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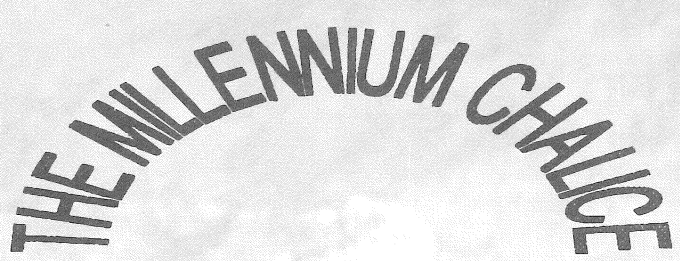
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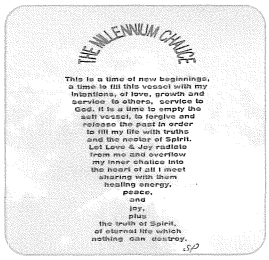
This is a time of new beginnings, a time to fill this vessel with my intentions, of love, growth and service to others, service to God. It is a time to empty the self vessel, to forgive and release the past in order to fill my life with truths and the nectar of Spirit. Let Love & Joy radiate from me and overflow my inner chalice into the heart of all I meet sharing with them healing energy, peace, and joy, plus the truth of Spirit, of eternal life which nothing can destroy.

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GOD'S TIME!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

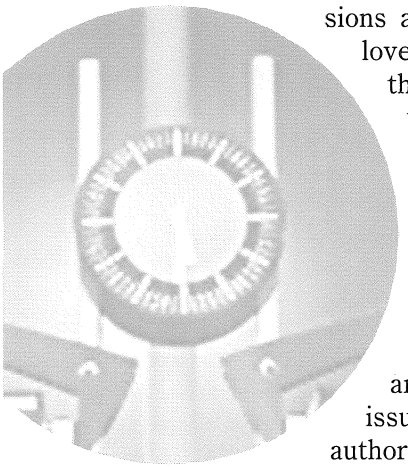
The new millennium begins – God is in everything, as everything. Could this be the new age of peace and love that has been so oft predicted? Peace and love are only possible through a personal inner understanding of God/Infinite Intelligence.

Twice recently people made the comment that Spiritualism does not believe in God – excuse me! The first time it happened I got a bit ruffled, well, maybe I was not as spiritual as I should have been. The second time it happened I gave a lecture at church about what the Greater Power, the Divine Creator, the Source of Love and Light and Life, means to me. It seems that to some, if we call this First Cause by a different name than God, we do not believe in God. That is far, far from the truth, especially for me, as this wonderful religion is what brought me, and brings me into a greater awareness of life, of myself, of others, of the Universe, of God.

The God of my understanding has changed, however, since my days of searching in a variety of orthodox religions. My view of God before was of an Earthly type of Grandfatherly/kingly, man/God who lived above us in Heaven and looked down to watch us. He dispensed favors if people were good and sent people to an eternal hell of damnation, torture and fire if they were not good. This God was not always the same and might change His mind or change His punishment or His reward as He saw fit. I must admit that I was kind of afraid of my image of God.

Spiritualism changed that by teaching me about a different type of Divine Source. This Godly Force is in all and all creation is part of the Creator. This Intelligence gave the Universe a way to live, grow and evolve through Divine Law. Life is about creating, and we each create our own happiness or unhappiness as we live life. We create by using the guidelines that have been given to us through Natural Law. This is the moment we create, so we must live right now, in the present, experiencing the Higher Energy as we are inspired. My God is a God that does not judge me or condemn me, for life is not as much about right and wrong as it is about learning and growing in love. I believe in eternal progression and that all souls progress. Hell and the old beliefs of Satan are inconsistent with One God filled with Love. Divine Spirit is all-knowing, all-loving, all-energy, everywhere, in all life. Each time I become more loving of myself and others, I touch into my Divine energy within. I am spirit now, encased in flesh, and Infinite Spirit expresses through me as me, animating my very being. The more I allow the power of Infinite Intelligence to express through me, the more I unfold to supreme goodness and selfless service, to peace and fulfillment.

When we think of causation as outside of us, not our responsibility, it invites illusion rather than truth into our thinking. Our mind has many illusions and a large part of life, love and growing closer to the Source is to recognize the misuses of our thought patterns. We have a shadow side that we mask and deny, but it must be recognized as part of our growth pattern. We have complexes which are remnants of past issues (guilt, martyr, anger, authority hangups) that take too much of our energy. We limit ourselves and are judgmental of others, self and new ideas. Open minds are full of light and unlimited possibilities. Our ego defends that which we do not want to look at and examine, yet by owning our truth we build our integrity and our trustworthiness.



We are expressions of Divine Mind which means we are both human and divinely human. The God-part or our spirit is our higher consciousness, while the soul/mind/subconscious is the connecting link, between the physical (conscious) and the spiritual (higher consciousness). Humankind has over the centuries unwittingly suppressed its divine image and likeness.

Will this new awareness of our Divine energy cause us to focus more on the inner spirit portion of our triune being rather than on the external physical expression? We ask ourselves, just what is Divine Consciousness and how can we, as mere humans, express it? Infinite Intelligence is Divine Consciousness that observes all life, the entire spectrum of the phenomenal world, and can know beyond the appearances.

The spiritual mind of an individual tunes in to touch a higher energy in others and does not focus on the projections of the ego. This form of consciousness is a loving consciousness that does not blame or create guilt, but rather is open and receptive, shares love and understanding. This is our higher consciousness, our guided consciousness, with the ability open for each of us as we respond to life, to God and to others with our inner spiritual light. This form of attunement can be developed by each soul as they take time to listen to the Greater Awareness within, the God within. Ernest Holmes wrote: "It is a beautiful and true thought to realize that everyone stands in the shadow of a mighty Mind, a pure Intelligence, and a Divine givingness!"

Spiritualism teaches that every thought is a form of

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EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN

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The Dynamic Flag Bearer of Spiritualism

BY ROBERT EGBY, NEW JERSEY

It's a century since Emma Hardinge passed into the World of Spirit, but her words and actions are still with us today. Robert Egby of the Church of Eternal Life, Westville, New Jersey, wrote and presented the following tribute at the Sunday Evening Worship Service, October 3, 1999 at the NSAC's 107th Annual Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Today, in different parts of the world Spiritualists are recalling memories of, and paying tribute to, one of the greatest propagandists of Modern Spiritualism – Emma Hardinge Britten.

Some called her the St. Paul of Modern Spiritualism. Others called her the "Silver Tongued Lecturer" and "The Greatest Woman Propagandist Modern Spiritualism Ever Had."

The daughter of a British sea-captain, and a working actress, singer, writer and composer, she came to the United States in 1856 – at the age of 33. A strict Evangelist, she became greatly disturbed by these seemingly upstart and blasphemous Spiritualist philosophies. However, her insatiable curiosity led her to a seance. Reports say she was stunned and horrified and promptly fled.

But Spirit persisted – as many of us know – and she returned to develop her special gifts under the mediumship of Miss Ada Hoyt. Her mediumship blossomed almost overnight. And it was early in her work as a medium, that Emma furnished one of the best attested cases of early spirit return.

Unbeknown to the world, the Trans-Atlantic Mail steamer *Pacific* had gone down in high seas. A member of the crew, a Philip Smith, possessed her body in trance and disclosed the facts of the tragedy through automatic writing. The newspapers printed the story. Immediately, the ship's owners hotly denied the outrageous story and threatened prosecution – until the true facts became known. The *Pacific* had indeed gone down with all hands.

An interesting footnote: When Emma first came to America across the Atlantic, she had sailed on the ill-fated *Pacific*.

Emma Hardinge was a truly gifted person and used her gifts without fear of anyone. She was an ideal propagandist and her zeal and enthusiasm remain unequaled to this day.

Her mediumistic gifts included automatic writing, psychometry, occasional healing, prophecy and inspirational speaking.

Emma possessed the remarkable gift of extemporaneous speaking. A committee from the audience would select a subject – and immediately, Emma would deliver a speech with the power and conviction of a learned scholar. In addition to being an accomplished medium and orator, she was also a writer, a well-balanced thinker and a hardy traveler.

Amid considerable opposition and indeed threats upon her life, Emma traveled the United States proclaiming the new doctrine of Spiritualism. During these travels she collected hundreds of letters, newspaper clippings, reports and various other documents, many of which she published. Her two outstanding works are *Modern American Spiritualism*, and *Nineteenth Century Miracles*.

In 1870 she married Dr. Britten, himself an ardent Spiritualist. They worked in the United Kingdom, and also in Australia and New Zealand. They founded Spiritualist organizations and churches that are still vibrant and strong to this day.

One major prophecy that came from Emma Hardinge Britten featured the future of Spiritualism. It's a prophecy that concerns us all today.

In its first fifty years, she predicted Spiritualism would advance by leaps and bounds. She said knowledge of spirit intercourse would roll like "a mighty flood across the world," and added: "the period would be marked by self-sacrifice, earnest devotion, and the joyful welcoming of hosts of messengers from the beyond: it would be a period of solid growth and steady development."

Emma Hardinge then predicted a second period in which "a decline in public effort, interest and devotion would be apparent." She prophesied "that during this period the parasite, the trickster and the lovers of sensation with their tribes of thoughtless followers seeking amusement rather than instruction, would lower the standards hitherto set up." She added that our movement would

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EMMA HARDINGE...

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

This would be followed by a third stage – a revival period. She prophesied it would be as "remarkable and wonderful as the original outpouring."

Emma saw "a new order arising out of the materials provided by the second period, as a result of which, Spiritualism as a movement might be organically smaller, but more compact, enduring and dynamic in character."

She added: "Spiritualists of this later era will be of a higher and more spiritual type than those of the intermediate stage, and will more than regain the influence in human society which it formerly exercised."

As a result of these evolutionary changes, she believed that the "God-sent course of Spiritualism" would assume an important place in the world as a thought-compelling system of facts, science, philosophy and above all, of religion."

Emma Hardinge Britten was born May 2nd, 1823, and at the age of 76 passed over to the beautiful place she had devoted so much of her life promoting – the World of Spirit, October 2nd, 1899 – one hundred years ago.

Emma Hardinge Britten – the wayshower, the flag bearer of Modern Spiritualism – had so much to give. She possessed incredible Gifts of the Spirit and she used them with unfloundering zeal and enthusiasm.

We can all learn from her example . . . and go further, by recognizing our own Gifts of the Spirit, and asking ourselves that simple question: "Am I doing my part?"

Emma possessed an axiom of invincible strength and never-failing triumph: "The truth against the world." She told it the way it was, is and shall be.

Emma Hardinge Britten, a wonderful lady, a wonderful Spiritualist, a wonderful Spirit on the Path, a wonderful apostle of Modern Spiritualism. Emma, wherever you are in the wonderful spheres of the Spirit World, we send you our thanks, our deep appreciation and our love.

I Am in God

by Dorothy Pearson



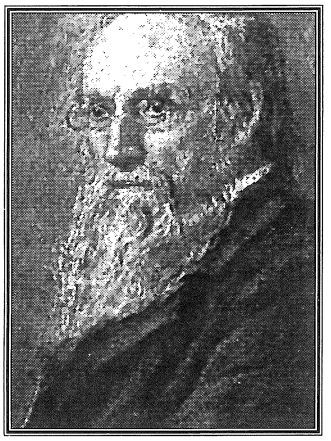
I am in God.
No matter if I'm not where
I think I want to be,
I am in God.
I let go feelings of pressure and doubt.
I let go and let God's good plan work out.

I am in God.
Wherever in this world
I now happen to live,
At this time, to this moment,
I have something to give,
For I am in God.

Questions & Answers

Quotes from the
Spiritualist LYCEUM MANUAL.

Q Why is this month of special significance to Lyceumists?



ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS

A Andrew Jackson Davis began the Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum on January 25, 1863, in New York City, New York. Dodsworth Hall was selected for the first meeting. Davis' seer abilities and powers were wonderful. He had visions, contacted and traveled to the Spirit World learning much about life in the hereafter, but also information on how to live a spiritual life in the physical. Humanity has grown and progressed with the understanding of the Law's of Nature. The spirit guides and helpers have brought the message that there are no dead, the soul/spirit lives on, which replaces the fear of annihilation.

Davis obtained knowledge of how the spirit children are instructed in the Spirit World. He said their Lyceums are surrounded by large and beautiful gardens. "He saw a host of spirit children assembled in large and beautiful halls, arranged in groups. Each group was under the tutelage of a leader, who imparted information and then invited them to express their ideas upon it . . . He also saw the children going through some beautiful marches in which were illustrated the motions of the planets around the sun, or some beautiful lesson in geography, etc." He also learned that there "is a language of colors which is studied and taught in the Summerland, and each group wore the color that symbolized its degree of spiritual unfoldment."

"We are deeply indebted to Andrew Jackson Davis for his beautiful revelation which shows deceased children leading a natural life and under the guidance and instruction of loving teachers, surrounded by scenery as is pleasing to their natures."

Life Is A River . . .

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

An individual human existence should be like a river –
Small at first, narrowly contained within its banks
And rushing passionately past boulders and over waterfalls
But gradually the river grows wider, the banks recede,
The waters flow more quietly and in the end,
Without visible break,
They become merged in the sea.
– Bernard Russel

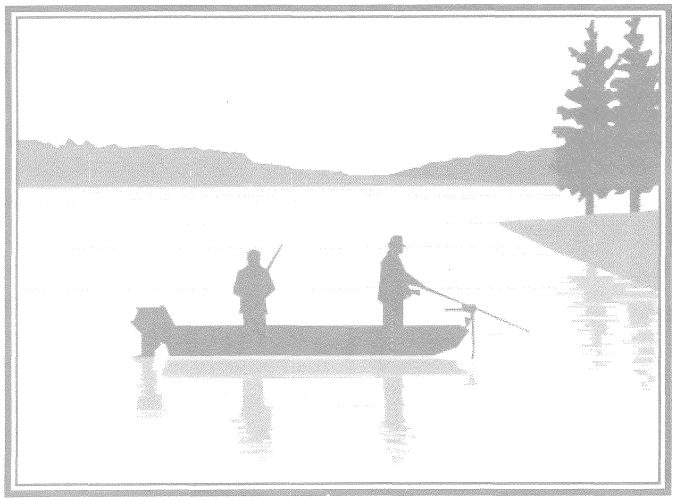
Human existence is a river. We flow through life either directing our destiny or waiting for the flow to take us further along. If we choose to direct our own destiny, we become not just a part of the current, but the making of the current and the environment of the river.

Are we stopped by rocks in our path? Do we use these as challenges to further growth and understanding of ourselves and our surroundings? Or is this obstacle all that life has to offer?

As we examine these questions for ourselves we might be best placed to remember that science has given water a chemical existence H_2O. This is one of the more common components that most people know exists. This formula means one part hydrogen to two parts oxygen. So even as we see water, science knows that there are component parts to any volume.

As we flow through life as the river; one part hydrogen to two parts oxygen, that means we need all drops of water to make up the volume of the whole. So even as death means we flow into a vast ocean of water, it still takes each and every individual drop of water to make up the whole. What a wonderful view of humanity's part to play, one with the other!

When Bertrand Russel wrote the above observation he was seeking to see death as an ending; Spiritualism seeks to see death as a new beginning. What adventure does this new place offer our soul? As we flow into a sea of humanity our spiritual lessons begin in earnest. While each individual with their inherent lessons is needed for the whole, each is needed to grow individually to fulfill eternity's destination, a combining of all souls to make the sea of spiritual awareness for all humanity.



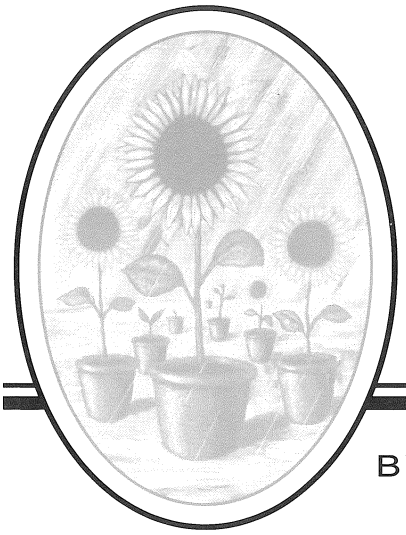
This outlines for each and every one of us, is what is our part to play in the full scheme of life and what part we can learn in spirituality. What is our spirituality? Our spirituality is knowing ourselves first, that inherent, personal part of our soul that manifests its lessons through our spirit. When we have accomplished our individual knowledge, then we must know our place and existence with all humanity. Each of us is either the one part hydrogen or the two parts oxygen that make up the water that fills the sea.

We are each other's helper. We need each other to fulfill this chemical component. It matters not which part we play, only that we do it with the best possible spirituality that our growth and existence allows.

We are spirit now, in eternity now, growing into spirituality now. Each of us is needed to fulfill destiny of the whole. It is not about how much money we can make on the earth plane (after all, you can't take it with you and it has no commercial value if you did), it is about your destiny as a spiritual being. When you arrive in the world your spirit is fitted to occupy after the change called death, you will have prepared your dwelling there by your own personal growth. Mentally we will understand our environment, mentally we can grow and progress to higher and higher understanding.

This is about opening ourselves to Infinite Spirit's message. The message of being spirit even in this life, so that consciously you can prepare to occupy the highest possible spiritual realm. Prepare your heaven with all the best values you can learn. Do no harm to anyone and always do good to all who need it most. These are not always lessons we can appreciate until perhaps our turn comes to need that spiritual understanding.

We are a river flowing to the sea, individually and collectively. Come flow with me!



Spiritualism

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

Spiritualism is probably one of the most cheerful and happiest religions on the earth today, so why do I write this? Because it is true we do not scare our congregations with a vengeful God, always ready to strike us if we make a mistake, we teach a loving, forgiving God that we prefer to call Infinite Intelligence because that is a more comprehensive term.

We teach that we do not need to fear death because life is continuous. We progress into a brighter and more progressive realm with the many skills and dreams that we were unable to accomplish on earth. Here the spirit finds itself in a place where it can freely work and enjoy them.

It also takes much of the sorrow from those left on earth over the loss of a loved one. Although there is always some feelings of loss when they are not where we can physically commune with them in the flesh, we realize that they have graduated into a higher level of existence, and we can still communicate with them in many ways through our mediums.

Spiritualism takes the fear of a judgment day away by realizing that we are our own judges. We do not have the fear of being sent to the fires of Hell for some error we have made in this life and as the Eighth Principle of our Declaration of Principles so well states: "We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter."

Our Seventh Principle gives us the responsibility as to how we conduct our lives: "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."

The belief in the Spiritualist philosophy leaves us free to live a good full life on earth, knowing we are on earth for a purpose, a part of a divine plan to experience and live our life to the fullest, to give service to others where possible and to accept each day as a new beginning given to us by our creator.

We must all remember as Spiritualists, it is our privilege and duty to attend our churches and to encourage others to come to services by living as an example of our belief. This is not just because we realize that Infinite Intelligence is a loving creative force and that we have no fear of a vengeful God if we do not attend, but to connect with the higher energies, to commune with our spirit loved ones and guides, and to experience the fellowship of other Spiritualists. We grow in understanding and Spirituality as we attend church services and classes.

I feel this thought about Spiritualism from the spirit of Andrew Jackson Davis, through my wife's trance mediumship, puts the real feeling of Spiritualism in a very clear way to end this article.

Spirit Thought From Andrew Jackson Davis

WHAT SPIRITUALISM MEANS –

S – Self Sacrifice
P – Pleasure of Helping Others
I – Having High Ideals
R – Rising Above Animosity
I – Try to Enhance and Intensify Your Knowledge of Subject
T – Take On and Meet Every Obstacle with Conviction and Courage
U – To Be Understanding
A – All Around Goodness
L – Be Limitless in Your Teachings
I – Inspire All Those Around You
S – Be A Good Samaritan To All
M – Be Morally Minded

Another of Andrew Jackson Davis' thoughts: **A training of the mind is a way to clear all clutter, debris that is not wanted or needed to exist, it is a broom that is sweeping away the cobwebs of time.**

God Help Us!

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

God is our hope and strength;
A very present help in time of trouble.
– The Book of Common Prayer

An acute crisis faces humanity today. There's profound discontent with materialism, technology, and with the old traditional means of understanding ourselves. We see futility, anxiety, fear, loneliness and despair. Obviously, a **power greater than ourselves** is needed to meet this emergency.

Can Spiritualists help to **put God back into people's lives?** I think so. For we can direct them to see God in **nature, in their lives, and in death.** People can be shown, too, that the best way to live comes from **living in partnership with God.**

This, we call **spirituality.** With a spiritual outlook, one knows that God is in all things, and there is a purpose for everyone. For spirituality is knowing our real selves, and it fosters personal growth.

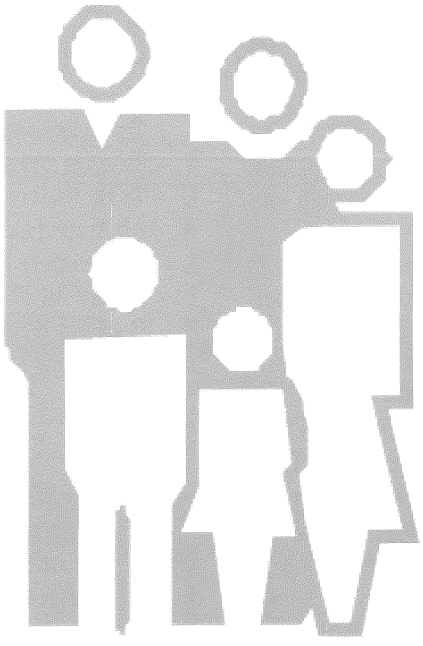
Moreover, we can explain that from time to time one *senses* the presence of the Higher Power. One can be overwhelmed by the awareness of this mighty force, and by the exaltation experienced when one becomes conscious that all people are indeed **children of God.**

But many persons wrestle with the idea of God, and an atheist once said to me, "If indeed there is a God, this would be the single most important thing to know in my whole life." Can we, as Spiritualists, give satisfying answers to the questions, "In what kind of God do you believe?", or "What is this God like?" and "What does God expect of us?"

The nineteenth and twentieth centuries saw the rise of Science, the search for truth that must be tested and verified, in place of the *beliefs* of Religion. Hence, the domain of Religion grew smaller and smaller.

But Spiritualism combines Science and Philosophy with Religion. Consequently, our understanding of God is extensive, and Andrew Jackson Davis, in *Harmonal Philosophy*, says: "View God with scientific eyes, and He is a **Great Fact.** View God philosophically, and He is the **Great Mind.** View God through religion, and He is a **Great Spirit Father.**"

Spiritualism always places religious ideas in prominent positions, and Davis goes on to say, "Through religion, God ceases to be a mere Fact, a mere Truth, a mere Principle, a mere Cause. God is 'Our Creator Father!' And, when we think of 'Our Father,' we think of His love. We think of His unchangeable relationship with our most interior selves. We think of His protection from the accidents of life. We feel continually a kind of particular Providence in our existence. He lives through all life, extends through all extent, spreads undivided, operates unspent. And when we cry, 'God help us,' we know someone will listen."



Therefore, we learn **from experience** that God makes our path smooth because he gives us the will to keep walking even when the path is rocky. He does not keep us from stumbling, but His hand will be there to help us get up again, no matter how often we fall.

We begin to see the world differently because we feel we have been touched by the presence of God. We may have started out by "questioning" but will end up seeing this world as **God's world.**

There are times in our lives when we need help, because we won't be able to do for ourselves what needs to be done. When we are financially bankrupt, we cannot lend ourselves the money to solve our problems; we need help from beyond ourselves. In the same way, when we feel exhausted from the effort to be good, caring spiritual people, we cannot renew our own strength. We can't supply ourselves

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with the things we do not have. For that, we have to turn to God to renew our strength so that we can keep on going and not grow weary.

Prayer is not a matter of coming to God with our wish list and pleading with Him to give us what we ask. Prayer is first and foremost the experience of realizing our relationship with Him and his helpers. Whether or not we have our requests granted, we are changed by having a "closeness" with God. A person who takes the time to keep the "rapport" open, will be a different person for some time afterward.

But what do we say to a person who says, "Religion may be fine for those who can't make it without help. I don't need it because I'm strong enough to handle my own problems."

This is a problem for those who take "Personal Responsibility" out of context. For the arrogant claim of self-sufficiency, the idea that we don't need help, that we are strong enough to do everything on our own, is a dilemma for men and women who have been raised to think independence is the ultimate virtue, and to seek help is a sign of weakness.

Is it really a sign of strength and good judgement to refuse help when help is offered? Is it a mistake to see religion as the refuge of the insecure and the emotionally dependent? All people are dependent and vulnerable, and it takes a brave person to say, "I'm only human. Help me as I struggle."

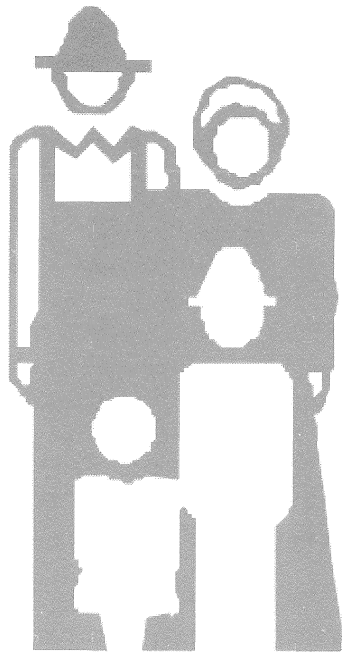
Loneliness, too, devastates human emotions. But the purpose of religions is not only to bring people to God, but to bring people together. It offers us an island of caring in the midst of a hostile, competitive world. It offers us *community*. For, it is in religious meetings that we can meet people as *brothers and sisters*. In churches, people who are strangers to each other meet and share something important.

Our churches offer us the opportunity to share prayers, lectures and singing together. When we do this, something magical happens. We rise above our sense of being unconnected individuals. We are lifted out of our isolation, and transformed into a single organism – a congregation.

The word *religion* comes from the Latin root word meaning *to bind*, and what it does best is bind us to people around us. Religion is not only about God, but Religion is also about community, and what it means to be human.

We often look around and see that at "good times" people take God for granted, but as soon as something goes wrong in their lives, they collapse in despair, and cry, "There is no God." For, when we find ourselves *in green pastures*, God seems abstract, but when things go badly, when we find ourselves walking *in the valley of the shadow of death*, that is when God becomes real.

In physics there is a Natural Law of Conservation of matter and energy – which are different forms of the same thing. Nothing dies, energy is simply transformed from one form to another. The dead bird we bury becomes part of the soil that makes the grass grow. Why should there not be a Law of Conservation of Spiritual Energy? Words of comfort, caring, deeds of compassion do not disappear into thin air after they are done. They continue to reverberate. The Law of Conservation of Energy operates in spiritual matters as relentlessly as it does in physical ones. When we choose the spiritual life over the material one, it continues to shape our lives, and does not disappear with history. It will set something in motion; it will begin an action which will never stop. It will have consequences we can't imagine.



Recently, I read a thought-provoking story how a sage returned home one day to find his young daughter crying bitterly. He asked her what was wrong, and she told him, between sobs, that she and her friends had been playing hide-and-seek, and when it was her turn to hide, she hid herself so well, that they gave up finding her, and went off to play another game. She waited and waited for them to find her, and finally after about an hour, came out to find herself all alone. As the sage comforted the child, he mused to himself, "I wonder if this is how God feels. I wonder if God has managed to hide from us so successfully that we have given up looking for Him, and have gone off in other directions."

Why is it so difficult to find God in this modern world? How did we get ourselves into this fix?

Sometimes we distance ourselves from God because we see Him as the voice of our "conscience," and it makes us uneasy. We don't want to be reminded of our faults. As the writer Maurice Samuel puts it, "No man loves his alarm clock." No one wants a God who can hardly wait to catch us in a mistake. No one can learn from a Master who enjoys flunking people more than teaching them, to reassure himself that he was stronger and wiser than we were.

Yet, our capacity to feel remorse, or deep grief over something we have done, is partly what distinguishes our species from the non-human. An inability to have such feelings when we brought harm to others, is the mark of serious psychopathology of some sort. And guilt may be in our

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moral nature (our *conscience*), what pain is to our physical being. No sane person seeks pain, but pain has some important functions. It lets us know when something is wrong with our health. So, too, guilt is a psychic messenger signaling spiritual unease. If ignored, it will harm.

Shakespeare's Macbeth says that guilt lies beyond the power of medicine to cure, saying: "More need she the divine than the physical, God, God, forgive us all!"

Moreover, we sometimes resent the *unbending* aspect of God's **Natural Laws**, even as we sometimes resent our doctors telling us that our eating habits are bad for us.

Many people, also, have simply lost their capacity for *reverence*, and the ability to sense *awe* that comes from experiencing the grandeur of God, the Divine Source of Life. The German theologian Rudolph Otto in his classic work, *The Idea of the Holy* says, "Modern man cannot even shudder properly."

But because of the great human achievement – the strides in technology – the conquest of space, a shift in focus from the *majesty* of God to the significance of the individual takes place. When we gaze at what we can do, God may seem less impressive. Yet there is, in human nature, a fundamental impulse to know our God, to establish a relationship with Him, and for all our celebration of our wondrous achievements, we don't really want to have ultimate responsibility for the world.

When we were children, we wanted to do things ourselves. We wanted a sense of mastery and achievement. But, we needed, too, the assurance that our parents were there, for we felt too small and weak to be left alone to do everything. These feelings persist in the human psyche. **We need the comfort that we are not the ultimate power.**

There's a tremendous spiritual thirst in society today. But, like the beagle-hound, many are weary and worn by the hunt. Their lives seem spent chasing elusive or futile goals. They dimly sense there must be something more.

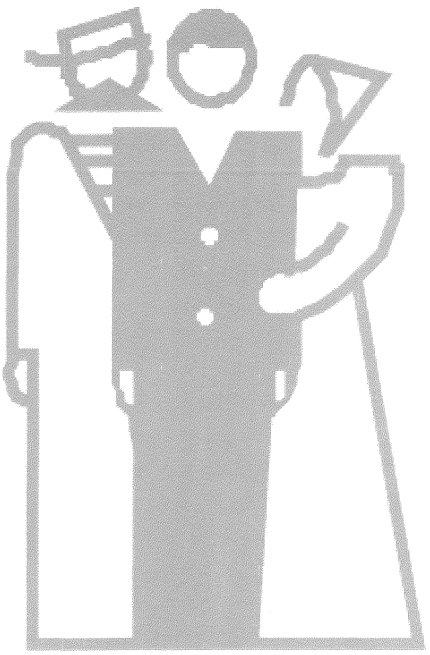
How can people put God back into their lives? This is a challenge for Spiritualists. For within Spiritualism one can find answers.

The aim of Spiritualism is to effect a complete union of man with God, until every human action and thought is in perfect harmony with the Divine Will, where our will and God's will are one and the same.

And Spiritualism teaches that, although one enters earth-life as a separate entity, we are not entirely independent for, because of our spirit nature, we are linked to God for all eternity. Although we can form no clear conception of God and have never seen Spirit, we know that God is essentially of the same nature as the Divine Spirit, and we can be called a **Child of God.**

Spiritualism shows us, too, that **Man is a spirit.** Man doesn't have a spirit. He IS a spirit. **God's divinity moves in every human being. The search and seeking of it, and the exaltation experienced when awareness happens, is ultimately what life is all about.**

A world without God would be a world without inspiring goals, with neither room nor reason for tenderness, generosity and helpfulness. We might want to learn, but we would have no reason nor desire to teach.



In a world without God we would be all alone. No one would help us when we had to do something hard. No one would comfort us when we disappointed ourselves. No one would replenish us when we came to the point of using ourselves up. And, no one would make us realize that when earth life is all over, it will **not** be over.

The God that Spiritualists know is a God of Love – a God whose acts do not contradict His name, but whose love is boundless, and His compassion unceasing. Infinite Intelligence deals impartially and fairly with all. Between Divine Spirit and us are ranks of ministering spirits. **This is our God, showing Himself through works, and operating through ministering angels.**

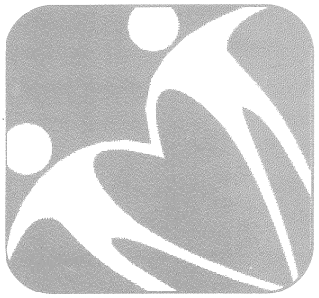
Spiritualism teaches that although men and women must work out their own salvation, guardian spirits hover around and are able to aid, comfort and support. Appointed by a loving Intelligence to minister to those who need it, these spirits are drawn to each soul by the mighty power of prayer, and knit to him/her by frequent communication.

The simple, yet grand truth of God's unceasing care, of a guardian's wakeful watch over incarnated souls, is a belief of all Spiritualists.

Spiritualists are blessed. We know there is a **power greater than ourselves.** We know there is abundant help available. We know we are never alone. We know there is nothing to fear in living or dying.

Spiritualism points out the purpose of our lives and may alter motives for the better. It teaches us to walk in the Light, for God Himself is the **Light of our Life.** And, when we accept the proven fact of "immortality of the spirit," that we will never die, our philosophy changes.

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You are important! The inner being of each of us, the self, is the important part.

Throughout the eons of time, men and women have sought to find inner peace, have sought to find a teacher. We continually have looked beyond the highest spans of the mountains and into the depths of the seas. We have done just about everything possible – simply stated, it is because the conscious awareness of the reality of being is within each of us. The teachers of the ages have taught repeatedly "The Kingdom of God is within." For example, Jesus the Christ taught a lesson that was simple. First, love the Lord thy God; second, love thy neighbor as thyself. Simple lessons. Much too easy for us to accept, so we complicated them and added to them, adding confusion. However, in this age we are beginning to catch a glimpse of awareness and are seeking out that greater power that lies within. We are opening our inner eye and ear – and in doing so, opening the conscious awareness within. We are accomplishing this task by accepting the simple teachings of the art of meditation. The quieting of the mind and body and allowing the inner being to speak "in the thunder of silence." As we begin to practice this meditative state, we find that daily we seem to evolve into a higher state of consciousness. This state of quietness leads to the unfoldment of the faculties that lie within and are often expressed through mediumship.

Mediumship is an integral part of Spiritualism and it is the factor which distinguishes Spiritualism as a religion from all other religions. Spiritualism emphasizes that point and proves that the personality maintains a continuity after the change called death.

Seeking the development of one's mediumistic capabilities by all means should be done in a practical manner. First, it is important to recognize that every individual is unique. Therefore, you cannot expect the same results from everyone. Each person has the ability to develop, however each one's development is based on many variables. Each person develops only to the degree of the potential within.

The commitment made for attending a group is important in that you must find timing and location that is well suited to your needs. Knowledge of the instructors affiliation is important in that you should know with whom you are learning from. If you are seeking certifications, it is well that you inquire prior to commencing the study so that you will be fully aware of the requirements and credits you will receive on completion.

Next, to be fully satisfied with the classes selected, you should be aware of the subject matter, materials required, classroom operation and time allotted for workshops or unfoldment sessions.

It is important for you to understand that you cannot expect to achieve your goal by simply attending classes. You will accomplish only that for which you have applied yourself. Therefore, daily study and meditation periods should be programmed at the onset of your enrollment. This self-programmed effort will allow for guidance from your spirit teachers. In conclusion, remember the true purpose of mediumship is to bring the glad tidings and proof positive of a *continuity of life*. Mediums are important!

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

You Will Meet The Challenges

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There are times in our lives when we feel inadequate and inconsequential. In this coming week, if you are having troubles in your life, I encourage you to turn to the still small voice within and listen without argument to the guidance you receive. We are all full of "buts" and fears that we will not live up to some mysterious, self imposed pinnacle we think of as success.

We sit and listen to the news and hear of war torn countries and can not imagine what that must feel like. Yet, sometimes, in our day to day lives, we feel as though we are at war. We feel as though no one understands, that we are asking those around us to pray with us and stay with us and they do not. Many times in our lives we must deal with what life gives us on our own, even when we are surrounded by loved ones. For no spiritual growth can be found without trial. If our lives were perfect, we would see no need for growth. If we have no troubles in our lives, how do we know when things are good? Do we know that we are all spirit on the earth plane? There is Divine Love for each and every one of us, even when we are so enthralled in self that we do not understand. So in your own life, when there is a time you do not understand, when you think "this is the worst thing that could happen to me," turn to the God of your understanding and pray, knowing this experience has been brought into your life so that you may grow through it.

If you feel others have used and abused you, look to any of the Way-Showers you choose for an example. They continued to trust God's Law and Infinite Love. Love those who would betray you, love those you find most unlovable. Understand that in our lives, it is not what we are given, but how we handle it that determines our future. We often speak when we are in a group of like-minded people of how we understand our spiritual place and that this earth plane is only a learning experience. When we are in comfortable surroundings and among friends, it is very easy to feel spiritually empowered. You feel as though you could go out into the world and love everyone.

Remember this next week if you are tempted by anger, by fear or by temptation itself (it would be so easy and no one would know!) to bring in the loving energy, the Spirit Energy.

If we turn to the example of Way-Showers, we can learn, there is nothing that can separate us from the God of our understanding except ourselves. How many times have we said and believed it without doubt? Often in our lives, illness, problems with a loved one, or anger with another person takes that spiritual awareness away from us, and replaces it with confusion, fear or distrust. Practice the presence of God, which is Love.

When in our hearts and our spirits, we find even a grain of forgiveness, we will grow. The more you strive to understand others and to love them regardless, the more you will find yourself walking in harmony with the God of your understanding. The more you see the beauty around you instead of the negativity, the more beauty you will find.

You are spirit, you have come to this plane of existence to learn the lessons you need to learn and put in your life. None of us can walk another's path, none of us can understand what that soul came here to learn or what they are learning. You have only one soul that you must bear responsibility for and that is your own. You have only one spiritual life that you must be concerned with and that is your own.



There is so much to be learned and understood when you are on this earth plane. I recently saw a statement that said people procrastinate because if they don't do it, they can't get in trouble. So it is with life, sometimes we think if we don't accept the challenge, we can't get in trouble. Later, we find things would have been much better if we had accepted the challenge. If we had accepted the challenge to love an enemy and turn him into a friend. If we had accepted the challenge to bless an event no matter how it seemed at the time. We often speak of Way-Showers, but, if we are not willing to be shown the way, then all those moments we pray without ceasing are meaningless.

Have you ever sat in the congregation and then could not remember what was said? When you are in that place of peace and understanding, your mind takes you away to experience loving healing. When you look for new insights and new understanding, when you believe you are on a spiritual path and you truly, in your heart and soul, want to walk that path, you will understand that life is made of many things. When you have success and victory, when you feel like you are walking in the light and the world is wonderful, you can really be spiritual then, can't you? But, when you are walking down your path and trouble strikes; perhaps illness, perhaps a loved one goes on before you, then you must cling to your reason, cling to your understanding and trust in God.

We do not have to wonder if life is everlasting. We already have proven that to ourselves. Know and believe in yourself as a spiritual being; know and understand that the greatest moments in your life are those when you choose to take the higher road, to meet the challenge and to grow no matter how painful it may be at the moment. If you need a staff, borrow Andrew Jackson Davis' "Behold! Here is thy Magic Staff. *Under All Circumstances Keep An Even Mind.* Take it. Try it. Walk with it. Talk with it. Lean on it. Believe on it. For Ever." When all about you there is chaos and confusion, keep an even mind and you will rise above your challenges.

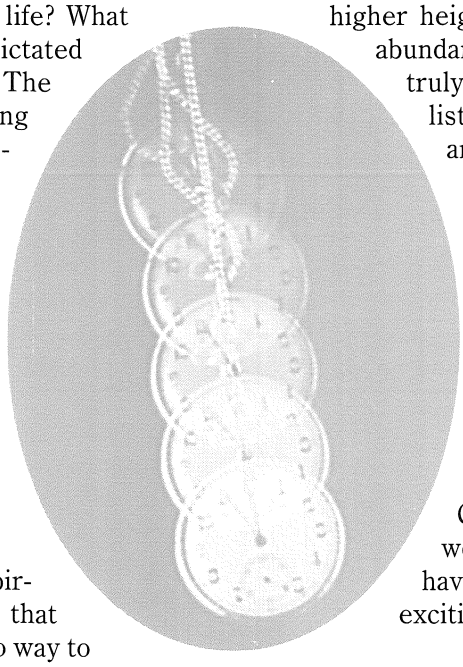
prayer and that Natural Law automatically produces this choice, therefore, we do pray without ceasing. Prayer is the simplest form of awareness and acceptance of the presence of Spirit within. Each thought, prayer is acted upon according to our belief. We can see this Law of Return in action in every aspect of each day, of each year, of the past and the present. What we believe, we receive.

If we look at life when this passing millennium first began, we see that around 1000 A.D. the people in Europe were either the lords who owned the land or were the serfs who worked it. The notion that a serf might be free to own his own land was a foreign idea. The thought that one could be anything other than that which they were born into was just not believed. A person was born into a station and lived in this position for their lifetime. One of the most radical changes in the past 1000 years is the way we think about our destiny.

We have learned personal responsibility, that we are individuals, free to pursue our own goals and dreams, we have free will. The American Revolution with its Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness was revolutionary in its ideas of personal rights and freedom. It changed the face of the world and most of its inhabitants had to begin to change their thinking.

As thoughts of responsibility and freedom were examined, it was determined that we have no real existence outside of our minds. We live and experience life in our conscious beliefs, our notions, our faith, our interpretation. If people are not born serfs by "nature"; if prices aren't always universal and absolute; if the "discovered" truths of aeons are overturned in favor of new truths established by individuals acting on their own beliefs and their own behalf, you very shortly (by Millennial standards) have a revolution of beliefs about freedom and what is life.

It was now necessary to define what is good and true; what is equality; what is the purpose of life? What and where is God? Truth went from a dictated tyranny to a search for universal truths. The church played a big part in formulating peoples opinions and life. As time progressed and thinking progressed, the teachings of the past religious thinker were filled with unanswered questions, so they began searching alternate ideas. A cut-and-dried philosophy just was not reasonable for many people in the dying millennium. The framework and ideas about the Higher Source needed revision. Spiritualism has offered this new way of growth for all who are ready to release the past and embrace the new.



This draws us back to what does Spiritualism teach about God. First, it says that because the Creator is Infinite, there is no way to know all, but we can know some about the Father/Mother God. It also teaches that to try to define the Source is to limit the unlimited. Yet, as humans, we desire to be closer to our God, so we look to know the Higher Energy, the Spirit that is found in all life.

The *Lyceum Manual* explains the trinity of God in an article by Joseph P. Whitwell, "Spiritualism in its philosophy and religion postulates the thought in regard to Trinity that God is Spirit, the creative in Nature (the Father) functioning through Matter the temporal in Nature (the Mother), thus producing the appropriate product of the organism through which Life is made manifest . . . Thus would Spiritualism explain to the inquiring mind the mystery of the Trinity. Spirit is the creative (Father) – Matter, the temporal (Mother) – Child, the Product, the result of Spirit functioning through Matter . . . God speaks to humanity through humanity, but always in accordance with the mental and spiritual development and aspiration of the individual. However near or far removed we may be from the great source of all life and knowledge, there are always those in the Spirit World who are aware of and who respond to the desire, the prayer of the individual . . . We accept the beautiful truth of the Fatherhood of God, the Motherhood of Nature, and the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Humanity."

We are cosmic beings of living light making a contribution to God's universal plan through our thoughts and actions. Each time we experience the energy of God we are changed, lifted up and the world around us is changed and lifted up. Two good ways to touch the Cosmic Force are meditation/listening to the silence and the practice of love. "A seeker of silence am I, and what treasure I have found in silences that I may dispense with confidence?" (Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*) Intuition is Spirit in us, so as we listen the realities are revealed and we are guided to higher heights. Love is healing, a divine idea, an abundant positive energy available to all. In truly loving we are expressing God. Learn to listen and think with love, and peace, joy and happiness will follow.

We do not have to search for Divine Love outside of ourselves – it is our very essence. The Infinite respects our inner desires and the Creative Law will harvest the seeds we plant in time and on time – God's Time.

What will the next thousand years bring? Let it be Peace and Prosperity for all humanity. Let it be God and good. Let it be Love and Light. Let it be Creative Intelligence in our thoughts, words and actions. God Bless you all and have a very happy year 2000, filled with exciting new beginnings.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 I ask Spirit's blessing on all new beginnings, all new understanding.
2 Divine Intention is for me to serve others, for me to grow in love and light.	**3** My life is an expression of God, a creation of Infinite Love.	**4** The Divine Source is my supply and abundance.	**5** The Spirit never dies, there is eternal life.	**6** The Oneness of all life is the God-spark in all life.	**7** Divine Inspiration guides me and fills my thoughts.	**8** The All-good within desires only the best for me.
9 My Spiritual power and energy expands as I grow in the Light.	**10** Infinite healing and love are available to all.	**11** Each moment is sacred, each place is sacred, each thought is sacred.	**12** God can open the Universe for me, and I am open to receive it.	**13** The loving presence of Angels and Spirit Friends uplifts me.	**14** All creation is of God, is necessary and wonderful.	**15** Let me draw closer today to the Source of my being.
16 I turn to Infinite Love when a question fills my mind.	**17** Natural Law, God's Law, gives me a guideline for life.	**18** I accept Spirit's Will. Thy Will Be Done!	**19** My love of Nature, animals, beauty is a respect I pay to God.	**20** Let my life be one of integrity, displaying the Spiritual Light.	**21** God's gift to each of us is life, love, mind and thought.	**22** I trust Infinite Spirit to show me the way.
23 My spiritual development brings out the highest and best in me.	**24** Infinite Intelligence is universally present, manifesting, and creating.	**25** God's love and joy uplifts me, bringing happiness and peace.	**26** I dwell in my inner holy place to hear the whisper of Spirit.	**27** God is all – always perfect, therefore, life is always perfect.	**28** The Highest Energy sustains us and all life. Thank you, God.	**29** Great Spirit, bless all those in need, all those I love. Please Bless All.
30 As we create, our Divine Creator is expressing through us.	**31** All life is the deposit of God's great, endless, divine being.		Cherish New Beginnings!			

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Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Open July and August - Service, Seminars and Classes; Secy. Virginia Norris CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST. For information, Phone and Fax (207) 597-2600; E-Mail: rupert@megalink.net.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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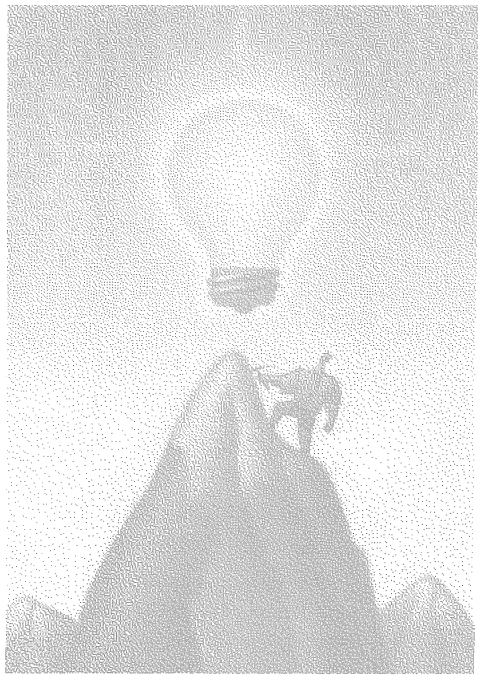
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The God Idea

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

The question, **"What, or Who is God?"** can never be answered to the satisfaction of all men. Rivers of blood have been spilled trying to enforce various views of God upon humanity. The man who says, "There is no God"! is foolish, because a man who has not explored the heights and depths of the Universe is in no position to make such a statement. On the other hand, not one of us is in a position to dogmatize about the existence and character of Deity. The finite mind cannot comprehend the Infinite. We can believe in God, we may feel justified in believing that the Universe is unintelligible without an intelligent Creator, but I doubt very much whether any man or any group of men can frame a conception of Deity that would satisfy the needs of all men and women. Therefore, I believe we should extend the broadest measure of liberty to every individual and permit him to form his own conception of the Infinite.



However, we can discuss with profit the reasons for man's belief in God, and the development of the God Idea.

It is certain that primitive man evolved the idea of a Creator from observation and experience. The Universe existed, and he realized that as a physical being he had a beginning. What is more natural than that he should conclude that the Universe also must have had a beginning? He saw how children were mysteriously born, so he conceived the idea that the world also must have been born; he saw men who had developed a degree of intelligence in making things, so he concluded the world must have been made by some superior sort of man.

Primitive men had many gods. Their gods were as numerous as the elements, and it was only when the unity of the Cosmos forced itself upon the mind, that a Monotheistic conception of Deity was born.

It is interesting to trace the growing, conceptions of Deity from the crudest form of Fetishism, on through Polytheism, to Dualism and Monotheism. The primitive man found himself warmed by the sun and chilled by the cold, and these physical states of comfort and discomfort aroused within him various emotions. The sun was good and the cold was bad, and so it was with all the phenomena of nature. The infantile mind personifies principles; the little girl takes her doll, names it and fondles it as though it were alive.

The idea of God as spirit back of the visible forms came slowly. Had physical things remained permanent, perhaps man never would have advanced beyond Fetishism; but physical objects were destroyed, men died, and the adoration and affections of man could not long be centered upon fleeting things. Herbert Spencer tells us that the idea of the spirit man grew out of man seeing his own shadow reflected in the water. When his neighbor died, physically he seemed just the same, but evidently something had gone out of him, and that something he named the ghost or spirit.

There grew out of this the belief that there were spirits in trees, mountains, rivers, and animals. The worship of these many spirits or gods is referred to as Polytheism and is still practiced today among many primitive tribes. As man evolved however, Polytheism was replaced by Dualism – the worship of two infinite personalities, God and the Devil or Satan. This one was Lord of the Good, the other was Ruler of Evil. The one man worshiped because he loved him, the other he worshiped because he feared him.

As the idea of the unity of nature developed, it resulted in the belief and worship of one God – *Monotheism.* Christianity is supposed to be a Monotheistic religion but it is far from being pure Monotheism; the Devil plays too important a part.

Let us consider for a few moments the Orthodox Christian idea of God. According to this idea, as it is expressed in the Old Testament, there existed a Supreme Spirit, or Infinite personality, who by the power of His Will and Word spoke the Universe into existence, and breathed into forms of matter the breath of life. This Spirit governs the Universe by the power of His Will, makes the wind to blow and the trees to bloom, the sun to shine and the rain to fall. As Science arose this idea of God was made incompatible with the facts of nature. No man or woman of intelligence in the face of the demonstrations of science can consistently believe in the old orthodox conception of God and Creation. Many persons, feeling constrained to abandon the old idea of God have gone to the opposite extreme and joined the ranks of the Atheists declaring that there is no

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Our Pioneers Witness Words Of Life

BY THE REV. ENID S. SMITH, Ph.D.

Taken from *TNS,* June 1956.



Cora L. V. Richmond

Cora Scott, known in adult life as Cora L. V. Richmond, was a prophet, seer, trance lecturer, Peace Conference Worker, pastor, who from the age of eleven held large audiences spellbound from lecture platforms throughout the world. She could with ease address an audience of 5,000 and give an elaborate discourse on any subject that any one might choose at the moment. This was certainly a great test of spirit power.

At fourteen, she was officiating in the capacity of pastor of a large and constantly increasing Buffalo, New York church, performing her work most acceptably, handling intricate questions of that transition period in the thinking of America, even baffling scientific agnostics and materialists on their own ground.

As a little child many were her "mysterious experiences," even to sitting out under an arbor in her garden and writing in her sleep messages from her mother's deceased sister whom the child never knew. People from numerous churches came, received messages from friends that had passed on, that ended by saying "We are not dead. We wish the child to aid us in carrying out the great work of making this truth known to all the world."

One day when Cora was about three years old, she was considered lost for several hours. When finally discovered, she was on an island in the middle of the river that flows through Cadytown, New York. Nobody had the slightest idea how the child got on the island, since the river was too wide and too deep for her to ford, and there was no boat, log, bridge, or anything else by which she could have crossed over alone. People decided that spirit hands must have levitated her there.

Speaking as one who has proved the facts of survival and communication with the departed, in her book, *My Experiences Out of the Body and My Return After Many Days,* she tells of numerous times when she left her physical body and traveling in the astral, mingled with friends in their higher state of existence. Many came to welcome her to their homes. They "would smile and answer her unspoken question. 'Yes, we are all here in our particular states doing our appointed work.' " So lovely was it over there that she wished to remain, but still realized that she must return to her work on Earth for a time.

Later on, she speaks as a philosopher in her book entitled *The Soul in Human Embodiments.* She says, "Spiritualism reveals man as an immortal spirit. How vital and far-reaching must be the past life of the soul before it took upon itself the present body. The individual's past explains his present, for the Law of Cause and Effect eternally works. When one realizes this truth, he holds the key to all problems and mysteries of life."

Still later, she says:

"To the reasoning mind that which is in the world today under the name of Spiritualism, is without any other proof, quite sufficient to establish the evidence of a continued existence of the individual spirit beyond the change called death . . . my own experiences, extending from the age of ten years to the present time of open vision and communication with the spirit realm, place this subject beyond the plane of possible doubt."

Cora's own experiences, and the experiences of the thousands upon thousands of people who heard the girl speak, bear witness to her testimony, that there is no death. H. D. Barrett comments saying, "Imagine a child of 12 standing before crowds of people discoursing to them upon the most abstruse questions of ethics, philosophy, science, and theology in a scholarly and dignified way!

These topics were suggested to her as she took her place on the platform. This little ignorant child could not through her own power thus speak, but she was used by the spirits of the departed, who under God had been permitted to return to their people and to all who would listen to the truth of the Almighty, that death was but the gateway of life eternal, and that there are no dead."

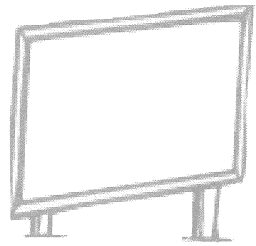
Barrett's book, *Life and Work of Cora Richmond,* tells of her lectures and the beauty of her style and insight. In four years in various places in the United States the child gave six hundred lectures on all types of subjects including the following: *The Creation and Origin of Man; The Applied*

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Humor to put you in
Good Spirits . . .

God's Billboards:

- Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. – God
- C'mon over and bring the kids. – God
- What part of "Thou Shalt Not..." didn't you understand. – God
- We need to talk. – God
- Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. – God
- Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. – God
- That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing... I meant it. – God
- Follow me. – God
- Need directions? – God
- Do you have any idea where you're going? – God



OUR PIONEERS WITNESS WORDS OF LIFE *(Continued from previous page.)*

Sciences with a Resume of their Teachings; The Religion of the Ancient Egyptians; The Primary Elements of Chemistry; The Origin, Progress, and Effects of Mohammedanism; The History of Republic; Atoms and Molecules; and *The Laws of Material Change.* Without a moment's hesitation little Cora voiced fluently and eloquently the thoughts given her by those on the other side of life. Among those who attended her lectures were such men as Henry Ward Beecher, Horace Greeley; together with numerous senators, lawyers, editors, physicians, and business men.

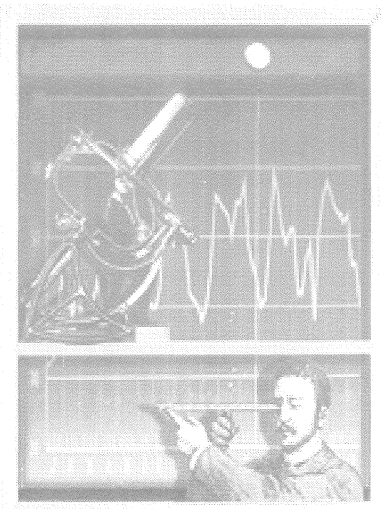
On one occasion after Professor Mapes had given the child the topic *Primary Rocks* to speak on, and she had done beautifully with the subject, the learned man himself was asked to speak upon the same subject. Tears filled his eyes as he came to the platform and said, "I am a college educated man and all my life have investigated scientific subjects and associated with scientific men, but I stand here as dumb before this child."

Cora Richmond opened the way for those today to speak with the angels and to be guided by them. A student of the writer's knew a family in North Carolina whose mother had recently passed on. The family had bought a humble home, the deed to which they had placed on a table in the parlor. Within a few days of the purchase, a stranger desired very much to buy the property and succeeded in getting to go through the house, though the owner did not wish to sell. All of a sudden the deed disappeared. This caused much worry on the part of the recently bereaved father and two daughters, who felt that somehow they might lose the property. One night the father was suddenly awakened by the deceased mother who stood by his bed and bade him follow her upstairs. This he did. At the top of the stairs, she opened a closet not used, and from a mass of papers and debris drew forth the lost deed (where the disgruntled stranger had thrown it) and handed it to her husband. The father was so rejoiced by the experience that he woke the daughters, told them of their mother's visit and of the finding of the lost deed.

In the same spirit of Cora's proof that there are no dead, the writer briefly can cite the instance of her grandfather's return to her after his living many years in the Spirit World. The trumpet medium, Dr. John Carroll, had just come to New York City. A student at Columbia University, where I was then working for my Doctor's degree, told me of the occasion, and a stranger to all present I went and took my seat in the back row. This was "trumpet in the light" and a photographer stood by his tripod and camera ready to take pictures. The lights were dimmed a bit, and after the usual preliminaries, one of the two trumpets on the table in back of which the medium sat in view of all of us, began to rise and soar about in the air. It came over to me and paused above my head, and for the space of about 10 minutes, it seemed to me, I heard the familiar voice of my grandfather minister preach a sermon on the disciples by the Sea of Galilee. All present heard his words. When he had finished, the trumpet returned to the table and the other trumpet rose and went to another person who recognized the voice of a soldier. At the end of an hour or so, just as the meeting was breaking up, a small piece of brown paper with my grandfather's name written in his own handwriting was dropped in my lap. And so, with Cora Richmond, we, and thousands upon thousands of others, can say that "communication with the spiritual realm has been proved beyond the plane of possible doubt." In fact, many of our great scientists and investigators tell us that survival and communication are the most proved facts in the world.

What Is God?

BY MERRY BROWNE, KENTUCKY



Physicist, Albert Einstein, discovered that there is no such thing as matter, all is energy. Physicist, David Bohm, declared this energy to be consciousness. Mystics reveal that everything is God, therefore all is God Consciousness, transcendent and Immanent. Above creation and in creation as creation involved and vibration at various levels as it evolves back to the Godhead.

• QUANTUM PHYSICS FINDS GOD

According to Dr. Friedbert Karger, when classical physics bored into the atom, what was found was not matter but energy, something one could call spirit.

The editor of *Science and Spirit* magazine recently wrote "perhaps the universe as a whole is God," commenting upon the John Templeton award winning book *God and Contemporary Science* by Philip Clayton which argues for the philosophy of Pantheism, God Transcendent and Immanent, above creation and in and as creation.

Science and spirit, he answered "there is no division between this world and the so-called world beyond. It is one single, immense whole in constant action – reaction.

Dr. Karger claims this new knowledge will in a quantum leap catapult humanity to higher consciousness because as quantum physics discovered – everything is connected and this knowledge known to some will automatically permeate the collective consciousness thus raising it to a higher level of evolution.

• COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS and MAKING IT SO

authors Richard M. Bucke, M.D. and Robert Van Laarhoven

- A Book Review -

Cosmic Consciousness is the lifetime research of a Canadian doctor who, himself, experienced the awareness of Cosmic Consciousness. Dr. Bucke found that consciousness is slowly ever-evolving to new levels of consciousness which come to present understanding of a broader range of aspects. As an example: The sense of seeing color appeared 30-40,000 years ago and was, at the time of the publishing of this book, still absent in one in forty-seven people. The moral nature appeared 10,000 years ago and is yet absent in one in twenty-five people; and cosmic consciousness, which is just dawning, is absent in all but one in many millions.

The importance of this book is its scholarly "proof" that consciousness is evolving. Emerging Cosmic Consciousness comes first as cosmic flash and ranges from this momentary flash to full-blown experience which reveals life in its wholeness and reality.

I do not have the ability to do justice to this seminal work that has become a classic in the field of psychology. The book must be studied thoroughly to be understood. But I can present my own experience of cosmic consciousness of cosmic consciousness in an attempt to provide further understanding of this phenomenon.

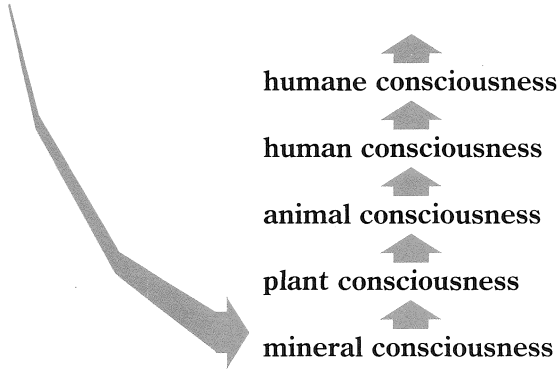
• My Cosmic Consciousness Experience

On a Sunday morning in the Spring of 1960 as I was typing a letter to a friend, I felt a great surge of energy fill my body and at the same time experienced a joy I had never before known. I jumped up from the typewriter and ran into my living room which was bathed in a golden light. I went outside and found the same golden light engulfing everything. Then my mind seemed to open to an inpouring of the knowledge of the Plan of Life. The experience lasted about three hours, slowly diminishing in intensity.

• The Plan of Life

"As an oak at points within its self becomes an acorn that grows again to oak, God Consciousness at points within its Self becomes mineral consciousness that again grows to God Consciousness."

• God Consciousness



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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"God helps those who help themselves."
– Anonymous

"Man proposes, and God disposes."
– Ariosto, *Orlando Furioso*

"There is a God within us, and we glow when he stirs us."
– Ovid

"Everyone is in a small way the image of God."
– Manilius

"An honest God is the noblest work of man."
– Ingersol, *The Gods*

"God is truth and light his shadow."
– Plato

"The divine essence itself is love and wisdom."
– Swedenborg

"Where is God?" "Wherever man will let Him in."
– Martin Buber

WHAT IS GOD?

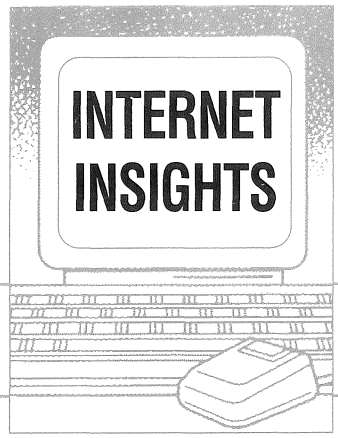
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Making It So by Robert Van Laarhoven contains new insights. Those who went before this author laid the groundwork for his theme of evolution of our minds from thoughts to higher feelings to eventually being our authentic shelves. The writings of Richard M. Bucke, *Cosmic Consciousness,* Arthur M. Young, *The Reflexive Universe* and Ken Wilbur, *The Great Chain of Being*, all showed the destined life-plan from the lesser to the greater as our destiny, to say nothing of the Eastern religions that teach it, especially the clear and understandable writings of the Persian poet, Rumi.

Yet it took Van Laarhoven to ask: "Do we really have a Choice when we appear to be making choices or are we just fulfilling a predetermined destiny? Are we choosing our thoughts or just awakening to thoughts provided for us from a higher Source?" He has gifted the world with an insight that is new and will be rejected by most for the simple reason of its newness, but as a mystic I can stand behind his insight with what was revealed to me, both during and after my experience of Cosmic Consciousness which reveals the blueprint of life.

"Compassion and love are precious things in life. They are not complicated. They are simple, but difficult to practice. Compassion can be put into practice if one recognizes the fact that every human being is a member of humanity and the human family, regardless of differences in religion, culture, color, and creed. Deep down, there is no difference."

– The Dalai Lama of Tibet



God Is Love

Computer Customer Support Representative to Computer Customer: Follow this procedure carefully . . .

Customer: I'm not very technical, but I think I am ready to install now. What do I do first?

Customer Support Rep.: The first step is to open your HEART. Have you located your HEART ma'am?

Customer: Yes I have, but there are several programs running right now. Is it okay to install while they are running?

CS Rep.: What programs are running ma'am?

Customer: Let me see . . . I have PASTHURT.EXE, LOWESTEEM.EXE, GRUDGE.EXE, and RESENTMENT.COM running right now.

CS Rep.: No problem. LOVE will automatically erase PASTHURT.EXE from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory, but it will no longer disrupt other programs. LOVE will eventually overwrite LOWESTEEM.EXE with a module of its own called HIGHESTEEM.EXE. However, you have to completely turn off GRUDGE.EXE and RESENTMENT.COM. Those programs prevent LOVE from being properly installed. Can you turn those off ma'am?

Customer: I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

CS Rep.: My pleasure. Go to your Start menu and invoke FORGIVENESS.EXE. Do this as many times as necessary until GRUDGE.EXE and RESENTMENT.COM have been completely erased.

Customer: Okay, I'm done. LOVE has started installing itself automatically. Is that normal?

CS Rep.: Yes it is. You should receive a message that says it will reinstall for the life of your HEART. Do you see that message?

Customer: Yes I do. Is it completely installed?

CS Rep.: Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other HEART's in order to get the upgrades.

Customer: Oops . . . I have an error message already. What should I do?

CS Rep.: What does the message say?

Customer: It says "ERROR 412 – PROGRAM NOT RUN ON INTERNAL COMPONENTS." What does that mean?

CS Rep.: Don't worry ma'am, that's a common problem. It means that the LOVE program is set up to run on external HEARTS but has not yet been run on your HEART. It is one of those complicated programming things, but in nontechnical terms it means you have to "LOVE" your own machine before it can "LOVE" others.

Customer: So what should I do?

CS Rep.: Can you find the dictionary called "SELF-ACCEPTANCE"?

Customer: Yes, I have it.

CS Rep.: Excellent, you are getting good at this.

Customer: Thank you.

CS Rep.: You're welcome. Click on the following files and then copy them to the "MYHEART" directory: FORGIVESELF.DOC, SELFESTEEM.TXT, REALIZEWORTH.TXT, and GOODNESS.DOC. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and begin patching any faulty programming. Also, you need to delete SELFCRITIC.EXE from all directories, and then empty your recycle bin afterwards to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

Customer: Got it. Hey! My HEART is filling up with really neat files. SMILE.MPG is playing on my monitor right now and it shows that WARMTH.COM, PEACE.EXE, and CONTENTMENT.COM are copying themselves all over my HEART!

CS Rep.: Then LOVE is installed and running. You should be able to handle it from here . . . One more thing before I go . . .

Customer: Yes?

CS Rep.: LOVE is freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everybody you meet. They will in turn share it with other people and they will return some really neat modules back to you.

Customer: I will. Thank you for your help. ♦

INTERNET INSIGHTS . . .(Continued on page 31.)

God. Others not so extreme have become Agnostics, meaning, "I don't know but will give it serious thought."

An idea which has grown in popularity among thinkers is that God is the Soul of the Universe. This theory is as follows: – Just as I, a soul entity, reside within or animate my body, so the Infinite Soul permeates and animates the Universe. According to this idea, God does not exist apart from the Universe but is immanent within it, expressing through the Laws of Nature as Universal, Infinite Intelligence. I know that this conception does not remove all difficulties; the skeptic will deny the existence of either a finite or Infinite Soul, and insist upon explaining the phenomena of nature and even the phenomena of life and intelligence in man, upon purely mechanical principles. Unless we are prepared to offer some evidence of the existence of a spirit-element in man and nature, our belief in God will continue to remain a subject of debate and doubt.



Modern Spiritualism through its phenomena, proves conclusively that life and intelligence are not the result of the fortuitous action of multitudes of atoms of matter, bound up in an organism. That something which gives life to the physical body persists after the destruction of the body. If the body created life and intelligence, we would logically expect them to go out of existence with the destruction of the body as the light of a lamp goes out when the oil is exhausted. We know that they do not. The Thinker, the Soul, the element in man which we call the spirit persists, for we have had the privilege of communicating with deceased people. This established the fundamental claim of all religionists which is that the source of all life and intelligence is spiritual. It makes the *invisible* the *Cause World;* the visible, the materialized expression of the invisible spiritual energies.

Since the existence and persistence of the Ego, or Spiritual Element, or Soul in man has been proved, it follows as a corollary that the same *something* must abide in *all nature.* Man is a child of nature, therefore all the elements existing in the child must exist in the parent. This constitutes the strongest possible proof outside of actual demonstration, of the existence of a spiritual or soul element in nature. We cannot prove the existence of the spirit-element in nature as we can prove its existence in man, because in the case of man we can study the soul disassociated from the physical body, but in the case of the World-Soul we can only study it associated with the physical world.

Spirit is God, the Universal Creative Power; Life and Intelligence are Spirit in expression.

We are now confronted with another difficulty, and that is the question of personality as applied to the Infinite. Personality implies limitations, the term infinite applies to the limitless. When you say God is *a spirit,* you imply that there are other gods or spirits. I believe the time is coming when Spiritualists at least, will worship God, the Spirit or Infinite Intelligence, as a super-personal power; not less than personal, but more than personal; for spirit is that out of which all personality comes. I must confess that it grates upon me somewhat to hear Spiritualist speakers pray to God, as "Our Father who art in Heaven," not that Infinite Intelligence is less than Father but the appellation is too narrow, at least it should be stretched to include "Mother."

In our *Declaration of Principles,* we have given to the world a very clear and concise presentation of our idea of God.

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature both physical and spiritual are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

This definition is broad and comprehensive. We study the phenomena of Nature to find and get in at-one-ment with the Intelligent Power behind it.

Here in the great book of Nature we may find the purposes of Infinite Intelligence expressed. Ours is an immanent God, everywhere about us, manifest in all the phenomena of nature, in the song of the birds, the beauty and fragrance of the flowers, the laughter of little children, and the power of our own souls.

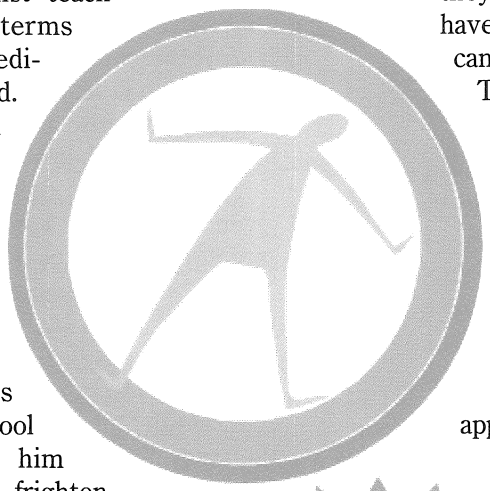
The idea of God is not offered dogmatically. We do not say you must believe as we do about God. We simply offer it as a light on the path and may it illumine your way. It is a stimulus that will enable us to cling, in times of disappointment and sorrow, to the thought that, after all, God is at the root of things and some time right will triumph over wrong, justice over injustice, love over hate. Sometime we may rise to a higher conception of Deity than that of Infinite Intelligence. If and when we do, we can be thankful that as Spiritualists we have no theological chains to shackle our minds, *no binding creed* to restrain our progress. We *can change* our concept. How glorious it is to be free to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience and spiritual understanding without the fear of an angry God, or an endless hell to haunt us.

Editor's note: I received this article in a class some twenty years ago. It had no author's name to credit for the wonderful information it contains.

The Sixth Sense

BY MARY LEITER, NEW YORK

The highly successful film "Sixth Sense" presents a view of communication with the "dead" that is compatible with traditional Spiritualist teachings although the terms "Spiritualism" and "mediums" are never mentioned.



The eight-year-old boy, who is so frightened of seeing "dead people" in the film's advertisements, is a natural medium isolated among the uninformed who neither understand nor sympathize with the anxieties his gift causes. His school friends shun him, call him names, and deliberately frighten him further. His overworked, rather abusive mother seeks the conventional scientific solution – letting a child psychologist "fix" him. Fortunately this doctor is more supportive of the boy's feelings although, at first, he too jumps to the commonplace conclusion that contacting spirits must be a schizophrenic delusion.

However, the doctor's theories cannot explain away the boy's "ghostly" visions – or his own. Ironically the man who was supposed to convince the boy to see things differently is himself transformed by his exposure to the spirits, especially so after his own transition to the other side.

During several months of counseling, as the doctor's comprehension broadens, he advises the boy to interpret the appearances of the "dead" in various ways. Sometimes they may be seen as victims of violence who are trying to have their problematic deaths understood by anyone they can find who is sensitive enough to pick up the messages. The psychologist points out that the boy's receptivity might be used to help restless spirits come to terms with the violent events that had overwhelmed them. Since the boy is one of those rare people who could show the spirits sympathetic understanding, he might be the means of helping them to reach some resolution and to move on in the Spirit World. (Of course, this is the same role which a psychiatrist among the living often fills.)

Another way in which the boy might regard the appearance of certain spirits is that they have come back to be of service to those who are still struggling with life's problems. Indeed, this is exactly the kind of emotional support which the doctor is still offering the boy even in his posthumous appearances.

Near the end of the film these truths are crystallized for the boy by his role in a school play. He portrays the poor, disregarded servant, Arthur, who accomplishes the uniquely difficult task of drawing the sword from the stone, thus demonstrating his capacity to be a king among men.

The boy's original disabling condition is transformed into a consciousness of unique spiritual strength to be derived from his natural mediumship. The doctor's initially limited understanding shifts through a psychospiritual process into a new awareness of the Spirit World surrounding us. "The doorway to reformation is never closed," and, at times, it may open in truly unexpected ways.

Let your actions be such that if they were done to you they would increase your happiness.

What Are You Searching For?



The little child whispered,
"God, speak to me"
And a meadowlark sang,
But the child did not hear.

So the child yelled,
"God, speak to me!"
And the thunder rolled across the sky,
But the child did not listen.



The child looked around and said,
"God let me see you."
And a star shone brightly
But the child did not notice.



And the child shouted,
"God show me a miracle!"
And a life was born,
But the child did not know.

So the child cried out in despair,
"Touch me God, and let me
Know you are there!"
Whereupon God reached down
And touched the child,
But the child brushed the butterfly away
And walked away unknowingly.

– Anonymous

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  Instructors: Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST; Rev. Donald Nauratil, NST
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  Week Two: June 9-15, 2001
  Instructors: Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST; Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST
- **HARTFORD, MAINE:** Pinpoint of Light Camp
  July 22 – 7:30 p.m., Orientation; **July 23 – Aug. 4**, Classes
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MAINE REPORTS

Hi from the Augusta Spiritualist Church in Maine! It has been a while since you have heard from us; we have been very busy with our reorganization and increasing our membership. Our attendance, on average, is 30-35 people. We held our second annual weekend at Temple Heights the last weekend in July. We have found this weekend gathering of our membership not only spiritually rewarding, but very bonding in friendships. Walking on the beach or shopping in nearby stores; fixing breakfast together to eat out on the deck while watching the sunrise; or taking in the Saturday night of table tipping . . . how can you beat a weekend of relaxation like that!!! But our summer has also had its periods of work as well as laughter. We had the inside of our church painted and a mural painted behind the platform as well as the yard landscaped. We are now getting ready for our annual Fall Mediums Day to be held October 30th, and the start of the next development class. We are looking forward to another great year of love and light!

WASHINGTON CHARTER



On June 17, 1999, the Church of Divine Grace, NSAC, officially received their charter at NSAC's Camp Edgewood in Milton, Washington. The Reverend LaVerne Pemberton (left) is seen here presenting the charter to the church's Secretary, Jeri Hein (right). Each of the charter members of the church were given a Spiritualist Manual, a sunflower pin, and a certificate honoring their commitment to not only the church, but also to the continued growth of Spiritualism in the State of Washington. This joyous event was well attended and included a guest healer from Australia, the Rev. Willie Vloedsman. A social hour was hosted with cake, punch, and coffee following the ceremony.

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN

Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches held its 107th Annual Convention in Lansing, Michigan. The featured worker was the Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST.

Workshop workers were Marguerite Gutt, L.M., on Parliamentary Law, and each in attendance received a certificate for the workshop. The Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, had her work shop on Healing. Each workshop was well attended and each of us received much information.

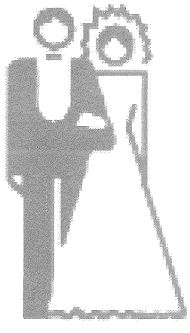
Spiritualist of the Year went to the Rev. Catherine Welch, editor of the Michigan Newsletter. Entertainment was again provided by Moose, and the place was jumping all night long. Among the guests for the banquet were the Reverend's Diana Sniffen, Treasurer and Joyce Holmes, Secretary for the Independent Spiritualist Association.

Sunday morning, the Lyceumist conducted the Lyceum service under the watchful eye of State Lyceum Superintendent Dawn Hyatt. Butterflies were sold for the commemorative service. As always the Lyceumist's did a beautiful job.

The Sunday afternoon service was a special day for Marguerite Gutt, as the Reverend's Cosie Allen, NST, and Pamla Ashlay, NST, presented her with her Certificate of Ordination and NST Certificate. In attendance with Marguerite was her husband who played a couple of songs on the accordion accompanied by Marilyn Beesley at the piano. It takes hard work and dedication to go through the Morris Pratt Course and learn everything that is required to become a minister. Congratulations Marguerite (Peggy).

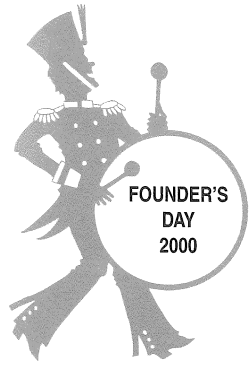
We have another report which comes from Petroskey, Michigan. On August 14th, 1999, at the Waterfront Park, the wedding of Jennifer L. Wrona to Alan T. Carr took place. Parents of the bride are George and Gail Wrona, and the parents of the groom are Tim and Mary Ellen Weichner.

The Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, officiated. It was a beautiful day for an outdoor wedding. The ceremony took place near the water fall with Lake Michigan in the background. Fifty friends and family were present to watch the couple repeat their vows. The reception was held at the historic Wolverine Dilworth in Boyne City, Michigan. Among the guests was MSSAC President, Marcia Hyatt.



The wedding party was made up of family and friends of the bride and groom. Best man was Erik Johnson, groomsmen were Doug Appel and Chris Denka. Maid of honor was Trish Houghton, and bridesmaids were Jennifer Liddicoat and Amie Wood. Flower girl was Nikki Tibbitts, brides sister; ring bearer was Aaron Morse, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Christopher Tibbitts, brother of the bride, Justin Owen, nephew of the groom, and Mitchell Jones, nephew of the bride. Following the ceremony, instead of throwing rice or bird seed, each guest was given bubbles to blow as they made their way down the isle.

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Founder's Day – January 25, 2000

BY ARSENIA J. WILLIAMS, ILLINOIS

Founder's Day, January 25th, falls on a Tuesday in the year 2000. Most of us will choose to celebrate this special day on Sunday, January 23rd. Nevertheless, the purposes of Founder's Day are to refresh in our minds the objective of the Lyceum movement, recall the man responsible for introducing Lyceum to Spiritualists of old, and to honor him for his prophetic visions.

Andrew Jackson Davis was about 37 years old when he addressed the crowd at Dodsworth Hall in New York City, New York, on that cold 25th day of January. He spoke of his visions, and he worked to materialize those visions. Andrew Jackson Davis initiated the Children's Progressive Lyceum. He is the founder we recognize on the 25th of January.

In Mr. Davis' visions, he saw children being taught, being encouraged to freely express themselves about their instructions, and being led in colorful marches. Written descriptions of Andrew Jackson Davis' visions portrayed leaders/teachers in the Summerland who were well organized, child centered and who were obviously good at planning their lessons. Have you given thought to the amount of time and work involved in planning activities that appear unplanned, natural or normal?

As we bring our Founder's Day celebrations to a close this year, let's take a moment to look at those who prepared our Founder's Day, 2000 activities and flyers. Let's take a very close look at our Adult and Children Lyceum teachers. Then, let's take a look at ourselves. As we focus on ourselves, let us prepare to answer the question: "What am I doing to help our Adult and/or Children's Lyceum blossom into the beautiful vision we Spiritualists know it can be?"

Founder's Day, 2000 can be a new beginning for Lyceum. A new beginning that can and must evolve from you.

Happy Founder's Day! Happy New Millennium for Lyceum!

Separately from God, people have their limitations; with God, people can work miracles.

– Wilferd Peterson

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

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The theme of the wedding was Cinderella and Prince Charming – the bride designed the cake, and Mrs. Sandy Crandall made the cake which was beautiful, and she also made the bouquets and boutonnieres for the wedding party and parents.

The newlyweds will reside in Jackson, Michigan, while completing their education at Baker College. Good Luck, Mrs. and Mrs. Alan Carr!

Even another blessed event! The wedding of Karen Rose Foster and Herb Stanhope, members of the Golden Rule Spiritualist Church of Charlevoix, Michigan, was held Saturday, September 25, 1999. The service was officiated by the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, Pastor of the church.

The service was attended by more than 80 guests, including family and friends. The wedding party included: Linda Appicelli, matron of honor; Ron Peters, best man; Janet Norris, brides-matron; and David McClutchey, grooms-man. Special music was provided by the bride's aunt, Roselyn Ruis.

Following the service, the wedding party, the family and many guests went to the home of the bride's grandmother for the once in a lifetime picture taking event. Upon completion of the pictures, all went on to the reception, inclusive of a dinner and dancing.

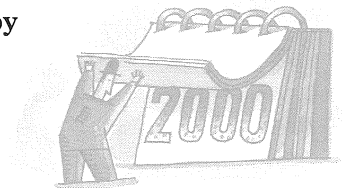
Although the couple chose a simple wedding, the bride wore a stunning long white dress of lace and carried a lovely bouquet. The wedding ended with the new tradition of a rainbow of bubbles surrounding the couple. We all wish Karen and Herb our congratulations and wishes for a long and healthy life filled with love.



Karen, Cosie Allen, and Herb.

What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?

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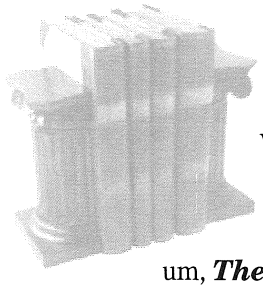
January 1, 2000 – **Happy New Year!** New beginnings are on our minds with dreams of peace and love in our hearts as we start into a new Millennium. The journey ahead will be what we intend, what we desire, what we make it. Seasons come and seasons go, life is born and passes away – a circle of life and renewal. Change is constant as we evolve into our sacred awareness. Explore your divinity this year, practice love and your transformation will connect you to God.

JANUARY 1, 1919-2000

The first publication of the voice of the NSAC, ***The National Spiritualist*** was published on this date. A total of 893 issues, over the years, have been sent out representing our Religion with the message of continuous life, the Philosophy of Spiritualism and current news to keep Spiritualists informed. Dr. George B. Warne was the first editor.

JANUARY 19, 2000

Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday is observed on this day. Mr. King is remembered for his message of peace and equality for all.



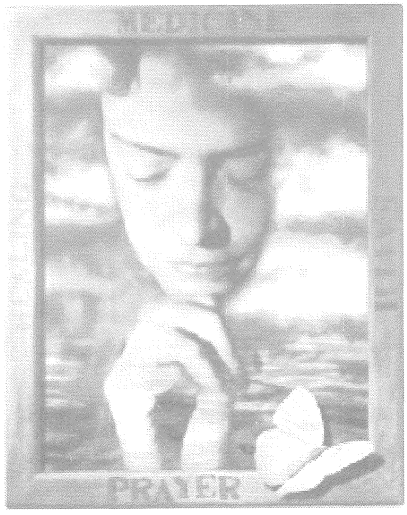
JANUARY 25, 1863

The **Children's Progressive Lyceum** was established by Andrew Jackson Davis, at Dodsworth Hall, New York City. This date has also been set aside as **Founder's Day** each year to honor our pioneers. The voice of the Lyceum, ***The Lyceum Spotlight***, was first published in 1947, with Elsie Butler Bunts as the first editor.

JANUARY 29

Two great thinkers were born on this date. **Emmanuel Swedenborg** in 1668 and **Thomas Paine** in 1737. Swedenborg was a philosopher, scientist and theologian who revealed much truth and insight. He was one of the first to write about life in the next dimension and that God is the very center of our being. Paine wrote for freedom for all and was a great humanitarian.

Science AND God



Infinite Intelligence's interaction with the mind intrigues science and philosophy. The researchers are developing new theories of the religious experience in search of a scientific perspective on the Divine. They ask: "Where in the scientific cosmology of the mind does spiritual activity – the intangible essence of faith and moral sensibility – fit? This upsurge of scientific interest in spirituality poses an unusual challenge to religions and scientists alike. Many theologians welcome research insights into spiritual practices such as "meditation, prayer, ritual behavior or inspired visions of a higher plane of being."

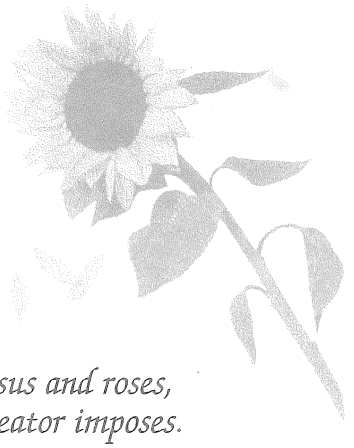
The University of California, using skin sensors, measures the power of holy words by testing how synapses respond to religious texts. New York University and the Mayo Clinic assess the effects of prayer. An UC-San Diego theologian recently organized a symposium to draw together neuroscientists and religious thinkers. Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, feels that the research is an attempt "to give an account of divine action – one of the most difficult and pressing theological questions now – how God acts in the brain." – Nancey Murphy.

The University of Pennsylvania tests the neurons of a meditating Buddhist monk. To date, nine monks have been included in the study. Researchers injected each monk with a faintly radioactive tracer chemical that is quickly absorbed into the brain cells. Then with a SPECT camera the neural activity is illuminated as the monks flowed into a quiet condition. The images reveal distinctive changes in brain activity when the mind moves into the meditative state.

A theologian at the Georgetown University Center for the Study of Science and Religion said: "Researchers have to resist the temptation to think that the mind and spirit can be fully specified and fully understood in terms of physical and chemical analysis." – John Haught. The question continues for science – how does the mind and spiritual activity and faith connect one to God?

I Am

by Carol Earth Heart Keeper



I Am the infant sleeping in the womb, growing in perfection., Running out of room.

I Am woman, I am man,
I Am here to pro-create if I can.

I Am Grandfathers, Grandmothers, enemies and friends,
I Am life form that never ends.

I Am the Holy Spirit, the gift of air,
I Am life, I Am everywhere.

I Am fire, element of passion, warmth and destruction,
I Am not here for life's deduction.

I Am the wind whispering through the trees,
I Am here for you not to see.

I Am the sound of flute and song,
Would life without me feel gone?

I Am pink, sunrise birthing days life,
I Am orange sunsets calling in the night.

I Am the Sun, Eclipse and Moon,
When I appear it's never too soon.

I Am the patter of simple kind rain,
Large or small puddles I Am the same.

I Am the Stars twinkling bright in the night,
When morning arrives I Am out of sight.

I Am Angels illuminated light and love,
Some may see me, to others I Am above.

I Am clouds, dark, illusions and light,
Heavy or soft, winds bring my flight.

I Am earth's colors from Rainbow's gleam,
In prism I radiate for storms in between.

I Am seedlings sleeping in my earth,
Loving water, it brings my birth.

I Am oceans,
lakes, rivers
and creeks,
I give comfort
and life to
those who
seek.

I Am tulips, narcissus and roses,
I Am all flowers creator imposes.

I Am trunk, branches, the tree,
I Am here standing for all to see.

I Am stones, gems, rhythm and chimes,
I Am here keeping the time.

I Am the butterfly merging from chrysalis wet,
Creator's caterpillar, my flight is my test.

I Am strange sometimes creepy, crawly, colored,
I Am the world of bugs to be discovered.

I Am eagle, hawk, and the crane,
All designed differently, yet the same.

I Am four legged, the finned, the scaled,
I Am lizard who grows back his tail..

I Am nature's trusted, I always return,
Life brought over and over for all to learn.

I Am the healer, the artist, the poet,
I Am with spirit; my mind and hand show it.

I Am birth, life, death and pain,
Only the thought makes it the same.

I Am the unknown you cannot comprehend,
I Am creation, I have no end.

I Am prayer so perfect, so heard,
I Am all, Creator's 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 are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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