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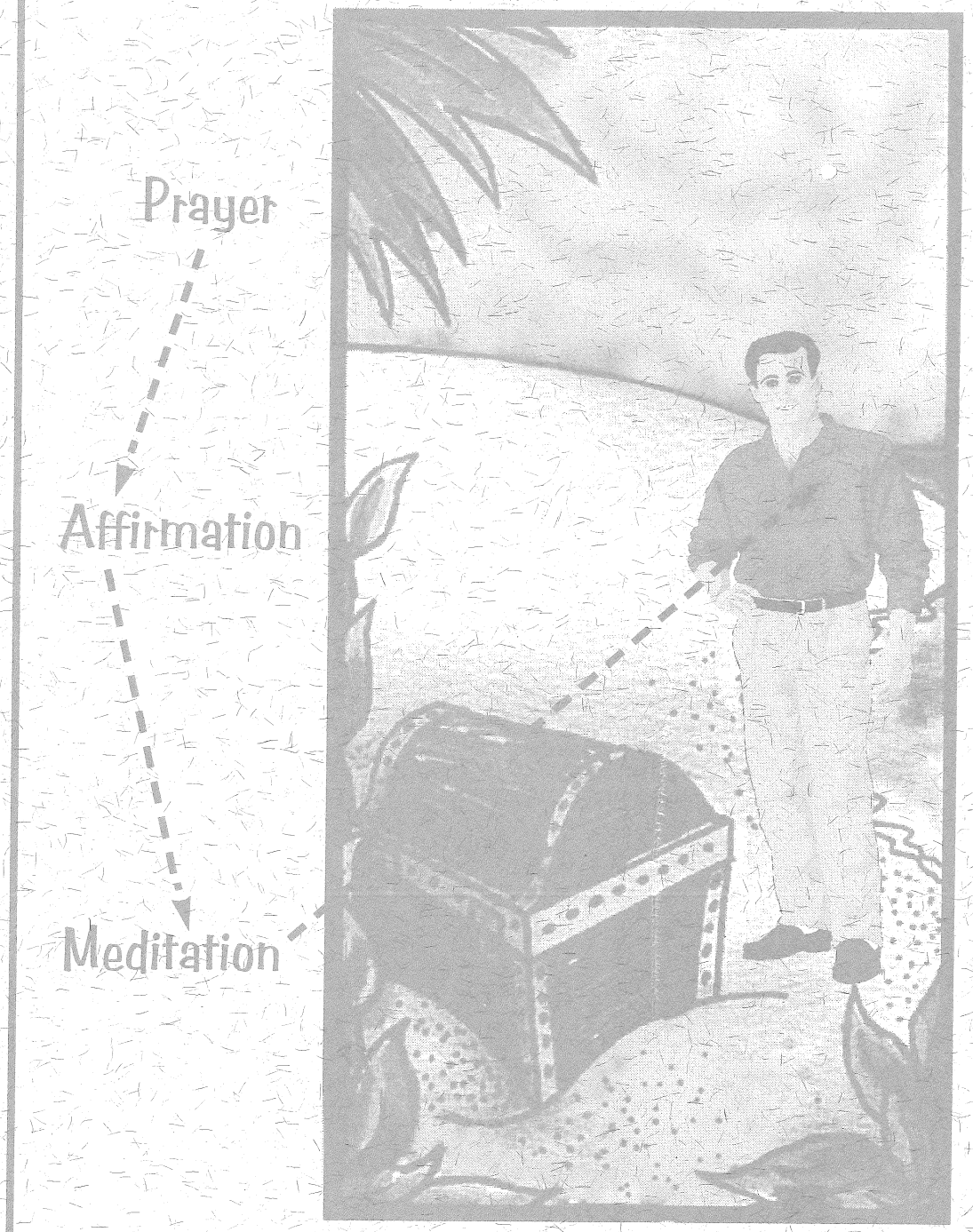
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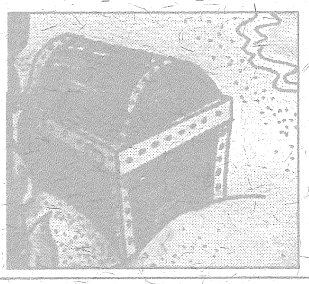


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Consciousness Evolution!

I awaken to the truth of my being!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



The past few years I have been taking a Spiritual class in an effort to continue my soul growth and the facilitator repeatedly teaches about affirmations, meditation and prayer. He encourages the students to do each as often as possible, as they are an opening to Spirit. With affirmations we are to repeat the current saying at least 100 times each day. I have found that it is a wonderful help in the consciousness evolution.

Each month I select a new affirmation and then continue to repeat it all month until I have explored all of the possibilities and hopefully manifested its truth into my life. *I AWAKEN TO THE TRUTH OF MY BEING!* This particular affirmation has given me much to consider.

The truth of my being is the Spirit within, my God part. Repeating this thought over and over makes an inner decision to live at a higher Spiritual level. How wonderful that at any moment we have the right and the ability to change our lives, our thoughts and our direction. When we understand that all moments, all experiences, all people, all places are sacred for they are of God, then life shifts to a different truth. As we believe in the sacredness of everything, this wonderful energy is instantly created and the Universe blesses us and responds to us in whatever is for our highest and best.

The truth of our being shifts from having more, to having that which is best for our souls growth and understanding. Ask yourself, *What would be the ultimate life, the highest life I can imagine?* The first things that came to my mind were love, freedom and peace. Now how could I obtain these goals.

First I realized that these desires were not given by an external world, but with the support and trust in Infinite Intelligence, in the Inner Light, they could be achieved through the power of meditation, affirmation and prayer. It is my choice. It is your choice.

Every moment in life we make the choice between feeling safe or feeling free, between holding on or between exploring new horizons, between living in the physical or experiencing the spiritual. With an authentic desire, we will be guided into the level that is most appropriate for us and we will know a wonderful freedom and peace we have rarely considered before.

First it is important to let go of our history and our past, then we will not have previous ideas to hang on to, or fall back on, or to live up to. Traditions, holiday memories, habits or customs sometimes feel like safety zones, for living in the moment is always living with the **new**, and the **now**. New ideas and changes can be uncomfortable and feared. Think of how fresh life would be with a beginners mind. Try giving the past to God with honor, knowing that it is and was sacred. Now work to be connected to Infinite Intelligence, to God. Desire to express Love and Light. As you let go of the physical "stuff", you open yourself and have a greater ability to express the truth of your being. Accept your current reality, but look through it to see the spiritual perfection, the spiritual identity.

The current drama of your life is the exact energy you think you want, it is your current consciousness. What is consciousness? It is the sum-total of our energy field, the soul, and the past thoughts and feelings of our life experience. It is where we are, but not where we are required to stay. We can transform our drama, our consciousness, our life by being more open to the Love and Power of God.

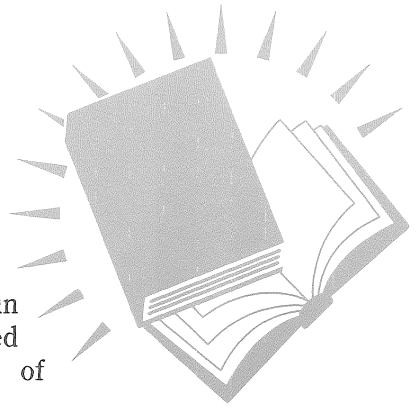
Being in the presence of the Infinite Creator is not a future possibility, it is a right now availability, for God is ALL that is. Consciousness defines you, defines your world, is the truth of your being. When you are in the energy of the Source of Life and Love, the only appropriate emotion is ecstasy, joy of the Divine Spirit. If this is not felt in meditation and prayer then you are in the process of healing. We are extensions of God so the evolution of the soul moves from the physical, the personal, to the spiritual, the universal.

Prayer and meditation facilitates this growth and the more an individual has the ability to focus the mind in one pointedness on God as Joy, as Light, as Love, the more the consciousness can expand. As we focus on the God idea we allow ourself to step int- this energy as a launching

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What's in a Word!

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA



Recently, Spiritualist centres have been using the term "Metaphysics" for their activities. To try to understand why they like this term, a meaning from the dictionary was needed:

1. that branch of philosophy which deals with the nature, character and causes of being and knowing, the existence of God, etc. **erroneously the science dealing with the supernatural or magical;**
2. the higher or theoretical principles underlying any particular science;
3. speculative philosophy in general;
4. popularly, *abstruse or bewildering reasoning. (*hard to understand, deep in meaning; hidden; concealed; secret)

All of these meanings deal with Philosophy; wherein lies our problem. Spiritualism is a Philosophy, Science and Religion. There are proven facts to back the claim of all three.

There was once an analogy given of the three-legged stool representing the aspects of Spiritualism. If any one of the legs is missing, the stool does not stand.

As a science, our mediumship phenomena has been proven time and time again to the satisfaction of many pioneer scientists in Spiritualism. The phenomena of both physical and mental mediumship, proving the existence of discarnate beings, continues to be demonstrated at all Spiritualist meetings. The presence of loved ones of those in attendance is verified through the medium's evidential messages.

Matter is full of energies; all of which have not yet been identified. We use electrical energy without a thought as to its source. Microwaves come into our homes and we use waves of energy to bring TV pictures and radio sound. Numerous uses have been found for sound waves in several fields of scientific endeavor. Many modern scientists acknowledge the existence of a higher intelligence in the universe because of the ordered existence. The earth revolving around the sun in its pre-conditioned path is the pattern of Natural Law.

Religion, without these proven scientific facts, would still know the existence of God through the use of prayer. Spiritual absent healing has been going on since the beginning of the time through the powers of our prayers to God. The documented results in all religions shows God's power.

As a way of life, Spiritualism is a philosophy for everyone. Many have come to scoff, but stayed to walk the life! When Spiritualism teaches the Natural Laws, proving an ordered existence to not only our universe, but also our very life . . . we can no longer turn our backs to spirit's message for our life.

Calling the beautiful Science, Religion, Philosophy of Spiritualism 'Metaphysics', are we not limiting its message for our personal existence? If we take Spiritualism into all that we do, helping us to understand life as it is unfolding in our personal existence, it will fill all of what we need to understand life's challenges.

Fancy words will not hold the enquiring mind, but spirit contact through Spiritualism's message can and does in all the centres around the world. It has been said in different ways that Spiritualism is to be studied, not preached. It is a personal study for each individual. Most Spiritualists recognize this personal growth and can therefore be tolerant of the many ideas that tend to creep into the thinking of enquiring minds.

Open your mind to Spirit's message (delivered through mediums of all kinds) and the truth will shine its light in your life. Be proud to be a Spiritualist! ❑

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point to truth, to Infinite Intelligence.

Transformation happens beautifully, all by itself, as soon as we are willing to surrender and trust God. We can only advance so far in our heads and then we must shift to our hearts, to our inner beings, for the mind is not the quickest way to God. Spiritual growth is experiencing the Light within us. Sometimes when we surrender to be healed, we must first walk through chaos or the dark night of the soul. Keep your trust in Infinite Intelligence and that this Loving Energy only wants the best for you and continually desires to bless you. Affirm: *Let there be Light;* or *Not my will, but Thy will be done;* or *I surrender to the Grace and Love of God – Reveal that which needs to be revealed, heal that which needs to be healed;* or *I am one with Divine Love, I express the Glory of God.* There may be any number of affirmations to assist you to gently and lovingly release fear and focus on the Divine Idea. Take Spiritual truths

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Outreach

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE



Recently I received a letter that has started me thinking, and as a National Missionary, I believe in paying attention to any problems presented to me. The letter was from a mother with two young children, she writes, *Membership to a chartered church is so dear, so elusive to me.* She mentions the cost of baby sitters and that it is a five-hour excursion to visit a Spiritualist church. She also states, *Because there appear to be only 120 churches for 50 states, people who cannot travel are at a great disadvantage. People with physical limitations are excluded from advancement through church affiliation, because the rules say that they must become members of chartered churches and serve, as well as study. Other faiths have fellowship churches that reach people in remote places.*

This is a problem. Spiritualism needs all the support it can get and cannot afford to discourage anyone who wishes to be a Spiritualist church member or student. She continues, *Since churches were established to protect the Mediums, they should also not discourage the congregation. It should not be so difficult to join a church. Many fine minds are lost because they cannot meet the guidelines for membership. People who are invalids, or dependent upon others, use their minds to escape, to grow. This is a religion of the mind. It needs to be shared.*

Other churches with large followings do not have this problem. Each town or village will have a church that serves the community and in many cases transportation for those that need it. I witnessed an example of this on my way to do a service this week. An old school bus passed us taking a full load of people to a Baptist church in the local area. Whereas, Spiritualists often travel many miles to attend a service or class and as age approaches or disability takes over, they drop out. Many good members go on an inactive list in that manner.

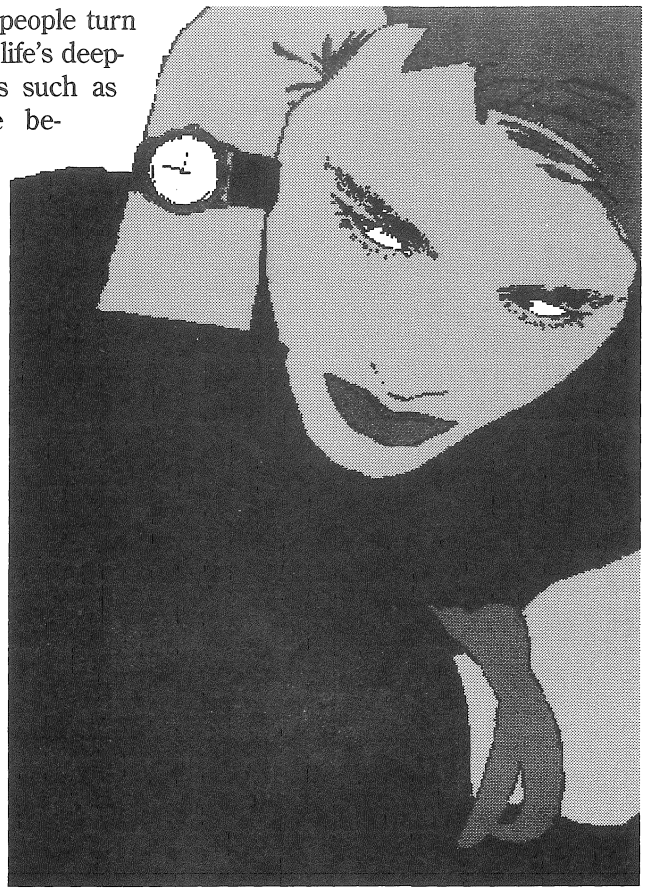
She also states, *I am a descendant of the Home family in Edinburgh (two generations before D. D. Home's birth). My grandmother's mediumship inspired me to study Spiritualism.*

The orthodox churches have built up their networks of getting to the people since the start of this country. The pioneer ministers of the past reached out to the small villages, towns and country people by taking their services to them. In those days they held service in any building available to them . . . jails, bars, county buildings, anywhere that would allow a service.

Our position today has some similarity to the old pioneer ministers that went from village to village on horseback. Maybe we as Spiritualists should take a lesson from these religious pioneers of the past, and take Spiritualism to the people.

Would it not be possible for some of our Certified workers to conduct services on a once a month basis in rural areas, where one or more Spiritualists request it, so that membership and certification for the dedicated could be obtained. This could turn the tide of the steady decline of Spiritualist churches, as some of these small groups may enlarge and become a new chartered church.

I am sure that many that live in rural areas that read *TNS* and other spiritual magazines would like to attend a service or a class, and share in communication with others of like mind. Now is the time to grab the opportunity to spread Spiritualism, with the theme of spirit returning on so many TV shows, movies, books and even on the soap operas. This is the time for the NSAC to become the modern pioneer to bring spirituality, the realization of the continuity of life, communication with the so-called dead and our Declaration of Principles to the general public, in a down-to-earth way. ❑



WHO AM I?

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

It is to religions that people turn when seeking answers to life's deepest questions – questions such as knowing the difference between right and wrong, understanding the destiny of mankind, life and death, and life after death. But the most important question that has been asked down through the ages is, *Who am I?*

Spiritualism, out of all the living religions has been able to answer this basic question. We are fortunate, for Spiritualism's teachings are simple and concise. It teaches **we are all spiritual beings with a material body living temporarily in a material world of matter** and it challenges us to **'become what we are.'**

The 'becoming what we are' takes many avenues and involves changing and progressing.

Again, to be a Spiritualist one does not have to accept preconceived ideas of other religions – he/she can reason them out for him/herself, and eventually arrive at a truthful conclusion.

Outside Spiritualism, this is not always the case. Matter and spirit are often misunderstood. Past traditional religions have encouraged a belief that matter and spirit are opposed to one another. Results have been disastrous. For derived from the Ancient Greek Plato via St. Augustine, the spirit-matter split has led to the distrust of the physical body and also to our ingrained abuse of Nature. It treats the whole world and it's resources as an **'it'** to be explored and manipulated. Many have lost a sense of sanctity for Matter itself. The so-called pagans knew better.

Too, the ridiculous belief that the physical body is evil, and centuries where women were viewed as the cause of temptation spring from this misconception.

But Spiritualists know (as well as modern physicists) that Matter is not some kind of atomic mist (from the Greed word atoma), but rather is a 'dance of melodious energy.' **Matter is God, and God is Matter.**

Franz Hartmann writes: *We cannot conceive of a man/woman without a body of some kind, nor of a universal God without a universal nature. The very essence which constitutes man/woman is will and intelligence manifesting itself in a human form. God begins to exist as a being only when He is manifesting Himself in nature.*

God is both the Creator and the Creation.

Dr. Carl Wickland, in his book, *The Gateway Of Understanding,* tells us that mankind is the highest order of manifestation in this material world and possesses faculties to understand the purpose of existence. He goes on to say, *The Creator gives us the faculties to attain Wisdom but He does not give us Wisdom itself. For, love and wisdom are the ultimates of knowledge gained through experience in life . . . the physical plane is an elementary school wherein humanity must learn its fundamental lessons.*

We are responsible for ourselves – now and forever. The lessons of this material world we have failed to master, will be met again in the spiritual world. These simple clear concise concepts of Spiritualism also answer the questions of, *Who am I?*

Do you ever wonder what future historians will have to say about religious history? Will they be accurate about our unique Spiritualists' beliefs, for the religious history of the past has not been accurate – in fact it has been full of biases and inaccuracies. Without doubt, our religious history of the Western World has provided the world with outrageous, warped ideas of mankind and God.

History quite literally is 'his-story' – the story of male-inspired victories and disasters written from an exclusively male point of view. All the accounts of where we have been and what we have done and its evaluation has been from a masculine perspective. These accounts have produced warped ideas of God – as macho, aggressive and competitive. God is Love.

Also, the founders of the world's great religions were male and their sacred scriptures were written by men.

Inevitably, the world needed a balanced conception of God and the beautiful beliefs of Spiritualism have been provided by the Spirit World.

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What happened in AUGUST throughout the years?

AUGUST 6, 1774

Mother Ann Lee arrived from England with eight of her followers and landed in New York City on this date. The first settlement of Shakers was formed in Lebanon, NY. The Shakers predicted the advent of Modern Spiritualism.

AUGUST 11

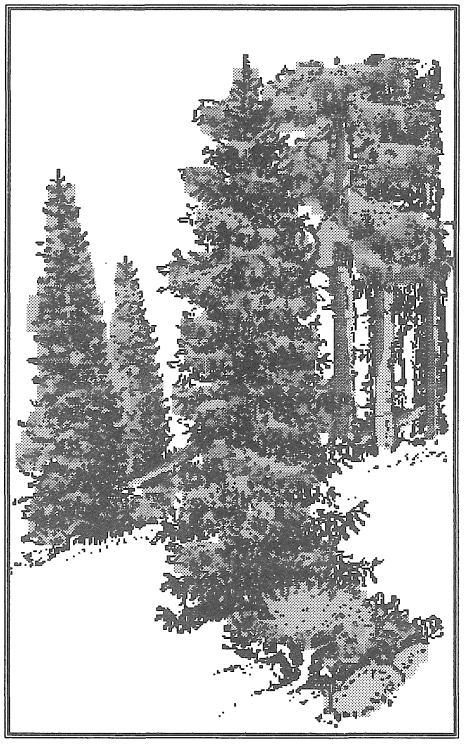
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. Let us all send a good thought to **the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST**, on her birthday.

AUGUST 11, 1826

The birth date of **Andrew Jackson Davis.** He was a physician, philosopher, author (30 volumes), medium, spirit trance seer, teacher, and the founder of the Children's Lyceum. He foretold the coming of Modern Spiritualism, promoted the Harmonial Philosophy and gave us the Motto: *Under All Circumstances Keep an Even Mind.* This *Magic Staff* was given to Davis and then to Spiritualists as a guideline.

AUGUST 16, 1895

Born this date in Canada, **the Rev. Converse E. Nickerson,** was a unique medium. His psychic messages were received inspirationally, while blindfolded and playing the piano. Converse did some writing, lectured throughout the United States and Canada, was an authority on the Bible and its metaphysical meaning, represented Spiritualism at the NY World's Fair in 1939-40.



AUGUST 18, 1854

Professor J. H. Hyslop's birthday. This well-known professor of ethics, logic and psychology was very beneficial to the movement of Spiritualism when he endorsed the movement and reported on his experiments in mediumship. He was the secretary and director of the American Psychical Research Society. In this position he wrote several serious volumes in an attempt to establish a structure of psychic science that could not be torn down.

AUGUST 25, 1938

The Psychic Observer was begun by Juliette and Ralph Pressing. This semi-monthly publication was located at Lily Dale, NY.

AUGUST 29, 1797

Henry C. Wright was born. He was one of the early great orators of Spiritualism. He traveled around the country speaking and spreading the news of continuous life. Wright was president of Cape Cod Camp for ten years. This camp is now called On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp. ❑

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Changes are unavoidable. History has shown that human nature changes and progresses. Life itself is change, as the Greek philosopher Heraclitus observed over 1500 years ago. Nothing remains static – from planets to molecules.

We cannot change many aspects of ourselves or our world, but we can change the courses of our own lives. We can change our behavior, thoughts and feelings. If not now, then later in the Spirit World. We can only change ourselves, not another person, and we are responsible solely for ourselves.

As we are individuals, we will change in our own way, in our own time and at our own pace. Henry David Thoreau explains this in 'Waldon Pond', *If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.*

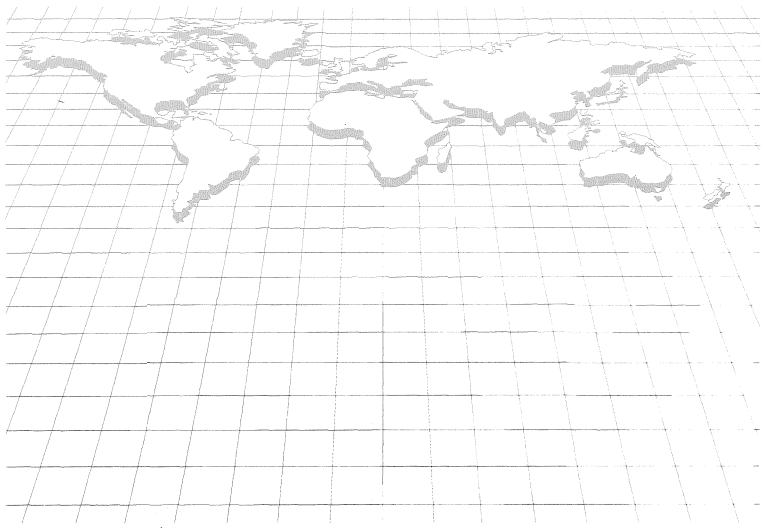
When we consider **'becoming what we are'** advice worth considering comes from one of our greatest writers, William Shakespeare. In Hamlet he says: *This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.*

So when we question, *Who Am I?,* we can take Spiritualism's simple teachings to heart, and that is, **We are all spiritual beings living temporarily in a material world to 'become what we are.'** ❑

Travels Through Evolution

BY THE REV. ROSEMARIE MALLIA, MA, NST, CALIFORNIA

Who Am I? What Am I? And Who Are You?



We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

We believe that the phenomena of Nature both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.

These words, repeated at every Spiritualist service, give testament to our understanding that animating what we see is a something that we do not see. This Force, which expresses as Infinite Intelligence, allows for unlimited manifestation of form and forms. It enables you and I to exist and to recognize that existence. On this planet, it is only humans who are able to give testament to existence, by endeavoring to find its meaning both individually and collectively. This search is as instinctive in humans as is survival. The search for the meaning of life has its roots in the very core of our being.

As humanity has evolved in intelligence, we have also evolved in our consciousness of what life is. These two, Life and Intelligence, become joined as human essence. It is through the essence of our humanness that we are able to intelligently and self-consciously express that for which we as a species, have been searching; and our search becomes the tool for the evolution of what it is to be human. Ultimately we are brought to the juncture where conscious awareness of our essence and intelligence merge. The journey eventually brings us back to the starting place.

Life is the spirit, the energy, the essence, of the Divine Source, which is shared communally by every form that is, has been or will ever be. Life is an absolute and as such may not be qualified as better or worse, or qualified as more or less. Life is and because it is, Life expresses. It must.

A Spiritualists' belief in Infinite Intelligence is not founded upon a blind faith but upon the consciousness that has evolved from our search to find the meaning of our existence.

Humanities search has been historically tied to understanding the meaning of other forms of existence and their relationship to us. Drawings on cave walls have attested to the fact that even primitive man intuitively knew that a communal relationship existed between the human and non-human physical expressions of life. As individuals intellectually evolved, the understanding of the nature of the relationship also continued to evolve.

The search for the deeper meaning of life and self increased our ability to understand. This ever evolving new awareness expands the search itself, and acts as a catalyst in the intellectual development of the species. Inner searching and awareness also acted as a catalyst for the development of organized religion and the mores of a culture.

Plato articulated this process, taking for granted the undifferentiated life principle, and spoke of the Realm of Ideas where the essence of all manifestation lies in its essential yet un-manifest state. This ability of humans to evolve to an understanding of the un-manifest is explained in the Allegory of the Cave.

The Allegory of the Cave is Plato's explanation of humankinds release from bondage as each sees that the material world is a reflection, a shadow, if you will, of its essence. He continues, that it is possible to release one's bonds and begin the climb up out of the cave and into the light (the Realm of Ideas) where one truly sees the essence of all.

All phenomena of nature, physical and spiritual, has its source in the Realm of Ideas. A projection, which ultimately

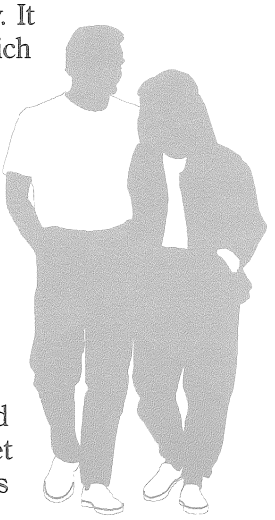
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and weave them into your thoughts to change your souls pattern.

Prayer and meditation are used to alter the consciousness. During life it is important to continually grow. Growth brings healing, so until we change we cannot be healed. Our existence is about healing and becoming more spiritual or closer to the Perfect Light. Prayer and meditation aligns us with the Buddhic/Christic Consciousness to transform our Spiritual souls. Consciousness is a great magnet, drawing to it all that it believes. This makes us personally responsible for our lives and our happiness or unhappiness. Change each day in some way, to be more in alignment with Natural Law. When you make this commitment to grow anything that is part of the soul that is not in alignment with Natural Law will come up to be healed. This is part of the process and these things that come up to be healed are neither good nor bad, just part of the growing transformation. Everything that happens in life brings with it a blessing.

Prayer and meditation feed the soul for one travels back to the Core, to the Essence. Part of you knows the higher spirit will be okay, that a Loving God is with you and won't allow the higher spirit great harm for it is a part of the Living God. In the presence of Infinite Intelligence there can be no need, no lack, for God is Infinite Essence, the Unlimited Source. All issues of the soul are based on a fear of lack at some level of consciousness. When we release our fears and clean out our consciousness, then we can go to the Spirit level easily. Unresolved issues and unresolved pain use up spiritual energy, so give them to God and be grateful to Infinite Love. Being grateful to God for your blessings benefits you, for it acknowledges Infinite Spirit and it is a time you choose to be in the Divine Presence. Prayer doesn't change God or Natural Law, it opens you to more awareness of a different way. It changes your consciousness, which then changes your circumstances.



Some of us on the Spiritual path are afraid to live. We feel we aren't being Spiritual if we take a drink, say a swear word, become angry, waste a day watching television, forget to send out healing prayers for others, skip development class one night because we are exhausted, etc. It is scary to have to be so pure and then when we are not, we get upset with ourselves. Our consciousness then brings us some reaction, sometimes a discomfort which at some level we feel we deserve for our indiscretions. Most of us are closer to expressing Spirit than we think. It is often difficult for our little self to believe that we are continually expressing Infinite Intelligence, so we push this thought away. God is expressing through us and wants us to live, to feel joy, to have abundance, to be healthy. Through prayer we discover the truth that ALL life is interconnected, for ALL life is of God.

Prayer, affirmation, visualization and meditation are ways we can do our part in our consciousness evolution. The abundant rewards on all levels of being are well worth the efforts, for the Light of Spirit shines through the consciousness affecting the mind and the body. Through prayer *WE AWAKEN TO THE TRUTH OF OUR BEING* and we discover the LIGHT AND LOVE OF GOD. ❑

– Taken from a Course in Prayer by Rev. Richard Rogers.

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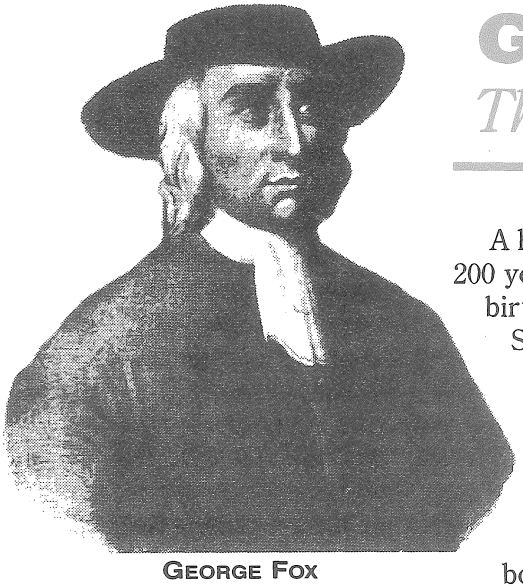
culminates in physical manifestation, becomes less and less a true reflection of its essence as it comes closer and closer to taking physical form. In the language of modern Spiritualism; . . . *the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.*

While Plato was putting his Dialogues on paper, similar conclusions, using very different metaphors, were being drawn in China. Lao Tsu was teaching that behind all that is seen and unseen is the Tao, which is Being, the animating factor, or what Western Metaphysics labels "the First Cause". Being is not directly observable but projects as subtle energies which appear as cause and express as the actor and the acted upon.

Two primal forces are creative and receptive (creative energy and the essence of form). These differentiated, but as yet un-manifest, forces begin the process of creation and change, which manifest as the *phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual.*

The Book of Changes describes how humankind is capable of reversing the order of creation, energy flows downward. The imagery of energy moving downward and becoming less and less subtle is just that; an image. The Vedas speak of this movement as expansion and contraction of the Brahma, while the Kabalah uses the image of the tree of life with its many branches and dimension to illustrate how the Infinite expresses through physical and spiritual phenomena.

Enlightened teachers from the world of spirit teach the law of progression through the planes and spheres of creation, until only that which is not creation remains. They tell us that the human constitution is such that it's journey is a conscious experience and the consciousness grows through experiencing the journey. It is during our travels along the journey that we learn to live in harmony with Natural Law and through the practice of harmonious living, we practice religion. ❑



GEORGE FOX

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The Founder of Quakerism

A little more than 200 years before the birth of Modern Spiritualism, George Fox, destined to bring about many social and religious reforms, was born in a humble shoemaker's home in Leicester, England. Early he was equipped with the gifts of clairvoyance, clairaudience, prophetic vision, trance, the discerning of spirits, and healing power, and went forth as a practical leader, preacher, missionary on the Continent and in America. He became the founder of the Society of Friends, or of Quakerism.

Fox, however, did not seem to be concerned with the demonstrations of **the gifts of the spirit**, took them merely as an incidental part of his ministry, and said, "Quakers do not glory in such." However, on an occasion he said in public, in an offhand manner, "Verily I heard a voice – the spirit was upon me. I saw a vision – the prophecies were with me." Once he was entranced for 14 days, where he lay with his whole person transfigured. Many times his experiences were far beyond those of the average medium. One time during a trance, the whole of **creation** was **opened** to him, as he tells us, and he "saw into the essence of things, into the very nature of everything." The mouths of the people were also open to testify "that the angels of God do minister to men," and that the followers of Fox possessed psychic gifts, signs and wonders, that accompanied their teaching. They practiced exorcism, prophecy, clairvoyance, healed the sick, had visions, and heard spirit voices.

But from early life, George was interested in simple types of group fellowship, and he placed emphasis on the **Inner Light** and its revelations, more than outward demonstrations. He did not care to start a new church or sect. The Society of Friends marked by utter simplicity of structure and method, without any essential officials or paid ministry, without ritual or program, with no visible sacraments or music, decorations, or anything that would distract the attention of groups of worshippers from the Inner Light of Spirit, as they sat in silence in the presence of God. When the Spirit moved, each spoke or prayed as moved. When the hour was over they shook hands and went home. Through such meetings emerged a rare type of spiritual leadership with personal influence of men and women who possessed prophetic vision. For over 300 years these gentle, authoritative ones have weathered the storms and stresses of all kinds of times.

Remarkable power was present in some of these meetings of the Friends. Often the whole house in which they sat would shake, and on one occasion, a clergyman present was so terrified that he ran out of the building where the Friends were holding a meeting, lest it should fall upon him. During the preaching of Fox the people often fell into a trance, swoons, and ecstasies, as they did in some of the meetings recorded in the Old and New Testament times.

The story of the beginning of Quakerism and the results that followed is a thrilling record of hardships, sacrifices, persecutions, of an undying love for God and humanity. Books such as the "Journal of George Fox," are a unique contribution to the power of mysticism.

As a youth, George revolted against anything artificial, especially a religion built on doctrine or dogma, constructed like a new kind of Babel-tower, in the hope that God might be reached by piling up theological notions and theories about Him. As a lonely and dissatisfied lad, he set out on a personal quest to see if there were any true way of finding God. He accomplished much in meditation and in solitary places, as he minded the sheep of the shoemaker to whom he was apprenticed. He went about from town to town seeking direction from the ministry, that he called **priests**, despite their denomination, but they did not possess what they professed. So, after four years of spiritual distress, the lad sought for himself what the Churches could not give. He wandered on the mountains and sat for days in the hollow of an oak tree, searching the dark corners of his mind for illumination. Then began the **great openings** or revelations. It was made clear to him that God did not dwell in temples made by hands, but that God's church is a living entity built of human souls, and that the democratic Master can speak to any condition of man, can open the heavens and picture things directly to him. As he studied the conditions that troubled the people of his time, and thought of their needs, clear, sure insight was given him.

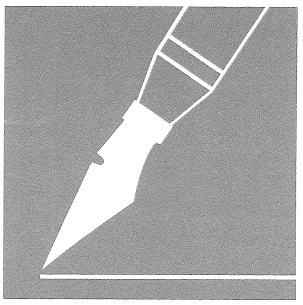
The change in his life came when he discovered that God was not above in the sky or at the end of a logical argument, but a **Living Presence** revealed within the soul. "I came to know God experimentally", he said, "and I was as one who hath a key and do open". There is no substitute for first hand experience, he had realized. He now knew Spirit, and the worth and preciousness of all human life, which prevented him from harming anyone, for any cause, whatever.

Fox now felt the time was ripe; he sewed himself a leather suit and equipped for his revolutionary task with will

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power, physical strength, a pair of magnetic eyes, and spiritual might and knowledge obtained at firsthand. He went forth and spent his life stumping the country of England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Germany, America, and other places. He endured unbelievable persecutions, chastisements, imprisonments in the vilest and foulest of dens and dungeons of those times, as well as sufferings from hostile Indians, rough, half-savage men, from cold, hunger, sleeping in the wilderness in rain and snow, imperiled by wild beast and reptiles, by land and by sea – all, that he might convince man of the futility of secondhand religion, of the useless excretions and shams of Churchianity and of man's inhumanities to man. He preached, saved lives, healed, sometimes raised the so-called dead, and prophesied. He wrote important letters, treatises, and books in prison, where a large part of his life was spent. He was not only called a heretic, but he refused to take an oath, to fight, maim, or kill. He would not compromise with evil, take off his hat to people, or even receive pardon from the King when he had done nothing to deserve it but to refuse to break his principles and the Bible words, "Swear not at all." He told a judge who was trying to ensnare him with an oath and so imprison him because he would not take it, that he had better put the Bible in prison, since it forbade him taking an oath, and let him, Fox, go free. The saying got around, and people laughed at the judge.



Once when walking toward Lichfield, he felt moved to take off his shoes and entrust them to some shepherds, and in stocking feet to walk up and down the winter streets, crying, "Woe to the bloody city of Lichfield!" As he walked he seemed to see rivers of blood flowing through the market place. Not until he had retrieved his shoes and unburdened his soul, did he consider why he was impelled to behave that way. He had evidently, as a sensitive, psychometrized the city and its environs, for what he saw had happened in the past. Later he learned that in the time of the Emperor Diocletion, many Christian Britons had been slain in Lichfield. Unknowingly he had walked through the city "to raise up the memorial of the blood of those martyrs that had been shed more than a 1000 years before".

On one occasion Fox went to a steeple-house to preach. The clerk of the place struck Fox with the Bible on the face from which he bled considerably. Then the clerk called upon the people to heave Fox out of the church. They beat him with fists, books, sticks, dragged him about, stoned, and then beat him some more and threw him over a hedge. When Fox was able to rise to his feet he showed the minister or "priest" as he called all ministers, that he had dishonored his Christianity. The priest then scoffed at him and the Friends present and called them "Quakers". Fox tells us that "the Lord's power was so over them that the priest began himself to tremble," and one of the people said, "Look, how the priest trembles and shakes; he has turned a Quaker also." It was, however, Justice Bennett of Derby, who as Fox says, "was the first to call us Quakers, because we bid him tremble at the word of the Lord. This was in the year 1650."

Fox tells of many instances in which those who cruelly treated him and were opposed to him and his God-given work came to dire grief or destruction. The jailer at Derby had done the mystic much harm in speaking falsely against him to ministers and justices, and had treated him cruelly. This jailer told his wife he had seen the day of judgment and George Fox was there. He had wronged was afraid. Like the jailer that came to Paul and Silas trembling, he came and told Fox he had been "plagued a long time because of him and wanted him released." The jailer went to the other justices who said, "Plagues are on us also for keeping him." Fox tells furthermore, of a justice Simpson who had ensnared him and that shortly after this, found that his son was arraigned for murder. Also another justice by the name of Street, who had treated Fox cruelly and unjustly, saw his daughter (who was his idol) brought home dead from London a few days after, in a hearse to the same place where the judge had uttered the cruel words against Fox. People took notice of the hand of God in these matters, and these cases could be multiplied, though Fox declared he was in no such business as retaliation. His work was rather in healings, in saving lives, and in preaching the Truth.

Examples of his healings were numerous. John Jay was considered dead with a broken neck. Fox stood over him pulling at his hair and his neck. Then kneeling down he applied his hands to the man and was given knowledge and strength to cause the neck to become stiff again and the man to breathe and soon recover.

At Nottingham they brought a woman to him that was obsessed, and Fox said, "The Lord settled her mind and she was mended." A woman's husband, not expected to live, was visited by the mystic, and Fox said, "The man was much refreshed and raised by the power of the Lord, and afterwards came to our meetings." As he preached, he healed in many places. One time he even healed himself, after he had been beaten and maltreated, being knocked senseless, then receiving a blow violent enough to cause him to lose the use of his arm. With love he looked on his persecutors, then he looked on his arm, bruised and bleeding, and before the eyes of the onlookers it was restored!

When Fox was in the House of Correction in Derby, people came to see "the man that had no sin" and to hear him discourse. There was a young woman who was condemned to be hanged for robbing her master of some money. George wrote to the judge and jury showing how contrary this was to the law of God to kill people for stealing, and plead with them for mercy. He wrote them a little sermon, and asked that what he wrote might be read at the gallows. "And though they had the woman upon the ladder,

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A Spiritualists' Stamina in Healing Survival

BY ELSIE FEATHERSONG, NEW YORK



A Spiritualists' stamina can be challenged in many ways to achieve healing survival as they work to keep an even mind under all circumstances. True faith, resiliency and steadfastness aid the learning of conditions and lessons. This helps to utilize a myriad of spiritual resources we can avail ourselves of, with inspirations from loved ones to help contribute to our self reliance. Past, present and future life passages humanity experiences can be healed by the Great Spirit.

The healing process begins once we learn why we are unhappy. Honor these symptoms for as they are activated, a lesson, reminder of reinforcing experience is occurring. Know who is responsible for your physical, mental and spiritual condition. Personal responsibility and self realization pushes and accelerates recovery.

See where these symptoms are activated in the pituitary, the awareness of cause and effects in your mental and physical etheric body. **Hear** when these symptoms are identified through the inner voice and messages shared with the greater you. **Speak** honestly of the effects and what the process deals with in the healing, as it relates to the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects.

Love provides the energy to heal! Love within the expression of your own desire and the shared energies of others. Intuition is a statement of acceptance that a healing is being secured. Will is the desire to live with the truth. It is important to know what we want out of life so that we can program our needs to fulfill our dreams. Creativity is a supporting process for pursuing a healing of the physical, material, mental and spiritual imbalances we experience.

Visualizing and affirming that healing is manifesting within, all around and radiating beautifully in every aspect of our existence brings the energy to us. Magnetism is the sharing of physical, mental and spiritual components to establish a firm foundation of faith and practical knowledge and resources to maintain personal health and well-being.

The final stage is a wisdom that we have been provided for, through the world of spirit, a healing process that will bring us stability, because of our trust in God. We are then willing to live with truth's ultimate outcome in our lives. We can value the basis and evolution of our choices, commitments, challenges and earnest consideration and knowledge that the outcome is derived by the fundamental Natural Laws. Thus our beliefs and educational awareness help to achieve survival through our healing goals. The only way to gain control is to give it up! The natural order of

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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. Janet Tisdale, NST; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 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. 10:30 a.m.; Call about Classes 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Shelia Mazar, (602) 507-6108.

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
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ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
1300 Grand St. (Home of Truth); Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546; (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 12:30 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. contact Teddie Harringer, (818) 791-9212.

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, NSAC
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: 27124 Cole St., Highland, 92346; 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, 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.; Pres., Arthur H. Iman, (510) 521-6650; 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; Pres., Benito Santiago, (415) 626-6525; Secy., Joan A. McDaniel, (415) 321-5626.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sept. thru May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Service, 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 FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society
1832 Buchanan (between Bush & Sutter); Sun. Serv., 6:00 p.m.; Co-Pastors: Rev. Rosemarie Mallia, (415) 522-1608, and Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur 94939.

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
1550 San Leandro Blvd., (Deaf Comm. Center) 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Reg. Serv. 10:45 to 12:00; 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.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter
1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; Pastor, Sandi Cook, NST; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:40 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. Message Serv. 6:30 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Monday and Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m.;Call for information on the Rev. Foard Memorial Library.

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
1939 S. Monroe Street, 80210; (303) 692-4287; Sun. Healing Service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Lyceum and Worship Service 10:30 to 11:30, Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Pastors, Dorothy Haskins, L.M.; Asst. Pastor and Pres., Patricia Schott; Pres., Patricia Schott; (303) 973-9993; Vice Pres., Bruce Thompson; Treas., Don Larsen; Secy., Alex Lilley, 311 Bannock St., 80223, (303) 698-0354.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 754-3559; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; Summer services June and July, 1st and 3rd Sundays only; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

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. (off Main St.), (860) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum; Closed the month of August.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service every other Sunday June, July, August; 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, (860) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354, (860) 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; 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; Adult Lyceum 10:00 a.m. first Sun. of each month; Co-Pastor and Pres., Rev. Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 834-5378; Co-Pastor and Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

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ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
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AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.
Secy., Martha L. Witt, 1204 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, 60560, (708) 553-2517.

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, (312) 489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; All Message Serv. on the first Wed. of each month 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Dr. Alan Tenczas.

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; Secy., Robert G. Hartfield.

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, (309) 962-9076; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, 61761, (309) 452-1738.

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE, NSAC
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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 - First Spiritualist Science Church, NSAC
519 South Leeds Ave.; Sun. Church Serv. 11:30 a.m.; Wed. Church Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Reading days, 3rd Sat. of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Pres. Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, 46224, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Mary Galloway, 6709 Southeastern Ave., 46203, (317) 359-7229.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church, NSAC
6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Worship Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Readings on 4th Sat. of each month from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Meditation class Mon. evenings at 7:00 p.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., Richard Turner, 229 - 20th Pl., 52732.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
Mt. Pleasant Park, P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 1996 Camp Season, August 13 through August 24; 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; Laying on of hands healing Sun. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Classe Sat. 10:00 a.m.; Please call (319) 326-3453 or 324-9659. (Closed during August and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Anita Buchholz.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv., 10:30 a.m.-Noon; For classes and Spiritual Fairs, phone for information; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Margaret M. Tracy, (207) 623-7264; Secy., Virginia Norris, R-1, Box 91, Canton 04221, (207) 597-2600.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
1520 Union St., 04401; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Wed. Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Nedra Foster, R.R. 2, Box 6820, East Holden 04429, 843-6065; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. 2, Box 5055, Carmel 04419, 848-2273.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Campmeeting Assoc., Inc.
Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport.

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. Susan Nielsen; Secy., Diane Warming, (207) 934-1224.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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; Pastor, Rev. Ida J. Donadio, 235 Winthrop St., #7711, 02155, (617) 393-0130; Secy., Carol Ann Wendell, 190 High St., 02155, (617) 396-0900.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Camp
Season opens June 30th till Labor Day; Camp phone (508) 291-0073. Prior to opening (617) 268-9495; Secy., Donna M. Watts; Mediums Day's - Workshops - Message Circle's; Call for a full schedule.

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.

SOMERSET - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
In Masonic Hall, 145 Pleasant St., Somerset 02726; Mailing address, 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725; Sunday Serv., Healing and Church Service at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (617) 447-0791; Pastor Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Elizabeth Winston, 66 School St., Whitman, 02382, (617) 447-0791.

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., Tues. at 7:00 p.m.; Developmental Classes, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Carolyn J. DaPonti, (413) 783-2541; Secy., Anne Gamache, 324 Boston Rd., 01109.

• MICHIGAN •

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

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31 North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., June-Aug.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old U.S. 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple
97 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Nikki Potter, 1584 1/2 W. Barnes Rd., 49251, (517) 676-6136; Silver Star-Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Nikki Potter and Elda Goddard.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
340 North Lapeer Rd., 48371; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue; All mail to Secy., Kathleen Bentley, 504 Worthington Dr., 48371, (810) 814-9172.

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 16, 1996 through Sept. 1,1996; Annual Retreat July 14-19, 1996; 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; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. Summer); Pres., Linda Larson; Secy., Mickie Brown; (218) 724-6554.

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
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. Toni Ferdelman, NST, (612) 572-8940; Senior Pastor, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
911 - 11th Ave. N.W.; Mailing address: P.O. Box 7312, 55903; Services Mon. 7:00 p.m.; (507) 775-6358.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102.

• 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, (816) 525-0902.; 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, Ann L. Magner, 1327 Mystic Seaport Dr., Fenton, 63026, (314) 225-6949; Secy., Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116-3905, (314) 773-0106.

• MONTANA •

BILLINGS - Winds of Change Spiritualist Church
928 Broadwater, Ste. 107, (406) 254-2863; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Open Circles, Fri. and Sun. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Jeanne M. Carey, NST.

• 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 2089, 03079; Year Round Services; Children's Lyceum Sunday 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Regular Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, L.M., (508) 454-4163; Secy., Mrs. Mary Lou Marion, P.O. Box 2089, 03079, (603) 887-2557.

• NEW JERSEY •

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

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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; Thurs. Serv. 7:00 p.m. Church is open all year; Secy.-Treas.,Diane Van Wormer; Pres. and Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center
1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, 12065; Sunday Serv. 10:30 p.m., held at Clifton Common Community Center, Vischer Ferry Rd., Clifton Park; Year-round Spiritual Philosophy Classes; Circles Fri. 7:30 pm.; Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.

AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Church
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010.

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

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, NSAC, Inc.
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 Dinner 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; Dinner 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 Spencer, P.O. Box 314, Delevan, 14042, (716) 492-2069.

ELMONT - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.
261 Elmont Rd., 11003,(516) 354-1395; Services every other Sunday 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Milagros G. Rivera; Secy., Ismael Rivera; Pres., Dorothy Chusid.

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

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

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Road, Smithtown, NY; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg, (516) 588-3150; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Nancy Lloyd, (516) 736-1058; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., 11741.

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
P.O. Box 253, Ashley, 43003.

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

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
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COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
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MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
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• TEXAS •

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CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
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• VIRGINIA •

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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity
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• WEST VIRGINIA •

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• WISCONSIN •

LaCROSSE - Second Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Church Office, 727 State St., 54601-3344, (608) 782-8008; Pastor, Rev. Deenah Taylor, Medium & Pastor.

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
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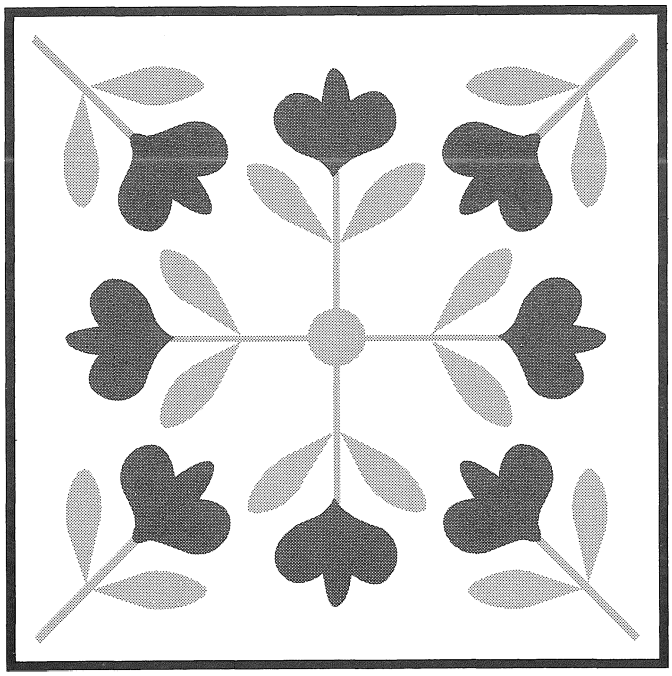
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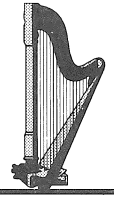
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 All life is animated by Infinite Intelligence.	**2** Spirit knows your needs before you even ask.	**3** Prayer is a practical answer to confusion.
4 I enjoy life and see the beauty all around me.	**5** There is more good than bad in people.	**6** If you want a friend, you have to be a friend.	**7** I am centered and focused.	**8** "God in me, as me, is me."	**9** I accept divine healing in all areas of my life.	**10** I rejoice in each spiritual step I take.
11 Giving is living, and I share with love.	**12** I am grateful for libraries, books and magazines.	**13** Love is fundamental in all my activities.	**14** I accept life's lessons and learn.	**15** I take loving care of my body.	**16** Today I pay attention to my thoughts and words.	**17** The Living Spirit within makes healing possible.
18 I am blessed in more ways than I can imagine.	**19** Love, compassion and empathy are healing emotions.	**20** I am a divine being created in God's image.	**21** I align myself with joyous friends.	**22** Understanding flows to me in countless ways.	**23** Challenges in life, is God expressing through me.	**24** I am wrapped in the protective arms of Spirit.
25 God is trustworthy!	**26** I surrender my will and accept God's Will.	**27** Everything in my world is there to bless me.	**28** Confidence comes from experience and a few mistakes.	**29** "Persistence prevails when all else fails."	**30** Happiness is a moment of peace with a smile.	**31** I live each day to the fullest, experiencing life.



May Spiritual Blessings flow your way!



FOCUSED BUT NOT FORCED

BY JANET LOUPATTY, PANAMA

As we travel along on our life journey here on earth, at times the clarity of our vision and goals gets "muddied up" with so much going on in our lives. We get impatient when things don't go the way we'd like them or don't occur at the time we feel they should. Every now and then, I feel anxiety and impatience well up inside of me, and I sense my spirit guide inviting me to center myself and refocus. When I allow too much tension into my life, I find myself responding in a negative way to stressful situations, and I realize immediately that I need to calm down. Regaining my composure, I thank my spirit friend for lifting my thoughts, for I know at the deepest level of my being that the Universal Source of Awareness within and around me will supply all of my need. I simply need to remind myself of that belief. Those needs and desires may not come exactly when I feel they should, but they will be provided at the proper time and in the appropriate manner. If things don't happen as fast as I would like, I know that there is a good reason, and that whatever is in store for me is even better than what I had in mind. The more I face myself sincerely and allow life to progress as it will, the more clear everything becomes.

Within those tense moments, our spirit guides are ever eager to encourage us to higher levels of awareness, if we only turn our attention toward them. They are the finest example of "focusing but not forcing", for they are ever so gentle in assisting us in our lives. They do not invade our privacy nor force their way into our lives. They are as beacons in the night – beams of light and energy touching us and directing our path. Inviting and summoning, they remind us of a higher life to which we are called.

While reading spiritual books, I often come across words of wisdom with regard to the idea of not rushing life, but seeing the treasure in each moment. Oh how wonderful to delight in simply <u>being</u> – enjoying the natural ebb and flow of life. In the book entitled *<u>Everyday Sacred</u>* by Sue Bender, she uses a wonderful symbol of an empty bowl and the Zen monks. Every day they go out with their empty bowl. Whatever is put into it, supplies their nourishment for that day. It is a good thought for us, as we encounter each new day. Whatever comes our way to nourish us in body, mind and spirit, we should be grateful for – always seeing the positive side of each situation.

The timeless wisdom of *<u>The I-Ching</u>* often advises patient awareness that the universe proceeds in its own time and its own way, and that we should remain focused on our goal without forcing the outcome before it's appropriate time.

When clouds rise in the sky, it is a sign that it will rain. There is nothing to do but to wait. The rain will come in its own time. It is the same in life when destiny is at work. We should not worry and seek to shape the future by interfering in things before the time is ripe. We should quietly fortify the body with food and drink, and the mind with gladness and good cheer. Fate comes when it will, and thus we are ready.

– The I-Ching



This literary passage has come to my mind even when I am doing mundane chores around the house, while washing dishes or doing the laundry. As I struggle to scrub a pan with baked on food or remove a stubborn stain from clothing, I remember that it would be much easier (on me and the pan/clothes) and wiser if I would simply allow them to soak a while, instead of trying to force the substance free. At another time, while learning my husband's native Indonesian language, I found some words to be real "tongue-twisters". In seeing my extreme effort to sound out the word, my husband said to me, *Don't try so hard – just allow the word to simply flow, and it will come out right.* How true that proved to be.

As I continue each day on my life journey, there will always be ups and downs, hills and valleys. On that pilgrimage, as my spirit companions reveal enlightening thoughts to me (within my own spirit, or as I converse with a friend, or in spiritual reading), I am greatly reminded to retain a calm awareness of my higher self as I remain focused on my spiritual path and life goals.

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Membership in our Churches

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST, ARIZONA

When I began thinking about membership in our (NSAC) churches the first thing that came to mind were the one (leadership) person churches, with little or no trained people, and declining membership, and a refusal to "open their eyes" to current reality. This is a subject that is devastating our ranks. Look at this from an outsiders perspective if you truthfully can. We need many more trained and certified people in our churches. In order to spread our teachings, it is quite reasonable to ask that the person teaching any aspect of our religion, has received and learned NSAC approved information. If you believe that this is unimportant, then you are fooling yourself or hiding from the truth.

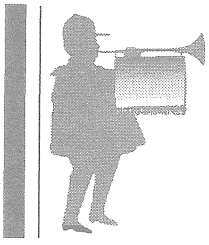
Of course the person that hangs up a shingle and proclaim themselves a Medium or a Psychic, may build up a clientele. They may even succeed in making a fair amount of money. But that is not what we are after in our churches. No, we must spread the truth of Spiritualism, as taught by the NSAC, and not the particular ideas of an untrained individual.

Think about this from a newcomers perspective. Would you go anyplace, a restaurant, a hospital, an accountant, an airline, etc., etc., etc., if the leadership were not trained and certified in their fields? Of course the answer is no, and yet we expect this sort of situation to be acceptable in our own organizations. When the seekers do not find a firm foundation, they do not stay.

There is most definitely, a political necessity in any organization. However, in many church groups, both Spiritualist and not, this political activity seems to be one of the major causes of dissension and hostility. Now this is not just speculation on my part. We have seen major separations in almost all Spiritualist groups that were directly linked to political machinations. And even further yet, we have seen a declining (and silent) membership because of this. These people simply decide that there is nothing that can be done, so they seek other groups or decide to "give it a little more time" and then, if no improvement is made, to give up.

Isn't it time that we, all of us, looked at what is taking place and take the appropriate steps?

Looking at other religions I noticed that there is a distinct and real similarity to the decline in membership and attendance at religious services. To begin with, in every case there is simply a difference of opinion, and usually in some minor area. But what happens is that one group prevails and the opponents decide that it would be better to form a separate group, while still holding on to the teachings of the original group. Of course I must concede that this could be very appropriate in some cases. But to support my theory you simply have to take note of several Christian sects, most notably (but not restricted to) the Lutherans with their many different Synods.



Thinking about this, a couple of old time yet meaningful sayings came to mind: *In unity there is strength* and *Divide and conquer*. So, we are being our own worst enemy?

I wondered how many Spiritualist groups there were in the world today. I also wondered how many Spiritualist *minded* groups there were in the world today, even if they did not share the name "Spiritualism" in their organization. I also began to wonder at what the differences are between these groups, and what it was that kept them apart.

Looking at the *Spiritualist* groups in the USA, I find just a few differences, albeit extreme. For example, some of them call themselves "Christian Spiritualists." Now this has caused strong opposition amongst the traditional Spiritualists who feel that the words "Spiritualist" and "Christian" are mutually exclusive.

The reason for this feeling is obvious to many, and is because of the connotation the word "Christian" has for most people. Among other things it implies that salvation is attained through the Vicarious Atonement of Jesus. Of course this is in direct conflict with the Spiritualist teachings of Personal Responsibility and Natural Law. Some other implications of the word "Christian" are that Jesus is the only son of God, that Jesus is in fact God, belief in the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Birth and other such things that directly conflict with the acceptable Spiritualist teachings.

During a discussion with a **Spiritist** friend of mine, I was a bit surprised to find that there were very few differences between Spiritists and Spiritualists. One was their open acceptance and teaching of the doctrine of reincarnation. I think that it would be most interesting to poll the Spiritualists and find out just how many also accept this theory. Another difference that we discussed was that they considered and called themselves Christians. I expressed my concern with the conflict this term "Christians" has with our teachings of personal responsibility and reward, and her answer both surprised and enlightened me. She explained that they called themselves this, not because they accepted *ANY* of the generally taught precepts of the "Christian" denominations, but because they followed the teachings of Jesus Christ regarding love and fellowship! What a beautiful enlightenment for me! And I wondered how anyone could object to the use of the term "Christian" in that context!

I have been privileged to serve many non-NSAC Spiritualist churches and camps. And what I have found in almost every case is a surprising lack of difference with NSAC teachings. In fact, most Spiritualist church groups in the USA use the Declaration of Principles, even many of the single independent churches. Now the NSAC has recently changed the Ninth Declarement by replacing the words "in the Bible" with the words "in all Sacred Texts" and this

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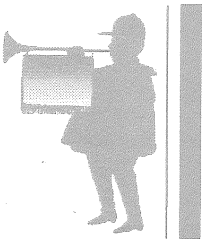
change has probably not yet been made by other groups, but I expect that most of them will soon see the significance of such a change. (We have also changed all gender specific wording with appropriate replacements.)

Looking at these other groups I must conclude that perhaps it would be much better if we considered the things we *agreed* upon, rather than the ones we *disagreed* on.

We as Spiritualists, profess to be willing to accept new truths. Please allow me to explain the term, "new truths." The word 'new' is used, not only to indicate something that just began, but also to indicate something that had not previously been recognized. But even with that understanding we often refuse to open our minds and we keep the doorway to further knowledge tightly shut.

The NSAC is moving towards "opening the doors" to other truths and as part of my responsibilities as the Superintendent of the Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence, I am doing research in several different areas. One of these areas is reincarnation, and the delegates at the 1995 NSAC Annual Convention have voted that I will be given one hour to present this report at the 1996 NSAC Annual Convention. I was given this assignment, along with the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, by our president the Rev. Brenda Wittich, to assure that fair and unbiased research would take place. At the present time this report is still being developed and refined.

Another area the Bureau is looking into is healing. We realize that there are many wonderful and documented alternative methods being used with great success, and we must open our eyes to the reality of other truths, especially when they have been proving their worth. Countless healing have been received at the Harry Edwards healing Sanctuary in England, and the Edgar Cayce readings and healing directions are also proof that we must have an open mind. We have always accepted and encouraged that people utilize conventional scientific medicine along with spiritual healing, so why not investigate other avenues of healing?



UFO's also seem to be a taboo subject among Spiritualists, often spawning sneers and guffaws from some of us. In conflict to this I have heard many of our current day renowned scientists clearly express their willingness to be open to the existence of other life in the universe. In fact, their clear position is that it would be more than egotistical for us to believe that we are the only planet in the entire universe that has life on it. If there is the possibility of life on other worlds, then how can we not accept the possibility of extra-terrestrials?

This particular subject has for many years been investigated, discussed, debated, documented, and everything else you can think of. Lately there has been a renewed and very strong interest evident to all of us. In fact, didn't the space probe sent out by the US government contain specific drawings and maps of the solar system that pinpointed the earth, just in case intelligent life found the probe? Now I ask you, do we want to be left behind in this most important and interesting area?

I have covered several areas above, but now let's consider the impact that this *We are the only ones that already have and teach all of the truth* attitude can have on us. Is it keeping people away? And is it driving people away? Of course the answer is YES to both questions. But you answer those questions for yourself, and do your part to accept and spread all truths. ❑

GEORGE FOX, THE FOUNDER OF QUAKERISM *(Continued from page 11.)*

with a cloth bound over her face, ready to be turned off, yet they did not put her to death, but brought her back to prison, where later she was convinced of God's everlasting truth." Also there were two other prisoners in with him who were to die for theft – he helped them all he could, and said, after they had suffered, "There spirits appeared to me, as I was walking, and I saw the men very well."

During his ministry Fox predicted the Great Plague, the London Fire, events regarding Parliament, the Revolution of 1688, the death of Cromwell (who was a great persecutor of Quakers), and foretold many other events.

Despite all of Fox's persecutions, imprisonments, and hardships his work grew miraculously and he continually praised God for his successes. Adventure always trailed him. On a trip to America, his vessel was chased by a man-of-war. The captain was frightened and consulted Fox who trusted God. Fox said he was no mariner, but he would wait on the Lord. Later, he told the captain that the Lord had revealed that the Almighty's life and power was placed between them and the hostile ship that was now upon them, and they were not to tack but keep the course. In his JOURNAL he writes: "The moon was down and a fresh gale arose, and the Lord hid us from them. We sailed brisquely and saw no more of them." They had feared capture from possible Turks.

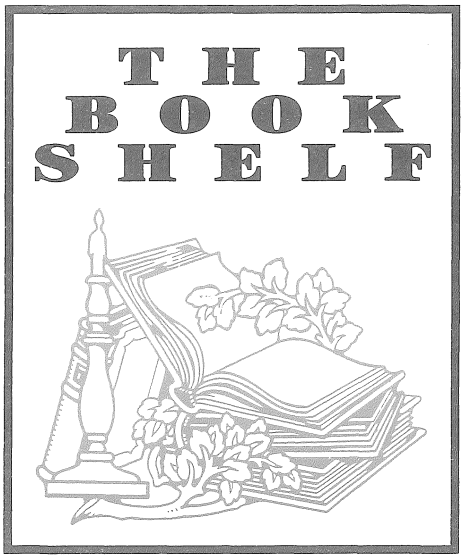
As the closing scenes of the earthly pilgrimage of George Fox grew near, he still minded the things of God and of his church to the last in a universal spirit. When he passed, he closed his own eyes and mouth, seemed "to smile, and was the pleasantest corpse ever looked upon." It was William Penn, the Quaker, speaking of Fox's life work, who said, "He committed himself like a man, a new and heavenly minded man – a divine and a naturalist, and all of God Almighty's making."

Fox spoke from personal experience of the "Inner Light" which lighteth every soul that cometh into the world, and of the possibility of constant communion with Spirit and the world beyond. This is what has made Quakerism and its founder a dynamic force in the religions of the world. ❑

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THE UNIVERSE OF SILVER BIRCH

By Frank Newman



Many books have been published in which authors have sought to make sense of the world and our place within it. Scientists have deliberated on the nature of the universe and mystics have propounded profound spiritual teachings about man's place in the scheme of things.

This volume is unique in that Frank Newman has examined the teachings of Silver Birch – the wise and compassionate spirit guide who spoke through his medium Maurice Barbanell – and measured them side by side with the deductions of modern science. Seldom has such an undertaking proved so effective in bringing together two such apparently opposing viewpoints.

Maurice Barbanell – founder-editor of Psychic News – was an atheist before Silver Birch converted him to an understanding of life which embraced the concept of Survival and the existence of a Spirit World.

The author, Frank Newman, pursued a career in electrical engineering and is conversant with the discoveries of modern physics. Having worked many years in the tropics, he also came into contact with the ideas of Indian mystics and holy men.

With a refreshingly open mind, he applied his knowledge of science to examining and analyzing the spirit teachings of Silver Birch. The results of his momentous task bring new insights into these magnificent teachings. In addition, we gain some fascinating glimpses as to the real identity of the spirit guide himself.

The author happily breaks down barriers and dismisses outdated ideas. Whether we speak of "electromagnetic fields" or "auric fields", there undoubtedly exists a vast network of energies that links all living things. Even more important, these frequencies, or vibrations, extend far beyond our physical world. As Silver Birch himself said: *All life is one life with infinite gradations.*

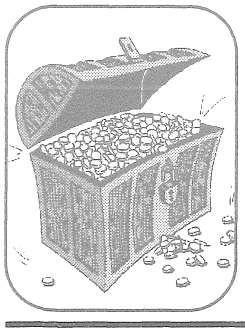
In this day and age, many people are desperately searching for "something" that will give meaning to their lives. They have discovered that materialization does not hold all the answers and have rejected the idea that "faith" alone holds the answer.

Hopefully, books such as Mr. Newman's will open up a debate which will result in a deeper understanding of our true place in the universe, our relationship to one another and our ultimate destiny.

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Each month **The National Spiritualist** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* **Jan Foss** *of the Spiritual Science Church of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota.*

To witness a materialization or attend an apport circle, to me would be the ultimate proof of life after so-called death. It is unfortunate that there are those who, even having seen this wonderful evidence, still deny the continuity of life. These same people, even if visited by Jesus Christ himself, would probably deny what they saw. They would find reasons to doubt their own eyes. They would probably continue struggling on in this physical world, never accepting the guidance and comfort that is ours to receive from the Spirit World if we only make ourselves receptive to it.

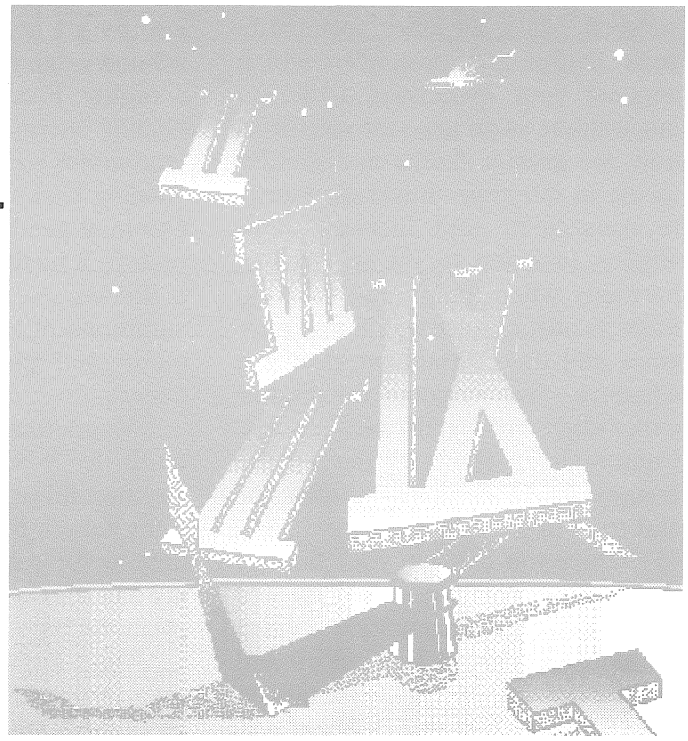
Spiritualism emphasizes how important it is to keep an open mind in all things. As new information is presented to us we must be willing to look at the findings with an open mind and embrace truth wherever we find it.

There are times in my life when I get very discouraged about the future of the world. When one reads the news and hears of all the wars and starvation going on

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SHAMANISM AND THE SPIRIT WORLD

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, MAINE



Shamanism involves a connection – a mediation – between the visible world and the Spirit World. Just like Spiritualism, it involves bridging the two worlds of humanity and eternity. This means going deeper into the presence of Spirit and the meaning of unconditional Love.

Shamanism, in the earliest days of recorded history, tapped into the Spirit World to bring forth messages "from the other side." From ancient wall carvings, we know that early peoples revered shamans and held the highest respect for their ability to bring forth information and healing energies. These practices were pervasive among primitive peoples. Shamans possessed "magical" ways of hearing and seeing. They embraced a form of enlightenment that was highly honored. Folklore carried these tales, which often became tribal myths, forward into future generations. The telling of the stories was sacred and often occurred during times of ceremonial ritual. Trance states were induced and there were direct communion with spirits – both positive and negative. During these ceremonies the healing hands of divinely inspired shamans performed "miracles." Disease was reduced or eliminated and messages for the tribe's future were often revealed. Shamans were also trained to "do battle" with negative spiritual entities whom they believed brought illness or danger to their people. Like Spiritualists, these early societies believed in hands-on healing.

Shamanism seems to be at the very roots of all religious, healing and psychotherapeutic practices. Therefore, much like a medium practicing Spiritualism, the shaman was often able to see into the body and soul of the afflicted person. To destroy demons, sickness or impending death, the shaman would descend into the underworld and wage war directly with the enemies involved.

Shamans, like many of our Spiritualist mediums, could voluntarily enter into a trance state to envision in telepathic ways. All of the senses – including the sixth sense of intuition, could respond. Interpretation of information gleaned during times of spiritual travel became the responsibility of the shaman also. Belief and implicit trust in the process was an integral part of the tribal life. These two elements continue to be central to all Spiritualist healing practices.

Shamanic ritual was a very important part of the process, and was believed to be the power that attracted healing from a divine source. Shamans became teachers and the subjects were their pupils. Energy from sources outside of the shaman's own personal body used the shaman as a channel. The subjects became transformed as a result of the shaman's own personal transformation during rituals. Just as in Spiritualist mediumship work today, the tremendous internal dialogue that occurred within the shaman required extreme fortitude and powerful internal strength. Methods of self-protection needed to be highly evolved and very effective. Tribal members never entered into experimentation of channeling without extensive training and preparation. This was sacred work that required tremendous concentration and it could be very self-depleting. They developed ways to regenerate themselves after intensive periods of work. Periods of renewal were known to be vitally important.

Primitive shamanism, like other religious vocations, involved "being called" into the work. Once this "inner call" or "knowing" presented itself, it could not be denied. Even in Christian traditions, the Old Testament tells us, *Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision, I speak with him in a dream.* **(Numbers 12:6)** Often periods of deep internal confusion accompanied the summons. The internal struggle involved in sorting out the confusion led the shaman into the development of a personal liturgy which was combined with rituals and tribal traditions. Many Spiritualists have felt "called" into our work.

This ancient spiritual discipline,

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A SPIRITUALISTS' STAMINA IN HEALING SURVIVAL

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Universal truths will draw to you experiences for your gain, mastery, healing and survival.

Learn why doubt is a gift of self-survival. Make an inner promise to seek truths and principles which support your evolution; to accept inspirations as an urge for self-direction, for greater truths and greater focus; to integrate universal energy to consolidate and increase your vitality; to listen to the spheres of harmony when timing and thinking unite as one; to hear within the inner voice and the clairaudient guidance whenever you welcome the higher expression of spiritual energy. Communicate these truths as the image of yourself with confidence and trust in the healing forces.

When you confirm your faith in the healing energy, emotions are evoked. Love is unconditional when the conscious mind is lifted up and expressing self-esteem. Devotion to continue to practice attunement and lift the thoughts to Spirit will support the healing process.

Intuition is instant cognition which serves us wondrously whenever we are centered in the truth and acknowledge that it is received from a higher Force. Living with loving healing energies perpetuates growth. One must ask The Great Unseen Healing Force, the constructor of all essential needs and requirements to restore a healthy balance. Creativity is the worker, the attraction, and the summons of spirit helpers to assist, guide and perpetuate the healing energy.

Magnetism is the extractor of truth from within, attracting the resourceful spirits unto ourselves. They aid our own energies to provide options for self-evaluation when timing and the process to follow is appropriate for us.

Your survival healing wisdom manifests unto your whole being. Remember whatever the ingredients, thoughts, and actions you send out into the ethers, they support the beauty of healing of the whole human mind, body and spirit. Always express gratitude for the healing wisdom you receive in advance. Then it will flow to you, within you, all around you and only the highest loving vibration will radiate in all dimensions extended from you. Spiritualism shares the knowledge that life is a continuous process of healing and that all healing you'll ever experience is based upon the . . .

Spiritual
Universes
Radiating
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Love unto everyone's
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SHAMANISM AND THE SPIRIT WORLD

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leading to direct connection with the sacred, is not "of" most contemporary world religions. Many shamanic practices would be treated as insanity or madness today. However, it was Socrates who said that our greatest blessings come to us by way of madness, provided that madness is given to us by divine gift. Thus, we have opportunities to share in divine processes in our Spiritualist churches/meetings.

Thanks to the development of psychotherapeutic studies, today we can differentiate mediumship from schizophrenia, epilepsy and advanced states of hysteria. There are three clear dividing lines. First, in shamanism there is interaction with and control of the spirits. (Madness experiences no control over possessing entities.) Second, the shaman is a spiritual being that can leave the body. (Madness traps the possessed.) Third, and perhaps the most important, the shaman enters the trance state voluntarily. (This is totally unlike possession states in which the "mad" person becomes the victim.)

All of us who have been involved with mediumship activities have felt a need to explain (or even justify) our participation to others. Our society's evolution has often ignored the sacred/spiritual part of our nature. No wonder so many complain of "something that is missing from our lives." Ritual is a vital part of celebrating the spiritual aspects of our earthly walk. We must each be our own personal shaman as we integrate our spiritual contacts into our contemporary lifestyles. We also must develop our own personal liturgy and rituals to celebrate the beauty of all Spirit connection. Spiritualism has much to teach us about living a life filled with belief and trust in the Spirit World. ❑

Jest Joking...

THE EDITOR'S JOB

Getting out the magazine is no picnic. If we print jokes people say we are silly. If we don't they say we are too serious. If we clip things from other magazines we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff. If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting news. If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius; and if we print them, the magazine is filled with junk. If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical. If we don't we are asleep.

Now like as not some guy will say we swiped this from some other magazine.

WE DID.

– From *Osman*

National Spiritualist Association of Churches
APPLICATION FOR NSAC BUREAU SUPERINTENDENT

Bureau of _____

Description of the Bureau's work is found in NSAC Constitution, Article VII, Sections 1-7.

Name _____

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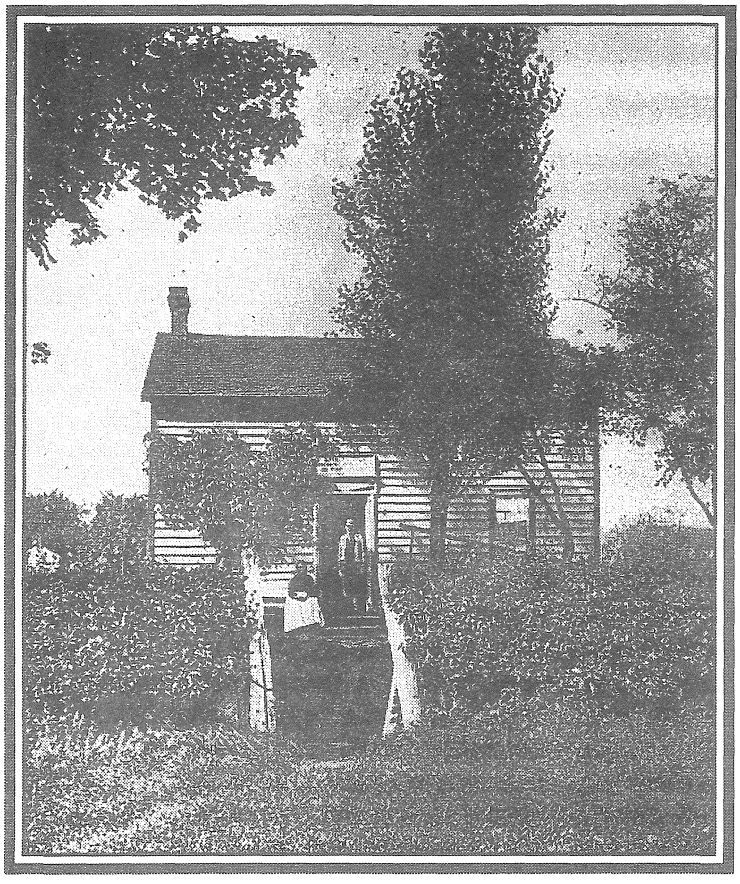
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail application to: **NSAC, P.O. Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752**

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



HYDESVILLE COTTAGE

Recently while going through our shelves I found a little blue booklet entitled *Fiftieth Anniversary of MODERN SPIRITUALISM at HYDESVILLE, N.Y.* (Illustrated) Compiled by J. M. Peebles, M. D. I thought it would be interesting to share with you a part of Dr. Peebles lecture, called *ADVICE TO MEDIUMS.*

Concerning spiritual phenomena I must utter these advisory and fatherly words to the mediumistic. Let your aims be high – do not sit in impromptu, promiscuous circles, as they open the way to obsessions; do not cease for a moment to be yourself, and never surrender to any intelligence your own conscious selfhood. There are many diakka spirits who assume great, flaming names, to excite the vanity and get a stronger control over the weak-minded. "Guides" so-called, may guide to ruin, may play the vampire. Exercise then, your reason, test the spirits, test and try them by your higher judgement and your God-given intuitions. Spirits, like mortals, must be known by their fruits; if they improve your health, enlarge your moral natures, lift you up spiritually, and beautify every characteristic of your higher nature – accept them as message bearers from the diviner life – but ever then, be yourself!

Mortals are moral agents, the architects of their own heavens or hells. They reap what they have sown. "Karma" is an unnecessary (Sanskrit) word, implying cause and effect – nothing more. Every child born into this world is a possible archangel or a possible demon; his head touches the world of light, his feet the world of darkness. He is a rational, moral being, having the power of choice. Punishment, disciplinary punishment, necessarily follows sin; there is no escape. Socrates and Plato, Confucius and Christ, Theodore Parker and Phillips Brooks, are still preaching to undeveloped, imprisoned earth-bound spirits. God's mercy endureth forever. The angels call, and souls are constantly coming up through deep tribulation. God's love is infinite and unchangeable. The door of mercy is not shut; there is ever the opportunity of progress from darkness to light. None can be eternally lost. Oh! blessed gospel truth.

The booklet is twenty-nine pages long and filled with poetic and stirring words, mostly Dr. Peebles, but here are a few I thought might interest you;

From Moses Hull; *While in the ministry I was called upon to deliver a funeral address for a bright little boy, whose father was a minister and whose mother was one of the most exemplary Christians I ever saw . . . I went to the Bible and drew all the consolation I could from the most consoling parts of that book. As the mother took her last look, she looked at me and said 'Give me evidence that I shall see my child again'.* I replied, *I have given you evidence. I then turned and read from the Bible . . . After looking me squarely in the face for a moment, she ironically said, 'Is that the best you have got?' The poor woman had called for bread and I had given her a stone.*

Could Spiritualism have come to her just then, what a consolation it would have been; what a calm it would have been for her wounded heart, but I had it not.

. . . May the consolations afforded only by Spiritualism become more and more real. May we prove ourselves worthy of our religion. May we do its work and enjoy its benedictions.

As we read these words from men we consider our pioneers and leaders I hope they will inspire each of us to consider what we are doing to promote our religion. Certainly we live in a time of much fear and negativity but, if we can keep our reason and learn all we can from the past, perhaps someday we will be someone else's inspiration to keep the torch light of Spiritualism burning for years to come. ❑

POETRY



My First by Loll Washburn

When I was just a little girl
Approximately age six or seven
My table tipping life began
I thought I was in heaven.

There was a family of three boys
And their mother too
She was the guiding light for us
Even though my sister and I were new.

This woman said we were to sit quiet
With fingers lightly on the table
Then we were told to ask one question
And found we were more than able.

The Spirit answered us with a no or yes
And none of us had a fear
For we all understood this energy
The forces were definitely here.

Sometimes this table danced around
Or rocked to and fro
Its weight was so extremely heavy
While we waited to come into the know.

I loved those evenings at the sea
They remain vivid in my mind
This was my very first encounter
Of learning the sensitivity that entwines.

It has followed me through all the years
As my world has had time to unfold
With lack and every adventure it says
This story is sacred and bold.

And so it is with progress I know
These lessons I've been learning
From that first day of table tipping
This knowledge brings more love
and yearning.

EDUCATION SPEAKS

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all over the world, the future can seem pretty dim. But, there also seems to be a great awakening going on as well. So many people are becoming aware of "angels" or spirits around them or helping them, and there have been so many books and articles lately on the power of healing from non-medical sources. So it is very important that we try to stay open-minded and develop this spiritual part of ourselves.

Spiritualists will indeed be an important part of this awakening of the world to its spiritual side and how beautiful life could be if we all live according to Natural Law. The phenomena of Spiritualism can only help to convince those who still doubt a future existence and should be studied, continued and encouraged by both Spiritualists and Science. ❑

To encourage people to be their best is the essence of nurturing.
– Merry Browne

MONTHLY

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.

There is no Death!
What seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of
the life Elysian
Whole portal we call Death.
– Longfellow

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Love is a medicine
for the sickness of the world;
a prescription often given,
too rarely taken.
– Karl A. Menninger

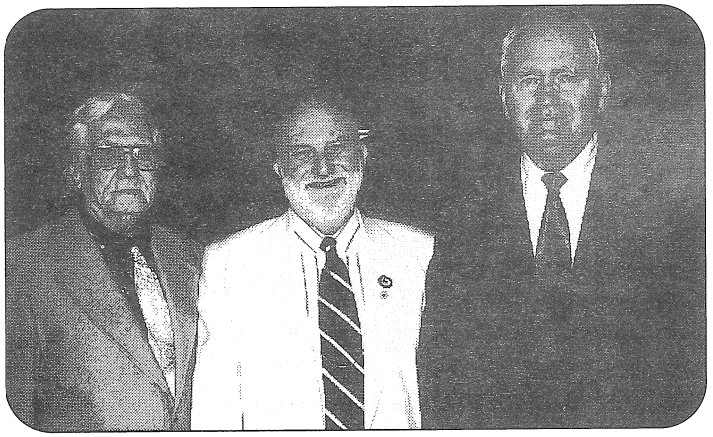
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Even the least work done for others awakens the power within. Even thinking the least good of others gradually instills into the heart the strength of a lion.
– Swami Vivekananda

Spiritualist Guests

The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association, Inc. held its' 109th Annual Convention. This year the convention was hosted by the National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc. The convention was well represented by The National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, The New London Spiritualist Church, The Church of the Infinite Spirit, The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic and the Temple of Divine Truth, which are the five Churches that form the CSSA.

Rev. Larry Clark was the guest speaker and Medium and a surprise guest to many was Rev. Joseph Merrill (past President of the NSAC). Casey Moran and his father



(L-R) Rev. Joseph Merrill, past President NSAC; Mr. Homer Wooster, President of the CSSA; and Rev. Larry Clark, guest speaker and medium for the convention.

lead us in the Fanny Allen Salute. Casey passed out Sunflower seeds that were wrapped in netting, with a written comparison of the Sunflower and Spiritualism attached. These were made by the children of the Norwich Lyceum.

After the convention was closed, officers, delegates, family, friends and guests attended the CSSA banquet. On Sunday morning everyone met at the National Spiritualist Church of Norwich for a Sunday Morning Service which was followed by lunch and good fellowship.

Plymouth News

The Plymouth Spiritualist Church in Rochester, New York, was pleased to share good energy with James Woodhams as our Speaker. He spoke about many degrees and experiences of love and how these challenging times we live in are a true test of our loving commitment individually, to the NSAC and to Spiritualism. He was applauded in a delightful manner.



James Woodhams, speaker, and Elsie FeatherSong.

J. Woodhams has a graceful eloquence in his description of events in our lives and future destination. His poetic presentation was wonderful for newcomers to our religion to understand the loving inspiration and guidance we receive from our angel friends and spirit loved ones. It was an excellent review also for those who have been attending Spiritualist Churches for years. We are proud of his literary accomplishments and continued fine services to our church.

Congratulations in California

A special day at The First Spiritual Temple, NSAC, in San Francisco, California happened on February 4, 1996, during the Sunday morning worship service. Licentiate Minister, Donald McFarland, was presented his National Spiritualist Teachers Degree by the Rev. Alfred Conner, NST. Members, friends and guests gathered around Don after the service to congratulate him and to share in refreshments and fellowship. Donald is the secretary of The First Spiritual Temple, NSAC. We all congratulate him and wish him well.



Rev. Alfred Conner, NST, and Donald McFarland, LM.

ANGELIC PERSPECTIVES: AN INVITATION TO SOAR

104th NSAC Convention to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada

Spiritualist Desert Church of Las Vegas, NV is delighted to have the opportunity to host the upcoming **104th Annual NSAC Convention.** We are planning a real Las Vegas style welcome. It's not too soon to begin making your reservations. Below you will find the basic convention information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Hospitality Hour from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Convention Registration from 3:30-5:30 p.m., and Evening Worship Services beginning at 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

"The Scientific Aspect of Spiritualism - What's Happening Now!" An all-day seminar with a break for lunch. The four NSAC Service Clubs are again joining together to sponsor this presentation.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 THRU FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

NSAC Service Clubs will meet at 7:00 a.m. The complete Convention Schedule will indicate which club meets on which day. Convention Business Meetings will occur during the day. Evening Worship Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

CONVENTION HOTEL

Sam's Town Hotel

5111 Boulder Highway • Las Vegas, Nevada 89122
(702) 456-7777

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservations: (800) 634-6371

Mention NSAC Group. Room Rates for Double Occupancy:

ATRIUM VIEWS, Sun.-Thurs. **$45**, Fri. & Sat. **$70**;
MOUNTAIN VIEWS, Sun.-Thurs. **$40**, Fri. & Sat. **$65.**
($5. per night, per additional guest in room. If handicapped accessible room is required, please mention this when making reservations. Hotel does not accept Saturday arrivals.)

RV SPACES are also available at **$14** per night.

Any rooms or RV spaces not reserved by September 20, 1996 will be released from our reserved block.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Upon arrival at McCarran International Airport you will proceed to baggage claim on the ground level. Gray Line Airport Express is available to take you to Sam's Town Hotel. The cost is **$5.50** per person. The Gray Line Airport Express desk is locate on the ground level of the airport.

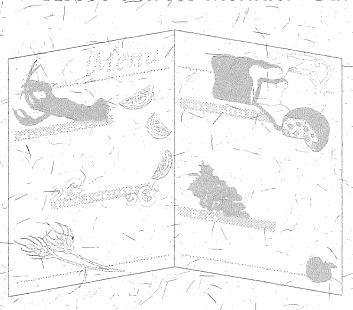
BANQUET INFORMATION

Monday, October 21, 1996

Our dinner selections for the banquet consist of the following:

Option 1: VEGETARIAN PASTA
Option 2: CHICKEN ANGELO
Option 3: BROILED ORANGE ROUGHY
Option 4: 10 OZ. ROAST PRIME RIB

Above entrees include: Garden Salad, Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Soft Drinks, and Dessert.



$25 per person

Includes Dinner, Awards Presentation, and Dancing.

Make checks payable to Spiritualist Desert Church.
Please send your check, and choice of entree indicated on menu portion to:
SPIRITUALIST DESERT CHURCH
Attn: Margaret Cantwell, 5287 Burnham Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Please! Reservations must be received no later than October 4, 1996.

No tickets will be mailed, they will be given to you Monday evening prior to the banquet.

NO BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION!!!

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 all sacred texts are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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