room. After the medium completes the messages, a red light is run over the silks. The light is generally a red bulb attached to a cord so the medium can move about with it. When the medium has completed using the red light over your silk, roll it up into the construction paper and tie it with a ribbon. Place the silk in a drawer or a dark place for at least 24 hours so the spirit picture can continue to process and set into the silk.

TABLE TIPPING: Place hands lightly on the table (barely touching). Do this with 2 to 6 people. Say a prayer and do deep breathing to relax. Ask spirit to join you. Sing upbeat songs to raise the vibration. Call out names of people in the spirit world, pause and wait for a response. The response may come in the form of the table tipping, raps, ectoplasm forming, things moving or hearing footsteps. Begin to ask questions addressing the name of the spirit from whom you got the response. Start with yes and no questions and set up a code. The table will begin to tip to form the code, it may even levitate. Some circles also have the trumpet in the center of the table.

Very large and heavy tables have been known to tip out codes and levitate. Remember, this is not a parlor game and should not be taken lightly.

TRANSFIGURATION: Use a red light in a transfiguration seance. Place the red light so that it shines on the face of the medium. The medium goes into trance. Trance is conducive to transfiguration, but not necessary. Ectoplasm forms over the face of the medium and the medium's face sometimes will appear invisible to the sitters. Spirit then uses the ectoplasm to form their face over the face of the medium. Spirits have been known to form completely over the entire body of the medium. The spirit that forms is usually recognizable to one of the sitters, but not always.

Always begin the seance, according to the general rules for sitting, with a prayer. Go into a light meditation and deep breathing to relax, and sing to raise the vibration. Generally messages are given at a transfiguration seance, but not always. Transfiguration has been known to happen very spontaneously in other types of seances, depending on the medium.

PSYCHOMETRY (Mental Mediumship): Make a psychometry box. Make the box out of wood. Place plastic craft sheets (available at local craft stores) in the bottom of the box. Cut strips of plastic to form an edge around the inside of the box and secure them to the bottom and at the corners with yarn. Cut more strips to form squares in the box and secure them with yarn. Plastic is used as it is a man-made product and does not absorb energy. Place 2 disks in each square with the number of that square on each disk.

As the people come into the seance (this can also be used for public demonstration) have a responsible person at the door with the psychometry box. They have the people place an item (key, jewelry, etc.) into the box and take one of the disks with the number corresponding to the square they placed it in. The box is handled by no one except the *"keeper"* of the box and the medium. This not only protects the items in the box, but also protects the energy.

At the time of demonstration, the box is brought to the medium. The medium chooses an item and calls out the number of the square. The medium then reads the item and replaces it back into the appropriate square. After the reading, the person may or may not respond, depending on the circumstances. Upon completion, the box is returned to the *"keeper"* and as the people leave, they turn in their number to reclaim the items.

To learn to do psychometry just takes much practice. It is important to give your immediate first impression upon handling the item. Items not only absorb the vibrations of the owner, but also of past owners, the person who made them and at times the location of where the materials came from. At times, people in the spirit world will join in the reading if the item at one time belonged to them. ■

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Spiritualism is the science, philosophy and religion of continuous life repeatedly demonstrated by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

It is the most reasonable, logical and understandable explanation of life here on this plane and also in the life after life – the all spirit realm. Indeed, it is the closest approach to an intelligent answer to man's why, whence and whither.

Years of research show that everywhere natural law operates through its many branches following the universal plan of a Supreme Intelligence. This immutable law proved true in every field of endeavor every time it is used correctly and in the same manner.

For an undiscernible millennia of years our whirling world, spun from the sun by gravitational force, has evolved through various stages of development into our planet as we know it today with airplanes soaring through blue skies and trains streaking over miles and miles of rails across countries on unbelievable time-saving schedules.

Step by step, man's ingenuity furthers modern technology's discoveries and progress. Augmented by the *"wisdom of the ages."* Twentieth century scientists – the dedicated thinkers and doers – welcome new challenges at the dawn of the year 2,000.

Through man's mind, great achievement is wrought. Every skyscraper was first a thought in the mind of someone before ever a blueprint was in the builder's hand. Man has traveled far in his evolutionary climb, but still there are many factors of mind to uncover and explore.

Mind is as intangible as truth, love, spirit, thought, energy and the wild wind itself. It is impossible to hold these in our hands for analysis, but they are of real action for man's use and needs as seen throughout the world.

The spirit world – man's next expression of consciousness, is as real and substantial to spirit dwellers as life here is to physical entities. No one on this plane can accurately describe the *"modus operandi"* of the spirit world. It must be observed from a purely spiritual viewpoint. We are fortunate to understand, to a degree, the altruistic efforts of spirit people. Such enlightenment as we have received from spirit mentors, loved ones, and from advanced knowledgeable spirit teachers we gladly share.

Spiritland is a mental sphere of much finer vibrations than the physical elements of our material plane. It is everywhere around and about this world, but not actually on it, per se.

I believe that all spirit people once dwelt on our earth plane. We do not know how many other planets in our galaxy of stars have life as we live it, but there may be many.

Spirit realm people manifest in different degrees of consciousness, as we do here. On passing to the spirit side, a person gravitates to that state of consciousness for which his earth life prepared him/her. He is not suddenly a bodiless entity floating through the ether of space. Each one is an individualized soul-self in his spirit-body and seeks association with others of kindred thinking and spiritual growth. All is through a mental process of mind to mind and each one is spiritually visible to other spirit people.

At the time of normal transition into the spirit plane – called death or dying – the vibrations of the physical body become slower and slower and weaker and weaker until the physical body can no longer function. Its spirit body replica now emerges automatically with the same mind, love for others, memory and all the other qualities – good and bad – of his/her earthly self. Dear ones on the spirit-side are there to welcome the newcomer.

Nothing can block passage of spirit body people through their unobstructed universe. They need but to think of where they wish to be and they are there. For recognition, by thought, they can manifest themselves in whatever attire or clothing will substantiate identity. All is done by adaptation of natural law.

All Spiritualist phenomena are invaluable. One of the most evidential – automatic spirit writing – came to me fifty-six years ago in 1938. With my pen in hand, spirit

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C R E D O

By The Rev. Genevieve Woelfl, NST, California

energy does the writing. I do not do it. In this manner, my spirit guide – Moreanda – made himself known and brought many spirit people to me through words they wrote in answer to questions about life in the after life. I do not write questions to them. I think them. They do all the writing with my hand.

Using this same phenomenon, my two very dear sons visit me from their spirit homes. We have thought communication as well as their writings of explanation and wonderful guidance. With all the evidence they bring to me, I must acknowledge their continued intelligent and altruistic lives. Both of these fine men earned the best in life here because they gave to the world their very best. They assured me that all I taught about the spirit world was correct. But there is more yet to be opened up for world edification.

Spiritland emblazons life there in all ways like a vast conservatory of many arts. It beckons all who enter to the schools of learning and to concert halls of treasured music conducted by composers of note.

Buildings of superb architectural design, form a spectacular center in gardens of undiscernible beauty. Everything seen in the spirit world is manifested by mind power of spirit people there. Individual spirit homes of various styles with flowers of many colors bespeak the spiritual advancement of the occupants.

As the brilliant inventor, Thomas Edison, entered the spirit world, he whispered to his longtime friend, his doctor, *"It's all so beautiful over here."* Shakespeare wrote, *"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."* What a man is at the moment of passing into the spirit realm is what he takes with him. Everyone lives under the mandates of natural law here and hereafter. It is the basic structure upon which all kingdoms of expression operate – mineral, vegetable, animal and human procedures. Our next life experience is one of personal action.

The law of attraction guides the new one in spiritland to the niche of his/her selected vocation where he is best able to serve.

The same law of attraction is the connecting link from here to spiritland. Through prayer, man/woman tunes-in to Infinite Intelligence, the spirit source of all that exists – God Power of the Universe. By mental attraction, mind to mind, spirit people see the needs of those praying for a solution to their struggles. These mentors understand what is happening due to the law of cause and effect, a branch of natural law, and can suggest how to successfully change incorrect procedures to those that will produce right results.

Mental Impression makes contact with those needing help and guidance. Meditation is the quiet time for prayer. It opens the consciousness to uninterrupted reception from the spirit world.

To sit in meditation means mentally to block out material cares and all other economic worries, by holding in thought, a picture of tranquility and peace, or by mentally listening to beautiful music. This is to replace other thoughts in the mind already, because there is no vacuum in our thought process. Meditation opens the spiritual door, called by some, the psychic door to receive guidance from the spirit world. At this time, ideas and constructive plans flow into the mind of the seeker. But each recipient must decide for himself/herself how he/she will respond to these spirit promptings. No one can do his work for him. It is his responsibility.

Only by man's own mental and physical efforts can he/she learn from mistakes and make progress. Every day is a new beginning with opportunity to learn and advance understanding for everyone. There is progression on into eternity for all people.

Spiritually we observe the spirit world as a great sphere of people enjoying the companionship of loved ones, longtime friends and those who shared treasured associations with beautiful memories. Here, everyone manifests to the degree his earth life of spiritual achievements permits. No one can rise higher than he/she merits. The more he/she learns, the greater the understanding he/she attains.

People pray to God – Infinite Intelligence – but answers arrive via many avenues. Calls for guidance and help are heard by spirit people and mentors in spiritland best able to assist. They reach back mentally to comfort, sustain, heal and save. Throughout this heavenly atmosphere, *"music of the spheres"* inspires and blesses all with strains of masterworks' composers.

This is my philosophy of life with its certain expectancy of continuous life. All this and much more is what I believe.

In reality, all may be so far beyond us here that no earthly resident can accurately picture the supreme beauty, the sublime peacefulness and the real happiness encompassing the spirit world. ■

THE BOOK SHELF



THE BETTY BOOK

By Stewart Edward White

"Stewart Edward White gained his fame as an author of adventure stories and Western tales. Then, in the late 1930's, he shifted gears and began producing a series of some of the most remarkable books on the inner planes and spiritual growth ever written. His adventure books have long since faded from popularity, but not his books on the inner dimensions of life. They have gone through printing after printing.

"The Betty Book was the first of the series to appear. It chronicles the way in which Betty, Stewart Edward's wife, became aware of and developed her skills as a medium, and sets forth the basic philosophy of the Invisibles toward spiritual growth.

"The Betty Book has endured for fifty years, growing in popularity each year. It introduces us to the grandest adventure of all – the discovery of our own inner self." So says the editor of these three wise books which have now been reprinted in America.

When we try to analyze why they have become such classics, we realize that the high quality of the teachings by discarnates which the author calls the Invisibles is only one of the reasons. Another equally important reason is that they are extremely well written. Stewart Edward White manages to entertain us even as he teaches. Each book is presented in much the same way as the material was originally received through the mediumship of Betty. That is, through the symbols of the deeper mind, which is the *'language'* of spirit.

Symbolic representations are a more complex mode of understanding. They communicate multiple levels of meaning which mere words can never convey. Symbols, if correctly understood, break us free of constricting viewpoints and conventional ways of thinking. They appear even to change the very substance of awareness itself. That is why mediums receive their impressions symbolically – because symbols are the substance of deeper mind through which spirit communicates the broader understanding of truth.

Betty, in her own attempt to understand the workings of her deeper mind, said, *"This wonderful transmuting, absorbing substance is what you set in action by spiritual contact. Once set in action, you cannot stop it. It is bound to act, to consume. The more faith you have in it, the more powerful it is. It would be terrible, were it not used for good . . ."*

"Oh well," she concludes, *"you could never fully utilize this power until you had first destroyed all your own earth conventions and limitations. If they were really destroyed, so they could not dilute with doubt, then you could utilize the full power of the spirit. That is what it is to be made in the Image. You see, we really were made in the Image, but we've got to earn, to deserve our heritage."*

In 1919, when Betty first began her spiritual odyssey toward mediumship, the discarnate communicators explained that they were using her as an experiment which would expand the way in which sensitives could be used. Most mediums at the time were full trance, and Betty's training was one of the earliest and most thorough-going attempts to establish mental mediumship. Since then, this ability has become quite common, but at the time, it was considered a major breakthrough.

The course of gradual unfoldment experienced by Betty is one that can still be used successfully today. If you would like this book, please order it through the NSAC Books By Mail Service.

ACROSS THE UNKNOWN

By Stewart Edward White

"Stewart Edward White wrote three of the best books on the nature of the inner planes during the 1930's and 1940's, based on explorations he conducted through the mediumship of his wife, Betty. He is best known for *'The Betty Book'* and *'The Unobstructed Universe,'* yet deserves equal recognition for *'Across the Unknown,'* which is a bridge between the introductory story of *'The Betty Book'* and the complex structure of *'The Unobstructed Universe.'*

" 'Across the Unknown' is not just an adventure into the unexplored regions of the inner dimensions, but also a 'formula for living.' It reveals how the inner dimensions are alive in each and every one of us, even though we are immersed in the physical plane. And it shows us how to tap the reality of these inner dimensions to enrich our life. As such, it is one of the most important books ever written about the inner planes."

As one Invisible from Betty's band of helpers said, *"It is essential to linger frequently on the frontier of one's limitations, looking out eagerly across the unknown."* Thus, the purpose of this book is to help us explore, develop and use the deeper mind so that we can move beyond the frontier of our limitations.

"Across the Unknown" can be ordered through the NSAC Books By Mail Service.

– Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

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Prayer

By A. J. Moss

Father in Heaven, we before Thee stand,
Awaiting the word at Thy command.
To bless the tie our hearts to bind,
With the love eternal we hope to find.

Fostering the thoughts that are Holy Writ,
Commanding wisdom of the Infinite;
Assuming serenity, mastering fate,
Transgressions forbidden to formulate.

Song of my soul, hope of my heart,
I pray that from wisdom I may never depart;
Help me to fathom the Mysteries of Life,
That I may lead others in the way to do right.

Teach me the virtues of obedience and love,
That I may commune with the Angels above;
Oh! Infinite Father, concede my request,
Grant me a freedom in the Home of the Blest.

From Feb., 1994 Spiritual Science Magazine
Submitted by William E. Buchholz, Sr., Davenport, Iowa

THE BOOK SHELF

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THE UNOBSTRUCTED UNIVERSE

By Stewart Edward White

"In any field of human endeavor, a genuine masterpiece is rare. In the field of psychic exploration, 'The Unobstructed Universe' is one of the few true masterwork's – a brilliant exploration of the inner dimensions of life.

'The Unobstructed Universe' records the investigations of Stewart White after the death of his wife, Betty, who had acted as medium in earlier explorations. Utilizing the mediumship of their friend, Joan, Betty leads Stewart on a challenging adventure in 'the unobstructed universe' in which we all live and move and have our being, although we generally do not know it. In the process, they break through many of the illusions of physical life and open up to us a rich and exciting portrayal of the inner life.

'The Unobstructed Universe' is an example of mediumship and psychic investigation at its very finest."

This, as well as the other two Stewart Edward White books, comes highly recommended. They can be ordered through the NSAC Bookstore By Mail Service.

– Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

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BARRETT PARK

By The Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson



Dedicating the Memorial.

Now and then a day or an event goes exactly as planned, not often, but such an event took place on October 16, 1994, in Canaan, Maine. The birthplace of Harrison D. Barrett, the first President of the National Spiritualist Association. Harrison was born in Canaan on April 26, 1862, and went to the higher life at the age of forty-seven in 1911.

The day was a perfect fall day, bright sun, light breeze and mild temperature for Maine at this time of year. The trees were displaying all the fall colors, and the working of Natural Law, for us to view as we drove the sixty miles from our home to the small town of Canaan.

What was so important in Canaan that inspired twenty dedicated Spiritualists, some to drive over a hundred miles to be there? Probably not many Spiritualists are aware that we own a small well kept grass park fifty feet wide, by one hundred and fifty feet deep, that has the Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Monument on it. The Memorial stone was searched for by Clarence E. Stewart, and it took a year to find an appropriate one for this much loved man. Stewart had it engraved and transported to it's present sight, and the town of Canaan had the ground prepared for the monuments arrival. The Park is at the foot of the street on which Mr. Barrett lived, next to the building used as City Hall, Museum and Masonic hall. The town officials welcomed our use of the hall for a rededication service.

The original Dedication, according to a news item written by Erma Graff, who was pleased to read it to me over the phone, took place on August 17, 1965. In brief, it stated: A motorcade from Camp Etna went to the Union Church in Canaan, where a service was held by the Rev. C. Harris Engel from Cassadaga, Florida, the Rev. Shirley Lyford did the Invocation, and a solo was sung by Pierre Fairjeon of Florida. Several spoke about the achievements of Harrison D. Barrett, being an eloquent speaker, medium, writer, editor, credited with writing the first three Principles of the Declaration of Principles, and first President of the N.S.A. The service was closed by the Benediction given by the Rev. Lyford. Following the service, a short walk was taken to the Barrett Park for it's Dedication. That was how the Dedication went on August 17, 1965.

The Maine State Spiritualist Association declared October as Spiritual Awareness Month. The Rededication was part of the program that was very well organized by Rev. Nancy Parry, NST, of The Augusta Spiritualist Church. Aside from the Spiritualists, a local reporter and two town officials were present.



Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, Rev. Nancy Parry, and Paul Gilman.

Rev. Nancy Parry, NST, opened the service with a few words of welcome, and a hymn was sung, followed by the Invocation. Paul Gilman, President of the M.S.S.A.C., led the reading of the Principles, and Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, spoke on the contribution of Harrison D. Barrett to Spiritualism and on the original Dedication. Paul Gilman spoke words of praise, and on Spiritualism. We then proceeded outside to rededicate the Memorial, lighting a

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candle in front of the Memorial to rekindle the flame of Spiritualism (the candle wouldn't stay lit because of the breeze, but it was again lit inside). The Rev. Nancy Parry, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, and Paul Gilman took part in this ceremony, with the congregation lined on both sides of the path to the Memorial.

We returned inside and a message service was conducted by the Rev. Nancy Parry which was well received. The service was closed by the Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson giving the Benediction. Following the Service was a buffet. I am sure that all attending the ceremony felt it a very uplifting spiritual event and it is planned again for next year. ■

PURITAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

How does one describe the fantastic event that took place at Puritan Spiritualist Church on September 25, 1994, at the 2:30 p.m. service . . . the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Anna Gross as Pastor.

Puritan Spiritualist Church was founded by Mr. Fritz Sundling and the Reverend Rose Mackay in April 1939. Anna Gross, Rose Mackay's daughter, is the only chartered member now living. The Reverend Mackay served as President-Pastor until her passing in September 1969. This was the time Anna Mackay Gross was elected to Pastor.

The service opened with an organ prelude by Patricia Makaveskis and a warm welcome from Maude Mazzacavallo, Secretary of Puritan Spiritualist Church and Trustee of Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches. The Invocation and Benediction was by the Reverend Georgia Reed (who was on her honeymoon) of the First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, Iowa. The Declaration of Principles was led by Maude Mazzacavallo, and Laying of Hands Healing by Rebeca Ramirez, with the Healing Meditation by Patricia Makaveskis.

Over 65 people were inspired by the sermon delivered by the Reverend Bryan McCotter, President of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches, and Pastor of the J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church. His theme, *"Spiritualism Today"* was a masterpiece of wisdom. The congregation, many of whom had never entered a Spiritualist Church, were instilled in the knowledge that there is no death, no antiquated dogmas or creeds. There is only light and spiritual communication, proving the continuity of life. After the service, many said they would seek further knowledge of our religion.

Anna Gross introduced her family, old friends, church members – including Ione Cooper and Arley Tomaszek from Florida, and non-members. Many responded saying how much Anna helped them in their daily lives.

Warm greetings of regret from the National Spiritualist Association of Churches and the Reverend Joseph Merrill were read at the service. Two honorary certificates, Licentiate Minister and Certified Medium, were presented to Anna by Arsenia Williams, Secretary of Illinois State Spiritual Association of Churches. Both framed certificates were a gift from the I.S.S.A.C. and now hang in our church. We are all so proud of them.



Pictured, left to right are Anna Gross, Maude Mazzacavallo, Arsenia Williams, and Rev. McCotter.

The interior of our church was beautified by three large floral arrangements from the church, a floral piece from Church of the Spirit, Marrice Coverson, Pastor, and red roses from Janet Schroeder, Eleana and Ruby.

Anna Gross gave everyone a bookmark with the sunflower emblem and a very appropriate verse of friendship and thanks.

Many pictures were taken by Don. Immediately following the service, we went to the American Legion hall where 128 people enjoyed a delicious family style beef and chicken dinner. Members of the First Spiritualist Church in Gary, the Reverend Jesse James group, were introduced and they presented roses to Anna. We were entertained by a magician.

So ended the 25th Anniversary of Anna Gross. When talking with Anna even now, she says she's on *"Cloud 9"* and sincerely thanks all for making her special occasion so memorable.

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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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