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**The replica of the Fox family's house in Hydesville, New York. It was built during the 1950s by John Drummond, who is shown in this picture.**

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# Why SPIRITUALISM?!

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We, in the physical, require dates when things began so we may have a history. So even though spirit communication is as old as recorded time; and even though Andrew Jackson Davis published *Nature's Divine Revelation* in 1836; and even though the Shakers had been demonstrating mediumistic qualities for over a hundred years, we credit the Fox girls and March 31, 1848 as the date Modern Spiritualism began. Maybe this is because the Fox family developed a system so the raps and sounds could form an intelligent communication. The spirit message to the Fox family was "Dear Friends, you must proclaim these truths to the world. This is the dawning of a new era; you must not try to conceal it any longer. When you do your duty, God will protect you and the good spirits will watch over you." Or maybe it is because they brought the communication to the public, at a large public meeting at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York, on November 14, 1849.

The Hydesville communication brought a stir and the news spread quickly. It was a time when the churches were unable to answer the questions of the growing and thinking mind of that day. There was a new group of educated thinkers, both men and women, who were analyzers of life. These people could not accept anything based on tradition, faith, or authority if there was not a back-up to these claims. The human mind experienced a consciousness that it had never before realized.

The church of the 1800's had been in a position of unquestionable authority and was quite influential in most peoples lives. While the church believed in immortality, it could not prove it, so often did little to teach the doctrine of continued identity. The soul is hungry for something to cling to and the difference between a temporary life and a lasting life caught the attention of the people.

When Spiritualism formulated its philosophy a new interpretation of life was presented. The pioneers "were accused of doing away with God and doing away with the *Bible* and being sort of dissolute people." This was not the case as Spiritualism states in its Declaration of Principles and by the fact that we are a Science, Philosophy as well as a Religion. Elizabeth Harlowe Goetz wrote: "We are not bound – in the old sense – with just one attitude or one line of thought. We have come to realize that we are bound to the Spirit – not spirits, but Spirit."

There is truth in all religions; upliftment from prayer, song, meditation and fellowship in the worship services in most churches or temples or mosques. What makes Spiritualism different? It is the communication with our invisible helpers, the proof that life is continuous, that we never die, that love never dies and that through mediumship we can touch the other realm where the etheric spirit lives.

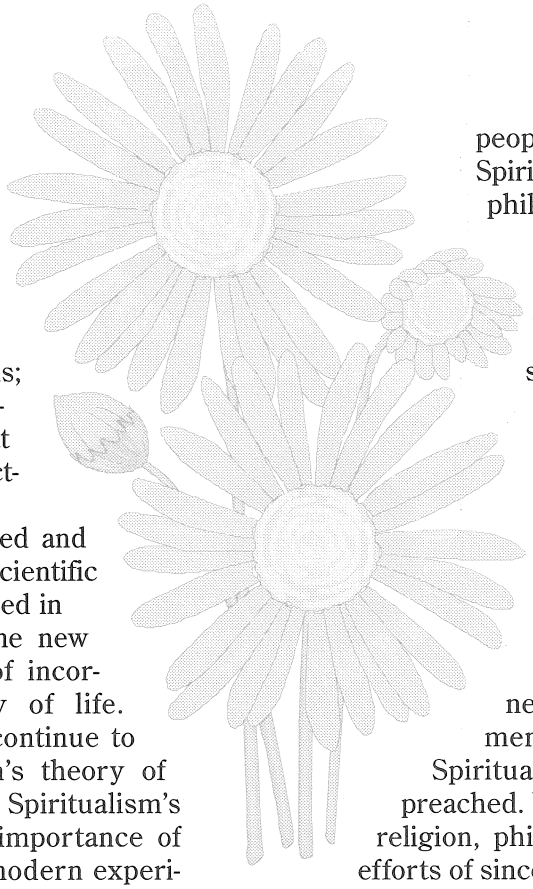
The spirit helpers greet us and teach us and take away the fear that when we die there is no more. The knowing and proof of another existence after the physical expression and that the soul/spirit does continue is exciting and opens so many more possibilities to life. With all possibilities enter responsibilities and so this advent of spirit communication brought with it a complete change of thinking.

Several times the Fox sisters tried to stop being mediumistic, to cut off the communications with the spirit people. There were tremendous obstacles but there was also tremendous love and guidance that they

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# Change, For The Sake Of Change, Is Not Progress

BY JUDY M. MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA



It seems the cry that Spiritualism is not progressing is being heard in every country around the world. Change for the sake of change will not bring progress.

When newcomers come into our churches they are looking for a different spiritual approach. They normally find this; but it is not as striking as they had anticipated. It is these newcomers ideas of what Spiritualism should be that is being reflected in these remarks about change.

First of all, Spiritualism has embraced and continues to embrace all new proven scientific knowledge as it is formulated and practiced in the reality of life. As new ideas become new facts, Spiritualism is at the forefront of incorporating them into their philosophy of life. Spiritualism has always been and will continue to be a philosophy of life. When Darwin's theory of Evolution first hit the news media, it was Spiritualism's forward thinkers who recognized the importance of his experiments. In some of the more modern experiments with the human mind, today's mediums recognize their own experiences as a part of these experiments. Spiritualism is embracing new proven scientific knowledge.

After little or no experience of Spiritualism, of its past and present, some newcomers feel compelled to tell us that we are not modern enough, our principles are outdated and should be changed (usually to suit short-sighted ideas) and that we should be incorporating traditional hymns, prayers and other paraphernalia from their old tradition. They come looking for something new, but do not realize how much of the old they are expecting us to perpetuate for their support.

The New Age movement, which is loosely connected (by seminars, psychics' books and psychic fairs, etc.), does not welcome organization. As individuals, many do not wish to be a part of or belong to organizations (labels, group mentality, etc.) but have expectation we will give them our platforms to proclaim this loose-knit type of philosophy. Sometimes new ideas that are presented, will take the imagination of a small group of people and be presented as fact. Spiritualism is a science and tests its philosophy.

The Spiritualist churches work long, hard hours to raise funds to maintain their churches and bring vibrant speakers for their congregations. They don't deserve the slanders that the press often gives them for their efforts to carry on the beautiful principles of Spiritualism.

Through constructive criticism, we all occasionally need to be reminded that our own work, or our churches work needs some help and improvement. I remind individuals that Spiritualism is to be studied, not preached. When you study the past of our religion, philosophy, science, you find the efforts of sincere workers to bring the best of life and death to all of us, and that, surely is what Spiritualism should be about, even in this age of change for the sake of change.

When those individuals who make the loudest complaint, have had the experience and education of our workers, their voice will carry more weight.

The New Age movement is <u>not</u> a new name or replacement for Spiritualism. There is room in this life for both; if you choose to look at life through the seminars and new age books or paraphernalia, that is your privilege. If you choose to study with sincere, trained, spiritually-minded people who seek only to prove the continued existence of the soul, you will be greeted and welcomed in Spiritualism.

Spiritualism moves slowly from its position of proven facts, but all evolution in life took time to evolve to full growth. There is always room for growth. We will continue, both as individuals and as Spiritualism, to grow and evolve for some time to come. Let's all help to make it vital and real and not just change for the sake of change. ☆

# SPIRITUALISM:
## No Doom And Gloom For Us!

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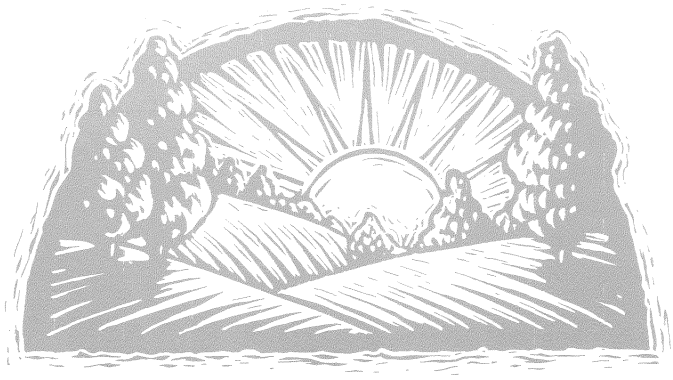
In the past few months I have noticed that several network television stations have been showing the "Ancient Prophecy" shows. While I find them interesting, I also find them quite disturbing. They seem to be preying on the old Orthodox Christian teachings about the "fire and brimstone" of Hell. I have been very interested in these prophecies for many years. I have read them in the Bible and read a lot of books by authors such as Hal Lindsay, Billy Graham and other evangelical Christians. They all seem to say the same thing: "Repent or be cast in to the fires of Hell! The Armageddon is coming!" Not much hope being spread around there, just a lot of fear and doom and gloom soothsaying.

While I know that we Spiritualists find the Bible to be a guide to us in the living of spiritual lives, I have often wondered what we exactly think about the "End Time Prophecy" contained in it. In doing some research, I have discovered that we really haven't had much to say about it. It seems that most of our Pioneers had other things on their minds. Even as we became a more organized movement and religion, we haven't addressed these ideas that seem to be very prevalent today on television, radio and in our newspapers. Even the "man-in-the-street" has an opinion on these prophecies. Everyone is talking, but what is Spiritualism saying on the subject?

I spoke with Rev. Cosie Allen and we had a nice talk about these gloom and doom prophecies. We both agreed that perhaps one reason that Nostradamus wrote so many of them was due to the circumstances of his life. The years after the deaths of his wife and children from the Black Pague were undoubtedly lonely. We both felt that he never truly got over the great loss he suffered and this affected his prophecy. We also know, through the television shows, that he wrote all his prophecies in the dark, damp and almost airless stone cellar of his house. Again the depressing conditions of this space may have affected the psychic vibrations he tuned in to.

The Book of Revelations in the Bible is also interesting when we look at the individual who is believed to have written the prophecies that it contained. John was placed on a desolate island where he was the only human being around. The island was almost barren, very few trees and other plants and very few animals of any kind. He must have suffered from some sensory deprivation. He is also thought to have been mentally ill by some investigators. Once again maybe his mental status, lack of human contact and sensory stimulation, colored his visions.

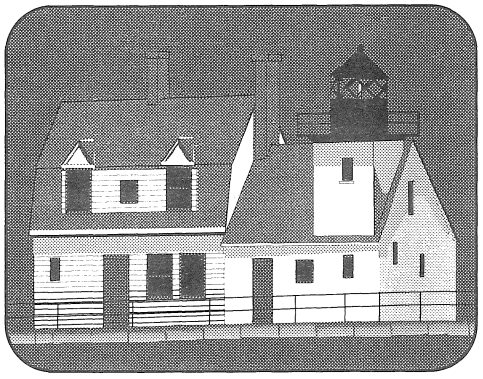
It seems evident to me that up until the advent of



Modern Spiritualism, we had a world that was steeped in the power of negative thought. We Spiritualists know that "thoughts are things" and that eventually thought manifests in the physical realm. Since 31 March 1848, we have been told by Spirit, our Pioneers and a whole lot of other Spiritualists, that we should think positive. Positive thought manifests in positive ways on the physical plane. We see, we experience it ourselves, and we know it happens. We also know that the Spiritual Laws of Infinite Intelligence teach this truth. It then follows that what needs to be done is encourage others to follow this line of positive thinking, especially the television networks! Just think how many millions of people must watch those programs that forecast all this doom and gloom! All that negative thought energy is out there floating around the Cosmos gathering energy and it is possible that this could manifest on the physical plane!

Spiritualism is a religion of hope and positive action, thought, and words. Our positive attitudes and actions can definitely affect those around us and even those at a distance. We have evidence of this through absent healing. In Spiritualism we do not teach the end of the world, because we do not believe that there could be such a thing. When we understand and live by the laws of Infinite Intelligence, there is no need for fear or negativity in any thought, word or deed. We know that God would not create something and then destroy it just because He felt like it. If anyone is going to destroy it, it will be the human beings that inhabit this earth. It will be because of our negative thoughts, actions and deeds.

We, Spiritualists need to be the ones who encourage the networks to have programs on the power of positive thought, speech and actions. The millions need to see programs that show and teach the laws of Spirit and that by living with understanding of these laws, harmony and peace is created. As each Spiritualist actively lives and demonstrates the sixth principle in our Declaration of Principles: **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,"** then others will follow the example and the "doom and gloom" prophecies will be just what they should be, a fairy tale. ☆



*Each month* **The National Spiritualist** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* **Leonard Proctor** *of the Chapel of Spiritual Awareness in Denver, Colorado.*

The astounding celestial manifestations experienced by the Fox family established the fact that there is life after death. These proofs from the unseen world provided us with the foundation for modern Spiritualism. All these events occurred in a small cottage in Hydesville, New York during the month of March, 1848. The phenomena experience by this family gave birth to Spiritualism. It further provided documents and testimonies from the early stages of development and revealed the evidence to the truths of continuous life. A better understanding of the unseen world came about from the efforts of our early pioneers and the acceptance from the media resulted in many achievements. The real meaning of modern Spiritualism comes from the understanding of the science, philosophy and religion involved. It explains that all phases of communication with the Spirit World follow the Natural Laws of our universe.

The science of modern Spiritualism investigates the cause and effect of these manifestations brought about by spirit and analyzes the findings to form a sensible meaning of it. It then classifies these findings into facts related to each experienced phenomena. The recorded history of the Fox sisters relates to the science of Spiritualism. The philosophy behind this phenomena is presented as a study of Natural Laws. The accepted unexplained phenomena that occurs for reasons unknown, is based upon observed experiences and feelings and is brought about by the unseen world. These, however, are formed into thoughts and then a meaning is derived from each observed phenomena. The repetition of demonstrations confirmed in many ways that life is continuous only in a different form. The religion of modern Spiritualism attempts to define the Natural Laws from God. The laws of nature that govern our physical, mental and spiritual lives. It strives to relate them to our spiritual form and gives us the understanding of life, relieving the fear of death. The communication link that was developed by Margaretta and Catherine Fox with the spirit of Mr. Charles B. Rosna, the peddler, provided not only the foundation for modern Spiritualism but established a religion through the understanding of Natural Law. This phenomena previously had been regarded as a myth, but has been proved beyond doubt and accepted from the messages given from Jesus that there are no dead. The truth that our spirit lives on demonstrates the continuity of life and expresses the purpose of life here after.

In the early states of communication, the first recorded rappings from the spirit of the peddler were developed into a refined telegraphy system. This enabled the Fox sisters to receive messages in an intelligent manner and pass this information on to others. This was the beginning of growth and progress in communication with the unseen world. The truth and facts were presented to the public through demonstrations of varied sorts and styles. The discovery and development of the different phases of mediumship followed and became known in the manner in which the unseen spirit chose to communicate with the medium.

The efforts and devotion of our early pioneers resulted in many different ways to reach out to the media and inform the world of these truths. A variety of publications proclaimed the many contributions made by these devoted people and their desire to form organizations and camps, which established a friendly atmosphere to receive these wonderful messages from spirits.

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# WHAT IS IMPORTANT?



BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

"Oh! Why don't they get to the messages, is it necessary to have all the rest of the service when we have a GOOD MEDIUM?" These exact words have not been said directly to me, but what has been hinted to me has been. "Why don't you only use one verse of the Hymns when we have a GOOD MEDIUM?" or "How about keeping the Sermon real short when we have a GOOD MEDIUM," and another is, "Can't you speed up the healing part of the service when we have a GOOD MEDIUM."

First, what is a GOOD MEDIUM? All Mediums that are coming to the church giving of their time for very little compensation, if any, are GOOD MEDIUMS. The frauds are not going to work for nothing, they are out for the dollar and I don't think you will often see them in a church. Most Mediums that give of their time to a church are Spiritualists giving their skills for the general good of the congregation. It is better if they are certified or studying to be, as it shows that they realize that it is important to understand the Religion, Science and Philosophy of Spiritualism, also the Association that they are aligned with. This helps to prove, their dedicated interest and also helps in their ability to answer questions when asked by a parishioner. Study does not always make a Medium a better Medium, but it does make a better educated one that is equipped to meet today's inquiring and skeptical society.

I accept all our NSAC MEDIUMS AS BEING GOOD. This reminds me of a true story a friend of mine who's a prominent Psychiatrist told me. He said, "I have two letters from patients, one thanked me for being such a wonderful help to her and that I was truly sent from Heaven to help her. The other letter stated that I must work for the Devil since I must be the worst man on earth." He continued to say, "That if he had a bad day he would read the first letter to give his spirits a boost and if his day went too well he would read the second letter to bring him down to reality."

As with all of us, Mediums have their good and bad days, my wife is a Trance Medium, so I have first hand knowledge. Often after the service a person will come up to me and say, "I received a wonderful message, he is a great Medium," and a short time later the reverse will be said by another at the same service. "Why do you let that Medium on the platform. He never gives me anything correct – he is the worst." I feel much of this has to do with the recipient of the message, their attitude towards the Medium and Spiritualism in general; many times personal vibrations play a large part in a message. So all of us have our ups and downs (even writers).

Now to get back to the point of this article, each part of the Spiritualist Service is important. We are not FORTUNE TELLERS or 900 NUMBER PSYCHICS. We are a religion that teaches a BALANCED SPIRITUAL LIFE. Our healing at the start of our service to me is the STAR of our service and the HEALERS are some OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEDIUMS. What is more important than health, and should that time be cut? Definitely not. MUSIC, SINGING THE HYMNS, is extremely important in raising the vibration and a general feeling of oneness among the congregation, that should never be shortened. Then we get to the SERMON. We need to teach about our philosophy, a way of living, or some inspiring story to brighten one's life that may need it. That is what we are all about . . . should we cut this? I don't think so. If we did, we wouldn't be a Church.

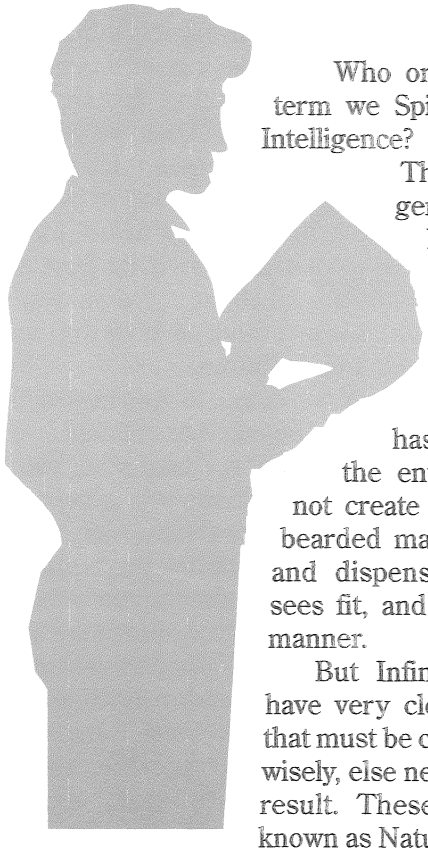
Then we come to the message portion of the service. Should we expect a reading? No, that is a private affair. Most Mediums will give private readings for a fair price, and some, I know, don't charge, but just compensation for time spent which is only fair. Then what should we expect from a Medium in a service? We should consider it a privilege if we are picked out in the congregation to receive a message. We cannot expect the Medium to attempt to give everyone a message and usually Spirit directs the Medium to those that need it the most . . . especially those that are new to the church. The message should be one of identification of some person or fact that verifies their continuity in the Spirit side of life, that gives help and comfort to the person receiving the message that life is eternal and our loved ones still live in a higher and brighter vibration of life where some day, when the time comes, we will be with them again.

Then as we come to the end of our service and the last hymn and the benediction has been completed, is the service over? NO! That is the time there is a chance to shake hands and greet the congregation, answer any questions about Spiritualism, point out printed matter that should be available on a table nearby, *The National Spiritualist* should be men-

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# Should We Be AFRAID Of God?

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



Who or what is God, or the term we Spiritualists use, Infinite Intelligence?

The term Infinite Intelligence, while less widely known than the more popular term God, surely is much more descriptive of the all pervading intelligence and power that has created and governs the entire universe. It does not create the image of a white bearded man sitting on a throne and dispensing "justice" as **HE** sees fit, and in a most capricious manner.

But Infinite Intelligence does have very clear and specific rules that must be complied with and used wisely, else negative happenings can result. These rules, or laws are known as Natural Law, or God's Law.

In our Declaration of Principles, we state that "We believe in Infinite Intelligence," and that "We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence." That simply means exactly what it says, that **everything** is the expression or creation of God.

So, should we be afraid of Infinite Intelligence? Or should we be afraid of what we ourselves, as humans, do? (Personal responsibility?) Well, if you want to accept the premise that God is vicious, capricious, vengeful and cruel, then YES, you should fear God. But do you or can you really believe such things about God? I guess that I could ask the same question to anyone, no matter what their religion is, and expect their answer to be a very clear and loud **NO**!

So many religious groups strongly teach that we must fear God. What a sad distortion of reality this is. Why should a loving and powerful God demand fear from us? Why not teach love and obedience to the Laws of God instead?

And why should it be considered sinful if Adam and Eve did in fact, eat the apple? After all, if there is **any** truth to that story, then God must have created and put the apple tree there! Didn't God want us to search out and discover new things? If your answer is no, then try to explain why God gave us reason, intelligence, logic and curiosity. Was it just so that we could be tempted and fail and in turn be doomed to eternal torment?

Of course we know that there are vile people in this world, and we must not kid ourselves about their horrible actions. But to accept the concept of God creating the Devil is almost as horrible as any of these acts.

EPHESIANS 2:2 calls the Devil the "PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience," and EPHESIANS 2:3 calls evil humans "children of wrath." Well, here we are again, trying to instill the "fear of God" into others by identifying them as "children of wrath." Of course, the strong inference is that it is God's wrath!

Let's consider the possibility of such a creature as the Devil! All religions concede that God is the creator of everything. Yes, there are differences of opinion on evolution versus creativity, but all acknowledge that God is the creator. Now we as Spiritualists recognize Infinite Intelligence as perfect in every way, without fault and without error. If we are correct in this, then **why** would God create a completely evil creature such as the Devil, and one that could rival the very power of the creator?

MARK 1:31-33 states that Jesus was born to be King! When he was 30 years old he was led into the wilderness to battle Satan. Indeed! To battle Satan for rulership of this world! How could anyone possibly believe that God would require such a thing to take place? And **IF** such a battle actually took place and Jesus prevailed, as the Bible says, then Satan would have been defeated and humanity would have been saved, ergo, no more Devil!

Could it possibly be that our loving creator, Infinite Intelligence, did this (created the Devil) so that countless numbers of humans (or God's children) would be led astray, falter and suffer eternal torment? That question in itself seems ridiculous to even ponder, but that is what proponents of the Devil theory would have you accept.

The story of Noah is another distortion of God! In GENESIS 6:7 it states that God said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."

Now this even included **innocent babies**.

(Note that the words "the creeping thing" are very

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# SILENT, STALWART SENTINELS

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, ARIZONA

We have a very strong desire to be in charge of our own lives. Without responding to that innate desire, we often feel helpless or believe that we might be destroyed by the unpredictability of the events. We want to determine what will change our lives and what will not. We want to know how people are going to behave towards us. We want to determine what we allow into our lives and what we choose to discard. This inborn desire to control our own lives involves thoughtful choice. It also involves knowing that change is an ongoing part of life. How much we are truly responsible for and how much we are not responsible for can be very confusing. This confusion often brings people for "readings" with our Spiritualist mediums. These people are searching for concrete answers; we can offer hope and spiritual connections which will assist them in making **their own** decisions.

It is often very difficult to know when to stand back – to wait in silence – rather than pushing forward. No matter what the presenting issue may be, making a decision about **what** to do involves some level of tension and conflict. The process involves attempting to balance our intellect with our emotions as we mentally try to sort through a dilemma. When we feel overwhelmed with emotion, we need to wait for the integration of the intellect to achieve a balanced response.

What does **not** require our own intense involvement? The answer, of course, is those things over which we have no control – those things which, no matter how much we worry and obsess about them, we cannot change. Regarding these kinds of presenting issues, we must assume the position of silent, stalwart sentinels . . . watching and waiting. This does not mean that we cannot or should not spring into action if the dilemma marches into our own area of responsibility. It simply means that to run around searching for ways to become embroiled in every presenting issue or problem is ludicrous. **Opportunity** always exists between a problem and our response to it. Sometimes that opportunity involves simply waiting. Some situations solve themselves.



But what does require our own intense involvement? The answer here is those things which we can change require our participation. For better or worse, we do harbor deep responsibility for these issues. Because living fully requires thoughtful choice, it also involves the personal responsibility for making these choices. Here we do not stand as a silent observer, but move beyond our own past limitations which we have set for ourselves. We step into the arena of possibilities and change.

Although we may not like new problems which feel thrust upon us, if we were forced to live our lives as they were years ago, would we be truly grateful? Most would not because the **awareness of the power of responsible choice** makes us truly grateful for **NOW**, for this moment in the continuum of life and all that has preceded today. Propelled by ongoing change, each new situation presents itself to be worked through for our own soul's growth. Praising these opportunities involves gratitude for the constant rebirth and regeneration of all life.

Newness brings opportunities. Some may be very frightening because they often encompass fear or loss. Others will be filled with joy and gladness. Choosing which to respond to and which to turn over to our silent, stalwart sentinel angels is our own personal choice. **Wrong choices teach us. Right choices propel us forward.** Spiritualism involves learning the difference and knowing that spiritual forces are **always** present to assist us with our choice process.

Life is an adventure set out before us like a banquet. Choose your selections carefully, but do not be afraid to taste each offering before making a decision about whether it is something that you want to put on your own plate of responsibility. Your favorite experiences will taste delicious, will appeal to all of your senses, and will draw you back again, over and over. Invitations will be repeatedly issued to you, inviting you to return to the banquet table of life. Your spiritual hunger will arise over and over again, as God calls you back to the feast of wisdom, light and love. Is it any wonder that we call ourselves SPIRITUALISTS? What a wonderful thing to **BE!** ☆

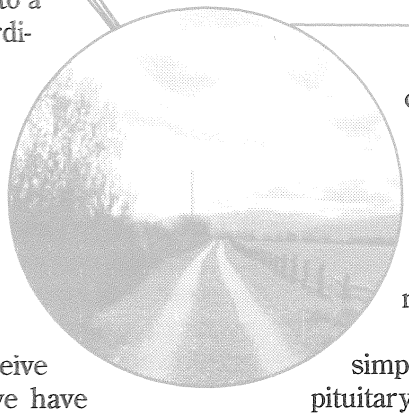
# The Amazing Clairvoyants

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

***Spiritualists, in the broadest sense, are those who believe in a continued future existence, and that departed spirits can and do communicate with man.***

**– The Lyceum Manual**

Spiritualism relies on the extraordinary abilities of clairvoyants to function, for clairvoyants provide evidence of survival from which everything else in Spiritualism follows. They are human television sets able to tune into a Spirit World which is invisible to ordinary men and women.



The word clairvoyance comes from the French word 'clair' meaning clear, and 'voir', to see. The literal meaning of the word clairvoyance is 'clear-seeing', and in practice it applies to visions beyond the normal – e.g. 'spirit-sight' both here and in the hereafter.

Just as we have 'senses' to perceive the ordinary world of matter, so we have been given the faculty of perceiving the Spirit World. This faculty is often lying dormant within us until we pass to the Spirit World. Yet, we know there are 'gifted' people on earth who have this ability, as well as those who have developed the skill. They are the 'clairvoyants'.

Clairvoyant mediums explain that their visions are in no way affected by the ordinary sense of seeing, for they can receive visions when their eyes are tightly closed. And many see so clearly they do not realize they are not using their normal eyesight until they close their eyes and the visions persist.

Healing mediums are often clairvoyant. Through clairvoyance they diagnose and uncover causes of illness. This remarkable rype of clairvoyance is called 'X-ray vision' – the faculty of seeing into closed spaces such as boxes, envelopes, books and even the physical body. Healing mediums have developed this faculty to an amazing degree. To them, the body becomes transparent, and they can see the workings of the human organs. This has been proven countless times to be 'extended' vision, not 'defective' vision.

Also, many healing clairvoyants, by reading the aura (the coloured luminous cloud around the human body) clearly identify disease, as well as 'reading' emotions, temperament and character. In healing, the mediums are guided by the varying colours of the aura.

Often clairvoyants see spirits helping in spiritual healing, and it is suspected that the auric emanations of spirit people is in itself, a healing force. The healing medium acts as a focal point for the distribution of healing energies from spirit sources.

Reading the aura can also stimulate latent clairvoyance. For by developing this ability, both the aura as well as spirit forms are soon seen. Looking for the purely physical, yet invisible to the ordinary naked eye, induces clairvoyance better than visualizing. Also auto-suggestion and self-hypnotism can be ruled out. Relaxation, rather than concentration accomplishes this.

However, Occultists claim that clairvoyance is simply an extension of sight located in the pineal or pituitary gland or solar plexus of the physical body, but Spiritualists know that clairvoyance travels with the 'spirit body' and doesn't depend on any physical nerve centre.

Clairvoyance comes in varying forms. Some clairvoyants see as clearly as they do with normal sight. Others 'see' fleetingly, but all clairvoyants know that when they place themselves in a receptive condition, ideas pass through their minds unknown to normal reasoning. As soon as they voice their thought, it passes away to be replaced by a series of ideas relating to the vision.

Differences also occur because of what is called 'interpreting symbols'. Thoughts often present themselves to clairvoyants as symbols, and it is this interpretation of symbols rather than actual 'sight' which distinguishes one medium from another. Too, one clairvoyant may dismiss 'details' as valueless, yet another medium might rely on 'details' for interpretation.

Travelling clairvoyance is another amazing ability of a few mediums. When a clairvoyant is conscious of leaving the body, and in this state sees and is able to describe the surroundings, it is called 'travelling clairvoyance'. Andrew Jackson Davis developed it. He called this state 'the superior condition' and was able to see and describe the pulsating life throughout all nature, using his powers to accumulate herbal remedies, and to diagnose disease.

There have been reliable reports that not only have some mediums travelled clairvoyantly but that, in this condition, they were able to fully materialize to friends. And there are records to verify that a seer in England has been able to see what was happening to a colleague in Canada, and while recounting his experiences thousands of miles

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# THE BOOK SHELF



## The Science Art and Future Of Spirit Healing

By Paul Miller

This book breaks new ground in a subject of fundamental importance. The book tells of the spirit beings, formerly citizens of earth, who alone direct and inspire the healing mission of which Harry Edwards is the pre-eminent channel of his time. The healing story is traced from Biblical times to the present, showing that spirit intelligences are the invisible Healers, who with the colleagues on earth, have already established a new, world view of healing.

The future of spirit healing is set out in this work.

One of the greatest wonders is that most healings are achieved at a distance when the patient is asleep, to the benefit of millions who never met those through whom they are healed.

These and other facts, including a new view of the non-physical origins of disease, combine to provide new insights into our natures, simply told so that all may understand something of the powers for health and harmony that dwell within our souls, ready to be awakened.

Paul Miller, author and journalist, with the collaboration of Harry Edwards, the most successful and progressive healer on record, tells a story supporting an assessment of himself as today's outstanding writer on healing and Spiritualism.

Miller and Edwards have been friends since the publication of *Born to Heal*, some 35 years ago, which told of Edward's mission up to that point. In the years since *Born to Heal*, the healing has developed – and so have the healers – to the point where it is now an accepted fact, even among those who formerly turned away in scorn.

The author believes that this world, in its current state of transition, because of the spread of healing knowledge – and of what is beyond it – will be brought to a closer awareness of its spiritual nature in daily life. This, in turn, will give us greater opportunities to change ourselves and our societies to a condition nearer to our spiritual natures. ☆

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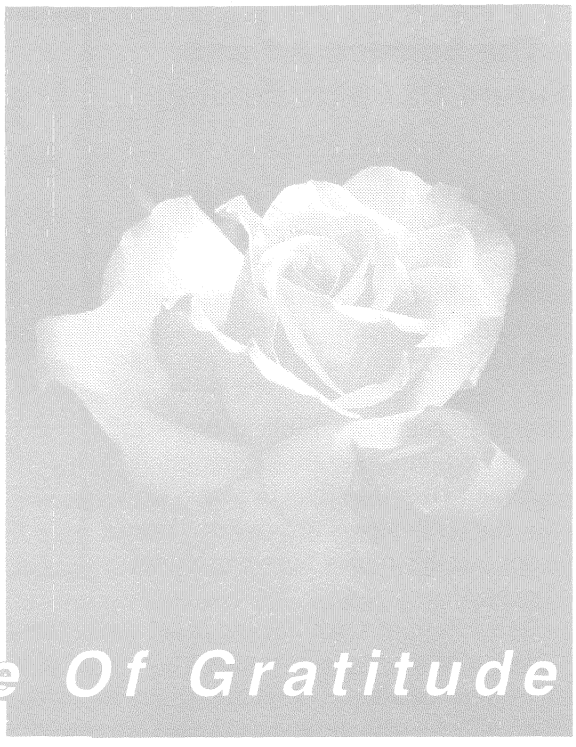
# FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

*"Whatever can be found out by sound methods of inquiry will, of course, be part of the same natural universe to which we all belong, and we shall not have to worry about old (and rather useless) distractions of supernaturalism and the like."*

– J. B. Rhine

*"The life of mortal man is made up of attributes pertaining to the physical, mental and spiritual natures; therefore, the life force, by virtue of this trinity, has a vibration which distinguishes it from everything else in the Universe, from all tha surrounds him."*

– Dr. Victoria Barnes



# In An Attitude Of Gratitude

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

Our Bylaws state "The fourth Sunday of March in each year shall be known as **Gratitude Day**. Chartered church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to The Cause. A special love offering shall be taken for the NSAC Spiritualist Benevolent Society."

Each one of us, lucky enough to have become a Spiritualist, can think of many people on our path that gave us a key to a new understanding. While the Bylaw speaks of the church societies, we as members of the National organization could as individuals make our own love offering for the Spiritualist Benevolent Society, in honor of those who helped us to find Spiritualism and devoted their lives to teaching us and others the great truth of continuous life proven through the phenomena of Spiritualism.

All of us have memories of people we treasure in the field. I remember long talks with the Rev. Paul Wilson and the Rev. Bryan McCotter to name just two. Often we have learned through reading books by those long on the other side, but meaningful for us in our development. Sometimes the very writing in language, embellished with rich words we never hear in our homogenized society, will strike a chord. Those very words allow us, for a moment, to touch with their trials and tribulations as they worked to bring enlightenment to others. Dreams for the future girded them on in difficult times, lives sacrificed so you and I would have the freedom to worship we take for granted in this age.

As we prepare for our church service on that special day, let us think what we wish to tender as our love offering to those we honor on our personal path. Sometimes, we don't think what this special offering means or because we have become so use to placing a dollar or two in the offering it seems sufficient for the cause. But think how wonderful it would be, if each of us gave $12.00 (a dollar for every month) to our Benevolent Society, in terms of our organizations ability to honor those among us now. The men and women who have given so much of themselves and now could use a token of our respect to make their years truly golden. For as we honor these special people they would know the money received is not a charitable donation but a loving tribute of our respect for all they have given us. Let this **Gratitude Day** be a special day for you in honor of those you treasure as mentors, guides and loving friends.

If you can't attend your church service, send your donation directly to the NSAC Treasurer, the Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST, 293 Jersey Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 and mark it as *funds designated for the Spiritualist Benevolent Society.* ☆

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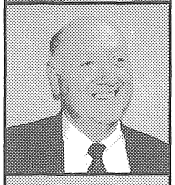
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tioned as a great source of spiritual knowledge when possible, or add someone to the healing list. Then when the last one leaves, the service is over, except for any cleaning up that someone else didn't do, and the preparation for the next service or class starts. Is there anything we should shorten – No! Not if we want a true Spiritualist Service.

A thought about Dedication from a Spiritual Guide of my wife's:

**D** - Dealing only with truth.
**E** - Eliminating negativity.
**D** - Doorway to knowledge and happiness.
**I** - Immovable and firm about your belief.
**C** - Confidence about one's self.
**A** - Always being there for someone else in need.
**T** - Towering in high ideals.
**I** - Inspiring others to dedication.
**O** - Overlooking obstacles and going beyond them.
**N** - Never become unfeeling.






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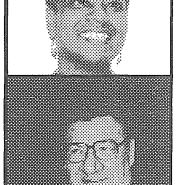
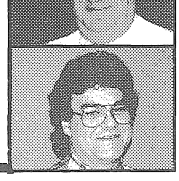
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# DIRECTORY OF NSAC CHARTERED CHURCHES & AUXILIARIES

## • ARIZONA •

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2250 N. 16th St. (S.W. corner of Oak), Suite 105-106, 85006-1877. Pastor, Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, (602) 838-8990; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

## • CALIFORNIA •

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**ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church**
1300 Grand St. (Home of Truth); Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546; (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 12:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt; Pastor, Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, NST, 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

**ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation**
34 E. Huntington Dr., 91006; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Located inside LOOK WITHIN bookstore. Enter from parking lot behind building. Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Winston Lumley. Info. contact Teddie Harringer, (818) 791-9212.

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

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

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

**SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC**
2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 210, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes Tues. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST., (916) 652-4568.

**SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC**
732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: 27124 Cole St., Highland, 92346; Sun. Serv. & Healing 11:00 a.m.; Pres., William Sanabria, (714) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (909) 862-4376.

**SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple, NSAC**
3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Arthur H. Iman, (510) 521-6650; Secy., Donald W. McFarland.

**SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism, NSAC**
3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m; Pres., Benito Santiago, (415) 626-6525; Secy., Joan A. McDaniel, (415) 321-5626.

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

**SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society**
1832 Buchanan (between Bush & Sutter); Sun. Serv., 6:00 p.m.; (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.

## • CONNECTICUT •

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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.

## • DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

**WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds**
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., Carol Vierbuchen Gallion, 114 Wilmar Pl., N.W., Vienna, VA 22180-4527, (703) 281-7149; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

## • FLORIDA •

**ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC**
3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857-1043); Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Adult Lyceum 10:00 a.m. first Sun. of each month; Co-Pastor and Pres., Rev. Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707-3805, (407) 834-5378; Co-Pastor and Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

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**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., Janet Schroeder, 12645 Alpine Dr., #12, Alsip, 60658-3362.

**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, Marianne Boesen, P.O. Box 174, 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, 61761, (309) 452-1738.

### • INDIANA •

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

**INDIANAPOLIS - First 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., Wanda J. Whetsel.

**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.

### • IOWA •

**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.

### • MAINE •

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

**BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC**
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, (207) 797-2039; 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. in June at 3:00 p.m.; Development Classes year-round, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, 26 Witt Hill Rd., P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-

4495, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Carolyn J. DaPonti, 324 Boston Rd., Springfield, 01109 - (413) 783-2541; Secy., Joyce C. Barlow, 16 Seymour Rd., 5H, East Granby, CT 06026 - (860) 651-0507; e-mail: barlow1104@aol.com.

## • MICHIGAN •

**MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES**
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**CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church**
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**
07444 Old 31 N, 49720; c/o Gail Wrona, Sec'y., 07453 Old 31 N, 49720-9422, (616) 347-3899.

**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**
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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.

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### • OHIO •

**OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION**
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**ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp**
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### • OKLAHOMA •

**OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church**
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### • PENNSYLVANIA •

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**McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church**
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**PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church**
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### • TEXAS •

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### • VIRGINIA •

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### • WASHINGTON •

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### • WISCONSIN •

**WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church**
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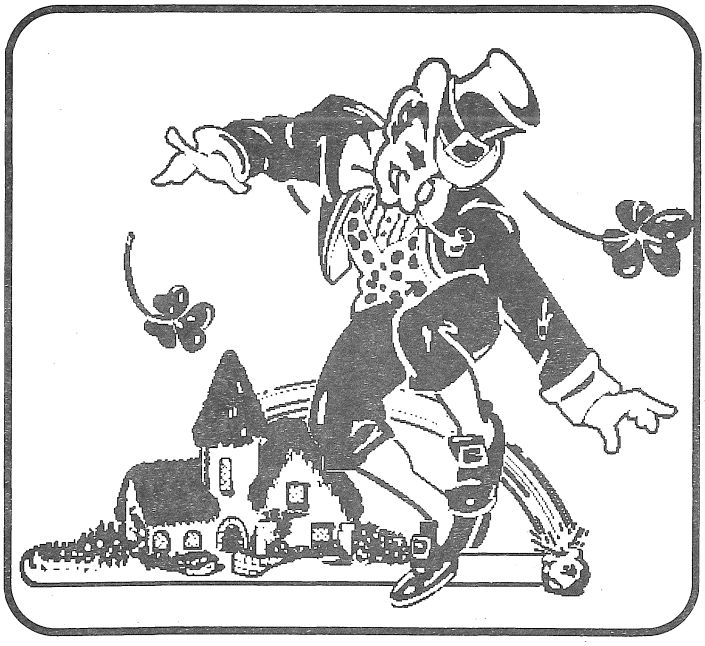
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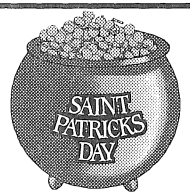
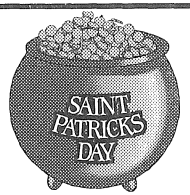
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# *Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.*

# Affirmations . . . MARCH 1997

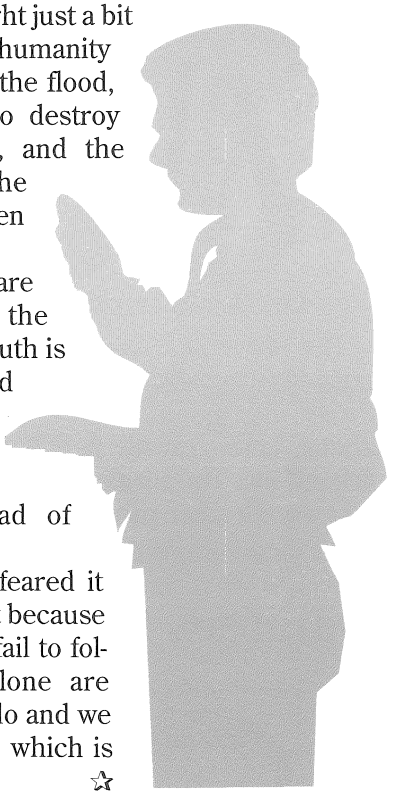
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| | | | | | | **1** I ask God for fulfillment for I don't really know what will bring it. |
| **2** The Love of God is within me as Life, inspiring all my choices. | **3** Infinite Spirit is the Source of my joy, my inner voice of comfort. | **4** I accept the partnership with Infinite Intelligence in my life. | **5** Today I allow others into my life and feel the joy of sharing. | **6** The joy and balance of nature renews and refreshes me. | **7** I work daily to bring more peace and love into my life. | **8** A sense of security flows through me as I touch the God Power. |
| **9** Each day I make progress toward a higher life. | **10** I work today to be more attentive to others. | **11** Life, as a healing process, becomes balanced as I heal with God. | **12** Daily I search for the truth through study, prayer and meditation. | **13** I thank God for my attending spirit guides and loved ones. | **14** I resolve to be guided by my inner Light, my inner Spirit. | **15** The Universe guides me to my highest and best good. |
| **16** Right inner choices make for right actions and reactions. | **17** The Essence of God is Love and I know that all life is love. | **18** God is ever abundant and I open myself to receive. | **19** God is my Source so I give and receive freely and joyously from my heart. | **20** Spirit's energy flows through my being, renewing me in all ways. | **21** I welcome change for it brings growth. | **22** I receive inspiration from a Higher Life which stretches my mind. |
| **23** Trust in God brings Harmony in my life. | **24** The fullness of life comes with living in the present moment. | **25** Each time I help another and serve with Love, I am touching God. | **26** I stretch and grow as I try new things. | **27** I align myself with Infinite Intelligence and inner guidance. | **28** God is my supply, the Source of all goodness and light. | **29** If things are not going right, I can turn my world in another direction. |
| **30** There is only One Life and that eternal energy flows through All life. | **31** Communications with the other side of life brings much comfort. |   | Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day! | | |   |

## SHOULD WE BE AFRAID OF GOD?

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well thought out so as to cause anyone reading this passage to associate "the creeping thing" with, and to feel repulsion towards, the victims of God's wrath.)

But consider this – if God is the creator of all things and "repenteth that I have made them," is this a perfect God, or is it a concept of an imperfect God that makes mistakes, regrets having done so and then takes vicious action to correct the mistakes?



But to take this thought just a bit further, consider that if humanity was the evil that caused the flood, why was it necessary to destroy **BOTH** man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air" and even innocent babies?

These false fables are all designed to cause the "fear of God" when the truth is that God the creator and ruler of all things, is all loving, all merciful and all perfect, and should be loved instead of feared!

If anything is to be feared it should be what will result because of our own actions if we fail to follow God's Law! **WE** alone are responsible for what we do and we must follow Natural Law, which is God's Law. ☆

## MONTHLY

## JEST JOKING...

"A half truth is a whole lie." – *Yiddish proverb*

"The pursuit of perfection often impedes improvement." – *George Will in 'Newsweek'*

"Some people change their ways when they see the light; others when they feel the heat."
– *Carol Schoeder, quoted in Milwaukee 'Journal*

## Gratitude Day

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

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

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

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



# Dr. Frank S. Bigelow

## *One of Andrew Jackson Davis' "Children"*

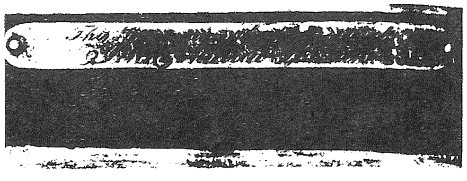
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Dr. Frank S. Bigelow lived in Skowhegan, Maine, where he "spent 70 years as a country doctor – always suggesting herbs as a cure instead of drugs." Mrs. Gladys Cove Wade was his very dear friend with whom he spent his declining years. When 93, he wrote to Mr. R. G. Pressing (the editor of the *Psychic Observer* at that time) that he had some "prized possessions which had belonged to A. J. Davis."

Excerpts from Dr. Bigelow's letter: **I have several of Dr. Davis' personal belongings given to me by Mrs. Davis after the Doctor passed on. About 20 years before Dr. Davis' passing, I was closely associated with him. As he had no children of his own, he chose four whom he called his children by adoption. They were: F. Forest Harding, Somerville, Mass.; Harrison D. Barrett, Canaan, Maine, first president of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches; Margaret Farrington (Livingston), Augusta, Maine, and myself. We called him "Father Davis."**

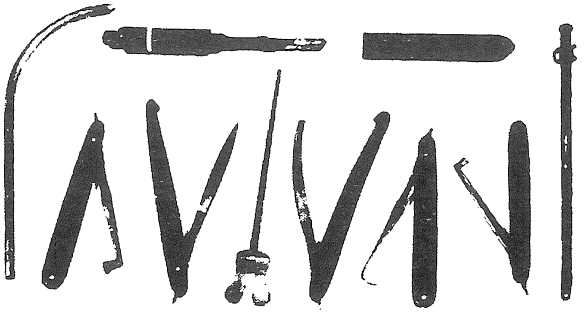
Among those prized possessions were the following; the silver headed cane, which was once the property of President Andrew Jackson, for whom Dr. Davis was named; the black broadcloth cape which he wore in the picture found in the front part of his volume, "Beyond the Valley;" Davis' gold watch chain which Dr. Bigelow was still wearing; a black velvet vest, and his surgeon's kit. Also Dr. Bigelow had saved many letters written to him; some of Davis' letters and other papers and pictures.

Mrs. Gladys Cove Wade of Belfast, Maine, presented these precious treasures to the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, then president of the NSAC in 1977, for the NSAC Museum.



**Dr Davis' Cane**

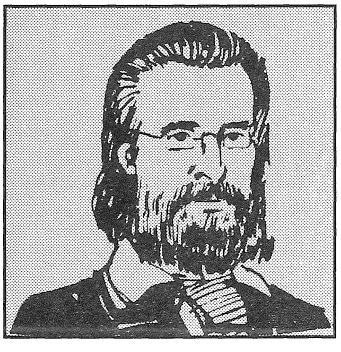
The above is a reproduction of a photograph of the upper portion of the cane, which was owned originally by General Andrew Jackson, after whom Andrew Jackson Davis was named. This cane was one of the prized possessions of Davis and was presented to Dr. Bigelow by Mrs. Davis, after the "Poughkeepsie Seer" passed away.



**Dr. Davis used these instruments.**

The above is a reproduction of a photograph of the surgical instruments used by Andrew Jackson Davis. The various instruments above have been described as: catheter, lance, caustic pencil, tongue depressor, artery "pick-up" etc. The surgical instruments are contained in a badly worn leather surgical kit.

# Founders Day - January 25



## First Lyceum started

The first lyceum of Modern Spiritualism was organized January 25, 1863, at Dodsworth Hall, Broadway, New York, by Andrew Jackson Davis. The idea for it was given to Davis during his communication with the Spirit World.

The following address was delivered by Andrew Jackson Davis at the commencement of this new venture: "We have assembled to inaugurate an association for the physical and spiritual growth of both sexes and all ages. The plan is not original with me. It is an attempt to unfold and actualize on earth, partially at least, a progressive juvenile assemblage like that of the SUMMERLAND. This

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## Davis' Children



Sunday meeting of the young may be appropriately styled the "Children's Progressive Lyceum." It is something truer and higher than what is ordinarily called Sunday School. It embraces within its plan the healthful development of the bodily functions, the conscientious exercise of the reasoning facilities and the progressive unfolding of the social and divine affections by harmonious and happy methods."

### FOUNDER'S DAY

When Andrew Jackson Davis looked for light
His vision clear, beheld the Summerland;
And spirit children there – a happy sight –
Inspired "The Progressive Lyceum Band".

How glad are we for Light and Truth and Love
With Courage strong to live and do the Right;
We know the loving watchful host above
Reveals to us the same inspiring Light.

"Our Leader" joined the loved ones 'Over There'
And yet he helps us on our upward way!
So each – some way – the joyous work may share
And gladly celebrate "Our Founder's Day".

**by John W. Ring (Sept. 7, 1876)**
**Jan. 15, 1917**

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## Familiar Sayings by Andrew Jackson Davis

✍ Conscience is the voice of God in the soul. No one truly obeying this voice will meet with permanent harm.

✍ Never forget a favor received; be quick to forget a favor bestowed.

✍ A true benevolence knows the reason of its gifts.

✍ There's not a living man in all the earth but hath God as near to him as his own soul.

✍ Power will accomplish much, but perseverance equals more.

# The Mysterious Rappings

Extract from Horace Greeley's article in the New York Tribune, giving his opinion of the Fox sisters and their mediumship.

*– Taken From TNS, March 1977*

Mrs. Fox and her three daughters left our city yesterday on their return to Rochester, after a stay here of some weeks, during which they have subject the mysterious influence, by which they seem to be accompanied, to every reasonable test, and to the keen and critical scrutiny of hundreds who have chosen to visit them, or whom they have been repeatedly searched and scrutinized; they have been taken without an hours notice into houses they had never before entered; they have been all unconsciously placed on a glass surface concealed under the carpet in order to interrupt electrical vibrations; they have been disrobed by a committee of ladies appointed without notice, and insisting that neither of them should leave the room until the investigation has been made, . . . yet we believe no one, to this moment, pretends that he has detected either of them in producing or causing the "rappings," nor do we think any of their contemners has invented a plausible theory to account for the production of these sounds, nor the singular intelligence which has seemed to be manifest through them.

Some ten or twelve days since they gave up their rooms at the hotel and devoted the remainder of their sojourn here to visiting several families, to which they had been invited by persons interested in the subject, and subjecting the singular influence to a closer, calmer examination than could be given to it at a hotel, and before casual companies of strangers, drawn together by vague curiosity more than rational interest, or predetermined and invincible hostility. Our own dwelling was among those they thus visited; not only submitted to, but courting, the fullest and keenest inquiry with regard to the alleged "manifestations" from the Spirit World, by which they were attended.

We devoted what time we could spare from our duties out of three days to this subject, and it would be the basest cowardice not to say that we are convinced beyond a doubt of their perfect integrity and good faith in the premises. Whatever may be the origin of cause of the "rappings," the ladies in whose presence they occur do not make them. We tested this thoroughly and to our entire satisfaction.

Their conduct and bearing is as unlike that of deceivers as possible, and we think no one acquainted with them could believe them at all capable of engaging in so daring, impious, and shameful a juggle as this would be if they caused the sounds. And it is not possible that such a juggle should have been so long perpetrated in public. A juggler performs one feat quickly and hurries on to another; he does not devote weeks after weeks to the same thing over and over, deliberately, in full view of hundreds who sit beside or confronting him in broad daylight, not to enjoy, but to



MARGARETTA FOX



HORACE GREELEY

detect his trick. A deceiver naturally avoids conversation on the subject of his knavery, but these ladies converse freely and fully with regard to the origin of these "rappings" in their dwellings years ago, the various sensations they caused, the neighborhood excitement created, the progress of the developments – what they have seen, heard and experienced from first to last. If all were false, they could not fail to have involved themselves in a labyrinth of blasting contradictions, as each separately gives accounts of the most astonishing developments at this or that time. Persons foolish enough so to commit themselves without reserve or caution, could not have deferred a thorough self-exposure for a single week.

Of course, a variety of opinions of so strange a matter would naturally be formed by various persons who have visited them, and we presume that those who have merely run into their room for an hour or so, and listened, among a huddle of strangers, to a medley of questions – not all admitting of very profitable answers – put to certain invisible intelligences, and answered by "rappings," or singular noises on the floor, table, etc., as the alphabet was called over, or otherwise, would naturally go away, perhaps puzzled, probably disgusted, rarely convinced. It is hardly

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## THE MYSTERIOUS RAPPINGS

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possible that a matter, ostensibly so grave, could be presented under circumstances less favorable to conviction. But of those who have enjoyed proper opportunities for a full investigation, we believe that fully three-fourths are convinced, as we are, that these singular sounds and seeming manifestations are not produced by Mrs. Fox and her daughters, nor by any human being connected with them.

How they are caused, and whence they proceed, are questions which open a much wider field of inquiry, with whose way-marks we do not profess to be familiar. He must be well acquainted with the arcana of the universe, who shall presume dogmatically to decide that these manifestations are natural or supernatural. The ladies say that they are informed that this is but the beginning of a new era, or economy, in which spirits clothed in the flesh are to be more closely and palpably connected with those who have put on immortality; that the manifestations have already appeared in many other families and are destined to be diffused and rendered clearer, until all who will may communicate freely with their friends who have "shuffled off this mortal coil." Of all this we know nothing, and shall guess nothing.



**KATE FOX**

But if we were simply to print the questions we asked and answers we received, during a two-hours' uninterrupted conference with the "rappers," we should at once be accused of having done so expressly to sustain the theory which regards those manifestations as the utterances of departed spirits.

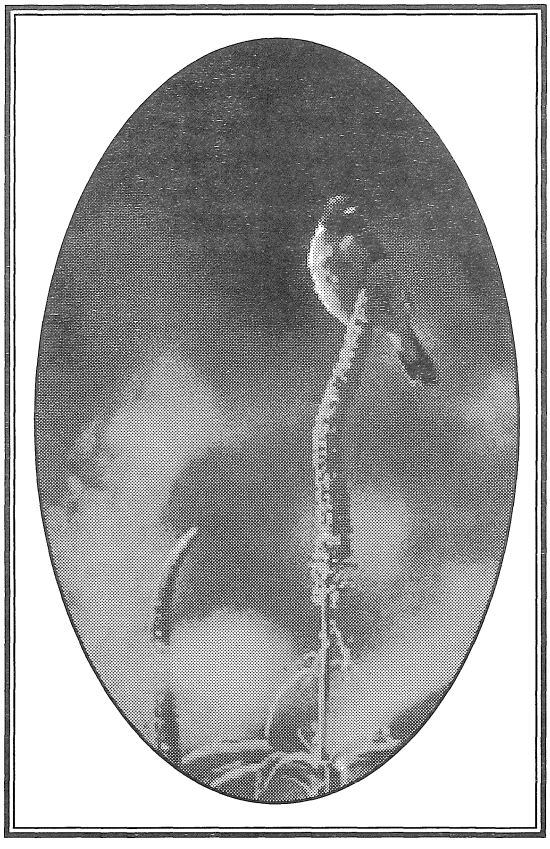
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## WHY SPIRITUALISM? *(Continued from page 3.)*

experienced from the higher spheres, that always brought them back. Many mediums today say that this cycle is still happening. They often in youth deny their Spirit Helpers, but something guides them back to the search for a higher meaning of life.

Ann Leah Fox Underhill wrote in her book, *The Missing Link in Modern Spiritualism* (1885): "What is the use of the manifestations of Spiritualism? It is that they *demonstrate* the reality of the survival of man's spirit, or inner self, after that 'death' which is but birth into another stage of progressed and progressive life, in unchanged personality and identity; or, in other words, that immortality of the soul (heretofore a mere dogma of unproved and improbable 'faith'), which is the foundation corner-stone of all religions and of all Religion. In the words of Paul, to 'faith they add knowledge'. They thus not only console bereavement, snatch from death its sting, and from the grave its victory, but through concurrent teachings of all good and advanced spirits they make the *real reality* of the brotherhood of mankind, and the common fatherhood of that supreme, unnamed, and unnameable Infinitude of Love, Wisdom and Power."



As we grow in mediumship, in Spiritualism, within, we discover that we depend on mediumship – it may be in various degrees or in various forms, but mediumship helps us through life. Once the awareness that we can touch a world of souls that have been called dead and they are still loving, are continuing to grow, and can help us in our growth and in our daily life, then logic will not let us go back to blind faith. The more we grow in consciousness, the more we learn of God. True religion means being bound to the Spirit and mediumship helps us to have a new conception of and be more fully aware of Infinite Spirit. Mediumship helps open us to let the power of the Infinite surge through us. Many people first attend a seance or a class or a church service out of grief or curiosity and leave with an evidential message, or a spirit touch, or a loving feeling, or a conscious upliftment. Each time we become more aware of the Great Spirit, each time we feel love we grow in consciousness and we grow closer to the Divine. As we become more aware of this great Source of Life we are stronger, healthier, happier and more vital.

Each person, that is truly touched by Spirit and spirit helpers, knows the difference between the truth and a false claim. You can never take this knowing away from them. Others may tell them they were fooled, it's their imagination or they were hypnotized, but there grows an inner understanding and awareness. Spiritualism is what you feel in life, that inner knowledge, not what you see or hear. It will guide each one a bit differently in the discernment of the Spirit.

This leads to a kind of religion that is tolerant of others and the first step in progress is tolerance. Spiritualism understands that we must each grow at our own pace, and that everyone is where they are supposed to be. We recognize free choice. Spiritualism also has stated to the world, by our eighth Declarement, that we believe the doorway to reformation is never closed, against any soul – eternal life and eternal growth. How assuring to know that we can move beyond the mistakes of youth into the maturity of Spirit. Our religion draws out from us that which is helpful to the world, now and for the future.

Spiritualism teaches us that we are each especially created by the Divine Source for a purpose. That we are a part of Infinite Intelligence, as Infinite Intelligence is a part of us, therefore a part of the Whole, as is everyone a part of the Whole, with a Divine purpose. This Spirit message gave the early seekers into phenomena much to think about and equality, civil rights and slavery issues were a focus of many prominent Spiritualists. Knowing that we shall live forever, and be with ALL of our brothers and sisters forever, helps us to look at our ideals, beliefs and prejudices, changing them to be loving and compassionate. Brotherhood and sisterhood is kinship of the Spirit – the "hood" means protection.

The religion of Spiritualism teaches us not only how to live now, but how to live forever. It is a key to understanding and to the growth of consciousness. Every day, in every way, we build our future, we make our happiness or unhappiness, our sickness or health, as we follow Natural Law or God's Law. Today we prepare for an unlimited future, and we go to our Spiritualist churches as a place to learn, to share, to love and to feel the Spirit Love. How lucky we are to be Spiritualists! ☆

# Bureau of Endowments

BY THE REV. ALFRED A. CONNER, NST, CALIFORNIA

There are a variety of ways to charitable giving to the NSAC. How you donate depends upon your current situation and cash-flow. Some of the methods suggested below may appeal to you, and would most certainly be appreciated by our organization. Moreover, if you wish to specify the purpose within the NSAC – Education, Missionary Work, Workshops, etc., feel free to do so.

***Cash Gifts:*** Usually this form of donation is by check, which may be used for general needs or for a specific purpose. It may also include payroll deductions for the United Way, specifically earmarked for the NSAC. These gifts are tax deductible as long as they do not exceed 50% of the donors adjusted gross income.

All contributions exceeding 50% of adjusted gross income in any one year can be carried forward into as many as five additional tax years.

***Appreciated Assets:*** Gifts of assets which have gone up in value since their purchase are particularly attractive under our current tax laws. Gifts of those appreciated assets to bonafide non-profit organizations are deductible at their full fair market value if they have been held for longer than six months – twelve months if purchased after December 31, 1987. The fair market value of the assets can be deducted up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income and deductions can be carried forward into as many as five additional tax years.

***Life Insurance:*** The gift of Life Insurance is an easy way of giving and can make a substantial gift to the NSAC. The gift can be a Paid-Up Policy or a New Policy. You can buy Insurance to Replace a Bequest or Add a Beneficiary.

– With a Paid-Up Policy, the donor can deduct the replacement value of the policy.

– By purchasing a Life Insurance Policy and naming the NSAC as owner and beneficiary, the future premiums paid are deductible as cash contributions. This allows one to make a large gift and pay it in installments.

– Making a current gift of assets that had been planned to bequeath in a will can produce income tax benefits now and the assets can be replaced by buying a Life Insurance Policy covering that amount. The donor can enjoy giving now and also receive the tax deductions now when it is needed most.

– The NSAC can be named as secondary or final beneficiary of a new or existing policy. Through this method, if the first or primary beneficiary predeceases the policy holder (donor) the NSAC becomes the beneficiary.

***Bequests:*** Distribution by a will should contain one of these appropriate wordings, according to your desires:

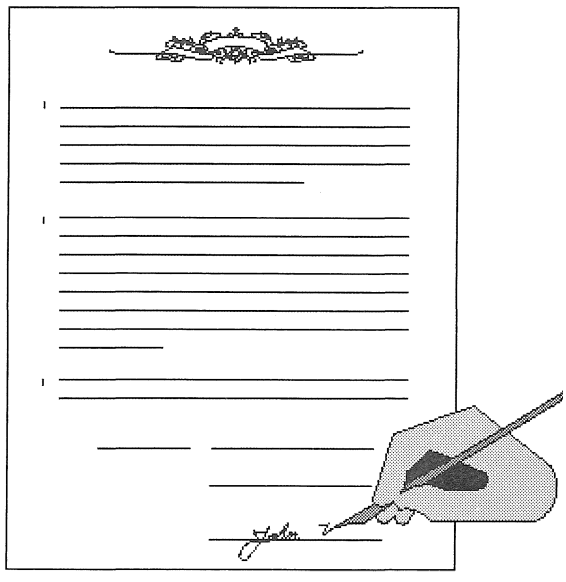
– *"I give, devise, and bequeath to the NSAC (Percentage) _____ % of my estate."* (Dollar amt.) $_____.

– (Specify property) Description of Property located at Exact Location.

– (Residue) *"All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequeath to the NSAC."*

***Charitable Trusts:*** A Trust can be established to set aside money or other assets to provide an income for yourself or another person. Charitable Trusts have the additional advantage of establishing a tax-deductible gift for qualified Non-Profit organizations such as the NSAC.

– Charitable Annuity Trusts: This form of Trust can be established by transferring money or appreciated assets to a Trustee to be held for the benefit of the NSAC. During your lifetime, the Trustee pays a guaranteed fixed income to the donor. You may appoint your spouse or someone else to receive the income after your lifetime. At the death of the last income beneficiary, the Trust will terminate and the residue will be succeeded to by the NSAC.



– Charitable Reminder Unitrusts: This form of Trust is similar to the Annuity Trust except the payment amounts may vary from year to year.

– Revocable Living Trusts: While this form of Trust offers no income tax deduction during the lifetime of the creator (beneficiary) it allows complete access to the funds by the Trustee/Beneficiary, while providing a will and avoidance of probate.

Through your generosity, the noble cause of Spiritualism will be perpetuated for future generations.

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## 95th Anniversary Celebration

*Sweet memories are what makes the roses bloom in the winter.* The First Spiritualist Association, Way Memorial Temple, located in Wheeling, West Virginia, shared 95 years of memories. A special program was celebrated on Sunday, September 29, 1996 at the church, followed by a special dinner to share and celebrate the wonderful day.

Reverend Velma Gasber wrote: "On our ninety-fifth anniversary, it is a privilege and pleasure to honor and pay homage to the founders, and supporters of the TEMPLE. They contributed so much to the people and the religion of Spiritualism.

The task is not completed! Now it is our turn to protect and enhance our precious inheritance. Remember there are beautiful symphonies still to be composed. Many 'limited' horizons to be removed. Know there is more, oh! so much more, beyond the 'reef'.

Search, Find, and 'Share'; that the world will have more 'Enlightenment' and an improved 'way of life'."

September 28, 1901 is the day that the National Spiritualist Association granted the church its charter under the leadership of George W. Way. The Reverend Way served as pastor for twenty-three years until his transition in 1922. It is now under the leadership of the Rev. Velma Gasber who has several distinctions to be proud of: she was the youngest person ever ordained as a Spiritualist Minister in the state of Ohio; she has been ordained for 66 years (May 18, 1930); she just received the NSAC Lifetime Service Award at the 104th Annual Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The beautiful white brick church building, its parsonage and the Spiritual Services, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Classes, the Lyceum and all the fine Spiritualists help NSAC Spiritualism to stand tall and proud in the Ohio Valley.



## In Memory Of...

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma felt the loss of two beloved Spiritualists who recently made their transition. Jewell P. Bearden and Mike Mackey were both active in Spiritualism.

Mike Mackey made his transition in Oklahoma City, after a short illness of liver cancer. Mr. Mackey traveled to many states and many Spiritualist Churches, NSAC and Independent, to serve Spiritualism. He published a newspaper on Metaphysical subjects and was always willing to engage in a lively conversation about his chosen religion. He will be missed by those who knew him, but he is surely still active in the next dimension.

Jewell Bearden was a lady who understood and practiced unconditional love. She was a devoted wife, a fantastic mother, a dedicated employee, a dynamic spiritual healer and always thought of others before herself. Jewell is now in the realm of the angels, looking for another way she can help.

The Eulogy for Jewell was given by Juanita Oyer on August 21, 1996. During the service Juanita read two of Jewell's poems, as she was also a poet leaving a book of poems. Here is just one selection:

### Hello – I'm Fall

I'm here just making my presence known.
Get ready for my annual call.
Take in your weak and wobbly plants,
Those that can't survive my Jack Frost Dance.
I'll paint the leaves on the trees
And put an ache in some knees.
All the landscape is my canvas,
On all of it I dare to trespass.
Oh see the Holly Berries bright?
I painted them with sheer delight.
Even the squirrels know I'm here,
See them hide their nuts this year.
The birds fly South when I'm around
To warmer quarters they have found.
In just a few weeks I must go
So Winter can come with sleet and snow.
But for now, enjoy the time I'm here
With my Harvest Moon and skies so clear.

## A Memorial Service

Maude E. Mazzacavallo had her Resurrection Day on September 30, 1996. She was born November 22, 1933, in Keyesville, Missouri. Maude is survived by two daughters, one son, grandchildren, and was an Aunt to many.

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## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

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Maude E. Mazzacacallo

Maude received the Hand of Fellowship in *Puritan Spiritualist Church,* in Burnham, Illinois, on February 5, 1989 and served as secretary for many years until her passing.

Maude was trustee for the Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches. She served both offices faithfully and with pride.

Maude was loved by all. Her smiling face lifted many hearts. We shall miss her physical presence but know we will sense her spiritual closeness.

A Memorial Service, officiated by Marrice Coverson, was held on December 15, 1996 at Puritan Spiritualist Church, 13906 Greenbay Ave., Burnham, Illinois.

## In Memory of Ruby



Ruby Elizabeth Smith

"Death is blowing out the candle because dawning has come." Ruby Elizabeth Smith made her transition to the higher side of life on October 4, 1996 in Milton, Washington. She was born on October 2, 1920 in Beebe, Arkansas. Ruby, a longtime Spiritualist, was a familiar face at the NSAC Conventions arriving the last few years in her electric go-cart. A couple of years ago her birthday was the same day as the NSAC Annual Banquet and all the assembled guests sang *Happy Birthday* to her. Ruby, with her newfound peace, will remain with us in spirit, never more than a prayer away as she dances with the angels. ☆

*"Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts, bright fancies, satisfied memories, faithful sayings, treasure-houses of precious and restful thoughts, which care cannot disturb nor pain make gloomy, nor poverty take away from us houses built without hands for our souls to live in."*

– John Ruskin

# *Marty Bishop's Funeral Poem*

*Death is nothing at all; it does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room.*

*Nothing has happened; everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone; wear no air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.*

*Play, smile, think of me, pray for me, let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it has ever meant, it is the same as it ever was.*

*There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind, because I am out of sight?*

*I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere, very near, just around the corner. All is well!*

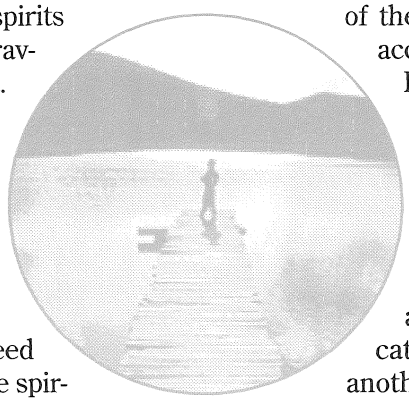
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**Editor's Note:** This poem was written by Mary Bishop as she was preparing to make her transition, to help ease the situation for her family and friends.

## THE AMAZING CLAIRVOYANTS *(Continued from page 10.)*

away, his body was reclining in his own home.

However, the majority of 'travellers' do not remember their experiences – especially those which occur during sleep. This presents problems. For the biggest difficulty for clairvoyants is to distinguish between spirits who still possess a physical body – who are 'travelling' from those who have passed to spirit. Many who 'travel' are ignorant of their ability to show themselves to clairvoyants. There are many substantiated reports of this problem. Closed eyes and a general lack of responsiveness by the spirit are distinctive features of dreamers who have temporarily left their bodies.



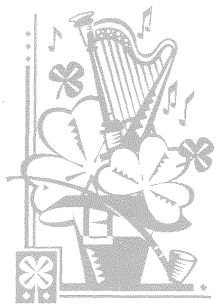
Other problems face clairvoyants. They need to distinguish between permanently discarnate spirits and those who have temporarily left their bodies. They must distinguish between the creator and the created – for example – between a spirit and a thought form. Too, they need to distinguish scenes and details thrust on them via telepathy from living persons, from that of genuine clairvoyance.

To call clairvoyance 'hallucination' is ridiculous, for hallucinations are caused by a diseased condition of the mind or brain, while clairvoyance is accomplished by an active healthy mind. Imagination, too, can be ruled out for visions appear which can easily be verified. Too, there is always a spiritual purpose behind a clairvoyant vision, and evidence eventually comes.

So, we can conclude that clairvoyants do indeed possess amazing abilities. Clairvoyance can be complicated, differing from one medium to another, but all forms of clairvoyance are vital to Spiritualism. Without the amazing clairvoyants, much of our Spiritualist philosophy would not be available to us. We can be truly grateful for these talented people. ☆

## CALENDAR CORNER

# What happened in MARCH throughout the years?



### MARCH

A Month to remember the **Girl Scouts, National Nutrition Month** and **St. Patrick's Day.**

### MARCH 12, 1873

The birthdate of **Stewart Edward White.** Stewart and Betty White were psychic investigators and when Betty made the transition she dictated to Stewart *The Betty Book* and *The Unobstructed Universe,* two wonderful works that every Spiritualist should read.

### MARCH 13, 1873

**Ada Bessinette** left the physical world for the higher expression. She was a fine physical and materialization medium. She demonstrated for the Psychic Research Society and the Psychic College of London, England. At the 1926 NSA Annual Convention she gave a seance for the NSAC Board that was so filled with startling phenomena that a second seance was held with even greater manifestations.

### MARCH 20

**Spring Equinox** - A time for the promise of renewal and new awareness to stimulate new growth.

### MARCH 20, 1833

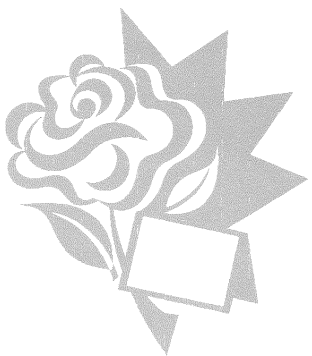
**Daniel Dunglas Home** was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, to become one of the greatest physical mediums in the history of Modern Spiritualism.

### MARCH 31, 1848

**Advent of Modern Spiritualism** – In the Hamlet of Hydesville, New York, the Fox girls began communicating with the spirit of the murdered peddler, Charles B. Rosna, proving that communications between the two worlds is possible and life does indeed continue after the change called death.

### MARCH (Fourth Sunday)

**Gratitude Day** – A day set aside to honor the mediums who have devoted their lives to the cause of Spiritualism. Remembering the *Mediums Relief Fund* with a contribution is a wonderful way to show our gratitude to the mediums of the past and present. ☆



# Spirit of Light

by James R. Woodhams, Jr.



Spirit of Light,
Grand Master of Truth;
How can we be,
anything else but you.
You are the wisdom,
and You are the Light;
And we are your children,
created in Light.

Let all the Wisdom
revealed in Your love;
Come down from the Heavens,
with angels above.
Let there be peace,
in the Heart of this World;
Let fighting cease, . . . Spirit,
start a new World.

One that is Happy,
and safe for us all;
One Happy Family,
once and for all.
Give peace a chance,
people, listen to me;
Don't let the dance, . . . end,
by stepping on feet.

# Potential

by Merry Browne

We need not
in our shadow stand,
There is another
fairer land.
Where we may go
and there abide
By living from
our better side,
Let me tell you
best by summing,
We are roses
in becoming,
Rosebuds yet,
yes, heaven knows,
But be assured
we are a rose.



# Declaration of Principles

## *National Spiritualist Association of Churches*

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in all sacred texts are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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