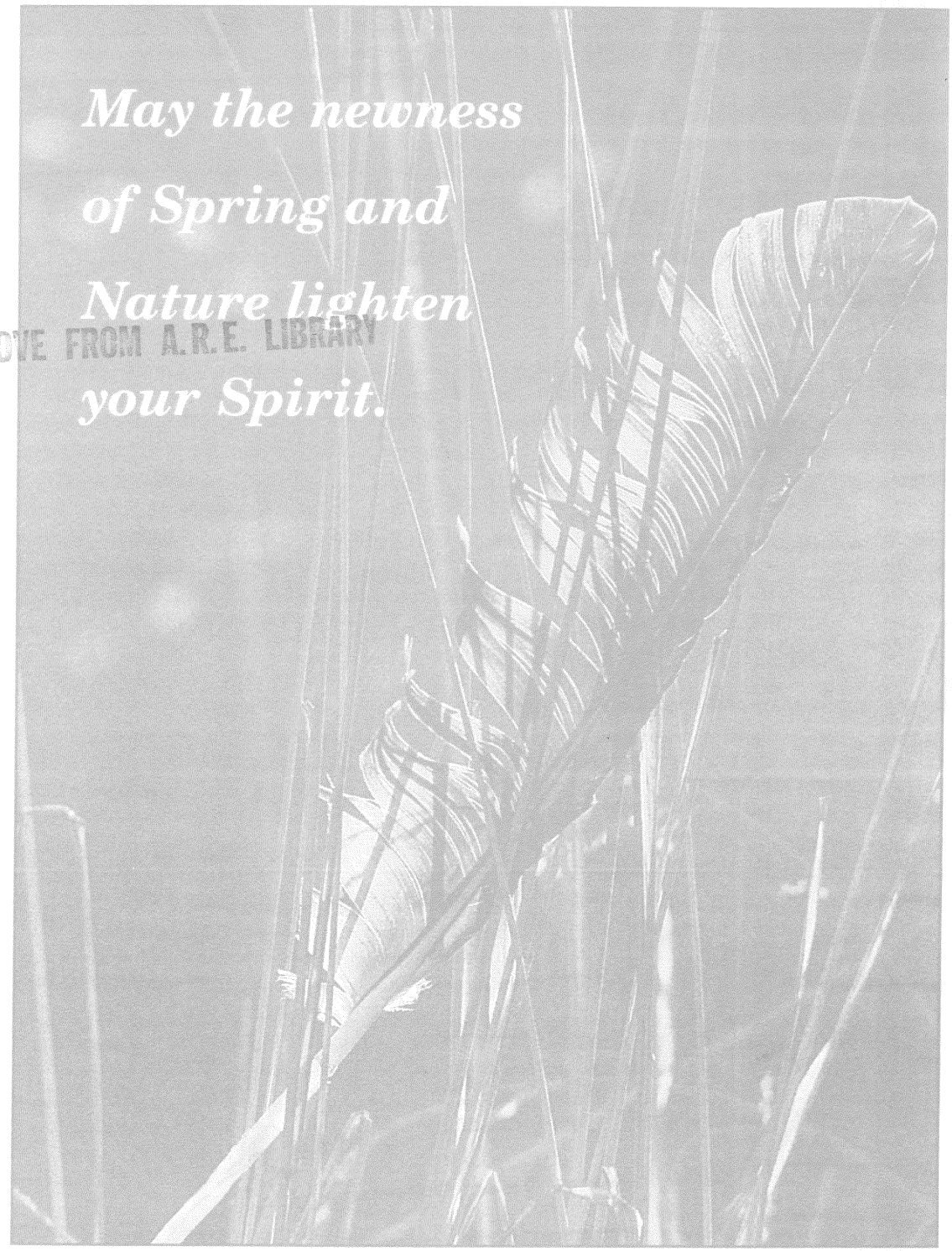
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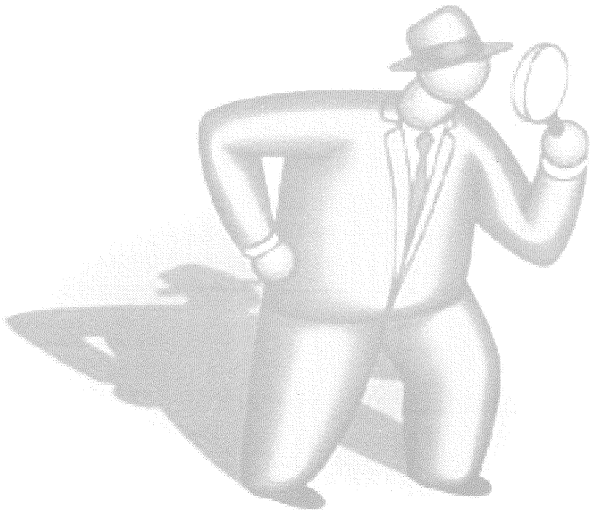
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The Unknown Next Dimension!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Did you hear the joke about the couple that was traveling around the United States and visiting various churches during their journey? While in New York they visited a huge church on Fifth Avenue. The service was very nice but they were distracted by a pink phone on the rostrum. As they were filing out of the building, they asked the minister what was the significance of the pink phone. He replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that each call cost $700.00. A week later they were in a small town in Texas and again attended a church. Imagine their surprise to see another pink phone on the podium. After the service they approached the minister and mentioned the phone. He claimed it was a direct line to heaven and that each call cost $150.00. The following week found them in Prescott, Arizona where they attended Sunday morning services. This church also displayed a pink phone. Following the service the pastor was questioned about the pink phone. He replied that it was a direct line to heaven and each call was $.25. The couple were surprised that it was only $.25 and asked why it was so reasonable. The pastor said, "It is a local call."

Spiritualists are lucky because we know that the Spirit World is just a prayer away and that we can become still, go within and commune with our higher self to receive guidance and direction. Spiritualism has mediums that are like the pink phones or are go-betweens of the physical dimension and the spiritual dimension. Our philosophy also teaches, writes and explores the world unseen which is one of the beautiful blessings of Spiritualism. Ancient seers and mediums of the past one hundred and fifty years of spirit communication have contributed much to that which we know about life after life.

The next phase of existence after life in the physical is an unknown and feared by some, probably by many. Some religions teach of a period of sleep before a Judgement day, with the decision of Heaven and Hell following. This group teaches the afterlife is either one of sublime beauty, or one where God abandons sinners to eternal pain and damnation.

Of course Spiritualists are the lucky ones, for we have received messages from our loved ones about the beauty, joy and wonder of the Spirit World, that the doorway to reformation is never closed and that all souls eventually progress to greater and greater light. Thus rather than fear of what comes after our physical life, we know that the soul continues, for we communicate with our guides and family members through our mediums, through astral projection, through dreams, through our inspired literature. There is a wealth of written information that great thinkers have related which gives a wonderful indication of the next realm of living.

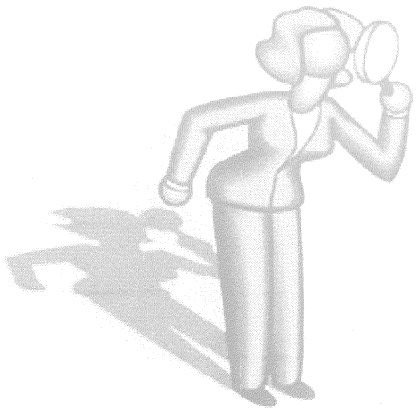
Emmanuel Swedenborg (1688-1773, a philosopher, scientist, theologian and metallurgist) talks about heaven, but not in the traditional sense. Swedenborg experienced visions and was a communicator and observer of the Spirit World. Some of his descriptions were:

- that we are fully conscious after death of the physical.
- that our character and complete personality is contained within a recognizable spiritual body.
- that each person is still very much themselves.
- that all the inhabitants of the next dimension communicate in a common language, which is based on a kind of audible thought transference.
- that each soul does their own thing, goes their own way and that their life is based upon the total sum of their life experience while on the Earth plane.
- that everyone in the Spirit World does what their soul really wants to do, what the soul enjoys doing.
- that each one serves some type of purposeful activity or task which benefits the other community members while delivering personal satisfaction and enrichment.
- that every individual creates his or her personal environment.
- that the outer world of a soul is a reflection and an extension of their inner world.
- that those who were loved while residing in the physical world will be close in the World Beyond; siblings, children, close friends, parents, husbands and wives, all are eventually reunited.
- that relationships continue based upon the true quality of the love energy. They are strengthened or they gradually dissolve according to the true mutual affection and trust.
- that a physical life, which leads to a beneficial spiritual life, is one not of retirement from the world, but a life in the world where sincere charity for others is practiced.

Other writers tell us that the spirit body is much more flexible than the physical body and without the defects. It is said that the etheric entity can travel anywhere they wish with the speed comparable to thought. Those that reside in the

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World of Light claim that their plane of existence is just as real and solid to them as the physical world is to us. They see, touch, smell and hear the beauty of their world. In fact, there is said to be a continual soft, colorful, gentle, clear, sweet beauty, one of such a magnitude that we in the physical cannot adequately describe it. Has a medium (or a meditation or a dream) ever brought you etheric flowers, with new beautiful colors and a fragrance unfamiliar yet producing inner joy and healing? Have you ever been privileged to hear the music of the spheres? They are beyond our limited vocabulary to describe, but once one has experienced this pleasure, the memory lingers close.

Each soul has a dwelling in the next realm that reflects the type of life they have lived while in the physical realm. One message a loved one related to us is that they were building a home for the family. When asked how this was accomplished, he said that he went to the bank. For money we asked? No, he replied, it is the bank that stored up the energy of the good works that were done while we were in the physical. Now a home was built using this energy.

There is other wonderful architecture in the next world of life. There are beautiful temples, stately institutions or halls of learning, meeting and gathering places and parks of natural beauty. One friend who made his transition came to us exhilarated and excited by the wonderful libraries. There are great minds to learn from and entities share knowledge and information with others of like thought.

One book related how the inventors were still inventing, the musicians were still composing, the researchers were still researching, the discoverer's were still looking into cures and discovering new ways to help mankind. It also interesting to note that mediums were still acting as mediums. New developments received in the Etheric that are important to humanity are perfected and then sent to a kindred soul residing in the worldly dimension so mankind may continue to progress. This applied to poetry, artwork, music, plays, literature, teachers, inventors, medicine, and every avenue of life. There is evolution and advancement necessary in both spheres of life.

The lighting in the Spirit Plane is said to be soft and continuous, an eternal illumination. There is not the four seasons as in the physical world, nor night and day. Time and space do not restrict or confine or define as they do in the physical. The vibration sent out from each soul extends energy which other souls respond to, are attracted to, or which indicates the personalities desires. While this auric vibration is experienced during one's physical experience it is heightened and greatly evident in the spiritual experience.

It is said there are no births of children or deaths due to old age in the Spirit World. When a child or baby from the physical realm arrives in the Spirit Realm there are loving guides and teachers that become the spiritual parents to encourage their education, growth, and assimilation into the life on the next plane. We are told young souls have less to "un-learn," so advance quickly and easily. They are taught by loving experience and as soon as they have learned the Laws of Communication often will try to commune with their family that remains in the physical.

Our pets and animals survive death and continue to progress in the next plane. They are kept close to their owners in either realm by the love that was shared. The Spirit Life sounds so natural with our beloved pets, homes, schools, flowers, music and our family and friends surrounding us. This is the message, whether it is read in *The Blue Island* or *The Summerland* or other articles, that life beyond the physical is a natural progression, a graduation, or a step up the ladder into a very similar but more refined existence. An existence where any physical obstruction or pain is released, where the soul is free to choose an etheric body that they feel best represented the prime of their lives while in the physical. This also says that free choice is still evident and practiced as the soul continued to exist and grow.

Each day brings us closer to the joy of the Spirit World, a world where it is not difficult to experience the love energy. While one should not hasten their departure from the physical, neither should one fear the day when it arrives.

Formerly a question of faith or a fear from a religious teaching, life after death is now the subject of scientific investigations. Many have found the results provocative, giving some researchers a change of mind in their belief about life after death. For example, internationally respected Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, a Chicago psychiatrist, researcher and author, wrote: "Before I started working with the dying, I did not believe in a life after death. Now I believe in one beyond a shadow of a doubt." Dr. Karlis Osis, a psychologist and researcher with the American Society for Psychical Research concludes: "Dying patients insist that they have glimpses of post-mortem existence: persons long dead, scenes of otherworldly beauty and out-of-body experiences."

Research with patients who have been clinically declared dead, but then have returned to physical life, *near-death experiences* (NDE), give us special clues as to what to expect. The shared knowledge of the death experience found all still conscious. Most relate similar and several of the following experiences happened to them while they were "dead," yet very much aware of their surroundings. Many find themselves above their physical body looking down at what is happening. They feel no pain or discomfort except maybe a bit of frustration that no one can hear or see them. Then sometimes a spirit loved one or guide comes or they begin traveling down a

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What happened in MAY throughout the years?

MAY 10

Mother's Day, a day to honor our Mother's who brought us into the physical life and who taught us the basics. How we view our world often stems back to our early childhood, to our mother's and father's. Mother's Day was begun by Anna Jarvis, signed into law by Woodrow Wilson in 1914, and according to the phone company, is one of the busiest long distance calling days of the year.

MAY 12, 1884

Elizabeth R. Courtney was born in Dresden, Germany on this date. A natural medium and healer, she was utilized as a child healer by the Catholic hospital in the wards to give healing energy. She came to America at age eleven and settled in Minneapolis, MN, with her uncle. Here she continued her healing work developing x-ray clairvoyance. In 1923 she organized a School of Psychic Unfoldment causing her to be universally known and highly respected. She was an active and earnest worker for Spiritualism and was the youngest to ever receive ordination in the N.S.A. at the age of sixteen. She was the co-founder of the Central Spiritualist Church in California.

MAY 14, 1771

Robert Owen's birthdate. He was a British industrialist and socialist reformer, who devoted his life to the betterment and highest good of mankind. It wasn't until the age of 83 that he became a Spiritualist. His son, Robert Dale Owen, an American social reformer, also became a Spiritualist and wrote several fine books such as *Footfalls on the Boundaries of Another World.*

MAY 22, 1859

The birthday of **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.** This talented, respected man was a renowned journalist, author, the creator of the character and stories of Sherlock Holmes, and an investigator of Spiritualism. His research so convinced him about continuous life and the ability to communicate from the next dimension that he became a strong advocate and expounder of Spiritualism. He was called the St. Paul of Spiritualism.

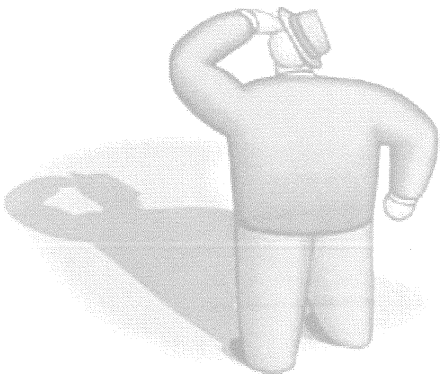
The month of MAY

May is a month to honor those who have served their country, **Armed Forces Day** on May 16 and **Memorial Day** on May 25/30. Take a minute on May 25th at 3 p.m. EDT to remember and honor those who died in wars, conflicts, or acts of terrorism. Light a candle, with a prayer, for America's veterans and each time the candle flame comes into your awareness, send another prayer. The **American Red Cross** was formed in May, 1881, and there is also a **National Day of Prayer** this month. Let our prayer be for **Peace for all the World.**

THE UNKNOWN NEXT DIMENSION!

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tunnel, with a kind of a humming sound, toward a wonderful, brilliant light. The soul desires to get to the light and become one with it. They feel so comfortable and at peace, so loved and cared for, surrounded and at one, a feeling of bliss. Many have a review of their physical life in which they objectively see how they lived – the good, the bad, everything. The divine being does not judge at all, rather asks the person what he or she learned from the experience about loving and how he or she could have been of a greater help to others. The personality is his or her own judge, but it is accompanied with acceptance rather than fear. In the near death experience, a loved one, such as children, parents, a spouse who needs the individual in the physical, draws them back to the earthly existence; or the divine being tells him/her that it is not yet their time and the personality must return. Most accounts speak of reluctance to return to the physical world with its separateness, pain and pollution, and to leave the Spirit World with its love, acceptance, beauty and clarity.



The emerging patterns, symbols and imagery of those that recount these near death moments are received from all ages, all traditions, and all parts of the world. The accounts vary, yet there is a similarity and a consistency that strongly indicates survival after death, and a remarkable, awesome and loving next dimension to look forward to when the time is right. What a comfort to those who are terminally ill or are ready to make their transition, and to the families who have released a member into the spiritual.

Dr. Raymond Moody in his book *Life After Life* wrote about elements that occur repeatedly in the tales of those he interviewed who had died and returned to tell about it.

- **Peace and Contentment** – descriptions of extremely pleasant feelings and sensations.
- **Ineffability** – their experience is difficult to describe in words, beyond comprehension.
- **Noise** – there is buzzing or ringing or whistling sound most describe.
- **Meeting Others** – deceased relatives come to escort the

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ABSENT HEALING

BY CLAUDIA LORD, INDIANA

Having the gift of healing and using it joyfully and selflessly is one of the kindest acts we can perform in serving others. To be used by Spirit as a healing channel is a wonderful calling – a true blessing.

There are many types of physical healing such as medical, acupuncture and herbal, and there are also various types of Spiritual healing.

The most frequently used form of healing is prayer. We all know the power of prayer.

"Laying on of hands" is a form of healing we're all familiar with or at least aware of. There are obvious advantages to giving this beautiful form of healing:

1. Personal contact with the sitter (the person receiving the healing)
2. The opportunity for the healer to give comfort to the sitter
3. (The healer) being in a position to pass along messages and/or instructions from Spirit to the sitter
4. Praying together

Absent Healing is the focus of this article.

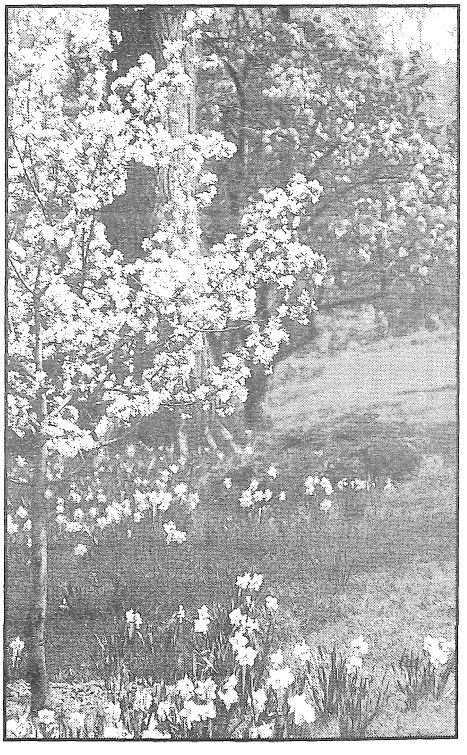
There doesn't seem to be much information on this beautiful form of healing, and for that reason I assumed – incorrectly – that absent healing would be a somewhat less-effective form of healing. But time and practice has proven just how wrong I was! I have come to see the beautiful advantages to giving this form of healing.

I have given both "laying on of hands" and absent healings and have discovered to my surprise that a great difference exists between them in method and in the level of healer participation.

Absent healing is a more active and creative form of healing! It is very challenging to the healer.

There are many benefits to giving absent healings:

1. The sitter doesn't have to be present
2. Freedom to send healings anywhere . . . anytime!
3. No pressure to rush through because of time limits (such as: Church service, others waiting, appointments)



4. Absent healings can be given to small children and our animal friends who would find it difficult if not impossible to sit still; as well as ourselves and conditions near and far from us
5. Absent healings can be given to those who – though in need – might readily refuse
6. There is no INCOMPATIBILITY between healer and sitter

Doubt, skepticism, tight schedules, distractions, awkward chairs and beds that block access to the sitter, noisy surroundings, and negative vibrations can make giving and receiving a good healing difficult. The lingering odors of tobacco and perfume brought into the healing room by healer or sitter can be a health problem. It is for me and is the reason I have turned toward the study of giving of absent healing.

I never expected to become such an enthusiastic practitioner of absent healing, but I am. For it has opened up a whole new world of creative healing I never knew existed.

While I'm only a beginner in giving absent healings, and there is much I don't know, I'm always open to something new and eager to learn from my teachers in Spirit who are eager to teach. I am finding this to be a most beautiful journey. A journey in caring.

Here are some of the tools used in absent healing:

1. Spirit inspirations and guidance

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through mediumship
2. Visualization
3. Manipulation (as of bones, joints, organs)
4. A greater production of heat energy through the healer's hands due to longer time allotments
5. Deep massage (applied heat to muscles, organs . . .)
6. Tapping (sinuses, spines, rib cage . . .)
7. Stretching (organs, limbs . . .)
8. Symbolism (the acting out, as in the opening of a symbolic "door" to the mind or the heart)

I have been surprised and amazed many times by what I've learned from my Spirit healers and teachers. In a vision during one particular healing early on, I was shown – and taught, how to manipulate the rigid spine of a man. It seemed so strange at the time, but it has become a regular part of our healing practice. I have found myself puffing my breath through tracheotomy tubes to clear passages, acting as a bellows to expand lungs, massaging an open heart, compressing stretched tissue, rejoining nerve endings (spinal cord injuries), and yes, opening symbolic "doors" to closed minds and troubled hearts.

There is no end to God's wonder!

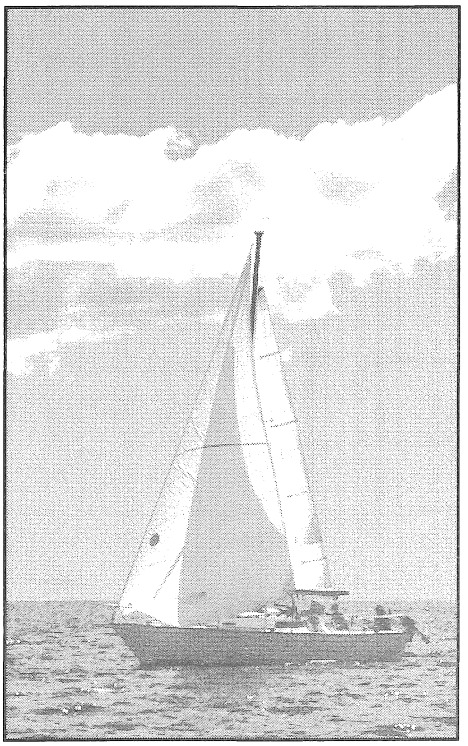
There is a world of healing potential we haven't even begun to realize. And it is within our reach – if we but ask.

Aren't they the very words spoken by our beloved Master Teacher, Jesus? ASK AND WE SHALL BECOME GREAT HEALERS!

Every morning my Spirit healers and I set to work. I usually choose the person receiving the healing, but sometimes Spirit surprises me by giving me the vision or name of someone else. As Spirit's in charge I quickly shift gears and begin again. But needless to say, our healing list is growing by the day. Many people don't even know I am sending healing.

I'd like to give an example of an absent healing. It points out the uniqueness that presents itself through this form of healing. First, however, let me say there are not class distinctions in giving any form of healing. Rich or poor, unknown or renowned, devout or atheist, it makes no difference to Spirit, as we are all God's children.

I begin with a prayer. I visualize the person receiving the healing (or animal, or condition) in front of me, unobstructed by chairs, beds or bulky clothing. For a moment I meditate on the object of the healing. Often I can sense what the problem area is. I visualize the aura, though as yet I rarely see colors. With broad strokes I brush away any negative and talk to the subject of the healing as if he, she or it were there in the flesh. I open the person, (animal or condition such as Planet Earth) up to God from the feet upward as a lotus blossom opens its petals so God's light can pour in abundantly. I ask Spirit to guide my hands. I can feel my hands getting tingly and warm. They will get a lot warmer as the minutes pass by. I begin with the person, (animal's) head and work my way down because I find, for me, that I'm more thorough beginning at the head rather than at the feet. I speak softly as we go over the entire subject of the healing. Each part is covered. For those with spinal cord injuries I take extra time as I remove the tracheotomy tube, clear it with my breath, visualize their spinal cord and rejoin the ends, applying all the healing energy and heat Spirit can send through my, by now, very warm hands. Each part of the subject is given the healing it needs whether massage, manipulation of a part, tapping . . . whatever is necessary.



When the healing is over I once again open the person, (animal or condition) up to God for a blessing and for their enlightenment, asking Spirit to let Spirit's light and love flow through. I put the blue light of healing around the subject of the healing as well as the white light of protection. I relax as I visualize this beautiful, peaceful scene in my mind and I send the person (animal or condition) my love as well.

I spend a few moments asking Spirit for a message that I can send along to the person receiving the absent healing. For one gentleman, I was shown our beautiful "Healing Prayer." I sent him a copy soon after. To another I was directed to write, not only to tell him about his healing, but to relay the very personal vision Spirit had for him as well. Again I did so.

After each absent healing I can "feel" how well the person (animal or condition) has responded – some, like a sponge, others, with some degree of resistance. My Spirit healers and I try to spend more time on them at future healings.

Giving a healing is such a beautiful way for me to start my day. I'm so happy that I have been lead through the door of Absent Healings and I hope that you, too, will open your eyes to this less known, but very beautiful form of healing and give it a heartfelt try. You will be amazed!

Thank you.

– Claudia Lord and Bennie
from Spirit, January 21, 1998.



Elizabeth Harlow Goetz

BY THE REV. REBECCA E. FASNACHT, NST

Elizabeth Harlow Goetz was one of the best known and most highly respected workers in the ranks of Spiritualism.

She was a most capable and inspirational speaker, and with a keen knowledge of the philosophy and religion of Spiritualism, being able to take her place among the pioneers of the past.

Elizabeth Harlow (Goetz) was born in Cummington, Mass. on July 20, 1866, and made her transition in Springfield, Mass., Sept., 1950.

While living in Haydeville, Mass., and shortly after her father passed away, she and her mother attended the seances of Clara Banks. At that time she was working in a silk mill, and there met Mae Pepper (Vanderbilt). At the suggestion of Mr. Banks, Elizabeth began the study of telegraphy. While studying one evening she became entranced and the spirit voice spoke clearly and said that she was to prepare for a great work which lay before her. She had only a grade school education at her command, but obedient to the spirit voice, she embarked upon diligent training by the spirit voices and soon became attuned to Spirit Vibration.

She began her public work in 1895, and gave her first public lecture on her twenty-first birthday. She was trained by Spirit Forces to become the greatest woman orator and deepest thinker of her day.

She lectured throughout this country, in Scotland, England and Holland. Many of her lectures were translated in Japanese and East Indian languages, for in these countries she was honored as a student of "The Immortal Philosophies."

She devoted more than fifty years of her life to the cause of Spiritualism and worked loyally for the National Spiritualist Association. She took an active part in many stormy sessions in the early days of the organization.

She was elected a Trustee on the N.S.A. Executive Board at its 15th Annual Convention in 1907, and served in a most efficient manner for twenty years.

She was elected (among others) by the N.S.A. Board to attend the Panama Exposition in San Francisco, California. At this exposition, Spiritualism was recognized as one of the Religions of the world, and received a mark of recognition in the presentation of a plaque, which is kept in the offices of the NSAC.

Elizabeth Harlow Goetz served the public well and brought light to many, as President of Mississippi Valley Camp Association for nine (9) years, President of Lily Dale Camp for three (3) years, Pastor of the Columbus Ohio Church for five (5) years, First Spiritualist Church of Baltimore, Maryland for nine (9) years, Pastor of the Third Spiritualist Church of Philadelphia almost ten (10) years. It was while serving in Philadelphia that her health began to fail and she left there to spend her remaining years with her sister in Springfield, Mass.

During her busy years she attended the International Congress of Spiritualist at London, England and at the Hague, in Holland, as a Fraternal delegate.

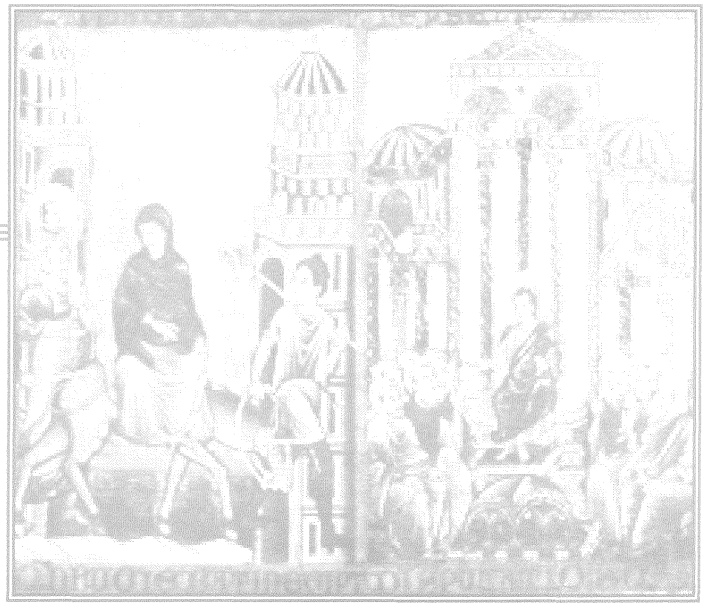
Among her splendid works to be remembered by all Spiritualists, is the active part she had taken so many times in defending our legal right and the many battles she fought for the Mediums and Healers, in whose defense she went to court thirteen (13) times and thru her inspiration won the admiration of the court and a point for Spiritualism each time.

Among my cherished memories of this noble woman, are her unlimited devotion to the Spirit World, her Spirit collaborators and the cause which she knew was right; and, her ability to bring the Spirit World so close to one in the dark moments of grief and her presentation of LIFE as inspiration poured from her Soul and rocked the building where the gloom of death might have otherwise cast its pall.

It is fitting that a life of such devotion to Truth, and noble service, so rich and full of inspiration should end the earthly cares in the same locality where its work had its beginning and to take up the service in a larger world of ceaseless activity of Spirit.

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Ancient Egyptians were Spiritualists in all but name



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THE ONE FACT not mentioned in all the publicity concerning the fabulous treasures from Tutankhamen's tomb, which attracted huge crowds at the British Museum in 1972, is that this king and his people were Spiritualists in outlook.

What kind of people were they who created such treasures for their "dead" monarchs? And what made them so sure, as they apparently were, that man survived the grave?

Papyrus records from this era, 3,000 years ago, show them to have been a joyous, lighthearted, yet practical people. Their views on religion were not gloomy. Nor did they indulge in human sacrifices to "appease the gods."

These Egyptians looked on death as the ante-room to eternal existence in happy surroundings.

True, there was punishment for the incurably wicked in the next life. But little was said of it compared with descriptions of the delights awaiting the good. Eternal torment was not taught.

As so few have read translations of the Egyptian papyri, it is interesting to quote from some of them.

"Thy essence is in heaven, thy body is in the earth," asserts one text. Another tells us a man called Nu "liveth after he hath died, even as doth Ra day by day. As Ra is born from yesterday, even so shall Nu be born."

"Ra" was their name for the sun. It was a poetical analogy that even as the sun set, but rose again next day, so would the deceased pass as triumphantly from the grave.

Just as Spiritualists today know that spirit communication is a fact, these Egyptians must have had much the same phenomena. How else can we explain the following?

"I fill the office of priest in the regions above. I write down there the things which make strong the heart.

"I have knit myself together. I have renewed my youth. I am a spiritual body.

"Indefinite time, without beginning and without end, hath been bestowed on me."

A study of the papyri reveals no trace of the Buddhist idea of absorption into a Supreme Being after perfection is attained. These ancient writings tell of a life much like that of earth, but more beautiful and permanent.

This state of blessedness could be won only by those who had done their best on earth and not relied on rites and ceremonies.

It was thought that when greater perfection had been attained, the arisen spirit might even see Osiris, the Egyptian type of Jesus.

One text says: "Behold, I shall be there with Osiris. I shall speak unto him the words of men. He shall repeat unto me the words of the gods."

The writer also tells us: "I have gazed upon my mother, I have seen my father." So families parted by death were reunited in the after-life.

An ancient Egyptian woman's funeral text shows her taking an interest in those she has left:

"Thy soul fliest upon high to meet the soul of the gods. It hovereth over thy dead body.

"Thou journeyest about upon the earth. Thou seest all that are therein. Thou observest all the affairs of thy house. Thou goest to the city, at the festival.

"Thy house is in the possession of thy children and thy husband, who weep as they follow thee when thou goest about therein with thy children."

This evidently refers to what Paul called "discerning of spirits," or what we now call clairvoyance.

The elaborate system of thought revealed in these texts could hardly have survived through thousands of years without some substratum of fact to support it.

Clearly, these ancient Egyptians were Spiritualists in all but name!

"Thy life," they wrote, "is for ever and ever. Thy soul liveth in heaven . . . Thy spiritual body is glorious among the spirits."



SEEKING HAPPINESS

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT in many traditions and many ways, that human beings are not worthy of happiness. But, if we do not strive for happiness, what is the purpose of life?

Human beings will probably not accomplish perfection in this material, physical life, but there is no reason not to strive for the highest possible attainment possible.

Happiness is achieved in the human soul through accomplishment. When we have succeeded at a particular task of work, we gain satisfaction in accomplishment and can exercise our earned pride in this accomplishment. When we have failed in a particular task we are usually very speedy in our condemnation of ourselves in the situation; can we not also be the opposite and acknowledge our joy of accomplishment?

Happiness is a part of our response to situations and people we meet and greet each day. If we have interacted in a caring manner with another human soul, we gain happiness in our own soul. This is true from the smallest to the largest of accomplishments.

We recognize others and at times even award them medals for aiding others, but is this not a part of your daily life? If not, why not.

Happiness is a part of seeking spirituality in your life, for as you strive to lift your heart to happiness, you lift your mind to positive thoughts, for yourself as well as others. In so doing, you have lifted also your soul to a level of positive action in your efforts for self and others.

Seeking happiness, seeking spirituality is a journey – there will be good stops on the way, there will be not so good stops. Learn to gain all you can from each experience. Sometimes we are told we only learn from our mistakes; try to learn also from your successes; gaining your growth of happiness and spirituality from all your life experiences.

All life can be learning experiences. The measure of our growth is in the gaining of understanding of ourselves and others and in growing through all visitations of life.

Happiness can be elusive, but if we acknowledge our worthiness of happiness we have started on the path to understand ourselves, and to help others gain the ability of this wonderful place of emotional balance and well being. Fill your minds, hearts and souls with this balance of positive well being and you will live then for yourself and others in a truly spiritual manner.

Jest Joking



• El Nino gave *TNS* some problems with our telephone lines this past month. The phones worked intermittently so may have been out longer than we thought. Two calls from Texas seemed to get through though and it reminded me of the song, "All my faxes are from Texas!"

• Site Unseen = Spirit Realms

• Sign of the times: It's baseball season. No window is safe!

• The world really isn't much worse than it ever was. It's just that the news coverage is so much better." Or is it the coverage that is worse?

Confidentiality and the Medium

BY PAULINE R. HATHAWAY, LM, MASSACHUSETTS



We have all sometimes seen the media displays of ego and disclosures by proponents of other disciplines. Some of these practitioners feel that the confidential information that they "bring through" publicly can be legitimately used to display their skill or powers. It seems to me that type of publicity is a poor advertisement, since few, if any, of us would like to have their private information publicized in this way. The usual disclosures are about the "rich and famous!" Some become rich and famous after a session and find some practitioners publicizing awkward personal information much later in time.

A Spiritualist Medium is a religious leader and like a physician or attorney, bears this obligation of professional confidence.

We are all aware that mediumistic powers can be cultivated without Spiritual Awareness, which is a necessary Spiritual Discipline to use it beneficially. The content of a Spirit Message gives evidence of the Spiritual attunement of the instrument and their level of contact. It is important for sensitives to keep any information that they may become privy to in complete confidence. A Spiritualist Medium is a religious leader and like a physician or attorney, bears this obligation of professional confidence.

A Medium sometimes receives privileged information through the ethers about an individual. This is a natural ability which develops as the sensitive fine tunes his/her skill to become an instrument for a universal expression. Therefore, confidentiality should be taught and accentuated in our development classes. A novice who finds that they have brought through some really novel personal information for an individual must realize his/her obligation to respect their privacy! There is always a temptation to be excited, thus to brag about one's accuracy in such situations. Students need schooling in the knowledge that personal satisfaction is its own reward. If an individual decides to publicize information and/or its source, a medium is then freed from the obligation of silence.

The instructors of development classes may give well-disguised examples of symbols that they succeeded in interpreting as examples to their students. Sometimes teachers don't realize that there is a need for privacy at class events for those attending. Why is it important? Those exploring our discipline before making a formal commitment need privacy. When one meets a fellow class member in other situations they should greet the individual without mentioning the class.

Introduced to the Spiritualist Religion in the 1950's, I felt a sense of wonder and delight, which has only increased over time. It never occurred to me to conceal my interest, despite the criticism and even mockery of others. I enjoyed being a "free thinker!" For many, it is not that simple! Personal criticism may come from families who feel a betrayal with a change of an original family faith that probably spans generations. That original family faith might include dire punishment for the "transgression" of visiting another church. Exploring one's own spirituality independently is fearsome for such individuals. They need the opportunity to investigate their own spirituality before announcing "to the world" that they have changed belief systems! Consideration of elderly relatives, deeply offended by their explorations, must be a concern. Perhaps that is why some, with humor, describe themselves as recovering from another religion.

My favorite visitors to classes are psychologists! Psychologists really put some life into the discussions and usually agree with our principles! The Spiritualist accent on personal responsibility finds strong approval in this discipline.

Those practitioners of other disciplines may keep their "fleeting moments of media glory!" I find continual joy in the knowledge that I have been the instrument who delivered some evidential messages with guidance for those in need. This information benefited others and brought me great personal satisfaction and Spiritual growth. **I am proud to be a Spiritualist and to hold certification(s) as a Medium and Licentiate Minister.**

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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 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller.

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
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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 - first Tues. of the month 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, (925) 283-1449; Pres., Jean McFarlane, 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., Rev. John Meerschaert, 1715 15th St. N.W. #202, 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, 4310 Park Lane, Apt. 30, Alsup, 60803-2649, (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., Kenneth Boesen; 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., 61752-0174, (309) 962-9076 (leave message); Lyceum 1:00 p.m., Healing/Meditation 2:00 p.m., Devotional/messages 2:30 every Sunday; Pres., Chuck Johnson, (309) 661-1099.

• 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., Ms. Claudia Lord, 1312 Carriage Ct., Apt. 4B, Laporte, 46350.

• 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
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp Season June 20 through Labor Day with after season events thru Oct. 10. Church Services Sun. 2:30 p.m. and 7:30, Tues. and Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri. 6:00 p.m.; Message Circles Wed. and Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Workshops 9:30 to Noon; Mon. Classes 7:30 p.m.; Healing Circles Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Private Readings all week 9:00-4:00. "Fri. Evening at the Temple" 8:00 p.m., chamber music (July 10 - Sept. 4). Lodging available. "Sailing Spirit Message Voyage" Limited, Reservations Required. Preseason: call or write Pres. Ernest Van Den Bossche, (207) 453-6133, 245 Main St., Fairfield 04937. Camp season: (207) 338-3039, THSC, 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/Pres., Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
Season opens June 7th till Labor Day; Camp phone (508) 291-0073; Sun. Serv. 2 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Service 7:30 p.m.; Mediums Day's - Message Circles - Workshops/Seminars scheduled; Pres., Mary Lou Baumhoff, (603) 898-8854, P.O. Box 2223, Salem, NH 03079-2223; Prior to season call or write Secretary: April Welch, 12 Gardenia St., Wareham, 02571, (508) 295-6654 for a full program.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (508) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Pres., Priscilla Herrick, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 777-4268.

SOMERSET - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
In Masonic Hall, 145 Pleasant St., Somerset, 02726; Mailing addr., 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725; Sunday Serv., Healing and Church Service at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (508) 994-9145; Pastor Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset, 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Georgette Biscari, 42 Anthony St., Acushnet, 02743, (508) 991-9145.

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., Daniel Duffy, 336 Salem St., #2, Medford, 02155, (781) 391-7791; Secy., Joyce C. Barlow, Box 873, 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.

• MISSOURI •

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.
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• NEW JERSEY •

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

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

• NEW YORK •

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

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

CLIFTON PARK - Spiritualist Open Center
1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, 12065, (518) 383-1931; Service: First Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Helen Scheer.

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.

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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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261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003, (516) 354-1395; Services every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Milagros G. Rivera; Pres., Dorothy Chusid.

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
P.O. Box 5, Ashley, 43003.

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

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

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
2272 Newgate Ave., 45420, (513) 256-2129.

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

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

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

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

• TEXAS •

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

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
4200 Ave. "D", 78751, (512) 458-3987; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Tom Denney; Corr. Secy., Beth P. Fitzherbert.

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.

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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
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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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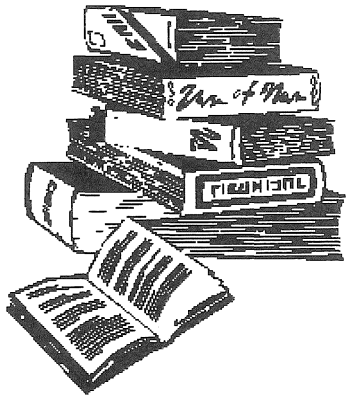
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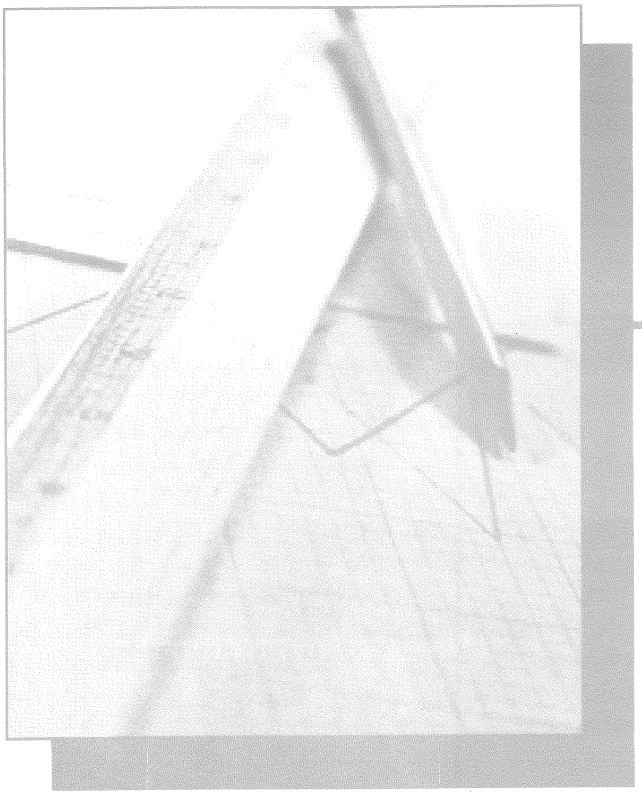
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 The Unseen Spirit is real, inspiring me with wonder.	**2** The mystery of life reveals the Infinite Creator.
3 All things that have been invented are inspired.	**4** Stars radiate their most brilliant light in the darkness.	**5** Every visible thing goes beyond what we see of reality.	**6** The healing touch is a sharing of Infinite Loving Energy.	**7** Spirit is conceiving something extraordinary in and as us.	**8** My life is renewed each moment, each day.	**9** I open the windows of my home and the windows of my soul.
10 God gave us Mother's that we may learn of life. Bless them.	**11** I wish happiness, health, success and joy to everyone I meet.	**12** I trust God and receive blessings that fill my cup to overflowing.	**13** I consciously accept and project only good.	**14** I accept God's Love, God's Life, and God's Light.	**15** Each day I am inspired to new growth, new understanding.	**16** The truth of my being is the truth of my acceptance of God.
17 There is eternal renewing and greatness in Nature.	**18** In moments of inactivity I listen for guidance within.	**19** A practice of stillness is a practice of healing.	**20** The power of my spirit is a most resourceful trailblazer.	**21** My love for God inspires me to look for good in all life.	**22** My sense of curiosity invites me to explore new places.	**23** I forgive, release and let go of the physical so I may embrace God.
24 Harmonic intervals in life show us we are Love.	**25** A higher Intelligence blesses all those who have served.	**26** Change brings growth into my life.	**27** Today I tone or chant healing sounds (such as aum) for oneness.	**28** My mind is an extension of the Eternal Mind or Spirit.	**29** Love alone is real, for love is an expression of God.	**30** The Cause in back of all things is a Source of all good.
31 Wherever I go I am at home, for the Living Spirit indwells me.		*Happy Mother's Day!*				

Can Your Spirituality Be Measured? or How Spiritual Are We?



BY SUSAN C. McREE, ARIZONA

When was the last time you asked yourself: Why do I go to a Spiritualist church? What is my motivation? What is my commitment to the religion? What am I willing to do for spiritual growth? These are important questions to consider. Because if we don't know the answers, then how can Spirit come to us to help us? How can Spirit come to us during meditation, or through our healers, or through the mediums to bring us the information and the comfort that we are seeking?

This takes an honest look inside ourselves, to see what is truly going on. What truly lies at the core of our being? Some of us know why we go to church. Some of us know what we want to ask spirit. When we are in the healing meditation, we have been taught to ask our questions and then wait and listen patiently for the answer from Spirit; to listen for the **real** answer and not the one that we want; disciplining ourselves to **really** listen, to become totally passive, to shut out all the noise and confusion of our daily lives.

These same questions might be applied to our every day life. How can we go through our life and not be clear with ourselves and those who are close to us on what it is that we are saying or thinking? Haven't we seen the havoc that this brings to us? Can we look back and say that we now can understand why there was such turmoil and such friction in our lives? The power of meditation and the communication of Spirit is closer, more clear at this moment. We should go into our meditation and be quite clear what we expect, what we want.

Think about this: Is your earthly life a reflection of your spiritual life: Look at this closely and honestly. Then you will know whether you are living a truly spiritual life. If you aren't as spiritual as you should be or would like to be, then the changes must be made in your meditations. For all things, good or bad, start with inner thought. Being a Spiritualist demands that we are honest with ourselves and therefore honest with Spirit, for this is the basis of all things.

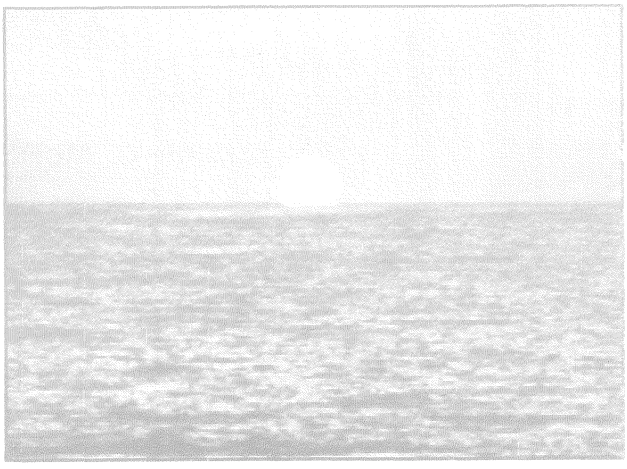
We do our part by doing our best to live a spiritual life, to be grateful for Spirit's help in our lives. If we do this in a dedicated manner, then we will see how our lives change for the better. There will be less friction and less confusion because we know what we are thinking. We know what we feel. We are more able to express this to others because we first express this to Spirit. Speaking with Spirit is speaking clearly with our minds and our hearts. They deserve nothing less. We deserve nothing less.

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I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
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I put my trust in the love and power of God.

Relax, You're Just Practicing!

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



We hear the words and use them all the time. We speak of a lawyer or a doctor practicing. We use the word practice in many ways. It can mean a habit, performance or professional activity. A few months ago I had the pleasure of hearing Sylvia Kincaid lecture on being a practicing Spiritualist. Perhaps because I have been having some difficulties, I found myself frequently doing a lot of thinking. Then one evening I heard the phrase, "Relax, you're just practicing."

I began to wonder how often our friends and loved ones must laugh at our earnest and sometimes self limiting behaviors. How often would they like to tell us to lighten up and realize that every gain, no matter how small, is a gain and that we are far more spiritual than we were not too long ago.

We all know the adage, practice makes perfect, and we also know, no matter how hard we try we will never be perfect in this plane of existence. The best thing we can do for ourselves is to keep a sense of humor about our own failings and short comings. Recognizing them as sign posts and challenges along the way that will help us to improve, acknowledging their existence and doing whatever possible to change those things we need to change without self-incrimination and flagellation.

Each of us has work to do and lessons to learn, but we do not need to make them more difficult than they are by constantly holding ourselves up to the mirror of dismay.

If you feel you have taken a wrong turn, then turn around and go back to the beginning. Perhaps you are feeling less than blessed at this moment.

Sometimes when we say count your blessings, it's difficult to remember how fortunate we are that there are so many wonderful things happening to us every day. We take our bodily functions for granted (as we should), but if you can find no other blessings to be grateful for, take time to listen to your breathing and think of all your body does for you without your thanks every day. Your body is a superbly low maintenance machine that doesn't ask for much in your daily schedule. Once in awhile it reminds you it needs

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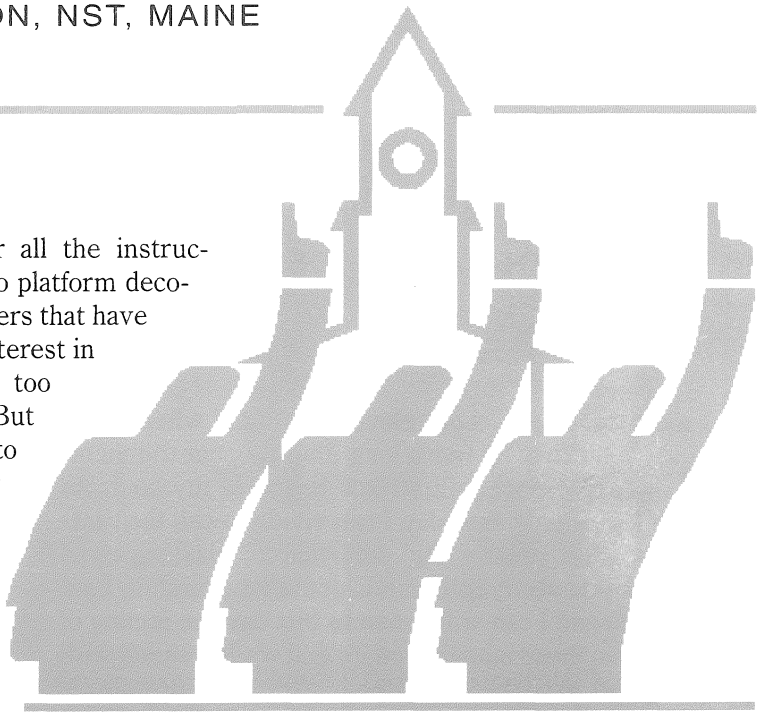
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THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF SPIRITUALISM!

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE



Our philosophy is very practical, we do not teach fear to keep people coming to church; we do not threaten death or damnation to the undedicated; or to those who ignore some ridiculous dress code (as was recently in the daily papers about a certain religious leader threatening death to those wearing wigs to their religious functions). Just because we do not have a religion of threats is no reason for not being dedicated to our belief system and backing it up in all ways possible.

Recently being asked to conduct a service in a local church so as to give the current **over-worked** pastor a break, I had an empty feeling when I realized that there was not one board member in the congregation, and furthermore not even a church member. When it came time to take the love offering, and looking at the congregation, I realized that a non-member, a stranger in the congregation had to be asked to take the collection and to make matters even worse as a visiting pastor, I had to hold the collection money until a board member could be contacted. I also had to leave the church unlocked as no one with a key was present. That showed a real lack of interest, and not much dedication in that church for its well being, or respect for our belief.

How must a visitor to this church view Spiritualism, when members and the board are so indifferent to performing their board functions? Sometimes those that do serve the church dress as though they have just finished jogging or working in the garden, even after all the instructions given as to platform decorum, and members that have pledged their interest in the church are too lazy to attend? But when it comes to a board meeting those same people will attend the meeting to criticize and argue with those doing their best to keep the church going. It is my feeling that if you wish to complain about the way the church is operated, you should be there to help straighten out any problems and give assistance to those that are trying to do their very best under difficult conditions to keep things going smoothly.

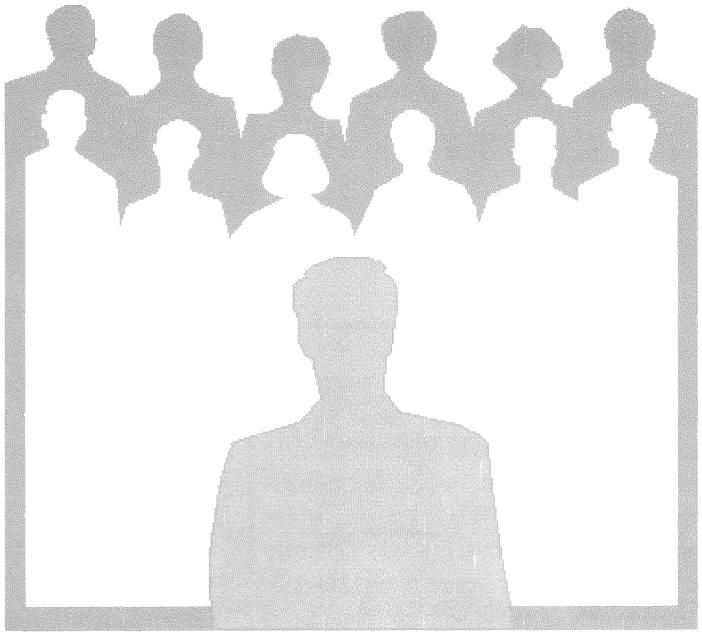
These are the same people that will come when their favorite medium is doing the service and state, "I hope the Medium gives me a message!" That is the foremost thought with many that are in the congregation of our churches. This is where we have made our big mistake and may be why many of our congregation are not as dedicated as they should be. What I mean by that is, that they come when they feel the need for communication from one who has passed on, or the hope of having the answer to their current problem, but not often for our wonderful philosophy or to show their support for the church of their choice and help to increase its membership by their being in the congregation and sharing the philosophy.

What are we not teaching that we should, or not expressing enough that is in our belief system that the population needs to meet the day-to-day stresses and strains of their every day existence? Do we teach enough about how to live today here on this earth? I have been repeatedly told from spirit that this is a school of learning. Are we helping the congregation to learn to cope with life's lessons?

The spirit message is the bonus, but the day-to-day philosophy as to how to handle life now is what is needed to help the general population. At a Sunday service there is a need to inspire the congregation and help them to face the coming week. They need words to lighten their spirit so they can look to life as a wonderful challenge, to be daily enjoyed even when things are not always going the way they would like. That should be what a church service is for. Then, just maybe, we would see more members attending regularly.

Hell's Fire

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA



I must have been about eleven-years-old when I first heard of "hell's fire." It was a long time ago, but the memory of the experience still strikes terror in my soul. As though it happened yesterday, I can vividly recall the ranting and raving of the big dark-haired, flashing-eyed preacher in that stuffy little fundamentalist church in East End Toronto and I can still sense to this day the feeling of the hair on my head standing on its end while I shook with fear and was drenched in perspiration. The preacher's never-ending theme was the tortures of hell and the need to escape its clutches and be "saved."

What if you should die tonight? the preacher shouted at the stricken audience.

What if a car should strike you dead? If you haven't been 'born again' my friends, then prepare to spend eternity in the flames of hell.

Fortunately, I had parents who heard about my experience and did their best to calm my fears. Although my parents belief in the after life was vague, and wouldn't satisfy me now that I am a Spiritualist, yet, I was comforted at the time. I was fortunate to have these parents, however, the images that the words "save" and "born again" brings to my mind continues to this day to fill me with fear and dread.

It profoundly saddens me to know that this kind of cruel preaching still goes on today in countless Christian churches all over North America, and I notice that television evangelists continue to flail away about "hell's fire" and "eternal damnation." Their reason, they say is "because it's in THE BOOK," yet, we know from reading Dante and Milton and studying Ancient Art that this idea is not only found in the Christian Bible, but somehow has become deeply imbedded in our Western culture.

From where did this idea come?

To search for the answer, we have to go back to the early religious life of mankind.

When we do this, we can find that the oldest descriptions of life after death are found in Babylonian writings as well as in the Hebrew Scriptures. It shows that people living in those times believed that at death the family circle was completed – in other words we joined our ancestors. There was a belief that the dead could guide the living, so ancestors were worshiped.

An example of this latter belief is found in the recorded history of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) which describes how a distraught King Saul disguised himself and went to the Witch of Endor to "bring up" the prophet Samuel from the dead. When Samuel appeared, he asked Saul, *Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?*

Another belief, the belief in She'ol, overlapped the ancient ancestor belief. This belief was especially strong in Babylonian religious life, and while the Jews were held captive in Babylon about 590 B.C. the idea became imbedded in early Judaism.

She'ol was believed to be an underworld place of departed spirits. We find She'ol first mentioned in the eighth century B.C. and there are many references to it in Hebrew Scriptures. The word She'ol comes from the root wood meaning "to be hollow" and is described as a hollow place under the earth or as a walled, subterranean city where there is neither hope nor joy of any kind.

In She'ol the dead feed on dust and murky waters in a shadow existence. There is no punishment or reward. When the Authorized Version of the Bible was translated, the translators gave "hell" to the word "She'ol" which created the false impression that the Jews believed in a fiery place of punishment from the beginning. But this is not a fact.

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The idea of "hell" as a place of fiery punishment for the wicked appears for the first time in Jewish writings in the second century B.C. This was because the Jews were under Greek rule at the time, and "hell" is considered a Greek word. It was the Ancient Greek philosopher, Plato, who taught the idea of a hell of torment for evildoers in the life to come.

Ancient Hebrews were also influenced by other Eastern religions, especially the religion that Zoroaster began in Ancient Persia. This religion teaches of the conflict between good and evil, light and darkness, culminating in the resurrection of the dead, a fiery judgment, and then the creation of a new world where there would be no more crying or pain.

It is not difficult to see how these ideas crept into Judaism (and from there was incorporated into Early Christianity) and there began a growing belief that God's concern for people included life after death. It is written that Job, in the midst of terrible sufferings was afraid that he would go down into She'ol and be no longer remembered.

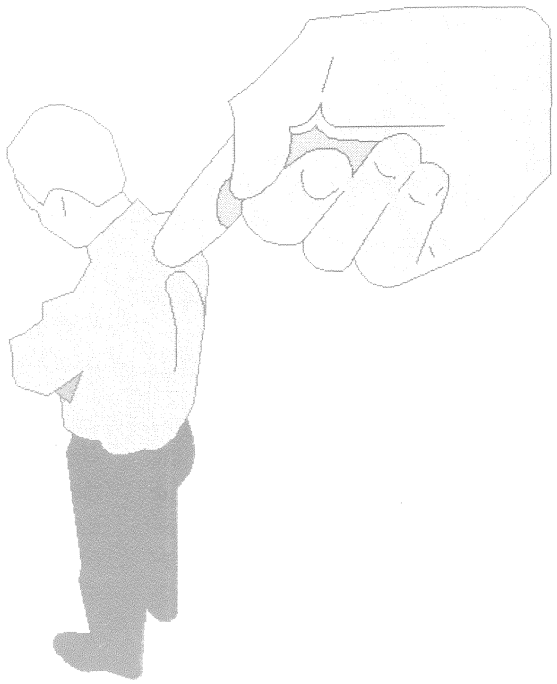
"Furnaces of fire" are seldom mentioned in the New Testament section of the Christian *Bible* until the last – the *Book of Revelations.* This book, however, was considered highly questionable by the Early Christian Church and it is not included in the Armenian and Syriac versions of *The New Testament.* Yet all across North America today *The Book of Revelations* fuels the fire of fundamentalist preachers who have a field day explaining the book as a blueprint for present and future world events. In Chapter 19 we can read about a "lake of fire" burning with "brimstone" (sulphur) where people will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Chapter 21 says: *The fearful, and unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, the sorcerers and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.*

From these texts, often believed wholly, literally and without discerning thought, the popular belief of "hell as a fiery furnace" has come about.

It is obvious to any reasonable inquiring mind that these words should not be taken literally, for they have nothing in common with the compassionate teachings of Jesus. Moreover, the Ancient scholar, Origen (185-254 A.D.), criticized at great length those who foolishly read the Scriptures in a crudely literal fashion.

The Anglican theologian, Rev. T. Harpur says: *Without question, the book of Revelation, has spawned more confused, speculative nonsense than any other book in the Bible and has even caused division among Christians through history.*

It is my opinion that this ridiculous belief in a "fiery hell" has helped to empty the Christian churches and made people search elsewhere for comfort. I, for one, cannot say too many times how happy I am and fortunate I feel to have escaped from the comfortless frightening



religions and to have found Spiritualism. For Spiritualism makes sense. It doesn't threaten or strike fear into our hearts. It answers questions on life after death in a reasonable manner.

Many Spiritualists, with guidance from the Spirit World, have described the after-life for us. Not one story contradicts another. One of our impeccable sources is Rev. Stainton Moses, who, in his inspired book, **Spirit Teachings,** has given us an account. He says: *So long as man is a physical being, physical acts will be important. But what is your true self? For when you leave this sphere, your true self will determine your future condition of existence. This is the true wisdom. He who fulfills his life according to his ability, with honesty and sincerity of purpose, and with a single desire to discharge it aright, earns his legitimate reward in happiness and progress.*

We say progress. The soul cannot rest in that which is past. At best it views the achievements of the bygone days as incentives for further progress. In perpetually progressing, it finds its truest happiness. There is no finality – none, none, none.

The spirit which has been slothful or impure gravitates necessarily to its congenial sphere and commences there a period of probation which has for its object the purification of the spirit from the accumulated habits of its earth-life; the remedying in remorse and shame of the evil done; and the gradual raising of itself to a higher state towards which each process of purification has been a step. Theirs is the punishment of transgression, not as arbitrary doom inflicted for all

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Questions & Answers

BY VICTORIA BARNES

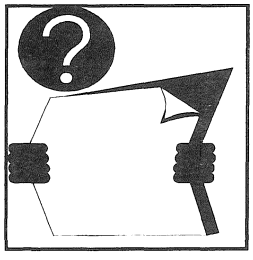
– Taken from *TNS*, April 1, 1942

Q Is it true our spirit friends can see us in the physical body, and that we can see them only after we have developed some form of clairvoyance? Is this process governed by the Law of Vibration?

A Through the faculty of Objective Clairvoyance, mediums are able to see spirit entities at certain times. However, there are innumerable records of where individuals whose psychic faculties were undeveloped, clearly saw their departed loved ones, especially during hours of rest and repose. Whenever and wherever conditions are favorable for such manifestations they occur. In the case of a "Materialization Seance," if the returning spirit is sufficiently evident all persons in the seance-room can see the entity.

Spirits from the Other Shore tell us they must develop clairvoyant vision, that they are not able to see their loved ones on this earth plane, because they have thrown off the physical body. Clairvoyance, it must be noted, is a faculty of spirit, therefore exists on both sides of life.

Necessarily, it resolves itself into a problem of vibration, in that all life is vibration. Through clairvoyance, one is able to catch the impingement of finer, quicker rates of vibration which escape the normal optic nerve. The ether of space acts as a lens reflecting to our psychic sensitiveness whatever is vibrating in harmonious attunement with our individual rate of vibration at the moment.



Q Is it true that Spiritualists, who admit a scientific side to their religion, deny the existence of matter? I have been told they claim everything is "Spirit" and therefore matter does not exist.

A Matter and spirit are in conjunction in man so are they found correlated throughout the universe. Spirit is able to manifest only through substance, therefore, matter is existent as a channel for the manifestation of spirit. First there are the smallest units of matter, which we call electrons and protons. Through the Laws of Attraction and Cohesion they are built up into atoms, molecules and nucleated cells, from which visible and tangible substances are in turn, built up, which is recognized as matter. Back of all is Spirit Power.

THE UNKNOWN NEXT DIMENSION *(Continued from page 5.)*

loved one out of the physical.

- **The Light** – a brilliant, dazzling or blinding (but gentle) light is a common element, which most feel is a being made of light. This being is filled with love and warmth and the soul feels surrounded by it and a part of it.

Researchers have all reported that those who have experienced a NDE agree that they will never again fear dying. That once one has glimpsed, even the briefest moment of the Spirit World, they know that the consciousness continues and that there is a beautiful, loving existence beyond. They never forget this next level of consciousness or the passage across the sacred boundary. Most return to their physical lives with a resolve to change, to grow, to help and love other people and to become more caring, more spiritual.

The Spirit World, or life after life, is a grand vision which awaits us when we have completed God's physical plan or purpose for our being in this expression. That which the Divine Source has created cannot die, it just transforms and the Angel's rejoice. "There is not death, there are not dead."

How is Magnetic Healing Achieved?

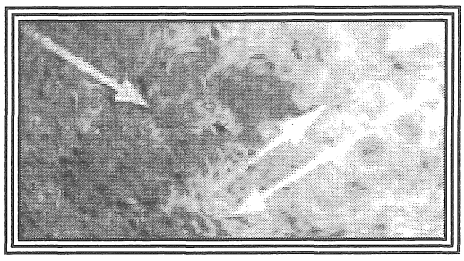
BY MADELINE EDWARDS

Magnetic Healing follows the Laws of Attraction and Repulsion. First of all a Magnetic Healer must be vital and strong Mentally and Physically in order to receive and utilize this Magnetic Power. Magnetism is drawn from the Ethers and taken into the body by Vibrations. The strong Magnetic Force is generated in the body and when needed finds its way into the Aura where it fuses, as it were, with the elements of disease in the Aura of the one to be healed. Thus the healing takes place with the Aura and disease is allayed or even cured – with no ill effects upon the Healer.

This type of Healing is helpful in cases where a patient has *only a Desire* to be helped or healed, but has done nothing toward accomplishing same. It could be one who has never prayed for Healing or even one who does not believe in prayers.

It is also worthy of note that the Magnetic Healer need not touch the body of the seeker, since the benefit takes place in the Aura. Hence only the presence of each is essential.

It is quite evident that Jesus understood this Magnetic Healing Power for in, Luke 8th, Verse 45-46 He is quoted as saying, "Who was it that touched me?" When all had denied it, Peter said, "Master the Multitudes surrounded you and press upon you" – But Jesus said – "Some one touched me for I perceive that power has gone forth from me."



We are all familiar with the story of the Woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed.

In London, 1875, there was a celebrated healer, James McGeary, called Dr. Mack. He used to magnetize pieces of paper or fabric to be used at the patients home to assist their cure. He magnetized them under Spirit Guidance, either by holding them in his hands, breathing on them, or by carrying them on his person. Washing the paper or fabric did not remove the magnetic influence. He also magnetized water, which could be used externally or internally.

Clairvoyants seeing these papers, said they could see a distinguishing Aura, which varied in color, according to the different sufferers for whom they were suitable.

They also stated, they saw emanations of various colors passing from him and entering the body of the sufferer and vice versa.

RELAX, YOU'RE JUST PRACTICING!

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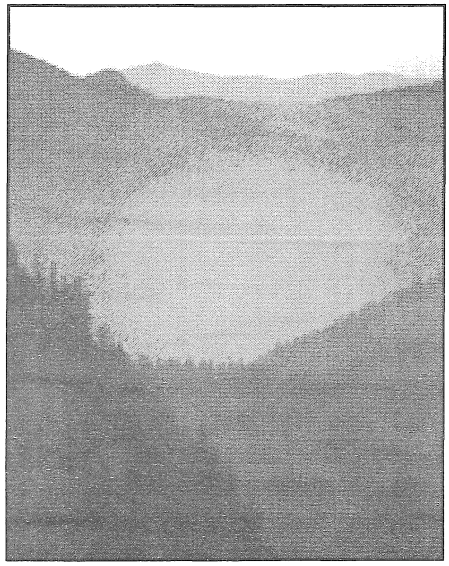
something fixed but, by and large, you go about your business expecting to be healthy and it serves you very well.

Does it seem your world is a grey and dingy place to be? Marvel at the changing seasons and if the sun isn't shining today, watch for it tomorrow. The world is full of beauty for everyone if we would only learn to see it. How many times have you traveled back and forth to work and don't remember seeing anything on that old familiar route? Next time take the time to look for something new. You may be surprised at all the things you never saw before.

Sometimes we try so hard to be what we are not that we forget to appreciate what we are, an exquisite individual made in the image of the God of our understanding. The best thing about that is the more we learn, the more we recognize how Infinite that Intelligence is and how limiting our finite view is at the moment.

We all know of times when we have struggled so hard with something that we just couldn't get it, then when we relaxed and returned to it later, it was so simple and so easy we wondered why we didn't get in the first place. Let us remember as we study, listen, and work toward our spiritual goals, to relax and enjoy the endeavor for itself. There are many rewards in the discovery of talents we didn't know we possessed, awareness we thought impossible and dreams we had set aside that suddenly beckon again.

Let's relax and remember we are practicing Spiritualists. We are practicing so that our new gained knowledge and skills will become an innate part of us. Eventually we will find what was once practice is now our actual performance. You are not the person you were yesterday, you are not the person you will be tomorrow, so make the most of this moment in your life. Relax and keep on practicing.



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 F. Merlon Cole of Augusta Spiritualist Church in Augusta, Maine.*

All the great religions of the world have some basis of the spirit or the soul continuing after death of the physical body. They have developed ideas of what, if any, portion of an individual survives after death. Philosophers have spent time and effort in determining the great field of birth, dying, death and the hereafter, the better to understand life itself.

Death has been the inspiration for most of the earthly endeavors one can think of, from the man with the hoe to the woman with the harp. We have progressed from the belief of injuries suffered by the opening of Pandora's box to where we now place credence in our personal responsibility for the good or ill in our earthly sojourn. Through mediums, we have proof of some type of life beyond the grave and that it is not very far from the energy of heightened physical awareness to that other life.

Many Americans do not accept the idea of continuous life, perpetual existence beyond this earth and all its beautiful attractions. Because of this denial, huge fortunes are spent that serve to keep persons young and so-called healthy which might better be allocated for the improvement of the mind and spirit. In some parts of the world, mainly the eastern countries, more attention is given to progress in spiritual pursuits than in trying to retain the physical status quo. This attitude tends to produce more compassionate, more self-effacing and humble people. They understands better the theory, and practice of assisting the dying in their time of need.

This time of need arises where the person feels it is necessary to sum up and straighten out the possessions s/he has acquired and to balance the score with friends, acquaintances, all other associates. Also, to refreshen contacts with the spiritual side of existence, if s/he had any. We note that there are some who will deny any spiritual thought or inclination, even unto death. It may take them a while in the next dimension to adjust to a place they denied existed.

The Spiritualist approach in the matter of death and dying, is a recognition of the limited earthly life and that the continuation of the spirit is a proven fact. From the time we are born we strive to learn and understand, to progress and to help others progress, to deny and try to eliminate all negative thoughts and actions that would injure ourselves or others. We attempt to break away from the narrow path of physical attainments and reach out to the beckoning broad fields of what is termed "light and love".

We do not deny death. We accept it as a bit of life, a doorway between rooms, a penetrable veil from one station to another. There is neither loss nor gain in this transition, merely the opportunity to progress to further adventures yet unknown. We can take with us anything necessary to our pursuit of perfection, even if we never reach that impossible goal – love, peace, gentleness, thoughtfulness, hope, all these and more; feelings and memories of our friends and loved ones and our caring for them.

The epistle of John illustrates as follows: *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.* As Spiritualists, we understand that we are not yet fully aware of our future path and how best to follow it, but should rely on Infinite Spirit to provide us with help. As the way unfolds we will see it.

On the other side of the veil, it is probable that we will begin on an even footing, taking up where we so recently left off. From the messages received through mediums, we may continue the work, the thoughts, the dreams we had in the physical. We may meet old friends and relatives as well as new acquaintances, all willing to welcome and assist us to adjusting to this newly discovered life. Perhaps we may bring with us some thing or thought or purpose with which to please our ethereal forebears. Who of us really knows until we arrive there, yet through mediumship we obtain a glimpse of the wonderful, beautiful Spirit Sphere.

Of one constant we may be sure, and that is "change". We can listen to music with the physical ears and find it perfect, yet in the higher realm it may be even more refined, and our sense of reception may also change. Our friends and loved ones beyond perceive more clearly, practice positive living, and work toward their soul's purpose. If we can carry over to them our sincere love and our will to acquire further knowledge of the spiritual life, and to express to them our purest motives in doing so, there can be no doubt that we will gain greater understanding and appreciation of all they have to offer.

A Call to Serve Answered – an Ordination

It was the afternoon of Sunday, January 4th, 1998. Months of preparation was manifesting as a whirlwind of activity as church members and associates buzzed around the kitchen preparing the reception, in the sanctuary ensuring that it was just right and in the board room reviewing last minute details of the service. A variety of activities, all with a single goal, the ordination service of John C. Meerschaert, LM.

Our guest ministers, the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST; and the Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST; having driven a great distance and having overcome many obstacles to their attendance at this event would preside over and perform the service.

The time had come. The man that we'd seen serve spirit, the church and fellow souls through his mediumship, healing and guidance would be walked down with isle by one of his mentors and past President of the church, Carol Gasber. Witnessing the event were representatives of many churches, many denominations. The NSAC churches represented were the Church of Two Worlds, The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, The First Psychic Science Church, The Way Memorial Temple, The Memorial Spiritualist Church, and The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church. In all, there were 87 souls in the physical and an untold number in Spirit that witnessed the charge of service, John's acceptance of the commitment to serve, and finally, the ordination.

It was an emotional and inspiring event to witness as each individual came forth and welcomed our new minister, the Reverend John C. Meerschaert.



Rev. John C. Meerschaert

New Missionaries

Three new NSAC Missionaries have been appointed and assigned the following areas:

Drew Vogt	- *New Mexico*
Rev. Carol Rice	- *Kentucky*
Jean Hamner	- *Texas*

Congratulations to each of these dedicated Spiritualists!

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"A big worry drives out a small one, and since there is always a bigger worry coming along, you have nothing to worry about.

– Ben Holden

Saint Teresa is to have said:
"More tears were shed by prayers that were answered than by those that were not."

"Why worry when you can pray?"

– Edgar Cayce

"The power of the visible is the invisible."

– Marianne Moore

"The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent upon it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it has nothing else in the universe to do."

– Galileo Gallilei

"Who is rich? He who rejoices in his portion."

– Talmud

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Class size is limited. Early registration is necessary. Cost is $300.00 with a deposit of $50 required sixty (60) days in advance and full payment required thirty (30) days in advance. Complete information for the site will be sent upon payment of a deposit. If eight students are not enrolled for a session thirty days in advance, the session may be cancelled.

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1998 SITES and DATES

Lily Dale, New York
Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp: Two Week Session
May 18 - 9:00 a.m. Orientation
May 18 thru May 29 Classes
Instructors:
Rev. Cosie L. Allen, NST and Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

Oakland area, California
August 10 - 9:00 a.m. Orientation
August 10 thru August 20 Classes
Instructors:
Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST and Rev. Donald Nauratil, NST

Lily Dale, New York
Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp: Split Session
Week One - May 18-23 - 9:00 a.m. Orientation
Week Two - September 12-18
Instructors:
Rev. Cosie L. Allen, NST and Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

Classes: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m., as indicated
Sundays - specified church assignments
Materials: List will be provided upon payment of deposit. Required books will be provided.

"Guidance means that I can count on God; Commitment means that God can count on me."

HELL'S FIRE *(Continued from page 29.)*

eternity by an angry god, but the inevitable doom of remorse and repentance and retribution.

We know of no store of merit save that which man lays up for himself by slow and laborious processes. We know of no entrance to the spheres of bliss save by the path which they themselves have trod; no magical incantation by which the sinner may be transformed into the saint.

In many ways, the after-life belief of our North American Indians resembles Modern Spiritualism. Especially is this true among the Ojibway Indians living near Georgian Bay, Ontario. Art Soloman, an internationally respected spokesperson for the Ojibway peoples describes native spirituality this way: *There is a deep awareness of living in two worlds at the same time. The spiritual world is so penetrated by the natural world and the natural so surrounded by the spiritual, that life and death, and life beyond death, all seem to flow in unity. Death is as natural as birth, part of the life process. We are spiritual beings and our journey here on Earth is very short. It only makes sense that death is the gateway to our return to the spiritual world that gave us birth.*

Soloman goes on to say: *The Ojibway believe that after death, each of us has to give an account of how we used the gifts entrusted to us. There is no concept of hell or enduring punishment, but his people believe there will be an experience of remorse or shame for misdeeds or failure to obey the spirit guides. Soloman gives several examples of the dead returning as spirit-people to warn a person of impending trouble or to remind a person of his or her mission of life.*

We are indeed fortunate and blessed to have Modern Spiritualism and we can be grateful for our pioneers, who, in spite of ridicule and conflict, together with the spirit guides from the Spirit World have formed and fashioned this beautiful religion.



Moma's Apple Pie

by James R. Woodhams

Moma, where are you now,
I miss your apple pie;
Moma, come back somehow,
and fill my empty mind.

Moma cookin apple pies,
in the kitchen in my heart;
I never really missed her much,
until we grew apart.

Up in the Spirit World,
Moma's always lookin back;
Bakin my sweet apple pies,
each time I cry and laugh.

In my heart, I know,
her love is still true blue;
When I hear, words in my ear,
whisp'rin "I love you".

Can't forget my Moma,
even tho' she's up above;
Tho' Moma's now in Spirit,
I still hold her love.



If

by Mildred E. Wrightman

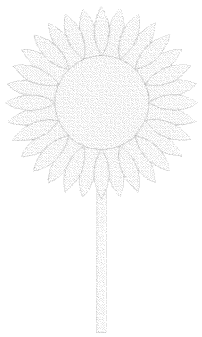
If death is the end and there's nothing more.
Then what good's religion what's it all for?
If there's no tomorrow when we breathe
Our last, then forget today it's just part of the past.
But if God is eternal then so are we.
He's part of you, he's part of me.
If everyone knows that God can't die,
Than neither will you, neither will I.
We just change our forms quick as a sneeze.
The new for the old finally free as a breeze.
It's not a long trip, not far to roam,
Just a different dimension called
Home sweet home.



"Let us see the beauty,
the glory and the grace
that surround us in the springtime
as the smiling of God's face"
– Helen Steiner Rice

Kaleidoscope of Spring

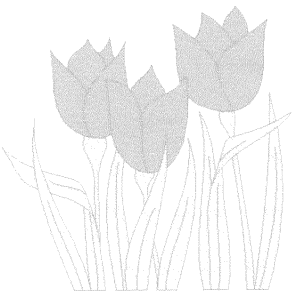
by Mona K. Guldswog



Children come riding down the street
On shiny bicycles, swift and fleet.
Laughter pealing after silver rain.
Calling rainbows out again.
Yellow shafts of sunbeams swirl
Through leaves beginning to unfurl.
Pastel petals drift and tease
With each happy errant breeze.
Life is iridescence on the wing
In the lovely kaleidoscope of spring.

How?

by Merry Browne



How does Spirit
do and dare?
Not with surface concern
but heartfelt care
Not with a kind thought
from within
but with rolled up sleeves
that pitches in
Not with a nod
from the side of the road
But an oft bent back
that lifts the load

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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