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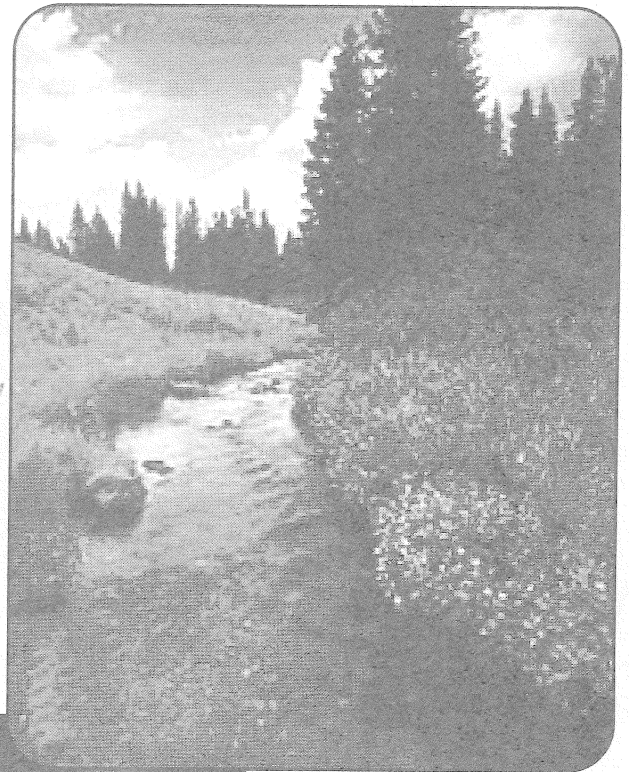
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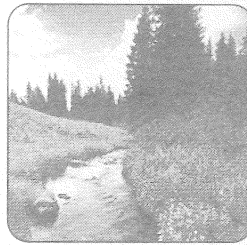
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What and where is God? This is an age-old question reiterated in the mind of every searcher from sage to savage, today and in all the yesterdays. Early god-concepts began in the age of ignorance and misconception, and as intellectual understanding grew earlier concepts were released, but still this question was never really completely answered.

Each religion had their names such as Allah, Jehovah, Infinite Intelligence, God but the names do not solve that mystery or answer the question. The various religions gathered inspired writings together and held them sacred. Throughout the *Zend Avesta*, the *Koran*, the *Old Testament* and the *New Testament*, the *Vedas* and other sacred books there is remarkable similarity in the main doctrines, even though each is influenced by preconceived ideas, the philosophy of the times and the history surrounding the lessons.

Science established the theory of creation through the knowledge of evolution. Science also demonstrates that all that is created is not destroyed, it merely changes form, changes its rate of vibration. There is no death.

Further understanding that life does not end with the death of the physical body, but continues to evolve, brings the question: If I am to evolve, do I grow more God-like? What and where is God? Through mediumship and communication with the Spirit World we have learned more about the next dimension and I have never heard or read that God has a big castle on the highest mountain? If God is not in the next dimension where is the Creator? Our Spirit helpers have also talked about the Laws of God. Can we know the Infinite by knowing the Laws?

I was guided to Spiritualism over nineteen years ago and was really excited to discover this philosophy that filled in the spaces and answered so many questions. However, it also took some firmly held beliefs and shook them all up, especially my concept of God. This was a concept that really I had not examined but rather accepted. God, in my mind, was reminiscent of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel with the wise grandfatherly/kingly type of gentleman reaching out to touch His creation and instill life into humanity.

I remember in the sixties, my hippie days, I referred to the Infinite as "Big Daddy in the Sky." Later events in my life made me question if there was a God and other events led me to know for sure a Higher Power surrounded, guided and influenced all life. I learned that reality was not just the earth plane but a vast, timeless, spaceless, non-physical realm of consciousness. Consciousness is interconnected with all life, with Divine Consciousness.

Spiritualism does not confirm an Anthropomorphic God, a being in the image of humans, with a personality that chooses to react to our prayers in an arbitrary manner. Along with my changing beliefs I questioned how do I relate to something that is Infinite? As an energy force? As Infinite Intelligence, Divine Mind? As Natural Law? As too distant

and unknowable to relate to? What should I say in my prayers to some Divine Source that was not personal?

My old anthropomorphic understanding of God was as a Being separated from the earth plane, dwelling in a heavenly sphere, divided into a triune Being. Now Spiritualism was teaching me about the Creative Force or Spirit in all life, an energy force of love, called Infinite Intelligence; of Life pro-

Questions and *More* Questions?

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



pelled by Unconditional Love and ruled by Immutable, Impartial Divine Law.

Still I had questions about who I was praying to. Was it my spirit guides? Who answered my prayers? If there are no miracles and all is Law, why pray? Through scientific research and personal experience I had found wonderful power in prayer, wonderful power in giving a problem to the God of my understanding. Now I wasn't sure what my understanding was. I didn't know if I was closer to a truth or further away, but at least I was thinking and asking within, rather than just accepting. In all this thinking about God and prayer, I was spending quality time with Spirit. In my mind, my personal God was replaced by the White Light. When I closed my eyes to pray I would look for the White Light which often then changed to a beautiful Purple Light.

Natural Law makes sense and was a guiding principle I could align with to establish a working basis to learn more about myself and more about the Infinite. Just considering the various titles that others have called God helped bring some understanding. Infinite Intelligence, Guiding Principle, the All in All, the Undefinable, the Cosmic Energizer, the Living Spirit, the Divine Source, Universal Mind, the Almighty, the Great Creator, God/Goddess, Universal Law, Supreme Energy, Eternal Light, Creative Intelligence, Loving Totality, Supreme Truth – each of these names of the

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Nameless bring some descriptive aspect of the Ultimate Power of the Universe which is beyond comprehension. How can we understand Infinity, Totality, the Alpha and Omega? How can a limited mind relate to a Force that is Unlimited?

Maybe some of the rest of you have experienced some similar questions and ideas, so I thought I might share my thoughts on how I finally came to peace with my relationship with Infinite Intelligence.

We know that we are part of God, part of the whole and all life is connected. We also believe that the Divine Creator is within all that has been created, expressing through each creation. This is where we can personalize the God Power. **Within!** Our basic nature is spirit which is trusting, loving and simple. Through our physical life we have covered or buried much of our spiritual nature and our inner searching often finds difficulty restoring the joy of just being. There is a quiet place within us where the soul may receive guidance and direction. It is where one meets the God Part and invites It into all of life's experiences. The Great Designer gave us free will to direct our thinking in order to access the Universal Energy and Power. The big problem is most of us don't have a clue as to specifically how we should direct our thoughts for what is best for us or another. Maybe it is not as important to know what needs to be done as to knowing where energy needs to be directed and then to send Life's Light and Love to that area, person, situation or position.

The inner silence is the great healer, the Divine whisper, the teacher of truths, the essential self. It is the Living Spirit of the Cosmic Mind. Jesus taught (Luke 17:21) "The Kingdom of God is within you." This is where you find your connection to the higher Life Force.

There is no separation from the Divine Creator for the Inner Light of God is the personal light or life force within each of us. God became not my personal "Big Daddy in the sky," but my personal inner world, inner Light, inner Joy, inner inspiration. Each time I let go of the material realm and enter into the spirit within, the inner consciousness, there is peace, purpose, sometimes answers and always upliftment. The Divine Source inspires me and I may co-create with ease. Of course the ego and control desires return, but more and more I let go and allow my Inner Essence to guide me and bless me.

My consciousness is connected to the Great All and though I am just a spark of light, this sparkling energy is in my every cell and I now know I can contact this inner Universal Energy or Spirit Force. God is an Inner Presence. God is Divine Principle of Light, Love, Law and Life.

Have you ever questioned why you desire to know Divine Spirit? Is it to feel that joyous and uplifting Divine Love? Or is it so you can receive the gifts of Spirit? Paramahansa Yogananda wrote: "As God is the Essence of our being, we cannot truly express ourselves until we learn to manifest His presence within us." The material, outer world cannot bring us lasting satisfaction, only knowing ourselves

through knowing more of God brings us peace.

We often think of God as an impersonal spirit and feel that anything else would be limiting. Yet if the Creator is impersonal why would the energy be within each creation? Why would we have a specific purpose for being, a reason to be of service of God and the Universe? Infinite Intelligence/God is everything. Personal and impersonal, all energy, all love, all pathways, all creation. By creating you and me and being within us, a part of us, God became very personal and can be your best friend to talk to. Communicate with God with a feeling of closeness, confidence and unconditional love as you would a loving father or mother. More than any other relationship we will rightfully and naturally receive a truthful



reply. The essence of Spirit is love, so God is moved or reached by love. When we pray or meditate, the Universal Power flows through our being and we open ourselves to receive and grow in the Light.

If we communicate with our mind only, our prayer will be weak and we will not personalize our connection with God and the response received will be in accordance to our energy, drawing a weak answer. Speaking within to the Divine Spirit with an open heart, with a knowing that there is a closeness and unconditional love, a knowing that God loves us no matter what we do or have done, then do we have positive, responsive energy with our prayers.

Love is the highest form of energy. Our love for God, for life, for others, for ourselves – this is the only gift we can give to the Infinite Source. We will not be happy or healthy until we give love and are open to receive love. All life is about growing in our capacity to love, this is the secret to the game of living. The Essence of your being is God. The Essence of your being is spirit and love. Each time you attain more love, you will attain more contentment and you will know you can and do connect with the Higher Spirit, the All-Power. God is Cosmic Consciousness, aware of all individual creation of Consciousness and expressing through this energy. Believe: Universal Love and Light manifests through me, through you, through all life.



Powerful urges lurk in all life. As a salmon struggles and strives to return to its spawning ground, so there lies in each human being an overwhelming impulse, which craves a close relationship with the Higher Power we often call God. There is a struggling and striving to attain perfection – to be God-like, as God is perfect. Often the struggle is unconscious – other times, a deliberate effort is made for perfection.

There are no short cuts. There is no easy path to find our God and be like Him/Her. It's a long, sometimes arduous path, often filled with pitfalls for the unwary and discouragement for those who seek the **easy way** – or the **quick fix**.

Our urges are built-in, but knowing our paths and how to accomplish our mission is not inherited. We must master these ourselves. We must somehow learn through our own faculties to find the way.

We too, must know Spiritual Laws, for many find themselves on a dead-end road, and sometimes even a path of peril.

Nowhere than in these modern times is this more apparent. Many, hold that since God, Infinite Intelligence is Love, Truth and Wisdom, they may, by emulating this, meditating, and attempting to realize a one-ness, somehow, miraculously, attain wisdom, perfection and bliss. God is Infinite, we are finite.

The Spiritualist, Dr. Carl Wickland (psychiatrist) says to emulate God "Is as impossible as it would be to teach a child in kindergarten, the university curriculum. As it is impossible for the undeveloped mind to intelligently perceive the nature of the Divine Principle, it behooves us to appreciate that the Divine Mind has arranged matters so that wisdom cannot be implanted, but must be attained, step by step, through experience."

Moreover, modern mystic practices, such as **living on a higher plane** or **attaining mastery by overcoming** keeps the nervous system in a nervous tension. These occult disciplines advocate meditation for **development**, sitting in silence, diet changes, etc. to reach the exalted state of "I AM."

Dr. Wickland goes on to say, "Such practices produce negativism, a condition of SELF-HYPNOSIS and an undue sensitivity to influences from outside sources. The devotees may receive 'inspirations' and even 'hear voices' which are presumed to originate from Christ or God, but being ignorant about psychic laws, they may not realize that these are usually only deceptions instigated by ignorant discarnate entities."

This trying to attain the **Christ Spirit** or **Mastership** not only brings about a negative **dream-like state** but stunts the faculties for thinking and reasoning.

Carl Jung, the famous Swiss psychologist and psychiatrist also speaks strongly about purposefully altering our states of

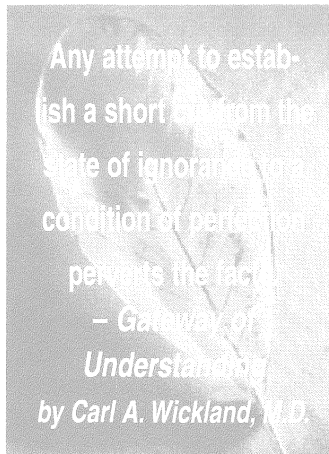
consciousness – such as inducing **dream-like states** from prolonged meditation. He says in his book, *Basic Writings* –

"The ego is a hard-and-fast complex which being tied to consciousness . . . **SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED**. For when it is altered (such as by deliberately producing dream-like states, prolonged meditation, intoxication from alcohol or drugs, self-

induced hypnosis, etc) violent irruptions of unconscious contents flow into the consciousness (ego)."

There Are No Short Cuts

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA



The images of the unconscious are not produced by consciousness, but have a reality and spontaneity of their own. Often the ego proves too weak to resist the influx from the unconscious, producing a blurring or darkening of ego consciousness.

No wonder that the primitive either sees in these moods a state of possession or considers them as **loss of the soul**. Today, we say, "I don't know what has got into him" or "He is beside himself" or "He behaves as if possessed."

Jung goes on to say, "When the ego is dissolved, it gives rise to a sort of superman with a puffed-up ego and a deflated self."

From the writings of these two renowned psychiatrists (as well as others), we can understand that altering our state of consciousness is not a short-cut. It is a perilous road to take.

Growing closer to God can only be found through reason and judgement – by using our mind – not 'numbing' it or altering it.

Infinite Intelligence in wisdom brought about a school of limitations, where the spirit takes earthly form and is allowed to follow its own devices for a time. Pain, disappointment and disillusionment may be met, but these will unfold the thinking faculty and bring into perspective, right from wrong.

This sensing will bring great wisdom, and will show the spirit that material things are but the means to an end.

When the spirit becomes aware of itself while in the physical, it will recognize that it is part of Infinite Intelligence – therefore, each individual will slowly acquire the realization of oneness with the Supreme – the Source of its Being.

Everyone has a mind. It's one's greatest God-given asset, which should not be purposefully altered nor abused. If the mind is eliminated from an individual an imbecile is produced, for the mortal mind is a part of the ego (consciousness) – that faculty which receives knowledge.

No experience can be bought, nor can it be transferred to another. As the grades of school from kindergarten to university are all essential factors in cultivating and enlightening the mind, so in the schools of intellectual and spiritual knowledge, experience, obviously, is a necessity.

There are no short-cuts – no **magic** – no **quick fixes** on one's spiritual pathway, and it's a road all must independently travel.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING

— Prayer for Spiritual Healing —

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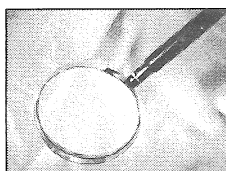
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

*I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones
who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.*

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

Does Your Church Need A Healing?

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE



Most of us that go to a Spiritualist church, at some time have received benefit from spiritual healing. We think of healing usually as a means of correcting a personal problem, but do our churches also need a healing? On a recent Sunday I compared notes with the pastors of three different churches about their attendance, the total attendance of the three Spiritualist churches was thirty-four, that is a little over eleven per church, and I hear that it is similar in many areas of the country.

Have you heard these comments among your congregation? I was able to get tickets for SUCH & SUCH show or concert for only \$17.50, they aren't the best seats but at least I will be there; or I had to pay \$100.00 to get tickets for that game but it will be worth it; or what about the 900 psychic numbers at up to \$3.98 per minute and you can guess what that runs up to. These and similar comments are heard at times among the congregation when they are taking a break from a class or a service.

When did you last see a \$50.00 bill in the collection plate? I only saw it once several years ago. How many \$20.00 bills do you see in the collection plate? Not many I bet. It seems to be that the church is at the bottom of the list as far as the family budget is concerned in most cases. There are a few exceptions, but generally the church gets the leftovers after the necessities and luxuries of life are taken care of. It makes one wonder if what we are presenting is so uninteresting that we are at the bottom

of the financial spectrum. Sometimes it seems that the congregation feels the church has no expenses, they don't seem to realize that the church has similar expenses to their home: heat, water, electric, insurance, sewer, repairs and many others often at a higher business rate than their home rate.

This is something we have to face, either we are not doing our job to hold the interest of the congregation, not inspiring them, or today's population just do not care about spiritual matters. If they don't care about the spiritual side of life then what are we doing spending our time trying to present a beautiful philosophy that there is very little interest in. Something is very wrong.

It is true that people feel they need some entertainment, vacations and a break from today's stressful life, but there is no escape from what is within. You carry your problems, debts, stresses with you, they are a part of you, it is only by spiritual change that you can relieve yourself of them. After a vacation the problems are still there, maybe sometimes worse because you have spent more than you should or are more in debt on a credit card.

It is a sad situation that when we see twenty or thirty in the congregation we feel it is a good Sunday service. Sometimes there are only eight or ten if something else of interest is going on in the community, when only a few years ago our pioneers looked out on hundreds and sometimes thousands in their congregations. It is true that it is not only the Spiritualist churches having this problem but it is general with many

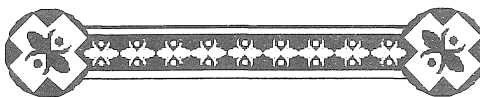
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Synchronicity is often described as a brief experience when all things are working together in harmony for the good of all. These seeming coincidences are what we constantly strive towards in our spiritual pursuits. Synchronistic spiritual experiences are those which are unforgettable because they bring feelings of elevation, elation, and joyfulness that are difficult to explain. Spiritual synchronicity is a feeling that results from a deeply harmonious experience. Everything *clicks* as we enter a realm where spiritual boundaries seem non-existent and spirit is allowed the freedom to work its own magic through us. It is impossible to demonstrate spiritual synchronicity; it can only be experienced.

Reading, listening to/talking with others, and being in the silence (meditation/prayer) leads us into learning. This experiential learning gives us knowledge, and knowledge is a great encourager because it invites us to encourage even more experience into our lives. It is the combination of knowledge (mental growth) and experience (spiritual growth) that leads us into wisdom – into *the knowing* – which frees us at some basic internal level. It is this very freedom which is at the source of renewing us spiritually. Wisdom also encourages us to continue to explore uncharted internal territories at deeper and deeper levels. In these depths is where we uncover spiritual truths and begin to integrate them into our lives . . . we

Synchronicity

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, MAINE



learn about spiritual wisdom, which is synchronicity's wings.

In order to reach this level of comfort with spiritual exploration, we must involve our triune being of body, mind and soul. Our body must feel a comfort level as it prepares to make a connection. Our mind, which is filled with knowledge, must be clear and uncluttered. Our spirit-filled soul must feel the freedom within which it can expand and grow. Spiritual awareness is about exploring the inner mysteries, which we long to embrace at some fundamental level.

Because our behaviors are learned through our thinking processes, our spiritual responsiveness is also usually a learned response. However, a synchronistic experience is not learned, but comes as a result of concentrated and focused application of the body, mind and soul energies. We learn to prepare ourselves, then we "open" and wait. Imagining, which involves trust, is often the doorway into the spiritual realm. *Spiritual growth is about the elevation of trust and the reduction of fear.*

There is no spiritual truth; there

are only new experiences of its revelations. *Our personal spiritual wisdom increases as our knowledge expands. This is why education is so important in Spiritualism.*

We probably will change our minds about some of our beliefs as our spiritual wisdom expands. We become more and more free when we realize that there is no limitation to knowledge, truth, wisdom and growth.

Synchronistic experiences leave us hungry for more. It is this yearning which leads our spiritual growth forward. All of this is about mindfulness – about listening with an open heart to what our previous experience has taught us. This will take us to higher levels of spiritual competency, which pave the runway for the occurrence of more and more synchronistic experiences. In the seeking we are surrendering, and surrendering is a requirement in order to experience synchronicity. Surrender can be filled with either fear or trust; the choice is ours. Having the courage to surrender is like going into the eye of the storm where all is quiet and peaceful. Then, and only then, can we experience the connection that we know as *being touched by the hand of God*.

The experience of synchronicity leaves a profound impact, and it is often a life-altering event. This experience of unity with the source of all creation brings a certainty of immortality. This glorious revelation is about meeting God face-to-face within our heart. ❧

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A HEALING?

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religious institutions (with a few exceptions of the religious programs shown on TV).

This low attendance demonstrates that those working in the religious field are not giving the general public what they feel they need. Are our services too boring for the modern generation? Are there ways we can get our message across that are more suitable to our modern times?

Do we spend too much of our convention time on endless Bylaw

changes, to please just a few, when we should look at the big problem as to how to fill our churches. Maybe positive church changes would help cure our financial problems.

I don't think the fault is with our religion, science or philosophy, but maybe in the way it is presented. Do you see some in the congregation dozing off during part of the service and I don't believe they are in trance? Are our services positive enough and do they give enough of the spiritual values to

help face the stresses of the coming week? People need something to hold on to, to help them through this material life, that according to spirit is a plane of learning, so as to be ready for the real life in the Spirit World. Are we helping them in the right direction?

These are not easy questions to answer, but if we hope to have Spiritualism prospering and active into the next century we had better think seriously about how to give Spiritualism a real healing. ❧

– Emma Hardinge Britten's

OUR WONDERFUL PIONEER, Emma Hardinge Britten, brought us one of the most profound predictions for Spiritualism. We have long since left the first 50 year period of growth with it's self-sacrificing, devoted and joyful workers with spirit. Let's think about the second period – the one we are still struggling to overcome:

"... the trickster and the lovers of sensation with their tribes of thoughtless followers, seeking amusement rather than instruction, would lower the standards hitherto set up . . .

"... that misdirected zeal and short-sighted policy would drag the work from the high standard, which it was fondly hoped would be attained.

"... our movement would dwindle in strength, the platform would cease to be educational and phenomenal work would displace spirit teaching,

"... sensationalism would take precedence over intellectual and moral instruction."

In the first category with tricksters are also parasites. The so-called New Age movement followers have no interest or energy to produce a following of their own with certified workers, standardized philosophy, nor any accreditation with society generally or the government in particular. These are all things the organized Churches have worked long and hard to accomplish. They have certified worthwhile, knowledgeable workers and through recognition of principles of conduct and awareness bring standards of protocol and behavior. The accreditation of recognition by our governments, allows our ministers to perform marriages and to be leaders of religious awareness. Because Spiritualism has struggled and attained these recognitions, there are those lazy, uneducated workers who try to attach their work to what is Spiritualism, while dragging down standards through their lack of understanding of what IS Spiritualism and what IS NOT Spiritualism. The only solution to this is to be firm in our standards of education for our certified workers and not to give recognition (nor a platform in our organizations) to these would be's who merely hang their star on our tree of growth.

During the early part of this century it was common

practice for an interested seeker to attend Friday evening meetings at the Spiritualist Church to gain their "little message," but their religious following was support of their local Orthodox denomination of Sunday morning. Is there still

some of this double standard where the full Religion, Science and Philosophy of Spiritualism is concerned. Can you be a Friday Evening Seeker or does Spirit expect more from us in our spiritual growth? Because of this thoughtless adherence to messages only, the standards for mediumship were judged by the titillation of the seekers. Physical mediumship, with its ability to startle and frighten many people has long since lost its appeal to true seekers of wisdom and knowledge. This will come only with mental attention to spirit.

There were, and still are, many competent Psychics who work at giving material information and guidance to a large following of people. They spoon feed their customers, to receive their fee each month, they give a monthly itinerary. This is definitely NOT Spiritualism, but has been identified with Spiritualism because

the same workers attend Sunday services and do the same type of message work. This is Psychic, NOT SPIRITUALISM.

To fill our calendars, we have welcomed these Psychics with their big reputations and followings, but this is what was predicted as the lowering of our standards. The solution is obvious, the bookers of the platforms in Spiritualism must be wary to book ONLY Spiritualist workers who have educated themselves in Spiritualism, not other modalities of healing or message work. Personal Responsibility dictates that the worker be responsible for their education and the



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Predications For Spiritualism –

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church be responsible for who is allowed to teach from their platform.

Spiritualism was begun by some very forward, free-thinking individuals who pioneered us toward a beautiful Religion, Science and Philosophy of continuous life. Because all Spiritualist workers are free-thinking and innovative thinkers, a lot of misinformed Spiritualism has been allowed to creep into what IS and what IS NOT Spiritualism. The organizations are going to have to be responsible for bringing back some standards of knowledge and education, before certification.

To reach out to the public in a co-ordinated way and move into the third phase of Emma's predictions of growth, we must be responsible for our standards and education. Let's look to those organizations that are in this mode at the present time and get behind their efforts to make the movement of Spiritualism really a worthwhile endeavor. If we really want to know about Spiritualism and stand up in the public eye as educated workers for God and spirit, we must educate ourselves and elevate our intellectual and moral knowledge, for ourselves as well as to pass along to those we teach and encourage to grow.

We must investigate those who call themselves Spiritualists. These words, Spiritualism, Spiritualist, are not copywrited to indicate to any thinking person who and what this means in their demonstration, following or education. For instance, there is a well-known psychic currently demonstrating on T.V. under the guise of being a Spiritualist. At first glance, he appeared to be doing some very worthwhile service for those who were in need of comfort from bereavement. On closer examination he was guilty of doing what our detractors have accused us of for 150 years, "calling up the dead."

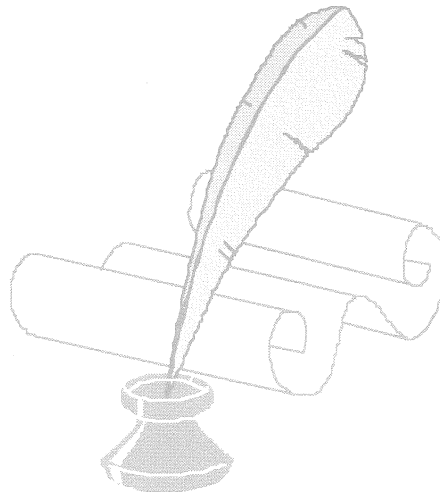
Every person he spoke with, he was able to bring from spirit the loved one, recently passed, whom they were seeking. When a grieving person thinks of their recent departed, they think only in terms of loving thoughts and the good of

the individual just passed. Have we not been taught to "say no ill of the dead." But, as Spiritualism teaches, we are the same in spirit, as in the flesh. No miraculous transformation of saint to sinner (or vice versa) is found in the act of death. Not once did a spirit return who could be considered abusive or thoughtless in life – they were all, miraculously loving individuals.

Was this medium in touch with spirit? Is there a form of reading that can be done through thought transference? Do we receive that which we anticipate, rather than what spirit has for us to learn? The more we study and learn about spirit attunement, the more knowledgeable we will be about these so-called Spiritualists who claim to be able to "call up the dead." This IS NOT Spiritualism.

This sensationalism and giving to the sitter exactly what they request, even when the request is unspoken, is a startling demonstration and can be considered accurate, by bringing that which the sitter requests. Is this what spirit guidance is all about, or is there another way to address the sitter in the NEED rather than their WANT.

Spiritual guidance to an individual seeks not to make them materially wealthy or comfortable. It seeks to open spiritual doors of knowledge and awareness that will last through eternity. It is a long-range plan, not the short-term. We learn from all our material happenings, but we must rise above being caught up in material thinking and knowledge. Let's stop sensationalizing our work! Let's stop sensationalizing our mediums and workers! Let's see the reality of our own individual abilities to work with and walk with spirit in our own lives and make this a better life for us all, now and always.



The 1998 ISF Congress

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The International Spiritualist Federation (ISF) is an organization of Spiritualists from many different groups around the entire world. Their Congress is a meeting of any and all members that can attend.

To quote directly from their literature, "An organization through which Spiritualist and Spiritist groups can work together without losing their independence in any way, and where individuals can meet in friendship and harmony and learn and discuss matters of mutual interest, helping to spread the message of the reality of eternal life. It also aims to strengthen, support and bring a sense of belonging to those who feel isolated because they live in countries not yet ready to accept our beliefs."

At the recently concluded Congress at least 20 countries were represented. (Note that the NSAC in the USA uses the term "Convention" for our annual membership meetings.)

The 1998 Congress, held at the Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, was my very first Congress, although I have been a member of the ISF for the past few years. I was introduced to the ISF by Lionel Owen, the current President. I had visited England and Lionel and Laura were the most gracious people possible, showing me the sights and acting as host for my wife and I. Well, I guess that the best way to begin is to say that the Congress far exceeded all of my expectations. Now that is quite a statement, since I have attended Spiritualist Conventions for (almost) countless years!

I had the pleasure of once again meeting Spiritualists that I had not seen nor communicated with in years. It was beautiful to be able to renew these friendships after so long a time. I again met people that I knew very well, but had no idea that they would be attending the Congress. I also had the opportunity to get to better know people that I thought were not so nice, but came to realize they were really beautiful people. Now that we have all had the ISF experience, we will have so much more to discuss with each other and in a more personal and loving way. These were more of the benefits I received because of my attendance.

Meeting Spiritualists from all over the world was so wonderful. We tend to think that only our small part of the world is important and active in Spiritualism. But meeting others in this ISF environment and discussing what they are doing has added a new dimension and understanding to my experience. I discovered many new ideas and approaches to things that are common in both the USA and the rest of the world!

The sessions were generally well planned and provided

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The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, the Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, the Rev. Judith Seaman, president of the Spiritualist National Union of Great Britain, and Laura Owen, editor of the ISF Newsletter and gifted writer and singer.



Laura Owen, the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, Lionel Owen, president of the International Spiritualist Federation, Cath Robertson, co-editor of the ISF Newsletter and a gifted medium from Great Britain, and the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST.

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The Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, Christian Gilles from France, Lionel Owen, Laura Owen, the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, and Linda Chiles from Arizona.



The entire Board of the International Spiritualist Federation.



The Americans put on a great display when it was their turn at the ISF Congress. The Rev.'s. Bernard F. Baker and Jean Kerr Lerch do their part above.

excellent information and training to the attendees. It was wonderful to see how the mediums from the different parts of the world contact our spirit loved ones. I quickly realized something that I had always known, but perhaps had never really acknowledged. That was the fact that even though mediums may have dramatically different training and use methods that also differ greatly, the spirit contact was most evident. It's nice to know that no particular people or place has an exclusive on the only way to contact spirit. I suspect though that many of us have experienced such a narrow and unrealistic attitude in the past.

Healing was another experience that added greatly to my participation in the Congress. I had recently had major surgery and perhaps should have given more thought to attending such a Congress at that time. But, I guess my spirit guides knew best and I made the reservations even before I had the actual surgery. Of course, then I just had to attend! (Okay, maybe I did still have free choice, but it was good to have another reason to attend, wasn't it?)

Well, I attended the healing sessions at every opportunity. How wonderful to experience the different methods used, with me feeling the power and the benefit from each and every healer! You may wonder just who was the best healer and/or which was the best method used? That's an easy question for me to answer. Just as the different types of clairvoyance or spirit messages were clear and evidential from all of the different workers and methods used, so were the healing processes. So the best were actually all of them!

I thought about these things and I remembered something that I had read about what are the best (physical) exercises for someone. The answer to that was, "It's the ones YOU do!" So the best healing was in fact, the healing that each one of us personally experienced.

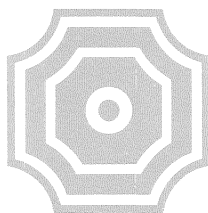
One of the most impressive aspects of the entire Congress was the total lack of political machinations. What a refreshing experience this was for me and others that have seen entire meetings virtually destroyed because of the serpent of politics that often, or perhaps usually surfaces. Not only have these terrible political actions badly damaged entire Spiritualist organizations, they have also turned friends into enemies, most often without any valid reasons except to salve the egos of a select few.

Well, just how does the ISF manage to virtually eliminate the political atmosphere? The method is so simple that it is embarrassing. They have eliminated (the need or opportunity for) the forming of groups at the meeting that are intent on removing someone from office and installing their particular choice.

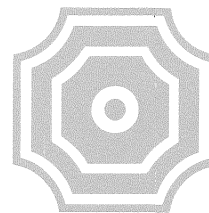
Think about this truthfully! If that did not happen at a meeting, the majority of the hostility and forming of cliques would be gone, and we could devote the majority of our time to growth, training, education and the sharing of ideas! Just as the ISF does!

Now, here is their simple method; **All candidates for**

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"Losers visualize the penalties of failure. Winners visualize the rewards of success."

– Rob Gilbert, Sports psychologist



"The world doesn't want to hear about the labor pains, it only wants to see the baby."

– Johnny Sain



"Great art picks up where nature ends."

– Marc Chagal

"Dig within. Within is the wellspring of Good; and it is always ready to bubble up, if you just dig."

– Marcus Aurelius



"We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grow in silence; see the stars and moon and sun, how they move in Silence . . . The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls."

– Mother Teresa



THE 1998 ISF CONGRESS *(Continued from previous page.)*

office are nominated and voted on by write in ballot by any and all members, in advance of the Congress. So at the Congress, the results are announced and the offices are filled with the elected persons! If one desires to hold an office, they must do things for the organization so that the members get to know them and will support them at election time.

This method is far superior and results in much better qualified leaders than simply getting enough votes to elect anyone that we may favor at a particular time.

This method also gives each and every member an opportunity to express their desires since they individually vote for candidates. It definitely eliminates the real and negative fact that where a meeting is held often determines the results. For clarification, more delegates from a particular area can and most often do attend and vote because of the proximity of the meeting.

I also found it interesting that the Spiritualist National Union, (the equivalent of the NSAC) in Great Britain, also uses this same method.

Now, back to the actual Congress. I experienced so much love and willingness to share methods, that my interest and enthusiasm was renewed and once again soared. There were demonstrations of countless methods used for spirit communication, proving that we are all still students and must continue to follow Andrew Jackson Davis' wonderful advice, "Under all circumstances keep an even mind!"

The next Congress, in the year 2000, is being planned for Austria. I am looking forward to attending and I know that it will also be another rewarding experience for me and the others that attend. I am also looking forward to furthering the many new friendships that I have experienced, but could not possibly have formed without the ISF!



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1522 W. Encanto Blvd., 85007; Rev. Frank Staats, (602) 340-1939; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m.; Sat. All Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION

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

ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church

1300 Grand St. (Home of Truth); Mailing Address: 1022 Pacific Ave., 94501; Sun. Serv. 12:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pastor/Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt, (510) 865-2035; Secy., Brenda Gibson.

ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation

Sun. Serv. - Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Rev. Tamara Ervin; Info. Contact Teddie Harringer, (626) 791-9212.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines

Direct Mail to 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Church phone (530) 823-1816; Secy., Shyrlene Cole.

LONG BEACH - Spiritualist Society

3212 E. Eighth St., 90804; phone (310) 927-7079.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC

149 Clinton St., 94062; (650) 363-2253.

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 a.m.; 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 14 - Sept. 13. Services, Sundays at 2:30, Tue., Thur., Sat. 7:30. For a program listing all Summer activities write to: Secy. Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, 06320.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.

P.O. Box 939, 06360; 29 Park St. (off Main St.), (860) 886-8522.

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, (773) 928-4100 Voice Mail; Home (773) 995-1911.

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. 3D, Alsip, 60803-2644, (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., 60647-1101, (773) 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.

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; (317) 291-0799.

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 10:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Harvey and 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; (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. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; 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 jdauidso@mint.net.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc.

Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp session is from mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Services at 7:30 p.m. Sun., Tues., Thur. and Friday; Message Service 7:30 p.m., Wed. and Sat; Workshops Saturday mornings. Accommodations and kitchen privileges available. For a program or information: (207) 338-3029, P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, 04849-0031.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church

Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the Shore Road, Saturday Cove, Northport from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Carol A. 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., Dorothy Thurlow, 169 Bachelor St., W. Newbury, 01985, (978) 363-2009.

SOMERSET - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

Mailing and temporary location: 17 Hampden St., Barrington, RI 02806; Healing and Church Service Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; Secy., Linda Boullard, (401) 245-8307.

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,

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• 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.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp

(Bayshore) 07444 Old 31 N, 49720, (616) 347-7598.

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; (810) 814-9172.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritualist 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; (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 at Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg. at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410; (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) 255-4609 (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.

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC

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

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC

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

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.

Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 2089, 03079-1147; Year Round Services; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes p.m. call; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, L.M., (978) 454-4163; Secy., Christine Nagle, (781) 935-4397.

• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation

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., Joyce Smith, 209 W. Madison Ave., Magnolia, 08049, (609) 627-6977; Secy., Joan Charlesworth, P.O. Box 103, Millville, 08332, (609) 327-3358.

• 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

All correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC

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

LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.

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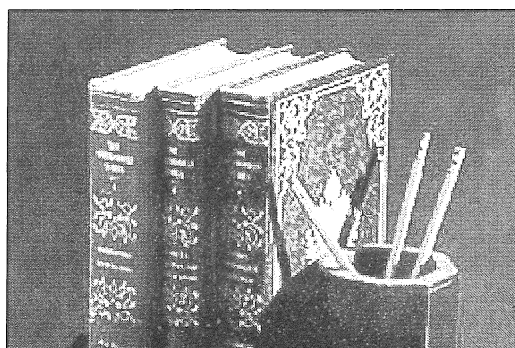
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What happened in S E P T E M B E R throughout the years?

SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

World War II began. Let us send Light and Love to the souls that died during this war and all wars.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1860

The birthday of **Wilburforce Juvenal Colville** who was born at sea. His mediumship was evident even as a young child which earned him the title "the Kitten Orator." He spoke through inspiration on any subject of the audience's choosing. Colville traveled around the world demonstrating his spiritual gifts. He was also an author, writing through inspiration.

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day – a time to honor all of the working force. It makes our lives so much easier to be able to share in the skills and labor of others.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1876

John Willis Ring was born on this date. He was a clairvoyant, a Spiritualist minister, the National Superintendent of Lyceums and considered an authority on the works of Andrew Jackson Davis.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1858

On this day **Abraham Lincoln** uttered: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but not all of the people all of the time."



SEPTEMBER 11

The Rev. **Lelia E. Cutler** celebrates the day of her birth on this date. Let us pray for a happy, healthy, Spiritual year for her.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1971

The date of the forming of the International Environmental Organization **Greenpeace**. This organization has done much good for our world and its environment.

SEPTEMBER 22

A sad day in history in 1692, when eight people, labeled as "witches," were hanged in **Salem, Mass.** Also on this day in 1776, American patriot **Nathan Hale** was hanged by the British for spying. He is quoted as saying, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country." The 22nd is the first day of Autumn or the **Fall Equinox**.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1861

John Slater is remembered today as a well-known, evidential clairvoyant who demonstrated his mediumship with sealed questions.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1893

The first delegate Convention of The National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America.

SEPTEMBER, 1876

The Progressive Age was founded by the Rev. Moses Hull as a weekly publication to explore new thoughts. ❧

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

 "Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own."

– Doug Larson

 "When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice."

– Marquis De La Grange

 "The truth will ouch." – Arnold H. Glasow

 "Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

 "My husband was a patient in a pulmonary hospital in the Los Angeles area. One day, while pushing his walker down the hall and doing his breathing exercises, he passed by the therapist station, where the following dialogue took place:

Therapist (in a domineering voice): "Mr. Turner, are you breathing?"

Mr. Turner: "Are you St. Peter?"

Therapist: "Of course not!"

Mr. Turner: "Then, I'm breathing."

– Reader's Digest,

contributed by Mrs. Melvin Turner

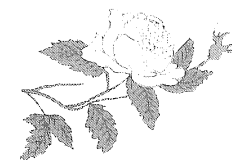
Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . SEPTEMBER 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Natural Law is a receptive, creative medium.	2 We only harvest what we plant.	3 There is but One Power, whatever exists is this Power.	4 Envision a world of peace, love and harmony.	5 Never forget you are a spiritual being.
6 I realize only health, happiness and joy in my life.	7 My ability to solve problems comes from my divine make-up.	8 I look at the whole world as one and ask for God's Blessing.	9 I am healed by the very Law that makes me sick – it is up to me!	10 Oneness manifests in multiplicity, in variety.	11 The powers of Nature interact with the powers of the mind.	12 I create my own reality, I heal my own problems.
13 "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."	14 Natural Law is an impartial thing like electricity.	15 My inner guidance helps keep my thoughts positive.	16 In back of everything there is the energy of Spirit.	17 "There is nothing too great or too small for the action of Law."	18 The transformation process brings up opposing thoughts.	19 I work to be positive in everything I do.
20 I am open to more good, to more love, to all God's Blessings.	21 I welcome prosperity into my life right now.	22 In all life I look for the consciousness of God's presence.	23 "Enthusiasm finds the opportunities, and energy makes the most of them."	24 Life is eternal, my being is eternal, for all is of God.	25 Giving is an important ingredient for a life filled with plenty.	26 I release that which I no longer need and am open to new blessings.
27 I am responsible for myself, not others.	28 I experience the love God is expressing through me, creating more love.	29 Health and wholeness is the natural state of the soul.	30 Daily I go within and am inspired by the Light and Love of Spirit.			



Look To God's Law For Guidance.



This tale is designed to illustrate the various Laws and Principles of Spiritualism in a realistic and true-to-life situation. Read on and see how many of these Laws and Principles you can identify.



PART 1



A Spiritualist Parable

BY THE REV. DONALD W. McFARLAND, NST,

The first thing Denny remembered about that morning was a gentle tapping on the bottom of his shoe and a cheerful voice saying, "Yo, buddy, time to roll out. Streetsweeper coming."

Denny half-opened one eye and peered uncertainly at the dim shape that loomed in front of him in the early morning light.

"Hey, man, I ain't doing nothing, man, don't hassle me," Denny growled in a voice made fuzzy from cheap wine and too many nights sleeping under the streetlights.

"No hassle, baby, I just thought you'd like to know that you don't want to be in this alley when the brushmobile hits the streets. See you around, baby . . . take care of yourself." And with a wave, the figure sauntered out into the street and disappeared.

"Man, that was weird," Denny thought to himself grumpily as he started to lay back down on the thin layer of grimy newspapers that had composed his accommodation of the previous night. Suddenly his body snapped upright as the sound of a heavy engine filled the narrow alley where he had taken shelter, accompanied by the distinctive swish-swish of giant brushes as the sanitation crew swung into the lane with reckless disregard for who might be within it. Denny leapt to his feet and dashed unsteadily to safety as the streetsweeper roared past. He wasn't sure, but he thought he heard one of the operators yell to his buddies, "Nuts, missed him!" before heading

on. Denny stood panting on the sidewalk for a few moments, catching his breath and trying to recover from the shock of his harrowing escape. Pushing himself away from the wall, he contemplated how to spend his day in that concrete jungle of which he was one of many denizens who found themselves with little to do and too much time to do it with.

Going down to the mission for some breakfast was always first on the list. As he was finishing off his day-old toast and thin coffee, the priest who ran the place came up and put a hand on his shoulder. "How's it going today, Denny?" asked the padre, as he always did. "Darn near got myself killed this morning, that's how it's going," Denny replied. "Anything else you want to know?"

The priest sighed and sat down next to Denny's chair. "Ah, I know it can be touch and go out there sometimes. Look, you know you can stay here if you want to. We can help get you back on your feet . . ."

"Yeah, clean me up and put me in some two-bit shoeshine operation with some pencilneck boss. No thanks!" Denny shouted, pushing

back his chair and storming out of the mission. None of that for him, no sir! One thing he promised himself when he got back from 'Nam, nobody'd ever tell him what to do with his time again. And that was for sure!!

After breakfast, Denny would usually head over to the main drag and spend a few hours bumming change from the tourists, but today he was so mad at the priest for butting into his trip again he decided to go to the park and chill out for a while instead. The dumpsters behind the concession stand were usually good for some chow, and once he had even found two full cans of beer that some careless

visitors had left behind. The thought of another such bonanza lightened his mood considerably, so that he was almost cheerful by the time

he reached the park boundary and went in among the cool green trees and grass.

No beer was to be had on this trip, but the dumpster yielded half a loaf of bread, a couple of slightly bruised bananas and a bottle of medium-priced wine with a few swigs still in it. Sitting with his trove on his favorite bench overlooking the pond, he shared a few crumbs of his bounty with the pigeons who fluttered down from the tree overhead. It always made him feel good to watch the birds poke at the ground with their quick, bobbing movements. At least there was one creature on earth who just took what he was willing to give and not pressure him to do more than he felt like. Yep, pigeons are definitely a no-pressure operation, he thought to himself contentedly.

"Way to go, baby, that's a real good start," a voice spoke from behind the bench where Denny sat. Denny jumped a good eight feet straight up, or so it seemed to him, he was that startled. "WHAT ARE YOU DOING???" he screamed as food and drink scattered in every direction.

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"Shinola, what do you mean sneaking up on me like that? You a cop or something?" he asked, suddenly suspicious.

"Naw, man, I'm no cop. Don't you remember me? Your old buddy who tried to warn you this morning before you got turned into pavement casserole?" The man paused and looked for some sign of recognition. Denny was not normally all that clear-headed at the best of times, but he did seem to recall a fuzzy shape that had tried to help him sometime before.

"Yeah, ok, so maybe you ain't a cop. But how come you been following me around so much?" The man looked at Denny a moment before replying, "I've been watching you for a long time, helping you over the rough spots now and then, but maybe you never knew I was around so I just dropped by to say howdy and see how you were getting on."

Denny snorted at that and said, "Rough spots? Helping me? Man, nobody's ever helped me with nothin'. I've busted my tail my whole life and ended up with a whole bunch of nothin'. Where were you in 'Nam, man, when I about got blown away five or six times running? Huh? Tell me that!"

The man was serious now. "Remember Quang Tri, Denny?" he asked softly. "Remember that trip wire that you almost stepped on when Charlie jumped your platoon?"

"Yeah, that was kinda weird. They nailed the lieutenant and about half the guys on the first blast, and the rest of us were just tryin' to get to the dust-off zone. That claymore mine would have cut me in half if I hadn't seen something shiny out of the corner of my eye and . . . how did you . . . you was THERE?" Denny was shaking now from more than the usual DTs. This guy was definitely a candidate for the Twilight Zone.

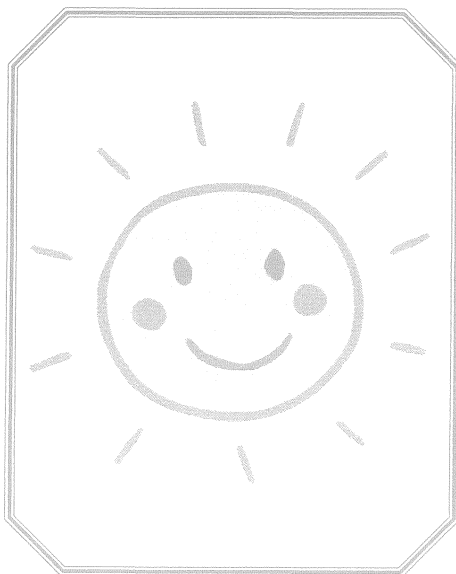
The man spoke again, "Who do you think put the shine on that wire, boy? Charlie? Sometimes I wonder why I even bother with you, but I guess I've just got a thing for hard cases."

Denny decided that it was time to put some distance between him and this strange character. Backing away slowly, he said, "Hey, look, I've got to go. See ya around, ok?"

"Sure, baby," the man replied with his former casualness. "I got all the time in the world." He looked at Denny with a glance at once unthreatening and yet filled with a meaning Denny couldn't begin to interpret, except that he wanted to make tracks . . . fast! As he walked rapidly away, the man chuckled softly to himself and faded away into the trees.

- PART 2 -

Several days later, Denny was still trying to sort it all out. He still went to the mission for meals, but his mind was working so furiously he actually forgot to get drunk for long stretches of time. The old priest had observed Denny's uncharacteristic musings, and was astonished when Denny came up to him after breakfast one day and said hesitantly, "Say, uh, Rev, uh, any chance of me getting ahold of some of those old clothes you got?" The priest was speechless with amazement for a moment, then managed to say, "Sure, Denny . . . come on."



They went in the back room where the church stored the used clothing donated by parish members, and while the priest watched in silence Denny picked out an old but serviceable raincoat, trousers and shirt. Looking up, he asked if he might use the shower before changing. 'Jesus, Mary and Joseph,' thought the priest, 'it's a miracle!' And he said, "Sure Denny, go on in. Use my razor, too, if you want." The priest waited for the expected outburst; Denny had always been very touchy about his lack of hygiene. Instead, Denny just went quietly into the bathroom and came out thirty minutes later washed, shaved and combed. "Well, don't you just look fine!" beamed the priest. "You know, a friend of mine came in the other day looking for a fellow to help him clean up some property, and you . . ." Denny looked up sharply with a hint of his old belligerence, and the priest thought, 'Now I've done it! He'll storm out of here and I'll never see him again!' Fearfully he waited, but in a moment Denny's look softened and he said, "Might be interesting, I guess. Where is this guy?" The priest gave him the address, and Denny left.

The priest breathed a silent prayer.

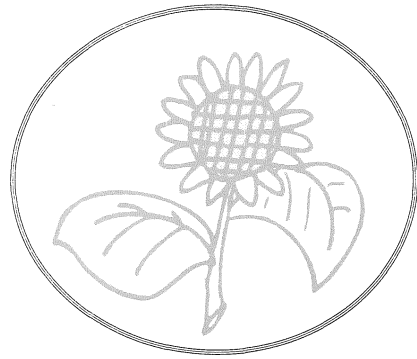
- PART 3 -

The crumbs showered down over the adoring flock. Months had passed and Denny had gone through a lot of changes, but he still liked to come to the same bench in the park to feed the pigeons. His head was bowed as he watched them but suddenly he smiled and said, "No need to stand on ceremony, big guy. Come on and sit down." The now-familiar form of his mysterious friend came from behind the bench and sat down next to Denny with a smile of his own.

"Hey, all right, buddy!" he laughed. "Things must be doing pretty

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Questions & Answers



Q When did the Sunflower become the official flower of Spiritualism?

A It is not known when the Sunflower was first used in conjunction with Spiritualism, but it was well before 1892 which is the first written date we find on record. This is the year that the Association of Spiritualists at Cassadaga Camp, Lily Dale,

New York adopted the Sunflower as its seal. In 1900, Mr. W. H. Bach produced buttons, broaches, watch fobs and pins bearing the Sunflower emblem. Also in 1900, the Young People's Twentieth Century Sunflower Club was formed by Mr. N. F. Ravlin from the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia. In 1928, it was adopted as the official badge of the International Spiritualists, at a Conference of the International Federation of Spiritualists. This same

year Mrs. Grace Linn Sandy of Indianapolis wrote the Sunflower song which was adopted by the N.S.A. as the Association's song.

This yellow flower has since ancient times been regarded as the emblem of truth and constancy. Spiritualism's motto is "As the Sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun, so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of Truth."



A SPIRITUALIST PARABLE *(Continued from previous page.)*

good for you to pick up on me like that. So what's been happening?" Denny smiled and said, "Don't you know? I got a feeling there's more to you than you been letting on."

"You got that right, no doubt about it," his friend said with a laugh. "But tell me anyway, just for fun."

"Well, I was really freaked out after that last time, you know? Like all this strange stuff was going on inside my head that I just couldn't figure out. Went out and grabbed a bottle of the cheap stuff to try and drown it out like always, but somehow it just didn't seem right anymore, you know? Didn't have the same appeal. So I just started walking around, you know, looking at stuff. I passed by a store window and got a good look at myself, all dirty and weird, and it just seemed like it was time to clean up a little. So the Rev helped me out with some new duds and a wash . . . man, you should have seen his face when I came out of the john. He about had a cow," Denny laughed.

His friend listened silently.

"Anyway, he put me on to this guy who was looking for some help and I went to see him. Don't know how I made it, I turned around about a million times, but it just seemed 'right,' somehow. Like it was just what I should be doing. So I went, and he seemed like a real gumball at first, always wanting me to do all this dirt-bag stuff that didn't seem to make sense. But after a while it seemed like I really got into it, you know? And it turned out he was this big-deal contractor or something and he got me into this technical school so I could really start getting involved in the business. Man," Denny said with a dreamy look, "I can hardly believe it's happening. And you know what? He even brought me to his house last week, and he's got this really nice daughter . . . now what are you looking at?" he asked with a grin.

His friend smiled and said, "Well, I think you have things pretty much under control now. Had me worried for

a while, but I'm so proud of you I could bust! I guess it was worth all that time and effort after all."

"Yeah, and I really appreciate it. But listen, you're not going to disappear on me again, are you? Couldn't we get together sometimes on the old bench here and chew the fat now and then? Who the heck are you, anyway?"

The man signed and said, "You may not see me so often now. You'll be busy enough getting on with things as it is," he said with a wink. "But I'll still be around. Like I said, I've got all the time in the world. I have to make sure you don't get crazy on me again, right? This really is a nice bench, good vibrations here. Tell you what, any time you've got something really heavy on your mind, you come on by here and we'll work it out, ok? As for who I am," he said, getting up to go, "stick around awhile and someday you might find out. You done real good, Denny. Take care of yourself."

And he faded away.



Greetings:

I was recently on a business trip to Adelaide, South Australia and was able to attend the St. Johns Spiritual Church (called the Mother Church of South Australia) on Sunday, March 29, 1998. The entire service was one of the most moving of any I have ever attended in a Spiritualist Church. I've been attending since 1973, when my wife, Lecta, and I used to live in Santa Barbara, California. There, we became acquainted with Reverend Edmund Foard, a most wonderful man, who laid the foundation of our faith in Spiritualism at the Santa Barbara Church of The Comforter, on Garden Street.

The attached discourse was written and delivered by Elizabeth Welling in Adelaide on March 28, 1998. She had written it out, and delivered it by reading from her text with a most natural flow and a wonderful story-telling manner in her Australian accent. She underlined her text where she placed emphasis on certain words and phrases. She was such a fine speaker, I told her afterwards, it was professional enough to have been broadcast over the radio.

She modestly accepted the praise, and gave me her original text when I told her that I thought it was suitable for publication.

Please consider the attached discourse, *Prayer and the Angels*, for publication in an upcoming issue of *The Summit*.

Sincerely,
Richard A. Partin

In the Bible, we are told: "Be still and know that I AM God." and that: "With God all things are possible."

Today my story is called "Heaven Sent." Time wise, it is set at the end of October – Halloween – witches and ghosts – trick or treat. It is an adaptation of a story I read in a magazine that is published in India. The tale begins:

"My parents had just got divorced and I was not looking forward to Halloween. It would be the first Halloween without my Dad and I missed him. Mum encouraged me to think of something unusual to wear for the trick or treat party at school, but my heart wasn't in it. I didn't want to be a witch again.

However, one thought kept coming into my mind. "Why not be an Angel?" I loved Angels and kept hoping that my Angel would appear and make everything right again in our family.

Mum was busy with work and it was not until the night before Halloween that she said: "It's either a witch or the old sheet trick of instant ghost."

I half-heartedly agreed to be a ghost. Before I fell asleep, I saw a white light with gold shimmering around me. I didn't know what it meant.

When I awoke in the morning, it felt as though my cat, Snowball, was sleeping against my back and I reached out to

touch her. But it didn't feel like fur. I felt a feather softness and the perfume of roses filled the room. Immediately I stood up, looked in the mirror and was amazed to see the most beautiful wings on my shoulders. The wings looked like the ones in the painting of my guardian angel on the wall.

Mum called out to me to pack my cos-

tume for school. How could I tell her about these wings? Dressing was a challenge, as most clothes don't fit over wings.

I wore my white blouse backwards and buttoned it around the wings. I told Mum that I had borrowed the costume from Jane and was wearing it to school as the teacher was taking a group photograph as soon as we arrived.

Mum nodded OK and asked me to wash off some of the rose perfume as it was too strong. I looked at her puzzled and nodded. There WAS a sweet smell of roses in the room.

Fooling Mum was one thing, but what could I say to the teacher? I found my mother's old Mexican poncho from her

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Prayer and the Angels

BY ELIZABETH WELLING, SOUTH AUSTRALIA



hippie days. These somewhat covered the wings and I made up a story that the wings had taken a long time to fasten. The day passed smoothly and I walked home through the park wondering what on earth I could do. What options did I have? Actually I was happy to think about something other than missing Dad. I sat down on a park bench to feed the ducks my leftover crusts from lunch.

As I looked up from the ducks, I saw a man with a white turban running down the jogging track and heading straight towards me. He came straight over to my bench and commented: "What splendid wings you have. I have often seen these wings but not usually on someone in this region. How did you get them? Why do you think you woke up with wings?"

I started to tell him about my parents divorce and how I wanted an angel to help me. However I was a bit distracted because I kept smelling roses and it was the wrong time of the year for roses.

The man with the turban gave me an enchanting smile and said: "God knows that you are unhappy. He's given you a sign that He loves you."

"But what will my mother say? How can I shower and dress?" and I started sobbing.

"Your heart is full of love for your parents and for God. Your parents still love YOU. It is not your fault they got divorced. God will take the wings back when He sees that you are OK."

"But how do I talk to God?"

"Close your eyes and sit still. God will show you what to do."

Then the man with the turban stood up and jogged away down the track. I felt lighter than I had for weeks. I went home, finished dressing for trick or treat and had a wonderful time.

When I went to sleep that night, I closed my eyes and prayed for God's help with the wings. A white light filled my room and there stood the turbaned man again. His Light was even brighter than my wings. He told me I could take off the wings and that HE would be MY Angel when I needed one. I felt a warm something inside of me burst and off came the wings. The turbaned man patted me on the cheek and I fell asleep.

In the morning when I awoke, I reached over and felt Snowball my cat – and no wings. I was happy to know that I had a special Angel inside to take care of me.

The True heartfelt prayer of the young girl had been answered – perhaps not in the way she had expected, hoped for or dreamed of but answered in the way that was appropriate for her Highest Good according to the Will of God. She had a special Angel inside her – to take care of her – always.

The poet Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote these wonderful words: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world

dreams of."

It is generally believed that tiny babies know nothing at an intellectual level. However they are close to heaven and very open to prayer. When a person is asleep or unconscious they also are very receptive to prayer. Think about this analogy. Florists often keep their flowers in refrigerators. Colorful Rosebuds may be closed for weeks in a cold enough place, yet given warmth, they will blossom out in minutes. Prayer for another is love and spiritual warmth. Love and spiritual warmth reach across time and space to envelop the person prayed for.

Prayers of others can be a great warmth and light for the person who is in the process of leaving our familiar physical world. It can be an opening wide of the windows and doors which connect the world he is leaving with the radiant spiritual world he is about to see. Death or release from the restrictions of the physical body is simply moving ahead. All of life is marked by such steps – birth and lying helpless in a crib – sitting up – crawling – walking – entering school –

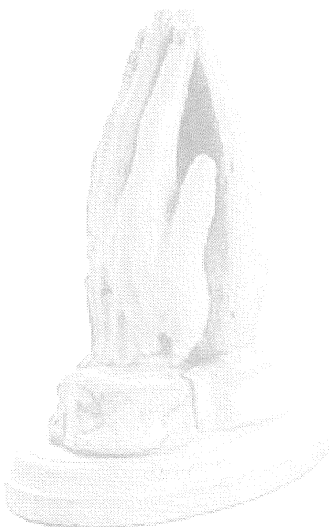
starting to work – marrying – having a family. Each means entering a larger world – a change of cycle to another level of existence and awareness. Our loved ones living in the Spirit World are as close to us as is our next breath. When there is a need, they are sometimes able to communicate with us via a medium or clairvoyant as happens in Spiritualist Churches.

Like the young girl in my story, each one of us can learn to sense and feel the presence of our guardian angel from the inner worlds. This Being of Light or Angel can become a close friend, guide and protector. Sandra Hauss has written some marvellous words about the qualities of a true friend or Angel.

"A friend is someone who listens without judging you right or wrong, good or bad and gently helps you define your thoughts to regain perspective. When you're feeling bad about yourself, a friend is there to remind you of all those positive qualities you may have forgotten.

"When you share with a friend, decision-making becomes easier and problems seem less critical. A friend gives you the priceless gift of time; time to share, to try out new ideas and rethink old ones. No matter how often you're together, you discover dimensions of yourself through the bonds and the mirror of friendship.

"A friend loves you for who you are, not what you do. Feeling so accepted, you are able to set higher goals, try harder and achieve more. You expand, become more selfless, feel more deeply and help more effectively. Wherever you go in life, whatever stage or place you reach, a friend who has entered your soul is always with you, gently guiding, faithfully following and ever walking beside you." ❧



When we define spiritual healing, we question where does it come from? Most people agree that it comes from God or as Spiritualists say, Infinite Intelligence. The NSAC defines it in part as a talent possessed by certain mediums, that through the direction and influence of carnate spirits for the relief, cure and healing of both mental and physical diseases of human beings.

There are many beliefs that classify healing. Faith healing is one that people describe as dependence upon faith that they will get well. They believe this with all their being and feel that God is making the healing possible, or that they themselves have the ability to heal the disease or discomfort through their own minds.

Another belief of healing is modern Christian healing. Today in the orthodox churches the teaching of Jesus, one of the greatest healers in recorded history, is being followed and practiced. The churches feel that what healings Jesus performed, they can also do, as he taught that healing energies were available to all. Some of the modern churches have services donated entirely to healing the ill and diseased.

The Christian Science church is another form of religion that believes that sickness and ill health is just that, a belief, and that there is perfection within the Infinite and that diet and exercise have nothing to do with having good health. They feel that denying that you are sick is essential for good health and frees you from all false beliefs.

Psychic-spiritual healing is a spiritual act, motivated by love, making man aware of his true relationship with God and that man is a spiritual being now. When we study spiritual healing, it helps us to realize that while we are in the physical life, we are preparing for a larger, more expansive life in spirit.

Psychic surgery is one of the most unusual forms of healing. It is considered a type of surgical operation and is done by a special type of spiritual healer. It has to be proven that the healer did not use tricks or fraud to do the surgery, that the material produced could not have been produced by ordinary or regular means and that the healer had no outside help or assistance from anyone.

Other methods of paranormal healing come together under one heading and are not so much different from spiritual healing, just some basic concepts and methods are different. It is taught that health is not a birthright but has to be earned, and that right living is living what one knows to be right.

Several therapeutic approaches to health are: the health giving attributes of music, color therapy; the ancient healing art, that's being revised, of perfumes, incense and pleasant odors which are felt to have healing properties.

Most healers consider healing as God's gift to mankind



*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 **Virginia A. Norris** of the Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center in Hartford, Maine.*

and feel it is available to all regardless of race, creed or spiritual awareness.

The English healer, Harry Edwards, was often asked the question, "If God is the source of all healing, why not pray directly to God?" His answer was that spiritual healing comes from and goes back to God as in a circle. God is the ultimate power, the infinite source of all things. Spirit uses the energies and knowledge from God to bring about the healing, the medium attunes to spirit relating the need for health for the one in need – the circle is complete, from God to God.

Many feel that the negative side to our nature causes bad health and so the illness needs a basic change in our thinking. Spiritual healing fulfills this need as it teaches caring for others with the love and spiritually in order to heal the mind and body. Spiritual healing adds knowledge and awareness of life after death because a planned intelligence takes place which is guided from the Spirit World, demonstrating that there is life after death.

Any change in health accomplished by spiritual healing comes about by the process of Natural Law. When spiritual healing takes place there are two basic forces at work – the physical force that effects our life on earth and the spiritual or metaphysical one that influences us from the spirit side. To use both forces there must be thought and intelligent direction, planned direction. This is carried out and originated from the spirit side of life.

Many spiritual healers are aware of and have a kind of contact with healing guides that were doctors and healers while they were on the earth plane and are knowledgeable in the art of healing. The healing guide must be able to diagnosis the illness, what course of healing to use and then to do it. The earth healer cannot and does not diagnosis the illness of the patient but sometimes feels impressions, thoughts and opinions of the illness.

In the early 1900's, Dr. Walter Kilner, on the staff at a London hospital, developed the Kilner Screen, a lens coated with the dye Dicyanin, that was able to view a person's aura. He concluded that if the aura was a force or energy generating within the body then it could reflect good or bad health. There were changes in the aura when disease was present. His studies played an important part in spiritual healing.

In 1939, scientists Semyon and Valentina Kirlian, using

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I knew . . .

BY THE REV. PAUL WILSON

Taken from *TNS*, August 1978.



Emil C. Reichel

Emil C. Reichel was a resident of Wisconsin for many years. He was elected secretary of N.S.A.C. in Rochester, New York in 1942, and served until 1961. During the years following he served as a non-elected member until his transition April 26, 1967.

Always promoting progress, he took part in many changes and improvements in our organizations.

Mr. Reichel was active at Cassadaga when the hotel was purchased by the Stow Foundation and the Morris Pratt Institute. It was his hope that the Hotel could be a home for retired mediums and workers. When this could not be done he was very disappointed. Emil was not a medium or speaker. But his secretarial duties were outstanding.

During the Los Angeles Convention in 1941 when both Mr. Reichel and Mr. MacDonald were nominated, Emil rose and declared, "Vote for Bob MacDonald." This showed to the delegates his preference based on ability and an unselfishness rarely found.

Emil and I often worked together in helping to keep conventions moving smoothly. I remember one time at Convention when we held services in one place and the business sessions at another. We carried whatever we needed from one to another.

Emil was very much interested in making the Stow Foundation a success and helped establish the activities so that it could conserve its assets. He was a tireless worker for Spiritualism. Also he worked with the Morris Pratt Institute all of his active years.



Jeannette J. Knepprath

Jeannette Knepprath was the daughter of Dr. Kraft of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was the author of *Dorio* a book worthy to be in anyone's library. Students of the Morris Pratt Institute class of 1931 received an autographed copy. Jeannette's sister, Louise, lived in Los Angeles for a time and joined the Central Spiritualist Church. Although different in temperament,

both were tireless workers for Spiritualism. Mrs. Knepprath was first elected on the N.S.A.C. official board in 1956 and was thereafter re-elected until her death. She was quiet but active and did much for Spiritualism. Having often served on the budget and finance committee with her, I remember that she insisted on taking the committee to dinner while doing their work.

She established the M.P.I. Tuesday Breakfasts at the N.S.A.C. Convention. Her husband was a very quiet man who seldom attended the Conventions. She had no children.

Jeannette was the president of the Women's Bowling Association for years and participated in other civic activities. She was neither a practicing medium nor speaker. She arranged for a school building at Lily Dale which is maintained by the M.P.I. and is used for classes during the summer season.

It was a great surprise when she left her estate to the Morris Pratt Institute, the Bureau of Education of the N.S.A.C., for promoting the correspondence courses. The M.P.I. is now well financed due to the provisions of her will and her influence will long continue in the field of education.



EDUCATION SPEAKS (Continued from previous page.)

high frequency electrical field photography, were able to photograph a healer's hands before, during and after a healing and saw a brightness and intensity in the energy field of the hand. During healing the brightness decreased, but there would be one small area of intense brilliant light.

Scientists are more or less satisfied that when psychic

healing occurs, some kind of energy transfers from the bioplasmic body of the healer to the bioplasmic body of the patient. Scientists are finally willing to admit that with spiritual healing something does happen but ask, what?

Spiritualists know something happens and say thanks to spirit.

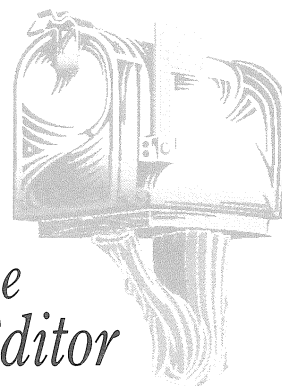


Dear Editor:

You published an article I wrote, in the December, 1996 issue, entitled *Learning to Listen*. In that article I described a struggle involving a decision not to accept a job with a local charitable organization when I thought that was what Spirit would want me to do. I didn't like the way I felt about the organization when I went for my first interview, and the second interview was worse. The result was that I was really torn about deciding to take a permanent position with a multi-national Fortune 100 company, over doing "important work," "healing work" for the non-profit organization. In an especially intense meditation, a guide showed me the importance of remembering the whole me – that I am an amalgam of all of the people, places and things that I have ever touched, ever loved, ever held sacred. And that it is wrong to sell yourself short *for any reason* – especially when I fully recognized that I didn't like the way that organization "felt" for me. Spirit was trying to tell me they didn't like it for me either.

Well, there have been some new developments . . . and as they unfold I draw in fresh breath of amazement. My much beloved brother-in-law (married to my sister for 24 years) just made his transition on March 14th. He was a retired public figure – but not prominent; more like an "unsung hero." The Celebration of his Life was attended by more than 1200 people – speeches and funny stories about the things he did and the impact he made on people's lives went on for three hours! There was an enormous outpouring of energy for doing good for the community in the wake of that Celebration – and through some "phenomenal" happenings, a non-profit foundation is being created in his name to earn money for and to support the causes most dear to his heart – social injustice, racism, youth sports, safety for our young people, scholastic achievement, etc. The Board of Trustees will consist of some of the most prestigious individuals in San Francisco – each one incredibly successful in their own right but no one of them able to do what the group of them can do. We expect to be able to gain a minimum of \$5 million in the next year in order to fund the projects we believe my brother-in-law would have wanted to tackle first. And that's only the beginning of realizing his dreams. We're organizing this Foundation so it will have a powerful effect for many generations to

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come. Have you figured out who is going to administer all of this? That's right, I am.

I know now that my article title shouldn't have been *Learning to Listen* – it should have been *Learning to Trust*. Spirit listens to the very deepest yearnings we have and they know what's best for us – and it's important for us to be able to accept what they have arranged for us ALL of the time. I have learned some interesting, practical things over the last couple of years that have helped me to know and be happy with my skill level and my own talents. I am exactly where I should have been in order to prepare myself for the task that has now been arranged for me.

I must also tell you that I have never heard of, or experienced, a busier post-transition spirit than my brother-in-law. His energy is so strong that many of us can feel it churning around us a good bit of the day. He was very ill from complications of diabetes for the last three years of his earth plane life – including many amputations. So, he was ready to be healed by the light and the love of God, and to take care of some unfinished business, apparently. I have wondered if he felt that his work wasn't finished here – and, truly, I don't believe that. What I do think is that he is arranging things so WE can feel what it's like to work to benefit those who need it most. And he figured out that the collective power of the people who will make this all happen is truly awesome. This is such a fine example of how to do things for all cities, that I am sincerely hoping word will get out and that similar Foundations will spring to life all across this incredible country of ours.

Sincerely,
Lyn Overton



SEANCE

By James R. Woodhams, Jr.

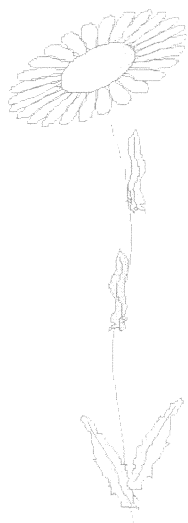
A rising trumpet,
physical manifestation;
With angels help,
and God's creation.

A new thought spoken,
from beyond the grave;
A little shaken,
but not afraid.

The chemists and healers,
work hard tonight;
Spirit, God's dealers,
deal love and light.

Think God Prayer

By Sai Baba



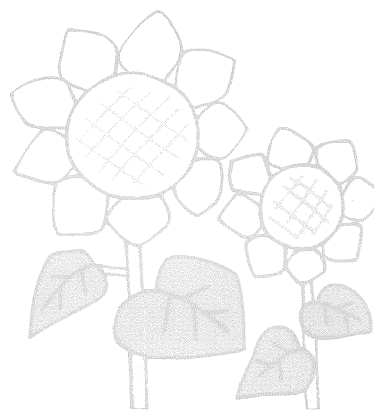
God if you think —
God you are,
Dust if you think —
Dust you are,
As you think —
So you are,
Think God —
Be God.

THERE IS
ONLY GOD!

BY MERRY BROWNE, KENTUCKY

It is easy to ask what is God? and to answer, What is not God? But it is not easy to acknowledge God yet at lowly evolved state of inhumane consciousness which breaks every command of God, so we go into a sticking

head in sand denial at best and confused non-understandable mind set at worst. The truth is that all consciousness is God beginning at seed state and slowly budding and flowering to Godly mind just as does a flower seed becomes a flower in due time.



It can readily be seen that people do range from not very good to very good persons and from low intelligence to high intelligence. This is the growth process of consciousness, just as it is the growth process of all else upon our planet. In our case we can **strive** daily to become Godly which hastens our growth to Godliness.

Let us remember that many are above us in growth and many are behind us. We were not all planted at the same time but we do all have the same potential to fully flower. ❧

"As
soon as man does
not take his existence for
granted, but beholds it as
something unfathomably
mysterious, thought begins."

— Albert Schweitzer

Greetings from Florida



The Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, Elaine Hager, and the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST.

The Spiritualist Church of Awareness in Orlando, Florida, included a very special event as part of the Sunday morning service on January 11th, 1998. Elaine Hager was presented her NSAC Mediumship Certificate by the Pastors of the church, the Reverend E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, and the Reverend Jean Kerr Lerch, NST. Living in Ocala, Elaine has a two hour drive each way when she attends church, yet she is a dedicated and devoted worker for Spirit. Church members and friends greeted Elaine's accomplishment with applause and happy congratulations. The Pastors also gifted Elaine with the NSAC Sunflower pin, with the Mediumship bar attached. Elaine is continuing her Morris Pratt studies with the desire to have her own church in Ocala one day. It was a wonderful day; the beginning of many for Elaine, we're sure! ❧

Transition in Michigan

Edward T. Beesley, 81, a 40-year resident of Southfield, passed on to a higher life, Tuesday, May 19, 1998. Mr. Beesley was born May 9, 1917 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Beesley, a member of the American Legion, was a Master Sergeant in the Army during World War II. He served in the Tank Destroyers Division and was active during the Battle of the Bulge. He was a 1936 graduate of Royal Oak High School in Michigan.

Surviving are wife, Marilyn (Moore), whom he married June 21, 1947 in Berkley; sons, Mark A. of Auburn Hills, and Daryle S. of South Lyon; brother, Eugene of Ortonville;

four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mr. Beesley held many offices in his church and was a lifetime Lyceumist. He also held the office of Trustee for many years before taking on the office of Vice-President of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches, which he still held at the time of his passing.

He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Pop & Mom Beesley, brother of Arthur Beesley whom all were workers for the cause of Spiritualism.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. at the Sawyer Fuller Funeral Home in Berkley, with the Rev. Stanley Gutt of the First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak, officiating. Following the services, a dinner was served at the church.

To know Edward Beesley was to love him. He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends. ❧

Noah's Ark Society for Physical Mediumship

N. Riley Heagerty, an American member for many years of the Noah's Ark Society for Physical Mediumship, is seeking dedicated sitters to form a circle for the development of physical phenomena.

He writes: "What I am looking for are those individuals living in my neck of the woods who are drawn naturally to the challenge of forming and developing a circle for physical manifestations . . .

"On several occasions while in England, I have had the opportunity of experiencing, first-hand, the direct outcome of what a harmonious, determined, and most importantly, a patient circle can achieve and the results, believe me, are absolutely incredible. You may achieve wonders on the very first trial or, on the other hand, maybe the 100th trial, the key is patience and perseverance. The spirits always know exactly what is going on every single step of the way.

Who is ready to take the challenge? I live in the city of Oswego, New York, which is situated approximately 65-70 miles east of Rochester. Please write to Banner of Light, P.O. Box 176, Minetto, NY 13115-0176, or call (315) 343-6083. Full information on Noah's Ark Society is available on the Internet at <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk~kluski>.



N. Riley Heagerty



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- \$65.00 single or double • \$75.00 triple or quad.
- No taxes if churches supply tax exempt form and number and delegates rooms are paid with one church check. **For reservations call (609) 234-7000 and mention with the NSAC. Deadline for reservations: September 1, 1998.**

BANQUET:

Entrees are:

**Prime Rib, Broiled Flounder,
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Price is \$26.00 per person.

- *Make checks payable to:* Church of Eternal Life and mail to: Lillian Smith, 405A Binker Ave., Rd #4, Berlin, NJ 08009.
- Please indicate your meal choice. **Reservations must be received by September 21, 1997.** Banquet tickets to be picked up at the door.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON TOUR:

- A tour to the Historic Philadelphia area to see the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and more. Bus and walking

tour. Price: \$20.00 covers bus, admissions and a box lunch.
• *Send check payable to:* Church of Eternal Life and mail to: Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave. Rd #4, Berlin, NJ 08009 **before September 21, 1998.**

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- Sky Shuttle (800) 825-3759; Metro's Rapid Rover (800) 322-8062. Call dispatcher 2084 from any airport.

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- *Morning Service:* Church of Eternal Life, 243 W. Olive St., Westville, NJ 80893. Call Lillian Joyce (609) 767-1651 for directions from the Hotel;
- Hospitality from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Hotel;
- Evening Healing and Worship Services at 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- NSAC Service Club Workshop, an all-day Seminar with a break for lunch;
- Banquet, 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Convention Business Meetings, day;
- Evening Healing and Worship Services at 7:00 p.m.

NSAC SERVICE CLUBS

- Clubs meet at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast meetings in Restaurant. Each member is responsible for their own breakfast. NST Club – Tuesday; Ministerial Club – Wednesday; Healer's League – Thursday; LM/CM Society – Friday.

CONVENTION FINANCES

by Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, Treasurer

In preparing the figures to be sent to the auxiliaries showing the cost of conventions for the past seven years, it is very noticeable that the costs of our conventions have increased. It is very important for all delegates to realize that negotiations for hosting a convention begin at least a year, and most often, two years in advance.

To receive the free meeting space for the delegates and for the Board of Directors of the NSAC, the contract signed by the host church has a "block of rooms," which is based on historical attendance. We usually block about 100 rooms, and that would mean that the hotel must have at least 85 of those rooms booked under the "block" in order to consider the free meeting space. In 1997, many of our delegates made their reservations through other means, and were not included under the "block." While the

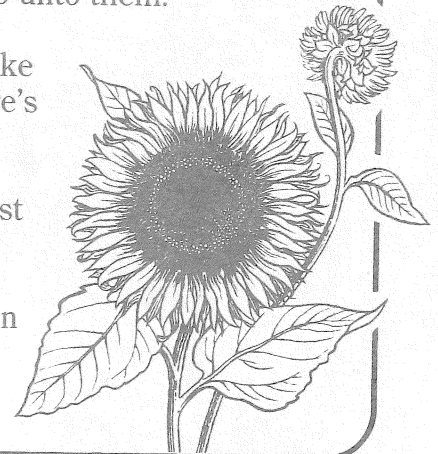
price of the room may be a little higher – \$2.00 to \$5.00 – per room night, it is this difference that allows the hotel to furnish the free meeting space. If they do not have the set number of rooms used for the organization, or the block, the cost of the meeting rooms increases on a sliding scale. When the room nights drop below 65% of the block, the meeting space is usually charged at full price, which can be anywhere from \$100.00 a day to \$100.00 an hour.

For this reason, we are asking that all delegates, making reservations for the annual conventions, use the direct line to the convention hotel, and indicate that they are attending the NSAC Convention. Small differences in the room rates can mean the difference between thousands of dollars spent by the NSAC for meeting space, versus free meeting space due to the attendance of our delegates. This is one way we can help decrease the expenses of the NSAC. Thanking you for your understanding of this request.

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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