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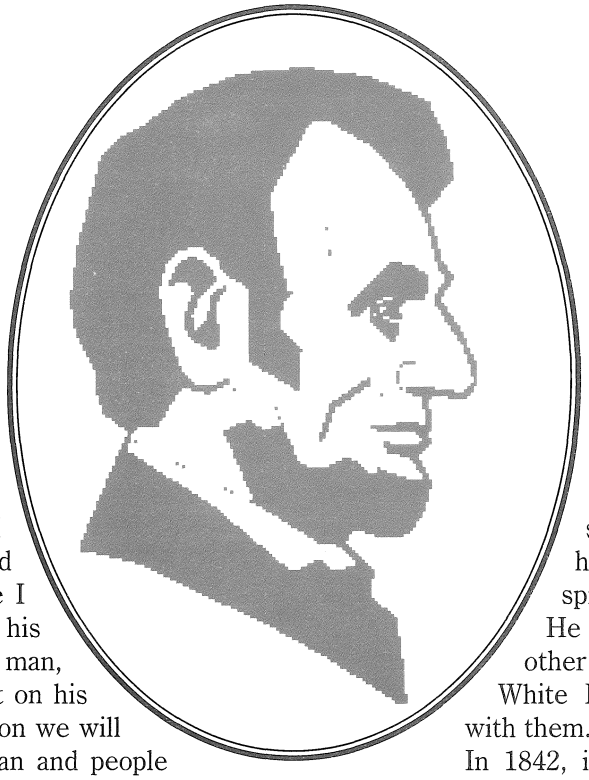
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Abraham Lincoln
Dead or Alive!?

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865, holds a special interest for many Spiritualists and I personally feel a strong fascination about this great man. The very first transfiguration I ever experienced over my husband, Gene, was a gaunt Lincoln. The first etheralization seance I attended, a lanky Lincoln appeared and the first materialization seance I went to a tall, hatted Lincoln made his presence known. Lincoln was a thin man, 6'4", or 7'2" with his stovepipe hat on his head. Occasionally in a trance session we will have a greeting from this great man and people have seen Lincoln around Gene when he was working on the platform. So, I read a lot about this past Chief Executive that never gave up. I believe that the philosophy and actions of great men do not die, but inspire and encourage others to greater truths and achievements.

Some historians comment that Abraham Lincoln's interest and involvement in the Spiritualist movement was because of his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. Yet there is much evidence that the 16th President of the United States had experiences independent of his wife's which created his notice of the world beyond and of experiences that guided him. How wonderful that they both shared interest in communication with the Spirit World and received guidance through dreams, visions and auditory hallucinations.

Lincoln was a lawyer with a valuable command of words, but he also had another special ability. He was adept in sorting out and untangling life, details and problems. This was a great asset in his interest in spiritual matters. He had a rare capacity for clear, simple, concise thinking and statements which served him as a lawyer, a politician and in the higher search.

One example of Abe's interest in spiritual matters is that after the death of his favorite son, Willie, he tried to contact Willie's spirit by attending seances and consulting mediums. He believed his son's spirit survived death and was around him. In fact, he used to talk to Willie's spirit as he went about his daily tasks. He also commented that there were other spirits, or ghosts, or angels in the White House and that he communicated with them.

In 1842, in a letter to his friend, Joshua F. Speed, Lincoln wrote that he had "always had a strong tendency to mysticism" and had often felt controlled "by some other power than my own will," which he believed came from a higher power and helped him make decisions.

One seance that Lincoln attended, the medium Mrs. Miller played the piano which began to beat the time by rising off the floor and coming down in time to the tune that was played. Several men then sat upon the piano to verify that it was actually moving. Sometime later an account of this and other seances was published in the Cleveland *Plaindealer* and it was mentioned that President Lincoln had attended. Honest Abe readily admitted his attendance replying: "The only falsehood in the statement is that half of it has not been told. This article does not begin to tell the wonderful things I have witnessed." Lincoln's experiences with mediums and at seances surely influenced his political life and his issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, which freed the slaves.

During the troubled times of his presidency, Lincoln

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What Are We Waiting For

BY BETTY McCONNELL, FLORIDA

What are we waiting for? Remember that question!

Let's pretend we are young, fresh out of school and ready to go out in the world to look for a job. We are usually pretty particular in selecting what will take a great portion of our time for the next forty-plus years. We visit different places of business, write resumes (exaggerating our abilities), fill out many applications, and are interviewed by those who like what they see. Sometimes there is a family business that we are born into. If we are lucky and have an interest in that business, we don't need to search for a job. If we aren't interested, we look elsewhere, much to the family's disappointment, but they usually get over it when they see how satisfied we are in our line of work.

You know what happens to us if we fit neither category? If we do not like the family business and we don't have the gumption to search for what we want – then we don't succeed, we don't learn, we don't grow, and growing is what life is all about.

Let's get back to looking for that job we want. Just what are we looking for? We want full-time employment and we want a job we will enjoy; after all, working isn't a chore when we are enjoying what we are doing. Remember the following items I'm going to list. We want security – knowing what the future holds. We want a fair return for our time and effort – sometimes we want more than we give in return. We want to learn so we can advance in the company. We want fringe benefits such as insurance, a good retirement plan, vacations, holidays and maybe even an opportunity to buy stock in the company. If we own stock, then we know we are part of the company and it's a comfort.

Now, let's switch this search for employment to search for a religion. Did you ever think of comparing the two? After all, they both take up a major part of our life and they are both very important. There aren't as many religions to be found as there are types of jobs – but it's getting closer all the time. Our search for a religion should take as much forethought and planning as our search for employment. Maybe we should write resumes and fill out lengthy applications and be interviewed before being accepted into a church. Some churches do, after a fashion, but most are too willing to get another name on their roster – regardless of that new member's potential or their interest in the church.

Much of the time we don't even bother to search for a religion, but just plod along, unsatisfied in the "family" religion that we were born into. Just as in the family business, we aren't always satisfied, but don't have the gumption to "move out". What difference does it make anyway? Aren't all religions the same? – with different names? If we don't enjoy this ill-suited religion, so what? If we were enjoying ourselves . . . well . . . there might be something sinful about it. Isn't religion long-faced and solemn?

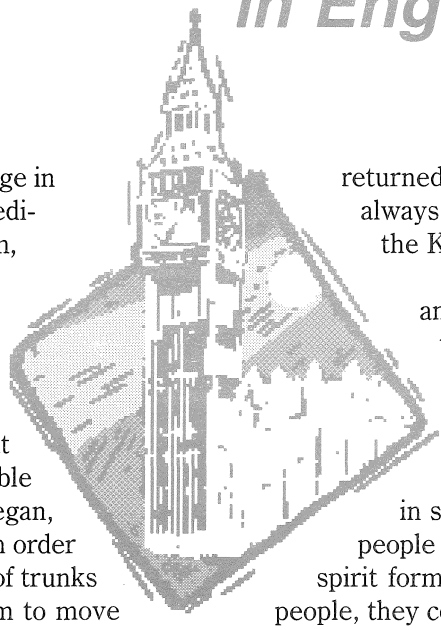
For some it used to be something to do on Sunday and forget the rest of the week. A part-time religion – a duty to perform so the neighbors wouldn't talk about us. We might lose our image in the community if we aren't seen in church. Our image is our uppermost concern and we must retain it even if we have to sit through church to keep it. We hoped the preacher wouldn't put us to sleep with his sermon; on the other hand, we also hoped he wouldn't scare us to death . . . then, there are the times he would just stomp on our toes and we didn't like to be uncomfortable!

Let's quit comparing the ill-suited religion to our job hunt and compare our religion, Spiritualism, with choosing a career. Just as in choosing a career, we should really get down to business and go out in search for knowledge – some straight forward answers; in other words, in search for some open doors. Our Spiritualist religion has the tallest, widest, most open doorway you can find. Notice I did not say "door". There is no door to open or close. It is one big "opening", just waiting for all seekers to find and enter. No door to hold you in either! We don't need doors to hold people who have found the satisfaction and beauty of Spiritualism. We Spiritualists never come to church because we have to or feel we should. We come because we can't get enough! We are afraid we might miss something! We are particular in selecting our religion – that which will be ours

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A Physical Seance in England

BY MARY LEITER, PH.D., NEW YORK



Five years ago, at the Arthur Findlay College in Stansted, I saw a demonstration of physical mediumship given by the late Gordon Higginson, who was then the President of the Spiritualists' National Union (and indeed he still is the Co-President in Spirit along with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle!).

The room, which held about 90 people, was lighted by a low-voltage red light so that the cabinet in which the medium sat was visible at all times. Before the demonstration began, Gordon was searched by a couple of the men in order to reassure any skeptics. He wore only a pair of trunks and a loose open robe to permit the ectoplasm to move more freely.

After Gordon had spent a few minutes in the cabinet, a fog of ectoplasm emerged and formed itself into a tall figure. People sitting up front said its face had shadowy features, but sitting in the back, I could not make them out in the dim light.

First, the ectoplasmic figure said, "Mary." It turned out that there were three women of that name in the audience, and we all said, "Yes." Then the voice said, "Foy," which was my maiden name, a name I hadn't used in thirty years. No one in England could possibly have known about it.

The figure proceeded to give the name "Stephen" which was my deceased brother's name (and, of course, his last name was also "Foy"). Next he gave my home address, but skeptics might say the college personnel would know that from my registration. However, the ectoplasmic form then gave my other brother's name and address, facts which could not be known through any ordinary means of communication since that brother has no connection with Spiritualism. The link between my two brothers had to be coming through Spirit.

The figure then said that our mother was in Franklin Hospital (and again it would be highly improbable that anyone in England would know the name of our local hospital in Valley Stream, New York). One final message was that she would not be coming home again (which turned out to be true, as she passed two months later – about the same time that Gordon himself passed to the higher life).

I responded by telling Stephen how happy I was that he had appeared in that wonderful place, and I invited his spirit to come with me to the Templars' Museum when I returned to London (which he did! He had always been very interested in the history of the Knights Templar).

The ectoplasm was now visibly fading, and Steve's form dissolved away, going towards the cabinet. I feel that if I had not spoken and held him there, he would have faded away sooner.

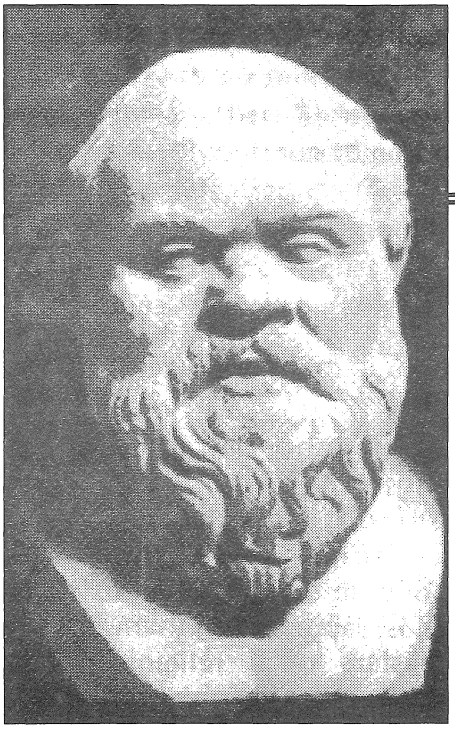
After a brief rest, Gordon produced three other ectoplasmic figures in succession. Each one spoke to different people in the audience who recognized the spirit forms. Later, when I talked to all of these people, they confirmed that they, too, had had a wonderfully uplifting experience proving the survival of their loved ones and the reality of communication between the two worlds.

A word about Gordon Higginson: he was the son of a famous medium who had received a message before his birth that this child would be an exceptional medium. She, therefore, had him sit in her development circles from the age of three. At twelve he was able to deliver messages from the public platform with such accuracy that newspapers wrote about this child prodigy. During World War II, Gordon's company of soldiers relied on him to guide them through the battle zones more safely.

After the war he continued to draw huge crowds to hear him demonstrate the truths of Spiritualism. (At the Royal Albert Hall he drew a crowd of 5,000!) When the Arthur Findlay College opened in 1970, Gordon was chosen to be its first and only principal until his death in 1993.

In addition to his mediumistic skills, he had great personal charm, a beautiful command of English, and the determination to make numerous visits to churches throughout the U.K. Of course, he also appeared at the College for a day or two each week to inspire us all with his own vision of the capacity of Spiritualism to unite people everywhere regardless of the various divisive dogmas that they would have heard preached in other places.

Gordon, who made excellent use of his time in this life, illustrates what a dedicated gifted individual can do. Margaret Mead once said that we should "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."



SOCRATES

SOCRATES and SPIRITUALISM

(Taken from *TNS,* June 1984.)

BY HERBERT F. SCHNEIDER

We are indebted to the Greek philosopher Plato for his reconstruction of the dialogues of Socrates, under whom Plato studied. Socrates was born about 470 years before Jesus of Nazareth. He was of humble origin. In his time he was a stone cutter and an Athenian soldier. He lacked educational advantages and yet became imbued with the idea that he had a mission in life that affected his fellow man. He became noted for his highly advanced teachings far beyond the thinking of his times. In many respects he performed in a Christlike manner.

Socrates held fast to the idea that man had a soul which was more of a reality than his physical body, and that a virtuous life was of inestimable value to the individual following death of the physical body.

Many of the educated of his time advocated that conduct which was opportune was the acceptable way of life. Socrates said that because of the soul this was unacceptable. He did not make clear what the existence of the soul after death was like, but he believed that it somehow could influence physical man.

He was unquestionably mediumistic, claiming a voice which did not command him, but when a decision was to be made between several courses of action, it merely forbid any one course of action which transgressed justice.

It resulted in his being a kindly individual of great integrity.

He was most noted for his school of inquiry to determine precisely why people thought as they did on a particular subject, and attempted to prove to them why they might be in error. He demonstrated that people are psychologically inclined to justify their opinions too often through selfish motivation rather than to that which is just and true. His penetration was marvelous – another indication of his mediumship.

Socrates never wavered from his pursuit of knowledge, truth and justice. He insisted that truth and justice must remain pure and untainted by any distortion from changes by individuals. Many alternatives were discussed as a profitable way of life. According to the arguments of learned men of the time who favored opportunism, it is easy to see how some of our present-day politicians must think.

Socrates tended to prove that a way of life that was detrimental to others in any respect could not be regarded as successful, and that it was inimical to the soul of the individual. He even held this same extreme view that it would have been unethical to attempt to save his own life when he was officially condemned according to the code of law of the times.

The innovative democracy of the Greeks was criticized by Socrates as being more of a rule of opinion and less a rule of knowledge. He was able to demonstrate that opinions of the common people were usually distorted because of ignorance. He thought that a more intelligent rule could be attained through specially trained individuals in a system which he called a republic. Under this system no official could prosper financially – an idea worthy of rumination in these modern times.

Socrates taught that there are different kinds of learning. "Perceiving that something is so is one thing, but understanding why something is so is more in the way of knowledge. The seen object can be destroyed but an idea can be more permanent and therefore may be more of a reality."

According to Plato, Socrates told of referring to a woman by the name of Diotima who imparted considerable wisdom to him. It is not clear if she was a medium, oracle or spirit guide.

Here are some of the ideas that Socrates advocated. "Good is the fundamental concept that underlies all thinking. If we have no conception of good we possess no sense of values. Without a sense of value we cannot attain consequential knowledge. We see by the light of the sun. We understand by the light of good."

"You cannot put knowledge into the soul, for the capacity to know is already there but attention needs to be turned toward the light. Wisdom and temperance are of a similar nature." In other words self-control and moderation are essential to the development of the individual. "Our physical senses reveal a world of particulars, but as we ascend up the scale of knowledge into a more universal concept we also ascend the scale of reality."

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SOCRATES AND SPIRITUALISM

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Though Socrates admired the art of Homer and similar poets, he was critical of their negative influence. It was characteristic of the poets of the day to write tragedy or epic stories in which they imbued the gods with very worldly qualities. The populace felt that they had license to emulate them. Socrates thought it was a bad influence and that it should be more uplifting. In later times the creative art of poetry became more diverse and most often uplifting.

It was only natural that Socrates was influenced in part by previous philosophers. He espoused the theory that there were only so many souls, and that these were used over and over again, but there were enough to spread periodicity extending to one thousand years. It hardly took into account the actuality of a population explosion such as the world is presently experiencing.



Socrates receives the cup of hemlock.

In dialogues with Phaedo, Socrates explains that in this earthly life the physical body makes demands upon the real man which inhibits his pursuit of purity and truth. We can only attempt to keep ourselves pure until the hour of our release from the body, when we can if we so desire to seek true knowledge unencumbered by earthly existence. For this to happen man must prepare himself during his physical life.

There is so much of the philosophy of Socrates that identifies with modern day Spiritualism that we are made to realize that Spiritualism has many roots reaching into antiquity.

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

FEBRUARY

This month is **Heart Month**. Think of the many concepts of the Heart that you know about and how you can make your emotional heart and your physical heart, healthy and happy.

FEBRUARY 3, 1811

Horace Greeley, the great American journalist and political leader was born on this date. He was the first caller in New York on the Fox sisters and helped the girls, becoming a supporter and friend. Greeley has been called the "Abraham Lincoln of Modern Spiritualism."

FEBRUARY 8, 1797

Governor **Nathaniel Potter Tallmadge**'s birthdate. This fine gentleman was the Governor of Wisconsin and investigated Spiritualism because of a friend's involvement. To his surprise he became convinced of the truths of the religion and presented a petition to the U.S. Congress on behalf of the religion. His name was the first of the 13,000 signatures.



FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day is celebrated today to honor the Spiritual quality of Love. "God is Love" and "Love makes the world go round."

FEBRUARY 16

President's Day, a day to remember all United States Presidents, but especially four born this month. George Washington (February 22, 1732), William Henry Harrison (February 9, 1773), Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1890), Ronald Wilson Reagan (February 6, 1911).

FEBRUARY 28, 1859

W. A. **Mansfield** celebrated his birth on this date. He was one of the first slatewriting mediums and through his wonderful mediumship many thousands of searchers were convinced of the truth of spirit communications.

World View



BY TOM BUTLER, NEW MEXICO

Each of us view life from within our physical body. It is as if we, as Self, were viewing the world through the windshield of an exploratory vehicle designed specifically to survive in this environment.

Relating to our environment from within this vehicle limits us to an isolated perspective which can, and often does lead to erroneous conclusions about this world. For instance, we typically think of ourselves as the center of reality. Everyone else is "out there," separate and distinct from ourselves. We see nature as a sometimes hostile, always unpredictable force which must be tamed, or at least held separate from our home. Of course, this is not true. As the Delphi University* motto so aptly explains it, "We are many yet we are one." We may seem separate, but we are one in God and in the operation of this local reality.

An excellent subject for contemplation is to consider what you think of your world. Follow the threads of your attention by thinking about what you know. In my mind, for instance, some of my attention is still stuck with O. J. Simpson's trial. I also have a place in my mind to hold the latest understanding of the structure of the physical universe and the complexity of our planet. I worry about the possibility of war and if my books will sell. Spiritual growth is always on my mind. You can see that I have threads of attention on everything I am aware of about my reality. These threads weave a tapestry of awareness that cloak my perception as if to form a filter over my senses.

This filter determines what I think about everything around me, by casting a shadow of expectation over every new experience. I may witness a perfectly mundane event, but by the time it has passed through the filter of my world view, it may seem spectacular, or perhaps, threatening. For instance, I am always cautious around unshaven men in shabby clothing. Yet, I often run to the hardware store or the local market without shaving, and wearing my grubby yard clothes. Should people also be cautious of me or am I judging others unfairly? Such prejudice represents an area of belief born from my forgotten past. It remains in my world view because I have not taken time to examine its credibility. Can you see how your tapestry of awareness might determine the way you think about your environment?

There is a second aspect of world view that should be considered. Not only does it color the way we relate to our environment, but it is also our world view which guides us while we create our local reality. To explain, I must first say that I believe each of us brings spiritual energy into our Self. We differentiate this energy according to our world view and our intention, and then pass it into the world to be operated on by Spirit to help form and maintain our local reality. This is how spiritual energy is brought into the vibration of this plane.

Nothing is more influential in how we differentiate this energy than our world view. Yet, because we have free will in what we create, there are no checks and balances to assure that our world view is a correct impression of reality. Yes, Natural Law will eventually bring our world view into agreement through the Principles that govern the operation of society. This is how we gain spiritual maturity. But the great majority of humankind holds a world view that is, at least in part, contrary to reality.

No one is deliberately wrong. I am certain that each of us feels justified in everything we do. Yet, you can see that if people believe they live in an unfriendly world, if they are fearful of nature or are convinced there is evil lurking around every corner, then it is

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easy to see how these people could be driven to act on their fear. In the extreme, a fearful world view can lead people to destroy nature or to eliminate those who are different. They would not be acting with evil intention, but rather, because they would feel justified. Even in its mildest form, a fearful world view can rob a person of many of the simplest pleasures in life, such as moonlight strolls along the beach or meeting new and interesting people who need a shave and are wearing grubby clothes.

I often tell people that I believe I live in a friendly reality. I do. It is a wonderful place that has no evil. Nor is nature capricious. Every person and thing in my reality behaves according to their understanding of Natural Law. Everyone in my reality shares my intention to gain in spiritual maturity. Even if someone were to do all sorts of terrible things to me, I know they would be acting out of a sense of justification because of their world view. Even though I might be killed, I know I would see from the larger view that my death has been agreed to as a way to provide lessons for all who were involved. I believe this because I trust in the operation of Natural Law.

This is my world view – at least from an intellectual perspective. The truth is, I am just as apt to feel picked on as the next person. Like you, I am still learning to be a holy man.

The key here is that you create your local reality, and you do so according to your world view. If you are afraid of your world in any way, you will confirm this fear by creating a fearful local reality. Remember, you will not create a reality that disagrees with what you believe to be true. Even if you could conceive of such a reality, you would not deliberately be wrong. However, while you may not be able to describe the difference, perhaps you can see how behaving "as if" you lived in a friendly world could help you create a friendly local reality. This is not pretending. It is assuming the best of everything.

World view is important for the collective mind as well. Some of you may be familiar with Willis Harman's Book, *Global Mind Change***. Until his recent transition beyond the veil, Doctor Harman was President of The Institute of Noetic Sciences, an organization dedicated to understanding human potential.

Doctor Harman held that Humankind is in the process of undergoing a global change in world view every bit as influential as that experienced during the Industrial Revolution. This is a powerful concept. If you can remember a little of the history of the Industrial Revolution, you will know that it changed everything.

I believe the global mind change of the Industrial Revolution began with a change in people's attitude about Nature. Remember, humankind lived close to nature until the advent of Christianity displaced most of the nature-based religions. Not with the intention to destroy a way of life, mind you, but to help those who followed other beliefs see the truth of the Christian world view.

The few people who still follow nature based belief systems tend to protect the environment as a sacred trust. For instance, where there are three of something, they may harvest but one, while others would take two or maybe all three. Remember Manifest Destiny? Early leaders of this country decided that it was the Manifest Destiny, or God given right of the United States to include all of the land between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Manifest Destiny is a world view that is still a major part of Humankind's attitude toward nature. It is inherent in the Industrial Revolution for people to believe that nature exists to be exploited by Humankind. There is little room for the concepts of stewardship or for working with nature in this world view.



The global mind change Doctor Harman spoke of is under way today. Just as we work to align our world view to be in accord with Natural Law, so is Humankind working to live in accord with Natural Law. You can see this in the actions of the many conservation based organizations and in the growing number of international treaties intended to protect the environment. Little by little, Humankind is changing its world view to see that nature can be gardened but must not be destroyed, that everyone matters, and that there is a reason for things that transcends the mere cause and effect described by the reductionist method of science. Thus a new age is dawning in which humankind's perception of reality will more closely agree with Natural Law.

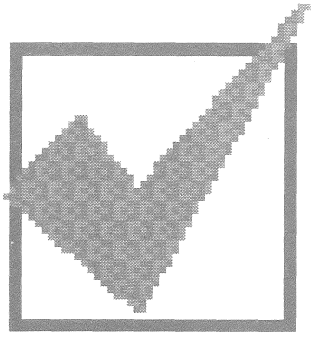
Is this the return of the Christ Consciousness?

I will close with this remark. Do what you must, but know what you are doing. It is not enough to be responsible for your physical actions. You must also accept responsibility for the nature of the reality you create. Your world view colors your thoughts, your aura and the part you play in the global mind. Think of this as you contemplate your world view. It is a most powerful thing.

**Willis Harman, Ph.D., *Global Mind Change, The Promise of the Last Years of the Twentieth Century,* Knowledge Systems, 1988.

What do you want from SPIRITUALISM in the next 150 years?

BY JUDY M. MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA



Modern Spiritualism will celebrate its 150 year anniversary in March 1998. Are we ready to see it as a milestone of progress? To cease the negative fighting that has been rampant in the movement and to move into the next 150 years in harmony? Are we prepared to give Spiritualism 'Continuity' and 'Co-Operation' and 'Commitment'?

From the beginnings of Modern Spiritualism mediums have passed along their understanding of spirit to students. They have passed along their good, bad and indifferent knowledge of what a good medium is and does and a lot of this information has been repetitive of their own mistakes. Organizations have attempted to bring good educational material to interested students, but this has met with indifference due to committing to time, energy and themselves for training and progress.

In Orthodox religions, ministers study for many years at a good university level to understand their theology and the best method of leading their 'flock'. In Spiritualism, we seem to feel that we can handle this same standard of leadership with a minimal level of education and awareness. (Weekend Reverends have been the order of the day.) Isn't it time we gave respect to Spiritualism that a little commitment would bring? In a service for an Ordained Minister the following sentiment was expressed: . . . "Whereas the principle responsibility of the orthodox minister is his ability to expound the rites and philosophy of his Church group, a minister of the Religion of Spiritualism must qualify in explaining and demonstrating the Scientific or Phenomena aspect of our truth."

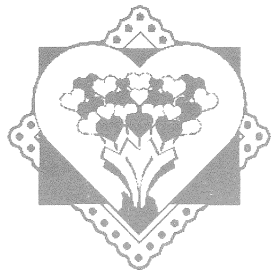
We have a much higher standard to maintain in Spiritualism, yet we continue to think this can be handled with less education. The teachers that are leading our students to a firm understanding of the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism must bear in mind that they are not competing with their students. Each individual gift is as individual as the medium, so there will always be enough following for each medium. Teachers have been known to stunt the possibilities of their students out of jealousy for their abilities. What a major loss to Spiritualism! The teacher should be taking pride in the abilities of their students and encouraging growth at every turn. That is continuity. What will the future hold if we do not make room for the young coming along? Isn't that true in all aspects of life? The young learn from and eventually replace the old – that is continuity.

Many a Spiritualist church has closed when the leader passed along to Spirit World because they had no foresight in recognizing the need to train and encourage those that would follow and continue their efforts. Isn't it a pleasure to watch new students and see their abilities unfold and blossom for a future to our wonderful Religion, Science, Philosophy of Spiritualism? Taking the right attitude now will help to bring about these necessary changes so that growth can be a real possibility in the next 150 years.

We have seen time and time again the jealousy and ego of the leader stunting the growth and progress of their churches or organizations to remain in charge well beyond their ability or scope. Co-operation with the newcomer as well as those within the movement would help to realize that there is a time and place for all of us and when we are no longer fresh and valid, there is also a place for the newcomer to bring fresh, bright ideas that will progress Spiritualism into the next milleneum.

Our minds are colored by our education, awareness and knowledge, by our upbringing and the age in which we were born and grew up. For instance it has been very difficult in the workplace for some of the older workers to catch on to and up with the new technology. Many have kept pace but there has been a real misplacement for those unable to keep pace. Isn't spirit also introducing new technology to Spiritualism and its practices everyday? Aren't we in fear of not keeping pace with 'new' spirit-inspired technology, if we do not keep pace with today's modern methods?

'Continuity', 'Commitment' and 'Co-Operation' are absolutely essential to the next growth period of Modern Spiritualism. Are you going to be on board in this new thrust forward? Are you going to be a part of Modern Spiritualism in the next 150 years of growth? Let's look forward to what the next milleneum has to offer each and every one of us in the way of growth and be on the bandwagon of progress.



Each month **The National Spiritualist** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* **Paul E. Cook** *of the Spiritualist Church of the Comforter in California.*

The practicing Spiritualist is one who has been set free of the bonds and fetters of orthodoxy. We are a part of the divine spark of the Infinite, as It is also a part of us. We realize we are all one with God and nature as they are one and part of us. However, being as we are an individual manifestation of this divine spark we are also susceptible to individual views and opinions on the various concepts that we come across in our studies of what has made us to be what we are. These views and opinions are colored by the physical experiences and teachings that have occurred in our past. Our heritage and environment tint and mold us as to what we accept and bring forth.

We find that through study and practice, as we continue our unfoldment classes, our concept and views of what is around us and what shapes our lives change. While expressing ourselves as to the precepts of Spiritualism, let us be careful and as A. J. Davis says, "In all things, keep an even mind." This way there will be less confusion as to our actions and belief system.

In learning about what is expected of us and what we can expect of Spiritualism as a religion, we need first to understand the definition of Spiritualism as a religion. "Spiritualism is a religion because it strives to comply with the physical, mental, and spiritual laws of nature which are the Laws of God." Once we realize that there is such a thing as the "Laws of God" it then behooves us to study and research to find what these Laws are. "Ignorance of the Law is no excuse," and it certainly will not bend to make life easier on those who do not understand it.

As we find out what these Natural Laws are, we then can perceive how to live in accordance with them. This will raise our vibratory level and allow more and more peace and happiness, or contentment to flow within our lives in an equal level to how well we live to the letter of these Laws.

These guideposts are not confined to any one philosophy or theological area. These are truly universal and are expressed throughout all higher thoughts of mankind. It is up to us to be open or broadminded enough to accept these truths wherever we may find them expressed.

Once we start perceiving the universal Natural Laws, then the next step is the realization we are truly a spiritual being, having a material experience in this manifested body. We are using this earthbound form to learn, to love, to serve others and to find our way back to God.

As we continue to study and delve into the mysteries of Spiritualism, we come to the realization that death is not the cessation of life. Rather, death is a doorway into an expanded life system, and we have control of how our future tomorrow will be molded by how we react and treat life as we now live it. All religions teach of the life hereafter. However, only Spiritualism proves it is there by means of communication.

In the words of H. G. Burroughs; "The Spiritualist who really wishes to lead a spiritual life must strive at all times to see and think only of the higher and more beautiful things that he sees around and about him. He must never permit his thoughts to dwell on the lower things of life, and must close the door tightly upon such emotions as jealousy, lewdness, and vulgarity. 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,' and the thoughts of today become the acts of tomorrow. He realizes that by keeping his thoughts only upon the highest things, he becomes possessed of a pure heart; that by developing every talent, he is quickening his spiritual perception, which can only produce better conditions for all, as he leaves an influence for good with all whom he comes in contact, and which can have no other result than to bring the human race nearer to perfection."

In our study of how to act and what precept to follow, we are presented with the Bible. We must realize that even though this is a magnificent work of literature, and many have even used it to become literate, it is not the infallible word of God that some propose it to be. It has passed through too many translations, and has been authored by too many writers who have pointed its hallowed passages to a great many specific groups of people, suffering from too many specific ailments. This has shown many different opinions woven into the thread of its history and prophecies.

We must approach this work as we would any other Spiritual work, with an open mind and heart to accept the truths that wind their way through its pages. Even the disciples of Jesus admonish us from its pages to keep an open mind. The messenger Paul says, "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN – DEAD OR ALIVE!?

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sought the council of many, including spirit. Just some of the mediums this president consulted were J. B. Conklin, Nettie Colburn, Mrs. Miller, Margery Cranston, and Laurie and Cora Maynard. Two mediums, Nettie Colburn and Cora Maynard, both wrote in books that it was at the direction of their spirit advisors that Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. The President had long opposed slavery as evil and had so stated even before his election to the presidency, so it was unlikely that Lincoln made his decision merely because of spirit advice, but this may have reinforced his inner conviction to take the action. He also had a dream one night where several angels came to him, calling his name. They told him, "We are such as come in God's name for freedom's sake. Behold millions of his angels come down from heaven and would come to thy armies, if thou wouldst proclaim freedom to the slaves." The angels came again the following evening repeating the message and adding more. This surely also influenced him to write and deliver the Proclamation.

Several mediums warned Lincoln in 1864 and 1865 that he could and would be assassinated. In February of 1865 he met with Nettie Colburn (her last visit) and the President questioned: "But what do our friends say of us now?"

Nettie and spirit responded: "What they predicted for you, Mr. Lincoln, has come to pass, and you are to be inaugurated the second time. But they also re-affirm that the shadow they have spoken of still hangs over you."

Half-impatiently he responded: "Yes, I know. I have letters from all over the country from your kind of people . . . mediums, I mean . . . warning me against some dreadful plot against my life. But I don't think the knife is made, or the bullet run, that will reach it. Besides, no body wants to harm me."

Nettie replied, "Therein lies your danger, Mr. President . . . your over-confidence in your fellow-men." Twice Lincoln even dreamed of his own death or had a vision of his death and funeral conditions and told others of these dreams. Just ten days before his assassination he wrote about this in his journal.

After Lincoln's death his spirit reportedly continued to visit the White House. The first person to observe this was Grace Coolidge, the wife of Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States (1923-1929). She saw Lincoln's silhouette in the Oval Office standing at a window. The Lincoln bedroom, which is the quarters for visiting heads of state, has received many reports of strange phenomena. Ghostly footsteps, sounds and visual sightings have been received including a wonderful story recounted by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. She was visiting Franklin D. Roosevelt and told of hearing footsteps in the corridor outside of her room. She opened the door when she heard a knock and was astonished to see Lincoln standing there, top hat and all. She fainted.

Another guest reported seeing the ghost of the president sitting upon the bed and pulling his boots on his feet. Eleanor Roosevelt also commented that she sensed Lincoln's presence and their dog, Fala, would often bark for no apparent reason.

Harry Truman, President during 1945-1952, often felt he heard Abraham Lincoln walking around the White House. Then, for many years, the ghost seemed to be quiet or disappear from the residence until Ronald Reagan's daughter, Maureen, reported seeing Lincoln's ghost in the Lincoln room.

Every April, statements are received from people who see Lincoln's ghost and/or a phantom funeral train which still haunts several locations where the official funeral train (which bore the assassinated president's body) traveled. Many also say that Lincoln's ghostly presence and footsteps have been seen and heard by his grave site in Springfield, Illinois. There is even a legend which states that the grave is empty – is Lincoln DEAD or ALIVE?!? There is no death, there are no dead.



In 1993, a petition signed by Spiritualists worldwide, was sent to the United States Congress in an attempt to reinstate the Red Room of the White House as a seance room. The petition was not enacted, but it is recorded in the records of Washington. If the room ever becomes a seance room again, I'll bet Abraham Lincoln's whispering to today's congressional leaders will have something to do with the decision.

Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist? is a question that is repeatedly discussed. The answer is still open to interpretation, but let me review a segment from a *TNS* article that appeared in 1927. An affidavit from an old friend and associate of Mr. Lincoln's that he sat in seances with the President is filed away in the archives of the National Spiritualist Association. Dr. Martin states that when he expressed surprise at meeting Mr. Lincoln at a seance and he said to the President, "I did not know that you were a Spiritualist, Mr. Lincoln," the latter replied, somewhat thoughtfully and with that particular drawl which was all his own, "Well, every Religionist is more or less of a Spiritualist."






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• CANADA •

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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; Sun. Serv. 12:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pastor/Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt, (510) 865-2035; Secy., Brenda Gibson.

ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation
Sun. Serv. - Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Rev. Tamara Ervin; Info. Contact Teddie Harringer, (626) 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; Secy., Shyrlee Cole.

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., Rosalee Jackson, 223 Lincoln Ave., 94061, (650) 363-2253; Secy., Phyllis Fraley, (650) 856-2540.

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, (909) 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.; Pastor Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; e-mail: bthurman@earthlink.net; President, Janine B. Milam, (415) 440-8464; JBMilam@aol.com; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur, 94939-2144.

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., P.O. Box 310, 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, Rev. Sandi Cook, NST; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 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) 794-3154; Sun. Healing Service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Lyceum and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Licentiate Minister, Dorothy Haskins; Pastor/Pres., Patricia J. Schott, (303) 973-9993; Vice Pres., Russ Dorren, (303) 973-4759; Treas., Don Larsen; Secy., Claudia Kunz, (303) 795-1179, 6457 S. Xenon St., Littleton, 80127; internet site: http://www.netcom.com/~myst4.

• 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., 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, 2nd and 4th Sundays only; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove
June - early Sept. Services, Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 p.m. For a program listing all Summer activities, call (860) 739-2157 or write to: Secy., Rev. Virginia J. Berg, 1280 Class Ave., Holbrook, NY, 11741-3902.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
P.O. Box 939, 06360; 29 Park St. (off Main St.), (860) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum; Closed the month of August.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church Of Spiritualism
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

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., John Rothamel, Jr., (410) 580-9187; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

• FLORIDA •

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

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• ILLINOIS •

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
Secy., Arsenia J. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, Chicago, 60628, (312) 928-4100.

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 1st Sat. of each month from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Meditation class Mon. evenings at 7:00 p.m.; Course of Miracles class Wed. evenings at 6:30 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
P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 1998 Camp Season, July 11 thru August 22; Rev. Bonnie Horstman, Secy., 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 Classes Tues. 7 p.m.; Children's Lyceum Sat. 10:00 a.m.; Pres. & Lyceum Conductor, Anita Buchholz, (319) 326-3453; (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., Graham Connolly, 25 Fessenden St., Portland, 04103, (207) 879-0424; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273; 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; Pastor. Earl L. Wallace, (207) 622-4677.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., 04401, (under Lamb's Bookstore); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Wed. evening serv. at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Nancy Marshall Parry, NST, (207) 848-3701; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273, private readings are available with the pastor, please call for appointment.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Sun. Serv. 2:00-3:30 p.m.; Classes Wed. and Fri. evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Secy., Virginia Norris; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST; For information, phone (207) 597-2600, E-Mail - rupert@megalink.net.

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; Services at 5:00 p.m., Healing Lecture and Messages; Summer Services run from June to Aug. and are held on Tues. Evenings at 7:00 p.m.; For Info. call Co-Pastor Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546 or Co-Pastor Louisa Roof, 64 Orchard Rd., Concord, 01742, (978) 369-0892;

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.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, *(Continued from previous page.)*

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.

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
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
(Bayshore) 07444 Old 31 N, 49720, (616) 347-3899 or (616) 347-7598; Services: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Mar.-June and Sept.-Nov; Lyceum Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST; Student Minister & Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 N, 49720-9422.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
(Bayshore) 07444 Old 31 N, 49720, (616) 347-7598 or (616) 347-3899; Services: Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; 43rd Season June 28 to Sept. 2, 1998; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST; Student Minister, Gail Wrona; Secy., Sandy Crandall, P.O. Box 18, Conway, 49722-0018.

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, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 21, 1998 through Sept. 6, 1998; Annual Retreat July 12-17, 1998; 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
Services Mon., 7:00 p.m., in the Unity Church building, 911 11th Ave. NW; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

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.

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.; Student Minister, Toye E. Stinson, 10210 Tanner, 63136 (314) 867-0949; 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, 825 Custer Ave., 59101.

• 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
953 E. Sahara Ave., Commercial Arts Bldg. #D-12, 89104; Mailing address: Box 82134, 89180-2134; Tel. or Fax (702) 257-7506; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Classes, Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Nancy Noble.

• 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; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes p.m. call; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, L.M., (978) 454-4163; Secy., Christine Nagle, (781) 935-4397.

• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation
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• NEW YORK •

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m.; (516) 366-2422; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen; Asst. Pastors, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST, and Rev. Janet Travis, NST; Please address all correspondence to church Secy. at P.O. Box 1150, West Babylon, 11704.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Message Serv. 2nd and 4th, 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Douglas Higgins, (716) 475-9018; Pastor, Cheryl Miner, (315) 524-0082.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp
P.O. Box 24, 43003.

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COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
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DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
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MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
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• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

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

• TEXAS •

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

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas
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GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, NSAC
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354 - (206) 927-2365; Secy., Nicholas Williams, (206) 927-8903.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

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• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
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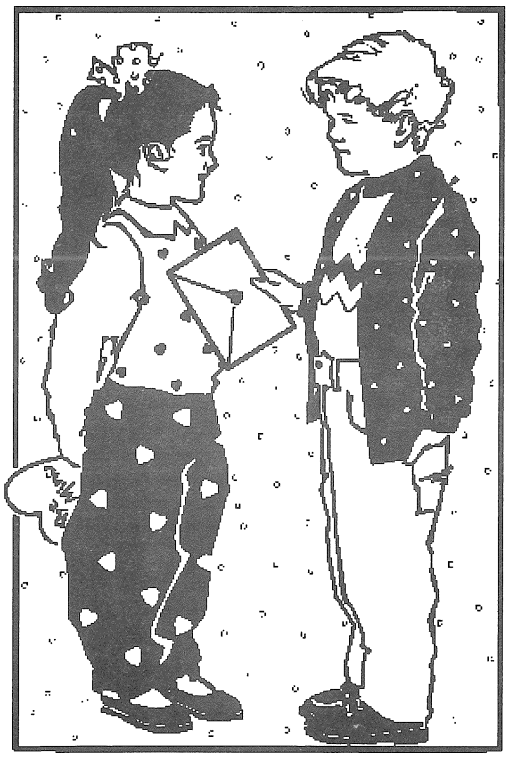
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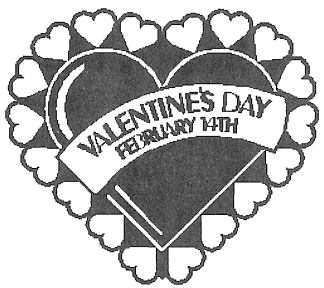
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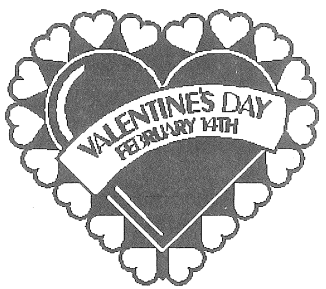
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1 Meditation is a way to growth and fulfillment.	**2** Growth is a continuous journey of change and healing.	**3** Infinite Light fills and expresses through all existence.	**4** I trust the process of life. It reveals to me my purpose.	**5** My soul is grateful for all of God's blessings.	**6** I do not limit my life by past experiences; I look forward. I live now.	**7** The First Cause is perfect, therefore God's creations are perfect.
8 Each time I turn to the center of Light within me I am inspired.	**9** The Divine Presence continuously reveals truths in my daily life.	**10** I am a channel for Universal joy and laughter.	**11** My consciousness accepts only truth, peace and creativity.	**12** I envision the Spirit power guiding me and expressing through me.	**13** Lessons in life are not always comfortable, but they bring growth.	**14** Infinite Intelligence is always love, always peace, always sharing.
15 Forgiveness is the antidote to be open, to receive truth and grow.	**16** I wake up to greet today as a fresh day, and anything is possible.	**17** I remind myself that God expresses in all life and all experiences.	**18** I am grateful for the abilities of Spirit to perceive.	**19** As I question life and make decisions, I listen for inner guidance.	**20** Learning more of Natural Law helps me know and grow.	**21** Creative self-communication flows to me as I take time to be still.
22 Spiritualism teaches of life after life and communication through love.	**23** My thoughts reflect in my aura, which touches and affects other auras.	**24** Natural Law is order through which Spirit flows, affecting all life.	**25** Love can heal when there appears to be no way to heal.	**26** When we need help, we must remember to ask Spirit first.	**27** Begin and end each day with prayer to the Divine Source of Life.	**28** Unfoldment of our spiritual Light is part of our soul's growth.



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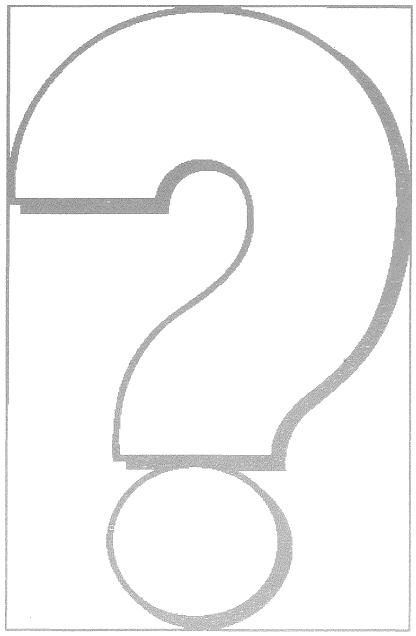


WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? *(Continued from page 4.)*

for eternity. We also want a religion we can enjoy, and we really do enjoy it . . . the music, meditation, healing, lectures, classes, messages . . . each segment has its own power of upliftment. We are not afraid to laugh. Our music is what we feel; not necessarily a sacred hymn. We are free!

I cannot imagine, now, having one person preaching sermons three times a week for maybe 18 years as some churches do. In a Spiritualist church, we might have several different speakers lecture on the same subject and we would learn something different from each one; a new thought, a different view. We may not always agree, but it gives us something to chew on. Maybe we will swallow and digest it; maybe we will spit it out; maybe we will just stick it behind our ear for now and try it again later.

I have been a Spiritualist for about 25 years now and I know that in 25 more years I will still feel like an oversized blotter that has so much more to soak up. We are a full-time religion. A true Spiritualist lives his religion 24 hours a day. There is no such thing as a part-time Spiritualist. Nothing in Spiritualism feels like a duty and our fellow Spiritualists seem to be vibrating on the same loving, living wave length.



As to security, remember what the dictionary says: freedom from care, apprehension and doubt. Spiritualism is Security with a capital "S". We know what the future holds for us. We don't listen to vague and confusing comments about the hereafter, or wonder whether we are going to end up in a hot or cold place. We know that the good old doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter. What could be more secure than that? Don't you agree that this is freedom from care, apprehension and doubt?

Here we come again to learning. Remember, we can't advance in our career when learning stops; it's time to look for another job. Religion is no different. When learning stops; advancement stops also. Isn't it wonderful to know that learning in Spiritualism never ends . . . never . . . eternal learning! How does that strike you? I like it! I cannot imagine not wanting to know more. In Spiritualism each question answered leads to another question; another search. You've heard of professional students. Well, we Spiritualists are perpetual students. No matter how much we read, study, listen and search, we never find the words "the end". There is no closing a book with a big sign saying: "Well, that's that!" There is always another book or a new thought and another question to be answered. In fact, every time we, Spiritualists, get a few dollars ahead, we buy a book . . . then another . . . and another. We just find ourselves becoming bigger blotters so we can absorb more.

How about the retirement plan in our religion? The retirement is beyond all dreams. We earn it by giving of ourselves, working, teaching, learning and preparing while here on this plane of existence. Of course, we know we will continue with this after our "retirement," but without the various physical shackles to impede our progress; a freedom we can only imagine now. We may retire at the earthly age of 65 from our job and then wonder how many more years we have left to enjoy. In our spiritual retirement, we not only have a great reunion with our family and friends who have already "retired", but we reap wonderful benefits. We become healthier and younger; and, if we take advantage of the opportunities to learn, we become wiser and advance. And we don't have to wonder how long it will last . . . it's for eternity. No amount of money, no matter how costly the premiums, can buy a retirement plan like that.

We, Spiritualists, take vacations and holidays too; however, they are not taken to get away from our religion. Sometimes it's the only chance we get to read all those books we buy. We also like to expand a little by visiting other Spiritualist churches. We know our time of meditation can be anywhere and when we send healing to those back home, we know it doesn't matter where we are. Our loved ones, guides and teachers in the Spirit World are with us whether we are at the bottom of the Grand Canyon or at the top of Pikes Peak.

Once again, we come around to the business of a return for our time and effort. As far as wanting our religion to give us more than we offer in return, we may never ask for more, but we receive it. I believe most Spiritualists struggle endlessly trying just to get to an even point. We receive much more than we give and it's impossible, in this earthly lifetime, to even begin to repay the benefits we receive. I'm sure that after we discard this physical shell – without being hampered by work schedules and clocks, we can really begin repaying in earnest helping others in all phases of existence to find the light and truth of Spiritualism.

Now, what about the opportunity of buying stock in the company? In this religion we don't need to buy stock. In fact, money can't buy it . . . we can't trade anything for it . . . we can't have someone else get it for us . . . we can't even steal it. We have only to see the truth; the light of this religion to know that we are already a part of it, as it is a part of us. I think H. Gordon Burroughs summed it up beautifully when he said: "Be happy in the truth that you and God, Infinite Mind, are one – and that you are living now, eternally."

Now, do you remember the question? **What Are We Waiting For?**

Doves . . .
The Birds of Love and Peace!

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST



Have you ever watched doves, the birds that signify love and peace? Perhaps if you had, you might have had a bit of an awakening. The awakening being that things are not always what they seem to be. Whenever we think of a dove, we most naturally think of peace and love. The reason for that is that we have been conditioned by the sight of doves on wedding decorations, white doves depicted fluttering over lovers, and doves being constantly related to peace signs and activity.

Of course, the story is that this began with Noah and the Ark, when the doves returned with an olive branch.

One of the morning and evening rituals at my house is to feed the wild birds that frequent the area we live in. My family enjoys the beautiful sounds that they make, and the beauty of the individual birds of the many species that have found this safe place to obtain food. We find this to be a very easy way to enjoy some of the beauties of Nature.

Well, I started noticing the abundance of morning doves that came each morning. In fact, they are very intelligent and almost cover the roofs of the houses adjoining ours. I really don't find any problem with this, because they must find food and we are more than happy that we are able to help these wild and free creatures in their struggle for survival. In fact, we are really blessed in that we can do so, and we thank God for this wonderful blessing.

We have a long block fence across the back of our yard, and we literally cover the top of that fence with birdseed rather than hanging a bird feeder. This gives all of the many birds a place to land and feed. Now there should be no reason for any bird to crowd out another with all of that room and feed available. At least you would think there wouldn't be!

But the doves, or the birds that supposedly symbolize love and peace, seem to have other ideas. Without fail and a very short time after each feeding begins, one or more of the doves decides to assert themselves and violently flaps its wings to drive away the weaker, or more peaceful birds!

Now nature is always consistent, and as Spiritualists we teach and accept Natural Law, and I began to think about the similarity between the doves and so many people that I have met. The expectation and facade is one of love and peace, but the reality is one of selfishness and attacks on the weaker or defenseless ones.

It's so difficult to discern these types, because they are constantly hiding and disguising their true natures. But they are bullies in the truest sense of the word, and bullies are always cowards when they meet their equals.

These human types are usually under-handed with their actions, never having a face-to-face confrontation like the doves. No, they prefer to whisper behind the backs of another, thereby not giving the victim even a chance to know that they are being attacked! And sadly for the victims, others respond to this covert action and support the unethical bully that is perpetrating such things.

Well what can we do about such actions? First, we must remember our Spiritualist teachings regarding personal responsibility and Natural Law. Do you think that you are excused from your actions because you have blindly followed another? NO! You certainly are not excused. Any harm or damage that is done is directly your responsibility and you will someday and somehow experience the unflinching result of the Natural Laws that you have mis-used.

Refuse to be a part of the subterfuge, and bring the accusations to the attention of the victim. Or you can ask the offender if they would be willing to confront the accused with the accusations. But if you do either of these things, you will probably be next on the bully's list, and maybe that's not too bad.

It is important, the choice you have to make. You can participate in attacks, or exercise love and caring and not become part of negativity, whatever the reason.

Thinking about love, my dear mother came to mind. While she was in the physical, she epitomized love. Never would she speak an unkind word of another. Her actions proved her beliefs and she was always willing to forgive another, but most importantly she did so without any idea of vengeance.

Considering this, I now realize how she immediately benefitted from this wonderful approach. Those who seek vengeance and hold a grudge keep the vileness inside and cause themself more personal harm than they do to the object of their negativity. It is the Law!

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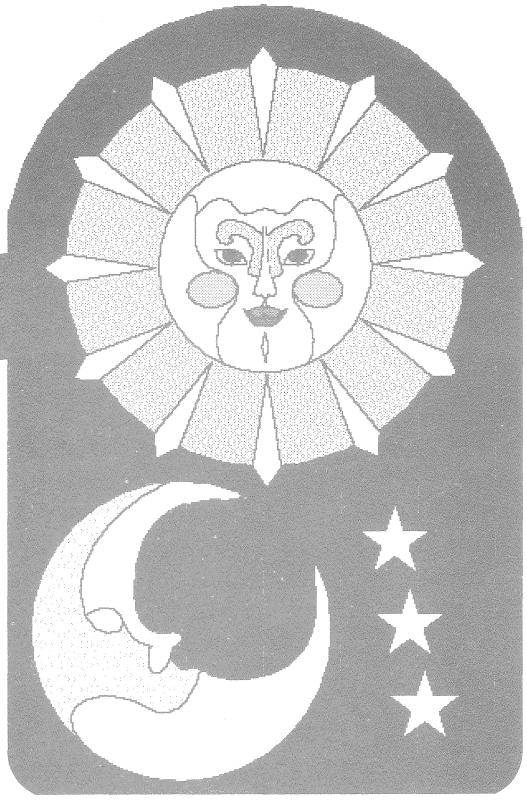
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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS!

BY THE REV. SANDRA DAWSON, NST, CALIFORNIA

When development is considered, many things come to my thoughts and I am reminded of the value of life, law and love, here and in the hereafter. It is a healing reassurance that God's Laws are immutable and unchangeable for this teaches us that we can use the Laws and our mind to grow.

Let us reflect on our second Principle, "We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence." As a Spiritualist and a medium our principles are wonderful, valuable tools for our daily living. Being human and doing our part, we generally assume that things should go well for us. We take for granted that our health is good, that we are secure in our work, that our family relationships are normal. We expect no conflict with our neighbors, no frustration in personal plans, no accident in traveling.

When a problem arises we tend to get out of sorts. "It isn't fair," we complain. "What have we done to deserve this?" we ask. "Why does this have to happen to me? Why does this have to happen now? Why work so hard if we cannot be sure of at least a degree of success?"

But Life does not consist of good luck or fortunate circumstances, of possessions or achievements. **Life is more!** We are a triune being – body, mind and spirit. Each of these parts of the whole must be loved and kept in balance.

We have all received much provable communication from the Spirit World through mediumship and Spiritualism. We build, through time, a deep, sincere friendship with our spirit guides and with our Spiritualist friends. We learn to trust the love that manifests as we obey or disobey nature's physical and spiritual Laws. Mind power consists of a growing awareness and a progressive learning and living with each other.

We love our mind by continually growing. How exciting it is to be a Spiritualist, to take the church classes, and the Morris Pratt Courses and ongoing education. We see the expression of Infinite Intelligence at work in our world. We feel the Spirit at work in our lives too. It is fun to share how Spiritualism has changed our lives, adding wonderful friends and positive experiences. Spiritualism stimulates us with Love and encourages us to do our part.

There is definitely some energy required to grow on the earth plane and to grow in spiritual life. We cannot expect our car to stay running if we don't put gas in it or keep it maintained. Nor can we expect something out of our life if we don't put something in it. Our life IS what we make it.

Let us look at our physical body, it is like a finely tuned communications system. When one of the systems gets out of order you need to do something about it, or like the car you might run out of gas and get stuck. Making changes may take some doing, but let the changes be simple and gradual for the easiest transition. It's called learning moderation, "The Magic Staff" – Andrew Jackson Davis. The better one's physical condition, the better the world looks.

Our mind, mental, always needs attention. Remember thoughts are living things. What we put out comes back many fold. I like reading, music, art, family, friends, gardening and watching the Discovery channel. These are some of the things that brighten my mental world. As we discover new areas of interest with our minds it tends to focus us on a more positive side of life. A person, through their energies, draws others to them of the same type of people and I have found that people focused on Spiritualism are a bright and many faceted family. It is so important to maintain a positive frame of mind as much of the time as possible – one thinks better, makes better decisions and is generally much happier in all things they do.

A word about the problems. What about a person who is mentally, physically and spiritually in tune. Does this mean that they are problem free? Not necessarily, but it means that the individual will be better equipped to meet any challenges if and when they arise. Everyone has some things they would like to change. This is just a part of living.

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EDUCATION SPEAKS *(Continued from page 11.)*

whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things – Philippians 4:8." In other words as A. J. Davis said, "Under all circumstances keep an even mind."

Let us also consider some terms that we hear most every day. What is a miracle? It is an action that transcends our current understanding of what Natural Laws govern that particular act. Therefore, there really is no such thing as a miracle. We just don't understand what the motivating power behind it is.

What is prayer? It is the conscious mental act of talking to God. It is the mental effort expended to get in touch with our own divine spark. It expands the subconscious to open the doorway to the superconscious (or the consciousness of Infinite Intelligence).

What is reincarnation? It is a theory or belief that man is immortal, adding that his soul returns after physical death to be reborn in a new human body. As of this year it has been given a certain validity in the NSAC. However, the National Spiritualist Association of Churches does not allow it to be expounded upon from the platform, just discussed as another belief in comparative religions.

"Numerology," "Astrology," "Palmistry," "Ouija Boards," and "Crystal Gazing," all have held a long honored and distinguished career in man's search for the divine. They are good tools, as are many other forms of divination, but that is just it, they are tools and as Spiritualists we have found that we do not have a need for them.

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS! *(Continued from previous page.)*

Each day when you arise say a prayer for the day ahead and the opportunities it offers. Pause, for whatever time you can, to have daily meditation to get the mind in order and the head on straight. It really is worth it and I have found more peace and harmony in each day because of Prayer and Meditation. It is amazing the difference in the way a day goes if one meditates before beginning the day, and closes the day with prayer and gratitude for God, Spirit and each other.

Sure we have a day now and then when things go off course. It may be a time for assimilation; draining the vessel so to speak so that you can refill it with spiritual growth. Spiritualism guides us to have a firm philosophy of life that allows us to roll with the punches – to learn within to be content no matter what type of situation develops. These truths that Spiritualism has shared with me have made a wonderful difference in my life. The Spiritual literature that we have in our churches and classes was one of the things from the start that made me excited to grow and I am very grateful.

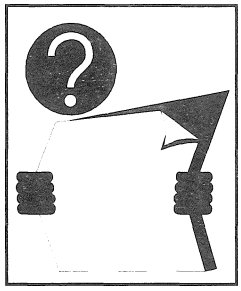
Do the answers you need seem to be hiding from you? Why not get involved with your life and other lives to help find the answers. Help can come from classes and study in order to develop your own spiritual abilities. This enables you to find others that have had spiritual experiences, to find the communication with the so-called dead proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism by mediumship and healing. Yes, there is mediumship and healing here and hereafter. There is the highest morality of the Golden Rule that is working and ongoing in our world today.



Developing, living and sharing is where we find some of the answers in life and find we are never alone. Each one has some abilities that can help others. What affects one part affects the whole, as with the physical, so with the spiritual body. Health of body, mind and spirit contributes to the welfare of the whole, yours and others – we are family.

Every one of us has the time to discover and uncover our abilities. It is a matter of where you place your priority. What a blessing to know that we can believe in a loving Infinite Intelligence, that teaches us responsibility through that which we learn, and that we can have happy and sharing lives. Living meaningful, creative and fulfilling lives, whether we are married or single, widowed or divorced is a partnership with God! Spirituality, peace, healing, and sharing your abilities can do much to influence your life, community and to influence World Peace. The words of William Wordsworth come to mind, "That best portion of a good man's life – His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

Thank you Spiritualism and Spiritualists for the challenge, love enlightenment and encouragement that you have shared and keep sharing. I am grateful to my earth plane teachers, some now in spirit, who have shared their light and love. We can't help speaking the truths, principles, and Natural Laws of our own Spiritualism through our mediumship and healing. We do need each other. May the sunshine of God and spirit brighten all our world's today for love does build up all things.



Questions & Answers

Q How does Spiritualism feel about evil spirits?

A Spiritualism does not accept that there are evil spirits. We believe that we are living in a world of relativity, and science concurs, so evil is relative to good. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is always open for Infinite Intelligence loves all and judges not, and progression is a Universal Principle. We affirm that Infinite Spark of Spirit is in all life, and that Natural Law teaches through everything that happens. What is called evil may be the lowest form of good, but again it is our standard of measurement.

Often when the term evil spirit is used it is identified with entities who have not developed much spiritual understanding. Dr. Victoria Barnes wrote: these are "entities who carried with them to the *other shore* their ignorance, maliciousness, idle curiosity and lack of ideal – that which they, by their thoughts and acts, created for themselves while here. Such souls may have lacked a suitable background of good heredity, environment, education and social opportunity, yet made the best of what they had. Through desire and effort on their part they can realize all that is contained in the Eighth Article of our Declaration of Principles, *the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter.*

"We know that life is governed by Natural Law, a universal, immutable law. It decrees *like attracts like* so, if your aims are high, your life honest and honorable, you will attract personalities both on this plane and on the higher planes of life who are of a like caliber and possess the same or similar ideals. No person, mortal or spirit, can influence anyone who does not in some way invite or permit such influence."

DOVES – THE BIRDS OF LOVE AND PEACE!

(Continued from page 26.)

My very wise and loving mother had none of this negativity to handle since she quickly discarded any possible cause of violating the Natural Laws. What a wise woman and yes, she was a good Spiritualist!

I'd like to complete the story of the doves, and tell you what happened when a small black bird landed one morning to feed. Well, very soon the bullying began with the larger doves forcing the smaller birds, including other doves, off the fence. I sat and watched as a large dove forced others away and approached the small black bird. The small bird ignored the violent motions of the large dove, at least for a short while, but suddenly had had enough! I was both amazed and pleased as the small bird puffed its feathers up and went right after the large dove! I can assure you that the small bird had its fill of food that day, and the large doves wisely decided that they best leave that little one alone.

The point of all of this is that we must not be fooled by appearances. If you truly desire love and peace, and when it is necessary, you must stand up for what is right, even if it means risking losing the battle.

We all want and desire love, but how does love feel! Well that's easy to answer, it feels GREAT! Yes, GREAT! It is wonderful because it really does connect you to your inner self, where God truly is, and that's one of the reasons that it does feel great. So if you don't have and keep love and consideration for others, you have lost your closest connection to God, your inner self.

Love strengthens you and those around you. It brings positive results from the Natural Laws that are always at work. When you demonstrate and truly love, you, yourself gain the most. To quote Leo Buscaglia, "You cannot give love, you can only share love." What a beautiful thought to always keep in mind!

If you reject living a loving life you are creating a life of tension and loneliness. I have often noted the facial expressions of such people and it seems to be that they must always be eating lemons! Take note of those around you who are spiteful, vengeful and unloving. Especially note that they always seem to have that "sour look" on their faces, even when they try to smile. Don't you be one of them.

Give love, share love, forget spite and hatred and you will always benefit more than anyone else. IT IS THE LAW!

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SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

I request Spiritual Healing for:

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because of the following conditions:

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I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups:

DAY ☐ NIGHT ☐

I will send a report of prayer results:

WEEKLY ☐ MONTHLY ☐

Please apply my love offering of:

_____ for needed supplies at the Healing Center.

This Spiritual Healing Request made by:
(Your name, address, etc.)

Name _____

Address _____

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City, State _____

Zip Code _____

Please make **Love Donation** out to the **NSAC Healing Center.**

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You will receive a "One Each Day" packet.

To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group."

CHECK HERE ☐

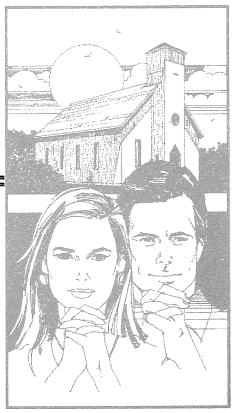
Please **keep in touch** with the National Healing Center if you have an active Healing Prayer Group, or if you desire information to begin one, or to become a member of one. The Center needs to know the group leaders name, members names, place, day of the week and time of your meeting. **This is a wonderful way to practice our Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer and something that EVERYONE can participate in.**

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

The Efficacy of Prayer

BY THE REV.
JOHN E. YOUNG, NST, MINNESOTA



We, Spiritualists, believe in healing prayer, but most of our belief is based on anecdotal evidence. Whether someone is healed in a church service or in a crises situation in a hospital, where doctors are able to offer no explanation for recovery, there is little or no hard evidence that exists to denote whether prayer genuinely works. Even if you were the recipient of the healing, and you "know" that you were healed by prayer, no empirical proof exists. Biblical records of prayer and healing constitute proof only to those who believe in its infallibility.

Now the world famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, is conducting a scientific study of the efficacy of intercessory prayer. The letter announcing the information session provides the following quote:

"The goal of this study is as follows:

"The proposed study has the specific aim of assessing the impact of intercessory prayer on the 6-month post-discharge status of patients discharged from the Coronary Care Unit at Saint Mary's Hospital with a cardiovascular diagnosis."

Their plan involves recruiting area churches and their members to pray for coronary patients for a period of six months after the patient leaves the hospital. The rationale for starting the prayers after the patient is discharged is the understanding that the family, home church members and friends as well as the Sisters at Saint Mary's Hospital are offering prayers up to that time but much of that prayer will cease at discharge.

Patients are selected randomly for this double-blind test where half will be the recipient of prayers and the other half will receive none without any of them knowing which group they are in. Records of the recovery and of any complications for both groups will be published at the end of the study thus providing scientific evidence of the effectiveness of prayer.

The Third Spirit Of Life Spiritualist Church in Rochester, Minnesota, at present has eleven recovering patients on their prayer list. We are supplied with only the first name, age and gender of our prayer recipients preventing any contact with the patients, protecting their privacy and preventing their learning which group they are in. The expected number of patients is about 100 per month of which 50 will be prayed for. During months 6, 7, and 8 of the study there could be a maximum of 1500 names on the prayer lists. The number of patients is assigned according to the size of the membership of the participating church. As a patient reaches the end of their six-month recovery time they will be replaced on our prayer list with others being discharged and this will be continued until the end of the study.

It will be months until this study is completed at which time it is my intention to forward the results to *TNS* for publication.

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December 1997

Dear Fellow Spiritualist,

The time has come to move forward on the event planned for the 150th Anniversary of Modern American Spiritualism. I am now enclosing some of the details for you to begin making your personal arrangements.

The final dates of the event will be:
Saturday, March 28 and **Sunday, March 29, 1998**

The location is:
Newark, New York, USA
(Just a short way from the Hydesville property.)

Hotel information:
Quality Inn Newark: for reservations call 315-331-9500. Room rates from $52.95 - $72.95 plus tax depending on number of people per room. Reservations must be made by **March 9, 1998.**

Banquet information:
Banquet cost will be **$20.00.**
(More information to follow.)

Speakers and events:
Schedule of speakers and events to follow, although a pilgrimage to the Hydesville property will take place.

It is now time to send your pledges to help fund this wonderful event, marking a very important date and time in the history of Modern American Spiritualism. Please send your pledges to Cosie Allen at the above address.

I would like to extend my appreciation for your interest in the advancement of Spiritualism, your pledges and donations, but most importantly, thank you in advance for your attendance at this most historical event.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with Spiritualists worldwide, coming together to honor our beginning.

Sincerely,
Rev. Cosie L. Allen, NST



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"It is within my power either to serve God, or not to serve Him. Serving Him I add to my own good and the good of the whole world. Not serving Him, I forfeit my own good and deprive the world of that good, which was in my power to create."
– Leo Tolstoy

"Man becomes great exactly in the degree to which he works for the welfare of his fellow men."
– Mahatma Gandhi

"Peace is not the absence of war. It is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice."
– Baruch Spinoza

NEWS FROM VIRGINIA



John Paananen (right) with wife, Jo (left), and Elizabeth Marine, Executive Director of Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC, Falls Church, Virginia (center).

Rev. John E. Paananen spoke and gave messages to the members of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC, on Sunday, October 12, 1997, in Falls Church, Virginia. The Rev. Bunny Starr presided over the service.

Rev. Paananen is an active member of The Church of the Living Spirit in Lily Dale, New York, as well as the Lily Dale Assembly. For over 20 years he has served various churches in New York and Pennsylvania as lecturer, medium and teacher. This was his first visit to the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC. He was accompanied by his wife, Jo.

The couple was treated to lunch after the service by the Center's Executive Director, Elizabeth Marine, as well as the Rev. Bunny Starr and other members of the congregation, to continue to promote the interaction among members of NSAC affiliated churches.

ADULT FALL RETREAT

The weekend of October 11th and 12th, 1997, Golden Rule Spiritualist Church in Bayshore (Charlevoix), Michigan, hosted its first Annual Adult Fall Retreat, with 22 present.

A retreat weekend has been discussed for years, and was a fond dream of Ann Ette Hyatt.

The featured worker was Mr. Timothy Weichner of Leslie, Michigan. Tim has grown up in Spiritualism and is a Trance Medium. He is the President of Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church in Leslie, a Trustee on the MSSAC Board, and is a former student of The Rev's. Norma McDerment and Ethel McClain. His workshop theme was Mediumship; Physical and Mental.

The State Board asked if the Church might be able to get a retreat together this year, at their August meeting. Tim had just about 8 weeks to prepare.

He brought with him many forms of physical mediumship, trumpets, drawings, slates (one he made from wood and placed a pencil and paper in-between) and the slates that you can order through the National, pictures done on cards, flame pictures and many of the books that he used for research. He was very informative on the subject and in the afternoon he held a question and answer period.

This workshop was videotaped and when it was played back, it seems Spirit wanted Tim to be standing on an angle, and there was a face in the top part of the furnace.

That evening those present were invited to join us for a class in the chapel using the trumpets that Tim brought with him. The vibrations and harmony were high. While Tim was in Trance he brought through Rev. Elise Beesley, our former Pastor and Member, and Ann Ette Hyatt. His joy guide, Willie, told us that if we thought the pictures on the videotape were off the first time, wait till we watched it again.

This was not an all-day type of retreat. When we broke for lunch, three members had gone on before us to prepare hamburgers and hot dogs, and to set up for a hayless hayride. This was to be the peak weekend for fall colors. Fun was had by all and those attending are looking forward to doing this again next year – hayless hayride and all. Following the class, a bonfire was set and birthday cake decorated with sunflowers was served for Marcia Hyatt, President of the MSSAC and for Mrs. Mary Ellen Weichner (Tim's wife).

Tim was the speaker for Sunday Morning services and again did a beautiful job. A potluck followed services with the leftover hot dogs and chips from Saturday.

Sunday evening a small group got together and held another class – this time in the mediums cottage, and the phenomena that night was beyond belief. The trumpets were again used and when Tim held one, we had the startings of materialization. One of those in the group had trouble seeing this as there was an entity standing in front of the person next to her, so she tried to push what she thought was one of us, out of the way. The homemade slates were also used and there were scribbles on the paper, for one person and two others had the lead on their hands and fingers.

We look forward to next years Fall Retreat in beautiful Northern Michigan. Tim will again be the featured worker.



Love

By Merry Browne

Love that is based
on the beauty of youth
And fire of passion sighs
With happiness
for a little while,
Then very slowly dies.

But the meeting of minds
And melding
of hearts and lives
IS love, you will find,
of superior kind.

And the only kind
that survives.

A Season for Nonviolence

On September 5, 1997, Tennessee Congressman, Bob Clement made the following one-minute speech in the Congress of the United States: "Mr. Speaker, At a celebration of India's independence, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. In a conversation which followed, Mr. Gandhi and I discussed the planned *Season for Nonviolence* which will create greater awareness of the principles of nonviolence for which we honor the lives of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Coinciding with the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Gandhi's and King's deaths, *A Season for Nonviolence* will begin on January 30, 1998, with activities planned through April 4, 1998. It is, of course, hoped that the seeds of nonviolence planted during this time will be nurtured and fruitful long after the official ending of the *Season*.

A Season for Nonviolence is committed to the Gandhian and Kingian principles of nonviolence and steps towards social change which include truth, respect, acceptance of others, negotiation, appreciation of differences, and reconciliation. Grassroots initiatives have been very active in responding to the call raised by A Season for Nonviolence, yet Congressional leadership has not been commissural with their response. I thus encourage my colleagues to join the cause of A Season for Nonviolence, in working at the national and local levels, serving as leaders supporting nonviolent activism and conflict resolution.

Community models of nonviolence exist and it is imperative that we work with and within our communities to foster the relationships necessary to forward peaceful resolutions to potentially volatile problems. It is my sincere hope that this will be one Season without an end."

JEST JOKING . . .

- A valentine box of candy, given with so much love, added a couple more love handles.
- The tinest service is better than the largest good intention.
- Don't ever slam a door; it might get stuck when you desire to reopen it.
- A happy marriage is where both mates feel they got better than they deserve.
- Honesty is like paint. It is not good until it is applied.

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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