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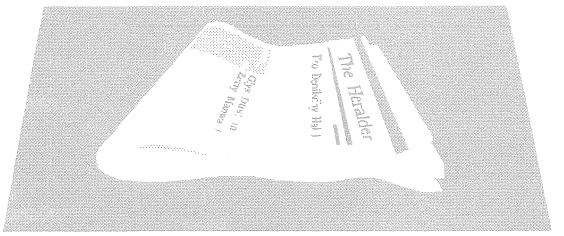
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Newsworthy

BY
THE REV.
SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Recently we had a guest speaker in our church, Laura Lee Perkins from Maine, a fresh transplant now living in Tucson, Arizona. We had a discussion before the church service questioning why Spiritualist Churches were so small, because Spiritualism has so much love and so much truth to offer. "Why aren't our churches packed?" we wondered. She commented that years ago the Spiritualist Churches were the only ones that talked about life after death and that our loved ones continue to exist. Then during the worship service the mediums went on to prove this by the communication of spirit greetings. The churches were packed with people wanting to confirm life after death. Many stayed to learn the philosophy and principles on how to live, right now.

Today our Spiritual ideas, or parts of them, may be found everywhere. Rather than upset us, let this bring us joy and the understanding that the Light and understanding of the Higher awareness is spreading. Spiritualism may not seem to be as unique as it once was to some and thereby attract those who are questioning life after death, but we are spreading love and we are encouraging spiritual growth. We are making a difference.

Lately I read the paper with a scissor in hand. There is so much in it that confirms my beliefs and the fact that the world is slowly coming around to similar conclusions. For example, I believe that Infinite Intelligence is always on purpose and there are no accidents. Recently there was an article entitled, *ANKH BRINGS GOOD KARMA TO STUDENT.* An ankh is the ancient Egyptian symbol of life and one had been given to a Flagstaff, Arizona sixth-grader by his mother. His parents were divorced. One weekend he wore it to his father's house. Big mistake the paper said, but was it? The father is a conservative Southern Baptist and considered the ankh a heathen symbol so threw it into the garbage.

The young man was devastated. When he told his mom he asked if she would buy him another one, but she felt it would only cause additional trouble with his father so she suggested he forget about it. This happened at the beginning of the school year. Nine months later toward the end of the school year the boy's class took a field trip on Environmental Day to the town dump.

The children were given gloves and allowed to dig around a little bit. The young student was digging and guess what he found, the ankh on the leather thong that his father had thrown away. The boy was thrilled. No accidents.

Here in the West we read many articles about the Native Americans. A few recent local examples are: Their Use of Plants and How They Help Keep Us Well, the Spiritual Art of Listening, Sweat Lodge Experiences to Guide One to Inner Awareness, Medicine Men in the Hospitals, the Power of Nature for Attunement.

There is a lot about healing and anything about healing catches my attention. Our churches share the healing energy of the Infinite through laying-on-of-hands healing, but then so does the Catholic Church, and many of the Protestant Churches.

Here is a list of a few of the recent months headlines from the newspaper where the articles relate to what we believe:

Science is Proving Music's Power for Healing
Pet Project: Animals Help Heal
Tunes Ease Anxiety of Eye Surgery
Healing Prayer's Bring Miraculous Results
Keep Turning the Wheel of Learning
Tap Your Creative Juices
Meditation Brings Rewards
Mind Matters
Healing Power of Friends
Golden Rule is Everyone's Rule
Death Doesn't Necessarily Stop Mothers from Nurturing Children
New Study Links Meditation with Long Life
Well Words, Power Words
Judaism, Kaddish – Memorial Prayers for the Dead
Prayer Day, to Honor God
Tending Your Plants Harvests Physical, Mental Benefits
Near Death Shows Light
Judge in "Proof-of-Soul" Case to Retire
Shamans Reveal Healing Rituals to Westerners

The newspaper article that most excited us was brought to our class last week. It was sent to a Spiritualist

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THOMAS PAINE

BY LOUI. A. WARD

Taken from TNS, Feb. 1, 1939



THOMAS PAINE

On the 29th of January, 1737, just two hundred and sixty years ago Thomas Paine was born. His coming was not heralded by stars or angels – yet we doubt whether there has ever blessed the earth and mankind a gentler or wiser soul, or one who fulfilled his mission with greater honesty of purpose. He seems never to have lost sight of the fact that men are victims of circumstances and expressed toward them a marked degree of charity, condemning the states that made them what they were. Quoting him, he said: "If you want men to be good remove the incentive that makes them otherwise." All his efforts were directed to that end. In the *Patriot's Edition of The Life and Works of Thomas Paine*, Thomas A. Edison closes his introductory remarks with this statement: "Thomas Paine should be read by his countrymen."

Much has been said and written of the man and his works. Undeserved and malicious condemnation poured out in vindictive words, and prejudice awakened in uniformed minds. *Truly Thomas Paine should be read by his countrymen.* In paying this small tribute to him I shall let him speak for himself frequently. To read him is to love him. His ability to analyze a situation and reason through the problems that confronted the world over 200 years ago makes one feel awed. His logic is incomparable, his statements unimpeachable. He is best known through his religious and political works. He was a very versatile soul, poetical, mechanical and inventive. His *Age of Reason* was the cause of much discussion and bitter attacks. He was labeled Infidel – Atheist – Nothing could possibly be further from the facts.

He was a devoutly religious man and his intrepid spirit and voice was raised against fear and superstition, and spoke out in unmistakable terms in defense of his Creator and true religion. To quote his own statement: "The creation we behold is the real and ever existing Word of God. It proclaims His Power, demonstrates His Wisdom and manifests His Goodness. I trouble not myself about the manner of future existence – I believe, even to the point of positive conviction, that the Power that gave me existence is able to continue it in any form or manner He pleases." Religion to Thomas Paine was much more than ceremony, rites or rituals. He says: "It is man bringing to his Maker the fruits of his heart; and though these fruits may differ from each other, like the fruits of the earth, the grateful tribute of every one is accepted." His ideas are so generally conceded today and the reading of what he really said would remove the false position in which he has been placed and he would be accepted as the evangelist of Love, Liberty and Fraternity and given his rightful place among the saviors of the world. His protests were heard against every form of injustice. While he condemned the monarchy he loved the Monarch and for defending him, came near losing his life. Saved by the most unusual incident, had it been any one else other than Thomas Paine his adversaries would have said it was Divine Intervention. As a child he was shocked by some of the old doctrinal statements. In relating the incident he says: "Any system of religion that shocks the mind of a child cannot be a true system." His rational presentation of his religious views are in accord with the great minds of all time.

Who could not subscribe to this interpretation of God: "It is only in Creation that all our ideas and conceptions of a word of God can unite. The Creation speaks a universal language. It preaches to all nations and to all worlds and this word of God reveals to man all that is necessary for man to know of God. Do we want to contemplate His Power? We see it in the immensity of the creation. Do we want to contemplate His Wisdom? We can see it in the unchangeable order by which the incomprehensible whole is governed." These are not the words of an infidel or atheist but statements from a great soul inspired with love of God and a desire to serve his fellowmen. He has this to say in regard the thoughts expressed: "Any person who has made observation on the state and progress of the human mind by observing his own cannot but have observed that there are two distinct classes of what are called thoughts, those that we produce in ourselves by reflection and the act of thinking and those that *bolt* into the mind of their own accord. I have always made it a rule to treat these voluntary visitors

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Editors Note: September reminds us of education and back to school. With this in mind, this month we are featuring three 'Education Speaks' articles.



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *features the writing from a student or students currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month are three essays: (1) by* ***F. Merlon Cole*** *of the Augusta Spiritualist Church in Augusta, Maine; (2) by* ***Novalee Beth Wolfe*** *of the First Church of Psychic Science in Taylor, Texas; and (3) by* ***Sheila Mazar*** *of the Church of the Living Spirit in Glendale, Arizona.*

Essay by

F. Merlon Cole

Under the cover of searching the history of modern Spiritualism, we can trace back through many stages the ancient beginnings of matters spiritual.

In early times much of mankind's belief was based on superstition and included the use of hymns, spells, incantations, formulae and made use of religious, magical and philosophical teachings. Transmigration of the soul was an accepted theory. In time understanding changed. Through sun worship the understanding that this is a spiritual universe arose. Communication with the Spirit World was the foundation of the Egyptian religion. They felt the initiated soul is immortal and passes through several lifetimes. Healing became an active part of religious practice.

Belief in an afterlife was accepted as fact. Spirit guides were used for direction and assistance with every soul eventually coming to salvation by its own development and responsibilities and thus finally able to escape from samsara and the wheel of change. However, necromancy and witchcraft were frowned upon. Dreams and visions evidenced the shadowy forms of departed human beings existing as shades or ghosts.

These few examples teach us that there has been a long and colorful history of beliefs emerging which in some respects parallel our own more modern understanding of the separate spheres of matter and spirit.

Using early history as a basis, it is easier to follow the rise of modern Spiritualism through the next stages of the men and women who were the forerunners. Let us consider just a few of those on whom our religion relies as pioneers.

Emmanuel Swedenborg was one whose education and training, whose intelligence and spirituality were so advanced that we do well to consider him one of the greatest of sources for our cause. His status as a member of the House of Nobles, his literary talent, his inventive nature, his church and college training for religious thinking all fitted him for the designation as a Spiritualist.

As do many Spiritualist mediums today, he stated, "I have been called to a holy office by the Lord himself, who most graciously manifested himself to me, his servant, in April of 1744, when he opened my sight to a view of the spiritual world and granted me the privilege of conversing with the spirits and angels which I enjoy to this day." He bridged the gulf between life here and hereafter. He is accredited with being the first to explain that death of the physical does not result in an immediate change since the spirit is governed by the same Natural Laws and thus assures a continuity of life and continued progress in that world.

Franz Anton Mesmer's background in metaphysics, the study of religion, law and medicine, with a bent toward the mysticism, developed into a belief of a mutual influence between the stars, the earth and animated bodies. He envisioned a fluid substance, very subtle, and susceptible to receive, propagate and communicate every impression of movement. It has an effect on the human body with properties analogous to the magnet, with its diverse and opposed poles. It can be communicated, changed, and reinforced and acts from a distance without the intermediary of other bodies. In short, the basis for animal magnetism. It is communicated, propagated and augmented by the voice.

Mesmer believed that psychosomatic illness could be cured by animal magnetism, a proper balance between health and illness. He was able to put his subjects into a state between sleep and wakefulness wherein he could give them com-

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INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST FEDERATION TO CELEBRATE 75TH BIRTHDAY IN RHODE ISLAND

BY LIONEL OWEN, ENGLAND

For the first time in its 75 year history The International Spiritualist Federation (ISF) is to hold one of its two-yearly World Congresses in the United States and this Congress is very special indeed. Not only will it be a celebration of the ISF's birthday, but also the 150th anniversary of Hydesville will be marked. (Even though it will take place later than March 31st, Hydesville Day.)

The Federation was founded at a meeting in Liege, Belgium in 1923 and with the exception of the period 1939-1947 has been in continuous operation. It has individual members and member organizations, such as the NSAC, in over 30 countries throughout the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Japan, South Africa and most European nations. The NSAC has been an organization member since the beginning and at one time the Rev. Joseph Merrill was Vice-President of the Federation.



The aims of the ISF were set in the early days and have changed little, which shows how far-sighted were those early pioneers because they are just as relevant today as they were then. They are:

- To reveal that spiritual nature of mankind which harmonizes with Natural Law.
- To promote the advancement by educational and other means, a knowledge of the science and philosophy of Spiritualism/Spiritism – Such philosophy is considered as recognizing the following principles: (a) The existence of a creative life force; (b) The existence of a spiritual link between all forms of life; (c) Survival of physical death by the individual human spirit; and (d) Communication between individual human spirits on different levels of life.

The two-yearly Congress and Fraternal Week, in the intervening year, at the Arthur Findlay College in England are the principal means by which the ISF promotes a knowledge of Spiritualism throughout the world because most of the time at both events is spent learning, in various ways, from some of the most gifted teachers and lecturers in World Spiritualism. They are also renowned for their harmony and the unconditional love which envelopes all from the start of each week until the end – many lasting friendships started at ISF meetings.

The Federation also spreads the message through its excellent three-monthly magazine "Yours Fraternally" and more recently, by forming Teaching Teams to visit various different countries to encourage the highest standards of mediumship, healing and the teaching of Spiritualist philosophy. So far, teams have visited Hungary and go to New Zealand shortly, with visits being planned to Japan, Israel and Egypt.

The 1998 Congress takes place at Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island from Saturday, May 31st to Saturday, June 6th. The venue is really excellent with plenty of room for as many as wish to come and we expect many of our American members and friends will wish to come to this very special event. There will be teaching by famous teachers from Europe, USA and possibly Asia too. Music always features prominently and the Healing which takes place at every Congress has to be experienced to be believed. There are likely to be a lot of mediums present, not all as tutors and private readings will be available with many of them at very reasonable charges.

There will also be the opportunity to take part in the Federation's two-yearly general business meeting which always produces stimulating but harmonious debate on a wide variety of subjects vital to the future of World Spiritualism.

All this, plus seven nights' accommodation, three meals a day and morning and afternoon beverages is available for the remarkably low cost of $450.00 for ISF individual members and official delegates of member organizations. Non-members are also welcome at an all-inclusive price of $480.00.

Individual membership of the ISF costs $20.00 a year currently, with the year running from March 31st to April 1st. Application forms can be obtained by writing to Membership Secretary, Kay Rumens, 11a, Linkside, Woodside Park, London N12 7LE, United Kingdom or by fax or Email from Lionel Owen, Fax # 0044 1782 502176: Email, transmed@mcmail.com.

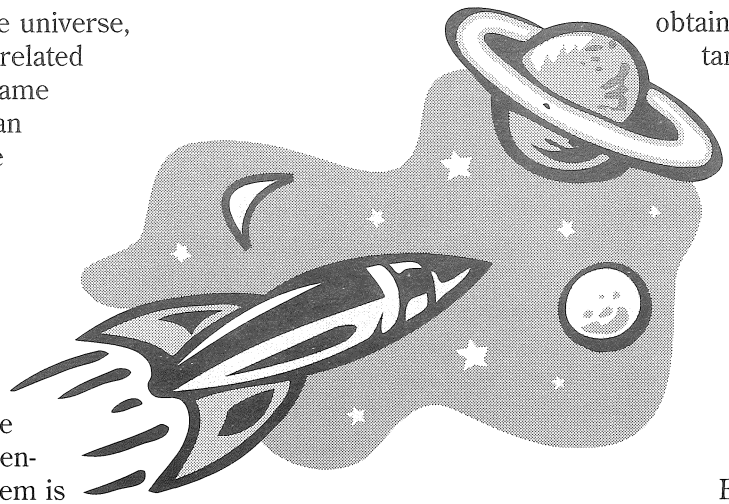
Why not come to Rhode Island and join a large number of enthusiastic searchers for spiritual truth from all over the world. English is the official language of the ISF, but this does not deter people of many different nationalities from coming along and making Congress the unique, harmonious event it always is. ✖

IS SOMEBODY OUT THERE?

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

Perhaps!

For, from a virus to the universe, there is life, all of it interrelated and all of it made of the same elemental materials. We can say then, that we are made of stars, of star dust and most surely we are made from the atoms given off by our star (the Sun).



Do we really believe that our planet Earth is the only living planet, and that our solar system is the only one? Not so, the scientists say. For our solar system is only one of some two hundred billion star families in the Milky Way, among uncountable billions of them in the observable universe.

Since astronauts started voyaging to other worlds, no one can reasonably claim that life is confined to Earth. Consequently, there is every reason to suppose life is found elsewhere, if not everywhere, and that life is inherent in all nature.

Furthermore, scientists are finding evidence of life in meteorites which have turned out to be a million times more organic than Earth itself.

And molecular astronomy, a study which began in 1968, discovered that the clouds of space dust which drift among the stars contain sand, ice crystals, all sorts of organic compounds from methane and ammonia to fuel, such as wood alcohol, formaldehyde, formic acid and dozens of combinations of carbon hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur and other common components of life.

We can say then – there is no boundary between us and the universe. We are of it, and it is of us – a kinship that reaches both ways and everywhere – genetically, mentally, spiritually and chemically.

Even the Ancients believed that planets are alive and besouled. This premise probably founded the science of astrology, and could have been a motivating factor in Kepler's search for the Laws of Planetary motion.

But, the study of space has never been as stimulating as it is in these times. And since the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope and the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope in Mount Mauna Kea in Hawaii were invented and put to use, astronomers and astrophysicists have obtained the clearest views yet of distant galaxies.

The recent discovery of two new planets within the Big Dipper, outside our solar system, orbiting stars similar to our sun, seems to offer a possibility of life, for, the mass and pattern of the orbiting of these new discoveries are similar to the mass and orbiting style of our solar system which produced Earth – the one planet that we know does support life.

This is the first evidence that what occurred around our sun (formation of a family of planets) has occurred around at least one other star.

It wasn't the first time such planets have been found, but what makes this discovery so exciting is that one of the planets (about eight times the size of Jupiter – Earth's largest sister planet) is temperate enough for water to exist in liquid form. And such water could possibly permit the formation of organic molecules, which presumably led to life on Earth.

Astronomers, geologists, chemists and biologists are studying the data to investigate the new planet's climate, atmosphere and chemistry. All of this could shed light on the probability of life as we know it.

Yet, if the planet is like Jupiter, mostly gas, with small cores of rock, and if water exists, the water would have the temperature of hot tea and located high in the atmosphere. Creatures that might live there, would be very different from anything on Earth. It would have to be some sort of life that evolved without ever touching the ground.

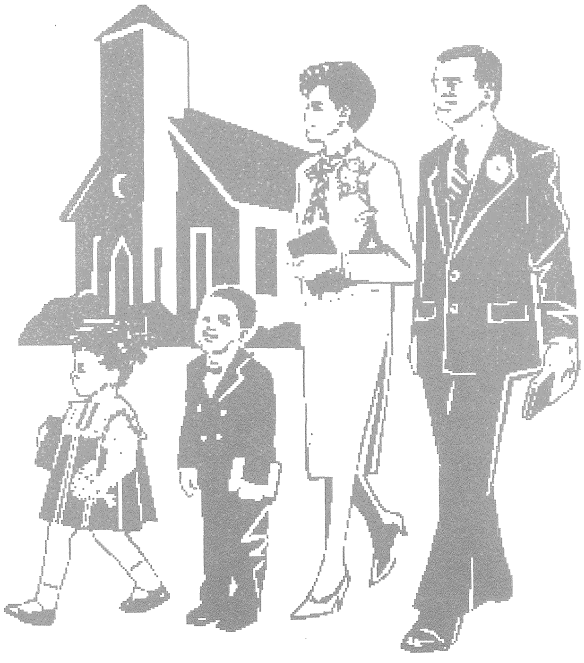
The very fact that these giant planets exist, fires the imagination of scientists. As one astronomer says, "We have hints that there may be planets around some of these as well. We are truly in the dawn of a new era, and we'll be probably finding new planets in coming years."

If, or when, life as we know it is found on other planets, we must agree with the famous astrophysicist, Sir James Jeans who said, "The universe may no longer be viewed as just a great machine, but more aptly as a great mind."

Spiritualists call it Infinite Intelligence. ✖

When Is It Enough!

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE



For some reason or other the Sunday congregation seemed very small, you think back what could have cause it. Did you make a comment that they took the wrong way? Nothing you could remember. Maybe it is the weather, it was a beautiful day after a stormy week, or there are other events of interest on the same day, but then it happens again the next week – the congregation is even smaller. Could the reason be that several had been campaigning in an unethical manner for positions on the church board, or a little too much gossip about a member that is not in a manner you expect to hear in a Spiritualist church? Some get the positions they wanted, but at what cost?

Politics in a church is a very touchy subject, those in board positions need to put the **good of the congregation first**. The congregation expects the Principles of the religious belief to be upheld by those in charge, not for them to act **like a political party fighting for position.**

Positions in a church should be accepted with **grace and honor**, whether it be a volunteer to clean the church, cut the grass or make lunches. The president or pastor all are **servants of the congregation.** Positions should not be accepted for the title, but for the ability and qualifications for the position so as to help in the order and progress of the church.

A person comes to a church in order to express their belief and receive reinforcement of that belief, and for a short period of time, that they can feel close to their spirit loved ones, friends, guides and Infinite Intelligence. They come to share in the vibration, companionship and healing with others of like mind. Often those new to the church are seeking to overcome some personal problem, are seeking support and it takes very little upset to turn them off. Many are not interested in the politics of the church so long as it runs smoothly and peacefully. The proof of this is how few come to membership meetings even though notified well ahead of time.

The last thing the average church member wants is to be approached before or after a service or by phone, by someone campaigning for an office on the board. It takes the spirituality completely out of the service. One person mentioned to me after such an approach that they felt too upset about it to stay for the service. I know this is the exception, but to a lesser degree I am sure it affects many who just want an hour or so away from worldly affairs.

Those running for an office in the church first need to ask themselves the question, do I have the time to do a good job, and the qualifications for that office. The secretary needs typing or computer experience so the church has accurate records, and can answer the correspondence. How many times have you tried to look up an event in some of the past minutes that were badly written and had to guess what some of the words were? The treasurer needs some financial experience, ability to keep accurate records and help make decisions. This is just an example, as each board member has a function and the more skills and experience they bring to the office the more progressive the church will be. We live now in the computer age and our younger congregation expects a higher standard than was acceptable back in the not too distant past.

Church elections should be low key, relaxed, free of campaigning and personal grudges or dislikes. These emotions must be left out as they can easily split a church and some members just stay away, never to return.

Those coming to the church have chosen the church of their choice, accepted the teachings, and enjoy the feeling they receive during the class or service. They should feel uplifted, ready to take on another week when they leave. It is a very delicate balance that a church has to live with. It takes very little to turn a person away from a church, but a great deal of effort to bring them into the church and hold their interest and dedication. Those who are in charge and guide the church must realize this and keep all areas of the church running smoothly and peacefully for it to succeed.

We must always remember that the congregation is the church – the most beautiful building, perfect Bylaws, or a great board are nothing without the congregation. ✖

How Wonderful It Is!



BY SUSAN C. McREE, ARIZONA

How typically human of us to measure the events of our lives in terms of endings:

. . . I've finished school. Now what? . . . I've finished the dishes. Now what? . . . My husband or wife has passed over. Now what? . . . This project is finished. Now what?

Even with the day we finish with life on this earth and wake up on the other side, the question on our lips is: Now what?

Now that we have come here to learn about and to study Spiritualism, shouldn't our thoughts be of beginnings?

When events take their natural course according to the Law, as we know they should, shouldn't our thoughts be on the excitement of the journey, on the happiness, the fulfillment and the rewards on this glorious path toward the light? As Spiritualists, we are so very aware of the wondrous aspects of this wonderful journey of life. Our life is spirit, with Infinite Spirit to guide us.

How wonderful it is to know that we are never alone, never have been and never will be. How fulfilling to know that every event, every action of our life has meaning and impact far beyond our perception; to know that each of us has a part in this wonderful journey called life.

We have sure knowledge that life has never been limited to this one mortal moment. We know at the core of our being, with a certain clarity, that God in wisdom, has great love for us, and sends us to this time and place for a divine purpose. Each day, each moment presents to us this opportunity for a new beginning. A time of choice, so that our lives can be made better and so that we may all reach our divine potential.

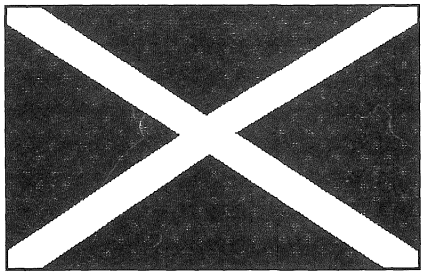
Go now, and as you leave your home, your office or your church, forever change your thinking. Let this moment signal the beginning of your resolve to make the right choices, to live a spiritual life. Time spent together with Spiritual family and friends, at church or in classes, gives us the strength and encouragement to help us through the time that separates us until we meet again.

New beginnings requires shedding the old hurts and prejudices, the cleansing and healing of our minds, bodies and our spirits. How wonderful to be a Spiritualist and to KNOW these things and to know growth is possible when we believe these things with all our hearts and minds. God's blessings to you my friends. God's blessing to all those you come into contact with. ✖

TRILOGY

BY PRISCILLA M. CLOUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

Spiritism and Spiritualism are not new subjects to the public. The two words go back many years to our forbears and to Europe. Almost every European nation has its legands and famous men who have witnessed apparitions which appeared at prophetic times in their lives.



SPIRITUALISM IN SCOTLAND

One of the most interesting books written about the phenomena in Scotland is by H. V. Morton, author of *In Search of Scotland.* In the volume, he mentions a meeting with W. T. Linskill, Dean of the Guild of St. Andrews, the writer of *Ghost Stories.*

Mr. Linskill's gift for ghost stories may have been related to his escape from the disastrous Tay Bridge railroad accident in 1879. According to reports at the time, he was the only survivor out of a train load of other passengers who perished in the water below the bridge.

As a result of an interchange of ideas, Linskill narrated the extraordinary story of deceased Brother Plater, a monk, who took a fancy to a billiard marker and chatted with him while the man attended to his duties.

He asked the billiard marker to dig for his bones, in a particular spot where his untimely death had occurred. The monk as the story goes, sought a Christian burial. The Scottish marker was reluctant to dig, especially when he realized the request was being made by a deceased resident of the cemetery. Nevertheless, digging continued and the bones were discovered.

He wrapped Plater's bones in the garment of an Augustinian brother and as requested buried the remains. The marker, however, complained to Linskill afterward that from that date on, Plater made an absolute pest of himself. Finally the Scotsman fled to Australia to escape the spirit.

Another tale which caught Morton's attention was the tale of the Fairy Flag of Dunvegan Castle in Skye, for 100 years the home of the Macleod of the Macleods. Incidentally, it is the oldest inhabited domicile of its kind in Scotland.

The castle is said to be surrounded on three sides by moats and on four sides by *spirits of the departed.* The history of Dunvegan is the center of attraction for the Western Isles.

Twice a week the castle opens its doors for those who wish to see the Fairy Flag, a fragment of cloth which is worn with age and looks like a yard of silk. It is housed under glass. Supposedly it's a Saracen banner reportedly wrestled from the Infidel during the Crusades.

The story is told by the caretaker of Dunvegan, that when an heir to the Macleod of the Macleods was born, a nurse hurried from the tower where the child slept in order to attend the festivities. She was ordered to fetch the offspring to be exhibited to the clansmen in the big hall below. When she returned to the tower she found the baby enveloped in the Fairy Flag, which had been kept far away in another part of the castle.

Almost instantaneously voices were heard chanting that this emblem would save the clan in dire need. It would be waved three times in case of emergency.

As it happened the flag was waved twice, first when the Macleods were attacked by the Macdonalds, who with a huge force at Waternish, ransacked the church at Trumpan. The Macdonalds thinking themselves heavily outnumbered, lost heart and panicked; action which led to their being killed.

When the Flag waved a second time it signalled the end of a cattle plague. In addition to this, there was a legend that if the Flag was waved for an insignificant cause, a curse would fall on the Macleods. Legend has it this way:

1. "The heir would die."
2. "The Three Maidens (rocks at Dunvegan) would be sold to a Campbell and when a female fox gave birth to young in the turret the fame of the Macdonalds would depart the estate, and the land be sold."

The Macdonald clan would also decrease according to this legend. Subsequently, in 1799 an agent of the Macleods named Buchanan took it upon himself to test the curse. After contacting an English blacksmith, he requested him to open the iron box where the flag was laid. Almost immediately came news that the heir was blown to bits in the H.M.S. Charlotte.

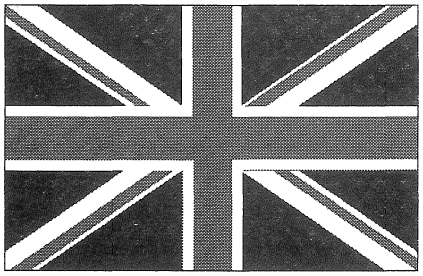
The Maidens were sold to Engus Campbell of Esnay, and a tame fox, the pet of a Lieutenant Maclean, visiting in the castle gave birth to babies in the West Tower. Soon after, the Macleod fortunes dwindled. The next chief tried to recoup the family fortune but as of the date

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of the interview by Morton, only three Macleods remained, all less prosperous than their ancestors. *Spirit prophecy or fate?*

Mr. Morton attests the authenticity of the tale through a native of Glasgow:

"Ye're wrang when ye say the flag will not be waved a thurr'd time. It will be. When the last Macleod dies, the flag will be waved for the thurr'd and last time and it will crumble and vanish awa".



SPIRITUALISM IN ENGLAND

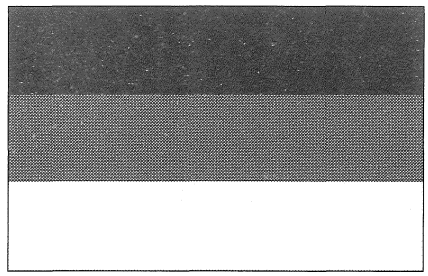
Among English authors who witnessed strange events and testified to spirit control was Percy Bysshe Shelley. In the *Fatal Gift of Beauty,* A. B. C. Whipple mentions that Shelley lived at the end of his life near the Bay of Lerici, Italy. On May 4, 1822, he almost capsized in his favorite launch the Ariel, with Captain Williams at the helm. By evening the moon came out and Shelley walked to and fro. He stopped suddenly and grabbed Williams by the arm. "There it is again," he said. "There".

He saw by the light of the moon, the spirit of Allegra, Byron's dead daughter, rising from the waves. Allegra had died at Bagnacavllo in a convent at the age of six. The following week more visions did Shelley see. When he was alone, he encountered an apparition which spoke to him, "How long do you intend to be contented?"

On Monday, July 1, he set sail for Leghorn in his Ariel, again with Williams and a new sailor, Charles Vivian. On Friday, a storm arose which kept the prudent on land. After six days and long waiting, two bodies were washed ashore, one Williams at Vareggio and the other, Shelley at Migliarino.

A third body of Charles Vivian was found, and burned at Lerici. Shelley was drowned in the Bay of Spezia but the body was burned and buried on the shores of Migliarino. Thus ended the life of one of the noblest poets of all time, and another story from Europe in which spirit apparently played a role.

In the words of Eileen Garret, "Spirit has no dimension. Spirit has no weight. Spirit always has been and always will be. It is that divine substance which is man. Even though we see it encased in a house of clay commonly called the body, spirit still exists as that part of God in man."



SPIRITUALISM IN GERMANY

History has left many references to *Germans with second sight.* Ludwig Von Beethoven once told Lily Yeats, sister of the poet, that his "music would be transmitted through the air to inaccessible places like light houses."

The Rhine and Its Castles authored by Monk Gibbon relates the legend of the Archbishop, Elector John Hugo who witnessed a strange vision in the Palace of Phillipsburg, Ebrenbreistein on the eve of Epiphany, 1701. The following story was told to his co-adjutor, Bishop Verhorst.

While working on news dispatches from Vienna, "he suddenly stopped, took a candle and with a prayer book in his hand" stepped into the balcony of the church. He noted despite the lateness of the hour that the building was filled with people – living and dead.

A funeral was in progress. Among those present were his sister, Eva, bridal flowers in hand. She had died at fifteen. With her was a brother with a myrtle wreath, a red bow concealing the wound which caused his death incurred in battle in Hungary 37 years before.

Another deceased sister, Frau Von Quadt, stood nearby a sister in the living who had dined with John Hugo the previous night.

As the elector watched, he saw a coffin lowered into a grave, the coat of arms broken and thrown into the vault as was the custom when the last of the lineage died.

Very much disturbed and *darkness coming on,* blocking out the scene, he returned to his bedroom.

Ten years later, the seventy-seven year old man passed away and his coat of arms was broken and cast into the grave exactly as he had witnessed it before. At this ceremony according to the story, a Herald proclaimed, "Orsbeck, no more an Orsbeck". ✖

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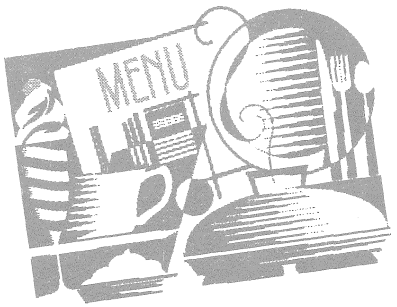
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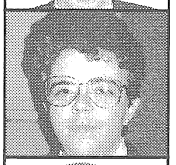
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DIRECTORY OF NSAC CHARTERED CHURCHES & AUXILIARIES

• ARIZONA •

PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, NSAC
2250 N. 16th St. (S.W. corner of Oak), Suite 105-106, 85006-1877. Pastor, Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, (602) 802-2768; 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 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Shelia Mazar, (602) 507-6108.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, NSAC
1522 W. 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 •

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

ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
1300 Grand St. (Home of Truth); Mailing Address: 1022 Pacific Ave., 94501; (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 12:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pastor/Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt; Secy., Brenda Gibson.

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; Pastor Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur, 94939; e-mail: bthurman@earthlink.net.

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, 94549-2925.

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

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers
7417 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite "R", 91405; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Mailing address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 8901 Eton Ave., Sp. 39, Canoga Park, 91304, (818) 701-7633.

• COLORADO •

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

• CONNECTICUT •

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

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, 06320; (860) 440-3150; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Tues Healing Class open to the public 7:30 p.m., Thurs. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; 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. Pastor, Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (860) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady; Pres. and Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354-2039, (860) 564-5976.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

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

• FLORIDA •

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

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ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
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AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.
Secy., Martha L. Witt, 1204 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, 60560, (630) 553-2517.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633-1614; 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, (708) 389-5374.

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., (309) 962-9076; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Marian Boesen, P.O. Box 174, 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, (309) 452-1738.

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE, NSAC
Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Dr., Indianapolis, 46214, (317) 248-9639.

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

INDIANAPOLIS - First Spiritual Science Church
519 South Leeds Ave., 46203-1419; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Worship Serv. at 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Night Serv. 7:00 p.m.; 5th Sun. of each month is All Message Service and dinner; 3rd Sat. of each month is reading day; Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, 46224-2140, (317) 291-0799; Secy., 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
Pres., Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, Rt. 1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR#2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, 8 Dale St., Poland, 04274.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Court and Perham Streets, 04330; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv., 10:30 a.m.-Noon; For classes and Spiritual Fairs, phone for information; Pres., Margaret M. Tracy, (207) 623-7264.

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, 04419-9802, (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; Summer schedule beginning 6-10-97 on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Healing and Meditation Service and Spirit Greetings; Our first 1997-98 Sunday Services will resume on 9-7-97 at 5:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ida J. Donadio, 235 Winthrop St., #7711, 02155, (617) 393-0130; Secy., Donna Watts, 24 Howell St., Dorchester, 02125, (617) 282-4614.

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 addr., 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 (508) 994-9145; Pastor Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset, 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Georgette Biscari, 42 Anthony St., Acushnet, 02743, (508) 991-9145.

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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 of Detroit
4161 Buckingham, 48224-3538.

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), 48073-6534; 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; Sr. Pastor, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, (414) 774-2994; 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.

• MISSOURI •

KANSAS CITY - The Light of the World Spiritualist Chapel, NSAC
20703 S.E. Outer Rd., Peculiar 64078; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Mailing address: c/o Edna Rowland, Secy., 111 S.E. Grand, #21, Lee's Summit 64063, (816) 525-0902.; Pres., Robert Ault.

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 - Spiritualist Church of Inner Light
928 Broadwater, Ste. 107, 59101, (406) 254-2863; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Open Circles, Fri. and Sun. 8:00 p.m.; Secy., Carrie Veatch.

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC
321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC
1018 E. Sahara Ave., 89104; Mailing address: Box 82134, 89180-2134; Tel. or Fax (702) 257-7506; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, Tues. evenings; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Brandi Wien.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 2089, 03079-1147; Year Round Services; Children's Lyceum Sunday 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Regular Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, L.M., (508) 454-4163; Secy., Chistine Nagle, P.O. Box 2089, 03079-1147, (603) 887-2557.

• NEW JERSEY •

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• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Thurs. Serv. 7:00 p.m. Church is open all year; Secy.-Treas.,Diane Van Wormer; Pres. and Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

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

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LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
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• OHIO •

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MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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• TEXAS •

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• VIRGINIA •

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• WASHINGTON •

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• WEST VIRGINIA •

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• WISCONSIN •

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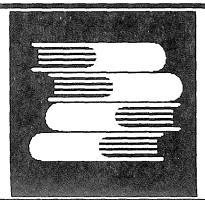
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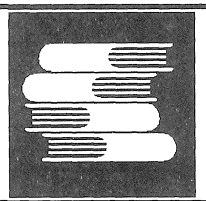
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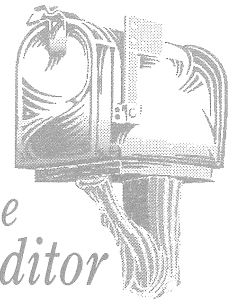
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	1 Meditation is a means to the realization of oneness.	**2** My life's journey is an ongoing expression of joy and love.	**3** Divine Light is a healing Light available to all.	**4** My body is an expression of my inward life.	**5** My soul accepts my supply, God's gifts of life.	**6** God is always at peace for there is nothing to disturb it.
7 God is perfect, therefore life is perfect.	**8** I turn to the center of Light within me for healing and guidance.	**9** The Divine Presence reveals truths through the mirror of others.	**10** My sense of humor helps me through life.	**11** Quiet times bring flashes of insight.	**12** I willingly discard the old to embrace the new.	**13** Change isn't always comfortable, but it brings growth.
14 We are the clay, God is the potter.	**15** Creation is of the mind and appears in life as experience.	**16** Forgiveness is the antidote for guilt and anger.	**17** I am grateful that I am freeing myself of all guilt.	**18** I am a co-creator with Infinite Intelligence.	**19** Keeping on trying is the secret of success.	**20** Natural Law is a blessing of direction.
21 Healing is given and received through love.	**22** Spiritualism is a way of life through love.	**23** Communication with our departed loved ones is a blessing.	**24** Spirit flows more harmoniously through order.	**25** Love opens the way when there appears to be no way.	**26** Spirit healing is available to all when they ask for healing.	**27** Begin and end each day with communications with God.
28 Health and healing is a continuous process throughout life.	**29** I am what's happening; the Spirit of God expressing right now.	**30** Spirituality is the desire of the soul.				



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller,

I just had to take a minute and say thank you so very much for your editorial *Peace is Flowing Like a River* in the June issue of *The National Spiritualist Summit.* It is a splendid article that supplied both food for my heart and my mind. It seemed like every single paragraph of this article transmitted another thought or idea that was a powerful reminder of how to stay centered in a river of peace.

You mentioned in the article that you were inspired to write this from a concern over how best to help others. I wanted you to know that you more than accomplished what you set out to do. This editorial is one that many of us will keep and re-read to help us stay in the flow rather than getting caught in the under tow.

Thanks and Blessings,
Alisa Butler, *New Mexico*

Forgiveness

BY JESSE ANGELCLOUD, NEVADA

According to the calendar on my desk, June 22nd was National Forgiveness Day. WOW!!! I knew there was such a day, I just didn't know the date, but forgiveness can be practiced on any day.

This is a powerful word, **"Forgiveness", it means to excuse (a wrong or wrong doer), to pardon, to remit, or cancel.** Forgiveness might even be one of the hardest things for the human mind to comprehend. There are a lot of emotions involved like fear, hurt, love, anger, trust, and hate. Someone once said, "Hate only hurts one person, 'you'. Why? Because half the people you hate don't know it, and the other half don't care."

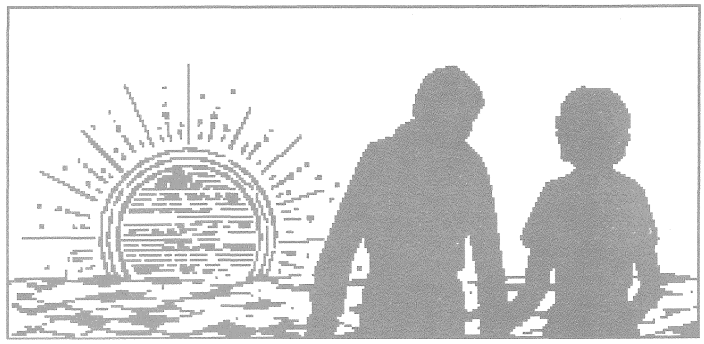
Is it easier to forgive or to be forgiven? How do you go about deciding whether to or not to forgive, or to even ask to be forgiven? Some folks aren't as forgiving as others. It might be because they keep inside themselves old memories of why not to forgive. It's not right or wrong, just different, and that's their choice. I don't think that's a healthy choice, but that's just my opinion.

To be or not to be (forgiven); To or not to (forgive), it's a tough decision on any level.

If you forgive anyone or anybody, "FORGIVE YOURSELF", regardless of what has happened, those thoughts are still your own. FORGIVE YOURSELF for being in that time and space to begin with and release the tension within yourself. If nothing else, allow yourself to breathe a little easier.

Holding past memories of why not to forgive is not healthy. Of all the things that have happened, you always learned something good from your experience. So ask yourself, "What is it, or what was it that I learned?" Only you can answer honestly.

I've learned a lot about forgiveness. I learned I am not perfect and I make mistakes, and at times I have to ask for forgiveness as well as give it. I am told that sometimes I am too forgiving. When someone does me wrong I look at it as, that's how that person is and that's how he or she needed to express that emotion. I don't have to like it, I don't have to agree with it, but I don't have to keep it in my system either. That is a choice I have to make. I remind myself not to judge and when I take out judgment, there are only choices to be made and I'm the one who has to make them. ✖



The Seven Principles of Spiritualism

BY THE REV. RUTH A. DYKE, CANADA

Editor: The English and Canadian Principles are listed below along with the late Rev. Ruth Dyke's interpretation of the first three.

May we always remember to strive to live in harmony with our guiding **Principles**, for their practical day-to-day application is essential if we are to build the kind of spiritual homes we envisage for our future. To this end we would keep them before us, lest we be tempted to forget:

- The Fatherhood of God.
- The Brotherhood of Man.
- The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels.
- The Continuous Existence of the Human Soul.
- Personal Responsibility.
- Compensation and Retribution hereafter, for all the good and evil deeds done on earth.
- Eternal Progress open to every human soul.

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUALISM



The First Principle – **The Fatherhood of God** – is the most difficult Principle to adequately define with the restrictive meanings carried by our earthly words and limited degrees of human understanding. One spirit guide, "Imperator", who agrees with the "Fatherhood" terminology, has also suggested that God should be regarded as the "Informing Spirit". Others have enumerated "Love", "Wisdom" and designations of additional spiritual qualities that express aspects of God's all inclusive Perfection. All descriptions fall short of providing a true and full concept of the wise and loving Creative Spirit of Life we know as "God".

When Emma Hardinge Britten's communicating spirit gave her the Seven Principles of Spiritualism, in order to fulfill legal requirements for the founding of the Spiritualists' National Union of Great Britain, "The Fatherhood of God" was given as the First Principle of the group. The same "Father" designation had been suggested by Jesus previously, in the prayer He recommended. Spirit guides have continued to support the designation. These have included Stainton Moses' guide, Imperator's agreement, and Maurice Barbanell's guide, "Silver Birch", among others. Of course, lengthy explanations were also given by most of them, in an effort to correct and to extend the human view of God. All admit the inadequateness of the term "Fatherhood", but also point out that it is the nearest descriptive one we have in which to give a simple designation of the most complex aspect of ALL LIFE.

God is SPIRIT and is NO PERSON – male or female – yet is in each person who lives – in each expression of life – known to us or not. God is the Initiator of Life and all the qualities of Good, which Life holds a potential for achieving. It is this "Initiator" factor which can and should be tied into the meaning of "Fatherhood". On earth – where our language of communication is applicable – the male initiates the physical undertaking of the creative life process, when planting its living seeds where there is a prospect that one may find a partner. The life energy of God within the seed carries no sex aspect – it is only the physical part that does. The female's role is that of the nurturer – at this beginning stage of earthly life, which is a very delicate and important period, and for many years to follow, as the multiplied cells grow into an intelligent human being, with a need for education in body, mind and spiritual matters.

In the Spirit sense, as in the Spirit World, there is no reason to think of God as male or female, yet it is God's energy of Spirit that makes all life creations LIVE, as well as to become endowed with many resources for limitless growth. How we use these blessings is our responsibility, on behalf of ourselves, our children, and the world we live in.

When we reach the Spirit World, we will have access to greater knowledge about God's Infinite Spirit – far beyond what our minds can presently visualize. Until then, if we love God we can learn much more than we usually do about His wise and loving Creative Force each day – if we will stop and take time to appreciate more of what has been brought into being by God's System of Life, which is constantly in a state of active Creation. We should look more frequently at how it operates with intelligence – even in plant life. May you be greatly blessed as you do.

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The Second Principle – **The Brotherhood of Man** – Once again, as with the First Principle, the Spirit World's terminology of unification between human beings is rooted in the fact of the universal life-giving Spirit of God being present within each human being. No connotation of sex is intended, since the spirit is not physical in its nature.

In our human language the word "Brotherhood" intimates a caring awareness between many souls, because of a mentally and emotionally significant bonding interest among all adherents of a family or a group of like-minded individuals. So it is intended to be with the Spirit World's suggested "Brotherhood Principle" – only on a much wider scale – one that includes all of humanity.

The God Spirit of Life is not of the earth, as our bodies are. Instead, it is the MOST IMPORTANT ingredient of all components that bring a human birth into being. It makes active the needed life energy within the combination of nature's assortment of nourishing physical necessities and associated intelligence, as are required for the components to form a suitable earthly vehicle. In this vehicle, the spirit and newborn soul will be housed in a protected earthly condition while the soul grows in partnership with Spirit, from the time of its very first cell. ALWAYS – the Spirit is the unifying factor, as well as the guiding influence for GOOD.

The whole purpose of the "Brotherhood Principle" is to create a greatly multiplied form of recognition of the fact that human beings have a spiritual unity with one another, regardless of how different their racial or other physical background conditioning might be. Also that in becoming aware of the link of spiritual origin being the same, a more caring attitude and interest toward one another could be developed. Eventually, the initial recognition and respect for God being present in all of mankind might erase the harbored past antagonisms and misunderstandings held by His peoples of the earth plane.



The Third Principle – **The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels** – We are all a part of the "Communion of Spirits" aspect of this Principle – starting with the first cell of our impending birth upon earth. This is a fact, whether it is generally known or not. There is a unity of spirit power that joins the souls of all human beings living upon earth, even as there is a unity of spirit power that links all spirits in the Spirit World. This same power also makes possible the development of an intelligent channel of communication between inhabitants of the two – and even more – states of being.

When we think of this section of the Third Principle, we tend to think of the various forms of evidence which can be obtained through mediumship. Long before that experience comes to any of us, there is another form of inborn as yet undocumented intelligence that passes into and through us as the Divine Spirit flows from one unit of Its Life Expression to another – touching each soul through whom It passes with the unifying force of Its Love and Life-giving energies. It is upon this foundation that in the course of time, an outstanding form of mediumship can develop. Many conscious a well as unconscious factors will need to be in harmony, in order to ensure the success of its full potential.

Of course, "The Communion of Spirits" also refers to the co-operative unity of purposes within the Spirit World, as organized and directed on behalf of the the contribution of useful services, both in the spirit condition of life and toward that of the earth.

"The Ministry of Angels" concerns the supervisory groups of higher, more fully knowledgeable spirits who plan and direct the ways and means of achieving spiritual purposes which will bring growth on earth and in the Spirit Realms. These wise angelic spirits organize programs of teaching for the use of volunteer spirits who wish to be of service through teaching a more accurate form of information about the nature of life to people on earth, also to spirits who arrive in the Spirit World with a lack of knowledge about the conditions and the new responsibilities to be found there.

While this higher Spirit World activity is going on, we who are still living upon earth are under the amplifying influence of spirits who are attracted to us by our objectives, thinking and attitudes toward Life and all of its manifestations. This part of the overall life structure pattern for the advancement of progress points up the need we have to exercise Personal Responsibility in the right way, if we want a given kind of worthy spirit support in our lives. Otherwise, any negative thoughts and actions we may hold toward life in general, or in particular, as against any of its representatives, can become the means of gathering similarly negative spirit support for wrong objectives or wrong results in our own undertakings. Further to this, the way we handle the responsibilities we have toward all life will determine how soon we will rise, in order to become an elevated part of "The Ministry of Angels." Needless to say, we must experience an intensive growth period of learning while serving and continually aspiring to even greater and more knowledgeable forms of service.

ALWAYS, it must be with a LOVING and UNSELFISH HEART, reaching out to HUMANITY.

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mands and they would obey. This was the beginning of his desire to make a "science of hypnotism." Mesmer helped establish the naturalness of spiritual and psychic manifestations. He developed group therapy treatments which later became known as Mesmer's seances. He used background music, dim lighting and became known as one who spoke for the dead because spirit entities did actually play a part in his healing demonstrations.

Mother Ann Lee was the leader of the Shakers. Born in England, she and her followers had visions, gave prophecies and demonstrated other psychic phenomena. Persecuted at home, they received a revelation to emigrate to America, which they did. They first arrived in New York City and later established the first settlement of Shakers in America at Lebanon, New York.

They were named Shakers because of their "peculiar behavior, practicing communication with spirit, materializations, levitation, and were known for their trance sessions. During those sessions they trembled and shook violently.

Mother Ann rejected atonement, virgin birth and the resurrection of the physical body. It was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's opinion that most of their Spirit communication was visitations by Red Indians, who were powerful in producing physical phenomena, and this was the reason for their powerful demonstrations.

The Shakers were informed in 1830 that their special gifts would be withdrawn and of a promised new era inaugurated by extraordinary discovery of "material" as well as "spiritual" wealth. The voice told them when the power returned, the spirits would pervade the world and enter palace as well as cottage. The prophecy was fulfilled at Hydesville, eighteen (18) years later.

Andrew Jackson Davis, the "Poughkeepsie Seer", rightly called also the "John the Baptist of modern Spiritualism", was a famous forerunner of Spiritualism. He early on was found to exhibit clairvoyance and in this state found that the human body became transparent to his eyes. He performed psychic flight through space and was born again in spirit. He saw auras and the walls dissolve, entered a deep sleep and became in rapport with all of nature.

Davis created the Children's Lyceum, wrote several books and periodicals on Spiritualism and was instrumental in the incorporation of "Harmonial Association" whose purpose was to harmonize mankind by spreading understanding of things spiritual. He was a doctor of medicine, aided by his psychic abilities.

Another forerunner of Spiritualism, the American Indian's approach to life and nature are an example of what makes for an adequate spiritual guide. Native Americans are able to bridge the area between the earth plane and the Spirit World.

All of the above persons and events were a substantial basis for recognizing the advent of modern Spiritualism on and after March 31, 1848 when the Fox family furnished the conclusive proof that "There is no death and there are no dead!"



Essay by

Sheila Mazar

The events leading up to and surrounding the advent of modern Spiritualism are very interesting.

It all began in Rochester, New York. Mr. Henry Hyde built the now infamous cottage in 1815 and it eventually became the property of Dr. Hyde's son by way of inheritance.

The cottage was quaint, consisting only of two parlors, one bedroom and a buttery. Also there was the cellar that would, as time progressed, hold a dark and yet wonderful secret.

The cottage in Hydesville had many families live in it from 1815 to 1847. The last three families to reside there were involved in the beginning of the advent of modern Spiritualism.

First was the Bell family in 1842 and then the Weekman family in 1843. Both of the families experienced physical phenomenon in the forms of rappings. The Weekmans also experienced a cold touch of a hand and a materialized form of a young man. The Bell family and the Weekman family were terrified and were eventually driven out of the cottage.

It was not until 1847 when the Fox family moved into the cottage that the mystery began to unravel.

The Fox family experienced the same phonomenon as the Bell and Weekman families. They did however experience additional phenomena in the form of footsteps and moving furniture.

March 31, 1848 marks the advent of modern Spiritualism. The Fox sisters, Kate and Margaretta established contact with the restless spirit. Mrs. Fox pursued the communication and found the identity of the spirit to be that of a pedlar who had been murdered in the cottage during the residence of the Bell family. His body had been buried in the cellar.

The Fox family's lives took an abrupt turn following that infamous day. Their days and nights were very busy with visitors and non-believers, not to mention the raps and other phenomena which still continued. They got very little rest and all the commotion began to get to them all.

The Fox family attempted to stop the phenomenon by sending Kate to live with their older sister, Leah. It was to no avail. Eventually the sisters made the decision to continue their

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work and demonstrations following a message that they received from spirit. The message told the girls that it was a dawn of a new era and that they were not to conceal these truths but to proclaim them to the world.

The Fox sisters' lives were difficult. The task ahead of them proved to be one of ridicule and hardship. Throughout the following years there were many trials and tribulations that the girls found themselves enduring. The effects of these hardships on the girls manifested in many forms, the major effect being bouts of alcoholism.

Even through all the periods of difficulty, the Fox sisters did much to promote modern Spiritualism and we present day Spiritualists owe them a heart-felt "Thank You!!" for all their efforts.

In the years that followed after the Fox sister era, there were many people that devoted their lives to the cause of our great religion. Almost all of the early pioneers wrote books, or articles in papers and magazines. The early pioneers were very devoted in their beliefs. Many also did much investigating before backing Spiritualism one hundred percent. It is comforting to know that Spiritualism is not based on "blind faith" alone.

There were many outstanding pioneers in their day . . . just a few of them:

Emma Hardinge Britten was founder of the magazine, *Two Worlds,* that is still in print today. She was also known as the greatest woman propagandist that modern Spiritualism ever had.

Mrs. Mercy E. Cadwaller was often called the animated encyclopedia of Spiritualism. She is responsible for the marker that states, *There Is No Death And There Are No Dead,* that was placed in front of the Fox cottage in the front yard.

Moses Hull dedicated the Morris Pratt building in 1901 in Whitewater, Wisconsin and became the first president.

Thomas Grimshaw was Superintendent of the Bureau of Education. He prepared the first general correspondence course for the Institute with the help of Mr. Mark A. Barwise.

A final pioneer in this brief list is Daniel Dunglas Home. Best known for his gift of levitation, Home was often called the greatest physical medium in the history of modern Spiritualism. It is interesting that D.D. Home would not commercialize his mediumship. Many notable people were led to Spiritualism through Home's remarkable demonstrations of his gifts.

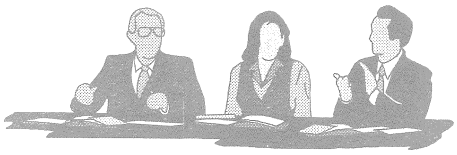
With the movement of Spiritualism in full swing, new organizations and publications followed. From the earliest publication of the *Univercoleum,* to the *Spiritual Telegraph,* to the *Banner of Light,* all touched the modern world bringing love, light and truth.

A few of the publications are still active today. *The National Spiritualist* was founded in 1919 by George B. Warne and became the official publication for the National Spiritualist Association. The publication is still going strong. Also, the American Society for Psychical Research and the written publication, *The Journal,* of the A.S.P.R. is still active.

Spiritualist Camps began to appear. The Spiritualists adopted the open air meetings of the Methodists and Universalists and eventually these meetings evolved into summer camps.

The first Spiritualist Camp Meeting was held in Massachusetts in 1866. Several of the early camps are still around today such as the Lily Dale Assembly, originally formed in 1878, and the Onset Bay Grove Camp in Massachusetts in 1877, which is now known as the On-I-Set Wigwam Camp.

The purpose of these camps was to provide the public with a chance to hear the best mediums on the Spiritualist platform as well as giving the speakers a place to address the public without restrictions.



Essay by

Novalee Beth Wolfe

It was not easy forming the National Association those first years, being that it didn't always represent the views of the greater body, or maybe the time just wasn't right – we don't know for sure, but the first National Association of Spiritualists lasted only nine years. However, it was right for many independent State Associations to form churches and camps which continued to function and grow.

People of all classes of society and all different denominational religions were drawn to the phenomena of communication, including the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Even the clergy were interested in the demonstrations, until they discovered the philosophy differed from theirs. Through all the confusion, dogma and creed, misinterpretations/interpretations, and misunderstandings as to what Spiritualism really was, what it believed, and what it taught; made it apparent that Spiritualism required an organization. It also became apparent that an organization was needed to promote the cause of mediumship and for the protection of its mediums.

The first Delegate Convention of Spiritualists of the United States convened on September 27, 1893. Since then, there have been seven presidents. The last one being elected at the convention in 1995 in Phoenix, Arizona. The Association filed for Incorporation on November 1, 1893 in Washington D.C. under Class 2, Religious Societies, with its object to be, "not for worldly profit but for the purpose of religion". Then on October 21, 1895, an amendment was made changing it to Class 1, whose

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object is for "the particular business as benevolent, charitable, educational, scientific, religious, and missionary." This Amendment was recorded in Washington D.C. on January 7, 1896.

On November 20, 1920, an Amendment was filed to change the name from the "National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America" to "The National Spiritualist Association" and was recorded on December 1, 1922. Then on February 12, 1953, another Amendment was filed to change the name to "The National Spiritualist Association of Churches" (as we know it today) and was recorded on April 27, 1953.

The Sunflower (and the color yellow) became the symbol of Spiritualism because of its long time emblem of truth and constancy. It is not known as to who first suggested the Sunflower as a suitable emblem of modern Spiritualism. The Sunflower was adopted as the seal for Spiritualism and was developed in early 1893. At the Conference of International Federation of Spiritualists in 1928, the Sunflower was adopted as the official badge of "International Spiritualism". The adoption of the "Sunflower Song" followed. Like Spiritualism, the Sunflower is like a magnet. It protects the weaker plants and rests upon a strong stalk as Spiritualism protects man from superstition and provides him with a solid foundation. The motto for Spiritualism is "As the Sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun, so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of Truth."

The organization was constantly faced with defending its mediums and ministers; thus developed the need for a "Declaration of Principles", expressing to the world the understanding of Spiritualists and Spiritualism. Beginning in 1898 at the Sixth Annual Convention, a set of Principles was proposed but was postponed until the next year. After obtaining numerous proposals from different State Associations, the first six Principles were adopted in 1899 at the Seventh Annual Convention. Not until 1909 at the Seventeenth Annual Convention were two more Principles adopted. There have been many years of changes, revisions, deletions, additions and adoptions for the nine "Declaration of Principles" we use today.

Next came the need to define Spiritualism and Spiritualist, Spiritual Healing and Spiritualist Healer, and the Phenomena of Spiritualism. All this was done for the protection of Spiritualism.

During the years of form and growth of the Association, principles were established, definitions developed, certifications provided, Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, amended, revised, and updated. A monthly publication, *The National Spiritualist* was published and correspondence courses were developed. Schools were started to educate workers in the Philosophy, Religion and Science of Spiritualism and to prepare workers for the platform. A Lyceum was organized, a "Children's Progressive Lyceum Manual" was prepared and a hymnal was compiled. ✖

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Jest Joking...

- Internet Humor -

Praise the Lord!

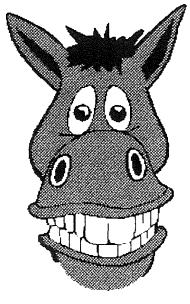
A courier was travelling across country on a horse. He was in a hurry, and rode the horse too hard, so it went lame. Needing to continue on his journey, he went up to a nearby farm and asked the farmer if he could buy a horse.

"The only horse I have is this one," the farmer said. "Fine, I'll take it," the courier replied and jumped on the horse's back.

The rather religious farmer told the courier how to control the horse: "Say 'Praise the Lord' to get the horse to go, and 'Amen' to get it to stop."

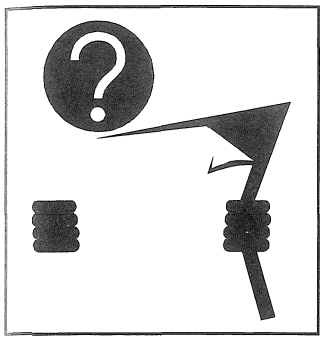
So with a quick "Praise the Lord" the courier was on his way. He made good time, and his mind wandered as the countryside flew by.

Looking up after a while, the courier realized that a cliff was coming up, but the horse was showing no indication of slowing down. He began to panic and the cliff loomed closer, and he found he could not remember the command to stop the horse. In a real fright, the courier prayed earnestly for a reminder, and finished his prayer with "Amen." The horse came to a screeching halt right at the edge of the cliff.



Looking down over the edge, the relieved courier exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!"

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Questions & Answers

BY THE REV.
BERNARD F. BAKER, NST

Q I have no doubt that our loved ones in spirit hear us when we talk to them and send them messages of love. They might even respond to our messages because they had a two-way relationship on the earth plane with us. But what about the case of a celebrity who passes into the Spirit World? We know them and we love them, but it was never a two-way relationship, they never even knew us. Now that they are in spirit, can they feel our messages of love? Do they know from where and from who this love comes from? What is the best way to initiate a two-way conversation with a spirit who was once a celebrity on the earth plane?

A The case of a celebrity that has passed to spirit is very interesting. Of course we must consider that there are all sorts of celebrities. A person may have reached fame or even infamy in countless ways and in any time or place in the history of humanity. While it is true that we may not have had a two-way relationship with a particular celebrity, the same can be said about many of our guides and teachers from the Spirit World.

These teachers often come to us to help with a specific situation, or perhaps to teach us as we progress on the earth plane. Many times we have no idea of who the teacher is until something happens to make it clear. In fact, often we may never really find out who they were. I remember once while delivering a spirit greeting to a member of our congregation, and asking a very helpful guide the question, "What is your name?" The immediate response was, "What is the difference? You wouldn't know who I am anyway, but I am here for a specific purpose!"

Now the love we may have for a celebrity is real, and the celebrity or spirit being can absolutely feel and understand such love, just as our relatives in the Spirit World can. This is particularly so when we consciously think about them with the love and admiration we had and still do have.

But we must keep in mind that this spirit has its own work to do, and must attend to its own progression also. So the fact that you may desire communication for your own sake, may not be enough to establish such a link. It might even be the case that the spirit has not yet progressed to the point where communication can be established. Or there could be many other reasons.

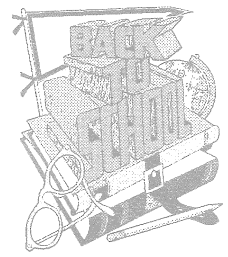
I'm reminded of a wise statement that one of my teachers once told me. He said, "They choose us, we do not choose them." But don't be disappointed if such desired communication doesn't take place. As I said, there could be countless reasons, even the obvious one of many other people wanting to establish contact with the spirit of the former celebrity.

As far as the best way to establish such communication goes, the same rules apply whether the spirit is that of a former celebrity or not. The rules or laws are unchanging and apply to all of us equally. You must have the desire and you must strive to establish the communication, the rest is up to spirit. ✖

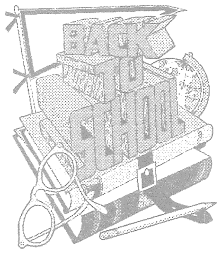
THOMAS PAINE 1737-1939 *(Continued from page 4.)*

with civility, taking care to examine as well as I was able if they were worth entertaining, and it is from them I have gained almost all knowledge that I have." F. W. H. Meyers could not have expressed it better. We are all wondering if the idea of the suspension bridge, which was one of his inventions, did not come through in the same manner, along with the smokeless candle and the steamboat.

Thomas Paine we salute you and acknowledge with grateful hearts your many contributions to our world and lives and may we feel and know as you did, and in closing the chapter of our lives be able to say as you did: "Our relation to each other in this world is as men, and the man who is a friend to man and his rights, let his religious opinions be what they may, is a good citizen, to whom I can give as I ought to do, and as every other ought, the right hand of fellowship." ✖



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"Imagine that every person in the world is enlightened by you. They are all your teachers, each doing just the right things to help you learn perfect patience, perfect wisdom, perfect compassion."

– Jack Kornfield

"Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

– Albert Einstein

"Imagination is the highest kite one can fly."

– Lauren Bacall

NEWSWORTHY *(Continued from page 3.)*

by her mother who wrote on the top of the article, "Never thought I would read this admission by the Catholic Church." I don't know which paper it came out of to get permission to reprint it, so I'll recap and rephrase the contents.

The title: *CONTACT WITH DEPARTED CALLED POSSIBLE: OFFICIAL,* by John Hooper, London Observer Service. An authoritative spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church in Rome, Italy has declared that the Catholic "Church believes in the feasibility of communication with the dead." The Rev. Gino Concetti, chief theological commentator for the Vatican said the church remained opposed to the raising of spirits, but added: "Communication is possible between those who live on this earth and those who live in a state of eternal repose, in heaven or purgatory. It may even be that God lets our loved ones send us messages to guide us at certain moments in our life."

Isn't that great! The article went on to say that the key to the Roman Catholic Church's attitude was the belief in the "Communion of Saints." Where there is communion, there is communication, so the dead may intercede on the earthplane for their loved ones who still reside here. The column closed with the quote of St. Dominic to his brothers while on his death bed: "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life."

There are many paths to growth and it is wonderful to hear and see in print that the truths of Spiritualism are Universal Truths. Spiritualism is a way of life, a way of communication. Each day I look to see how Spirit is going to communicate with me, through the newspaper, through nature, through another – so many possibilities. What an adventure it is to live with the expectancy that each moment is God's sacred moment and that the Infinite has a message for me. This opens my thinking to go beyond my own little world and see the interconnection of All Life.

It might be interesting for all of us to share what is being printed around the country or in other religions that corresponds to our teachings. We invite our readers to submit quotes or articles that have been found in other religions, found in newspapers, etc. to prove that Spiritualism is not out of step, but rather a leader with our Philosophy, Science and Religious teachings.

Spiritualism teaches that Infinite Spirit is everywhere, in everything, expressing through everyone and every situation, now and forever – Sacred Moments, Sacred People, Sacred Life. Each morning ask the Source of Life to guide you and inspire you that you may be the best that you can be. We don't have a clue how to go about this, so open yourself to observe how God will answer your prayer. When you are open to the Light, the Light fills you. When you are open to Joy, Joy fills you. When you are open to growth, then changes come. Changes often require trust and keeping your eye on the Light and Joy of God. Life is great when you allow God to be in every moment. Dedicate your day to God and see this Loving Force in All Life. ✖

Transitions

The National Spiritualist - Summit would like to honor two well known Spiritualists that left the earth plane during the month of July: The Rev. Ida Donadio and the Rev. Kattie E. Mahan.

The Rev. Ida Donadio was an ordained NSAC Minister, a certified medium and the pastor of Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace, Medford, Massachusetts.

The Rev. Kattie Mahan was an ordained NSAC Minister, a Certified Medium and a Commissioned Healer. Kattie was associated with Western Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association in Wonewoc, Wisconsin for many, many years. This year she moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where she made her transition.

Both of these Spiritualists were familiar faces at the NSAC Annual Conventions. We know that a love tie will keep us connected to our departed friends and loved ones. Bless them and their families. *TNS* will print more details as they are received.

News from Connecticut

This past April, the Church of the Infinite Spirit of Newington, Connecticut, had the honor and privilege to do a Naming Service for a five-year-old boy, Kalsey Allen Salg, on his birthday. The Service was incorporated into our Sunday worship service. His sponsors were many, as he is a very special young man. He will become a Lyceum member in the fall and will be most welcome.

The wonderful part of this Consecration is that there are now four generations of Spiritualists in that family. We feel lucky to have them as mediums, healers, and church workers and members. We bless them and thank them for their work.

After the Worship Service a reception followed, of course with good food to eat and good fellowship to share.

What happened in SEPTEMBER throughout the years?

SEPTEMBER 3, 1879

Rev. Harry P. Strack was born on this date. He came from a psychic family and at 16 became an inspirational speaker. Ordained for ten years as an orthodox minister, after attending Spiritual services in Ohio, he decided to devote his life to the cause of Spirit Communication, Universal Law and eternal progression. He was the Secretary of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association, and also the Secretary of the National Spiritualist Association for 24 years.



SEPTEMBER 5, 1860

The birth date of **Wilburforce Juvenal Colville** who was born at sea. He was mediumistic even as a child and became known as "the Kitten Orator". He gave his first inspirational talk at just seventeen in England and traveled extensively around the world demonstrating the Gifts of Spirit. One of his gifts was the ability to speak on any subject chosen by the audience, or compose a poem or a prayer. He also wrote through inspiration and is credited with many articles and books.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1885

Elsie Butler Bunts is remembered today for all her dedication to Spiritualism and especially for founding the *Lyceum Spotlight* magazine, which she edited for many years.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1893

The first delegate Convention of The National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America convened at 77 Thirty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois. The basics, begun 104 years ago by the first National Spiritualists, have been a good foundation for the NSAC.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1903

The **Morris Pratt Institute** opened in Whitewater, Wisconsin, with Moses Hull as its first president and Prof. A. J. Weaver as the first Principal. Morris Pratt, who donated the building, made his transition before he could see his dream become a reality.

OTHER SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 14, 1814 - The Star-Spangled Banner was inspired and written by Frances Scott Key . . . **September 15, 1971** - The date the international environmental organization **Greenpeace** was founded . . . **September 22, 1776** - On this date the American patriot **Nathan Hale** was hanged by the British for spying and he is quoted as saying, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." . . . and **September 22 - Autumn Equinox** or fall begins. Use this time symbolically to harvest your ideas.

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The Gift of Spirituality

BY KIMBERLIE PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

The gift of spirituality and awareness is something we are all born with and it is up to us to open this gift and develop it. It's not so much a gift that God has given us, but a natural life force which develops and determines our paths.

It is a basic human need that should be included as an important part of our survival and growth. Spirituality is the sixth sense which people need to learn how to incorporate into their daily lives, instinctively, without thinking. How wonderful it will be when we use our spiritual light with as much trust and as automatically as we do sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing.

This ever so important sixth sense has been long overlooked by science yet we know they are aware of it and a few studies have been conducted. It is long overdue for this basic human essence to be documented in the medical books, and acknowledged and used by physicians in the treatment of their patients. Often scientists and the medical profession feel because they have no physical proof, something solid to test and dissect, they will continue to pass this inner sense off as phenomena.

Some scientists and doctors may fear this Life Force because they have no control over something they cannot touch or explain. The healing and growth comes from within an individual – it is internal and not external where we each have to become comfortable. The mind and the body are so connected that if the internal spirit is healthy, the physical body will also be healthy.

Society, the government, teachers, morals, television – everything we receive in our consciousness conditions and structures our individual beliefs. There are many subliminal messages which filter into the sub-conscious that are far from Spiritual. In life, some struggle for power and control over others, so daily we must take time in Spiritual energy to remain centered in the Light. Each individual must work hard to structure their lives so they may develop the wonderful talent that is within.

How do we know that we have this talent? Look to the children. They are born with so much intuition, openness and awareness which is evident when they are toddlers and youth. If we are aware we will see this in all youngsters. As they grow, life and society conditions them in order to conform with the "norm." Spiritual talents are pushed deep within.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a child, from day one, would be taught how to develop, use and respect his or her spiritual gift. If children were taught the Universal Laws, healing, the power of their thoughts and that thoughts are energy, and of course, to love. Teach these first, the ABC's second. When children know God, their spirit guides, and that they are helped daily by the angels, then when they step into the classroom they will be surrounded by God's white light and be more open to know intuitively truths when they are presented.

Maybe we adults cannot make the physical world more Spiritual as quickly as we would like, and we know that we cannot change anyone but ourselves, but we can begin to establish a more Spiritual future through ourselves and our influence on children. It is important that children are loved, so they can love themselves and spread the love within. We know that someone who is full of love freely shares it with others, which of course raises the world's consciousness.

Infinite Intelligence, the Source that has created All Life, has a goal, a master plan for this special race of humanity. I am sure that everything we have done was a part of our evolution, and growth. With this in mind we can use the inner power gained through life's experiences to evolve to a higher, more spiritual level. It takes our energy, our dedication, our personal responsibility and it is time for each of us to re-awaken and to unlock the subconscious, spiritual door and let the Life Force shine through.

This is inner work, but the rewards are well worth it when we release negativity, fear, guilt, shame and forgive ourselves and others. This returns us to the innocence of youth that was a gift from the Infinite. We are all fragments of the Love and Light that created us. It is time to see life through Spiritual eyes and to fulfill God's master plan! Love and Light to all the Universe's beautiful creatures and creations, for within All is that blessed part, **Spirit.** ✖



- The Songs of the Earth -

By Lois Wilkens

The songs of the earth are the songs of my Soul
Thrilling and filling and making me whole;
The beauty of form fills my senses with awe,
My Soul yearns to touch and experience it all.

The song of the sun is a song of my Soul,
Flooding and filling and making me whole;
Warming my heart to accept love for me,
Circles and spirals of love I set free.

The song of the rain is a song of my Soul,
Washing, refreshing, and making me whole;
Clearing and cleaning and helping me find
The me deep within that is waiting to shine.

The song of the wind is a song of my Soul,
Holding me, moulding me, making me whole;
Trying me, turning me, making me bend,
Growing me stronger to stand in the wind.

The songs of the earth are the songs of my Soul,
Nurturing, filling, and making me whole;
From seedtime to harvest the cycle's complete,
Cycles of life we repeat and repeat.

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.

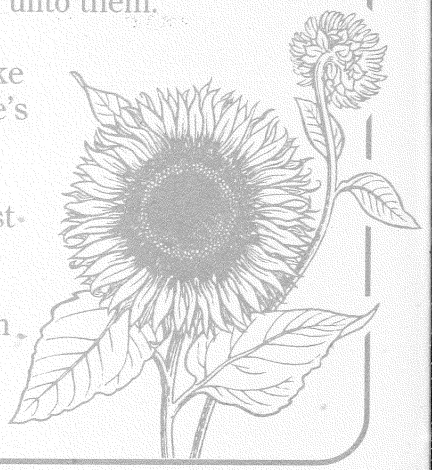
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

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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