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The birds and the bees, and Valentines if you please!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

February features Valentine's Day which is a day for love, something we all search for throughout our entire life. Cards, candy and flowers are exchanged this day, and lovers and romantics recite poetry and do something nice for those that are special in their lives.

There are some theories about the beginning of this day that relate to a variety of love birds. For example, there was a belief throughout rural Europe during the Middle Ages that birds began to mate on February 14. In the *Parliament of Foules,* Chaucer refers to the belief: "For this was Seynt Valentyne's day. When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate."

Another theory is that the association came from a Norman word, galantine, meaning a lover of women, and the name of the saint. It has been said that Galentine's Day, with the initial "g" is often pronounced as "v" which led to the confusion.

Still others thought that the first person of the opposite sex encountered on February 14th became your loved one for the year. Some folks stayed in bed or in the house that day to avoid the chance of heartaches, commitment and aggravation.

A Christian theory associated with Valentine's Day relates to a practice originated in Rome which occurred on February 14, the day before the ancient Roman feast of the Lupercalia. The names of young eligible women were put into a box and drawn by chance. It was arranged that a young man would be the gallant of the women for the festival and sometimes for the next year. Early Christian clergy objected to this custom and substituted the names of saints for the names of the young women. The men were then to emulate the saint for the next year.



Another source tells of a priest named St. Valentine who owned a beautiful garden where the children came to play. One day this kind priest was imprisoned by the king. He kept thinking of the children and sent them a white dove carrying a note addressed "To the Children I love." Included in the note was the key to his garden so they could again play there. St. Valentine continued to send all of his friends messages carried by a dove and these were called Valentines.

Whatever the origin of the day, it has come to represent love and sharing sentiments of friendship. Life is Love. God is Love. Love is good and nourishment for our souls. It is the outlet for the inner spirit, it is an expression of our God-part.

We feel alive when we experience love. It is not only necessary for our health, physically, mentally and spiritually, but also for our growth on the Spiritual Path. Our consciousness is our true self and the absence of love in consciousness can result in illness, fears, lack of balance, and dullness. The acceptance and sharing of love is a way to heal the human spirit, transfer positive energy to others, restore balance, increase one's vibrations, become more caring, and grow in the light.

Love is the recognition of the light in another. It involves an inner remembering of a complete spiritual Oneness that encourages us to forever grow more loving. Love is an expression of the workings of Natural Law for the more we share love with others, the more love flows to us. Sharing love is using the energy of Divine Spirit to do our work that we may use every moment to create a better life, to create love. This is why we say with God all things are possible. When we use Infinite love for our energy in life, all good comes to us and we are willing and able to accept the good. When we are not flowing with love, the responsibility for our lives is exhausting.

Inner attunement guides us to love. God's love is constant, equally in the Universe for all to accept. I woke up the other morning with the thought, "Won't it be wonderful when I am in the Spirit World to be able to feel the great love of God!" Then I remembered that there is not going to be more love tomorrow or in the next dimension than there is here,

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today, because there will not be more of God tomorrow than there is today. It is a matter of acceptance, of the release of the ego, the material, and the outer, for the inner Light/Love to expand and bless. This often seems blocked in the physical, but our consciousness may be transformed to accept greater amounts of Love/Light and the wonderful energy and knowing of the Infinite.

Transformation of consciousness begins within and love removes the blocks to awareness. Love flows when we forgive and open our soul to our greater good. As we share even one drop of love we are lifted up and others are lifted up. Each time we focus on love we change our reality. This consciousness will show us the way to like-minded, loving people.

We can't think of love just on Valentine's Day, or for a short span, but know that it is eternal. Continuous life creates a much larger picture and puts an even greater value on learning to be more and more loving. We have a choice where our attention is focused and how we express life. There is a definite correlation between how much pain we experience and how much difficulty we have surrendering to Infinite Intelligence. The more we learn to surrender to God, the more we release pain . . . then this energy can be used to love . . . love God, love others, love the Universe, love nature, love our spirit helpers, and love ourself.

When we trust the Divine Guidance we can allow ourself to feel safe, to give of ourself and to experience and share the loving energy that generates from within. There is no prize for opening the self to the ecstasy of God. We are not any closer to God when we are in ecstasy or in despair for God is always there, always loving. At some level the experience is perfect, so there is no good or bad. We can help ourself to stay consciously attuned to a Greater Conscious experience as we spend time within, as we concentrate on uplifting information, as we dedicate ourselves to God, as we visualize peace and joy, as we forgive, as we express gratitude, as we help others and are of service, as we enjoy the beauty and harmony of nature, as we send out prayers, as we repeat affirmations or mantras, as we surround ourselves with spiritual people, as we release beliefs that are not of God, as we focus on inner guidance in our decisions, as we generate love at the cellular level, as we open our energy centers to receive Universal Energy and then send out the love energy from the heart center.

- *My soul expands to embrace God's Love and Light.*
- *I am a living example of Infinite Spirit; an expression of love and joy.*
- *God's Love is in action in my life.*

Each of us can develop a Valentine loving consciousness of peace and light for all our fellow travelers in life when we let God lead us and work constantly on our beliefs, adjusting them to truth. Infinite Intelligence provides love in accordance to our willingness to accept it. Let your desire be for love and light as you expand the consciousness of the soul.



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I BELIEVE IN LOVE
*In its power to win through,
In spite of every obstacle,
*In its power, through glad giving,
To overcome all things,
*In its power to radiate and reach
Anywhere, everywhere,
*In its power to make me strong,
Healthy, happy and love-worthy,
*In its power to make happier the
Lives of those I meet,
*In its power as the one reality to
Come through, at last
*TRIUMPHANT.



"Of course, I love everyone I meet. How could I fail to? Within everyone is the spark of God. I am not concerned with racial or ethnic background or the color of one's skin; all people look to me like shining lights! I see in all creatures the reflection of God. All people are my kinfolk - people to me are beautiful.

We people of the world need to find ways to get to know one another - for then we will recognize that our likenesses are so much greater than our differences, however great our differences may seem. Every cell, every human being, is of equal importance and has work to do in this world.

– Peace Pilgrim



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* **Darrell Ghan** *of California.*

There are three types of mental phenomena – clairvoyance, telepathy and clairaudience. Clairvoyance and clairaudience are accepted forms of mental mediumship within the NSAC, but telepathy is questioned because "it is often believed that telepathy and ESP do not necessarily prove the continuity of life," which is the foundational teaching of Spiritualism.

The word telepathy did not exist until F. W. H. Meyers coined it in 1882, as a result of a joint investigation of thought-transference. It was during the time the Society for Psychical Research was formed by Sir Wm. Crookes, around 1870, that telepathy was studied. The Society was divided into five groups, one of which was the "examination of the nature and extent of any influence which may be exerted by one mind upon another."

Some of the investigators who were scientists as well as Spiritualists, such as Sir Oliver Lodge, Prof. W. Barrett, F. W. H. Meyers and Prof. Hyslop came to the conclusion that thought transference (telepathy) do in fact demonstrate the continuity of life.

There is a difference between thought-transference and mind reading. Mind reading is a process we all use when we look at someone's facial expression or body language to determine their emotional state. Telepathy is communication between two minds; one being the sender, the other the receiver. The receiver must become aware of what's being sent without the use of his or her own sense organs.

There are different forms of telepathy – the waking state, the dream state and the hypnotic state. Then there is also spontaneous telepathy.

An interesting study by Sir Oliver Lodge, during the time period of 1876, compared a telegraph message, in which the message is transmitted from the signalling key to the receiving galvometer. The point being that the telegraph message is sent etherically and not by means of any material form whatsoever. Similarly, communication between spirit and the earth plane are not transmitted by matter but etherically.

Telepathy, as a result of the above test was seen as more than a physiological process, i.e., brain to brain, but also spirit (non physical) to physical. As a result of these tests and documentation, the society felt conclusively that telepathy did prove the continuity of life.

NSAC questions because of all the testing "do we have telepathy or is it clairvoyance or is it both?"

Let us discuss clairvoyance and clearseeing. In Spiritualism the more technical term would be psychic sight. Subjective clairvoyance is one type where spirit impresses upon the medium pictures or images, which are seen by the medium but not through the faculty of the physical eye. Instead, it is through the faculty of visual impressions on the brain of the medium. Objective clairvoyance is actually the process of seeing, with the physical eye, spirit beings, objects and things through "the spiritual sensorium which pervades the physical mechanism of vision."

Also there is x-ray clairvoyance, where the medium can see through matter to the internal. There is cataleptic clairvoyance, a sleep like form which is induced by hypnotic power through either self hypnosis or by incarnate or by discarnate power. Then trance-control clairvoyance is a form where spirit takes control of the physical body of the medium as well as the consciousness. Telepathic clairvoyance is a form "which is the subjective perception in picture form of thought transmitted from a distance."

Clear hearing is the definition given to clairaudience. Parapsychologists would call it the process of extra-sensory information being received as sound. It is the ability to hear with the spiritual ear.

Interestingly Rev. M. King states that clairvoyance and clairaudience are "closely allied" and that the two phases can manifest at the same time. He says clairaudience is a purely mental phenomena and that the thoughts and ideas of spirit will enter the consciousness of the medium who can recognize the spirit contact.

One interesting example of a development process for clairaudience that has been used is for sea shells to be held to the ear – it is a way of self-inducement toward developing the inner-ear, which might help distinguish spirit voices. ⚔

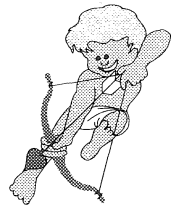
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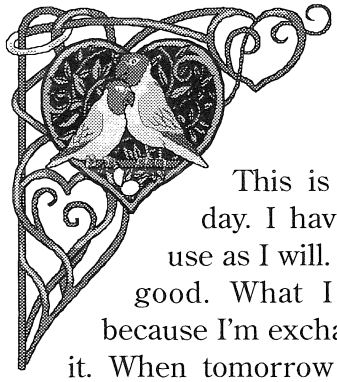
It's wondrous what a hug can do. A hug can cheer you when you're blue. A hug can say, "I love you so," or "Gee, I hate to see you go." A hug is "Welcome back again," and "Great to see you! Where've you been?" A hug can soothe a small child's pain and bring a rainbow after rain. The hug! There's no doubt about it – We scarcely could survive without it! A hug delights and warms and charms. It must be why God gave us arms. Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, sweet for sisters, swell for brothers, and chances are your favorite aunts love them more than potted plants. Kittens crave them, puppies love them, heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier, and make your travels so much merrier. No need to fret about your store of 'em; The more you give the more there's more of 'em. So stretch those arms without delay, and Give Someone A Hug Today!!!

– *Dean Walley*



Consider that something
As large as love
Can be contained
In a little hug.
– Merry Browne





A New Day

This is the beginning of a new day. I have been given this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place whatever I have traded for it. I pledge to myself that it shall be: gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure, in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for this day.

– Source Unknown (Internet)

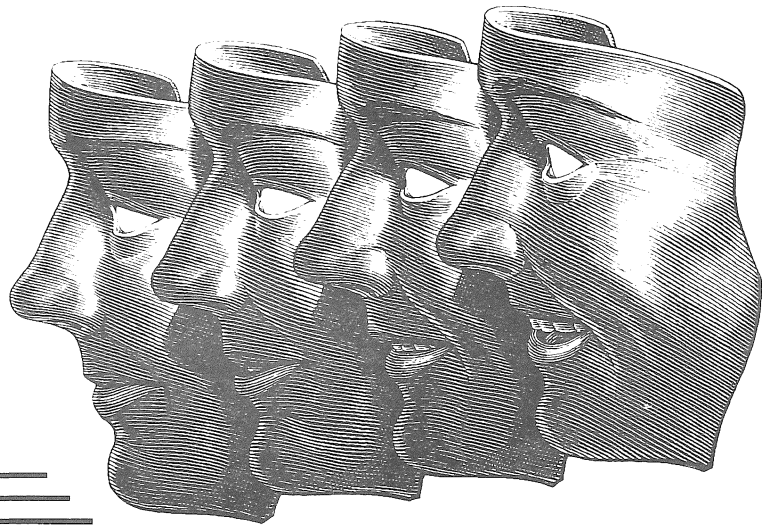
Keep Your Friends Friendly

• *Do things for them* – send them clippings, books, a mess of trout! • *Do things with them* – take them on a fishing trip; play golf; chess! • *Ask things of them* – opinions; pinch hitting; recipes for punch! • *Compliment them* – their skills; their cars; their kids! • *Tell folks of them* – their sense of humor; their keenness! • *Learn things of them* – forbearance; kindliness; mental vigor! • *Respect them* – their confidences; their moods; their reticences! • *Try them* – in adversity; in sorrow; in hilarity! • *Value them* – above advancement, enrichment, amusement! • *Never neglect them* – or you risk to lose them!

– From *Osman*

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Knowing Who We Are!



BY MARY BOUCHARD, MASSACHUSETTS

Intrigued by the opening scenes of a recent television movie, I settled in for two hours of suspenseful make believe. The heroine, suffering from amnesia, could not remember her true identity. It was only at the end – with her memory restored, all mysteries solved, and her happiness assured – that I realized I'd been captivated by one more version of the classic amnesia fiction pattern, beloved by storytellers and audiences. I am especially drawn to these stories, *not* just for entertainment, but also for another surprisingly profound reason.

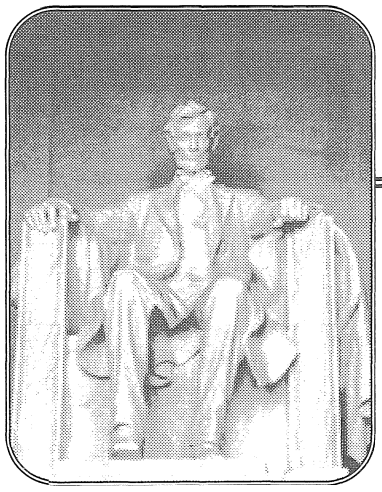
This ancient story pattern is an allegory symbolizing the moving and glorious healing and learning experiences that have come to me through the study of Spiritualism. Spiritualism awakens my own true identity, which is spiritual! The Bible says in Genesis: "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them." God created man and woman as spiritual and eternally perfect – the very image and likeness of God. As I continued to study Spiritualism, I began to think of myself, at least some of the time, as perfect and that disease and disharmony were never intended to be prevalent in my life.

My own first healings occurred when I was able to comprehend the idea that I am the child of the God, and reflect a divine nature. You learn more about your true identity when you turn to the Spirit within. Understanding more about the God within, enables you to know more about who *you really* are – spirit. Infinite Intelligence made you loving, good, pure and free, and you have the right to recognize that! Even a glimpse of this fact brings indescribable Blessings.

There is gratitude and joy to come into your awareness of your true identity – WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE. Consider the teaching of the parable of the prodigal son. After having obtained his inheritance early, the young man wasted it all. He began living in degradation, want and fear. But this was not who he really was. He remembered how generous his father was to everyone in the household, and decided to go home to his father. His father had always been his father, but now that the son was humbly willing to correct his faults, he was lovingly welcomed home by his father, was cherished and restored to his place as a son.

Recalling this story, I know with fresh clarity that knowing who and what you are – spiritual children of God – *brings healing.* Since we are all of God's creativity, I am confident that in each of us there is the genuine longing and the ability to understand the truth of who we are as Divine Source created us. The fullness of God's creation, is already within each of us. You can know that this is your true being – that you are not subject to forgetting even a tiny part of it. When you accept this fact, you do not have to go back to Infinite Intelligence because you are already there, aware and secure in the realization of what this means.

You are established in the Spirit of love, pure and perfect, reflecting the life and love that is God. Knowing who you are gives focus to your life. At the very least, it eliminates confusion in your day to day activities. This knowledge does so much more. *It heals!* ⚔



How do we know that . . .
Lincoln Was A Spiritualist

BY THE REV. ENID S. SMITH, Ph.D.

(Taken from TNS, February 1962.)

From time to time surprising facts are revealed about important people, such as "Abraham Lincoln, the Beloved." This evidence is often volunteered by those whose families have known personally the one of national significance, as in the case of the writer's friend, Dr. W. D. Chesney of Milton Junction, Wisconsin, whose family were personally acquainted with President Lincoln about 1860. Chesney's father read law in Lincoln's office before going to Chicago to take his extensive law course. He took the exams and on the advice of Lincoln, went to Topeka, Kansas, where he was elected State Attorney of Swanee County, 1864. Also in the father's old scrap book, in which much was written and posted about Lincoln, one gains unusual information of interest.

It is stated that Mrs. Lincoln organized and held countless Spiritualistic seances, both at home and in the White House. Lincoln often called Conklin to the White House to hold seances, this until a better medium became known to Lincoln, a Miss Nettie Colburn. She often foretold great battles and their outcomes long before the fast telegrams that came to the White House. Also it seems that the *Banner of Light,* March 7, 1891, published a letter of Hudson Tuttle in which he said: "Nettie Colburn for the last three years of the war was constantly consulted by the President. On several occasions advice was given and accepted which acted upon proved of momentous consequence. Her mediumship is wonderful."

There are also the facts revealed by the personal papers of Lincoln's son Robert, that have been opened and published by the Library of Congress. One document tells of a message in mirror writing that came through the mediumship of J. B. Conklin of New York, with a request that it be forwarded to his Excellency, Abraham Lincoln. The message reads:

"My esteemed and best earthly friend, you will no doubt be surprised to receive this from me; but I, like millions of other disembodied spirits, feel a desire to convey expressions of gratitude and hope to earthly friends. I am not dead. I still live, a conscious individual with hope, aspirations, and interest for the Union still alive. I will be with you, and will communicate with you after the close of your official term."

The President gladly received all such messages from the beyond, feeling that he was heaven's instrument to conduct his people through the sea of blood to a Canaan of peace and freedom.

One of the strongest affirmations of Lincoln's psychic life, however, is by the Editor of *McClure's Magazine,* 1908, James Creelman, who wrote:

"Lincoln saw omens in dreams, experimented with the ghostly world of Spiritualism, predicted a violent death for himself; dreamed of his own assassination, and discussed the matter seriously. And did not the prophet Amos declare that old men would dream dreams?"

An extensive study of available material shows that our great President believed not only that he was the subject of a special decree of an Intelligence beyond his understanding, but he did not try to hide his psychic tendencies, his communications with the discarnate, his premonitions, dreams, visions, warnings, his experience in seances, but spoke of them freely. He wrote to his friend Speed, saying:

"I have always had a strong tendency to mysticism, and have been controlled by some other power than by my own will . . . I frequently see my way clear to a decision when I am aware I do not have sufficient facts on which to found the decision – satisfaction has come this way, whereas when I yield to the views of others I have had occasion to regret it."

Lincoln believed in spirits, in "ghosts", in angels and spoke with them in the White House. He believed that the spirit of his son Willie survived death and was around him. He spoke of this to his very close friend, Colonel Simon P. Chase, Justice of the Supreme Court and his advisor, remarking, "Do you ever find yourself talking with the dead?" Colonel Chase looked askance as Lincoln continued: "Ever since Willie's death, I catch myself involuntarily talking to him, as if he were with me – and I feel that he is."

One can readily realize how avidly Lincoln welcomed the news coming to him from the Fox Sisters and the Rochester rappings. He was much incensed at the idiotic claims made by orthodoxy that these girls made raps by cracking the joints of their great toes. So in the early fifties, Lincoln began having seances in his own home at Springfield. Before his election to the Presidency, he often went to New York to the seances of the trance medium, J. B. Conklin. No wonder the *Cleveland Plaindealer,* shortly after he was elected, published an article attacking Lincoln as a Spiritualist. On seeing this account, Lincoln admitted the gentle insinuation and said, "This article does not begin to tell the wonderful things I have seen."

The greatest seance, perhaps, that was ever held was that which led to the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was planned and the medium selected by the

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angels. This was preceded by several dreams given to the President and recorded and reported by Colonel Simon P. Chase.

One night Lincoln dreamed that several angels came to him and called him by name. When he answered asking who they were, they said, "We are such as come in God's name for freedom's sake. Behold millions of his angels come down from heaven and would come to thy armies, if thou wouldst proclaim freedom to the slaves."

Lincoln woke much troubled by the dream. The next night the angels came again, repeated their words and added, "The great majority of the country is ripe for this matter. Thou fearest this is but a foolish dream. Behold we will give thee proof tomorrow. God is in this matter. Save thou proclaimest the freedom of the slaves, thou shalt not succeed. Do thou this, and the enemy's armies shall melt away like snow in the sun."

The seeress, at this time, named Nettie Colburn Maynard, lived in Washington. During a seance attended by Colonel Chase, voices spoke to him, saying, "Go thou and fetch the President into the presence of this woman." When Lincoln heard of this he came to Nettie Colburn Maynard. A meeting was arranged at the home of mutual friends, the Lauries of Georgetown. As Mrs. Mills, a friend of Nettie's, sat down to the piano, passing her hands over the keys, waiting spirit inspiration. Suddenly she played a triumphant march, and the President entered. He asked Nettie some questions about contacting spirits. Then Mrs. Mills suggested forming a circle. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Mills, a Major Van Horhess, U. S. Representative Somes of Maine, Colonel Simon B. Chase of Philadelphia, and a soldier in the uniform of a major.

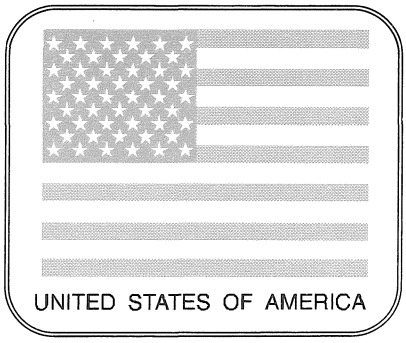
Nettie went into trance, and she who had been too shy to say much, spoke to the President very firmly. At first she told him certain things that only he understood. Then the voice changed to that of a very strong man's. The problem of the day was mentioned, that of the Proclamation of the Emancipation of the Slaves. He was told that he must not in any way modify his intentions and that the date of the proclamation must not be delayed beyond the end of the year. When the medium came out of the trance, one of those present asked Lincoln if he noticed anything special in the manner of the orator who had spoken through the medium. The President, as though in a dream, pointed his finger toward a portrait which hung on the wall, that of Daniel Webster, whose irresistible eloquence used to resound in the Senate on the interminable subject of slavery. Turning to Nettie, Lincoln said, "My child, you possess a gift really extraordinary. That it comes from God there is no doubt. I thank you for coming here tonight. It is more important than anyone can understand."

Lincoln acted upon the message from the Spirit World, and January 1, 1863, proclaimed the slaves free forever in every state, or part of a state. The angels kept their promise, and Lincoln never lost after that a major battle. He understood that this was intervention of Infinite Spirit. The process involved in this spiritual intervention, when two armies are fighting each other is difficult, but is easily solved when Hierarchical Powers are utilized. Many millions of angels of God are arranged on either side of the War Men, and they are termed "Inspiring Hosts." One section will inspire those intended to win, with courage, strength, fortitude; and the other will inspire those intended to lose by effecting cowardice, weakness, and fear; thus it was they eventually gave up the thought of winning. Hence, only righteousness can predominate and prevail, and no nation, however great can ever gain that which is good for all by bloodthirsty war. War is always hell, as Sherman said – and "He that taketh the sword," as the Bible declares, "shall perish by the sword."

Numerous other seances than the special one related were constantly being held, as the President sought guidance and help from the discarnate as a part of the fulfilling of his duty to the nation. Great was the role played by the "spirits" in the Government of the United States during the term of office of President Lincoln, using such mediums as Nettie Colburn, Charles Foster, Charles Colchester, Mrs. Lucy A. Hamilton, Charles Redmond, Mrs. Mills of Georgetown, Charles E. Schockle, J. B. Conklin, and others.

Lincoln had a vision a few days before he was assassinated. He saw a corpse lying in state in the White House, and he asked one of the honor guards whose body it was. The guard replied that it was the President's body and that he had been assassinated. Lincoln told this vision to many people and mentioned it at his last cabinet meeting. It was fulfilled within a few days. When Dr. Chesney's father went to Washington to attend Lincoln's funeral, the vision was being discussed on all sides, and in various ways and connected with the great man's religion.

Throughout his life, President Lincoln let it be known that he was not interested in churches that subscribed to man-made creeds. Rather he said, "When any church will inscribe over its altar, as its sole qualification for membership the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of both Law and Gospel, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself', that church will I join with all my heart and soul." He many times expressed his religion as one of faith in God, Divine Providence, in duty and in prayer, and in the principles of the Master Jesus, in the guidance of the Spirit World, in freedom and in justice, in the Golden Rule, and he said, "As far as I have been able, I have always acted as I believed was right and just, and done all the good I could for mankind" – such was the Spiritualist, Lincoln. ⚔



THE CREAM ALWAYS RISES TO THE TOP!

BY CLAUDIA LORD, MICHIGAN

I believe all religions are inherently good. There is both positive and negative in all religions, and, in fact, in all life experience. I carry with me many good memories from my years of being a Catholic, but there were also some disappointments, pain and disillusionment that caused me to turn away and look for spiritual fulfillment elsewhere.

I am a peacemaker by nature so I find it hard to be critical – tough and blunt, even when it's called for. So I really appreciated it this week when Spirit made it clear to me to "Tell it like it is. The truth will set you free." Well, that's what I'm going to do. The truth will come out the winner, for the cream always rises to the top.

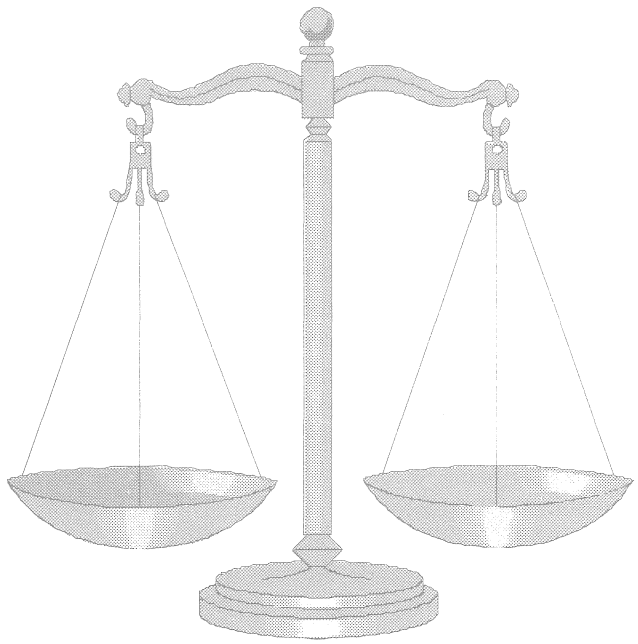
There is an old adage: "Beware of anything that comes too easy." I'd like to take that a step further and say: "Beware of anything that **STAYS** easy."

When there is NO PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY taught and required of you THERE IS NO GROWTH AND NO FREEDOM. You literally HAND YOURSELF OVER IN BLIND FAITH, and that is a very dangerous thing, for it allows others to control you. Most people don't realize this and it is a high price they pay.

Blind faith unwittingly feeds the very cause of what is wrong with many Churches, Governments, Agencies and so on. Arrogance – it is arrogance that has corrupted too many a willing shepherd who has chosen to control rather than to lead the flock.

Arrogance, which breeds selfishness, vanity, greed and intolerance, has been the cause of enormous suffering throughout history. Wars, forced conversions, destruction of whole civilizations, the accumulation of great wealth and power at the expense of the poor and the powerless, the propagation of false teachings (Hell, the eternal damnation, etc.) control through guilt, shame and fear have each been moralized under the cover of religion.

You cannot wipe away so-called 'sins' by simply saying *I'm sorry,* whether inside or outside of a confessional. 'Sins' cannot be cancelled out by another; cleansed away through baptism; escaped from on one's deathbed with one's last gasping breath of remorse; waited out in the grave till a Judgment Day; or bought off with indulgences to cut down one's time in some sort of Purgatory.



Life and Law must BALANCE! When we clean up our act and take responsibility for our own lives we will begin to follow God's Universal Laws. Everyone and everything is subject to Universal Law, and for better or worse, the Law of Compensation automatically delivers that which we need to learn. We surely reap what we sow.

I left Orthodoxy for two important reasons. One, because it was too easy and thus unfulfilling for me. Secondly, because I came to realize I could no longer follow the teachings and their man-made laws. This was a huge decision for me to leave, because it was the only church I had known for over forty years. I do not regret my decision and freely and open-mindedly I searched for greener spiritual pastures. Spirit guided me on my search for spiritual truth, and lead me to Spiritualism's door. And just like a hungry kitten I have eagerly and freely lapped up the cream of Spiritualist truth – and it is Divine.

Where Does Free Will Lead . . . ?

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

In the beginning of humanity's existence, man and woman had a covenant with God and all their needs were supplied as they asked for sustenance. With time, Free Will was discovered and humanity turned its face from God and acknowledged their own material existence and ability. As a matter of fact, they over-estimated their ability to survive without God's law. Humanity was now on its own.

Men and Women were created with different strengths and weaknesses. Man had lateral thinking, physical strength, the ability to rationalize all situations. Woman was created with a more emotional, creative method of thinking and reasoning. Their spiritual connection was stronger. If these strengths and weaknesses were put together in a caring relationship, the whole would be a perfect fit.

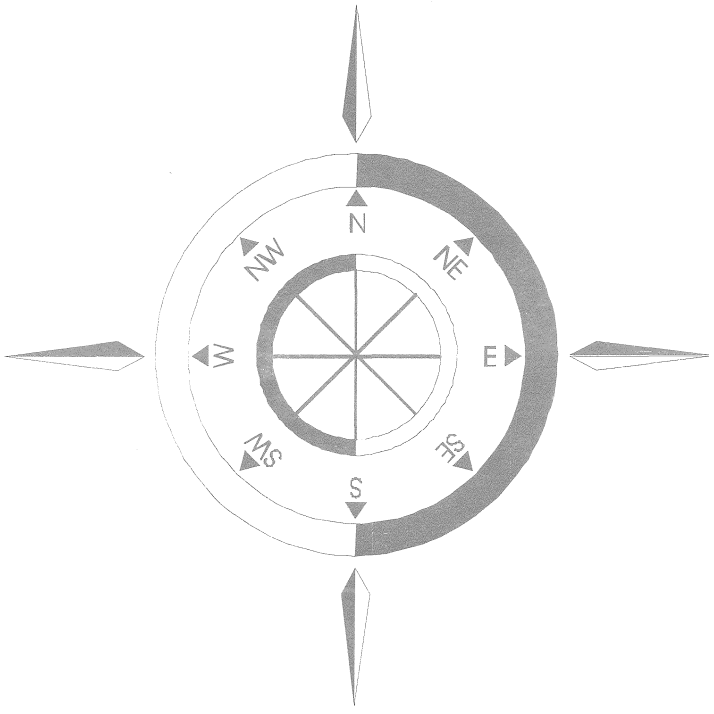
Man chose to dominate with physical strength. In this decision has followed wars, insurrections, violence and inhumanity that plagues our world to this day.

While men and women have settled for this condition these many years, it no longer satisfies their souls. It is time to return to our covenant with our God. To put the Law of Life and Love back into our existence.

Many books have been written on the care and upbringing of children, with many theories as to their needs and growth. When asked recently what would be the best lesson for children, the answer that came was "Personal Responsibility". With God at the head of every household, we can exercise our personal responsibility and learn the value of the God-given laws of life.

We have the free will to choose how, where, when, why and with whom we choose to exist on this earth plane; we have the right to change any condition in our life, at any time we choose. We can exercise our free will in all our many choices on the earth existence; but our covenant with God is not a choice, it is a right and privilege and a necessity. We have turned our face away from its existence, now we must turn back to fix that which is out of sorts in our world.

When we bring spiritual healing to the body of our friends and acquaintances, we know that following any treatment, it is necessary to make a change in one's life to reverse the effects of the illness. It is not enough that we abuse our bodies, minds, spirits and then come for a healing and expect all to be well. As the healing affirmation states, "and I will do my part". Our souls are receiving spiritual healing through the administration of spirit angels and we are not seeing the necessity to ". . . do our part". That part is to change that which is out of sorts in our lives; that which is not living within the law and light of our covenant with God.



To return to this covenant with God we must identify the existence of God and its meaning for ourselves; what is God? Many explanations, in many ways have been given of the power, the presence or existence of God; but we must each come to terms with that presence in our own lives. As Spiritualists we frequently hear how our spirit guides can work their wonder in our lives; but we must remember to pray to the Source of All Life. The spirit guides are messengers (like angels) of God's decisions for our lives. Those decisions are arrived at through an ordered existence of law and light. There is no favoritism, nor any punishment; all is according to law. So when we pray for our lives, be sure to leave that which is possible in the hands of the one and only Source of All Life who can make the correct decisions.

Our Free Will has led us to that place of selfishness that our Ego is inclined to occupy; to that material place of a very "ME" world. Now is the time to understand our covenant with God and our ability to be of service to all who are in need. Through service we will find our road back to love and understanding, which is our covenant with God. ⚔

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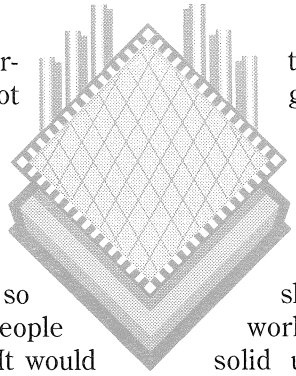
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I put my trust in the love and power of God.

Inviting Infinite Intelligence To Share Our Daily Lives

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



The other day I overheard someone say, "I'm not surprised it didn't last. They forgot to invite God to the wedding." I thought about the statement all day and began to wonder if this might be the answer to so many of the problems people have with each other today. It would probably be a good idea to ask Infinite Intelligence to take a hand when we find ourselves in a "personality conflict", "a no compromise situation" or just a good old fashioned difference of opinion. If God were invited to every wedding, every business deal and the various relationships we encounter in our daily lives how would they be effected? Perhaps it would put an end to petty gossip, scapegoating and idle remarks that only cause harm and do nothing to improve our spiritual environment. Infinite Intelligence brings balance and healing to all life.

Pause and think of a troubling relationship you have with someone, be it a minor difference or a major blow. If God were in the mix would you see that person in a different light? Could you relate to the good they have done by being here? Even if you both do virtually the same job, do they do it as well, albeit differently? Maybe that's the difficulty, you think they should do it your way or no way. Rather difficult to think about, isn't it?

Spiritualists try to see the Spiritual light in everyone we meet, yet sometimes it is difficult to see any glimmer of the individual expression of the Infinite we so loudly proclaim exists in all our brothers and sisters.

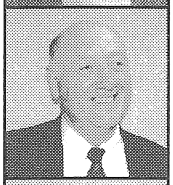
In a marital relationship if husband, wife and God work together, it becomes a solid unit of loving, spiritually attuned souls working together. In this age of frequent divorce and competitive role playing a touch of Infinite Intelligence might well lead to soul growth for both. The love for one another is shown in mutual respect and understanding, a willingness to care for each other, without counting who is getting the better deal. Supporting each other in reaching spiritual as well as material goals has beautiful benefits for all concerned.

How could this be expanded to all our dealings? A few moments in prayerful consideration before tackling difficult situations leads to considerably less competitiveness and more time recognizing the worth of each other.

As we deal with one another in daily situations, it is beneficial to become aware of the other person, their frailties and egocentricities and look for ways to help them meet their needs. How healing this could be for everyone involved. I once knew a man I could not get along with no matter how hard I tried. Our religious views were

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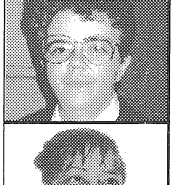
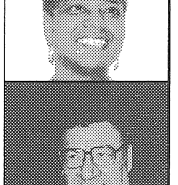
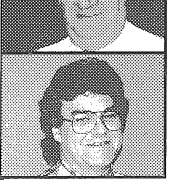
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2641 W. Union Hills Dr. (at the Wyndham Garden Hotel); Mailing address: 3521 W. Topeka, Glendale, 85308-2325; Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Call about Classes Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Shelia Mazar, (602) 507-6108.

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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.

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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.

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3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m; 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.; (415) 761-9222; Co-Pastors: Rev. Rosemarie Mallia, (415) 563-3040, 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.

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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; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; Summer services June & July only, dates to be announced; 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.

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WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., 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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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., 60633-1614; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617-6929; Secy., Maude E. Mazzacavallo, 14235 Oak St., Dolton, 60419-1236, (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.

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GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC
2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, P.O. Box 4278, 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Dinner every third Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS - First 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, 303 W. Front St., Buchanan, 49107.

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CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732-0123, (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) 243-9738; 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.

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

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., 04401; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Please call for information about classes to be held in the fall and seminars; private readings are available, please call for an appointment; Pastor, Debbie Locke, (207) 474-2960; Pres., Nedra Foster, RR2 Box 6820, E. Holden, 04429, 843-6065; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan; For information: 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901-6214, (207) 474-7723; July-Aug. schedule to be announced. No accommodations for rooms, camping or meals. Pres., Zella Longley, (207) 465-3310; Secy., John Davidson, (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidso@mint.net.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp Session mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Serv. at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. and Sat; Seminars Monday 7:30 p.m.; All-day workshops Sat.; Accommodations and meals available. For a program or information: (207) 338-3029; P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, 04849-0031.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from April to Nov. and in Belfast from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Carol Fricke.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Carter; Secy., Diane Warming, (207) 871-9334.

• 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, 24 Howell St., Dorchester, 02125-1149 - (617) 265-7955; 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.

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• MICHIGAN •

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07444 Old 31 N, 49720; c/o Gail Wrona, Sec'y., 07453 Old 31 N, 49720-9422, (616) 347-3899.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
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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
Services held at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg. at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410; Pastor, Rev. Toni Ferdelman, NST, (612) 572-8940.

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, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255; 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 •

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

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

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; 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.

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

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

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

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.

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LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Road, Smithtown, NY; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg, (516) 588-3150; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Nancy Lloyd, (516) 736-1058; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741-3902.

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. Evening Message Service, 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.

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

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

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

• TEXAS •

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

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Dr. Jean Hamner, LM, CM, CH; Elaine Fernandes, CM, (512) 458-3987.

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

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas
Best Western Market Center, 2023 Market Center Blvd.; Study Class 2nd Sun – 10:45 a.m.; Services the 4th Sunday each month; Pastor, Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, (214) 331-8236; Pres., Elizabeth Ann Council, (214) 218-7220.

GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, NSAC
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
2115 Turner St., 77009.

HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
8010 Wier, #1, 77093-6138.

SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, NSAC
5914 Glenhurst, 77033.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
1300 W. 4th & Ferguson, P.O. Box 1113, 76574; Servs. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., every Sun.; Pres., Jennye Lou Swanson, 12316 Fay St., Manor, 78653, (512) 251-5425; Pastor, Mrs. Frances Brown, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin, 78704, (512) 447-2188; Corr. Secy., Libby A. Miller, 164 S. Valley Dr., Georgetown, 78628-9710.

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 No. Washington St., 22046 (at the Women's Club), (703) 242-8823; Healing Service each Sunday 10-10:30 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., September through June; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Christine Krithades; Secy., Rita O'Connor; All mail to President at 8725 Stockton Parkway, Alexandria, 22308.

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
307 W. 37th St., 23508.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (206) 927-2050; Pres., David R. Chapman, Sr.; Secy., Denice L. Chapman, 1200 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (206) 952-6753.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Sun. Serv., 11:00 a.m.; Lyceum, 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Johanson; Asst. Teacher, Sabrina Chapman; Pres., Fred Klontz, (206) 627-3874; Secy., Jean Ringena, (206) 627-3874.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity
Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 25th Ave. Crt., 98354; Secy., Nikki Williams, (206) 952-4196.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association
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• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Church Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Manilla Kochanski, (414) 474-7332; Secy., Mrs. Diane Palen, 3349 No. Golden Lake Rd., Oconomowac 53066, (414) 567-1126.

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WONEWOC - West Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
304 Hill St., 53968, (608) 464-7466; 94th season opening, June 19 through Sept. 17, 1993 (Near WI Dells); Please call Ilene Geier for pre-season information, (608) 464-7466.

• CANADA •

BRITTEN MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CANADA
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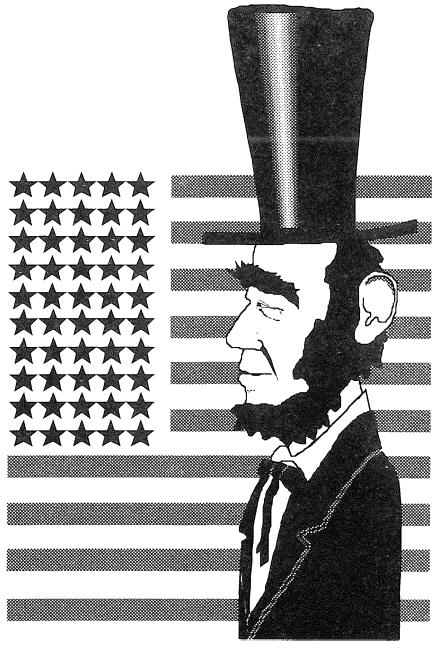
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Out of my expanded self love is born.
2 Virtue is responsibility toward my own existence.	**3** I am a co-creator of my life, which is an inspiring process.	**4** With God, I can overcome all difficulties.	**5** Thank you for all blessings, beginning with my life.	**6** There is no separation from the Infinite.	**7** Understanding and Love refresh my soul.	**8** A heightened consciousness touches in with Spirit.
9 I absorb the beauty of Nature, the blessings of each day.	**10** My mind creates the fruit of my inspirations and meditations.	**11** The living essence of Divine Nature flows through all life.	**12** Bless those who serve, both in the physical and the spiritual realms.	**13** As scientific knowledge increases, the knowing of a Higher Principle increases.	**14** Love is its own eternity, its own energy, its own goodness.	**15** Love is an image of God, a living essence of Divine nature.
16 Every part of life has meaning in relation to the whole.	**17** Infinite Life and Power is in back of and part of all experience.	**18** We can bring the Spirit of God into the world as we possess It within us.	**19** Love is a celebration and connection to the Infinite.	**20** Now is a good time to review my purpose and my direction.	**21** I look for simple ways, for paths of limited resistance and light.	**22** Bless and guide the men and women who lead.
23 I look for the One in the many.	**24** I do not take life for granted but accept it as a mysterious, wonderful journey.	**25** My smile reflects my love of God to others.	**26** Harmony and peace are there for me as I accept them and believe in them.	**27** I forgive myself and I forgive others for we were doing our best at the time.	**28** My inner seeing reveals the magic of this world and the next.	



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Randel Helms, a noted biblical scholar, is professor of English at Arizona State University. ⁂

What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

FEBRUARY 5

Please send a good thought and a Happy Birthday to NSAC Board member Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST.

FEBRUARY 9, 1835

Mrs. Orpha E. Tousey was born on this date. She was a teacher and student of literature. After reading A. J. Davis' *Divine Revelations* and the works of Prof. Robert Hare and Judge Edmonds, she sought employment in the field of Spiritualism. She became connected with the *American Spiritualist* and the *Courier.* Eventually she became co-editor of the daily *Cassadagan,* also a reporter for two years for the *Banner of Light.* She published two books of her own.

FEBRUARY 12, 1953

Filed an amendment to change the name of the National Spiritualist Association (N.S.A.) to the **National Spiritualist Association of Churches** (N.S.A.C.). This was recorded in Washington, D.C., April 27th, 1953.

FEBRUARY 18, 1927

Adopted the **Pledge to the Flag** to affirm Americans allegiance and love of our country and our loyalty to its ideals.

FEBRUARY 14

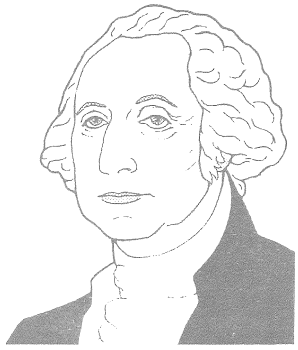
Valentine's Day, a day to magnify the loving thoughts and activities we share with friends and family. In fact, share love with all you meet today and everyday.

FEBRUARY 17, 1857

Maggie Fox Kane was notified that her husband, Dr. Kane, had died in Havana. She grieved greatly and for awhile gave up serving the Spirit World as a medium.

FEBRUARY 17

President's Day. Let us honor our first president, **George Washington** (February 22, 1732), our ninth president, **William Henry Harrison** (February 9, 1773), our sixteenth president, **Abraham Lincoln** (February 12, 1890) and our fortieth president, **Ronald Wilson Reagan** (February 6, 1911). We thank them for their leadership.



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REINCARNATION

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

The National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) is a hierarchical religious society that was incorporated in Washington, DC in 1893. Since that time, reincarnation, although never specifically addressed in the Bylaws, was historically viewed as an unproved theory that would not be taught in any NSAC auxiliaries. In fact, I have even had the experience of seeing people actually afraid to discuss the subject in their church!

Unofficially though, many Spiritualists *did* believe the doctrine of reincarnation, which actually compounded the many years of confusion. In January, 1995, the Rev. Brenda J. Wittich, NSAC President, appointed the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, Chairman, and the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, as a committee to research the subject of reincarnation. Following completion of two years of research and investigation their report, which included recommendations for a change in the Bylaws, was submitted to the delegates at the 104th NSAC Annual Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada in October, 1996. The report was accepted with a standing ovation and the delegates overwhelmingly approved the recommendations that were made.

The subject of reincarnation is so vast and with so many aspects, that it is extremely difficult to decide where to end even one section. But it is important to have the facts that were considered by the committee and delegates when this position was adopted. The actual report was lengthy and took about twenty minutes to read. I have condensed the report for publication in *TNS*, while still retaining most of the pertinent information that was presented: This summary follows:

IAN STEPHENSON: Ian Stevenson is a professor of psychiatry and the director of the division of personality studies at the University of Virginia and is greatly respected in his field. Dr. Harold Lief in the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases* stated, "His (Stevenson's) studies are scrupulously objective and methodologically impeccable," and the late Herbert S. Ripley, former chairman of the psychiatry department at the University of Washington in Seattle noted, "We are lucky to have someone of his ability and high integrity investigating this controversial area."

Stevenson saw the short-comings of most evidence (of reincarnation) from adult cases and focused on the memories of very young children. He concluded that adults might distinguish between "imaged" and "behavioral" memories and that their interests, aptitudes and phobias might have been formed by forgotten or sub-conscious experiences.

Also, that reincarnation could explain features of the human personality that other theories had failed to elucidate. He felt that if one accepts the possibility of reincarnation, one can entertain the idea that these children are demonstrating strong likes, dislikes, skills, and even genius that are logical results of previous experiences, and that he had found children with skills that seem to be carried over from a previous life.

Documentation exists that identifies such things as the fact that Southern European Christians believed in reincarnation until the Council of Nice banned such beliefs in 553 AD; Plato described souls about to be reborn as choosing their future lives; Schopenhauer took it seriously and Voltaire's observation that it is no more surprising to be born twice than once is very well known.

It is also most interesting that very little literature exists that opposes the theory of reincarnation or offers sound and logical arguments against it.

EDGAR CAYCE READINGS: The Edgar Cayce readings are quite impressive. In fact, Mr. Cayce was a strong proponent of reincarnation.

One of our sources for this information was the book titled, *Edgar Cayce's Wisdom for the New Age,* and Cayce Reading no. 1297-1 states, "Truth is growth. For what is truth today may be tomorrow only partially so, to a developing soul."

The basic story of reincarnation is relatively simple, and the underlying concept of rebirth with its guiding law of cause and effect is so logical that it is easily understood, even when it is not believed. The theory of reincarnation superbly addresses some of the most difficult questions concerning the meaning of life, but it also leaves much unanswered, or at least left to the realms of educated guessing. Let's take a look at some of those questions.

How many incarnations does each soul have? Cayce made no specific statements concerning this, but he did make it clear that those lives mentioned in any past life reading are merely a selection from a larger pool of past experiences. And it becomes clear that these lives are mentioned because they relate directly to current-life patterns. Cayce believed that from this we can be fairly sure of one thing: the soul is given the opportunity for as many incarnations as it takes to accomplish its development. Consider if you will, the time it takes a person to overcome the many common yet diverse human problems to get an idea of the possible number of reincarnations needed.

How often does the soul come back to earth? Just as there is no stan-

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dard number of lives for everyone, there is no set interval between lives. A soul may come back within weeks of its last death, or it may stay out of the earth plane for thousands of years. The timing of any particular soul's reentry into a fleshy existence depends primarily on when conditions here on earth are such that the necessary lessons can be learned. So that also explains the presence of certain other souls with whom an experience began in a past life.

Do Heaven, Hell, Purgatory fit into the philosophy of reincarnation? This answer seems to fit in very well with Spiritualist teachings. Heaven is described in the Cayce readings as being in the presence of God: Hell is separation from God. We may experience Heaven in moments of spiritual ecstasy, and we may experience Hell in times of anguish. And both of these states may be experienced while we are still in the physical body, or they may be a state of consciousness that we experience in the between-life state. The separation and torment we can experience between lives as a result of our own negative thought creations is analogous to Purgatory. So you can see how our prayers can help those who might be caught in self-created darkness wake up and move on to their next stage of development.

In ultimate terms Heaven is the state we will be in when we have reached our full maturity as companions and co-creators with God. Hell, in the final sense of absolute and permanent separation from God, is a state that God will never inflict on any soul. Eternal progression, just as Spiritualism teaches!

When do we know that we are finished with our development and do not have to come back? Some people were told in the Cayce readings that if they continued living their lives as they had been conducting them up to that point, they would have the option of not reincarnating. Specifically, eighteen out of the approximately 1,500 individuals who had life readings were told this. These people had not reached perfection, but they had apparently completed the lessons that the earth plane has to offer. We can infer that there were other lessons in other planes of consciousness still left for them to learn, but it was made quite clear that the option to return to earth if they choose to, would be open to them.

Mr. Cayce stated that, "When we accept the law of cause and effect, we bring a sense of predictability and control into our lives." "Not to decide is to decide," as the saying goes. The law of karma promises us that we always have the option of choosing in ways that must – according to the law – bring the very best into our lives. Consider the Seventh Principle that states, "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."

SPIRITISTS: To begin with, we should understand that Spiritists believe that the soul is an incarnate spirit. In other words, souls and spirits are the same thing, the difference being that as spirits they were one of the intelligent beings who peopled the invisible world, but have temporarily assumed a fleshy body in order to effect their purification and enlightenment. They believe that the aim of incarnation is a necessity imposed by God as the means of attaining perfection. It is the experience acquired that constitutes its usefulness, and by means of which we are able to accomplish the special work, in connection with the world in which we are in, which has been appointed to us by Divine ordering. So then, we are able to contribute our quota to the general good, while achieving our advancement.

And just as Edgar Cayce did, Spiritists believe that the spirit is indivisible and cannot incarnate itself in two different bodies at the same time. Spiritists believe that the soul again becomes a spirit after death. It also preserves its individuality after physical death and takes only the remembrance of the past life (either sweetness or bitterness depending on the use it had made of the earthly life just left), and the desire to go to a better world.

They believe that a spirit cannot descend to a lower level of its progress, nor can that spirit animate the body of a scoundrel. However, the soul can progress if it has made the proper effort, and the new incarnation is the reward of those efforts. This does seem to correspond to Spiritualism's teaching of eternal progression for all.

The spirit of a child who died in infancy may be more advanced than that of an adult. For this person may have lived longer and acquired more experience, especially if it is a spirit who has made considerable progress. In the case of a child who died in infancy, without any wrongdoing, the same child has also done nothing good; and God does not exonerate that child from the trials which they have to undergo. The duration of a life of a child may be for the spirit thus incarnated, the complement of an existence interrupted before its appointed term.

THE KABBALAH: The Research Centre of Kabbalah Press (Jerusalem-New York) provides a book titled *Wheels of a Soul*, written by Rabbi Phillip S. Berg. Rabbi Berg points out that when he tried to amass data on reincarnation through discussion with other Jewish scholars, he encountered bitter antagonism. Their feelings were that since the authorized guardians of the Kabbalah have never written on reincarnation in any great detail, the whole subject is better left alone.

Rabbi Berg felt that any writings on reincarnation must first pose and answer three questions: 1) What is reincarnation? 2) Where can the case for reincarnation be found in the Bible? 3) How can one recognize one's own reincarnation?

Ecclesiastes 1:4 states, "One generation passes away and another generation comes but the earth abides forev-

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er". He states that this really means that the generation that has passed away is the same generation that comes to replace it.

An identical key may be found in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:5) which says, "The sins of the fathers are remembered even unto the third and fourth generation." This does not imply a vengeful and vicious God that would inflict punishment on the sinner's innocent offspring. His contention is that the third and fourth generation are in fact, the first! One soul returning in the form of its own descendants so that it may correct the sins cited as "sins of the fathers".

The concept of reincarnation is by no means exclusive to Judaism. The idea was and is prevalent among American Indians, and in the Orient the teaching of reincarnation is widespread and influential. It is the basis of most of the philosophical systems of India, where hundreds of millions accept the truth of reincarnation the way we accept the truth of gravity – as a great natural and inevitable law that only a fool would question.

Rabbi Berg states that today it is reasonable to say that millions of people in the Western world look upon reincarnation as the logical explanation of so many social, religious, humanistic and environmental problems, and this acceptance has spread far beyond the limits of the original Kabbalah. Because the concept of reincarnation is a rational tool for dealing with the most baffling problems both in the Jewish and in the non-Jewish community, it is unequaled in its power to convince, illuminate and inspire.

Rabbi Berg's intention was not to prove that reincarnation is a fact of nature, although he felt that a preponderance of evidence supported such a proposition. And that anyone who feels the need for strict scientific validation should realize that as we probe deeper into the subatomic world of our existence, we find that strict scientific validation of anything becomes virtually impossible. Quantum mechanics and the now scientifically respectable *Uncertainty Principle* have taken care of that.

He feels that essentially, verification lies not in accumulation of more stringent proofs of reincarnation, but rather in the persuasion of skeptics to accept that which has already been made known. Rabbi Berg goes on to say that, "Reincarnation is not a question of faith or doctrine, but of logic and reason."

MEDIUMSHIP: Mediumship is considered by Spiritualists as part of our religion and is proven through the communication we receive. But consider that many very fine certified mediums state that they accept reincarnation because of communication they have received. But, by the same token, many other fine mediums state that they do not accept the theory because of communications they have received.

With this consideration it seems safe to state that reincarnation is proven or disproved as much as mediumship is! And, can we honestly say something is not so because we cannot prove it to be so, and then acknowledge that we cannot prove it to NOT be so? Historically this has always been a controversial and contradictory issue, because of the conflicting messages received through so many recognized and fine mediums. Confusing? Yes it is, and just who and what should you believe?

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Basically, the adherents of reincarnation believe that all humans possess an eternal, non-physical element or energy which will not die when the physical body dies, but will leave the body and enter another sometime later, and do so again and again. Those same adherents feel that this is fairly consistent with scientific thought, because it is stated as a law of physics that energy cannot be either created or destroyed, but can only be changed. Reincarnation would therefore allow this energy to be preserved.

From the *Book of Seance* by Tom Cowan, where he discusses the second possibility about what happens after death, we found the following.

"A second possibility for life after death is reincarnation, often after a period of waiting or preparation for the next physical life. Some of the ancient Greeks espoused a reincarnational view, as do the great Hindu teachings. In some traditions a person's next life is a reward or punishment for previous lives. This karmic explanation says that what happens to us after death is a result of our actions in this life. Several scholars have argued that the Catholic religion's purgatory and limbo are in fact metaphors for reincarnation.

There are numerous arguments both for and against reincarnation. And it is interesting that you could literally take either position, for or against, and use many of the same arguments. For instance, the most common examples are young children who have knowledge about entire families in another area, or even in another country. The supporters of the theory argue that this is absolute proof, while the opponents quickly point to spirit influence as the explanation. Past life regression and speaking in different languages have similar arguments and counter-arguments.

Another question frequently asked is, **"Why does communication cease, or never even begin with some of our loved ones in the Spirit World?"** Consider that if the loved one is no longer in the Spirit World, but somewhere else, then reincarnation could provide one possible answer to this mystery. Of course there is also the possibility that a spirit may have gone on to a higher plane and chooses to no longer contact the earth plane.

The official position of the NSAC had been that we do NOT teach reincarnation because it does not prove the continuity of life, nor has it been proven. One suggestion is that this position was more of a "comfort factor" problem, meaning that it is nice to believe that we will "live happily ever after" with our loved ones, family and

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friends. But if we accept the theory of reincarnation, then that "comfort zone" wouldn't be there for us.

A very real problem with the stated NSAC position that reincarnation did not prove the continuity of life became most evident, because that is exactly what reincarnation professes and stresses, CONTINUOUS LIFE!

Spiritualism prides itself on being open to all truths, even if we don't like what the truth is. So could we honestly reject reincarnation and still accept other things?

We study and teach Comparative Religion in all of our classes and churches. We do this so that our membership can develop an understanding of these different beliefs. But the fact that we do teach and discuss these religions, certainly does not suggest or even imply that we have accepted the teachings or beliefs of Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, or any of the other religions.

Here now is the official NSAC position on reincarnation (as accepted by the delegates at the 104th Annual NSAC Convention):

1. The theory of reincarnation has not yet been satisfactorily proven, nor has it been satisfactorily disproved.

2. Chartered auxiliaries are allowed to openly discuss and teach about the theory of reincarnation, with the clear understanding of #1 (above) being included in all such discussions and teachings.

3. Each member of the NSAC is allowed to form their own opinion regarding this and not be forced to accept or reject the theory.

4. Proof of the continuity of life as well as personal responsibility must continue to be the foundation of the religion of Spiritualism; therefore spirit messages shall not contain references to past lives or experiences.

The NSAC Bylaws have been changed to include the following section:

"That chartered auxiliaries be allowed to openly discuss and teach the theory of reincarnation, with the clear understanding that the NSAC official position is that the theory of reincarnation has not been satisfactorily proven, nor has it been satisfactorily disproved. Each member of the NSAC will be permitted to form their own opinion regarding reincarnation, and will not be required to accept or reject the theory, and no punitive action will be taken for the above mentioned reincarnation activities. Proof of the continuity of life as well as personal responsibility must continue to be the foundation of the religion of Spiritualism; therefore spirit messages shall not contain references to past lives or experiences."

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Paths

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

We are all fellow travellers on the same spiritual pathway, which has many roads to take us towards the Great Spirit.

– Silver Birch

What is the best path to take to grow spiritually? Is developing our psychic abilities the most productive path? Or is an active life, such as love and service to mankind the most conducive to spiritual growth? Again, Eastern religions tell us that the contemplative life best serves the purpose. There are many paths to choose. Is one better than another?

PATH ONE:

Since expanding our consciousness includes developing our psychic abilities, it would seem that this path could very well be a favored one. Too, developed psychic abilities give us the ability to gather knowledge which we might not otherwise be able to collect. Spiritualists have only to think of the vast accumulated knowledge of life in the Hereafter to understand this.

Yet, although psychic knowledge and extra-sensory perception broaden our knowledge, they do not by themselves deepen life, nor do they add anything to our spiritual growth or development. Too, if the purpose of developing psychic abilities is love of power/greed, egotism or mere curiosity, results are unfavorable for spiritual development. Everything depends on the use made of the increased knowledge and psychic powers. These abilities can be either positive or negative forces. They can help or harm. In their positive form great strides can be made, for it is predicted that science and medicine will soon make tremendous advancements because people have vast psychic abilities within themselves which need only be harnessed and utilized.

PATH TWO:

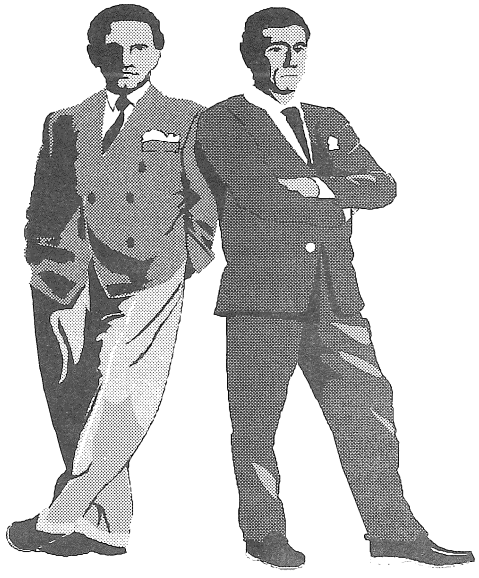
The life of action appeals to the practical Western temperament. Love, duty and service, the Golden Rule and Brotherly Love are keywords in the life of action – the love of God expressed through love to man. Western ways of thinking open churches and keep them operating. They are concerned with the welfare of their fellow-man; feeding the hungry; caring for the sick; responsibility for the environment. Actions reflect desires.

Yet there is another side to the life of action, and that is it often becomes the goal of life. It becomes an end in itself. We have been told that "Satisfied desire or obtaining one's life's goals is the least contented of moods. That we drink deep of experience for the sake of its effect on us."

Perhaps the Western world has placed too much emphasis on 'Action' and 'Experiences' or 'Doing Good Deeds' rather than on 'Being.'

PART THREE:

To a Westerner's way of thinking, those who live the contemplative, meditative life found in some Eastern countries are wasting their time, or are doing nothing, or are too self-centered and care little for their fellow-man. This is ill-informed. For among the Eastern people there are profound ideas of duty and obligation, that each person has his own way of finding spiritual enlightenment saying, "If my lot was cast in some inescapable way I will not spend time complaining of the conditions of my life. These conditions can minister to my spiritual development. This is my mission, and I accept it courageously."



But for those who choose the reflective, contemplative life, it is not fair or accurate for them to accuse, as showing evidence of worldly attachments, all those who choose the life of action, or to say that Spiritualism hinders reaching reality by favoring illusion.

There is a cry in the heart of mankind for the Eternal, the hunger of the spirit for God, the longing of the ego for self, and there are several paths from which to choose.

Some take one path, some another, but if they keep travelling they will come closer to their fellow travellers who are on different routes but who are going in the same direction, and may hope to meet them at the end where all paths converge.

There are no clear answers as to which spiritual path is best. No Spiritualist can point to the superior path of life, for what works best for one person may not function for another. But one thing a Spiritualist knows and that is; the preferred path to take is the one which offers the most spiritual development on the side where it is most needed.

Steps to Spiritual Truth

If I look for the best in all situations.

If I put the past behind me and live in the present to prepare for the future.

If I forgive without exception those that have hurt me and I forgive myself with all my heart.

If I consider my work sacred and do the best I can (whether I like my work or not).

If I take all measures to demonstrate a healthy harmonious outlook.

If I make myself helpful to my neighbors without being indiscreet or interfering.

If I keep the truth up front at all times so all can benefit.

If I avoid being critical and not reveal confidences or take rumors at face value.

If I would devote 15 minutes a day for prayers and meditation.

If I would read a passage daily from a sacred or spiritual book.

If I really ask for spiritual comprehension for myself on a daily basis.

If I make a point of waking up with thoughts of God.

If I take a few minutes in my day to send thoughts of healing to the world.

If I practice the Golden Rule "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them." instead of looking at it from afar.

If I see something that's unpleasant to me, I can be assured that it is only an image and that it can be transformed with a prayer.

If I follow the main concept of the Golden Rule and be sincere in my beliefs, even if others do not follow my path.

If I want to be successful in my pursuit of spiritual truth, I should ask myself once a week, if I have followed the steps to reach it.

Work of Dr. Emmet Fox
English translation by:
Reverend Louise Peruch, NST

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.

"Love is the most durable force in the world . . . Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The only real security in the end is the love we have given and the love we have received."
– Friends Journal

"Love is the principal of existence and its only end."
– Benjamin Disraeli

"Holiness is the inability to be anything but Love."
– Merry Browne

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diametrically opposed. I found him to be stubborn, difficult and narrow minded. Then one day I discovered he loved boating and I shared an excellent article I had just read with him. Suddenly we discovered something to talk about that did not involve work or personal opinion. Over time we shared many things from a mutual love of classical music to similar views in child rearing. Once I realized that paperwork was really difficult for him and started looking for ways to help him handle it, instead of complaining because he was always late, he became the first one in with his reports. When he retired I was genuinely sorry to see this sensitive, intelligent person leave. What a waste all the bickering had been!

Often when parents have trouble with their children, if they would listen to themselves, they would be surprised to see how this child is indeed "a chip off the old block". How many times have we heard parents laugh at their child's complaint only to be reminded of something they did at that age? Think back, is this child any different than you? Taking time to see the problem through the eyes of the young offender can often put it in a different perspective. Every generation seems to feel the next one is not going to make it. You can see that by simply reading some of the letters from our ancestors or statements taken from old newspapers. Surprisingly the vast majority do make it and become contributing members of society. If we remember that this lanky, difficult child is an expression of the Infinite perhaps we could learn to treasure those egotistic expressions for the unique individuality they represent. At the same time asking for Higher help we would find a way to guide the emotion to a better avenue of expression, sparing all of us heartache and future problems.

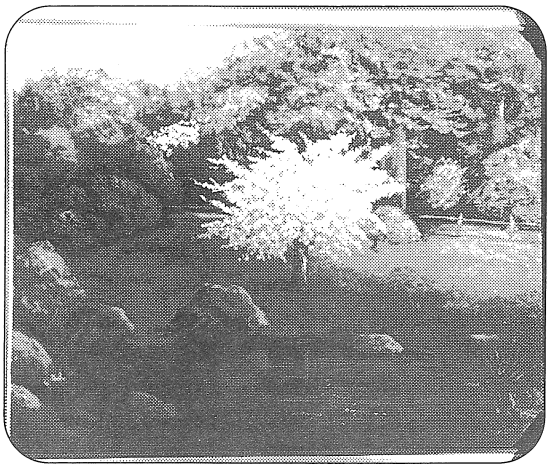
Inviting Infinite Intelligence to be a part of our daily lives in showing us how to deal with one another can be a rewarding, loving and healing experience for all concerned.

A "Happening" at The Golden Gate

Early last August, just before the Program Committee of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco met to prepare the church program for September and October, Jessie Haddick, the pastor's wife, asked the directors to allow her to have "A Happening". The warm but quizzical response was, "Tell us more . . . and how would it benefit the church?"

Although most members of the church knew that Jessie Haddick was a very fine artist working in oils and pastels, only a few have actually had the pleasure of having seen her paintings.

Jessie's "Happening" was to have an exhibit of her paintings. Not to promote sales, but just the pure pleasure of sharing. And she even offered a recent painting to be used as a raffle for fund-raising. How could we refuse?

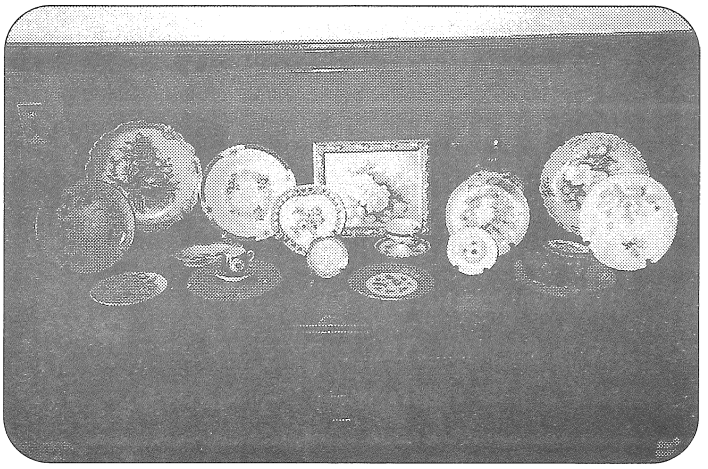


A picture of the 18" x 24" Japanese Cherry Tree painting awarded in the raffle.

The exhibit was scheduled for Saturday, September 7th from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. with refreshments served. She immediately set about to borrow many of her paintings now hanging in private homes from Berkeley all the way down to San Diego.

A long serpentine display was set up in the upstairs social hall; a construction of nine four-foot square panels to hold two paintings on each side. This allowed hanging space for only thirty-six paintings. The full exhibit included forty-seven with subjects ranging from florals, birds, portraits and landscapes. An additional display of her painted china objects was set up in the club room.

The "Happening" was so well attended, it was decided to keep the exhibit on display for the next two church services to allow more viewers to have the joy of seeing these paintings. The drawing for the donated painting was held and the winning ticket belonged to a member of Jessie's china painting club.



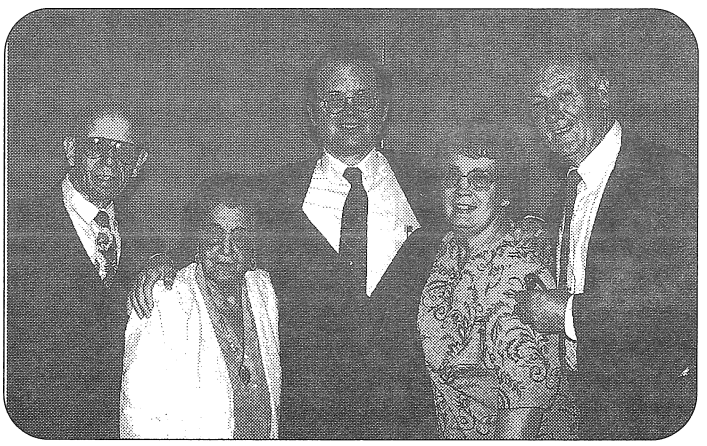
A beautiful display of the painted china.

Members and friends of the church were amazed at Jessie's professionalism, and many pointed out favorites they wished they could have in their homes. With much humility, Jessie gives credit and honor to her Spirit guide, Jean Poole, a French artist, for his loyal inspiration and guidance in her artistic endeavors.

It goes to show, a lot is happening at the Golden Gate.

An Ordination Celebration

Members of seven Northern California churches gathered on August 25th, 1996 to celebrate the ordination of the Rev. Donald W. McFarland, NST, of the First Spiritual Temple, NSAC, in San Francisco, California. The church hall was filled nearly to capacity with friends and relatives as well as church members who came for the



"The Five Reverends" - (from left) the Rev. Wayne DuBois, NST; the Rev. Connie Smith, NST; the Rev. Donald W. McFarland, NST; the Rev. Sandra Dawson, NST; and the Rev. Alfred Conner, NST.

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happy event. The Rev. Alfred Conner, NST, of the First Spiritual Temple, presided over the ceremony. The Rev. Sandra Dawson, NST, of the Central Spiritualist Church of Sacramento, gave the invocation, Arthur Iman, president of the First Spiritual Temple, conducted the healing service, the Rev. Wayne DuBois, NST, of the Brotherhood Spiritualist Church of Alameda, administered the Charge of Ordination to the new minister, and the Rev. Connie Smith, NST, of the Spiritualist Church of the Comforter of Santa Barbara, delivered the benediction.



"At the Podium" - the Rev. Donald W. McFarland, NST, gives his inaugural address as an ordained Spiritualist minister. The Rev. Sandra Dawson, NST, is seated at the right.

Members of the First Temple of Spiritualism of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco and the Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds of San Leandro also attended and contributed greatly to the festive occasion.

The Rev. McFarland, 44, a member of the First Spiritual Temple, NSAC, since 1989, was both happy and relieved that the ceremony had gone so well and expressed his extreme gratitude for the love and enthusiasm expressed by everyone at the service.

A celebration feast, choreographed by Joan McDaniel and Catherine Hinton, was held afterwards that lasted well into the afternoon and a good time was most definitely had by all. ⊠

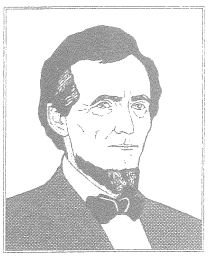


"Crowd Scene" - Happy church members and friends gather on the podium to celebrate the occasion. (Front row, from left) Terry Valenzuela, Joan McDaniel, Irma Iniguez, Virginia Daly, Lillian, and Jim. (Back row, from left) the Rev. Don McFarland, Art Iman, the Rev. Alfred Conner, and Ben Santiago.



"The Presentation" - the Rev. Wayne DuBois, NST (left) and the Rev. Alfred Conner, NST (right), present the Rev. Donald McFarland, NST, with his certificate of ordination.

Jest Joking . . .



Abe Lincoln told it like he saw it. For example, when a senator called him two-faced, he replied, "If I had another face, do you think I would wear this one?" He wanted us to think you can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but that you can't fool all of the people all of the time . . . and I'm trying to figure out which catetory I'm in!

The first female reporter to interview a president was fully clothed, but the president she interviewed was buck naked. It seems the sixth president, John Quincy Adams (1825-1829), used to swim naked in the Potomac River every morning. One sunny morning, reporter Anne Royall sat on his clothes until he gave her an interview. No woman reporter had ever interviewed a U.S. president before.

Are You Killing Your Church?

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

At the time of writing this, it is the week before getting ready to go to the National Convention and although some make the comment that it is a vacation, those that have experience know that it is on the go from the time the Club meetings start at seven in the morning until after the church service at nine-thirty and then often groups meet to discuss items that couldn't be accomplished earlier.

My first experience in Spiritualism was about seventy-five years ago when a Spiritualist Healer visited my mother. She had strong faith in Spiritual Healers and although not a strong person, lived to be ninety-five.

Circles, message meetings and church services have been a main theme throughout my entire life. Spiritualism is called by many a beautiful religion and I agree. It is free of threats by a vengeful God. Instead we preach responsibility for our actions and a loving creative spirit ever willing to assist and heal us if we but let it.

We should ask ourselves a question, why do we only have a fraction of the number of Spiritualist Churches, camps, and congregation that we had in the early part of this century? I remember standing room only in services when I was quite young. What have we failed to do?

Over the years I have been aware of many problems in the various churches. Some pick on minor problems, such as, the music is too quiet, too loud, too slow, too fast or in the wrong key. I feel a church should be thankful to have someone to play, many churches don't. We are not paying professionals, we have those that are doing it out of interest in our church. Should we criticize them when music is so important to a service? It seems that when a person volunteers their time they are far more ready to quit than when paid to do a service, and often never come back to the church. Any comments, if really necessary, have to be done with a great deal of care and thought so as not to lose their service, dedication and interest.

There are those that feel a church should be a social group that is fun, that is, without rules. There are many clubs for that purpose. We are not a circus that is there for pure fun and frolic as some would like. A church has a congregation, not an audience – an audience is not for worship. Those in a congregation should be there to commune with and respect a higher power that we call Infinite Intelligence or God; also our loved ones that are residing on the spirit side of life. They and the Creative Power are worthy of a service with dignity and respect. That means arriving at least before the service starts, not after the love offering, or just before the messages. One Medium I know will not give a message to a person coming in late and I agree with him. The person that leaves as soon as they receive a message, I feel, lacks respect to their belief and those on the platform.

There are those in the churches that over the years do a great deal of volunteer work: on the board, (which often seems to be thankless job), cooking meals or putting out some form of refreshment for after the service, cleaning (an important church job), keeping the yard in order (if the church has one), doing book work so as to keep records straight, Mediums giving their time (often driving many miles to do a service), pastors spending much more time than just the service and doing anything else that others don't, and many others all helping to keep the church going smoothly. We should be thankful for them, not criticize them. Some of the jobs require special skills and training and those complaining often don't have those skills – the churches are lucky to have that help.

Several from this state are going to spend a week working with the NSAC at the convention, often paying their own expenses or part of them, to help to bring the Constitution and Bylaws up to date. Some feel that rules are unnecessary, but without rules to follow we would have chaos – after all, isn't Natural Law the basis of Spiritualism and the Universe?

As I stated in the beginning, Spiritualism is a beautiful religion, but it has to be lived to be of value. If all will pull together, Spiritualism will be alive and well going into the next century and we will not lose any more churches or members. It is necessary to back our church workers, not pull them apart, so they quit in disgust as I have seen happen over a lifetime in various churches. ⚔

Love Poetry

Love Just Loves

by Merry Browne

Duty finds reward in song,
Gratitude can sing,
Love just loves because it can
Do no other thing.
The greatest riches ever known
Lies in the heart of love alone.



The Connection

by Merry Browne

When hearts are tuned
To Heaven above,
Tis Love reaching
Up to Love.

Without exception
Then tis found
Love already
Reaching down.

At The Crossroads

by Emilie H. Fenner, NST

One dark winter morning the three elements earth, wind and water met at the crossroads. After a short greeting the wind with a loud whistle said, "Behold, how wonderful I am. At my voice the earth trembles. I seize the mighty oak and hurl it to the ground. I lash the waves of the ocean until they tower mountain high. I spread devastation over once populous districts. None is so powerful as I."

But water with a rush replied, "Look at me, I sweep down the mountainside carrying all before me. I overflow my banks, break dams and cities, and villages are no more. Huge ships that set sail proudly with flying pennants, I seize and drag down to the dark depths of the ocean. If I withdrew, life would wither and disappear."

Earth listened to the boasting speeches of water and wind, and laughingly quietly said, "I am the most important of all. Without me the oak tree would not grow, the ocean would have no bed and there would be no populous districts. I am the mountains and the river banks – without me there would be no water. Can you not see how much more necessary and important I am than either of you?"

As Earth finished speaking, a golden gleam broke over the horizon and the sun burst forth in all its splendor a solemn silence fell upon all – The Heavens declare the glory of God.

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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

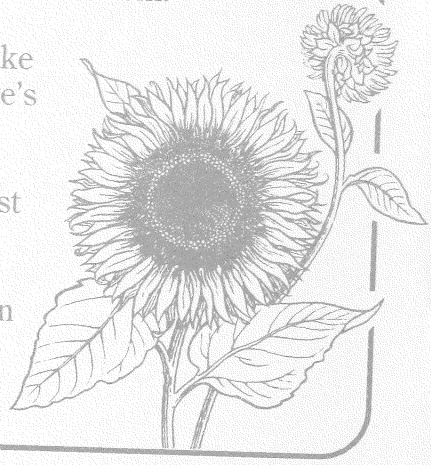
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.

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