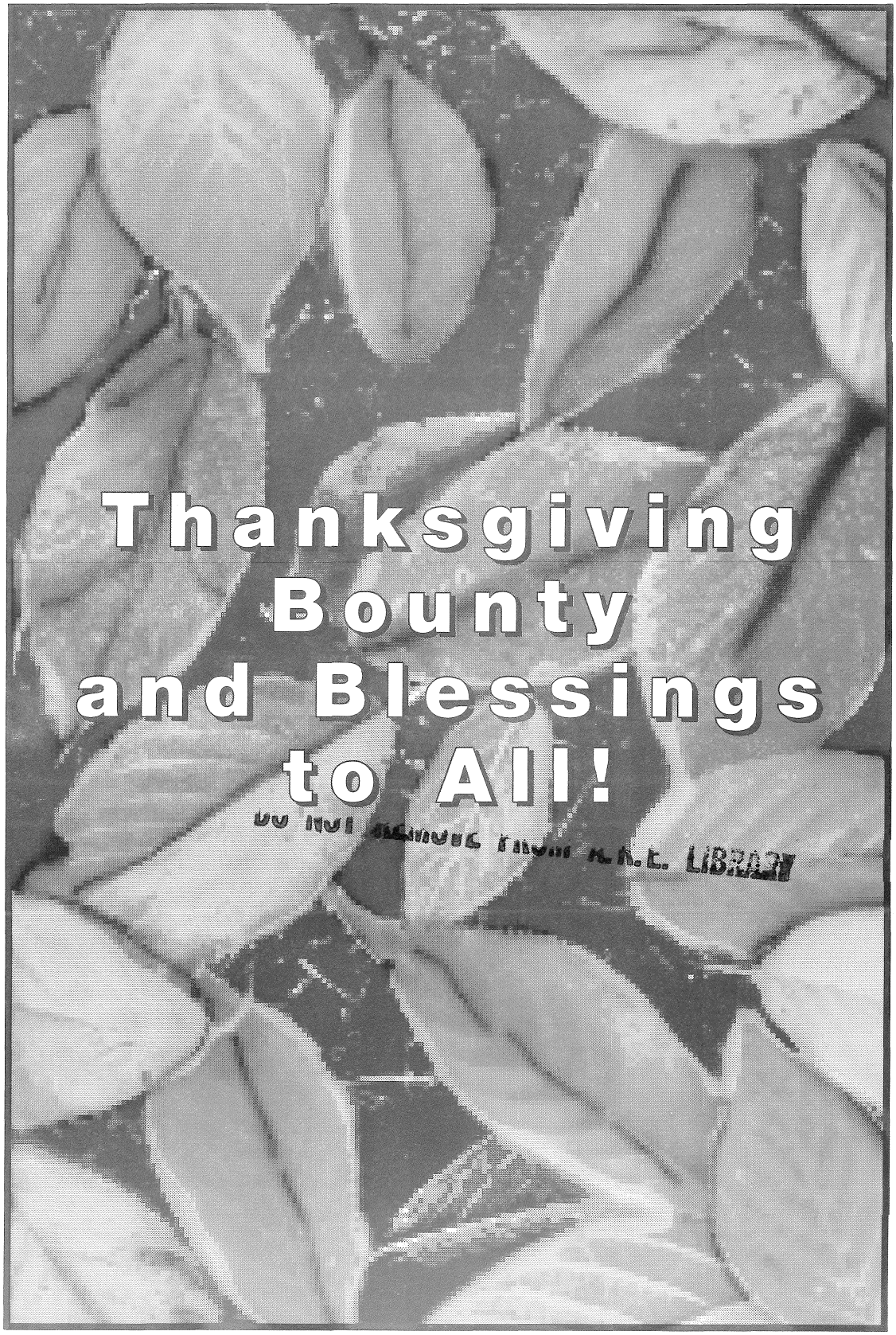
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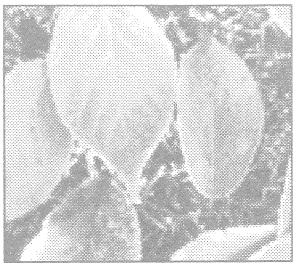
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Inspired Decisions?

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



This month of elections and thanksgiving reminds me that we are all One Nation Under God, One World Under God. In a presidential election year there is a continual rumble of politics, and Americans often question the connection between politics and moral values. We might say Spiritual values.

One of my spiritual friends (and her family) is very active in state and local politics. Because of their involvement and their knowing the personalities of many of the people on the election ballot, I often call her before an election to get her opinion on the judges and others that represent us. She had worked hard on the campaign of a local gentleman and when I asked how it was going, she said she was voting for the opponent because she discovered he was not ethical. She had given financial and personal support but then working so closely with the gentleman, had found practices she felt were not spiritual. It made me again question how we really know when we cast our vote.

Political issues, political debates often flash lights to the spiritual communities for they focus on one's rights, ethics, social and religious questions, environmental conditions and how this affects our personal responsibility. Someone recently asked me if I was a conservative or part of the religious right. My response was that I try to see the spiritual values in an issue or a candidate when I caste my ballot. Voting, for me, is not an easy decision as I know so little about the entire picture and I want to do the right thing – I have to call upon God to help me. Other Spiritualists I have talked to have said the same thing.

I wondered if folks from other religions also pray to receive guidance. I am sure they do. I recently saw the name of a book, *God Has Ninety-Nine Names,* by Judith Miller, and I thought it really doesn't matter what we call Infinite Intelligence, it is how we feel and trust the Higher Force that puts the Law of God into action. Inviting the Greater Understanding to help us in any and all of life's decisions brings the desired assistance.

When I was growing up life used to be considered a "win/lose" climate, but today with the more spiritual elements, everything tries for "win/win" conclusion. This one change in consciousness can make a wonderful growth in our world. Each time we listen to the higher guidance of our spirit messengers and ask for a "win/win," we are working with the Creative Mind. St. Augustine wrote, "Every visible thing in this world is put in charge of an angel." Many times we don't have a clue where to begin to discover how to proceed or how to help. Intuitively we do the correct thing by praying and asking God, and an angel is immediately dispatched.

Life and growth is a perpetual journey. The action and the happiness comes with the doing. Your outer life is a reflection of your soul. The reflection of each country in our world is a reflection of the people and their potentials. Anita Raddick wrote, "If you consider life, you'll probably find that you are most fulfilled when you're either doing what you love, or being with someone you love, or when you somehow see the higher purpose of what you're doing in life – then you're able to love even the drudgery connected with it."

Wherever we are on our journey is where we are supposed to be at that moment. Where our country is on its journey, is where it is supposed to be. That does not mean we, or it, will stay in this position for long, for the next moment we may glean a new insight or recognize a truth which will move us to a new space. Each place is sacred. As we cultivate a policy of thankfulness, a consciousness that is grateful for all that surrounds us, then will we lift up all that surrounds us. Check your motivational level, your desire level, and your gratitude level. These are power sources for your journey.

Sometimes we hear the news about the unhappy events in our government, our country, or our world and we give up. We just sit down and say, "I'm only one person what can I do?" We think, I'm too young, too old, too fat, too skinny, too sick, too weak, too tired, too busy, too poor, too dumb, too smart, etc. to be able to help. Wrong, a prayer can be a powerful help!

Spiritualists know the Law that we are each important, each a part of the whole, each contributing with our thoughts, actions, prayers and energy. This has been stated in many ways:

- where your attention goes, your energy flows
- as we think so is it returned to us
- what goes around comes around
- cause/thought equals effect/results
- like attracts like.

We know that when we change our thinking we change our life, which is our consciousness, which affects the consciousness of the world. Each time we grow in light and love it shines into the world to help the world light. If when you

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Dealing With Grief

By The Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., Iowa

Spiritualism recognizes so-called death as graduation to a more perfect plane of existence where progression can continue. I was thankful for this knowledge when my father passed on to the higher life last September 29, 1995. His heart weakened, and his body became unable to sustain his physical existence. His spirit left; a shell remained.

I'd been due to leave on a train that evening for the 103rd NSAC National Convention held in Phoenix, Arizona. My plans changed abruptly. Consolation to my mother, funeral arrangements and visitation took up the next two days. The third found me delivering the funeral address. I was thankful for the Rev. Georgia Reed's offer to fill in if emotion kept me from continuing at some point. But all went smoothly . . . too smoothly. I hadn't yet experienced the intense grief I believed I should be feeling. Guilt had replaced it, and it seemed that any grief had hidden itself in my subconscious. Furthermore, it seemed determined to stay there.



Spiritualist ministers and mediums must always be prepared to help others through the guilt/grief process which follows on the heels of physical transition. When they finally comprehend the reality of so-called "death," a mourner's perspective abruptly changes. They may need a listening ear, some advice, or simply your leave to contemplate their problems alone. Be prepared to give aid however and whenever it's needed. We readily proclaim: "There is no death!" Yet, effectively conveying this concept to the mourner is no easy task.

Spiritualist ministers and mediums are often the first to be sought out by the one usually professing intense disbelief or skepticism in eternal life at other times. Leave out the past when seeking to console them and deal with the present, since it is the here and now that the one seeking aid must deal with. This isn't the time to educate them on Spiritualist pioneers, unless something they have said or written has direct bearing upon the problem at hand, and then only briefly. The helpful minister is also a good listener. Put yourself in the place of those you counsel. What do they need? How can you help them most? What sort of assistance will be most beneficial? Where do your duties begin and end? Proof of eternal life is a step in the right direction . . . not an end in itself. Keeping their needs in mind helps assure your proper perspective.

In trying to help my mother, I hadn't "practiced what I preached." I concluded my proper place lay at home with her, but she had quickly corrected my faulty reasoning. We both needed to be alone with our thoughts. That evening found me on an Amtrak coach bound for Arizona. Phoenix was beautiful and the convention wonderful. Many offered their help, and I was reminded that we are never alone when we have friends to share our sorrow with.

A parting thought: Use contemplation and meditation when helping others deal with grief. The inspiration as to how best achieve your goal will follow close behind. "God is first, others second, and I am third" is a truism worthy to remember by the minister or medium helping someone deal with the grief that the change "death" often brings with it. May you be blessed in your task. •

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pray for another, an angel goes and sits on the shoulder of that person, then say a prayer for our elected officials. Visualize a light energy that whispers truths in their ear as they make their decisions. Angels are said to communicate the ideas of God. "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Psalms 91:11-12.

Think of the positive power the people all around the United States could generate by sending affirmative prayer to the government of this country and of all countries. We know that all the good that we desire for America we also want for every other country, for each is a part of this beautiful planet earth, part of the Whole, and part of the energy of peace. Peace is not the absence of something, not passivity, it is the essential condition of life, of working toward something harmonious.

One of the ways of seeing uncomfortable areas of our world is to be open to the surprising insights that can come from them. God is in All Life, All Energy. Each moment is a blessing and a golden opportunity for growth. James Carse stated, "The Mind does not come to life until it meets what it cannot comprehend."

The Infinite cannot be contained in the United States, in the World. No matter which of the ninety-nine names you call the Higher Principle, It is unlimited, Absolute Beingness evident in every place and all time – sacred places, sacred time, sacred beings, sacred decisions.

Infinite Spirit, we ask that a sacred energy of inspiration touch the leaders of all lands, helping them to move the planet Earth and all of it's inhabitants, in a Spiritual step of Peace and Love. Let the Divine Spark impregnate the world's consciousness that all may choose to align with a Higher Principle and evolve to a greater Spirituality. We are grateful that it is so.

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Reflections to Consider

BY JANET LOUPATTY, PANAMA



- **Enjoy the journey of your life,** and flow with it.
- Appreciate and truly live your **freedom** . . . freedom to be yourself, to express yourself, to travel, learn, live and work where you wish. Truly live your inner freedom, to allow yourself openness of mind and spirit so as not to limit your capabilities and energy. And remember responsibility and honor as an essential part of that freedom.
- **Always strive for the best in life.** Take hold of opportunities.
- Emphasize the **positive** over the negative. You can do and be and have whatever you think and believe you can.
- **Each morning as the sun rises, greet and honor the Universal Spirit of God** (the source, sustaining energy and power of life). In quietness of spirit, align yourself with the Divinity within you and become one with Pure Awareness.
- **Trust** that God's life is always within and around you. As you open yourself to that life, you will find what you are looking for – happiness, health, harmony, beauty, abundance, peace, love and understanding – all are within and around you.
- As your life changes, your way of honoring your Creator will change also; flow with that change . . . the surprises are delightful.
- The Spirit of Life is the **unlimited source of abundance** for all of your needs (physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, financial). Keep yourself open to receiving this abundance.
- Approve of yourself, **love yourself**, and have confidence in yourself – when you do – it will follow that others will approve of you, love you, and will have confidence in you.
- **Remain open, respectful and caring of others' ideas and lives,** even though you may not agree with them. We each have our own journey in life, and we each contribute to the whole. Command respect from others for your own life as well.
- **Take responsibility for your actions;** you are the one who controls your life, no one else. Learn from mistakes; admit wrongdoing; **forgive the past, yourself and others** and then move on with your life.
- Allow yourself and others to grow and change (**life is growth** and change), broadening your vision of life – intellectually and spiritually.
- **Harmony and balance** bring peace, eliminating disease and illness.
- Enjoy the bounty of the earth with **healthy foods** to enrich your body.
- Participate fully in the vitality and **lighthearted side of life.** It brings relaxation and child-like simplicity to life.
- **Move with nature,** not against it. There is much to learn from the natural world if you listen and observe – it is a gift to the soul.
- When your life journey is completed, and you are ready for passage to the next life, celebrate what you have accomplished here on earth, and **move on joyfully to the new life before you.** •

THANKSGIVING: An Attitude of Gratitude

Thanksgiving Day often reminds us of things we take for granted throughout the year, even necessities such as air and water. Appreciation and gratitude might be extended to the kind Native American Indians who taught and helped the pilgrims to survive in this land; to our forefathers in America, who listened to the voice within and tried to create a good place to live and grow; to the reformers who fought for the rights of one and all; to all things, for all things are from God.

Spiritualism teaches us that everyday is a day to express our gratitude to Infinite Intelligence for our wonderful lives. To be grateful to God is a magnificent healing power that draws, through Spiritual Laws, **Spiritual Blessings** to us. We know that the Kingdom of God only wants good for us and we acknowledge that good that is yet to come and give humble thanks to the Loving Source of All Life. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gifts." II Corinthians 9:15. Let us pray and be grateful.



A Thankful Prayer

by The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST

Infinite Intelligence, Loving Source of All, we give thanks for life and all things in it, for we know that everything is a blessing and a gift from You. We are grateful that the Universe supplies all that we need and we open ourselves to accept and receive that which is for our highest and best good. We celebrate the harvest of our lives and honor our future growth as we move closer to the Light, closer to You.

In gratitude and appreciation we lift our voices and ask that our hidden potentialities be uncovered that we may fulfill Your divine plan. May our eyes be further opened to the beauty of the Universe and the one-ness of all creation. Let the consciousness know Infinite Love and Law and then share this with others.

We offer a prayer of blessing and thanks for our wonderful spirit helpers who guide us so lovingly. We listen to our inner guidance and commit ourselves to doing only that which enriches the world and furthers love and harmony within it. Thank You, God, for your Higher Principle and for showing us the way to be more attuned with the Universe. So be it and so it is.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

When you arise in the morning,
give thanks for the morning light.
Give thanks for your life and your strength.
Give thanks for your food
and give thanks for the joy of living.
And if you see no reason for giving thanks,
rest assured the fault is in yourself.

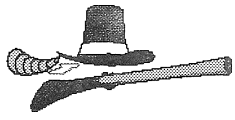
– Native American Sioux Indian

A Spiritualist's Prayer

by The Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST



Our Creator,
Which dwells within,
Beloved be Your name.
Your guidance come;
Your will be done
On earth,
As it is in spirit.
Give us this day
Our daily bread
And forgive us our errors,
As we forgive those who hurt us.
Evermore guide us into the light,
Delivering us from harm's way.
For You provide blessings
Of healing and love forever.
Amen.



Thanksgiving Prayer

by The Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST

Infinite Intelligence, fill me daily with the love and thanksgiving that overwhelm my heart.

I give thanks to thee at this special season, that I have been given the means to appreciate the true significance of this special season, and with this special holiday, I celebrate the joyous inner thanksgiving of knowing Thee.

I truly give thanks for my abundance. I pray for those less fortunate in our country and other countries around the world.

I give thanks that I am an American, that I live in this land of abundance. That I can worship freely in my own way. May I ever feel Thy presence near me and may I be caring and loving to others. For these privileges I give thanks. Amen.

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I Pray For . . .

by The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST



I pray for Peace throughout the entire world,
I pray for Love for all humanity,
I pray for Kindness and Understanding between the different races,
I pray for Patience when things seem most difficult,
I pray for Tolerance when we seem to have run out of patience,
I pray for Forgiveness when I have caused another discomfort of any sort,
I pray for Happiness for myself, my family and friends,
I pray for Health for myself, my family and friends,
I pray for Spiritualism and that the beauty it brings to all it reaches, continues to spread,
I pray for Understanding when someone does wrong to me,
I pray for the Strength to forgive others as I would be forgiven,
I pray for Knowledge and Guidance for all leaders, political, religious, and others, and finally
I pray for Friendship, since no-one can ever have enough friends.



Thanksgiving Prayer

by The Rev. Brenda J. Wittich

Divine, Loving Creator, we give thanks for the bountiful blessings given to us. Forgive us for taking all we receive for granted and remind us in our quiet moments so much is given which we are unmindful of, seen and unseen, known and unknown.

We ask your great blessings on our loved ones and spirit guides who give us unselfish love, comfort and guidance. By their examples, may we bless the lives of all whom we meet.

Help us to rededicate ourselves to living in spiritual accord, one with the other, allowing the highest expressions of Your light, law and love to manifest in all life with divine peace reigning supreme.

Aligned With Spirit

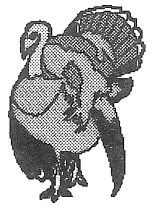
by Karen A. Tisler



Holy Spirit, You who make all things possible and show us the way, we give thanks for the knowledge that we live in a universe where everything is already provided, by asking we acknowledge it already exists. The desire to be in God's presence is being in God's presence. There is nowhere to go from there. The Truth of our being is that our desire for God is only the desire of God for us. For these and all things we stand illuminated in your Glory and are blessed with your perpetual Divinity. •

POETRY

Thanksgiving



By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

We walk on starry fields of white
And do not see the daisies;
For blessings common in our sight
We rarely offer praises.
We sigh for some supreme delight
To crown our lives with splendor,
And quite ignore our daily store
Of pleasures sweet and tender.

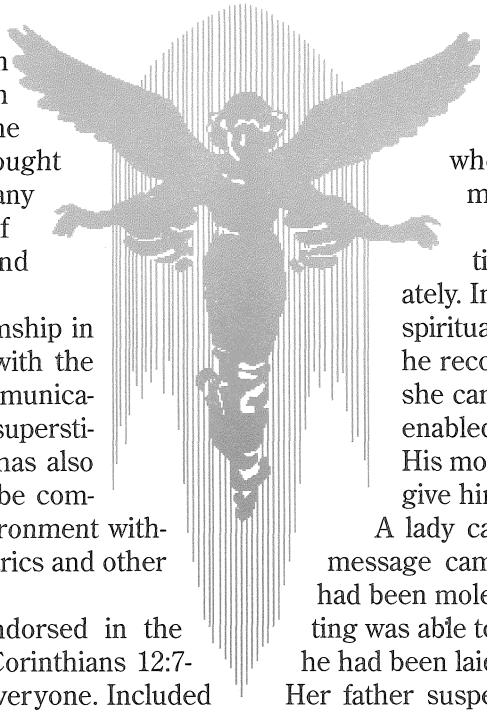
Our cares are bold and push their way
Upon our thought and feeling.
They hang about us all the day,
Our time from pleasure stealing.
So unobtrusive many a joy
We pass by and forget it,
But worry strives to own our lives
And conquers if we let it.

There's not a day in all the year
But holds some hidden pleasure,
And looking back, joys oft appear
To brim the past's wide measure.
But blessings are like friends, I hold,
Who love and labor near us.
We ought to raise our notes of praise
While living hearts can hear us.

We ought to make the moments notes
Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;
The hours and days a silent phrase
Of music we are living.
And so the theme should swell and grow
As weeks and months pass o'er us,
And rise sublime at this good time,
A grand Thanksgiving chorus.

MEDIUMSHIP
A Spiritual and Healing Perspective

BY BILL RIORDAN, UTAH



MEDIUMSHIP is an ability of an individual to communicate with those in another plane of existence. This plane can be physical or spiritual. The thought scares many. Yet an examination of any ancient religion reveals services of mediums were highly regarded and sought.

Why are so many afraid of mediumship in our culture? The thought of dealing with the unknown arises immediately. The communication concept has been surrounded by superstition and sensationalism. Mediumship has also been abused. Powers learned should be complemented with creating a proper environment without the necessity to resort to fear, theatrics and other unhealthy forms of motivation.

Proper use of mediumship is endorsed in the Judeo-Christian scriptures. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 describes spiritual gifts allotted to everyone. Included is the gift "to distinguish spirit." A similar scripture exists in Moroni 10:9-17. Many ask if "authority" is necessary to use the gift of mediumship to help others. In John 14:12 Jesus tells us, "He who believes in me, the works that I do, he shall also do." In 2 Corinthians 3:3 Paul recognizes the "authority" of heart felt compassion by writing, "The Law of Christ is not written on tablets of stone, but on fleshy tablets of the heart."

Several places in the book of John and Matthew, Jesus states His "authority" comes from "the indwelling Father." We all have an indwelling Father. Therefore, we all have access to use Spiritual gifts and/or be entrusted to those in bodily form who can administer them. Thus it is my belief that mediumship is a spiritual gift to help the bereaved and mediumship leads to healing.

It requires a substantial amount of physical and spiritual discipline to become a medium, for the mind requires stillness and peace, and one cannot tune in when preoccupied with personal trials and tribulations. A strong medium has a strong desire to be a tool of the Universe to assist another. Information received should not be tainted with judgement. An individual requesting assistance has to affirm the validity of his/her request and desire to be assisted.

Each experience in the use of mediumship to help another is unique. An owner of a radio station wished for this writer to come on as a talk show guest and answer caller's questions. He needed to first personally validate this whole idea. He deeply wished to contact his mother who had recently moved to the next plane of existence. In a private sitting, she did not come through immediately. Instead activities in his life which hurt his spiritual development came through. As soon as he recognized the detriment of these activities, she came through strongly. Thus, this meeting enabled him to continue his life on a better path. His mother, from her side of life, was allowed to give him guidance and healing, in spirit.

A lady came wishing to contact her father. The message came through that during childhood, she had been molested by her uncle. Her father, in this sitting was able to recount the circumstances. In essence, he had been laid off. Her uncle took in the whole family. Her father suspected the molestations were occurring, yet was extremely tormented due to his unemployment and need to support the family. He described the cap he wore in burial and why he cried the last week of hospitalization, before "death", every time he saw his daughter. He wanted to tell her how sorry he was but could not speak due to a stroke. The spiritual gift of mediumship allowed a healing to occur in both lives, on both planes of existence.

A college woman wished to contact her father. It was one year to the date he had moved on from this life. She was suicidal, feeling she was the cause of his death. In the sitting he showed this writer a mental image of a heart with an outgoing artery surrounded by white substance. It turned out that he in fact died of a stroke. He, with detail, described his own unhealthy lifestyle, attitudes and lack of spiritual perspective. This is what contributed to his death and not his daughter's different lifestyle. Here again two individuals, on two planes of learning, received a healing allowing their growth to continue.

An individual requested that I attend his funeral. It was a reward to quietly walk up to nearly thirty of his friends and relate private reflective times in their lives.

Sometimes a medium's desire to help cannot be as effective as the medium wishes. A person to whom this writer was to be married was sent from earth by a drunk driver. The Universe has allowed me to have contact with

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Two Views of the Afterlife

BY MARY LEITER, NEW YORK

Recently I attended a lecture in New York on Dante's *Inferno* given by a professor of medieval literature who is also a priest. Even though he was an educated person, his attitude seemed to be that the grotesque punishment of this hellish afterlife were really quite plausible. Even though he was a priest, the capricious morality of condemning an extremely diverse mixture of both trivial and seriously violent *sinners* to Hell did not strike him as arbitrary or unjust. Gluttons and tyrants, flatterers and arsonists, astrologers and murders, heretics and suicides, witches and traitors were all to suffer endlessly repeated punishments.

The priest's blind spot in regard to this capriciousness is understandable since the Church has always used the notion of Hell as the paramount weapon to enforce obedience. Only its priests could administer baptism which wipes away inherited original sin, and only they could offer absolution which saves a soul from the consequences of its own guilt. Further, the Church's authorities could threaten excommunication and anathema, thereby condemning a person to Hell even before death!

Contrary to the lecturer's intention, his discussion prompted me to consider the vastly more humane and rational conception of the afterlife promulgated by Spiritualism.

In the traditional view, after a divine judgment is rendered, the resulting vicious punishments are eternal, without any hope to change for the better. The deceased still retain their physical bodies which are constantly regenerated after mutilations, beheadings, flayings, etc., so that they can suffer these endless tortures more keenly. There is no second death to free them from sadistic retribution.

In the Spiritualist vision, the spirit of the deceased has detached itself from the gross physical body, and each individual consciousness is left to contemplate and judge its own earthly actions from a broader perspective. Any necessary expiation takes the form of service to others to compensate for the karmic debt incurred when alive. Thus reparation is made to serve the larger positive end of progress.

Unlike the miserable victims in the "Inferno," Spiritualist mediums have revealed that the souls of the departed do know what is happening on earth and are able to communicate with the living. Certain spirits are engaged in the useful work of suggesting new ideas for inventions, or artistic productions, or the solution of scientific problems. Some spirits are helping to educate those recently-arrived souls whose sudden transition, perhaps through accident or crime, leaves them unprepared for a productive afterlife. Still other spirits communicate with our earthly plane as guides and teachers to help us develop a better sense of purpose, a higher consciousness of how to develop our spiritual nature.

Unlike the dismal conception of a god who abandons his own creatures mercilessly, Spiritualism postulates an Infinite Intelligence that permeates life, inspiring and renewing individuals. There is faith in people's capacity to grow and change for the better. There is none of that abasement of human beings, those attempts to prove the unworthiness of sinners. There is also none of that sectarian intolerance that prohibits freedom of conscience and enjoys condemning heretics to eternal pain for their presumptuousness.

What an advance Spiritualism represents! There are no trivial dogmas to be violated with dire consequences. There is no vindictive judgment passed against people who have erred, and there is no institutionally sanctioned violence towards them. Finally it is not possible to shift responsibility for our actions to someone else who promises to save us from the consequences. These attitudes represent a nobler vision of morality and the afterlife than the fear-based one which Dante's poetry immortalized. •

A DAY OF LOVE

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST

The Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST and I were contacted by a mutual friend to see if we could possibly help her friend Judy. Many instances of phenomena had been happening in Judy's house and, while she didn't feel at all threatened, she was unnerved by these events. I, as the Curator and Rev. Lerch as the Secretary of the Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence, are both certified mediums and had been practicing these gifts for many years. As a result we both have had experience in similar situations in the past.

Rev. Lerch and I went to the house to look into this and to try to contact the entities and find out the reason for this activity. After introducing ourselves and discussing the situation, Judy took us on a tour of her home and showed us where all of the phenomena occurred. We were amazed at what had been happening! Truly we were convinced that there was much spirit activity. We found that:

- the alarm system beeped for no obvious reason;
- vertical blinds swayed as if a hand had brushed across them;
- a ceiling fan's chain would sway from side to side as it gently tinkled against the hanging lights while no fans or other means of air motion were there;
- noises were heard on different floors;
- three lawn chairs scooted across the patio in full view of Judy and her husband;
- pounding was heard on their front door at 5:00 a.m.;
- red and yellow lights would flash in the upstairs hallway with no apparent source;
- blood spots were found on doors on two different occasions;
- the dog would bark and his hair would raise up;
- after finding bloody paw-prints in the driveway they took the dog to a vet and found a clean slice on one of his paws;
- their 24-year-old daughter had a dream of a man hurting a little boy at the creek behind the house.



Other things also had been happening, but these should give you a good idea of the situation.

We walked outside to the creek, and after a very short time both Rev. Lerch and I felt a terrible and negative vibration in one particular area. If something had happened at the creek, we surely had found the location. We then went into the house and agreed on a spot in the hallway (where the lights had been appearing) for a sitting in an attempt to contact the spirit or spirits that were responsible for these happenings.

Note: All of the words that were spoken and included here, were transcribed directly from the tape cassette recorder that we had on during the sitting, so they are exactly as spoken. As I relate the happenings, I will use initials to indicate the person speaking at any particular time. For example, **BB** will indicate me, the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, **JKL** will indicate the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, and **JUDY** will indicate Judy, the owner of the house.

I began the sitting with a prayer asking our spirit guides to protect us, each one of us, and to help us in our quest.

BB: We're here to help whoever those entities or entity may be. If there's something that needs to be told, something that needs to be uncovered or revealed, we're here to help and we want to help those spirits find their way, find their way to go back to the Spirit World, or to go on to the Spirit World.

So we ask for signs, we ask for communication of any sort to help us in our efforts to assist these spirit entities. We're here with love and affection, and a willingness and an eagerness to assist them. We want to know what their needs are, and to offer any help that we possibly can.

We want to allow these entities to go on, to go about the rest of their existence, to go on to happiness, so they don't have to spend their time trying to communicate.

So we're here, and three of us are open and receptive to this communication and we are ready and willing.

We'll sit in the silence now, and if either one of us are impressed by our thoughts we will speak them out. We do ask for signs from our spirit friends that they are here, and we ask for the communication to begin. We now sit and continue our good thoughts and prayers, and our wish for help.

A few moments elapsed and I was impressed that we should open our eyes, as long as we kept our thoughts on what we were there for, so that we might see something. I then felt a presence and was impressed that they were bringing

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Jeannie into a trance.

BB: We can open our eyes so that we may see something. Jeannie, are they bringing you into trance?

JKL: Yes, so I'd like to keep my eyes closed.

BB: Okay.

A minute or so elapsed as Jeannie fell into a deep trance state. The instrument (Jeannie) began to sob, softly at first, and then more loudly and with a lot of emotion as her hands went to her throat. It was a child's spirit that was there, one that had been choked to death. I will refer to the child as CHILD when he speaks, even though the spirit was now using Rev. Lerch's body.

CHILD: (Sobbing and obviously greatly frightened): I want to . . . I want to speak. I want to call the man Uncle . . ., but he's not . . .

BB: It's okay, we're here to help, we're here to help. What was uncle's name? Do you remember his name?

CHILD: I called him Uncle Teddy, Uncle Teddy.

BB: Was he really your uncle?

CHILD: No. No. I called him uncle, he wasn't. He was a boyfriend of mommy.

BB: He's not here is he? He's gone. I mean he's still alive but not here?

CHILD: No, he's not. I trusted him.

BB: Did you want to let people know about this?

CHILD: . . . I scared.

BB: Haven't other people come to you and tried to help you to go along with them?

CHILD: Yeah, I don't know who they are.

BB: But don't they tell you they love you, and want to be with you and help you?

CHILD: Sobbing . . .

BB: Now are you trying to tell these people what happened to you? Is that why you're visiting this house? Is that what you want, or do you want something else?

CHILD: She looks like my mommy.

BB: Judy looks like your mommy? She reminds you of your mommy? Do you want her to know that you just didn't run away? Or something else?

CHILD: I don't want to leave mommy. I think I'll stay by mommy, because I don't know who these other people are and I look, I feel strong . . .

BB: Because she reminds you of your mommy? Well okay. We understand that and so does she, and she wants to help you too.

CHILD: And I like the puppy dog, the big one in there (looking towards the closed door to the next room), the big one in there.

BB: He likes you too.

CHILD: I like to spend time with him.

BB: Now you know, as much as the family here like you, and wants to help you, you just can't make your appearance, and you move things around. Sometimes it disturbs people because they can't all see you. Do you know that?

They love you here, the family loves you and they want to do the best for you, but you can't keep disturbing them. They have their family, they have to go on, and you know, you have people that . . . The entities that come to you. Did any of them tell you they love you? Did they? Do you recognize anyone?

How about a grandmother or grandfather? Did your grandmother go to the Spirit World, or is she too young? You're too young to know, aren't you?

CHILD: The lady said she was my grandmother, I didn't know her.

BB: Do you know what she looked like?

CHILD: She was . . . old lady.

BB: Was she nice?

CHILD: Oh, she was nice, she was nice.

BB: And she said she wanted to help you?

CHILD: And she kept reaching, you know, and asking me to take her hand. But I didn't know who she was.

BB: Okay. Now we here, we are



going to ask our spirit guides to come to you and to work with your friends in the Spirit World. To help you and protect you, and our guides will do that. You know that don't you? Do you know that?

Do you trust us? The three of us sitting here? How do you feel with us?

CHILD: I trust you.

BB: Do you trust all of us? I know that you love Judy, because she is like your mommy, but what about the other two? Do you trust the other two of us? Now you think about it, go ahead, you can think about it.

Now Judy is going to ask her guides too to help you.

JUDY: Please dear guides, help this child in every way that you can.

BB: And they're going to help and protect you. So when grandmother comes, and we're going to ask her to come back, in fact, you call to her, ask her to come back, and our spirit guides are all going to be with you. And they're going to help you go along, and you're going to be with people who really love you, just like Judy and her family does. But they have to have their life, and you are going to go on with your family in the Spirit World. Do you understand that? Do you know what that means?

What that man did to you was not very nice, but you have so many people that love you, that want to help you.

Can you call to your grandmother? Can you ask her to come? Would you?

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That nice lady who tried to reach out to you? You have to reach back to her though. Now when she reaches out to you, you reach back. Okay?

Now remember all three of us here are sending you a lot of love, and we're asking our guides, our spirit guides to be with you, to help you and to protect you. So you can feel very safe. In fact, the three of us are protecting you, it's the same thing. Does that make you feel good?

Okay now, you have to reach out and call grandmother, and when she reaches to you, you have to reach back. Do you understand that? Are you afraid to do that? You're afraid to do that aren't you?

Now remember what I said. You have protection. It's like the three of us are here and we all love you and we all want to help you. So don't be afraid now. You have to convince yourself that it's okay for you to ask for help, and you have a grandmother. Remember what I told you, when she reaches out to you, remember how she reached out? Do you?

CHILD: Yes, I remember.

BB: You reach back and you take her hand and let her lead you and she is going to help you. She's going to take you to a nice place where you will be very happy and won't be lonely.

CHILD: She's here.

BB: She's here now? Okay, tell her you love her. And she loves you! I'll bet she told you that already.

CHILD: Yes, she did.

BB: How do you feel with her now? Do you feel comfortable with her? Do you?

CHILD: She's nice.

BB: She's a nice lady, she loves you a lot. You ask her if she likes us. Ask her if she likes all three of us. Go ahead, and tell me what she says.

CHILD: She likes you.

BB: Okay, she knows we want to help you, and all our friends are there with you. All our spirit friends are with you.

Can you go with her now? Does she want you to go with her?

Okay, now you feel very safe because you are safe and she is going to protect you, and so are our guides. They're all going to protect and work with you. They're going to protect you and make you very happy.

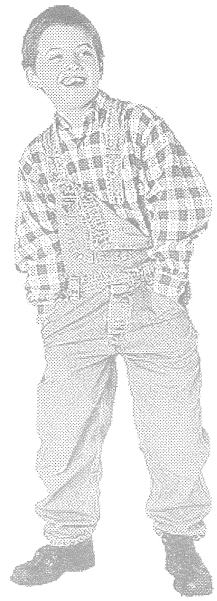
Now your grandmother is going to take you to a nice place and you're going to meet so many nice friends and you're not going to be lonely.

Now Judy is not worried that you're going to leave her, because she wants you to be happy too. She knows you love her and she knows why. But she wants you to be happy and go on. Is that right Judy?

JUDY: Yes it is. Please go on, please go on.

BB: Do you want us to do anything else? I know the man left, he's not here. When I say 'not here' he's not around at all. I don't know what else to do. I know the name "Ted" because I got that name from my guides before the instrument (JKL) said the name, and I'm so happy for the verification. But I don't know if there's anything we can do to prove it, so maybe you can let go of that and say it was a terrible thing he did but you're going to forgive him and you're going to go on with your grandmother and go to a happy place. Can you try to do that?

Note: While I was talking, Jeannie had come out of the trance.



JKL: (Spoken very softly and out of the trance): He's gone!

BB: He's gone? Oh, the spirit has gone. Bless him.

The three of us then discussed the happenings in great detail, and we **ALL** shed tears. Tears of very deep emotion since all of our hearts were touched by this poor frightened and lost little boy, who had found a lady that looked like his mother, and did all that he could to get her attention. He sought the comfort and security of a loving mother, and Judy was the one he found!

Was this a day of love? Well the three of us feel so blessed that we were a part of this, that the feeling of gratitude and love for this poor little guy, was as strong as any other love could possibly be!

We deeply thank our spirit loved ones, that we were able to help this little lost spirit find his place in the great Spirit World. •

Idealism is not dead, it lies dormant within all people.
It is the responsibility of those of us who possess it
to assist in awakening it in others.
We must dream our lofty dreams and see them fulfilled.

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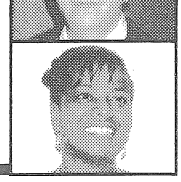
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DIRECTORY OF NSAC CHARTERED CHURCHES & AUXILIARIES

• 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, 85308-2325; Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Call about Classes Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Shelia Mazar, (602) 507-6108.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, NSAC
1522 Encanto Blvd., 85007; Pastor, 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 •

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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., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt; Pastor, 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, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; 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 - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: 27124 Cole St., Highland, 92346; Sun. Serv. & Healing 11:00 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, NSAC
"The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Sunday; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 4504 Independence Rd., Glencoe, 95232-0310, (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.

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

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, 06320; (860) 440-3150; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Tues Healing Class open to the public 7:30 p.m., Thurs. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 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
June - early Sept. Services, Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 p.m. For a program listing all Summer activities, call (860) 739-2157 or write to: Secy., Rev. Virginia J. Berg, 1280 Class Ave., Holbrook, NY, 11741-3902.

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; Pres., Carol Vierbuchen Gallion, 114 Wilmar Pl., N.W., Vienna, VA 22180-4527, (703) 281-7149; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

• FLORIDA •

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857-1043); 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, 32707-3805, (407) 834-5378; Co-Pastor and Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

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• ILLINOIS •

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, (630) 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 Tenczar.

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 Washington 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., A. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, 60628, (312) 995-1911; Pres., Joseph Guice.

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
Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Dr., Indianapolis, 46214, (317) 248-9639.

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 Spiritual Science Church
519 South Leeds Ave., 46203-1419; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Worship Serv. at 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Night Serv. 7:00 p.m.; 5th Sun. of each month is All Message Service and dinner; 3rd Sat. of each month is reading day; Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, 46224-2140, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Mary E. Galloway, 6709 Southeastern Ave., 46203-5837, (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; 1997 Camp Season, July 5 through August 16; 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, (319) 324-9659; 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.; Pres. & Lyceum Conductor, Anita Buchholz; (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803-4240, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Nancy Speer.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, Rt. 1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR #2, Box 5055, Carmel, 04419; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RR 1, Box 575-17, Poland, 04273.

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 Camp
Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan; Pres., Zella Longly, (207) 465-3310; Secy., John Davidson, (207) 877-2204, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901-6214.

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 p.m., 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.

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., Georgette Biscari, 49 Anthony St., Acushnet, 02743, (508) 994-9145.

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 15, 1997 through Sept. 7,1997; Annual Retreat July 13-18, 1997; 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., Sharon Szukis; 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; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 225-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Maureen Florés, 416 Laurel Ave., 55102, (612) 222-5171; Minister, Rev. Paula Kuether, (612) 529-0530.

• 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.

• 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: Box 82134, 89180-2134; Tel. or Fax (702) 257-7506; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, Tues. evenings; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Brandi Wien.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 2089, 03079-1147; 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, 03079-1147, (603) 887-2557.

• NEW JERSEY •

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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.

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.

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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) 10:30 a.m. Alternate Sun. Lily Dale Auditorium (July & Aug.), Lyceum 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-June); Karen Payne, Director; Church Pres., Bruce Kaus; Secy., Karen Payne; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., 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, 2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Tom Hyldahl, (716) 359-2996.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 253, Ashley, 43003.

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

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COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
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2272 Newgate Ave., 45420, (513) 256-2129.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
667 Henry St., 43302-6137; Sun. Serv., 2:30 p.m., Thurs. Message Serv., 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Robert Hull, 316 Franklin St., 43302-4020, (614) 387-8887; Secy., Miriam Mansur, c/o church..

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1306 S.W. 38; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial, NSAC
1123 Oak St., 18102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Ludwig L. Zernicek, LM, P.O. Box 329, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0329, (908) 479-1772; Pres., Sharon George, 202 N. 8th St., 18102, (610) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, P.O. Box 329, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0329, (908) 479-1772.

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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SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, NSAC
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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 •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association
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• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
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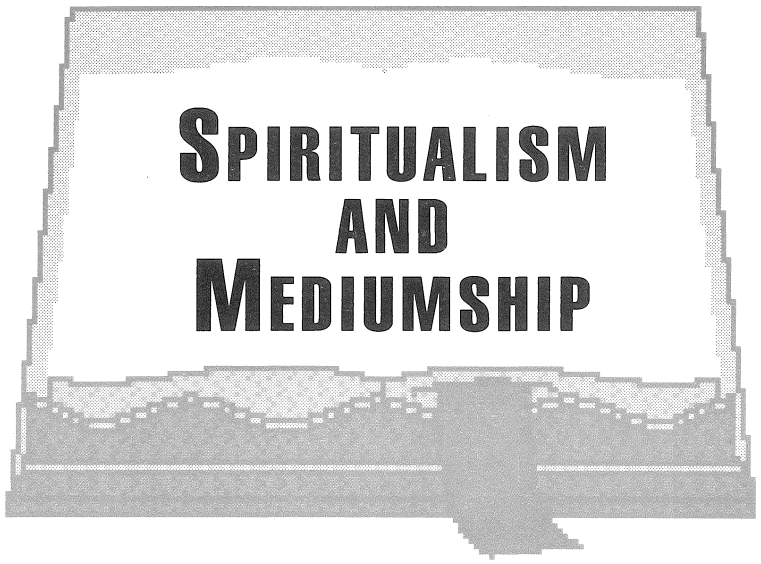
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10 Nothing can move me from God.	**11** My participation in life is unique and important.	**12** My talents are God-given.	**13** There is awe in the greatness of the planet earth.	**14** My thoughts and deeds proceed from the Light within me.	**15** There is one Mind and It expresses through all It's creations.	**16** I am strong only as I am in unity with good, which is God.
17 Infinite Intelligence is the power, there is no other.	**18** I relax with the presence of Spirit within me.	**19** The invisible Spirit permeates everything seen and unseen.	**20** I look for the evidence of loving kindness in others and in life.	**21** All things are possible with Infinite Spirit so I do not limit myself.	**22** My body listens to my ideas and instructions, then carries them out.	**23** My attitudes, desires and intentions are to be loving.
24 Today I choose to think healthy and prosperous thoughts.	**25** My sense of purpose leads me on a spiritual path.	**26** I am in partnership with God, the Source of my being.	**27** I investigate Nature more deeply and enjoy her beauty.	**28** Thank you, Infinite Spirit, for life's abundance and blessings.	**29** When I go within, I find the peace and joy of the Almighty.	**30** God is All!



Let us give Thanks...



SPIRITUALISM AND MEDIUMSHIP



BY THE REV. ANNE J. SUMPER, B.A., M.S.C., NEW YORK

Oftentimes people come up to me and ask me how I receive mediumistic information. To answer this, let me explain, as best I can, about mediumship and my adopted religion, Spiritualism. A medium, by definition, is "one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World." Mediumship is the ability to communicate with those on the "other side."

Mediumship is as old as time. The Bible is full of references to it, such as "Corinthians, 1:12." The gifts of mediumship are given to us as our divine birthright, and there are quite a number of gifts. First of all, one's entire organism, i.e. body, mind and spirit, becomes sensitive to input from spirit. If I am reading for a client, who for instance has a toothache, I will most likely get a pain in my own tooth for an instant. If I read for someone whose grandmother had arthritis in her hands, my own hands will ache momentarily if that spirit wants to "come in" for the client and identify itself. A person who has passed over may identify him/herself with the physical condition they had while they were alive.

Probably the most well-known of the gifts of spirit is clairvoyance, or 'clear seeing.' Subjective clairvoyance is seeing the images in the mind's eye, a more inward type of ability. Objective clairvoyance is seeing a manifestation just as though it were in front of one, as clear as talking to another person. The very first time I saw objectively was in a development class, in complete darkness. Suddenly a door manifested in front of me. It was blue, swathed in a blue swirling mist, just like those special effects one sees on television! I took off my glasses and rubbed my eyes. The door was still there. I stared at it for awhile and it slowly dissolved away. Since I had never "seen" anything before, it sure convinced me that there was more to all of this than meets the eye, so to speak!

Another of the spiritual gifts is clairsentience, or clear knowing/sensing. According to Rev. Edward Lester Thorne in his pamphlet, *Development of Mediumship,* clairsentience is "receiving mental impressions directly from spirit without sound or vision," and is "just as authoritative as clairvoyance or clairaudience," the latter being the gift of clear hearing. Again, according to Rev. Thorne, "often one of the first manifestations of clairaudience is hearing one's name called." This usually occurs when one is in a very relaxed state, perhaps drifting off to sleep or just awakening.

Other gifts include healing, materialization, automatic writing, clairgustience (clear tasting) and clairalience (clear smelling), full and semi-trance as well as independent voice and trumpet. Some individuals are blessed with "x-ray clairvoyance" or the ability to see into the body and pick up on physical conditions.

Now Spiritualism, according to *The Spiritualist Manual,* is "the Science, Philosophy and Religion of continuous life, based upon the demonstrated fact of communication, by means of mediumship, with those who live in the Spirit World." And a Spiritualist "is one who believes, as part of his or her Religion, in the communication between this and the Spirit World by means of mediumship, and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teaching derived from such communication." There are nine principles of Spiritualism and the one that distinguishes Spiritualism from other religions is the fifth principle which affirms that "communication with the so-called 'dead' is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism."

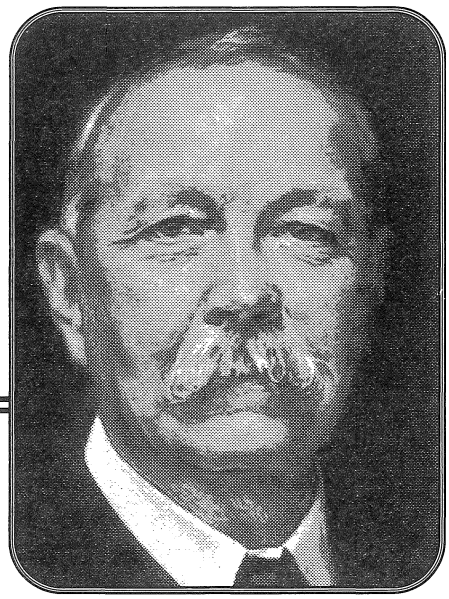
From its rather sensationalist beginnings in 1848 in the small town of Hydesville in upper New York State, and the national and world tours by the Fox sisters, Spiritualism has evolved into a viable alternative to the religions of today. Ask someone what he or she thinks of Spiritualism, and visions of seance rooms and tables flying around the room are conjured up. This is only a small part of this religion.

Spiritualism allows people to develop according to their given gifts and abilities and provides much comfort in that people can communicate with their loved ones in spirit and receive hope and inspiration to carry on here in the earth plane. As long as we remember that God is Love and that we are here to serve as a "channel of blessings" to others, we will always be on the right track. •

He was one of the greatest pioneers ever:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

BY PRISCILLA CLOUGH



SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

His fame reached international acclaim. He was a man of ideals and action, whose fame grew to make him a legend within his own time. And this has always proved to be history's greatest tribute – to acclaim a living man a legend. Even his written works continue to be legendary. Who has not read a book on the famous London detective Sherlock Holmes, or at least attended a play about this remarkable intellectual genius?

Born of Irish parents May 22, 1859, the child who would later be knighted as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, was destined to spend his early years in Jesuit studies. He was born at Picardy Place, Edinburgh, Scotland. Arthur attended Jesuit schools for nine years. He was then transferred to Edinburgh University, where in 1881 he received his degree in medicine.

One of the early characterizations about him which remained true throughout his life was written by Hesketh Pearson. He was cited as an individual filled with chivalry, pride, perseverance, who displayed a remarkable ability for stubborness and yet found time for good humor.

His father was the last of four sons, all Dublin born. They were James, Henry, Richard and Charles. All four seemed blessed with good and practical talents, and were destined to hold their own in society.

James authored the *Chronicles of England*, and the *Official Baronage of England*. The second son, Henry, whose eye for detail brought him position and wealth, became an appraiser of old master pieces, and eventually assumed the post of manager of the National Gallery in Dublin. The talents of Richard's artistic hands were displayed through illustrations in the *Newcomes* and one of England's most widely read publications, *Punch*. The last born was Charles. He was the least prosperous, raising only to the position of government agent. His financial status and success in the business world was never an indication of his many and varied talents. Aside from his greatest love, painting, at which he spent many an evening hour, he was highly accomplished.

It was Charles, the fourth son, who, in time would meet and marry Mary Foley, the future mother of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Her heritage dated back to the Plantagenets, an old and established line.

Young Arthur's early childhood was typical of children raised under Jesuit teachings. He began school at seven. Later he attended Hodder, a Jesuit training school. An eventually it was off to Stonyhurst, a catholic camp. By sixteen, Arthur had achieved scholarly honors in the London Matric. He was a bright, intelligent and inquisitive youth who welcomed each new educational pursuit.

Although his schooling was directed along medical lines, it was five years after he attended a seminary in Feldkirch, Austria in 1876, that he opened his office in Southsea, England, to begin serving the public as an eye specialist. Patients were few from the community, and afforded Arthur a meager living. His specialty was proving to be anything but lucrative. This less than attractive status quo caused him to broaden his horizons through other talents. He turned to the pen. This new career began when he wrote *A Study in Scarlett,* and gave life to the invincible character of Sherlock Holmes. Arthur modeled his 'man' after Dr. Joseph Bell of the Edinburgh Infirmary. But to make the detective unique, he added a number of human weaknesses and idiosyncrasies, thus far surpassing the original model.

He sold this first book, but not without great effort. It seems that English publishers were lacking in foresight, unaware of the eventual fame this character would have internationally. The manuscript went for 25 pounds. At that time the sum represented about $125.

Arthur's writings reflected the influence of a number of men who also had gained fame through the pen. They included Sir Walter Scott, Charles Reade, MacCauley and Edgar Allen Poe.

He even wrote a romantic novel, *The White Company.*

The year 1894, was a memorable one for him. It was the occasion when he visited Rudyard Kipling in the U.S. Arthur toured (from Boston to Washington and New York

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to Chicago) giving forty readings of his works.

He played golf here when the game was virtually unknown. In 1894, he summered at Malaga and later journeyed to Davas where he introduced skiing to the Swiss. It quickly became their favorite pastime.

Every major event from 1859 to 1930 occupied his attention as is evident in the precedence given in his stories.

In 1885, he married Louise Hawkins. About the same time his sister Annette died in Portugal. This marked the beginning of his belief in Spiritualism.

One of his patients, General Drayson, an astronomer and mathematician, was the first to speak out of Arthur's interest in the subject. During a seance at the General's house, a dining room table rose in the air and demonstrated communication through raps. The table rappings spelled answers to questions posed by members in the seance.

It was General Drayson's belief that ectoplasm (which surrounds a spirit) could actually be photographed. Another advocate, Sir Oliver Lodge, joined with him in sharing his interest in psychic phenomena. In 1905, Doyle received an L.L.D. from Edinburg University.



Lady Doyle passed away the morning of July 4, 1906. The following September 18, 1907, Arthur married Miss Jean Leckie in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

He started his new lease of life by buying a home in Sussex to be near Jean's family.

By his first marriage he had two children, Kingsley and Mary. The second marriage produced three children, Dennis Percy Stewart Conan, Adrian Malcolm Leckie and Lena Jean.

In 1915, the *International Psychic Gazette* addressed the following question to a group of prominent men which included Sir Doyle. "What would you say in consolation to those in grief?"

Conan's reply was, "I can say nothing worth saying. Time is the only healer."

It was through Jean's best friend, Lily Loder, who shared the Doyle's home at Windlesham that Arthur's interest was really provoked into investigating occurrences by the psychic world. He claimed she received messages from her three brothers killed at Ypres, France, to his son Malcolm Leckie.

These messages convinced Doyle of her genuine ability. It is also the prime reason why he became an ardent Spiritualist. Among other gifts, she developed automatic writing, a gift which Jean and her children also shared.

Kingsley returned home from the war an invalid. The wounds he had received at Sommes, France, left him so weakened that he succumbed to influenza in 1918. Another death, February 1919, was that of Innes Doyle, Arthur's brother. He contracted pneumonia. The loss of these loved ones led Doyle on in his search for truth.

"The soul survives death," he claimed, "not as disembodied spirit, but in an etheric body which resembled the individual at the best period of one's earthly life. In this form the soul could return with the aid of a medium whose own personality left its body to make room for the visitor."

In London he opened a psychical bookshop with his daughter, Mary, and at the age of sixty, he gave up fiction and devoted himself exclusively to the cause of Spiritualism.

According to history, he appeared on the Public Platform in Great Britain, and Australia in 1930, America in 1922 and 1923 and in South Africa in 1928. His generous nature led him to deduct travelling expenses but he contributed the rest to the cause of Spiritualism.

A fighter from birth, he was attacked by scientists, Freethinkers, Catholics, Protestants, slavers and nonthinkers in his pursuit. In the month of March, 1930, an incident occurred which caused him to resign from the Society of Physical Research in England after a membership of twenty-six years. Earlier the society had refuted seances in Millesimo Castle, performed by an Italian Marquis medium.

On July first, Doyle reported to the Home secretary of England, M. J. R. Clyne, and made a speech urging the repeal of a law which punished mediums and their patrons with imprisonment. It was his last act of justice.

After a trip to Copenhagen, he was taken to a hospital with a pain in his chest. He returned to Windlesham where he died on July 7, 1930 following an attack of angina.

A Memorial Service was conducted at London's Albert Hall and a burial service followed in the Rose Garden at Windlesham. His body was buried in the churchyard of All Saints at Minsted in New Forest.

In his lifetime many notables favored him with their friendship. To name just a few, Villylmur Stefansson, Rudyard Kipling, William Burns of the U. S. Civil Service and from Allan Pinkerton's Detective Service Agency. He was knighted for his defense of the British cause in the Boer War in Africa.

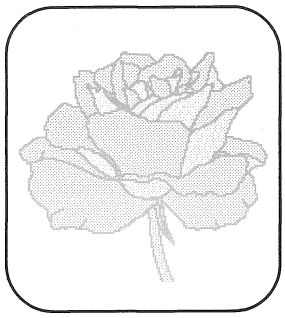
His own epitaph is a simple tribute to the man.

"I have wrought my simple plan
If I gave one hour of joy
To the boy who's half a man
Or the man who's half a boy."

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CLASSIFYING



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* **Leonard Proctor** *of the Chapel of Spiritual Awareness in Denver, Colorado.*

Classifying subject matter is the process of arranging data in some kind of organized form. This knowledge is then grouped together to create a system of classes that are relevant to a specific subject. The categories listed under these classes tend to share common attributes or similar characteristics related to their topics. The purpose, however, is to structure a system of classification that is precise and constant, and perhaps create a clearer picture of the subject matter.

There are two main parts to consider when classifying data. They are the classes the data falls into, and the arrangement they are placed in. These two segments become the means to organize the many different classes of knowledge regarding the knowledge of life and matter.

The classification of psychic phenomena also falls under the same process and guidelines. Because of the vast amount of subjects and wealth of knowledge, the need for an understandable system of classification was developed. In classifying psychic phenomena, mediumship was divided in two main classes – the physical and the mental. The former relating to anything objective in nature that affects all physical matter and is observed or felt by the five physical senses. The later being subject in manner that affects the intellectual capacity or the minds of individuals, and is observed through the intuitive senses that are internal. These two classes of mediumship are known to overlap with respect to their meaning of what the phenomena might be, and sometimes tend to become a part of both classes. But for all practical purposes, the class of physical mediumship is separated from the mental mediumship by how it is perceived in relation with humanity.

The accumulation of psychic phenomena constitutes a wealth of knowledge and basically the raw material which comprises the scientific aspect of Modern Spiritualism. Some early attempts to develop a system of classification for the different kinds of phenomena and forms of mediumship were developed by Andrew Jackson Davis, Sir William Crookes, and Rev. E. W. Sprague. Each had their own interpretation of this phenomena and organized their material according to what they felt applicable to their time or what they thought others could understand. Their methods were based upon the experience of observing this phenomena, or through the actual experience of a specific manifestation.

Mr. Davis gave us our first system of classification beginning with the classes of Outward and Inward. At a later date, he expanded these and added Onward and Upward. These first classes, more or less, represent the progress of succeeding phenomena that is a step upward toward a greater spirituality in an individual. He gave references from the volume of corresponding phenomena already written in the Bible, and then proceeded to organize all his material into classes of mediumship. Owing to his preeminent development, Mr. Davis introduced new terms and meanings in his table of explanations that were somewhat difficult to conceive or understand at that time. The reason, as he stated, was that the total wonders of psychic phenomena were not yet revealed to mankind. He then began his process of comparing other phenomena of the same order to determine the class they belong in. Each category was placed as to how it related to the subject of spiritual progression.

Mr. Crookes organized his classes of phenomena from what he observed with his physical senses. In his process of gathering knowledge, he stated, "There are some circumstances with all this phenomena that indicates an agency of an outside intelligence not belonging to any human being." His intention was to organize his accumulated information of psychic phenomena into some sort of scientific order with the object of tracing the Natural Law that caused the phenomena, and define the forces behind them. His sights were to set some guidelines with his classes of information so that other people could describe what they saw or experienced as he did. The method he chose to classify his data was based upon the observance of physical conditions that were pertinent to the specific manifestation, and the behavior of mediums in their relationships with the general public. He also felt some of the phenomena was too complicated to be included in his classifications.

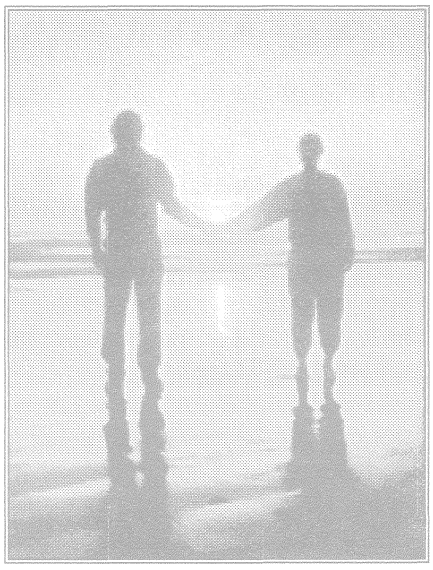
The late Rev. E. W. Sprague contributed a unique style of classification that was published in his book, *Spirit Mediumship And How To Develop It.* With his different style, he suggested that all psychic phenomena be divided into two classes, the physical and the mental. The terms that he used to classify his categories forms the basis of psychic phenomena which have been accepted and endorsed by the religion of Modern Spiritualism. He also introduced some rare and unusual phenomena.

The use and methods of applying the techniques of classifying data from the old structured systems have stimulated the quest to update these classifications and add more information, or perhaps subtract from them. Adding new

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When We First Come To Spiritualism . . .

BY THE REV. ANN OTZELBERGER, NST, FLORIDA



Many Spiritualists, when telling what brought them into the religion of Spiritualism, say they were searching for a religion that **makes sense**. Most of us were brought up in another religion and taught to be a good person. Everyone has some good in them, it just needs some work to bring that good out and this was sometimes lost in the dogmas and creeds and ideas of a religion.

We Spiritualist's base our religion on different ideas than the Christian, or the Hebrew, or the Buddhist, so when we change from one religion to Spiritualism it is a sort of rebirth. (This is not to be compared to a born again Christian.) In order to be a true Spiritualist we must let go of many of the religious ideas we were taught as a child and begin again.

One example would be the idea that heaven is a place with the streets all paved with gold. My communication, with Spirit guides and loved ones, tells me that in fact gold in the Spirit World has very little value and is not important to those who have made the transition called death.

Spiritualists view prosperity in the light of personal responsibility, productivity and happiness, and riches and wealth take on a completely different meaning to us as we grow in our knowledge of both planes of existence. We do need material possessions in the physical world and it is not wrong for us to acquire any of the material effects in this life, as long as we do not hurt other people for our material gain. We need to keep in mind the Natural Laws of Compensation and Cause and Effect. We will not receive material or Spiritual enrichment if we just sit on our laurels and wait for something to happen to or for us. What we put out we will get back, this we know, it is a Natural Law. This tells us that when we give to others, when we share our love and our material possessions, we will receive these back, and we receive back many times more than we gave out.

In this day and age many people seem to be having financial problems. They need to make some change, take responsibility and here are some clues that may help them get on their feet again. Some people have gotten into debt with the ever present, ever ready credit cards. Until the debt is cleared, cut the cards up and return them to the company, then work to pay the bills off, paying some extra each month if possible to speed the process. Adding extra to the principle of a home mortgage, a credit card payment or any interest payment will cut months or years off the interest. An especially important principle of financial success is to be fair in all of your dealings with other people. Remember money is an exchange and God is our Source of all we need.

Our Spiritual growth must be looked at and a plan formed to help us grow Spiritually. Meditation and prayer are extremely important for spiritual growth and development.

If you find it difficult to meditate, start by putting aside only 30 minutes each day, use this time to relax, to allow your mind to go into meditation. Set aside the time to come to church, and use the meditation time there to help you get started, or enroll in a class in your church. These things will help you grow. Try to arrange 15 to 30 minutes each day at home when you begin, if that is all the time you can arrange, but do not let other things stand in your way . . . make the time. Make your meditation quality meditation. Learn to relax and let yourself go. Allow your Spirit guides to come to you and help you. Start to read . . . education is valuable in your Spiritual growth. Reading and classes will help you become more aware – there is great value in discipline if you will use it for your material or Spiritual growth. We should understand the value and importance of continuity in our lives.

Starting to get involved in many activities at one time may scatter the power of the mind over too great an area and the result is usually failure. We can cultivate no quality more essential to our Spiritual well being than that of finishing what we begin. Success can never be achieved in the material world without at least a reasonable development of the power of continuity.

We must recognize our debt to society. If in our zeal to unfold our Spiritual nature, we neglect those daily labors which have been assigned to us in the material world, we can never hope to attain true Spirituality. Each individual born into the physical world has obligations which if not assumed by them must be carried by others.

In this world it is necessary first to earn the right to leisure time which is necessary for personal improvement and growth. We need to face and settle each problem in our life. The duties of daily life are the elements that build character, and those unable to cope with them are as unable to grow Spiritually as they are materially.

Those who study unfoldment hoping to improve their material condition, fail utterly. Perfect unselfishness is perfect consecration to the service of the one Universal God within Self.

There is a story in the *New Testament* about three men

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MEDIUMSHIP - A SPIRITUAL AND HEALING PERSPECTIVE

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her in dreams, astral projection and a Near Death Experience. My ability to contact her for the rest of her family has been limited. It is a momentary disappointment for the medium not to be seemingly effective in one case as opposed to another. Mediums cannot provide all the answers and are only ambassadors to the unseen world. The Spirit World knows what we need to help another and additional subtle messages can come directly to the person or through another, not necessarily a medium. Some questions can not be answered, if the answer is provided, the information could inhibit a previously planned learning experience on earth.

An application of mediumship and its extensive results point toward an ultimate Truth. We are All One. Gender, age and earth plane status are all delusions steering us away from Truth.

Look to mediumship as a healing spiritual gift. It should not be regarded with worldly sensation, the path to the Divine is not a circus. Mediumship is a healing gift to help us discover our real identity and role in the difficult school of material existence. •

MONTHLY

Jest Joking...

From a railroad journal this advice:

"A good father, finding his son on the wrong track, should institute switching procedures."



It has been reported if you want to see a shorter Winter, borrow some money due in the Spring.



"You should not only brush your teeth each day, but you should brush your brain to get the cobwebs out."

– George W. Crane

WHEN WE FIRST COME TO SPIRITUALISM...

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who were given talents. The first man was given five talents, the second man was given two talents, the third man was given one talent. These men were then given time to see what they would do with their talents. The first man worked and was able to double his talents from five to ten, the second man doubled his talents from two to four, and the third man buried his talent so he would not lose it and therefore only kept the one talent. This story included in the Bible, to me, is to tell us we must work for what we want and not bury ourselves and wait for something to happen to or for us. We have within us, each one of us, the ability to do what we want with our lives.

We all must work in harmony with each other and with Natural Law. This, working in harmony, will help us to gain both materially and Spiritually.

As a Spiritualist we teach that we must be responsible for ourselves and our fellowman. We must not take advantage of our fellowman. Most of us try to do what we know and feel is the right thing. We try to live the Declarement number six, that states, "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." We believe this precept to be true . . . it points the way to harmony, peace and happiness. Wherever tried, it has proven successful and when fully understood and practiced, will bring peace and happiness to men and women while here on earth.

I want also to impress on you the importance of taking on personal responsibility. We speak of this in our seventh Declarement, "We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and Spiritual laws." As we realize our personal responsibilities, we will grow Spiritually, because we will understand that we are all a part of each other and that our responsibilities extend out to all of our fellowman. We must understand that each one of us is responsible for the welfare of the world around us and for all of our fellowman. We should learn to make heaven for ourselves and for others here on earth. We are, each one of us, individually responsible for our own Spiritual growth. Our Spiritual growth and advancement is up to us. We must know and understand what we do wrong to others must be overcome by us. We each must remember vicarious atonement is not accepted in the philosophy of Spiritualism. When you feel you need to get revenge against someone for a wrong doing, you must remember that what you give out will come back to you. Always do what you feel is right for yourself and for others . . . send love to those who you feel have done wrong to you. Remember, Natural Law is always in motion – you can not stop this from happening and it is not your right to make the decision of revenge for a wrong you see others have done. Do all that you can to live in peace and harmony with Natural Law and with your fellowman and you will find your life is much happier. •

Spirit Leads The Way

Submitted by Pat Peck, MVSA Treasurer

On August 19th, I offered to take Elsie FeatherSong to the Airport in Moline. Elsie had just served the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association camp for a week and stayed on over the weekend to help the incoming mediums. The airport was on my way home and would save Harvey Horstman, MSVA Camp President, a two-hour plus drive and I could drop Elsie at the airport and be home in just over an hour.

Before we left Clinton I asked Spirit to show me the best route to get Elsie to the airport on time. But I kept going a different direction than I planned. Instead of going east to Illinois, I went west into Iowa. Then I went east instead of continuing west and south to an interstate that would take us directly to the airport. After going the wrong way the second time, I then missed my turn on 174 which would have been the most direct route at that time to the airports.

After I dropped Elsie off, with 30 minutes to departure time, I kept chastising myself for not going my normal route. If I had, we would have had lots of time to visit at the airport. But as it was I could just leave her there. The new security regulations require a longer time for checking in at the airport.

When I left the airport, I drove west into a pouring rain storm. I asked Spirit to lead me safely home even though I felt as if I had just been taken on a convoluted route unnecessarily. As I neared my house, it rained so hard that I could have missed the turn to my house, only I had asked Spirit to lead me safely home and Spirit did.

Usually I would have crossed into Illinois at Clinton and taken Route 84 to I-80 to I-280 to the airport. But I did not because Spirit was leading the way.

While we drove west to DeWitt, there was a tornado on the ground in Illinois with hail and pouring rain along Route 84. Then after, as we went south on 61 to I-80, we drove through a small shower. If I had gone west on I-80 as I stated I was going to do, because at that point it would be faster, we would have driven into a major thunder storm with blinding rain that stopped traffic for 20-30 minutes in one area and this storm would have followed our path to the airport.

I missed the turn at I-74 which would have been shorter than crossing into Illinois as we did. Then I turned on I-88/I-5 instead of going on to I-280. The tornado had turned and was at the big X interchange of I-80 and I-280. Yet I got Elsie there with half an hour to spare.

To think that on the way home I was berating myself for listening to Spirit. As always the reasons why and the answer why Spirit leads us as it does come later. I am so glad that I trusted Spirit even though I wondered why.

In Memory Of...

Mrs. Ellen M. Stopa, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Cicero, made her transition at her home in Cicero, Illinois on May 18, 1996.

A memorial service was held on June 30, 1996 at the Spiritualist Church of Truth in Chicago, Pastor Marrice Coverson, ISSAC President, presented the lecture. The eulogy was given by Ms. Rose Ann Skirha, daughter of the late Rev. George Skirha.

Ellen was born in Belle-Vernon, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Henry and Amelia Mattson, who traced their roots back to Finland. Her early childhood was spent in the New England area – chiefly New Hampshire – until her parents settled in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

In the early 1940's, Ellen and her mother moved to the near west side of Chicago. She found employment at Aldens Mail Order Company on the northern boundary of Cicero.

Joseph Adams Stopa had recently returned home after serving in WWII. They met, dated, and were married in Joliet, Illinois on August 26, 1949.

Ellen saw an advertisement for a meeting where Arthur Ford was the guest speaker. She attended, liked what she saw, and this led her to seek out the First Spiritualist Church of Cicero.

After the church founder, Rev. Lena Crane, made her transition in 1962, Ellen became involved in seeing that the church was kept operating. She and her husband moved into the apartment above the church. Ellen became the pastor and Joe the caretaker.

Though he took care of the church building and grounds, helped shop for and conduct the monthly Ladies Aid socials, Joe never attended a church service. The fact that he had and was experiencing spirit manifestations did not come to light until the mid 1970's.

One Tuesday afternoon, Rev. George Skirha was the only member to show up for the class circle. As he did not consider it proper to sit with Pastor Stopa alone, he asked her husband to please join them so they would not have to cancel the circle.

In time, Joseph Stopa was not only attending the services and the circles, but was serving as both organist and message bearer. Ellen was the church president and her husband the church secretary until his transition on July 20, 1991. Then Ellen had to carry on alone.

We know that Joe was there to welcome Ellen as she closed the book on 33 years as pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Cicero and began a brand new chapter in the Book of Life.

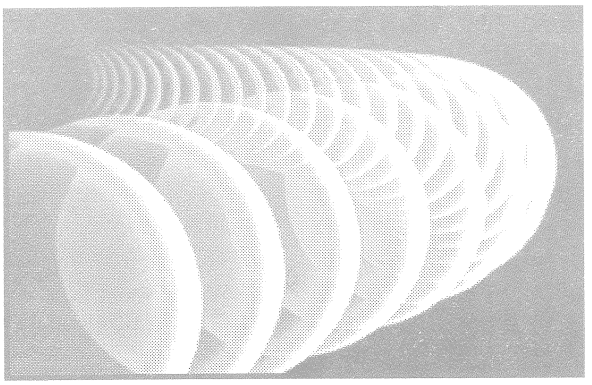
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Science Studies Trance

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

The human mind has always enthralled scientists, and in recent times interest has burgeoned in studying what is described by psychologists as *'altered states of consciousness.'* For altered states of consciousness, when the mind takes on patterns decidedly different from normal, such as in **dreams, intoxication due to alcohol or drugs, out-of-body experiences, illumination, meditation, hypnotism and trance** is now a fertile field of study.

Trance has always been close to a Spiritualists heart, for we use trance as one of the methods of communicating with the Spirit World. Consequently, we may resent having science probe, bisect and analyze what we hold dear. Yet, we must agree that scientists, through their research, can often bring wider understanding. It would be foolish for us to ignore their findings. But do we agree?



Therefore, let us see what science has to say about trance, and also hypnosis, for these research scientists in the field of psychology have linked the two *'altered states of consciousness'* together.

Science has proof but no certainty, religion has certainty but no proof.
– James G. Malcolm

At the present time, it is commonly conceded by these scientists that trance is a kind of hypnotism. In fact, the words are often interchangeable. Therefore, according to science, we cannot understand trance without first understanding hypnosis – or vice-versa.

Even back in 1890, the American philosopher, William James, made this same connection. He said that the theory of hypnosis may be approved, provided that we regard the trance state as its essential prerequisite. In his studies with the Boston Society for Psychical research he said that hypnosis makes psychic phenomena more likely to occur than normal waking consciousness.

So, let us see what scientists say about hypnosis.

Psychiatrists define hypnosis as a mental quiet, a lack of the ongoing thought processes of ordinary consciousness and a state of hypersuggestibility. It is usually induced when a person is sitting or lying in a relaxed position. The hypnotist's long repetition of suggestions of sleep and drowsiness lead to ordinary hypnosis. Subjects describe this as a state of detachment and mental quiet. They feel totally relaxed and unaware of their body.

However, research shows hypnosis can be a dangerous tool. Many mentally ill people seek hypnotists to provide them with *magic cures* and because hypnosis can restructure experience, they can accidentally be led into experiences which could make them worse. Reputable medical doctors warn that it can be dangerous to hypnotize emotionally disturbed individuals. Since the techniques on how to hypnotize are easy to learn, people who are not medically trained often practice hypnotism – a dangerous past-time – open to potential abuse.

It is often said that hypnotism was discovered by the Viennese physician, Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815), whose name gave *mesmerism* to the English language. It is suggested that by dangling a prism before his patients eyes, he put them into a mesmerized trance state – into an *'altered state of consciousness.'*

Eventually mesmerism was redefined as hypnotism – leading to modern day psychology, psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine.

Yet, hypnotism is not a form of sleep as modern psychology shows, but rather, hypnosis is *'a state of attentive, receptive, intense focal concentration with diminished peripheral awareness.'*

Although hypnotized persons speak of lethargy, drowsiness, and diminished contact with reality, nevertheless, hypnotism differs from normal sleep. Recent studies using electroencephalography show this.

The electroencephalograph (EEG) is a modern scientific tool used today. By using it, scientists study brain wave patterns and states of consciousness.

The scientists have found that the brain's constant electrical activity produces wave patterns that can easily be measured when the EEG is attached to the scalp.

The patterns come in four main wave lengths: delta – occurring in sleep; theta – linked to creativity; beta – identified with mental concentration; and the relaxed alpha.

Artists and musicians are prolific alpha producers; so are introspective and intuitive persons, and so was Einstein. Increased alpha waves are noted in meditation a well as with the healer and healee in spiritual healing. Alpha seems to relate to something like *letting go of anxieties.* The alpha rhythm appears when a person is resting quietly, but disappears when he/she opens his/her eyes.

Where is the relationship between hypnosis and trance?

Most modern psychiatrists claim trance as well as hypnosis are not only an *'altered state of consciousness,'* but the form, practice and experience are culturally learned patterns of behavior.

Recently a Stanford University professor and hypnosis authority, David Spiegal, said trance was the result of self-hypnosis. He says, "They put themselves into a trance – the sudden physical change, the change in tone of voice, the

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change in dialect is something that can happen through self-hypnosis."

Yet, we Spiritualists know that not all trance is self induced. Occasionally it is like experiencing a black-out; you lose consciousness and awaken to be told that you were doing and saying things you don't normally do and say. You remember nothing.

Therefore, we must conclude that there are two kinds of trance – intentional and spontaneous.

For in spontaneous trance the person cannot control the phenomena and produce it at will. Spontaneous trance has an unbidden, intrusive quality and the individual is not able to control it.

Also, there are degrees of trance – from light to deep. Light trance is inspirational and is what happens to creative people. For example, the musical composer, Johannes Brahms said, "I have to be in a semi-trance condition to get results."

However, the most perplexing phenomena for scientists to study is deep trance, because few persons who experience deep trance have been scientifically tested. Very few deep trance mediums have functioned successfully in laboratory settings with modern testing equipment. Therefore, information comes from the entranced person or those who witness the event.

Scientific documents say, "The medium appears to go into trance and someone or something else appears to occupy the brain and body and use it for speaking, writing or moving about. When the trance session is over and the individual regains normal consciousness, he or she cannot remember anything that occurred during the session. Occasionally the entranced person remembers an out-of-body experience of floating near the ceiling and watching his or her body being used by another."

Spiritualist mediums have claimed that when going into trance they simply quiet themselves briefly, close their eyes, and *'step aside,'* or *'vacate themselves.'* In a moment or two they are replaced by a new speaking source. The return to consciousness appears to be equally swift.

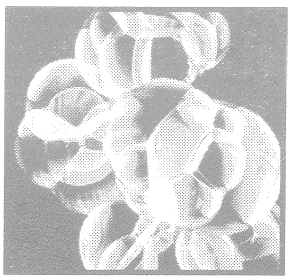
A trance Spiritualist medium recently described her experience as, "When you have learned to be a vehicle – to put yourself in the right frame of mind – then this happens, you'll find yourself saying things that you don't even know you are saying."

Other mediums claim they require another person, a hypnotist, to help them reach the state of trance.

Also, science researchers have noted a remarkable similarity between self-induced hypnosis, trance, meditation, shamans, oracles and visionaries. For these all involve relaxation and concentration, turning inward, and a strong desire to change their state of consciousness.

Nevertheless, we Spiritualists are left with the dilemma – what is the relationship between hypnosis and trance?

We know that modern hypnotists age-regress willing persons to produce other personalities – claiming they are past lives. But, evoked personalities, we Spiritualists believe, are spirits – much like what trance mediums produce. Does this prove that hypnotism aids trance mediumship?



Although we Spiritualists can agree that hypnosis and trance are both altered states of consciousness, yet scientific views of the relationship between the two – that trance depends on hypnosis or vice-versa – or that they are the same thing, may appear to be a simplistic conclusion. •

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knowledge to the existing classifications is the result of man's intellectual growth and greater understanding of his universe. This has created the desire to approach the way this phenomena is classified and to separate what is termed to be scientific in nature and that which is not.

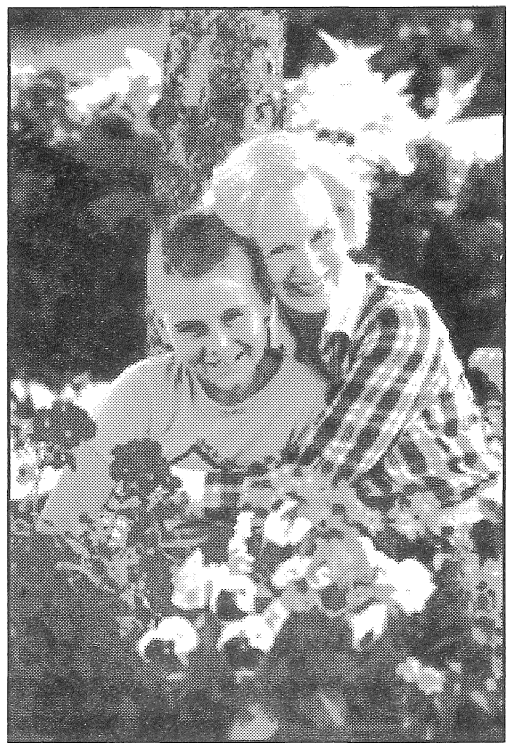
Modern man looks more for meanings in the area of science, and as a result, they tend to think along these levels. Because of the influx of new knowledge regarding all phases of phenomena, a new and different science called Parapsychology has emerged. This is basically a science that studies and researches the phenomena of Extra-Sensory Perception in a scientific manner. Their system of classification is quite different from the earlier classes mentioned, and is the result of the interpretation placed on specific subjects, mainly the class of survival. Parapsychologists do not consider this subject matter to be classed as part of their science, but include it as part of the whole theme of psychic phenomena. The reason given was not all subject matter of their sub-classes of both Extra-Sensory Perception and Psychokinesis are considered survival material. It is, however, important subject matter to a Spiritualist. Much of the psychic phenomena that Spiritualism endorses and considers as proof of survival is not necessarily considered by the science of Parapsychology; therefore, the science has a classification all to their own.

In any structured society, the art of classifying data is not the absolute word, or a complete system. It is always subject to change because of new knowledge being discovered and mankind's intellectual growth. Intensive investigations are always needed for a greater understanding of our universe, and improved methods of blending old classes of psychic phenomena are helpful in forming a better understandable system. Increased knowledge always elevates our understanding, and to all individuals it becomes a matter of knowing the truths rather than having blind faith in them. This concept is stressed by Harry Boddington in his book, *The University Of Spiritualism,* when he said, "The truth is the language of the infinite."

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That Good Old Golden Rule

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW



A few days ago I had a startling experience I want to share with you. As you read this, I ask you to hold someone you do not agree with in your mind and see if you can discover something good about that person. For years there has been a certain Medium in Lily Dale with whom I simply felt uncomfortable. I always felt she had a superior attitude and was looking for ways to put me down. To be perfectly honest, I went to church on Sunday with a *'let's see what she can do'* attitude. Imagine my chagrin when she came to my mother with a beautiful, evidential and meaningful message.

Shortly after that I heard her lecture and I was astounded at what I heard and how deeply she touched where I needed encouragement and support. Suddenly, I realized how I had let years of personal hostility ruin what might have been a lovely friendship. Later I spoke to her and told her how I felt and she replied she had thought there was always an uncomfortable distance but she could never figure out what she had done.

That night I puzzled over the problem and wondered where I had gotten so out of touch with this person. Suddenly I heard Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, in our Pastoral Skills class saying the most important question to ask yourself is, "Am I what I say I am?" I proclaim myself to be a Spiritualist. We all know what we say as our Principles, we all speak of loving one another, we teach harmony and understanding. Our objects of Spiritualism state "to protest against every attempt to compel mankind to worship God in any particular or prescribed manner. To advocate and promote Spiritual Healing . . . To encourage every person in holding present beliefs always open to restatement as growing thought and investigation reveal new truths, thereby leaving every individual free to follow the dictates of reason and conscience in spiritual as in secular affairs."

What then was my concern with this person? Did she not walk in the same light and have the same spark of divinity I choose to claim? Suddenly, I remembered a long forgotten time when we had a disagreement about mediumship. If I asked her opinion today it might still be the same, but it has lost its importance since I really listened to her.

Frankly, it caught me up short. I think of myself as a pretty tolerant person. Some of my best friends are believers in reincarnation. I don't agree with them, but we have had many fascinating discussions on the subject. None of us have changed our minds, yet we have a better understanding of the other viewpoint. Open discussion is an opportunity to allow one to hear other viewpoints.

I am a *purist*. I have many friends who think National is too "restrictive, caught in the past and hasn't caught up with the times." I find in our teachings and methods, the foundation for the Spiritual life I intend to live. I don't want to see Spiritualism become cluttered with so many trappings that we lose sight of the very basic truth of Spiritualism, "There is no death, there are no dead," and that we can communicate without crystal balls or other distractions.

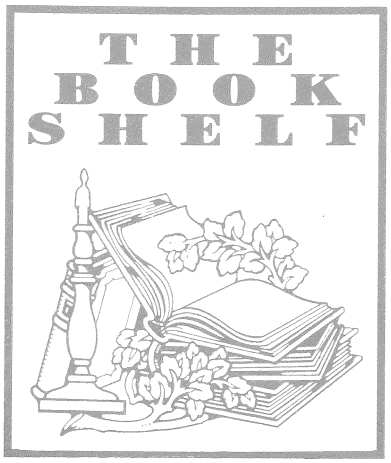
Spiritualism lives in the light and we need to be willing to shed that light on our own ideals and interests. We must learn to be as tolerant of other views as we want others to be of ours. Ah, the good old Golden Rule. How easy it is to find ourselves faultless and wonder why others don't treat us as we would be treated. Perhaps they are treating us as we are treating them. Are we our own worst enemy?

Often in our churches we see a 'they' versus 'us' attitude and find ourselves feeling everyone else is only interested in their own agenda. Look closely, do you have your own agenda that you feel must be answered? Is there room for compromise or at least benevolent acceptance of the other person's right to their opinion. I will grant you that there are times when people have their own best interests at heart and not those of the congregation or the organization. I am speaking of tolerance, not acquiescence at all costs.

This is not a new struggle in Spiritualism. Can you imagine all the discussions and arguments among our pioneers? At one time a famous Medium refused to serve the platform at Lily Dale for three years because she "did not want to set foot on the same step as had that Moses Hull!" I don't know that they ever settled their differences, but eventually she returned to the platform. Yet we laud them both today as fine examples of a 'true' Spiritualist.

Do you still have that person on your mind? Next time you see them, drop your shield for a few minutes and see if you can find their light. You may be much richer Spiritually for doing so. I know I now have a new friend I wish I had known long ago. •

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Autobiography of Emma Hardinge Britten

By Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson

The extraordinary life of Emma Hardinge Britten has been a source of inspiration to many Spiritualists throughout the past one hundred and fifty years. This autobiographical account of Emma's life is both astonishing, interesting, and electrifying to say the least.

Emma Hardinge Britten, who was the founder and Editor of "Two Worlds," journeyed throughout the world publicizing her own experience and the philosophy of Spiritualism. The power of the Spirit World did not only manifest itself in her life, but expressed itself positively, through her, bringing about the National Federation of Spiritualists, which later changed its name to the Spiritualists' National Union. A few words could describe this lady – 'The Mother of Spiritualism'.

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

In this column we list Favorite Sayings to Live By. Please send in your sayings that have helped you, for they may in turn assist another.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known to God.

– Philippians 4:6

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in NOVEMBER throughout the years?

NOVEMBER 1893

A certificate of **Incorporation** was filed in Washington, D.C. for the **National Spiritualist Association.** The purpose of the organization was to provide and promote religion, to build temples, churches and lecture halls, to provide for the education and licensing of proper persons authorized to promulgate the religion of Spiritualism.

NOVEMBER 1851

The **New York Circle** was organized. It was the first experimental Spiritualist organization with many prominent citizens as its members.

NOVEMBER 2, 1858

Leah Fox Brown married Daniel Underhill at the home of Horace Greeley in New York City. At this time she stepped back from public service.

NOVEMBER 5

Election Day in the United States. Let your vote be inspired.

NOVEMBER 14, 1849

Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York, was rented to lay the foundation of modern Spiritualism by becoming the first public meeting where the Fox sisters demonstrated that our loved ones who have died can and do communicate from the other side of the veil.

NOVEMBER 21

The Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, celebrates her birthday today. Please send her a prayer for a very Spiritual year.

NOVEMBER 22, 1904

The skeleton of **Charles Rosna,** the murdered peddlar, was found in the crumbling walls of the house formerly occupied by the Fox family. The discovery was made by school children playing in the cellar of the house in Hydesville.

NOVEMBER 28, 1996

Thanksgiving Day, a day to be grateful for life, for our many wonderful blessings, and of course for the understanding that life is continuous, and our loved ones only a prayer away. •

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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