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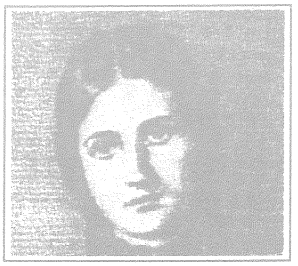
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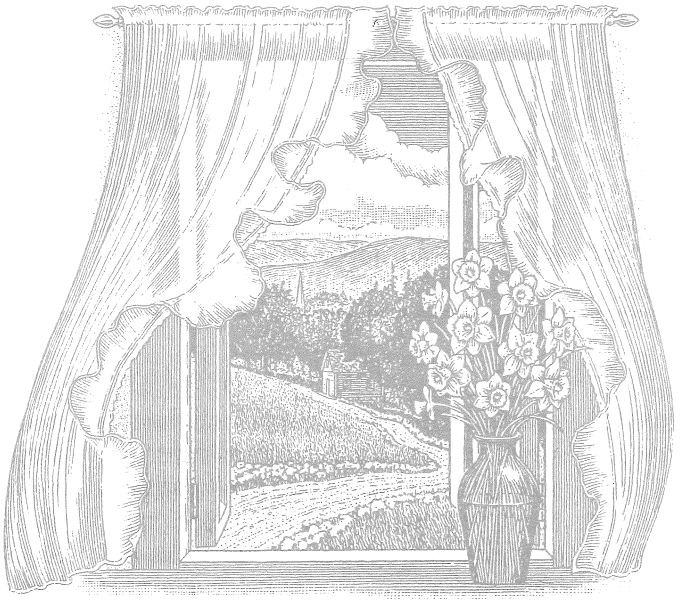
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Why Spiritualism?

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

We must grant integrity to other religions, for each religion feels they have the answers. The Hebrews call themselves the chosen people; the Christians say that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Light; the Islamic people believe the revelations of life were delivered by Muhammad and so on. The followers of each religious tradition feel that theirs is the way to God, or Allah, or the Great Creator, or Infinite Intelligence.

How wonderful that they are each **right** – it is the way for them because they believe and this belief guides them to a higher consciousness. There is truth in all religions, one Source, many paths to reach this Source. If all the various religious scriptures were read, a common theme would illuminate the searcher with a broader and deeper understanding than would be possible from a single tradition. Each religion adds to the truth even though all religions do not teach the same message.



Spiritualism as a philosophy and a science researches the various religions accepting those teachings which have been proven throughout the ages, those fundamental concepts that are in accord with Natural Law. One main difference between Spiritualism and most other religions is the belief that the Infinite is expressed through all life, therefore one cannot perish. So the spirit continues on in another dimension, surviving physical death, and true mediumship can communicate with loved ones in the physical. Immortality is more than continuous existence, it is continuous progression or evolution. Life after life has been proven to Spiritualists through evidential messages and this reveals a life principle of continuous growth and continuous love. This helps one realize that each day, each thought, each loving gesture is important, with free choice and personal responsibility to grow in the Light of higher understanding. Mediumship is as natural as the physical five senses when the conscious mind is quieted and spirit communes with spirit. If mediumship or communication is one of the things that is important in our religion, what are some of the various types of mediumship that can bring us a message from the Spirit World? Let us review a few ways that spirit works through the physical.

CLAIRVOYANCE has also been called second-sight, clear vision, or clear seeing. It is the ability to see with the inner eye an event which is beyond the normal vision, perception by insight. The clairvoyant can tune into the etheric world, touch in with spirit guides, receive symbols and vibrational frequencies. It is also important that the clairvoyant is able to interpret and understand the symbols when they are used for readings and counseling. Sometimes the event has already happened and other times it has not yet occurred. There are two main classifications: objective or physical clairvoyance (observed by the five physical senses) and subjective clairvoyance or mental mediumship (affects the mind, the inner being, the intuitive).

CLAIRAUDIENCE means clear audio, clear hearing, or inner hearing, mental hearing. The medium perceives sounds when no one is speaking, sounds not from the physical dimension; extra-sensory information received as sound. These mental impressions are inaudible to the normal hearing or to others in the room and appear to come from within, but are cosmic vibrations or influences from spirit contact.

CLAIRSENTIENCE is the faculty of clear sensation, clear feeling, or the *'sixth sense'*. The ability to perceive, or sense cosmic information by a *'feeling within'* where information by-passes the thinking process and the person has a knowing. The medium then interprets these feelings.

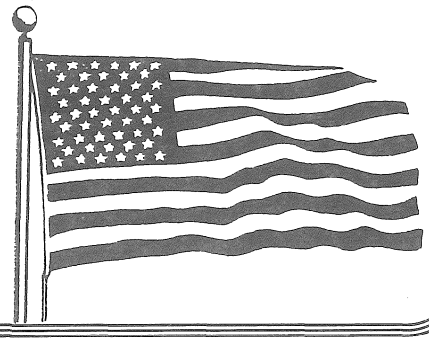
PSYCHOMETRY is where the history of an object is contained in the objects energy field and the vibrations can be read by the medium. This is also called soul measuring, or object reading. It is a wonderful first step in awareness training for it helps the sensitive to *'tune in'*.

PSYCHOKINESIS is another way that our departed loved ones communicate. In Psychokinesis, an item is moved from one position to another. PK has several divisions . . . a couple are: **levitation telekinesis,** where an object or individual is elevated in the air and suspended for a short period of time without any physical means. It seems like the spirit guides can nullify normal gravity, but the material of ectoplasm is used to lift the item. **Electronic phenomenon** is the spirit helpers ability to record sounds or words on phones, tape recorders, or computers without the use

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☆ ☆ ALLYN FLAG SALUTE ☆ ☆

"Hail, Star-Spangled Banner, the sign of the free!
Our hearts and our hands pledge allegiance to thee;
We salute thee, and echo from shore unto shore,
One Country united, one Flag evermore."



The Resolution Committee at the 102nd Annual NSAC Convention resolved that the C. Fannie Allyn Flag salute be recited in unison following the pledge of allegiance at the opening of the morning business sessions of the conventions.

Our Lyceum members have some wonderful hand motions to correspond with the words. The Spiritualist Lyceum Manual explains the procedure for those of you that would like to try it (page 69).

The Allyn Flag salute was written for Lyceum children in Summerland, California in 1896. Summerland was the name of a *'camp meeting place'* on Ortega Hill, close to the Pacific Coast in the Santa Barbara area. It was a beautiful Spiritualist camp site, reminding those that met there of the description of the summerland in the Spirit World. ■ ■ ■

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of physical means. This is an area that is becoming more and more prevalent in our time period. The term, psychokinesis, is used collectively for many paranormal faculties including ESP and survival phenomena.

HEALING in Spiritualism can be mental healing (affirmative, suggestive), absent (from a distance, no contact), magnetic healing (energy transfer), contact healing (laying-on-of-hands) or spirit healing (spirit doctors work directly on the person). April is NSAC Healing Month, so TNS magazine will feature healing.

SPIRIT CONTROL or trance is where an etheric entity works with a medium to transfer information between the etheric world helpers and the physical world, or to produce physical phenomena. Trance is an *'open door'* to higher understanding where the medium enters an altered state of consciousness and permits a discarnate a way of expression or a means to produce physical phenomena.

PHYSICAL PHENOMENA uses ectoplasm formed into *'psychic structures'* or *'psychic rods'* to produce materialization, move items, make sounds, etc. The blending and use of the ectoplasmic substance, drawn from the medium and the sitters, forms an extension of psychic energy for the spirit people to use as we use our arms and legs.

DIRECT VOICE is such an evidential form of mediumship where a TRUMPET is used to concentrate the vibrations and amplify the voice. An ectoplasmic voice box is created by an etheric chemist so the conversation from the next dimension may be heard audibly by all. APPORTS are items that are transported through space, or through other physical objects, by converting the energy or vibration then allowing the object to return to the original vibration. Spirit energies materialize apports to deliver a message or love token to an individual. These are most often evident in a seance room and the trumpet is an important tool for the delivery of these spirit gifts.

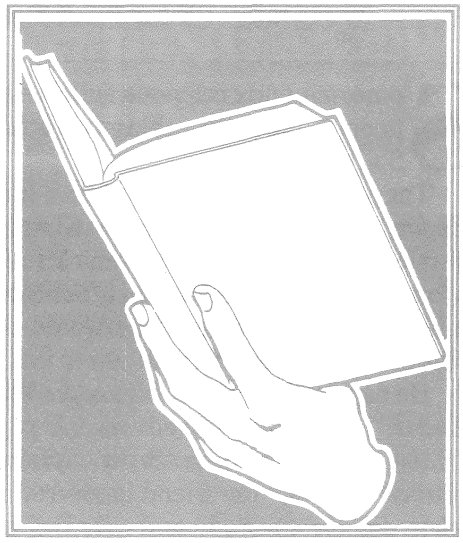
It should be kept in mind that the measure of the spirit guides illumination is in proportion to a mediums capacity to receive. The sitters contribute to the vibrations, raising or lowering them by their thoughts and their receptivity. Remember this after a wonderful service and say to others, *"Thank you for being so open to receive today, it was wonderful how the etheric people were able to touch in."*

Have you ever questioned which should be cultivated first, Spiritual insight or mediumistic powers? To have the latter without love and a higher awareness, diminishes the noble energy and purpose of communication with the Etheric Plane. Be Spiritual First! The message of the Spirit World is of continuous life, continuous love, and continuous progression. All these mediumistic talents would have no value if they do not teach us to love, to honor the Spirit in all life, to trust in Infinite Intelligence, to continue to grow in our awareness, to be of service to others, to Be Spiritual First! Why Spiritualism? It teaches a wonderful, Spiritual pathway to God, not just for today but forever. ■



A PERSONAL STUDY OF TRANCE MEDIUMSHIP

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE



Curiosity is something that has always been a part of my life. Many years ago when I realized that the girl I had married developed into an excellent trance medium, my natural curiosity wanted to better understand more about this phase of mediumship. Although I had always been a Spiritualist, now that a medium was in the family, I realized that a large portion of my life would be involved actively in Spiritualism.

As time went on, I took courses in hypnosis, psychology and parapsychology, to get a better general understanding of what is known of trance mediumship. Hypnosis seemed the best key to the workings of the deeper functions of the brain. In order to research these ideas, I started *'The United Psychic and Hypnotic Research Association'* which was incorporated in 1958 in New Jersey.

In the association, we had several professional members that were able to observe trance mediumship from a medical point of view. When in trance, it was found that there were changes in the pulse rate and blood pressure with each different entity that took control of the body and spoke through. Another test measured skin temperature and showed that each etheric entity changed the mediums physical body in some manner.

In comparison to hypnosis and self hypnosis (of which some have tried to claim that trance is), we found a great deal of difference. There are several levels of spiritual trance. During a light level the medium is completely conscious of what is being said through them. In the deeper levels, the medium is completely unaware of what is being said and sometimes doesn't realize they have been in trance. In a trance state, the entity speaking usually speaks clearly and doesn't require prompting, where in a hypnotic state, it is like pulling teeth to get the person to give out information. Usually, under hypnosis, they speak in whispers and act as though they would much rather be left alone and not bothered.

Some mediums claim that they completely leave their bodies, only connected by the silver cord (which I have been told from spirit is like a magnetic beam that can extend to any distance and will never break except at death). They visit the spirit side to meet their guides and relatives, while the spirit entities are controlling their earthly body. I have also been told from spirit sources that it is preferable that the medium is away from the body during trance, since it causes less coloring of the message. Another big difference between spiritual trance and hypnosis is that the person in trance needs no direction or suggestion to speak or answer questions, but in hypnosis the subject only responds to constant direction by the hypnotist.

The conclusion we came to after many hours of tests and studies, is that when a medium goes into trance, they are actually bringing through entities that have lived on earth and now reside on the etheric side of life. Of course we, as Spiritualists, knew this all the time without question, but research is important to better understand our beliefs. The Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence was formed by the NSAC to further studies in Spiritualism and phenomena.

I asked my wife, Mary, to describe her personal understanding of trance. This is her explanation of going in trance: *"I really find it very hard to tell someone how it feels to step out of my body. To make someone understand me, I will try my best. When we sit quietly, we use candlelight, merely because I relax better in semi-darkness. We then talk and discuss all sorts of things, it does not necessarily have to do with Spiritualism, just anything that is happy talk. We also sing, and it does not have to be hymns, but can be any song as long as it is joyful. Whatever it takes to bring a high strong vibration. The spirit entities prefer a happy, cheerful atmosphere. Well, I close my eyes and wait for a few moments, until all the voices in the room seem to echo from a distance, then I know I am partly with spirit. I suddenly feel myself slip sideways until I see my body sitting in the chair. I know then that I am ready for my teacher, who comes and takes my hand, to lead me off to another part of the Summerland, but never too far away. All trance mediums may not do the same as I do. I have been going into trance for fifty years, so with everything you do in life, if you do it long enough, it becomes easier. I hope this helps you to a better understanding of trance mediumship.*

The Summerland is a beautiful cheerful world of flowers and wonderful meadows, also lovely people. What a wonderful world we would have if everyone could see and understand it. As for the question of a technical explanation? I do not feel there is a technical explanation for a spiritual experience." ■

The Witch of Endor

By
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Some orthodox religious faiths tell their people strange things about us Spiritualists.

They try to use the story of the *"Witch of Endor,"* as she was called in the King James Version, against us. However, Mr. H. V. Morton, in his book, *"Women of the Bible,"* is much more charitable, and I would like to share his account with you.

He says, *"What is your idea of the Witch of Endor?"* someone asked me. I replied, *"Have you ever been to a Spiritualist Seance?"* *"Yes,"* my friend answered. *"And what did the Medium look like?"* I asked. *"She was a very ordinary woman."* *"That is my idea of the Witch of Endor,"* I replied.



Mr. Morton then gives this description and his version of the Witch of Endor story: To the East of the flat green plain of Armageddon is a slight hill on whose slopes is a poverty stricken Arab village called Endor. There are a few stone huts and caves. From one, a thin stream of water flows into a narrow canal that guides it through the gardens. Old grain pits, tombs in the rocks and ancient water cisterns prove that the history of this village goes back into the mists of time.

En-dor means the *"Spring of Dor"* or *"Of the Dwelling."* The stream of water that still trickles from the cave is the same stream that ran there in the time of Saul and gave its name to the place where the Witch of Endor lived.

"The scene in which Saul seeks the help of this Medium is intensely dramatic. The desperate King, conscious that the Divine approval has departed from him, and terrified by the powers massed against him, and conscious, also, of his approaching death, gropes in the darkness of his soul for some comfort.

He cannot pray and he has therefore ceased to hope. His enemies, the Philistines, are camped all about him on the plain of Esdraelon, while he, with the Israelite forces, commands the rising ground at Mount Giboa."

The Bible tells us, *"When Saul saw the vast army of the Philistines, he was frantic with fear and asked the Lord what to do, but the Lord refused to answer him."*

Saul sinks into a deep depression. He thinks of the great Samuel and wishes he were alive so that he might go to him for comfort, but Samuel is dead. The tortured man, with the reputation as a witch hunter, resolves to break the rules of his life and consult a Medium.

It was against the law of Moses to do this, for we find in Deuteronomy 18:10-11: *"When you arrive in the Promised Land you must be very careful lest you be corrupted by the horrible customs of the nations now living there. For example, an Israeli who presents his child to be burned to death as a sacrifice to heathen Gods must be killed. No Israeli may practice Black Magic, or call on the Evil Spirits for aid, or be a Fortune Teller, or be a Serpent Charmer, Medium, or Wizard, or call forth the Spirits of the dead."*

Saul, himself, had driven out the Spiritualists and the Mediums from Israel, and now, in deep trouble, he turns to those he has prosecuted. *"Find me a Medium so I can ask her what to do!"* he commands. His servants answer him, *"There is a Medium in Endor."*

In the darkness of the night, the night before the battle that destroyed him and his royal house, Saul, disguised in ordinary clothing instead of his royal robes, and accompanied by only two attendants, climbs the slight volcanic hill to the dwelling of the wise woman of Endor.

It has been well said that the power and the somber tragedy of this story holds the reader spellbound. Death is in the air. A man with only a few hours to live is about to question the Spirits of the dead.

The Witch of Endor receives her mysterious visitors with the same caution of all persecuted Mediums and Fortune Tellers.

Perhaps the scene becomes more vivid, and certainly more modern, in the version of the Bible called, *"The Book."*

"I've got to talk to a dead man," Saul pleads. *"Will you bring his Spirit up?"* The Medium replies, *"Are you trying to get me killed? You know that Saul has had all the Mediums and Fortune Tellers executed. You are spying on me."* But Saul took a solemn oath that he would not betray her, and no harm would come to her.

"Whom shall I bring up for you?" she asks. *"Bring me Samuel,"* whispers Saul. The woman looks at him. *"Why have you deceived me?"* she asks. *"You are Saul."* *"Don't be frightened,"* he cried, *"What do you see?"* *"I see a specter coming out of the earth."* *"What does he look like?"* *"It is an old man wrapped in a robe."* Saul realized it was Samuel, and bowed low before him.

Certainly no Spiritualist, and no one who has attended a successful Seance, will doubt the lifelike truth of the above dialogue. It is the sort of conversation that goes on in the dark today as it went on in the dark of the little hilltop on the night before the Philistines drove Saul to his death.

The commentators of the nineteenth century were forced by the educated opinion of their age to treat this

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THE WITCH OF ENDOR

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incident as a hallucination, or as a piece of elaborate trickery devised by the Witch of Endor. Does this explanation sound familiar?

It is obvious to anyone today that the Witch of Endor was not a classic witch or hag out of Macbeth. She was just an ordinary Medium. Whether the Spirit she saw was really Samuel or not, the fact remains that the phenomena reported during this seance was the same as those which are known to Modern Spiritualists.

The voice spoke to Saul, probably through the Medium, and Saul was convinced that he was speaking to the man whom he had once known so well. The voice gave him no hope, however. It foretold, instead, his death on the following day. The Spirit, after rebuking the trembling Saul, spoke these words, *"Tomorrow you and your sons will be here with me."* Saul passed out and fell senseless to the earth.

The interesting thing about the Witch of Endor is that the Bible narrator has not described her with a broomstick, or with a stuffed crocodile, or with a bunch of tame bats. All these trappings came during the Middle Ages.

She is described not only as an ordinary woman, but as a kind-hearted and compassionate woman. Her portrait is extraordinarily complete.

We continue our reading: *"The Medium came unto Saul, and saw that he was afraid, and said to him . . . Sir, I obeyed you command at the risk of my life. Now do what I say and let me give you something to eat so you'll regain your strength for the trip back."*

She made a very human speech. In other words, she said, *"I have obeyed you. I have risked prosecution, and even death. You have listened to the voice of Samuel. Now listen to my voice. You must eat something."* The terrified King refused to eat, but the kind-hearted woman insisted on mothering him. Reading further, we find, *"And the woman had a fat calf in the house, and she hastened and killed it, and kneaded dough and baked unleavened bread, and she brought it to the King and his men, and they ate it, then they went out into the night."* On the next day Saul and his three sons met death, and his army was destroyed and scattered.

I think that the Witch of Endor is a most attractive character. When one visualizes her, not as a witch in a fairy tale, but as a real woman who was in touch with the Spirit World, one realizes how very ordinary and lifelike she is.

Once her seance was over, she became anxious only to comfort and take care of the stricken Saul. She knew he would be lying dead on the plain before the sun had set on the following day. He could not hurt her now. He was unable to punish her for breaking the law, as he had commanded her to do. Her one thought was to ease his mind and give him the courage to go out and meet his fate.

Therefore, I claim that the Witch of Endor is one of the most attractive women in the Bible, regardless of what our Orthodox *"brothers"* and *"sisters"* may say against her, and against us, the modern day Mediums. ■

Gratitude Day

NSAC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ARTICLE X Omnibus, Sec. 1, :

"The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as Gratitude Day," on which all auxiliaries and Churches chartered by them shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the Mediums who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the *"Spiritualist Benevolent Society."*

After devoting their life's work to the cause of Modern Spiritualism, it is sad but true in some instances, that these wonderful people have suddenly found, upon retirement, that they are existing on extremely limited funds. These many times allow for a bare existence. This state has fallen not only on some of our Pioneers of the past, but upon some of our members and workers currently. In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This once-a-year request for donations for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society* builds a designated fund for the purpose of sending a monthly stipend to those members and workers of the NSAC who have been brought to our attention and are in need of aid.

As there are several people who at this time are in need of this remembrance, we do ask your continued support for this very worthwhile project. On *Gratitude Day,* as you celebrate in your church, the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much to each of us with their time and effort, and help us to give them a token Thank-You for all they have done.



THE BOOK SHELF



THE HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM

By Arthur Conan Doyle

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is now remembered chiefly as the creator of Sherlock Holmes mysteries, but during his life was well known as one of Spiritualism's most fervent supporters. *"The History of Spiritualism"* was first published in 1926 and has since become an important record of the early days of the movement which produced not only a new religion, but vast changes in the social and political landscape as well.

The author begins his history with a review of the personalities and events which preceded the Hydesville rappings. He describes the life and seership of the great mystic, Emanuel Swedenborg, the experiences of Edward Irving and the American Shakers, the mediumship of Andrew Jackson Davis and the channeled writings which prepared the way for the acceptance of spirit return and Survival.

The actual founding of Spiritualism is most often associated with the spirit communicator of Hydesville, an event which Conan Doyle describes in detail. He defends the Fox Sisters as the first mediums of the new movement which soon crossed the Atlantic Ocean and was introduced into England through the mediumship of a Mrs. Hayden, and later, Emma Hardinge Britten.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was one of those British Spiritualists who, after his conversion, became actively involved in the movement. Though not a medium himself, he appeared on the platform of many public meetings, published numerous articles and books, sponsored the careers of several mediums, and defended the new faith with great eloquence.

This book contains wonderful personality profiles of the better known mediums. They include D. D. Home, the Davenport Brothers, Florence Cook, the Eddy Brothers, Henry Slade and Dr. Monck, Eusapia Palladino, Stainton Moses and many more. There are also interesting accounts of Spiritualism's best known supporters and psychical researchers. These include Sir William Crookes, Dr. Alfred Wallace, Sir Oliver Lodge, F. W. H. Myers and others.

You will find many interesting illustrations and photos included in this thick volume, plus whole chapters on such subjects as ectoplasm and materialization, voice mediumship, spirit photography, the investigations of the Society for Psychical Research, and the development of French, German and Italian Spiritualism.

In his closing chapter on the Religious Aspect of Spiritualism, Sir Conan Doyle states, *"Spiritualism is a system of thought and knowledge which can be reconciled with any religion. The basic facts are the continuity of personality and the power of communication after death."*

That is, indeed, a very wonderful legacy to leave the world, and the efforts of the early pioneers of Spiritualism are entertainingly chronicled in this colorful history of the movement.

To order, contact the NSAC Books by Mail Service.

– Reviewed by Barbara Ferraro

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLICAL SPIRITUALISM

By Moses Hull

This book was first published in 1895 and has stood the test of time – one hundred years of continuous use by readers who refer to the Bible as a spiritual sourcebook. Like many other books published during that bygone era, *"The Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualism"* bears a rather lengthy subtitle which states that it is *"A Concordance to the Principle Passages of the Old and New Testament Scriptures Which Prove or Imply Spiritualism: Together With a Brief History of the Origin of Many of the Important Books of the Bible."*

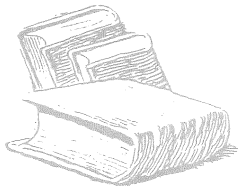
That long, long subtitle does, however, manage to say it all, except that despite the rather dated language, this book by Moses Hull is a good one and deserves much praise. It offers readers an important reference backward in time to the biblical era when mediumship, spirit return and prophecy were common.

Moses Hull explores the Old and New Testament of the Bible as a scholar who knows his subject well. He relates biblical understanding to the Natural Laws of Spiritualism, explaining key passages in such a way that we are given fresh insight on otherwise cryptic conversations and events.

The author explains, *"While the Bible is not the infallible or immaculate book that many have supposed it to be, no one can deny that it is a great book."*

And he cautions us as we read the Bible or any other inspired religious work, saying, *"Inspiration can come to men in any and every age of the world, and impart to them the best thought they are capable of receiving or imparting at that time. Inspiration in one age does not shut off the inspiration of other ages. While we may profit by the inspiration that came to Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jesus or Paul, we cannot live on*

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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.

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We . . . Are . . . Spirit!

By Elsie FeatherSong

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We are the candle that takes the heat of light forces to become the flame of love. We are the universal voice of the Infinite Intelligence, the Spiritual Voice, heard within – sometimes ignored and later regretted.

We are the essence of the life force expelling this joyous essence of Spirit to exist, to always exist, now and forever. This is for everyone! Don't doubt it, for the survival of the spiritually fit relys on this truth . . .

WE . . . ARE . . . SPIRIT!

WE . . . ARE . . . ONE!

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HYDESVILLE COTTAGE

ESSAY BY CATHY A. AUBLE



This month The National Spiritualist will feature three writings on the history of the beginnings of Spiritualism, from students who are currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month are essays by Cathy A. Auble of the Chapel of Spiritual Awareness in Littleton, Colorado; Vickie Gay of the Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines in Auburn, California; and Jean Thatcher of the Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines in Auburn, California.

Although a number of families lived in the Hydesville Cottage *(Cottage)*, it is the last three families who are of interest to Spiritualism.

THE BELL FAMILY: From 1842 through 1843[1], the Bell family occupied the Cottage. This family consisted of Mr. Bell, a sharecropper/tenant farmer, and his wife, Mrs. Bell. During the last few months of their tenancy, the Bells had residing with them a 15-year-old boarder, Lucretia Pulver, who worked as the Bell's housekeeper while also attending school. The Bell family unit is important as it was this group which *"set up"* the circumstances through which spirit would manifest a most important revelation – *"There are no Dead!"*

A peddler called at the cottage one day and presented his wares to Mrs. Bell and Miss Pulver for inspection. Mrs. Bell interrupted this presentation by taking Miss Pulver aside, advising Miss Pulver that she could no longer stay at the Cottage, and thereafter returning Miss Pulver to her parents house. In hopes of possessing the peddler's $500.00, Mr. Bell later killed the peddler by slitting his throat while he slept and dragging the body through the Cottage and down into the cellar, where he buried it. Mrs. Bell was aware of the murder. Three days later, Mrs. Bell approached Miss Pulver to return to the Cottage, which Miss Pulver did, and thereafter Miss Pulver made note of several unusual things: noises at night which sounded like a man's footsteps throughout the Cottage; miscellaneous noises and/or knockings throughout the Cottage; a peculiar spot of *"dug-up"*, soft soil in the cellar, which Mrs. Bell dismissed as rat holes and which Mr. Bell later took considerable time to fill; and several coats which Mrs. Bell had to alter for Mr. Bell because the coats ostensibly were too large and out of fashion. The Bell family unit continued to reside in the Cottage for a few months, then they departed for parts unknown.

Despite this grisly *"set up"*, this was a necessary maneuver to provide spirit the opportunity to demonstrate the fact of continuous life and the ability to communicate between entities on the physical side of life and in the spirit side of life.

THE WEEKMAN FAMILY: From 1843 to 1846[2], the Weekman family occupied the Cottage. This family unit consisted of Mr. Michael Weekman who was a poor laborer[3], Mrs. Weekman, their two children, and a hired girl by the name of Jane.

The Weekman family unit is important because the phenomena observed by them during their tenancy was an increase from that observed by the Bell family. In addition to hearing raps and footsteps, one of the children was quite frightened when she felt something like a cold hand pass over her face and head. Also, the hired girl saw a vision of a young, light-haired man in a black jacket and gray trousers. The Weekman's forbade Jane from speaking of the vision, and the family unit thereafter left the Cottage.

THE FOX FAMILY: On December 11, 1947, the Fox family moved into the Cottage. This family consisted of Mr. John David Fox who was a blacksmith, Mrs. Margaret (Smith) Fox, and their two youngest children, Margaretta (age 12) and Catherine (also known as Cathie or Kate, age 9). The importance of this family unit is that they made the discovery which spirit had *"set up"* via the Bell family and amplified via the Weekman family.

While the Fox family also heard the raps and footsteps, it was the innocence of young Kate who initially talked to the raps, which resulted in the discovery that the rapping was responsive and demonstrated intelligence by accurately responding to actions and questions thereafter posed by the family. By this means, the family learned that the rapper was the spirit of the murdered peddler, and that his body could be found in the cellar. After a number of unsuccessful attempts, the body of a man was eventually found in a false wall in the cellar, thus further confirming that the source of the information was an accurate intelligence.

The beauty of this experience was that the spirit demonstrated that he continued to exist after the physical death of his body, and that his intelligence and individuality also continued. Further, he showed by example that communication was possible between the physical and spirit worlds. ■

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[1]But see *Hydesville in History,* which puts the Bell tenancy during the year of 1843-1844. At 3. Also, Hardinge's *Modern American Spiritualism* agrees with the 1843-1844 dates of the Bell tenancy. At 30.

[2]But see *Hydesville in History,* which puts the Weekman tenancy at an 18-month period ending in 1847. At 4. Also, Hardinge's *Modern American Spiritualism* agrees with the ending date of 1847. At 31.

[3]Cadwallader, *Hydesville in History,* 22 (1922).

SPIRITUALISM'S BEGINNINGS
ESSAY BY VICKIE GAY

Communication with spirit began in a cottage where a peddler had been murdered for a sum of five hundred dollars worth of possessions. He had a family of five. After his throat had been cut with a knife, his body was taken to the cellar and buried ten feet below the surface. The injured spirit relived the incident over and over again. The families occupying the cabin heard, felt and even saw his manifestation. The families finally moved away due to being subjected to the peddlers spirit.

Later, the Fox family moved into the cottage, they too were subjected to the peddler and unexplainable raps. After a time, the children in sport asked *'Mr. Splitfoot'* to do as they did, clapping their hands 3 times. Three raps responded. Then striking one hand near the other with no sound, the raps instantly followed with the same number of claps. The children courageously had communicated with the peddler. The first message received from this spirit was *"Dear Friends, you must proclaim these truths to the world. This is the dawning of a new era; you must not try to conceal it any longer. When you do your duty, God will protect you and the good spirits will watch over you."* The Fox sisters followed the spirit's orders, and the foundation of modern Spiritualism had begun to be laid out before the world. The Fox sisters were investigated and threatened. They held steadfast, courageous, and continued the demonstrations.

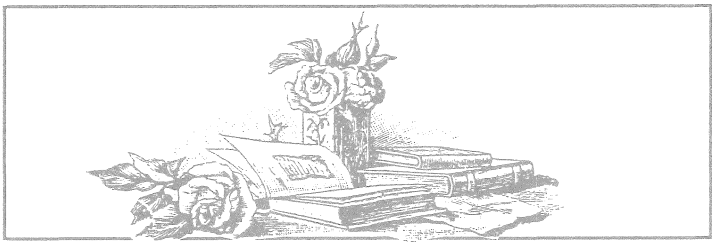
The question mankind had for so long asked . . . if man dies, will he live again?, had been answered. Manifestation of the peddler documented the continuity of life. The phenomena became accepted in some areas and the sisters became known as *"professional mediums."* They were true pioneers. Investigators and skeptics set out to expose the frauds of Spiritualism. Some of them were led to be great mediums and spiritual pioneers. Many wrote books supporting Spiritualism. Organizations were established and publications were published on Spiritualism. Camp meetings were begun in Massachusetts, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Tennessee, New Hampshire, California, Ohio, Florida, New York, and Wisconsin. Spiritualist camps and churches began flourishing everywhere. ■

PIONEERS OF SPIRITUALISM
ESSAY BY JEAN THATCHER

The historical details of the advent of modern Spiritualism – the place, the time, pioneers involved, gives us a glimpse into their triumphs and failures. We should consider the enormous debt of gratitude which we owe to the pioneers of Spiritualism who succeeded in establishing Spiritualism as a philosophy, a religion and a science for the benefit of all mankind. Many of these Spiritualist pioneers, such as Prof. Robert Hare, Prof. J. S. Loveland and William Stainton Moses, initially were skeptics whose intent in investigating was to expose Spiritualism and Spiritualists as frauds. Instead, they were led by their investigations to accept the reality of Spiritualist philosophy and phenomena, thereby becoming staunch supporters of the cause.

Generously, the Spiritualist pioneers gave of their time, energy, money and expertise to lecture, to write books about the movement, to publish and disseminate Spiritualist magazines and to establish Spiritualist churches, study circles and summer camps. Those who were mediumistic demonstrated phenomena and shared the Spiritualist principles with audiences throughout the world.

These pioneers, irregardless of their professions or social status at the time, were frequently subjected to ridicule, scorn and harassment. This lesson shows us that their faith and courage, their convictions and determination, has made the way easier for all Spiritualists who have come after them, and given us reason not only to admire and respect them for their dedication and endurance, but to be grateful that we can practice our religion today without experiencing the same trauma. ■



EXCERPTS FROM MARK BARWISE

What is life beyond death? . . . The Spirit World lies all around us. Every one of us will step off this plane into the next one, just as we would go into the next room here. Existence in the next life is by a law of Nature. This law is just as unbreakable as the law of Gravitation and other laws. So you are governed by the natural consequences of your life here. You are building your life there by the sort of life you are living here, by every word, act and deed. Every impulse of your nature helps to form your character, and that continuously goes on all the days of this life, and death does not put so much as a comma in the sentence of life. Everything that you have striven to be is built in the warp and woof of your mind and spirit, and you take that with you. Life beyond death then, is a life of justice. You get just exactly what you earn.

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• WEST VIRGINIA •

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

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

• CANADA •

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ROSSNER, Rev. Dr. Marilyn, Ph.D., Founder/Pastor, Spiritual Science Fellowship, 1974 Marsonneuve Blvd. W., - (514) 937-8359.

DIRECTORY OF NSAC CHARTERED CHURCHES & AUXILIARIES

• ARIZONA •

PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, NSAC
2250 N. 16th St. (S.W. corner of Oak), Suite 105-106, 85006-1877. Pastor, Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, (602) 838-8990; Asst Pastor, Rev. Frances Lafler, (602) 468-1269; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.; Friday, All Message at 7:00 p.m.

PHOENIX - Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC
2641 W. Union Hills Dr. (at the Wyndham Garden Hotel); Mailing address: 3521 W. Topeka, Glendale, 85308; Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 4:00 p.m.; Thursday Classes 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Joyce Ann Freese, (602) 265-4963.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, NSAC
1522 Encanto Blvd., 85007; Rev. Frank Staats, (602) 275-7876; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Serv 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m.; Sat. All Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION
Pres., Rev. Betty Nauratil, (510) 284-8287; Secy., Evadell Sordelet, 5537 Whitney Ave., Carmichael, 95608, (916) 481-8729.

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

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

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines
Direct Mail to 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Class 12:00 p.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. Church phone (916) 823-1816.

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

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

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church
2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 210, 95821. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes Tues. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST., (916) 652-4568.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY - Spiritualist Church
7776 Hesperia, 92345.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: P.O. Box 1435, 92402; Sun. Serv 11:00 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m.; Pres., William Sanabria, (714) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (909) 862-4376.

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

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism, NSAC
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
5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton Reed, (319) 243-3233; Secy., Mary Ellen Roberts, Cedar Heights Trailer Court, Lot #49, Camanche, 52730, 1-319-259-4004.

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

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Assoc., Inc.
Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan. Season July 5 - Aug. 5; Serv. Sun. 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m., also Sat. July 29, 7:30 p.m.; Mon. Classes 3 p.m.; Tues. Message Circle 3 p.m.; Wed. Healing Circle 3 p.m.; Thur. Private Readings 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat. Message Circles 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Bernard Langley; Secy., Florence Langley, RFD1, Box 575-17, Poland 04273; (207) 998-2276; Camp Phone June 15 - Aug. 15 (207) 474-7723.

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., 49203.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
21 Dennison St., 48371.

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 Center
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.

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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.

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

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp
P.O. Box 24, 43003.

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

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

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211; Worship Serv. Sun., 2:30 p.m. & Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Message Serv., 4th Friday of each month.

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

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

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

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun., 4:00 p.m.; Serv., 5:30 p.m., Wed., 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway, (512) 262-2081.

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (512) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Connie Cannon, (817) 697-2296.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church
4653 Cedar Tone Dr., 75211; Services the second and last Sunday each month at 10:45 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, (214) 331-8236.

GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, NSAC
2323 Avenue "N", 77551; Pastor, Martha L. Garrett; Secy., Douglas Smith.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, NSAC
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• VIRGINIA •

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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SPRINGFIELD - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
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• WASHINGTON •

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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity
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• WEST VIRGINIA •

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• WISCONSIN •

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WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
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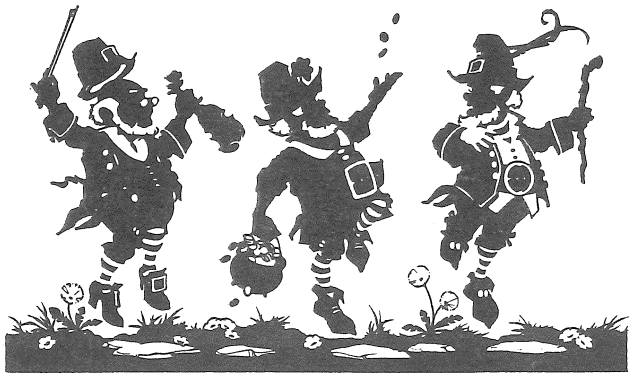
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Positive Statements To Help Create A Positive Day

Affirmations . . . MARCH 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 I appreciate the diversity in others.	**2** Infinite Intelligence does not see problems, so why should I?	**3** I treat others as I would like to be treated.	**4** I am a good listener, each person needs to be heard.
5 There is only one place to call in times of confusion, God.	**6** I make all decisions with others being considered.	**7** Releasing the old makes way for the new.	**8** Today I try new ideas, new foods, new pathways.	**9** I am astonished at the wonders of the universe.	**10** Challenges give me the opportunity to change my beliefs.	**11** I know who I am – I am Spirit, I am eternal.
12 My trust in the Universe grows daily.	**13** Each day I discover the God within me and within others.	**14** I release outmoded beliefs by expanding my awareness.	**15** Humanity is never outside the protection of Spirit.	**16** The child in me sees humor, adventure and joy in life.	**17** My friends bring out the best in me.	**18** I enjoy the journey of my life and all its experiences.
19 I celebrate my Spirituality and thank the Infinite.	**20** Each thought is creative.	**21** Altering my attitudes helps bring new insights and energy.	**22** Health is a result of my energy rightly directed.	**23** I simplify my life and it becomes easier.	**24** I see myself in a WHOLE new way.	**25** Life mirrors for me that which I want to learn.
26 I create wellness in my home.	**27** My good attitude brings happiness.	**28** I get involved in life and it rewards me.	**29** The happiest moments in my life are with Spirit.	**30** Triumph and accomplishment come with my efforts.	**31** I participate in my growth by daily trying something new.	

The Advent of Modern Spiritualism
March 31, 1848
The Fox Family, through the mediumistic abilities of the daughters, Margaretta and Catherine, translated spirit raps into intelligent language by utilizing the alphabet and thereby created a spiritual telegraph system to communicate with the Spirit World and a new cycle of a higher dispensation was begun.

SPIRITUALISM'S FOUNDING CELEBRATED MARCH 31...

By The Reverend T. Ernest Nichols, California

Aside from the famous mediums and other acclaimed personalities of the day associated with Spiritualism, there are two people in addition to the famous Fox Sisters who, in actuality, are credited with providing Spiritualism, either through theory or actuality, with its Foundations: Emanuel Swedenborg and Andrew Jackson Davis.

Let's take them in chronological order to better understand their contributions to who we are, today.



EMANUEL SWEDENBORG
(1688-1772)

Emanuel Swedenborg has some claim to being the father of our new knowledge of *supernatural powers* and information derived from those sources.

It is said that his psychic capabilities were as little understood by his followers as the Nazarene had been in His time.

There is the common thought that intellect stands in the way of personal psychic experience. Swedenborg's mind was criss-crossed with every kind of exact learning which humanity was capable of acquiring in its time. His capabilities included: 1) Mining engineering including being an authority on metallurgy; 2) Extensive knowledge of astronomy and physics; 3) Adhering works upon the tides and determination of latitude; 4) An extensive repertoire of knowledge of zoology and anatomy; 5) Financier and political economist; 6) Student of *The Bible.*

Swedenborg's father was a Lutheran minister. Swedenborg suppressed visionary moments. At 55, his psychic development became full-blown. He had what the metaphysical psychic community has called *traveling clairvoyance.* (The term, *clairvoyance,* was not coined until the Nobel Prize winner, *Charles Richet,* created the term in the nineteenth century.) This spiritual phase of psychism gives credence to the fact that the soul appears to leave the body to acquire information at a distance, returning with details of what has occurred elsewhere.

The most famous Swedenborg psychic feat was the reporting of a fire in Stockholm, some 300 miles away. His information was accurate, and had been presented to sixteen dinner guests.

The *"latent"* psychic capabilities came to fruition in London in April of 1744. From that day until his death, 27 years later, he was in constant touch with *the other world.*

He is quoted as saying, *The Lord daily opened the eyes of my spirit to see in perfect wakefulness that which was going on in the Other World, and to converse, broad-awake, with angels and spirits.*

In his first vision, he speaks of *a kind of vapor steaming from the pores of my body.* (Materialization/Etherialization?) *It was a visible, watery vapor, falling downward to the floor upon the carpet.*

Swedenborg contended that the true meaning of The Bible is entirely different from its obvious meaning, and that with the help of angels, wrote volumes giving the *"true meaning"* of the scriptures. His interpretations are neither simple nor intelligible.

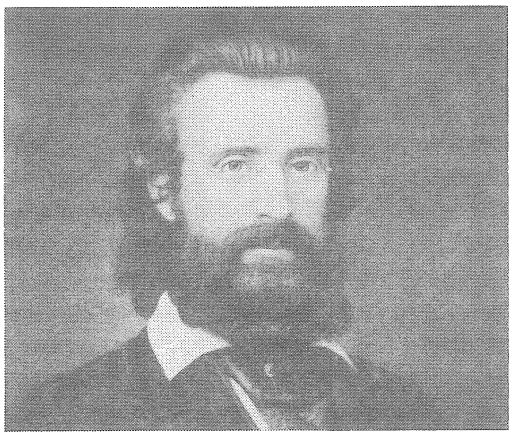
Swedenborg did not establish a church. However, after his death, followers established one, using his name.

Swedenborg's teachings had the following basic thoughts: *Afterworld.* Four different spheres of luminosity and happiness. Each of us goes to that sphere which our *"spiritual conditioning"* prepared. We are judged by some spiritual law, the result determined by the total consequence of our lives. *Death. "Made easy"* by the presence of celestial beings who help the newcomer into a new existence. *Punishment.* According to Swedenborg's concepts, *there is no eternal punishment.* There seemed to be a system of *progression:* those in *"hells"* could work their way out if they had the impulse. Those in heavens were, also, in no permanent place, and supposedly worked their way to an even higher dimension. Those who left the physical world as old, decrepit, diseases/deformed, found their youthfulness renewed, and gradually assumed their *"full vigor."*

So it *was* that Emanuel Swedenborg unwittingly laid a foundation for Spiritualism. He was idealized by Andrew Jackson Davis, who is credited with having made Spiritualist *"Doctrine"* attain a viable credibility among its early followers.

Although, as has been said earlier in this writing, many others made their valuable contribution to the creation of Spiritualism; they will be mentioned briefly throughout the biographical studies of Spiritualist Creators.

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ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS
(1826-1910)

Aside from Emanuel Swedenborg, who provided Davis with the impetus for his spiritual concepts, the German physician, Frederich Anton Mesmer, is significant to Andrew Jackson Davis, *the Father of Modern Spiritualism.*

Mesmer, another 18th Century Innovator, received his degree in Vienna, Austria, in 1766. He expounded the *Principles of Animal Magnetism:* 1) The *mutual influence* between the celestial bodies, the earth, and animated bodies. 2) The means of this influence is a *fluid* which is universal and so continuous that it *"cannot suffer void,"* and is subtle beyond comparison and susceptible to receive, propagate, and communicate every impression of movement. 3) It particularly manifests itself in the human body with properties analogous to the magnet. A healing event, complete with appropriate controversy put Mesmer before the public soon after 1778. *Mesmerism* became a New Age (for the time!) rage for cure. Various forms of Mesmerism were considered *magnetic healing.* The British Royal Academy of Medicine approved of Mesmerism soon after 1830. In Germany, under the influence of *Jung-Stilling,* animal magnetism soon developed into a *spiritual science.* The practice of conversing with spirits through *"entranced sonambules"* gained in great popularity with increased trust.

Phreno-Mesmerism was presented in 1843 by United States physician, *Buchanan,* and postulated the theory that *nerve-aura* was a connecting link between *will* and *consciousness.* As usual, Medical Science and Mesmerism differed. Controversy was heated and bitter. The discovery of chloroform in 1846-47 deprived further pursual of Mesmerism's therapeutic values. Spiritualism gradually *"absorbed"* Mesmerists, who were losing out to *"medical progress."*

Andrew Jackson Davis was born at Blooming Grove, Orange County, New York on August 11. Yes, he was named for the President of the United States. It was done at the suggestion of an uncle who knew that Davis' father had been a long-time admirer of the famed indian-fighter/president.

Davis was a puny, scrawny, malnourished child, born into poverty. He had two sisters, one of whom had died at an early age. Davis wrote that he had been *"haunted"* by her death and burial. His father was rough and uneducated, and had a penchant for alcohol. Davis' mother possessed *"second sight."* She, too, was uneducated, and would *"fall into a trance"* where no one could communicate with her. (Withdrawal?)

The father was critical of the young Seer. Davis' poor physique countered the hopes that the father would have a helper in the hard work he had to do. Mother, however, was Andrew Jackson Davis' champion. A shy woman, by nature, she would become quite aggressive in *"protecting"* Davis from the assaults of his father.

Two accidents almost deprived Spiritualism of its *"Father!"* A near drowning and being run over by a wagon.

Davis was, mostly, uneducated. His experience with formal schooling was *five months* out of the usual twelve years. He could not reliably read or write. He is reported to have said that he had read only one book before becoming an adult. While still a child, he had to work in the fields, and tells how one day he heard, in his mind (clairaudience), sweet, low, plaintive music in which was blended the refrain: *You may desire to travel.* Completely overwhelmed by the beauty of the music, he forgot everything that was going on around him. He was certain the other workers were hearing the music as well. He was fired for loitering.

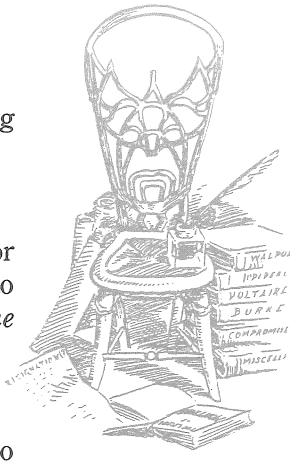
In the autumn of 1839, the Davis' family moved to Poughkeepsie, New York, where Andrew Jackson Davis sold yeast from door to door.

He had a psychic experience which surrounded the death of his mother. This, among other experiences, removed him farther from *"normalcy."*

A group of people met with an amateur Mesmerist, William Livingstone. Livingstone's success with Andrew Jackson Davis was astounding. The group later told Davis that, while blindfolded, he had read from a newspaper (remember, his difficulty with reading!), told time from their watches, and diagnosed their health conditions. At fifteen years of age, he could, reportedly, see through the human body as if it were made of glass. He recalled watching the inner workings and tracing various sources of illness. His reputation for the extraordinary talents he possessed aroused religious bigotry. Those involved with this negative attitude sought to stamp out *anything* that did not confirm traditional religious practices of the day. As a result, Davis' life was miserable. Livingstone saved the day by asking Davis to move in with him. They began to travel. And, with Livingstone Mesmerizing Davis, many people were helped with their health conditions. (This predates Cayce!) The experiences that Davis had in the field and his mother's death now took on a new dimension. He is reported to have been levitated a distance of forty miles

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What happened in MARCH throughout the years?



MARCH 12, 1912

The Girl Scouts founded to encourage young girls to explore and grow.

MARCH 12, 1852

This was the day that the psychic investigator and author, **Stewart Edward White,** came into the physical. His books, *The Betty Book* and *The Unobstructed Universe* are Spiritualist classics.

MARCH 15, 1873

Maude Lord Drake was born on this date to become one of the strongest materialization mediums of her day. She was also a noted psychometrist, helping Professor Buchanan in his research. She predicted the Civil War and the great San Francisco Earthquake.

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day, a day to greet all the little nature spirits and leprechauns.

MARCH 20

Spring begins, Vernal Equinox, a time of renewal and new beginnings.

MARCH 27, 1837

Happy birthday to **Catherine Fox Jenken.** Spiritualism owes a prayer of thanks to the Fox sisters who were brave enough to bring spirit communications through public demonstrations.

MARCH 31, 1848

The **Advent of Modern Spiritualism** began in the Fox Cottage in Hydesville, New York, and has spread throughout the world. The last Sunday in March is **Gratitude Day,** a time to honor the workers who have contributed so much to the great religion of Spiritualism.

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SPIRITUALISM'S FOUNDING . . . *(Continued from previous page.)*

into the Catskill Mountains where he met his *first* Spirit Guide, *Galen,* a doctor and scientific researcher who had lived between 130 and 160 AD. *(Claudius Galenus)* Galen gave Davis a magic staff containing every cure for human disorders.

The *second* Guide was Emanuel Swedenborg. This Spiritual Force was responsible for Davis' involvement with human consciousness.

Let's back track, somewhat, at this point.

Spirit Guides were not, necessarily, a new phenomenon in the USA. The *Shakers,* a religious sect who left France to escape the persecution of Louis XIV, had as their first guides *Red Indian Spirits.* The spirits would inhabit the bodies of the Shakers, and the sect is reported to have been able to speak, dance, and in all ways show that they were real Native Americans.

At the age of eighteen, Davis announced, while in a state of altered consciousness, that it was imperative to change Mesmeric Operators. *Dr. S. S. Lyons* was his new Mesmerist, and the *Rev. William Fishborough,* a person to transcribe the great work Davis would presently produce headed for New York City. The information dictated by the entranced Davis produced the published works, *Nature's Divine Revelation, The Great Harmonia, Penetralia,* and *Present Age And Inner Life.* While in trance, Davis promised the proceeds to his Mesmerist and Transcriber. The works were initially published as a result of a large donation from a wealthy woman. Davis became depressed that he was unable to read or comprehend his own works which were receiving rave notices. He left Dr. Lyons and returned to Poughkeepsie in 1847. And, came into the realization that Mesmerizing Operators and Sitters (the psychic batteries) were no longer essential. He called this phase his *Superior Condition.* Davis briefly returned to New York City to contribute to a newspaper, *The Univercoleum,* which lasted about two years before it went into bankruptcy.

Davis was awakened with a *"voice"* that said, *The Good Work Has Begun!* At around this time, Davis married a wealthy, older woman (divorced) who had residences in New York City and Maine. Davis went ahead with his work with renewed vigor. He was a champion of women in oppressive marriages. His viewpoint aroused great controversy. He became so renowned that people with great reputations (Edgar Allen Poe, for one) came to hear his viewpoints. Another Spirit Guide, *James Victor Wilson,* was a great assistance in the production of Davis' written works.

Davis procured a degree in medicine when the AMA tried to stultify his *"healing practice."*

Andrew Jackson Davis produced 37 books in his lifetime. In the last productive years of his life, he operated a small bookstore in New York City.

He died in 1910 while in Watertown, Massachusetts.

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Your National Board At Work

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST

A new feature will be added to these pages starting in March, 1995, titled, *"Your National Board At Work."* This feature will be the reporting on things that your elected National Board has accomplished, what future plans are being considered and worked on, and a *"Question and Answer"* section. The Question and Answer section will allow all of our members to share in National Board responses to specific topics that may be of interest to all. In the past, only the person(s) asking the question received the benefits from a reply, so this is a great step forward in sharing information.

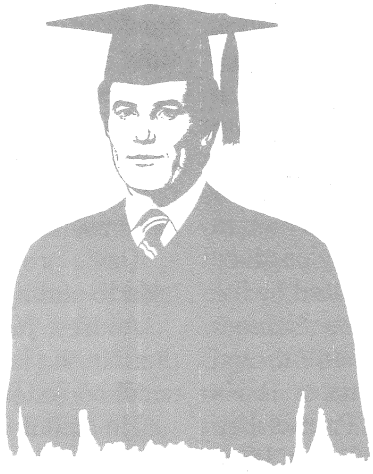
Of course, these answers will not be the limits of what can and will be included in this series of articles. In fact, we invite your suggestions regarding other things that you'd like to hear about from **your** National Board.

We do realize that you, our readers, have a very deep and personal interest about such things, and we will strive to bring you information on these matters.

Your National Board realizes the importance of having an enlightened membership. Consistent with this realization and intent, your NSAC Board has recently removed the secrecy from our general meetings and voting results, and each Board member is now free to discuss their own actions. The one exception to this is of course, those activities that may take place in any Executive Session of the Board. We realize that our worst enemy is ignorance and know that many problems can be avoided if our members understand what has been done, is being done now, what is planned for the future and **WHY!**

A good example of this is our educational efforts. Did you know that all of our service clubs now offer limited scholarships to the NSAC Educational Course? In future articles I will provide you information on how to apply for any of the scholarships.

And did you know that the NSAC is offering a full degree program to our students? Both AA and BA degrees will soon be offered to those students that complete the NSAC Bureau of Education's accredited courses. This tremendous advance will now place our ministry on a par with those of other religions, and as a result, NSAC Spiritualism will realize more prestige than ever before because of this.



Our president, the Rev. Brenda Wittich, has begun working on a plan that will enable National Board members to make personal visits to our churches and camps. Once the plan has been completed, those visits will begin, and a lot of benefit is certainly expected from this new policy.

Not wanting to *rest on her laurels* as the saying goes, Rev. Wittich called a four day Winter National Board meeting *"brain storming"* session in January. The intent of this was to seek ways to help the NSAC and Spiritualism progress. Your National Board members worked intensely to formulate plans for the NSAC that will help us to move forward in the coming years. More on this in future articles.

The 1995 NSAC convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. The three Phoenix churches are working very closely together on this, and have already begun joint fund raising efforts. The theme for the convention will be phenomena! The convention committee has not told anyone yet just how they are going to convey this, but there are some very creative people working on this and they are seeking ideas for the Banquet center pieces, etc.

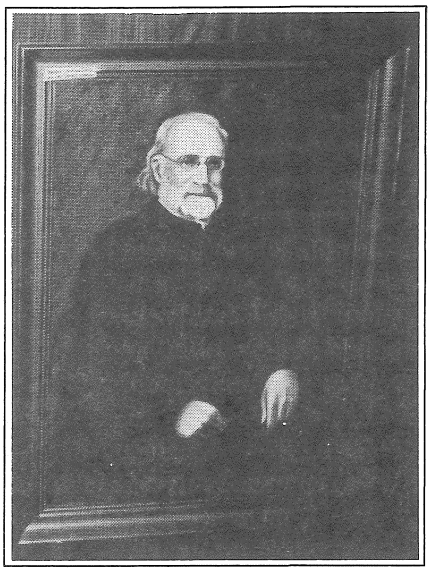
The Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST, is coordinating the planned Monday workshop and presentations on phenomena. The entire day will be dedicated to phenomena, unlike the past, when each of the four service clubs presented their own workshop. If you have any ideas for, or would like to participate in this *"Day of Phenomena"* please contact the Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST, 293 Jersey Street, San Francisco, California 94114, or call him at 415-648-3922.

On a sadder note, the Rev. Joseph Sax, NST, a long-time member of the NSAC Board and senior Trustee, has suffered two strokes. He is currently in a nursing home for rehabilitation and seems to be recovering well. All of our prayers are being sent to Mr. Sax for a speedy and thorough recovery.

This first article in this series is intended to be introductory in nature and provide you with enough information so that you can understand the idea of this new *TNS* feature. Again, I want to encourage you to suggest other things that you'd like to know about from **YOUR** (working) National Board. ■

ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS

AUGUST 11, 1826 – JANUARY 13, 1910



Andrew Jackson Davis

A. J. Davis, known as
The Father of Modern Spiritualism
The Poughkeepsie Seer
Spiritualism's John the Baptist
The Father of the Spiritual Lyceum



"Brother, the good work has begun – Behold, a living demonstration is born."
– Spirit message to Andrew Jackson Davis,
March 31, 1848.

Accomplishments of A. J. Davis
On Staff for The Univercoleum
Founder of the Spiritualist Lyceum
Founder of the Harmonial Philosophy
An M.D. and Practiced Many Years
Wrote 46 Books and Numerous Articles



"Behold! Here is thy Magic Staff.

Under All Circumstances Keep An Even Mind."
– A. J. Davis

Quote by Rev. H. W. B. Myrick, 1927, TNS

"The fundamentals of Spiritualism are three in number, as follows:

First: Man is a spirit, a thinking, reasoning, self-conscious entity, dwelling in a material body.

Second: When the body, because of age or accident, perishes, the spirit survives, retaining its conscious identity and mental characteristics unimpaired, to live in a higher vibratory state of existence, which we call the Spirit World. And . . .

Third: The life of this spirit entity is, or can be, a continuous unfoldment, an eternal progression, in mental and moral growth.

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Leah Fox Underhill

BY ERNEST A. SCHOENFELD

Leah Fox Underhill was the oldest of the three famous Fox sisters, having been born in 1814. She left home at the age of thirteen years and went to Rochester, New York, where she taught music. At the age of fourteen years and five months she was married to a Mr. Fish, who was much older than herself.

This marriage was of short duration, for as Leah said in her own words, *"Mr. Fish discovered too late that he had married a child, and soon became indifferent to his home and family."*

Leah had many friends who assisted her in getting music students and she was delighted to find herself independent. A second marriage to a Mr. Brown left her a widow, but she later married Mr. Underhill. She is known in Spiritualism as Leah Fox Underhill.



LEAH FOX UNDERHILL

In May, 1848, while Leah was visiting at the home of Mr. Little, a printer, Mrs. Little came with a proof sheet containing the story of the Hydesville rappings and gave it to Mr. Little to print. Mrs. Little knowing that Mrs. Underhill's maiden name was Fox and that her parents at the time were in Arcadia, Wayne County, New York introduced the printer to Leah and he immediately began to question her.

He asked, *"Is your mother's name Margaret? Have you a brother, David?"*

She became startled by his questioning and said, *"For mercy's sake, what has happened?"*

He answered by placing the proof sheet in her hands, which gave her the first idea she ever had of the manifestations which had taken place at the family dwelling at Hydesville. She read it and cried over it for she knew not what to think, but said to them all, *"If my father, mother, and brother, David have all certified to such a statement, then it is true."*

After talking to some of her friends, it was decided that they would go back to Wayne County, New York. When they arrived at Hydesville, they found the old home deserted. There had been such constant disturbance in and about the house that her brother, David, persuaded their parents and sisters to vacate the house and live with him some two miles away. Leah and her party went to her brother David's. Up to this time they failed to comprehend what the rappings meant, and sometimes felt as though it was a curse upon them.

After remaining about two weeks, Leah and her party decided to return to Rochester, taking her mother and sister, Katie, with them. They thought that by separating the girls and leaving Margaret with her brother, David, this disturbance would stop.

They left for Rochester by way of the Erie Canal, and were much surprised to find that they had been on the canal but a short time when the rappings again occurred and only one of the girls was with them. Great consternation came upon them; they kept by themselves as much as possible, but when they went to the dinner table with other passengers, the spirits became quite bold and rapped loudly and occasionally one end of the table would jump up and nearly spill water out of the glasses. Because of the noise on the boat while going through the locks and other different channels, Leah and her friends were the only ones to recognize and understand the special sounds.

Upon their arrival in Rochester they were introduced to Isaac and Amy Post. This was as directed by the contacting spirits. What occurred from the time of their arrival in Rochester prior to the exhibition at Corinthian Hall has been well recorded in the pages of early American Spiritualism.

It was this outstanding phenomena that prompted Mr. and Mrs. Post to write to Horace Greeley, Editor of the New York Tribune, who in turn, requested his friend, Charles Partridge, a member of the Universalist Church to go to Rochester and investigate the report. Partridge went to Rochester, found the report correct, and arranged for the Fox sisters to visit New York City. When they arrived there, Horace Greeley was the first caller. He advised the girls to charge five dollars admission fee for their public meetings. Leah took over the management and told Mr. Greeley that the amount he suggested would be too much. Greeley replied that he feared greatly for their safety, and thought the exorbitant sum would keep the rabble away.

Leah told him she thought it would be decidedly better to follow the direction of the spirits and trust Providence for protection and success, and charge but one dollar, but if some volunteered to give more it would be acceptable.

The business brains of the family belonged to Leah. It was she who

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decided what ought to be done, and who kept her mother and two gifted little sisters continually by her side until the latter were too old for tutelage.

The manifestations which took place in the Prospect Street House are too numerous to mention here. The moving of solid objects – levitation – and the musical renditions on the piano after the keyboard was closed with lock and key are only two of the manifestations.

Leah escorted her sisters westward into Ohio where the younger girls demonstrated various phases of mediumship and although their mediumship was accepted without too much ridicule, some professional men, doctors in the east, still claimed that the rapping noises were produced by cracking of toe and knee joints, etc.

On March 14, 1851 Leah Underhill wrote the following letter to the Buffalo Commercial Adviser: *"As professional men whose reputation is dear to them, I would like to have them tell your readers, what conditions our poor joints would be in by this time, after three years constant service in this almost ceaseless operation. I will not call this 'quackery', but will leave it to the public to pass judgment on their professional erudition."*

Leah Underhill, from the very beginning was opposed to public demonstrations for amusement and showmanship. She never suspected that she herself was a medium until after the Hydesville disturbances; but she possessed a latent faculty through which she came to her sisters' aid.

E. W. Capron said, *"If ever this (Spiritualism) proves a real and permanent blessing to mankind, the name of Ann Leah (Brown) Underhill should stand conspicuous as one of the heroines of history, who fought the battle against a world of opposition, while her younger sisters were the only mediums. Later she recognized her own mediumship."*

For 37 years she recorded her experiences, collected records and scientific documentation of testing results and concluded that survival is definitely proven through Spiritual Mediumship, thereby removing *"blind faith'*. Leah Underhill wrote *The Missing Link in Modern Spiritualism* in 1885, stating that an immutable power links together both sides of life and that spirit communication is the expression of this power. Mediumship makes life hereafter a certainty. Leah was also a fine healer, bringing relief from pain to many, including some of the prominent citizens of the time. Many of the days leaders attended her seances and there are records of letters of appreciation and testimonials for her wonderful mediumship.

Leah Fox Underhill passed on November 1, 1890.

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Taken from *TNS*, March, 1961.

JEST JOKING...

☞ *"Tact is the ability to tell a person they are open-minded, when they really have a hole in their head."*

☞ *"A person begins cutting wisdom teeth the first time he/she bites off more than he/she can chew."*

☞ *"Our national flower is the concrete cloverleaf."*

☞ *"One nice thing about egotists – they don't talk about other people."*

☞ *"It is possible for a student to win twelve letters at a university without learning how to write one."*

☞ *"There is only one thing age can give you, and that is wisdom."*

The Spirit of Infinite Intelligence

The Spirit of Infinite Intelligence operates within and through ME,
Permeating my very Being with the Power of Right Action.
Infinite Intelligence recognizes the possibility of applying the awakened Mind to all our actions.
Teach me from within to realize the unlimited quality of the Soul.
The quickening impulse of this possibility establishes within and without perfect poise and adjusts in perfect harmony my whole Being.
My Intuition and Reason react to poise, therefore I am at Peace.
The application of my Spoken Word creates Life-giving energy.
I cannot separate
my Soul from Good.
My Soul is inseparable and eternal – all Love – all Wisdom.
Throughout my acts and actions of daily education I am unchangeably and unalterably complete.
My Consciousness IS God.
I AM Part of God and God approves of all I do.
I AM part of God and God approves of all I do.
I AM part of God and God approves of all I do.
AMEN.

(Think of "I" as the divine spark within, the Soul, not the I of the Ego.)

The Science of Being,
Rev. Florence S. Becker

CEREMONY IN IOWA



Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, Rev. Bonnie M. Horstman, Deborah Papagni, and Harvey D. Horstman.

The congregation of the Sunflower Spiritualist Church, Clinton, Iowa, is most proud and honored to announce the Ordination of Reverend Bonnie M. Horstman.

Bonnie received her ordination papers on October 16, 1994, from Reverend Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bonnie's oldest daughter, Peggy Sellnau, escorted Bonnie down the aisle, after which the song, *"You Can Never Fall,"* written and sung by Mr. Bruce Lehrer, gave inspiring enlightenment and raised the loving energy for the *"Prayer of St. Francis,"* which was the theme of guest speaker, Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer.

Bonnie and her husband, Harvey, founded the Sunflower Spiritualist Church in Clinton, Iowa, in 1992, and it is appropriate that Bonnie is the first minister to be ordained in this very special chapel.

Bonnie also receives the recognition as being the first minister of record to be ordained at the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp, Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa.

At the close of this memorable service, the congregation sang one of Bonnie's favorites, *"On Higher Ground,"* and then joined hands to sing *"Let There Be Peace on Earth."*

Everybody enjoyed a delicious luncheon and then watched with pleasure and pride as Bonnie opened her many gifts.

This was indeed a memorable day and one which will stay in our hearts for a long time to come.

Congratulations Bonnie! With all our Love and many Blessings. ■

PRESENTATIONS IN MINNESOTA



Joyce Young, John Young, Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, Toni Ferdelman, and Belinda Olin.

There were 9 new certificates presented in Minnesota in 1994. The Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, had the pleasure of presenting two certificates to Ms. Toni Ferdelman from the Spirit Of Life Spiritualist Church in Minneapolis. Toni has earned her certificate for Mediumship and her Licentiate Ministry certificate. She is the Assistant Pastor of the Spirit Of Life Spiritualist Church. The members of the church are excited and very happy with Toni's accomplishments and extend their congratulations to her.

The Third Spirit Of Life Spiritualist Church of Rochester, Minnesota, also had much to celebrate in 1994. Pamla had the pleasure of presenting, along with Cheri Roshon, President, six new certificates in their church. John and Joyce Young, Co-Pastors of the church, both were presented with their certificates for Commissioned Healer, Certified Medium and Licentiate Minister. The church is only two years old and has a lot to be proud of with Pastors like John and Joyce.

The Spiritual Science Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, was pleased to present Mrs. Belinda Olin with her Licentiate Ministry certificate in 1993 also. Belinda is Pastor of the church. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ed Yankovec, the church President. Belinda and Toni traveled to Rochester, Minnesota, with Pamla to be present at the presentation of certificates to John and Joyce, so we were able to get a picture of all of our new certificate holders of 1994. After the presentation, the four new certificate holders did a presentation, each speaking approximately five minutes, on why they choose Spiritualism. It was an

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Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, Joyce Young, John Young, and Cheri Roshon.

uplifting experience for all in attendance.

All three churches extend their congratulations to their new certificate holders and thank them for their dedication to Spiritualism and their hard work for their churches. We wish them much success for a bright and happy future. ■

CALIFORNIA NEWS



Rev. Thurman and Rev. Dawson.

Sunday, December 4th, the Central Spiritualist Church of Sacramento, California was visited by the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NSAC Board member and NSAC Missionary. Church Pastor, the Rev. Sandra Dawson, NST, gave the sermon on *"Values, Habits, Success"* and noted that the NSAC *Spiritualist Manual* as being the source of information and summation of the topic. Mrs. Thurman served as a message minister for the service. Members and friends enjoyed a wonderful pot luck luncheon following the service. Then Mrs. Thurman presented a two-hour seminar on Spiritual Healing as a fund raising activity for the church. A wonderful day in the midst of all the rainy ones we've had recently in our area. ■

Mind *VS* Brain

By Merry Browne

It has long been believed that mind is by-product of physical processes of brain, but in recent years, researchers have reversed that theory to suggest that mind influences the processes of brain and in this way exerts influence upon the body form. This is a quantum leap toward understanding that we are not a body with a mind, but a mind that inhabits a body, which has a brain organ through which we think, feel, speak, and act.

As Larry Dossey, M.D., puts it, *"Brain-based explanations will always remain inadequate and perhaps even deceptive and damaging, and if consciousness is confined to the brain, it dies with the brain."* To which I add the fact of the Near Death Experience, now so uniform in experience, is almost literal proof of life beyond death, where one finds themself still thinking, feeling, seeing, moving, and speaking (though telepathically speaking) and that which lies on the hospital table, or wherever the death occurs, is the body and brain as lifeless and unthinking – unfeeling as as a cast off coat. ■

NSAC Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 15: *"Any and all present or past members, officers, Certified Healers, Mediums, Licentiates, Ordained Ministers and all other concerned shall have their name published in the National Spiritualist organ for the record, once it has been agreed that they have been disbarred from the movement for cause. All NSAC churches, auxiliaries, societies, State Associations, and camps will not allow disbarred members to work under the auspices of the NSAC.*

The National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Board of Directors has officially disbarred Mr. Paul F. Spencer of Delevan, New York, from the NSAC for cause."

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

I request Spiritual Healing for:

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because of the following conditions:

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I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups:

DAY ☐ NIGHT ☐

I will send a report of prayer results:

WEEKLY ☐ MONTHLY ☐

Please apply my love offering of

_____ for needed supplies at the Healing Center.

This Spiritual Healing Request made by:
(Your name, address, etc.)

Name _____

Address _____

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City, State _____

Zip Code _____

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Please make **Love Donations** out to the **NSAC Healing Center.**

MAILING ADDRESS:
NSAC HEALING CENTER
c/o Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST
3521 W. Topeka Drive
Glendale, AZ 85308

You will receive a "One Each Day" packet.

To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group."

CHECK HERE ☐

Please **keep in touch** with the National Healing Center if you have an active Healing Prayer Group, or if you desire information to begin one, or to become a member of one. The Center needs to know the group leaders name, members names, place, day of the week and time of your meeting. **This is a wonderful way to practice our Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer and something that EVERYONE can participate in.**

— Prayer for Spiritual Healing —

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

If I Should Wake

By The Rev.
Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST

I feel so blessed when God gives me the opportunity to be a part, even a small part, of the great and wonderful healing gift that is given to the Earth. It continues to renew by strength and belief in the power of healing. It allows me to know that all things are possible if only we believe. It continues to give me opportunities to share with others in need and experience the love of Spirit for all of God's children. I would like to once again share with you a true story of healing which I recently had the pleasure of being a part of and being witness to.

Linda, a 43-year-old woman and member of our church, was struck down with a double aneurysm to the brain the first week of November, 1994. She underwent surgery and was put into a drug induced coma to keep the brain from swelling. When the doctors brought her out of the coma, she had a stroke and the coma was reintroduced. A week later she was once again brought out of the coma with no response. Her husband, James, and I spent every other day at her side in intensive care doing healing. My Assistant Pastor, Toni, went to the hospital when I was out of town and the entire church membership held Linda strongly in their prayers. I had also called many NSAC members who added Linda to their healing lists.

In early December, there was still little change. Then one Sunday James asked me to pick him up on my way to church, as he had not been going for awhile. During the service we did a special healing meditation for Linda. Upon returning home, James received a call from his daughter, who reported that while he was at church, her mother squeezed her hand!!

The next day at the hospital as I continued to work on the healing, I spoke to Linda and told her that the healing light of God was pouring into her from the outside, but she would have to help by sending the light through her body from her soul. A few seconds later, her hand that I was holding became very hot and I knew she was working on her own healing.



Just two days later, she opened her left eye and looked at us, squeezed our hand, and moved her fingers and arm. The most exciting response was when James told her, *"Honey, I'm going to kiss you now,"* and she kissed him back!!

James came back to the church the following Sunday and we again did a special healing. We placed James in the center of a circle and we all stood around him and sent healing to him. We prayed and asked that this healing energy be sent to Linda on the wings of his love for her. When we got to the hospital that evening, Linda was off of the respirator for the first time. They said it would take some time before she would be off completely, but what a great sign.

Since then, many of the church members said, *"We will have Linda back by Christmas."* No one has been able to see her to that point other than family and myself and they were getting anxious to visit and share their healing also. Christmas day, James came to my home to be with other members of the church for our open house after the service. Members were asking where could they visit, and then said they were going the next week, even if they had to sneak into intensive care, which I recommended against.

I went to see Linda the next day and told her that her friends were getting rather annoyed, as they wanted to see her. I suggested that she continue to work on telling her body what she needed it to do for her and send that healing light from the center of herself. She could only respond by squeezing my hand, as she could not speak.

Two days later, Linda was completely off of the respirator and moved from intensive care to a private room. where she could receive visitors. The doctors have told us that she will need long term care and therapy, but that she had returned to us. God Bless the power of healing.

Oh, I forgot one part . . . the day before she opened her eye . . . two doctors had declared her brain dead.

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"A Place That I Know"

By Ida Eckert-Lawrence, Los Angeles, CA.
From May, June, July 1922 issue of "Reason Magazine"
(Submitted by Wm. E. Buchholz, Sr., Davenport, Iowa)

I am building a place that I know
It is just over there where in spirit I go;
And each day some good deed
Fills a niche that I'll need
When I go to my home over there
When, unfettered, I go to my home.
It is builded so high that it seems that the sky,
And the heavens so blue, with the light shining thru'
Are the fairy-like lands of my dreams.

Every day, if I will, in this place that I know,
I can wander a while and my spirit beguile
For I know that this building is real.
Each good deed finds a place in this etheric space
In this space where my spirit can feel
Where the thoughts are things,
And good deeds are the wings
Taking each to its self-builded home.

I know that the way to this wonderful land,
As east from the west, it is wide;
With truth for my guide
And my angels beside
Why, I just float along with the tide.
Like a swift-winged bird,
As a though, all unheard
I'm there, and life's troubles are o'er;
Then a thought draws me back, on this etheric track,
And I wake on this Earthly old shore.

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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