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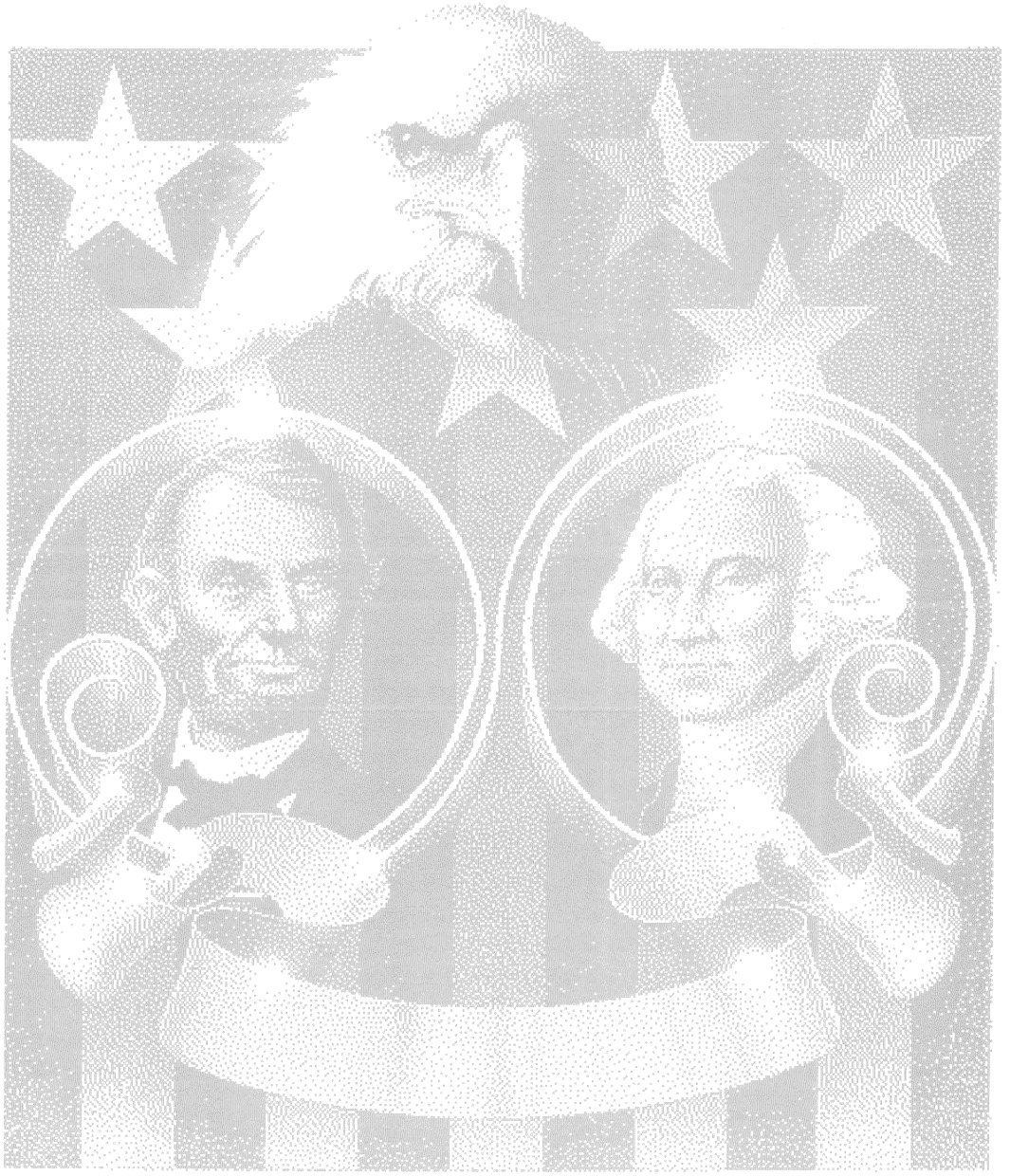
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Millennium Madness or Magic?



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

As one millennium draws to a close it makes way for a new beginning. We are in fascinating times of discovery, both of self and of the Universe. There are a bunch of predictions of disaster, doom and gloom and UFO's taking all the good folks off the planet. Who will be the judge of which of God's children are good? God loves us all.

As I write this there are only about 400 days until the new millennium begins – are you ready? There is a *Millennium* show on television, a "Millennia" perfume, a "Millenia" car, bumper stickers with an assortment of sayings, planned celebrations for New Year's Eve 1999 and many, many questions concerning the end of the 1900's to the dawn of the year 2000.

Some feel the beginning of the third millennium has been referred to in the *Bible* and some believe it will be the beginning of the apocalypse. This is news and much of the fear has been fed by the media, but there are some valid concerns to be considered.

I recently saw the question: R U Y2K OK? (Are you year 2000 okay?) In June of 1997, *Newsweek* ran an article "The Day The World Shuts DOWN" which outlined some of the potential difficulties that may be experienced. It seems that computers and our modern technology may betray us if they are not updated or prepared for the change to 2000.

Given the widespread automation of society, the challenge will affect homes, small and large businesses. Here are a few of the predicted possible scenarios: if you have a high-tech alarm clock it might not wake you, thinking it is 1900. (You could become a Rip Van Winkle if you don't prepare an alternative alarm, just in case.) Your billings and credit cards could give a problem until it is straightened out (maybe they will forgive your bill – don't count on it). Computers controlling the city's traffic lights may freeze up, which could cause even more traffic confusion than we already have. The Social Security Department or Stock dividends may be late in mailing out the monthly checks. The place you work may have difficulties with their computers, their safes, their equipment and have to give you a day or two off. Your VCR might not record a future program because it doesn't understand today's date, so you might have some unplanned time to share with your family. While I am trying to make light of the future banter being reported, there are lots of unusual possibilities for difficulties that may challenge us to remain Spiritual.

The government, local, state and federal, the banks, stock brokers, etc. are all very aware of the potential time bomb. It is a time ultimatum that most companies are working to remedy or feel that they have accomplished.

Spiritualists know that we have personal responsibility, so, just in case, make sure you have hard copy documentation of all of your accounts and some extra food and water in your home until things settle down – a couple of flash lights and batteries, too could be helpful. Let the power of our thoughts, affirmations and prayers be for peace on the earth, in the earth and within ourselves.

My husband, Gene, is a trance medium, so a few years back I asked his spirit guide what we can expect from all of these predictions. Thomas, an Irish soul with a wonderful sense of wit and wisdom, advised us to "keep on keeping on" with our life and our growth. He claimed any earth changes would be gradual, and there would not be a shift which would end earth as we know it. He also said that gradual had been speeded up so the changes might be one change quickly followed by another. Thomas reminded us that Infinite Intelligence will never give us more than we can handle and to look to the cleansing process the earth is experiencing with excitement for that which is to come. He said that we would begin to see some surprising events from surprising areas.

Think about 1000 years ago and what was going on. By then most of the well educated folk knew that the world was not flat, however few had ventured past their own shores. Maya, Totonac and other Mesoamerican people thrived. Earth's population was about 250 million, unchanged for thousands of years. Half of all children died before the age of five and the life expectancy of adults was rarely much past the age 60. The chair had just become common place in China. Slave trade flourished. Economic hardships forced some families to sell their children into slavery in Europe. India just created a numerical system based on nine numbers and a zero. Gunpowder, furnaces and a form of paper money has just been introduced.

If we look back even a hundred years the changes brought about through improved communication and transportation have made a huge world, filled with foreign people in far off lands into a brotherhood of mankind that we can know about in minutes, that we can communicate with right now on the Internet or by phone, that we can visit within a day or so. The new understanding brought by these connections is that we are not so different and that we are all children of the One Creator.

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God has given power of free will choice to all His Children . . . your guide and teacher will never issue commands . . . A wise and loving guide waits at your side to help you. What is the work of your guide? He (she) is your companion and teacher, and he works through your higher mind and conscience.

White Eagle,
S.U. 1, p. 53

'Your Caring Spirit Guides'

INSPIRED THROUGH DREW VOGT, NEW MEXICO

History in all cultures records the workings of Spirit Guides. In many Asian and Near Eastern cultures these beings were called Light Beings, Luminescent Ones, The Shining Ones, Guardian Angels and Angels of Light. Think of the great men and women, torchbearers of light, like Einstein, Martin Luther, Thomas Edison, Ghandi, and Joan of Arc, do you think they walked alone? Do you think they were left in the mires of human limitations? No, they all were inspired by loving, caring spiritual guides seeking to uplift humankind! They, we, have never been left alone. The genius composers – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig Von Beethoven, they wrote down music as they heard it in their "minds" finished, superbly completed works of music – some of the best pieces ever known to mankind were directly from spirit. Do you think they walked alone?

Most of the greatest thinkers and inventors and musicians of history admit in great modesty that the seeds of their achievements lay in the spiritual realm – not the physical! For all things are first born and find existence in the spirit realm, first as idea, moldable, flexible, and open to the influence of Spirit Teachers who have amassed great wisdom and learning in all arts, sciences, and metaphysics.

The greatest influences for positive change occurs when the human heart finally reaches a point of truest reality and says, "I need help, I can't do it alone." This attitude is the cornerstone of learning. This attitude is the foundation and starting point of the Universe – for in it the stage is set for the mind to be open to new thoughts, fresh inspirations, new ideas and solutions that may be life changing, earth shattering, evolutionary and bring you a leap forward in your own development.

Shun the egotistical arrogance that says you can do it alone. Shun the attitude that says you don't need anyone's help. A large portion of your own healing is contingent upon your receiving help from others around you, friends, family and teachers. Then, on the Other Side – the Spirit Guides, who wait for your minds and hearts to be open, are there to give you what you need. Receive the help. Facilitate your own healing. Flex to the whims of spirit and you learn the softness and gentleness with which Spirit can deal with you. How gentle they can be! How well they understand our frailties. How well they know of our travails and seek, with great empathy and compassion, to bring us aid and comfort.

Your Helpers care <u>not</u> what vocabulary you use to speak to them. The sincerity of the heart is what is "seen" by the Guides and Teachers. Some of you use terms such as Holy Spirit, Saints, Protectors, Guardian Angels. They care not what words you choose – only speak, address them from your sacred inner being and the clear bounds of mutual work will be taken up by Spirit as you work together. Look forward to this mutual endeavor. God Bless you.

SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

Spirit In My Life *is a new monthly column where we each can share something that has affected our lives where our spirit friends are involved. We all have a story, let us hear yours.*

Discovery of a Table for "Tipping"

– Lynn & Brian's Story –

BY LYNN BOULLARD & BRIAN KENT AND SPIRIT, TOO, RHODE ISLAND

My first experience with table tipping was in early May of 1997 at the Quincy Massachusetts Spiritualist Church. Ron Spencer, LM, was guest speaker and medium for the church that day. After service, Ron and Tracy Spencer held a class and demonstrated table tipping with about 45 people in attendance. Little did I know that this one class would change my life. Ron gave an overview of the table tipping operation and background on its history and use. The table, as accustomed to doing, called people up by tapping out their initials or first names. The second person the table called had the initials B.K. Reluctantly, not knowing what to expect, I raised my hand and took the place of the prior participant. As the custom, the loved one on the other side stepped in and controlled the table. My grandmother came through the table with loving, compassionate energy. She had passed to spirit when I was one year old. She communicated with me through the table and later I was able to confirm the message with my mother. Needless to say, after that experience, table tipping Spirit communication would play a large part in my life.



October 1998, Lynn Boullard and Brian Kent and table! First Spiritualist Church of Bockton, Seekonk, Massachusetts.

Lynn's first experience was in July 1997 with Ron and Tracy Spencer at the On-I-Set Wigwam in Onset, Massachusetts. Ron held a similar demonstration/participation class format that he had held at the Quincy Spiritualist Church, and explained that Spirit is always next to you. That spiritual "tipping" table class was exciting and informative. Healing was of special interest that night. With special healing energy work from our dear friends on the other side. From that day forward we both had an unquenchable thirst for more physical mediumship. We wanted our own table to demonstrate Spirit connection to everyone. We went to antique shops, 2nd hand stores and even new furniture stores. We both went a little crazy trying to find the "perfect" table. Not too large, not too small, all wood, and to have some character.

Finally, toward the middle of June 1998 Lynn decided to ask Spirit for help. In a meditation, she was shown a rather nice looking table top with what she believed to be a sunflower on it, or some kind of design. Weeks passed and we did not see anything affordable or what was shown to her in the meditation. Again, Lynn asked Spirit for help. She asked Spirit to come up with a table for less than $40.00 and to help us to find it. Spirit's message to us; that we would find the table on a trip to New Hampshire, on a 3 number route, on the right hand side of the road, and in a large building.

On August 17, 1998, we went to services at the Cathedral of the Pines, in Ringe, New Hampshire. This is a very special place, dedicated to all the service men and especially to service women who gave of their lives in wars throughout America's past. The service gathers together all Spiritualists in North America, once a year, in an open air cathedral under tall pine trees overlooking an expansive vista of wilderness. The healing energy is beyond description or explanation. We both felt blessed to be able to provide healing to our fellow Spiritualists. Afterwards we had a picnic lunch at the State park with Mary Lou and John Baumhoff, organizers of the services, and Ron Spencer LM, guest speaker, Tracy Spencer, and others.

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Communion With The "I AM"

BY H. GORDON BURROUGHS
Taken from *TNS*, June 1959



All churches and religious movements have some of the truth; no one church has all the truth. It is necessary for many roadways to be established by which the human family can enter the Kingdom. If you receive your greatest help in the church where you are, then that is the place where you should be; but be broad enough to accept other aspects of truth because it will add to that which you already have.

I have read much regarding the foundation of our principal religions; I have studied many of the other church movements. I am in sympathy with many of the tenets of the great I AM movement. One hears much, however, of the I AM as being something outside of one's self, something outside of the individual, and of the necessity for one to come into communication with, to be directed by the great I AM Presence. That teaching is very good as far as it goes. But man is spirit, uncreated and physically free; he is not going to become spirit. There can, therefore, be no presence in God's world other than your presence associated with objective consciousness within your physical body . . . you, the "I", associated consciously with God, Infinite Intelligence, or whatever form this great energy takes within your consciousness. No matter what you believe, you cannot act or move or have your being without the manifestation of God, acting as force, electricity, or whatever you may call it. I call it God, Infinite Intelligence.

Now, you are a part of the Great Spirit, just as your children are a part of you. You contain all that God is; you are limitless. However, we find ourselves in a world where men are grappling at each other's throats, directed by objective reasoning into a selfish state of consciousness.

How, then, are we to get into communication with the I AM? By attuning this objective body and mind through trained receptivity, we need only register upon the objective plane of manifestation, exercising at the same time another faculty known to the student as the occult faculty, about which the philosophical world is beginning to learn. The occultists have always known that this faculty centers in certain parts of the body. We lost the manifestation of this faculty because we have been living in the material senses, and so the eyes have been closed to the beautiful things that are all around us.

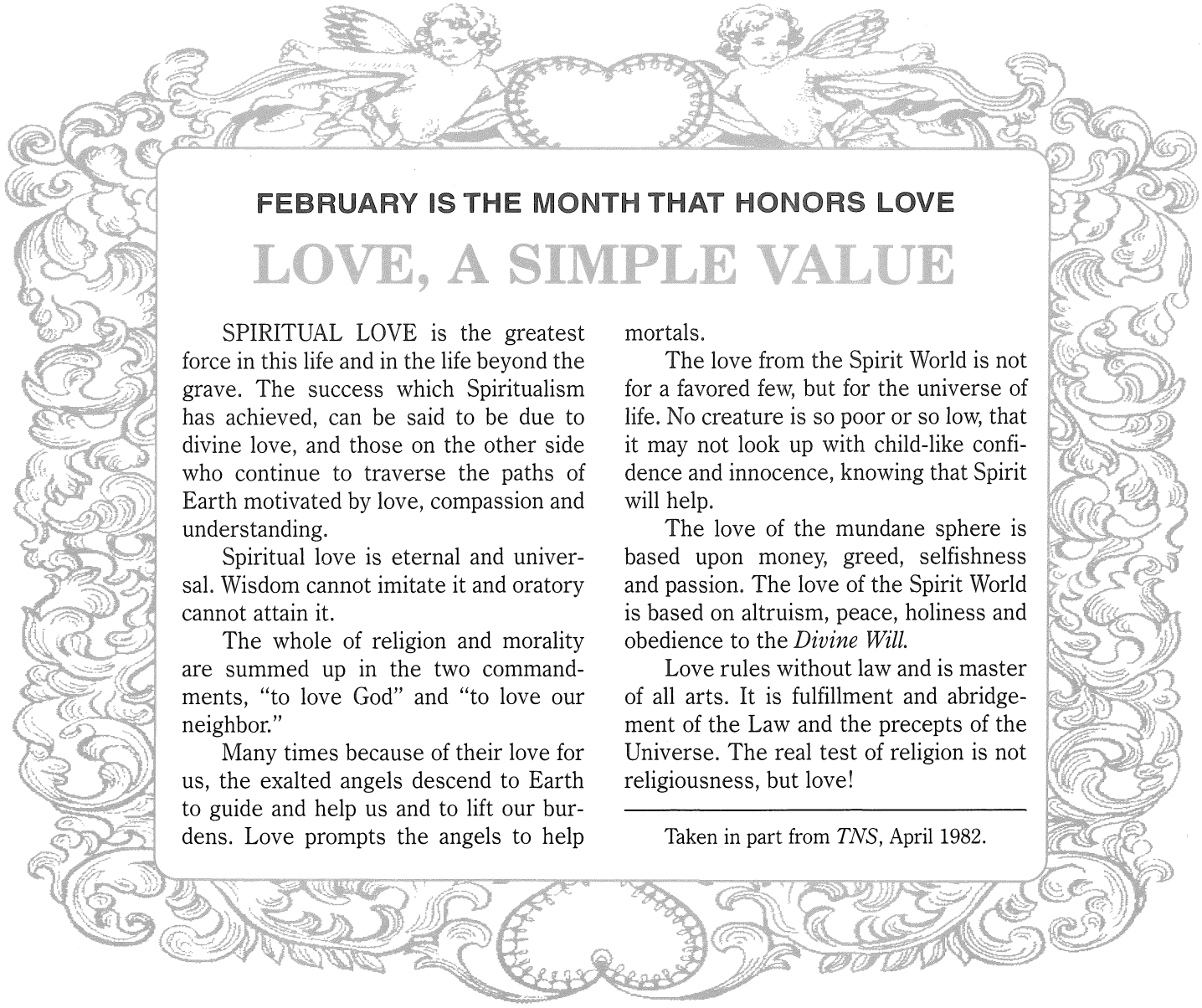
By the I AM, I mean **you**, the spiritual **you**, the very spark of the Infinite that is eternal, that part of you which always has been and always will be with God somewhere. By prayer and meditation, by longing and hopefulness, we can reach the idealistic within self; thus do we open the psychic door through which the I, the You, can direct consciously. I am thinking of the individual who through his desires, through his hopes, through his prayers, through his longings, subdues that objective manifestation of his life which prevents the I, the You, the real I AM from manifesting.

Do not be disturbed by teachers who are trying to place the I AM in God's universe. There is only one place where you and I can find it, and that is within; and as soon as you find it, you can recognize it in others, and then the great spiritual I, the eternal part of you, that which talks, which breathes, which never dies, may be in constant communication with its objective body. Each of you may reach this high state of ecstasy in your daily lives if you but will. It matters not what you may believe; simply enter into the silence, away from the turmoil of this mundane world, with a sincere desire of knowing for yourself.

God is your Father; and you, as a part of Him, contain the spark of God within yourself. You are masters, workers with Him. God has never ceased creating, so each one of you who accomplishes, who gives to the world one ray of light, becomes a real teacher, a real worker, a real helper, a real child of a loving parent.

God loves you; therefore, God is not going to do anything that will cause you sorrow. The unhappy conditions of your life you make for yourself. Many people will not agree with this statement; but if you will look back into your individual lives and analyze carefully, you will probably be able to trace every move that brought about certain unhappy results, and no one was responsible but you. Ignorance of a mistake does not excuse you from the result of a mistake. God loves you and is ever ready to assist you. He does not

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FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH THAT HONORS LOVE

LOVE, A SIMPLE VALUE

SPIRITUAL LOVE is the greatest force in this life and in the life beyond the grave. The success which Spiritualism has achieved, can be said to be due to divine love, and those on the other side who continue to traverse the paths of Earth motivated by love, compassion and understanding.

Spiritual love is eternal and universal. Wisdom cannot imitate it and oratory cannot attain it.

The whole of religion and morality are summed up in the two commandments, "to love God" and "to love our neighbor."

Many times because of their love for us, the exalted angels descend to Earth to guide and help us and to lift our burdens. Love prompts the angels to help mortals.

The love from the Spirit World is not for a favored few, but for the universe of life. No creature is so poor or so low, that it may not look up with child-like confidence and innocence, knowing that Spirit will help.

The love of the mundane sphere is based upon money, greed, selfishness and passion. The love of the Spirit World is based on altruism, peace, holiness and obedience to the *Divine Will.*

Love rules without law and is master of all arts. It is fulfillment and abridgement of the Law and the precepts of the Universe. The real test of religion is not religiousness, but love!

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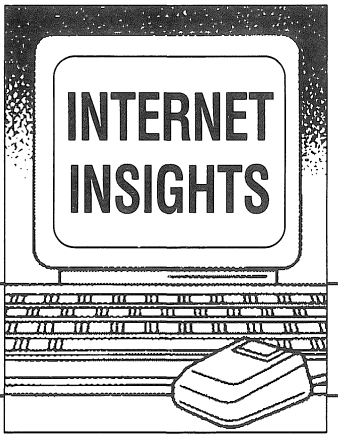
COMMUNION WITH THE "I AM"

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expect you to ask Him to forgive you, but He does expect you to learn by your mistake. You have paid the price of the mistake. God is interested only in the hope that through the mistake you will approach nearer to Him.

Do not be confused about terms describing the same things. I AM, YOU ARE. The I AM Presence is the presence of daily watchfulness of the real you over its objective body, the servant through which it manifests. When we speak of communion with the I AM, we are speaking of all direct communication which makes it possible for you to contact the great Creative Mind, the Director of the Universe, of which you are a part. As you open the door for this communication, you also open the door for communication with the masters, teachers, advisers, spiritual beings, each of whom is an I AM of the great eternity. Because of our attunement, because of our sensitiveness, because of our receptivity, they, too, may become directors of life through us in assisting others who may come or hope to come, within the radius of their manifestation. Each of us may be the open door through which masters are evolved, disembodied souls may direct, teach, heal, and lead those who may so desire.

The spirit in man is always at one with Infinite Intelligence. Infinite Intelligence or God speaks to man, the I AM, and ministers unto him directly in and through the spirit that is in man. Through this intimate and vital inspiration and ministration of the Father, can man, as His child, unfold and realize the power of mastery.



SUBMITTED BY SUSAN C. McREE, ARIZONA

The Big Rocks of Life

A while back an expert on the subject of time management was speaking to a group of business students. As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz."

He pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar, causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks. Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in, and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted.

Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

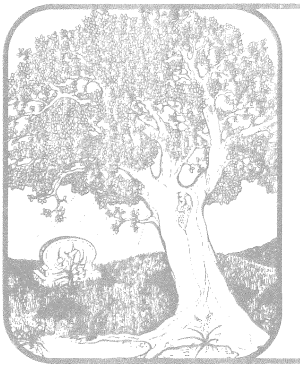
"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is this: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

The title of this story is "The Big Rocks of Life." What are the big rocks in your life? A project that YOU want to accomplish? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your finances? A cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all.

So, today when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the "big rocks" in my life or business? Then, put those in your jar tomorrow.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."
Proverbs 17:22

Morris Pratt Institute Association ■ The Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary Emeritus



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* ***Gloria J. Nye*** *of Maine.*

The only journey man must take by himself is the one where he must leave this world behind and travel into the next. The road often times is one that is paved in fear and mystery. Depending on the culture one is coming from, or the religion in which one believes and practices, death can be wrought with fearful nightmares, or it can be one that promises hope and renewal.

My grandmother was 82 when she crossed over. She died peacefully in her sleep. She had looked forward to dying for many years, at the anticipation of the reunion with her parents, siblings and loved ones. Other than her animosity against my father that created many arguments in our home, I believed my grandmother walked on water. I was happy for her because I believed that she was finally at peace.

About six months after her death, I woke up with tears soaking my pillow. In front of me, I couldn't see, but I could "feel" my grandmother. The room was filled with a sense of grief and remorse. I couldn't understand what my grandmother was trying to say. I asked her "Memere, what do you want? Why are you crying? I don't understand you. Please find me someone who can tell me what you want."

The next day at work, my position was changed to work with a woman I had seen around the plant, but really had never spoken to. During the day, our conversation came around and I told her what happened in my room. She then told me that she was a Spiritualist, and I found out later on, an excellent medium. She said that if I wanted to come to her home she would do a seance and see if my grandmother came through. I jumped at the chance.

Later, I found out that my grandmother had come to me so that I could relay her remorse to my father and ask him for forgiveness. After having crossed over, she had learned that she could have done much to ease my father's burdens, but instead, had created many for him. She had allowed her feelings of animosity towards my father, for having married her youngest daughter, to overshadow what she knew she should have done.

She had been given the opportunity to come through first to me, and then to my friend. I went home that evening and sat in front of my father. I told him what had happened at my friend's house. I then asked him if my grandmother was standing in front of him this very minute asking him for his forgiveness, would he give it to her. The only way I can explain how the room felt was as if the whole world had gone silent for a moment. He looked at me and said, "You know, with all her faults, she was a good woman. Yes, I would tell her that I forgive her." It was as if the whole room lifted with song and congratulations. My grandmother was free!

That lesson really hit home to me. I thought that death brought about absolution from guilt. One does not get instant relief from the wrongdoing to another just by merit of no longer being in flesh. If anything, freedom from grief occurs only after redemption is sought from the wronged person. It would have been so much easier to have treated my father with respect while my grandmother was in the flesh. My grandmother's grief was deep and heartfelt. It would also have been easy for my father to say he would never forgive her, but he returned good for evil.

I can't quite believe that death only serves as a release of the soul from the flesh. I believe that the idea of death also serves as a constant reminder that there is a day of reckoning. For some the day is soon, for others the days span into years. We are all individuals, with unique personalities. We all have our burdens to carry. It would be much simpler to just drop them off here instead of carrying them into a new life.

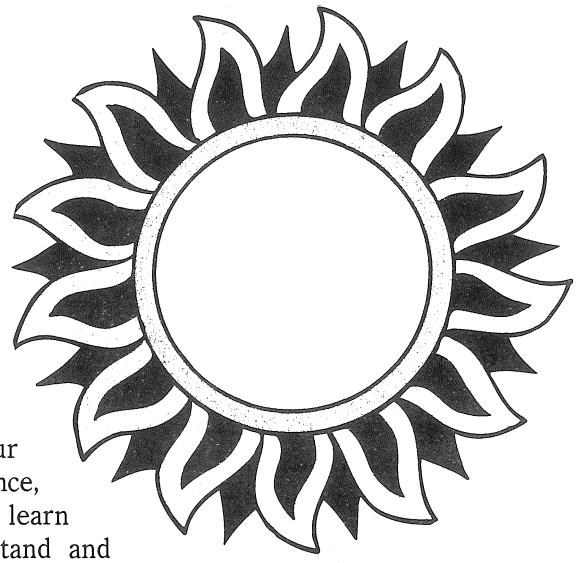
When I lived in Japan I became very good friends with a Japanese woman who explained their culture's belief of death to me. She told me that after a period of mourning, the dead one's name is not mentioned for fear that the house will become haunted by "calling" the person back into the home. A day is celebrated for the ancestors by bringing food and sake' to the grave. Tears are permitted at the grave site, but great care is taken not to do anything that will anger the ancestors. Interestingly enough, fear is situated around the fact that there will be no one left to bring food or sake' to the grave. A common theme that surrounds the spirits is the belief that an angry ancestor is one that did not complete or finish his work in this life. That he left before things were made right. The spirit is angry because he is frustrated that nothing can be done. Thus, the priests are looked upon with great respect because they are able to speak with the spirits in order to find what it will take to appease an ancestor.

I personally, see death as an emergence from a closed

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Spiritualism & Spirit Messages Help Us Live Right

BY THE REV. LOUIS POTTER, NEVADA



Spirit messages present evidence of the continuance or continuity of life after death. Spiritual greetings bring consolation from friends and loved ones who have gone over to the Spirit side of life from the physical side. Spirit messages bring guidance and knowledge from wise and powerful Spirit entities and loved ones who live on the higher planes of the Spirit World.

Why don't spirit helpers always give good advice about money and material gain or wealth?

The spirit entities do not always consider it important that a person increase one's material possessions beyond that which is needed or that which is deserved. The guides think it is wiser that a person develops their spiritual growth, first.

Spiritualists believe we can acquire knowledge by scientific means through a study of physical and spiritual phenomena in religious area – or any area we choose. Spiritualism says religion does NOT have to be a matter of blind faith but proof of spirit communication.

It is normal to want proof. All religions believe in a life after death. Only Spiritualism attempts to PROVE the continuity of life after death by communicating through Mediumship, with those souls who have made the transition to the next dimension.

At death, when a person leaves the physical body, they automatically gravitate to the plane of awareness which their earth life prepared them for. Each person may choose to learn and advance themselves in Spiritual enlightenment on the Spirit Side of life. It is still their free will and choice.

But if a person chooses to drift in the Spirit World and refuses to make an effort to progress in Spiritual development, this person weaves about themselves a mantle of darkness which limits life giving Spiritual light.

This will be that person's hell. They just did not progress in learning spiritual things during their physical life. This is knowledge based on testimony of those who have gone through the veil into the Spirit side of Life. But we also know that the doorway to growth is always open and higher spirits encourage and help every soul.

Spiritualism can make your life easier and happier. You will find your problems solved with less effort and anxiety. By learning personal responsibility for your actions through the use of Spiritualism's invisible forces, you will improve your emotional, mental, and Spiritual environment. If you do not want to leave your life to chance, then you learn to understand and apply the immutable Laws of the Universe.

But remember, that you will benefit from Spiritualism to the degree that you put forth the effort on this earth life to learn and contribute to Spiritualism's knowledge and to practice God's Natural Laws.

At one time there was a big difference between what was thought about good and evil. The notable difference between good and evil was more sharply defined and better understood than it now sometimes seems to be. Back in the days before television – call them strict, call them old-fashioned, call them stern, or call them whatever you think, from this distance in time, it would seem that there was a reasonably well-marked borderline, each side of good and evil was known for what it was. Life and Spirit has taught us that no one is wholly bad and no one is wholly blameless.

The real measure of goodness is the use of which individuals put their time. It is a blessing to help another to believe in God and that God loves them. Humans should, with the Spirit World's help and God's love of each of us, be able to live free of fear of any physical force.

My dad once said to me, "There are some things a person must do for themselves, and making up their mind what one should do and what one wants to do is one of them."

There is no misdeed which does NOT exact its own penalty. Whether God or the agencies of men immediately choose to do so or NOT. We may gamble on obstructing the law; we may gamble on the remoteness of the Spirit World's judgments and God's mercy; but no person ever won a gamble with their own conscience.

Even if you think that you have your conscience in submission, one is very mistaken. There is nothing more certain in all the world than the certainty that every thought and act of our lives has its effect upon us, for good or bad, whether it is known to others or not. Anyone who gambles against this fact has already lost their gamble.

All this reminds me of the Rev. Rose Locke's saying

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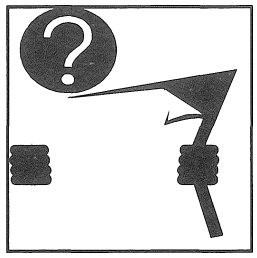
Questions & Answers

BY DR. VICTORIA BARNES

Q How long does it take a non-believer to progress after transition?

A This question is vague, so can be answered with only a degree of definiteness. We presume the term "non-believer" refers to one who is not a Spiritualist.

When the time element enters into a question, we must realize time in the Spirit World is not reckoned according to our standards. Rather, spiritual advancement, or progression, is measured by degrees of soul-growth; by spiritual understanding, and the resultant effects from application of this knowledge.



Many factors enter into this problem, such as: How firm were (or are) this individual's convictions? Are they based upon superstition, heresy, bigotry, sentiment, or facts? Does he/she *desire* to know whether he is right or wrong? How qualified are the Spirit Helpers he has attracted to himself? To what degree did he attune his earth existence with Natural Law?

This last factor will determine the retribution required of him and the time for this is governed in part, by his willingness, born of soul conviction, to make the requisite atonement.

It is not obligatory that one be a *believer* in any religion in order to progress after death, but IT IS NECESSARY to live one's earth life as nearly consistent with the mandates of Natural Law as possible.

EDUCATION SPEAKS

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chrysalis state, much as a butterfly who has been in a cocoon. Death marks the pathway to a new life, a new beginning. I believe that if the journey is begun holding on to many burdens, such as disappointments, anger, hate, unfinished work, our spirit is then held down to the earth plane by so many weights.

People who have had near-death experiences (where death has been clinically proven) have come back with a strong need to cultivate a sincere love for his or her fellow travelers. These people have been changed. Many times, friends and loved ones will say that the actions of this person is not like the actions of the person before the near-death experience. People who have had near-death experiences also have a sense that time is of the essence. They must accomplish much in the time that has been gifted to them. They all feel as if they have been blessed with being able to finish the work that they started out to do. The petty squabbles mean so little to them now. They now have the overriding compulsion to be better people, to treat all that they meet with compassion. They don't view their "past death" as having been one of fear, they see it as having been one of the greatest blessings of their life.

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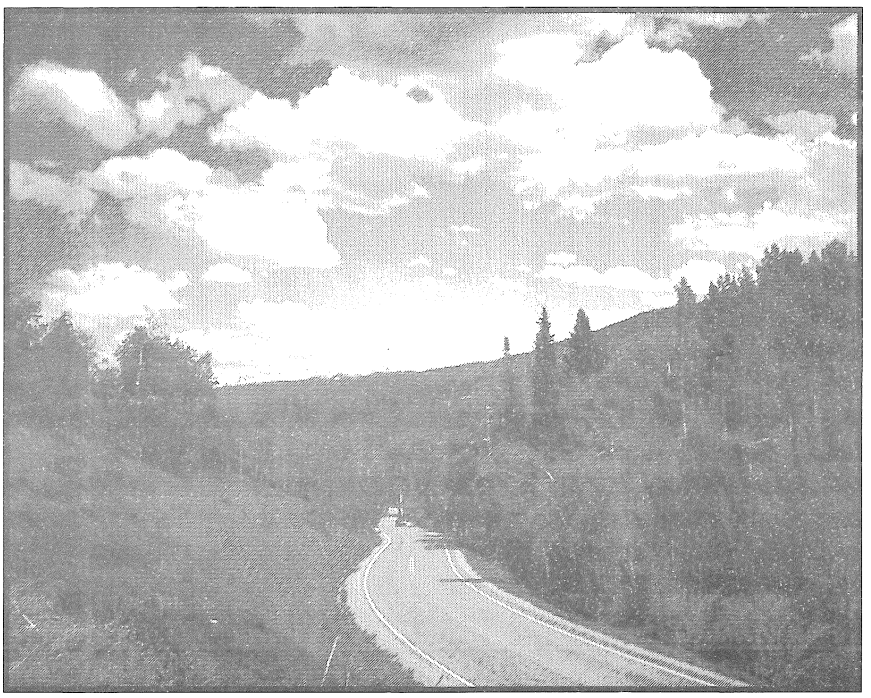
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The Misunderstanding of Spiritualism

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Spiritualism is a very broad minded belief and accepts what is good in all belief systems, but because of this it has a variety of problems that seem to retard its growth. One of the most annoying problems is the misunderstanding that Spiritualism is not a complete religion as are the orthodox religions such as the **Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Jewish or Buddhist, or any other organized religions. Too many seem to look at us as a club or just a place to get a spirit greeting.**



That is the way some seem to treat us, we must always keep in our mind that we are a duly incorporated religion and should be treated and thought of as that.

We must not dilute our beliefs any more than any other organized religion. As an example: a Baptist would not adjust their faith to satisfy a Buddhist, **a Baptist is a Baptist, a Buddhist is a Buddhist and a Spiritualist should be a Spiritualist.**

We all need to know our beliefs in order to answer the questions that a new member, one who is interested in our Religion, or the general public may ask. We must understand each area of Spiritualism.

We should be able to explain Spiritual healing, what its rules are and not confuse them with other methods. There may be alternative methods of healing with satisfactory or excellent results, but they are not Spiritual healing.

It is important for Spiritualists to understand our philosophy and not let it get mixed with new age philosophies and orthodox beliefs. This was a problem for many of the early pioneers, and also is difficult for some of our members today that began with new age philosophies or orthodox religious backgrounds. This also includes many of the early authors of Spiritualist books and Hymns which do not give a true picture of modern Spiritualism.

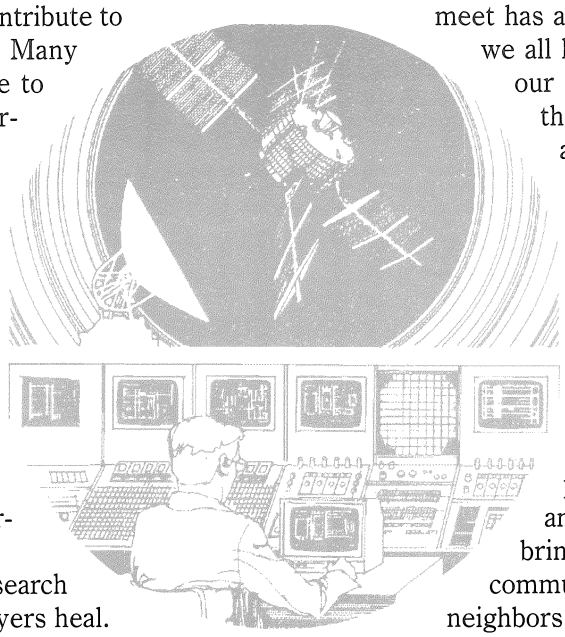
Spiritualism is resting largely on the science and research of the past, but it is seriously lacking in present day research. Much time has passed since those pioneers of the last century did research to the best of their ability. The results of the past may have been very valid, but today's generation, with its far greater research capacity, needs verification that will stand up to our present quality of scientific validity.

We must understand the science of Spiritualism and be sure that any phenomena that is received is genuine and witnessed. There have been too many gullible people of the past as well as today, that are ever ready to accept phenomena without question, and there are frauds waiting to take their money.

Let us remember that our churches and camps are an **Affiliate of The National Spiritualist Association of Churches and it is their Principles and Bylaws we need to follow.** Just as the Orthodox Churches follow theirs.

Spiritualism is a beautiful belief and to keep it progressing and alive into the next century we will need well educated leaders, mediums and healers that have the dedication and a willingness to study and spread our philosophy at every opportunity, so that we may gain back the respect and popularity that Spiritualism enjoyed at the end of our last century.

Well, 1999 has arrived and a more recent review might be in order. The changes and discoveries are no longer about new lands and distant places, but about the mind and the soul, the individual light within. Science now believes, for the first time, that human actions affect the world on a global scale. Most of the medical community, in the past hundred or so years, was predominately scientific, with little regard for the spiritual, but this is changing – rapidly. Doctors are discovering hard, startling facts that the spiritual life and faith of individuals contribute to their healing, or lack of healing. Many patients who are given a limited time to live by their doctors are turning to spiritual healing, prayer and faith – and they are surviving. The AMA has taken notice of the increase in patients who are proving science wrong, or that there may be another way, a spiritual way. Harvard's Dr. Herbert Benson has found that prayer and meditation counters the effects of stress and many diseases. He found that belief in something greater than yourself *(The Faith Factor)* contributes positively to a person's health.



Science has done much in its research about prayer. The results are that prayers heal. When conducting a double blind test with part of the group being prayed for and receiving needed medical treatment and another portion of patients just receiving needed medical treatment, the results were astounding. It was as though those who were included in the prayers were given a magic pill. The research continues and the data accumulates proving prayers help heal.

Investigators are reporting healing successes and stress reduction through drumming, chanting and music. The Mozart Effect is being used with children to increase their learning ability.

Public polls have shown that 95% of Americans feel they are more tied to spirituality and a Higher Loving Source than ever before. Articles tell us that families that have a spiritual basis are healthier and happier. Couples who pray together reduce their risk of divorce and the children of a spiritual family tend to adjust easier to life.

Read almost any magazine today and there will be an article about finding the true you. People are reaching into themselves, discovering the spirit within. People are honoring the gut instinct and giving it credit for helping their lives. Meditative types of practices are being taught in the schools and Universities (visualization, yoga, tai chi, etc.).

Motivational speakers sound like they are preaching Spiritualism. In a talk by Wayne Dyer he mentions his spiritual guide Ickas (not sure of the proper spelling). Mark Victor Hansen during a seminar tape speaks of life after death. Marrianna Williamson and Depok Chopra teach about Natural Law. All talk of the Spirit within; each tells of personal searching, personal responsibility and commitment to higher principles.

Years ago people who had spiritual and mystical experiences didn't talk about them. More and more people are telling about the wonderful, life changing happenings that left them with a knowing that there is a Loving, Greater Power. It is said that one out of every ten souls we meet has a spiritual story to share. I think that we all have something that has occurred in our lives that has caused us to know there is a Divine Creator. We haven't always accepted the circumstance in this manner, however.

The world is experiencing a renaissance of spiritual growth. The deeper people reach within, the more they know that we are all connected, never alone and must work together. There is a "helper's high" that boosts health and well-being of the helper thus proving the Natural Law of Cause and Effect and the Law of Return. This brings encouragement for a stronger community of supportive, loving friends, neighbors and family. With the increase of spirituality we are reshaping our world and influencing how we encounter the coming times. "We are witnessing nothing less than the reinvention of spirituality. It is an extraordinary event that will endure far beyond our lifetimes." (Daniel Yankelovich, 1998.)

Every day is sacred, every moment, every millennium an evolving teacher. We have each learned many lessons and will continue in our growth throughout our existence, so let us look to the new millennium as an adventure, not with fear. Consider that our cultures have kept their own calendars: The Hebrews count from 3760 B.C. which they identify as the moment of creation. Some Hindus, from 3102 B.C.; some Muslims, from Muhammad's flight to Medina in 622 A.D. Several Native tribes have their own calendars, such as the Mayan's. Many people have never treated the passage of a thousand years as special, in fact this is the first time in history that most everyone on the planet will know it is changing.

Spiritualists honor change and know it is important in every life. We honor the moment and know we should be here right now. One thing to remember is that what is most important doesn't change, is available every moment and that is love. Let us give this passage into a "new number" only good energy. Let us visualize the next millennium as one of peace, growth, love, harmony and light. Infinite Intelligence is in control, guiding all life for a reason and we give thanks for this beautiful world and all God's gifts.

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 I open my mind to the activity of God.	**2** I study the truths of all religions and philosophies.	**3** Love is all there is, it does not begin or end.	**4** I surround myself with beauty in sights and sounds.	**5** Love is nourishing and healing.	**6** My vibration attracts others, so I keep it lovingly.
7 Life flows freely unless we resist or block it.	**8** As we are loving, we see with our Spiritual nature.	**9** I am refreshed by prayer and meditation.	**10** As we raise our vibrations, we open our hearts.	**11** I yearn for the higher touch from my spirit friends.	**12** Love is an outlet for Spirit, the food for the soul.	**13** We flourish and prosper when we give and receive love.
14 I open my heart to accept Universal Love.	**15** Be a loving magnet, it's fulfilling.	**16** Whatever we are dealing with is God in manifestation.	**17** It is not always easy to love others, but we are One.	**18** The inspiration and recognition of spirit is love.	**19** Love is Natural Law, a spiritual way to live.	**20** Love is the absence of fear and oppression.
21 Growth and discovery is a gift of life itself.	**22** All life is affected by love thoughts and energy.	**23** Love is liberating, a transforming force.	**24** Love is Divine, the portion of God consciousness.	**25** The love that you are is the love you will see in others.	**26** As we tune into the Higher Forces we will know peace.	**27** Feeling alive and renewed is a by-product of loving.
28 Accept your humanity as well as your divinity.						



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

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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., Shyriee Cole.

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

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: 27124 Cole Ct., 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 and First Temple of Spiritualism
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.

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); Church phone, (415) 927-2139; 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
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SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
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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.

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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 Gaffin, 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
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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) 590-9187; Secy., Rev. John Meerschaert, 1715 15th St. N.W. #202, 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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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., Arsenia Williams; Secy., Jerri Cole.

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.

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

INDIANAPOLIS - First Spiritual Science Church Inc.
519 South Leeds Ave., 46203; Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Worship and Message 11:00 a.m.; Third Sat. each month Reading Day 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Wed. night Meditation 7:00 p.m.; 5th Sunday each month All Message Service and Covered dish dinner; Pres., Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, 46224, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Wanda Whetsel, (317) 261-0888.

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.

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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 Sat. 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; 1999 Camp Season, July 10 thru August 21; 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; Secy., Mary Ellen Horstman.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (319) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Classes available; (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, 806 E. 13th St., 52803-4240, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Pat Peck.

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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.; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273.

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; mid July-mid Aug. schedule to be announced. No accommodations for rooms, camping or meals. For information: Pres., Zella Longley, (207) 465-3310 or Secy., John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901-6214, (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidso@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) 761-1685.

• 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 end of August: Held on Tues. Evenings at 7:30 p.m.; For Info. call Acting Pastor/Treas., Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546, or Carol Wendell, (781) 396-0900.

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 Sheevin, 80 W. Broadway, Denny, NH 03038, (603) 434-6090 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, (978) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in June; Pres., Dorothy Thurlow, 169 Bachelor St., W. Newbury, 01985, (978) 363-2009; Secy., Nancy L. Karolides, 144 Boston St., Middleton, 01949, (978) 774-4048.

SEEKONK - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
Masonic Temple, 75 County St., 02771 (7 min. from Providence R.I.); Healing and Church Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Unfoldment Classes Sun. morn. 9:00 a.m., Sept. through May; 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 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum; Development Classes year-round; 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, 39 Parlin, Apt. 106, Everett, 02149, (617) 389-0834; Secy., Joyce C. Barlow, Box 873, East Granby, CT 06026 - (860) 651-0507; e-mail: barlow1104@aol.com.

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
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CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
(Bayshore) 07444 US Old 31 N, 49720-9422, (616) 347-3899.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
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DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit
4161 Buckingham, 48224-3538.

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West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 11:00 a.m., Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 149 Vicary Rd., 49251-9746, (517) 589-9861.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
340 North Lapeer Rd., 48371; (810) 814-9172.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 20, 1999 through Sept. 5, 1999; Annual Retreat July 11-16, 1999; 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 •

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:15 a.m.; Secy's., Chrissy & Melanie; Pres., Beth, 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., 63109-3558; 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; Secy., Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116-3905, (314) 773-0106.

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC
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It's love, it's love that makes the world go round.
– Chansons Populaires de France.

"**Love is Life** and **Life is God,**" says Andrew Jackson Davis. "**Everything** is a receptacle of Love. **Everything** is moved, sustained, and enlivened by Love. Love is motion, life, attraction, gravitation and association, and there is nothing alive which is not pierced with Love."

For, love makes the world go round. It's the highest, holiest, divinest element of the human spirit.

Love comes in a myriad of shapes, sizes, strengths and forms. It comes in the forms of Self-love, Conjugal Love, Parental Love, Fraternal Love, Filial Love, and Universal Love. And all these forms of love are the mainsprings of eternal progression, where sentiments, aspirations and attractions are developed.

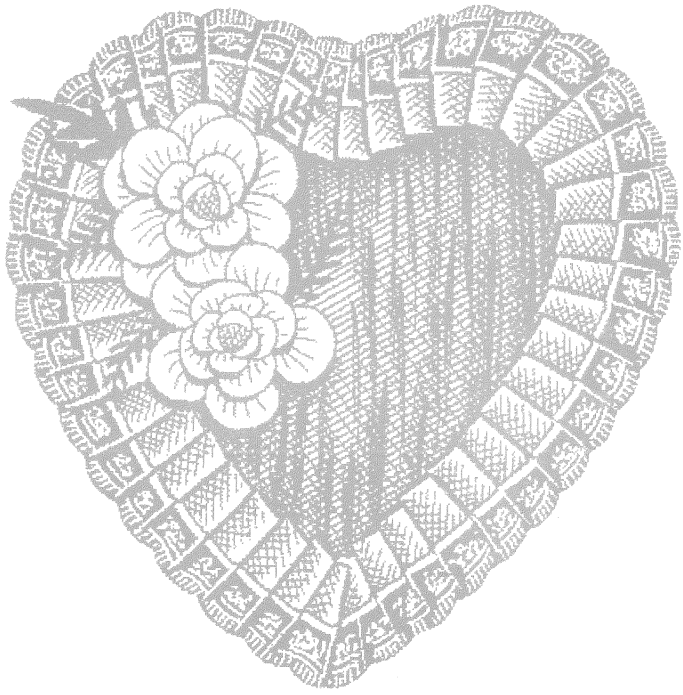
Love is the parent of all feelings, impulses and sentiments. **And there is not a single vegetable nor animal that does not contain this same love.** As Luther Burbank, the California plant wizard who created 800 new plant species using a combination of unorthodox science and mystic flower communication, claimed, "**I see humanity now as one vast plant, needing for its highest fulfillment, only love.**"

Love has a decided place in religious life, as we all know. Love as a spiritual force is a universal religious point of view. It's a view which holds as true and worthy today as it did in times past. We can trace these profound teachings of "the spiritual force of love" to all the writings of the great religious leaders of the past – Krishna – Buddha – Zoroaster – Moses – Christ – Muhammad.

These many writings, in a capsule, explain to human beings that, "**Love increases charitable feelings and tenderness for fellow-creatures.**" I'm quite confident that no Spiritualist would argue with this impressive spiritual belief from the past.

Spiritualists affirm, "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them," and Spiritualists also say, "I believe in the Brotherhood of Man." Without doubt, Brotherly Love is the **fruit** and **pinnacle** of Spiritualism. As Andrew Jackson explains, "**Let no man call God his Father, who does not call man his Brother.**"

Moreover, love is spiritual maturity. Recently I came across a



wonderful little story, which was an eyewitness account, of love in the animal kingdom. The story goes like this:

A tiny female field mouse was caught by a five-foot snake. The huge snake slithered up a tree holding the squeaking mouse in its mouth. A few seconds later the mouse's mate charged fearlessly to the rescue, scrambled up the tree and sank his little teeth into the snake's tail until the snake turned its head to defy this threat.

But, quickly realizing it could not defend itself with its mouth full, the snake dropped the mouse, whereupon the gallant rescuer also let go of the snake's tail, and both mice scampered down to safety.

Was the whiskered hero conscious of the risk he took? It's debatable. But he certainly **cared as much for his spouse as he did for himself.** This shows what is commonly called "**Spiritual Maturity.**"

Feelings of love endures – it lasts. It even thrives beyond the grave.

Nowhere is the "lasting" qualities of feelings of love more apparent than in Nursing Homes for the elderly. In the Nursing Home where I've spent many years playing the piano for sing-a-longs, and where my 101 year old mother is a resident, the most beloved songs by far are old popular love songs. "Love Me Tender," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "You Made Me Love You" are all-time favorites.

This fact constantly surprises

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SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

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We left a little early so we could see America's Stonehenge via Route 111. It wasn't until we started seeing signs for antiques, we were reminded of the Spirit message detailing our table description and location.

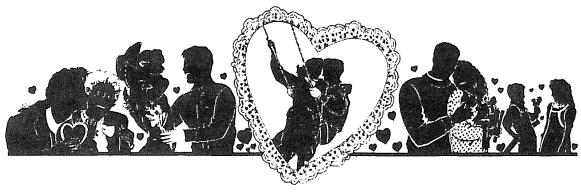
As we drove down routes 202 and 111, we stopped at many antique shops with old and new furniture. We passed by a number of shops that did not feel right. We passed by one large red building on the right and drove about a mile further down the road. At a set of traffic lights, we looked at each other and both of us simultaneously said, "Let's go back to that building." We had a feeling. Even though no furniture was outside, there was a sign for antiques for sale. We both eagerly entered the building. Lynn chose the right aisle and I took the left aisle of this long building filled with furniture, cases, and old stuff. By this time we both knew what we were looking for and trusted each other's judgment. Also to save time, we split up to cover more ground.

Lynn was the first to spot the table. It was a small wooden table and she instantly felt this was the one, and hoped I would feel the same. Lynn called me over to look at the table she found. I had seen a few tables along the other side of the building, but nothing noteworthy. I inspected the table all over, and felt the same. Here it is!! We were totally amazed that it fit the description Spirit had given. It had a hand printed flower and design, it was in a large building on the right hand side of the road. And, the most astounding point, it was for sale for $38! Even the dealer was amazed that this table had such a low price. Spirit did not tell us, but under the table were two additional personal confirmations. In gold lettering was the year 1976, which was significant to Lynn, as it was a major turning point in her journey toward Spiritualism. And the name "Lin" was in gold lettering. Talk about a personal gift from the beyond, her name was on it, almost as if it was made for her only! The ride home was, to say the least, inspiring and heart warming. To find a table for Spirit communication and confirm, yet another message from Spirit. What a trip!



Even though we both have had personal experiences with Spirit, and have had many encounters with the "other side," it still has not lost any amazement and wonder in it all.

We both hope to share this wondrous experience with you and have you be touched by your loved one in Spirit. This saying is true; "There is no death, there are no dead."

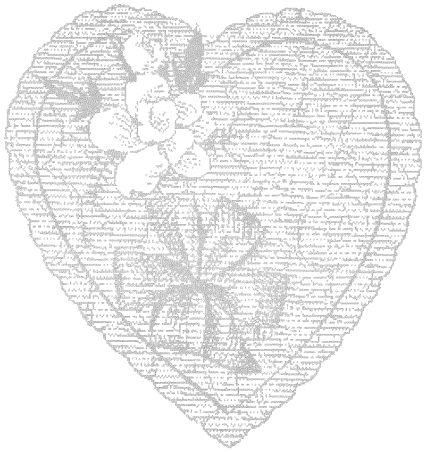


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LET US LOVE WHILE WE LIVE!

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religionists, whose mistaken opinion is that those who are nearing the end of their earthly sojourn only want to sing religious songs. Not so, I find. But why do the elderly prefer love songs? Is it because they are thinking of loved ones in the Spirit World? Or, is it because love is an essential (and surviving) element of the human Spirit?



In any event love lasts. It is unswerving and relentless. It is constant and patient. In the Spiritualists Lyceum Manual (SNU) there is a beautiful poem which describes this.

Let us love while we live;
and our memory will rise
Like a halo of light
from the grave.
As the day from the deep
lends a glow to the eyes
That are guarding
the gloom of the wave.
There's a life in the soul
that is better by far.
Than the glitter
of glory or gold:
It may fade in the noon,
but will shine like a star
When the proud world
is darksome and cold.

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IN THE EARLY 1930s I was working and living in Lynn, Massachusetts and attending the Lynn Spiritualist Church. One of the members by the name Lizzie Butler, a trance medium, rented a hall every Wednesday for the purpose of holding a public Message Service. I went each week and played the piano to help the vibration.

One night I went earlier than usual, for no reason, and sitting by THE DOOR WITH MY MIND WANDERING I heard footsteps. The door opened and a man stepped in, looked around and said, "She isn't here yet, I'll be back." He left and I heard footsteps leaving.

It wasn't long before Mrs. Butler came and the people started coming. I saw no reason for telling Mrs. Butler that a man came looking for someone. The meeting was going on and Mrs. Butler had given a few messages and had called to a lady, who responded, when suddenly Mrs. Butler, in trance, called out "Young man at the door, if you don't give what you got tonight you will take it home and it will bother you."

What was I to take home? Who was there to tell – a man came looking for someone who wasn't there – who was I to tell?

It wouldn't leave my mind and when the meeting ended and the people started to leave I found myself walking over to a lady and I said, "I don't know why I am telling you this." Then I mentioned the man who came looking for someone. I said this man was about 5'8 or 9 inches tall, he had grey hair, wore glasses and had on a top coat. She asked, "What color was the topcoat?" I said, "Oxford grey with a black velveet collar." She said, "Good Lord, that's my husband! He hasn't been dead a year yet."

A Spirit? I said to myself – that man that came through that door looking for someone and said, "She isn't here yet," was Flesh and Blood – yet he was a Spirit.

Don't ever say that Spirit life after death isn't a fact!



Questions About Life

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

Is there a meaning for our existence? Do we have a future beyond the grave? Is a human mortal or immortal?

These are absorbing questions that humanities greatest thinkers have pondered since the beginning of time. Has the current century of scientific focus brought us any nearer to answers than the philosophers of the past?

For many scientists the material viewpoint holds sway. Under these circumstances the natural progression of a thought into its logical conclusion cannot be entertained until material proof has been obtained. Has mediumship, therefore been proven to the scientific mind?

If an individual's existence had no significance other than what the winds of life could offer to an unthinking, uncaring existence, what would be the purpose of any existence at all. Science has identified that an ordered consciousness plays through all life (an energy) and therefore we can conclude the existence of a God or higher intelligence. The natural progression of laws of living and life hold consequence for our actions. Many examples from the mundane to the more complicated can be sighted for the outworking of Natural Law within life, therefore God is the Law.

The outworking of God in mankind's existence proves his order purpose. This purpose is spiritual, it is the all there is within each of us that we instinctively know our immortality.

Our existence, in the projected 80-90 earth years, flows through many experiences. These experiences and conclusions have affected our growth and understanding of material existence, and if we are lucky, a small awareness of our spiritual existence. This spiritual existence is the knowing when we have acted, thought or progressed in a caring, nurturing manner for all life and living creatures.

Life on the earth plane existence includes many forms of life. Humanity is merely one manifestation of what a great creator made for existence. Men's and women's intelligence should be used to foster all life on the earth plane, this is their spiritual awareness.

Because of the material focus of the earth plane existence, and the purpose of mankind's existence being spiritual, it is logical to conclude that there is an existence beyond the grave. To many this means the reentry over and over again into a material focus; to others this means a further existence into a world where spirituality reigns supreme. If our existence is focused on spiritual lessons, it is logical to conclude that our next existence should be a more spiritual setting. Hence, our belief in an afterlife of spirituality can be confirmed as a logical conclusion of the progression of thought and awareness of spirituality.

Science tells us that energy cannot be created nor destroyed; you can only change its form. Science has long known that everything you can see and perceive is energy. For energy to exist, it must complete an energy cycle.

Mankind and all life that exists is this energy. It cannot be destroyed, it can change its form, it completes an energy cycle.

This would indicate an energy part of each of us that is immortal, eternal. It can change form, but not be destroyed. It completes a cycle of life and moves on to another cycle.

The eternal, immortal part of a man or woman is the soul. It accumulates lessons of spirituality through experiences and moves on to manifest these experiences in a spiritual manner in life, on the earth plane and continues into a more spiritual realm of existence, a Spirit World. This is logical progression of the thoughts on energy.

When science can bring itself into the realm of awareness of a spirit existence for man beyond his material awareness, these conclusions of existence will have been proven as a natural progression of life and become realities rather than theories of life.

This, then is Spiritualism's mandate: to educate, to encourage growth and understanding, all in the name of a spirit existence. We are spirit now!



Help from Above

by Mary Tuttle

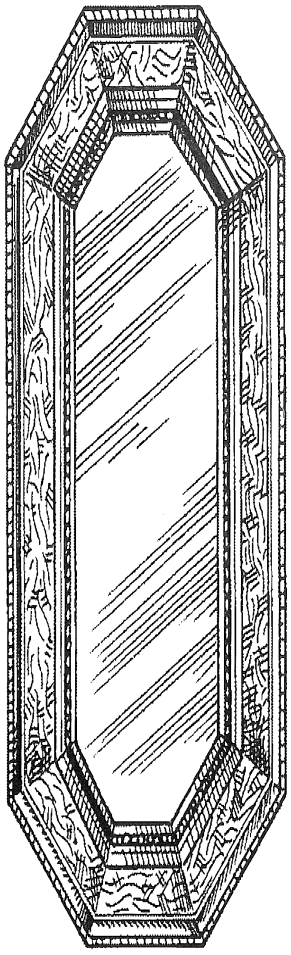
Although I've never known
the softness of your touch,
The songs you sang,
what made you laugh.
The things you loved so much.
I feel a close connection with you
in the spirit land,
And you have been here to help me
whenever I needed a hand.
I really want to thank you
for showing yourself to me,
When I called upon you,

Grandma,
six years ago,
your spirit you revealed.
A beautiful apparition in white
with sparkles on your dress,
You answered my call for help
and calmed me in my distress.
On the day I became a Grandmother,
I didn't know where to start,
You brought your strength
and loving ways
You will always be in my heart.

Mirror Man!

by Bill Ehmer

(With Gratitude to Coyote Spirit, She Who Shakes the Earth and Tall Pine.)



You send me reeling
To Break in the Wind.
So one more time
I prepare to bough
Break as if I've sinned.

And still one more time
You lend me your eyes
To view myself
Without looking through
Thin tissues of lies.

The man in me sinks
At the question you pose;
Submerged by boy
...Feeling very much
Caught without clothes!

Oh, Mirror Man,
Reflection so keen,
I, too, have asked:
Is he embarrassed
With me to be seen?

Phantoms of past wounds
Still take me to task;
Digging fresh graves,
Not letting Now Me
Emerge from their grasp.

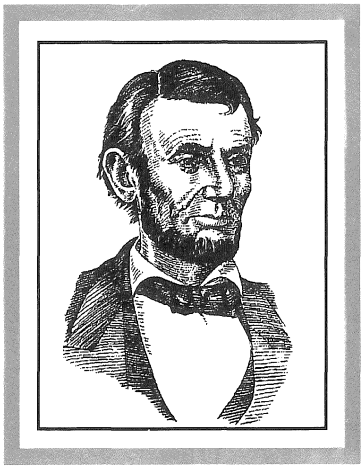
So, Present yourself.
Your heart's not a vault.
Bend in the Wind.
Own your feelings. Stop
Illusioning fault!

Gently, Man hugs Boy,
And Boy doesn't fright.
We start real-ing,
To nurture and share,
...To bask in our Light.

Yes, Mirror Man,
The answer's so plain:
Allow yourself
To love what you see,
Reflecting no pain.

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Mrs. Nettie Colburn-Maynard Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln



Letter by Hudson Tuttle, published in the "Banner" March 7, 1891.

To the editor of the Banner of Light:

Mrs. Maynard is not as well known to Spiritualists as she was years ago, under the name of Nettie Colburn. She set out as a trance speaker with Mrs. Nellie Brigham, and was a popular speaker, and continually engaged by societies. She was eloquent, and had that sterling integrity of character which endeared her to all.

She gave her whole being, cheerfully sacrificing herself to the cause. For the last three years of the civil war, she was constantly consulted by President Lincoln, and the communications he received through her were of the most astonishing character. The results of battles were foretold before the telegraphic dispatches, and on several occasions advice was given and accepted which acted on, proved of momentous consequence. The reader has undoubtedly already seen the reports of the deplorable condition of this excellent lady, yet it is impossible for any one to conceive of the sufferings she endures, the care she requires, and the patience and magnanimous spirit which sustains her, and changes pity into admiration.

It afforded us the greatest pleasure to accept an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Newton to visit the home of Mrs. Maynard at White Plains, which really is only a suburb of New York. The visit will be long remembered. She was stricken with rheumatism some years ago, and for three years has been confined to her bed. Her hands and feet are distorted by the strained muscles. She is afflicted with a cough, and has to be constantly fanned or she cannot breathe. She is in constant pain, and the slightest touch is torture. She has lain for over a year in exactly the same position, and cannot be moved without intense pain. Yet for all this, her countenance is bright and almost placid in expression, and she greeted us with smiles of joy. Her spiritual being is entirely above and beyond the limitations of the body. Her sensitiveness is so acute that she knows everything going on in the house, and gives directions. Her mediumship is wonderful. Gathered around her bedside, she became entranced – and it seemed our spirit friends had a perfect means of communicating with us. Every sentence bore evidence of truthfulness. Truly it was one of the most wonderful and convincing *seances* I ever had the fortune to attend.

For the past year, she has been dictating her reminiscences of the *seances* given to Lincoln, which extended over the last years of the war. They are of deep interest, not only for the facts revealed, but as a psychological study. It has been reported that President Lincoln issued the Proclamation of Emancipation by advice of the spirit-statesmen through her mediumship. This she emphatically denies, saying that it was not until after that event that she became acquainted with the President. (She met the President after the promulgation, but before the Proclamation of Emancipation was signed.)

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard have a pretty home, but her long-continued illness has reduced their circumstances; for her condition has required his almost constant attendance, and his devotion to her makes a pleasing memory in the minds of visitors.

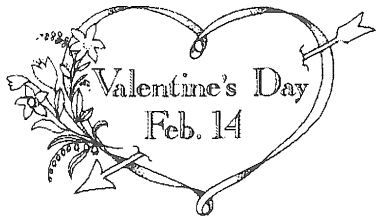
– Hudson Tuttle

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What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

FEBRUARY

February is Heart Month and **Valentine's Day** is celebrated on the 14th of the month. Both remind us that Love is extremely important to our health and to our life.



FEBRUARY 1

Happy Birthday **David Saunders,** NSAC Board member.

FEBRUARY 3, 1811

Birthdate of **Horace Greeley,** an American journalist and friend of the Fox family. He was called the "Abraham Lincoln of Modern Spiritualism."

FEBRUARY 11, 1847

Thomas Alva Edison was born on this date to become a great inventor with 1093 patents solely to his credit, plus numerous others of a joint nature. At the time of his transition in 1931, Edison was working on an invention to communicate with the World of Spirit.

FEBRUARY 15

President's Day – Born this month were four U.S. Presidents: **George Washington** in 1732, **William Henry Harrison** in 1773, **Abraham Lincoln** in 1980, and **Ronald Wilson Reagan** in 1911. Let us honor them for their courage, leadership and hard work.

FEBRUARY 15, 1855

Alfred Kitson came into the physical expression on this date. He was the Father of the British Spiritualist Lyceum, co-authored *The British Lyceum Manual,* edited *The Lyceum Banner,* and wrote books and for many Spiritualist publications. He also was active in the churches serving as a fine lecturer.

FEBRUARY 17, 1857

Maggie Fox Kane received the notice that her husband, Dr. Kane, had died in Havana. Her grief was so strong that for awhile she retired from active mediumship.

FEBRUARY 28, 1859

J. V. Mansfield celebrated his birth on this day. This Spiritualist medium was called the "Spiritual Postmaster" for he answered over 300,000 messages which he received from the Spirit World.

SPIRITUALISM & SPIRIT MESSAGES HELP US LIVE RIGHT *(Continued from page 10.)*

that whether you do good or bad things, it can come back to you ten times heaped up and running over. Eventually the Law of Cause and Effect always comes into play.

Would it NOT be a lot better to have this effect be for the good times with smiles, doing good turns, and then have all these good things come back to you ten times heaped up and running over.

Sometimes we have found ourselves in a situation where our friends and loved ones are not around to guide us. At such times, we must go within to KNOW for ourselves right from wrong. The decision is our responsibility.

With all the trials and tests one has in this life, why not trust in our Spirit teachers and Gods' Love for us, that they will guide each of us to a better way of traveling life's path. The Spirit Teachers and loved ones are always there when you ask and then give them time to answer.

The Golden Rule has been handed down through the ages as the foundation of all true religion, especially Spiritualism. This Law is truly a code of living and if followed will make your life a better one according to God's Laws.

To Spiritualists whose Religion is founded upon love and truth, this precept should be easily followed. We know that our lives, both here and in the Spirit World, are governed by laws of progression and how it is better described by acts of kindness toward others. What better key to life could we have than to live by the Golden Rule, which in turn guides us toward happiness.

Excerpts from

Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist?

by Mrs. Nettie Colburn Maynard, was originally published in 1917.



The first meeting of the young Nettie Colburn with Mrs. Lincoln: "Some new and powerful influence obtained possession of my organism and addressed Mrs. Lincoln, it seemed, with great clearness and force, upon matters of State. For one hour I was under this control. When I awoke there was a most earnest and excited group around me discussing what had been said; and Mrs. Lincoln exclaimed, with great earnestness, *'This young lady must not leave Washington. I feel she must stay here, and Mr. Lincoln must hear what we have heard. It is all-important, and he must hear it.'* "

The next meeting was in the White House with Nettie's hosts, the Laurie's. "Mrs. Miller (Mr. Laurie's daughter) seated herself, under control, at the double grand piano at one side of the room, seemingly awaiting someone. Mrs. Lincoln was talking with us in a pleasant strain when suddenly Mrs. Miller's hands fell upon the keys with a force that betokened a master hand, and the strains of a grand march filled the room. As the measured notes rose and fell we became silent. The heavy end of the piano began rising and falling in perfect time to the music. All at once it ceased, and Mr. Lincoln stood upon the threshold of the room."

Introductions were made and Nettie went into trance, speaking for over an hour. The message was about the forthcoming Emancipation Proclamation. Lincoln was "charged with the utmost solemnity and force of manner not to abate the terms of its issue, and not to delay its enforcement as a law beyond the opening of the year; and he was assured that it was to be the *crowning event of his administration and his life;* and that while he was being counselled by strong parties to defer the enforcement of it, hoping to supplant it by other measures and to delay action, *he must in no wise heed such counsel, but stand firm to his convictions and fearlessly perform the work and fulfill the mission for which he had been raised up by an overruling Providence.* Those present declared that they lost sight of the timid girl in the majesty of the utterance, the strength and force of the language, and the importance of that which was conveyed, and seemed to realize that some strong masculine spirit force was giving speech to almost divine commands.

After the seance a gentleman asked, "Mr. President, did you notice anything peculiar in the method of address?" The President glanced quickly at the full-length portrait of Daniel Webster that hung above the piano, and replied, "Yes, and it is very singular, very!"

A bit later the Mr. Lincoln addressed Nettie saying, "My child, you possess a very singular gift; but that it is of God, I have no doubt. I thank you for coming here tonight. It is more important than perhaps any one present can understand. I must leave you all now; but I hope I shall see you again."

A few weeks later, the Laurie's and Nettie Colburn again, at the request of Mrs. Lincoln, held a seance in Georgetown at the Laurie's home. Nettie's spirit took control of her, explaining: "That a very precarious state of things existed at the front, where General Hooker had just taken command. The army was totally demoralized; regiments stacking arms, refusing to obey orders or to do duty; threatening a general retreat; declaring their purpose to return to Washington." A vivid picture was drawn of the terrible state of affairs, greatly to the surprise of all present, save the chief to whom the words were addressed. Mr. Lincoln asked: "You seem to understand the situation. Can you point out the remedy?"

The spirit communicator then advised: "Go in person to the front; taking with you your wife and children; leaving behind your official dignity, and all manner of display. Resist the importunities of officials to accompany you, and take only such attendants as may be absolutely necessary; avoid the high grade officers, and seek the tents of the private soldiers. Inquire into their grievances; show yourself to be what you are, 'The Father of your People.' Make them feel that you are interested in their sufferings, and that you are not unmindful of the many trials which beset them in their march through the dismal swamps, whereby both their courage and numbers have been depleted." This was done by the Lincoln's and helped to unite the soldiers and turn the course of the Civil War.

It was at the above mentioned seance that Mrs. Belle Miller gave an example of her power as a "moving medium," by playing the piano and causing it to "waltz around the room."

Col. Simon P. Kase, of Philadelphia, stated that "he was present at a seance with Mr. Lincoln, and that he, with several other gentlemen, the President included, sat upon the piano, while it was lifted bodily from the floor by spirit power, and that Mr. Lincoln was not only interested in this physical phenomenon, but was also intensely interested in the statements which the medium made to President Lincoln while in a trance condition."

Thoughts and Inspirations

BY MERRY BROWNE, KENTUCKY



LIKE-KIND MINDS

Sames and similars . . . In any given lifetime we experience with people who are about the same as us and ones similar to us – a little more evolved than we are and a little less evolved which equates with what we've been – are – and are becoming.

Since all minds are inter connected and like-kinds are interactive, there is constant flow of thoughts from those above us to us and constant flow between us and those same as us, plus flow from us to those below us.

We evolve enmasse as a group of souls, helping each other to evolve.

THE CLIMBERS

The Evolution of Consciousness is as a great Ladder of Life. There are always ones who have evolved beyond us, on the rung above us and ones who have not evolved as much as we have, on the rung beneath us. While we reach for the hand above us to pull us up, we extend our other hand to the one beneath us, to pull them up – and thus was it intended that we be a family of love and service each to the other.

Ramakrishna, a great Indian saint, likened life's journey to the life of an oak tree: "In the beginning, it may need a lot of care and tenderness, it may even need a little fence around it to keep it from being trampled on, but when it grows into its full stature, with its roots deep into the earth, the tree can provide shade for countless travelers and it needs nothing in return." This is how each of us on the spiritual path should strive to be – moving beyond self.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Since Dean Radin (President-elect of the Parapsychological Association) and visiting scientists at a California think-tank discovered scientific, laboratory evidence of the fact that our thoughts not only affect our own bodies but the bodies of others, as well, it behooves us to become conscious of what we are thinking in the interest of ourselves and others with whom we share this planet.

Knowing that our thoughts impact others should cause us to be aware of our intentions and motives, giving pause to any negative thought or feeling for sake of ourselves and them, choosing to mindfully think in alignment with goodwill toward all, an open-heartedness that blesses us all.

Radin has shown us we truly are all one family who are telepathically attuned to each other at all times. We really have no choice but to choose to be loving, but it's a beautiful choice. ♡

Humor to put you in
Good Spirits . . .

♡ "An honest heart being the first blessing, a knowing head is the second."

– Thomas Jefferson

♡ "We don't believe in rheumatism and true love until after the first attack."

– Marie Von Ebner-Eschenback

♡ "The result of inner quiet is love and acceptance of ourselves and others as we are. No wonder we are such noisy people."

– Anonymous

BOOK REVIEWS

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, MAINE



A HEALER'S PATHWAY

by Don Greenback
"The Man with the Power to Heal"

Don Greenback's autobiographical accounting of how his mind found entry into the world of spiritual healing is written in a style that reflects his personal commitment to a profession that has often brought suspicion and ridicule into his life. He offers practical suggestions for those of us who are involved in healing/mediumship work as "sensitives" working in a very desensitized world. Greenback believes that his own personal experiences with illnesses and injuries prepared him for deeper healing capacities, which are simply channeled through him from the Divine Source.

Written "essentially as a manual for living," **A Healer's Pathway** describes "the real facts concerning physical existence and the future life after the body has been discarded." Because sensitives are often like sponges, they are even more vulnerable to worldly pressures. Therefore, he reminds us to ask for protection and to pace ourselves.

Greenback had "the mantle of a Healer of Sickness" placed upon his shoulders while still in his late teens during the 1940's and draws upon decades of personal experience with over 100,000 patients. He has earned his living through healing but states that he charges for his time and his knowledge – not for the actual healing. **A Healer's Pathway** documents some of these case histories. Greenback describes the inner calm that comes over the patient as his finely honed healing technique channels Divine healing energy.

Battling with the suspicions and fears of the traditional medical profession has been a lifelong experience for Greenback. His heartfelt personal story is told in a conversational, easy to read style, describing the reality of the Spirit World and our ability to access its help. The validation is in the remarkable results which have been in his life's work. Don Greenback writes about that which we, as Spiritualists, KNOW and I would encourage you to read this English healer's book.

– Reviewed by Laura Lee Perkins

THEOSOPHY
The Wisdom of the Ages

by Cherry Gilchrist

It was the physical beauty of this small, square book of 61 pages that initially attracted my attention. Gilchrist's concise description of Theosophy from its inception through current development is beautifully illustrated with paintings from the masters, drawings, photography and a wonderful chart for interpreting colors of the aura; I found the chart fascinating and extremely informative. Printed on quality high-gloss paper, this $12.00 book would make a wonderful gift for anyone interested in philosophy, science and religion.

Theosophy, which means wisdom of God, was founded by Madame Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891) through her search for "the universal truth, buried at the heart of all the great traditions." As an accomplished linguist and world traveler, she developed a dynamic synthesis of the essential truths of religion, science and philosophy. Madame Blavatsky absorbed and disseminated seeds of

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INSPIRATIONAL WRITINGS

BY F. C. XAVIER

In order to be happy . . .

– Emmanuel

Trust your Creator

Feel the presence of the Supreme Being.

Welcome simplicity.

Focus your mind on constructive thoughts.

Find the positive in people and events.

Shield your heart from resentment.

Inspire hope and optimism.

Consider the needs of others and ease them.

Assist others without expecting repayment.

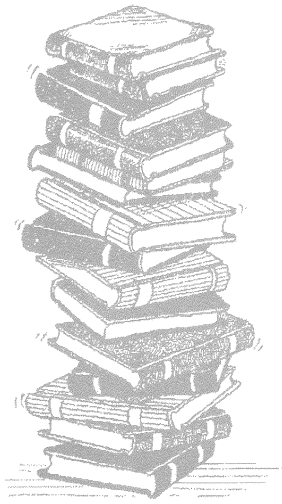
Help much.

Expect little.

Serve always.

Sow happiness.

Life extends us the opportunities . . .
Happiness is just a natural consequence.



Do Not Lose It!

– A. Luiz

Do not lose hope. There are millions of people who would relish having the resources that are now at your disposal.

Do not lose your sense of humor. Aggravation will take away from your life by depleting inner strengths.

Do not lose your tolerance. Your imperfections are continuously being tolerated by others.

Do not lose your serenity. The problem may not be as difficult as you think.

Do not lose your modesty. The mountain is above the plane, but beyond the mountain there is an infinite horizon.

Do not lose your desire to learn. Death itself is a lesson.

Do not lose the opportunity to help. Sooner or later you will need the assistance of others.

Do not lose time. New days will come but each moment is only lived once.

Do not lose your patience. Think of the everlasting patience of the Creator.

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knowledge, which she planted throughout the world. She believed that wisdom brings knowledge and inspiration. (Today we often reverse this, thinking that knowledge and inspiration bring wisdom.) Her theories included a Divine Plan, through which each individual soul and humans as a whole are evolving as we work our way through numerous incarnations. (Since we, as Spiritualists, are still discussing whether or not to incorporate reincarnation into our religion, this seems like "good food for thought.")

C. G. Jung and many other eminent thinkers included theosophical perspectives and teachings into their own theories about the long journey of the human soul. Theosophy places great emphasis upon ethical behavior and service to society, which cultivate soul growth toward the Divine. Theosophists also hold deep respect for animals and their welfare, with the theme of universal brotherhood embracing all of life.

Interestingly, Theosophy does not offer its own rituals or ceremonies, but has survived as a spiritual science which explores the "rich archaeology of the psyche." Author Cherry Gilchrist reminds us, "whereas wisdom is eternal, human interpretations of that wisdom are always colored by time and place, and are a means of work towards that universality, not the literal interpretation of it.

– Reviewed by Laura Lee Perkins

Transition in Michigan

Janette I. Hatch of Leslie, Michigan, passed to a higher life, at home on August 28, 1998. She was age 62.

Born the daughter of Gerald and Irene King (Smith) of the Leslie area on June 8, 1936, Janette was married to Floyd (Pete) Hatch of Leslie for 31 years. She was a long-time member and Vice-President of Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church in Leslie. Janette was also a Commissioned Healer for many years. She served her church and many others, as well as camps, as a lecturer and gave Spirit messages.

Surviving are her husband, Pete; three daughters, Penny (Rocky) Adams of Leslie, Tammy Weichner of Leslie, and Sue (Robert) Gallegos; three sons, Wendall (Mitchelene) Weichner of Jackson, Tim (Mary Ellen) Weichner of Leslie, and Randy (Deborah) Hatch of Holland; 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Gerald King, of South Branch; one sister, Jackie North, of Leslie, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at Robertson Funeral Homes-Leslie Chapel on Sept. 1, 1998, with the Rev. Catherine Welch officiating. The Rev. Cosie Allen was on hand to help and bring her beautiful music.

Mrs. Hatch was a good friend to all, and a devoted wife, Mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is sadly missed by all her friends and family.

Spiritualism Grows

The Chapel of the Sunflower-Sun Lakes Chapel held its first service in Sun Lakes, Arizona on Sunday, October 18, 1998. The Chapel continues to hold classes and services in Phoenix, but has now expanded its religious services and classes to the South-East part of the Valley of the Sun. There was a surprisingly large attendance (65-75), attesting to the high interest in Spiritualism in the Sun Lakes area. The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, the pastor of the chapel, was asked by several people (in a most kind and caring manner), "Why has it taken so long for a Spiritualist church to start in this area." His response was that "it was just not yet the proper time, but it now appears that all is in readiness for our church."

Guest workers featured came from all areas of the Valley, and the Rev. Pat Smith, pastor of Chapel of the Flowers, traveled from as far away as Van Nuys, California, to participate in the opening day services. These guests also included the Rev's. Sandra and Gene Pfortmiller, co-founders and co-pastors of the Church of the Living Spirit in Glendale, Arizona, and the Rev. Janet Tisdale, co-founder and Assistant-pastor of the Chapel of the Sunflower, NSAC in Phoenix, Arizona.

Spiritual Healing is always included in the Spiritualist services, and this was no exception. The Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, who is the president of the National Healer's League and the National Healing Center for the entire country, led healing meditation and services. Three Healers provided Laying-on-of-Hands, and the majority of the attendees were able to enjoy and benefit from the healing touch.

Spirit Greetings featured five Nationally Certified Mediums who each provided the most evidential proof of spirit continuity and communication. These included Jeanne Russo, Certified Medium, a resident of Sun Lakes and a life-long Spiritualist; the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST; the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST; the Rev. Pat Smith, NST; and the Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST.



The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST, a resident of Sun Lakes, gave the address. Rev. Baker discussed the religion of Spiritualism, its beginnings, and the current status. Adding to the services was a most interesting and informative talk given by the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST. He explained to the congregation what Spiritual Healing was and how it functions. This allowed the new visitors to understand what to expect and how to receive this wonderful blessing.

Visitors included the Rev. Marjorie Cook, president of the Sun Spiritualist Camp (ISA) in Tonopah, Arizona, and several other well-known members of the Spiritualist community. The expectations and interest for this newly forming church are very high and much encouragement has been received from all parts of the Spiritualist community.

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PASTORAL SKILLS brings you a knowledge of pastoral responsibilities in ninety-six hours of class work. Included are lectures, guest speakers, hands-on pastoral experiences through role playing of life-like situations, of funerals, special services and study into areas of counseling, such as: pre-marital, marriage, suicide, family dynamics, violence, chemical dependency, death and dying, and the grief process. The class is open to any dedicated student and at this time Pastoral Skills is a required course for the NSAC Licentiate Minister certification.

Class size is limited. Early registration is necessary. A deposit of $50 is required sixty (60) days in advance with full payment required thirty (30) days in advance. Complete information for the site will be sent upon payment of a deposit. If eight students are not enrolled for a session thirty days in advance, the session may be canceled. For further information call the MPI Office at: 414-774-2994 or fax: 414-774-2964, or email: mpi@axisnet.net.

1999 SITES AND DATES:

- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
  Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp – Two Week Session
  June 5 – 7:30 p.m., Orientation; **June 6-18**, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST
- **LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:** Two Week Session
  June 17 – 2:00 p.m., Orientation; **July 18-30**, Classes
  Instructors: Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST; Rev. Donald Nauratil, NST
- **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:**
  Morris Pratt Institute – Split Session – Two Years
  Week One: May 23-28, 1999 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  Week Two: June 3-9, 2000
  Instructors: Rev. Cosie L. Allen, NST; Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

CLASSES: Daily, **8 hours, classroom;** Sunday, **specified church assignments. MATERIALS:** List will be provided upon payment of deposit. Required books will be provided. Additional books may be ordered at site.

PASTORAL SKILLS REGISTRATION FORM

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"We can do no great things – only small things with great love."

– Mother Teresa

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."

– Abraham Lincoln

"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.

– Lucille Ball

"The language of love is a language from heart to heart; a language of God, that transcends all barriers."

– Unity

"As vital as my heart is to my physical health and well-being, it is even more important to my spiritual life and growth. My heart is a soul center of love and peace and joy, for through my heartfelt acts of kindness, I share God's love with others."

– Daily Word

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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