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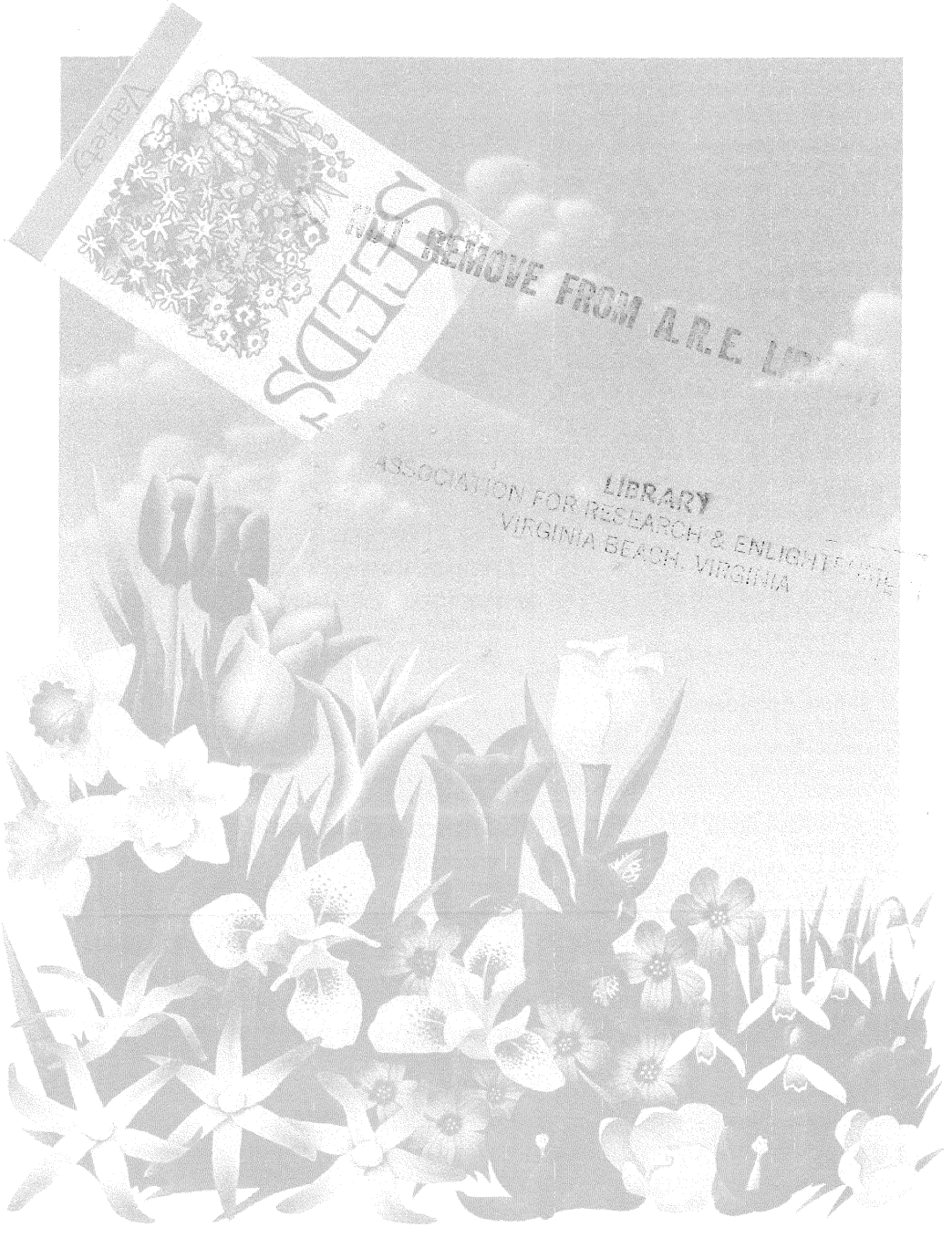
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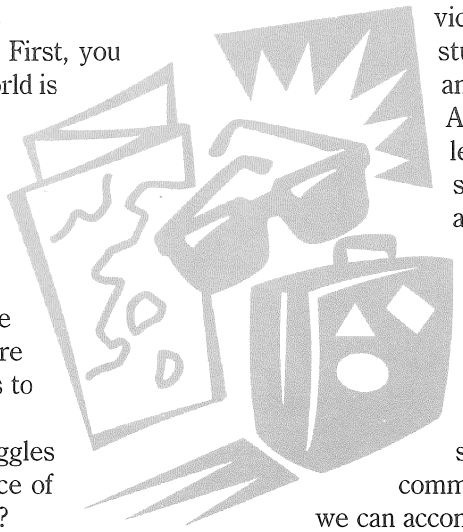
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World's Eternal Travel Agency . . .



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

A Spirit CEO: Hello, this is the CEO of World's Eternal Travel Agency. Here, CEO stands for "Circuit of Energy Open" from the Spirit Dimension to the Earth Dimension. How may I help you?

An Earth Inquiry: Well, this is an Earth inquiry about your sphere, that we may know about it when we arrive there through astral travel, day-dream escapes, sleep excursions, or when it is our time to move there. What can you tell me about your world?

CEO: Oh, my, there is so much to tell. First, you won't find a better place to live. The Spirit World is filled with endless opportunities, eternal beauty, unlimited growth possibilities. Humm, but then I guess if you look at it in most ways, so is the Earth plane. Well, World's Eternal is a wonderful continuum of what you have begun, but without the harsh struggles on most spheres. There are some differences, the main one being that life is more about progression and light and love than it is to most souls that live in the physical.

AEI: You said there aren't the harsh struggles on *most* spheres. Is there a hell or a bad place of fire and eternal damnation in the Spirit World?

CEO: You have heard of Natural Law, yes? Well, the Law of Like Attracts Like is always in operation – the axiom, as below so above, is in effect. Therefore, if one has been a stinker while in the physical expression, they might find themselves in a smelly world when they leave the physical. A little story to kind of demonstrate how it might work: the good deeds, spiritual thoughts, and kind actions you do in the physical world are held in a light bank. When you arrive in the World Eternal, you receive your light that you have earned. If you haven't deposited much, you will not be in a very bright place, and will have to associate with others of like light. Eternal fire, with no chance of redemption, NO, that is not Infinite Intelligence's way – God is Love and this Golden Cord of Love connects with all creation, is part of all souls. In fact there are loving light beings who go into the darker areas and speak love to the souls who reside there, helping them to build their light so they may move into lighter areas. We do not condemn these souls for what they have done, or not done, rather we try to educate them to another pathway, to more responsibility of love and service. There are many levels of light in the Spirit World, and growth to the next level of light is a wonderful goal for all.

AEI: I have often wondered why the spirit friends, helpers and guides take so much time helping those of us in the physical dimension.

CEO: Guess what, all is of the Great Creator. As we help the physical inhabitants to grow, then they will progress in more spiritual energy and this will help ALL. The soul's of the children of earth are tied to the soul's from the World's Eternal by the constant longing for Oneness. The two worlds co-exist and eventually the worlds become more connected, sharing energy, which we want to be spiritual. There is also a continued thirst for knowledge and service. The teacher always learns from the student. Lessons that are taught restore and strengthen understandings believed. As you can imagine, it is indeed a challenge. Some of you earth people have such thick heads and closed minds! I love a challenge. Each time I break through and momentarily touch another, inspire them to hope or to grow, I am uplifted. Also, remember the light bank, I create a deposit for myself as I help others. This may not be my main reason for helping, but it sure is nice. Actually the souls in World's Eternal have much in common with those on the earth and together we can accomplish a great deal. Many from the Spirit Realm who hang around you, do so because they love you. Love never dies so they still want your companionship. Pretty special isn't it? Then again, everyone that resides in World's Eternal works, learns and grows. It isn't a place with nothing to do – boring it is not. So, lots of light workers have chosen duties of traveling to the Earth energy to help with the earthly lessons. It is really considered an honor and a privilege to serve in this way and it takes special training.

AEI: Just **how** do you **communicate** with us as you help us?

CEO: Thought, mind to mind, symbols are the usual methods and when one is open to receive, it is a lot easier. Sometimes we desire to get a message across and nothing we do seems to work – a closed door/mind. Then we might use different pathways, such as a medium, a dream, an apport (spirit gift), or another person to deliver the thought through conversation, through a book or newspaper and so on. If we can't inspire in one way, we try something else – there are "Roads Eternal," so we will try different roads to reach our destination. The guides have traveled various pathways to communicate, that's how important it is.

AEI: Why is it so important to communicate from your world to ours?

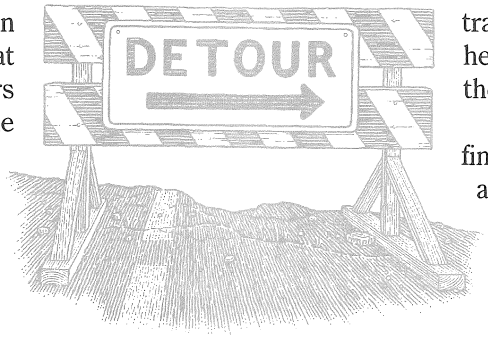
CEO: Do you remember when you received communication from a loved one that had passed, that was so right on, so

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verifiable that it could not be anything else but proof that they still lived? Remember how you felt? You cried for joy, didn't you? There is more though – most humans also feel relief that life doesn't end when the physical dies, and love doesn't end when the physical dies. Takes away lots of fears, makes letting go easier, allows one to age more gracefully. Then there's the big one. The big reason communication is so important is that it teaches folks that if they are going to continue on and on, that what they do will count, not only today but when they arrive in the next dimension; it teaches folks Universal Law. Life takes on an entirely different meaning, importance and responsibility. Things of the spiritual outshine material trinkets which you cannot carry into the next realm. Your divine inheritance in World's Eternal stems from the qualities of the soul in the physical. Love ties it all together with a pretty light, so we communicate to share our love, to share the truths we know, and to help all souls to grow.

AEI: Say I try to travel a spiritual path while on the earth, what will I expect when I arrive at the Pearly Gates?

CEO: Pearly Gates . . . Earth Child, you have so much to unlearn and learn. There are no gates that allow some to enter and force others to leave. Everyone flows to the vibration and light that they are comfortable existing in and have earned. That is one thing you can expect when you come to our world, and you will find where you are placed will be similar to the world you are currently in, corresponding to the ideas, emotions, and energy already planted by you. This is why some souls don't realize they are dead for awhile.



Education will begin shortly after you arrive. Half-truths, falsehoods, prejudices, bias, and lies will all have to be examined, released and replaced by truth. There is eternal progression, continued evolution to greater heights – growth in consciousness is a way of existence. Yes, you will always have consciousness, a higher consciousness than the earthly conscious mind, for you are connected to Infinite Mind through your higher consciousness.

But I feel you also want to know what the Spirit Realm looks like. There are many areas or planes of vibration and light. Each plane is special and progresses to greater energy as its inhabitants grow in awareness of the Greater Love. There is a closer connection to Universal Intelligence and the loving energy is felt more in our world. Maybe this is because so many mis-conceptions have been left behind and souls are open and hungry to grow.

We are surrounded where I reside, with so much goodness and beauty that it is a pleasure to exist. There are great halls of learning that wonderfully stimulate and inspire, so progression becomes desired and searched for. The powers of good are all around. Even in the denser spheres, the powers of good are available when a soul reaches out. Each person migrates to the work that fulfills their soul, enjoying what they are able to achieve. Some continue in the field they were trained while in the physical expression, often healers, scientists, artists. Others work in areas that might have been a great interest or a hobby while in the previous existence. A few wake up to a soul's desire and branch out in new directions. One of the special joys is when we invent, discover, or create something new that we can then share with the Earth children, to help them, inspire them or make their lives better in some way.

The appearance of our realm is alike and yet different from the material realm. We have gardens, trees, bushes, paths, flowers. The flowers are beauties, with a variety and special colors to please any eye. Good fragrance, too. There isn't such a thing as weeds, I don't know why. Maybe it is because all that grows is important, but what grows in an area doesn't seem to infringe on another plant's area. The land is radiant with its beauty, with hills and valleys, mountains and bodies of water. See, not that different from the Creator's Earth, but Earth's beauty has faded as humanity trampled on it. We don't even step on the grass here, we float over it, for it is a living creation of the Almighty.

There are animals and birds here. So you will find the pet you loved waiting for you when you arrive. If you enjoy birds, they seem to sing more sweetly here and their colors are so pleasing to the eye. You can tell I like them, yes? Plants and animals and birds are able to be understood as they murmur their messages.

Speaking of sweet sounds, there is lovely harmony that is always around you, floating through the ethers. Very calming and pleasing. But, my favorite, is the concerts. Oh, the heavenly sounds, they just lift you up to the highest. That's a bit of a pun, did you get it? Whatever type of sound that blends, that you enjoy, will be found here. Wonderful, joyous music. There is much culture here, sculpture, paintings, poetry readings, libraries with great books, but music is my upliftment, it enriches my soul.

There are glorious buildings, temples and halls of learning here, plus individual residences. We don't have days and nights like you do, for there is a soft light that always shines, yet we do have periods of rest. We have periods of activity and silence. The silence is as important as the activity, for this is the time where we become in tune with the Universal Energy and during some moments the higher Mind communicates with us. Oh, the wonderful loving feeling and inspiration in those moments. Blessed Silence!

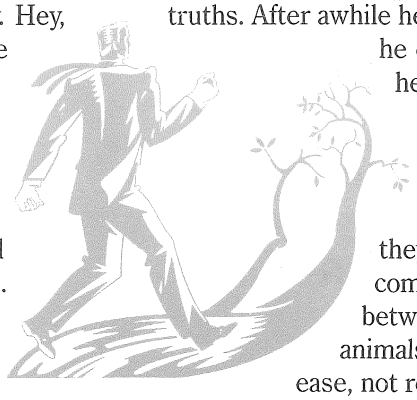
Newly arrived souls to World's Eternal are greeted by loved ones and helpers – friends and family reunited. They are ushered to receiving areas that will help them adjust. Some sleep and heal for a time, in order to release the conditions of the physical that they have left behind. The soul finds itself free, with a flexible etheric body. No more heavy body, no

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more aches and pains, no more bondage to the physical restraints. Thought, energy and love move the soul.

One of the first realizations is the lesson of review of the life just lived, all portions of it – the kindnesses and the temper tantrums, everything. Forgiveness of self and others is in order so the soul may be released to travel the new road of light. Kind guidance is extended to help in this process, but no judgement is expressed. It is more of a review in order to learn from life's experience and let go. There is great victory and added clarity with the release of the physical. There is definitely survival of mind, memory and love energy. Hey, what else would you want to survive? That's the best stuff.

There are no secrets in the Spirit World, nothing veiled or hidden away, so my advice is work to live your life today, now, so that anyone could examine your heart and discover only love. Extend that helping hand to your neighbor, be kind to Mother Earth, and create a life of achievement. When troubled, pause and listen for guidance. It is always and forever available. Every individual has an infinite future growing in peace, bliss and love.



AEI: Sounds like an awesome life. Will I meet you when I arrive at World's Eternal some day?

CEO: You can count on it, for each day brings us closer to joy, and I want to share this joy with you. Farewell for now, with lots of LOVE!

AEI fell asleep and awoke with these thoughts to share about the other side of life and the many levels of life in the Spirit Realm. There is a wonderful beauty, yet there is always views of a darker reality. This is necessary to teach the artistry of dark and light, to have a comparison point for loveliness and growth. AEI seemed to be observing one level of a mountain range. Below was a dark area with souls residing there, with a bridge over the recess to another area of the mountain. This lower valley was not light and bright, lacked the radiance and luster of the higher area. Many helpers stood on the bridge singing and sending healing to the valley below. There is always magnificent music that seems to restore and maintain harmony and balance.

An entity walked up from the valley into the lighter area. There were loved ones who greeted him and they taught him truths. After awhile he went back to the valley. The next time he came he stayed longer, until eventually he would not return to the darker place.

Looking up, there is the next level of the mountain which is even more lustrous and glorious. The souls on this elevation will grow in vibration until they move to the next elevation and feel comfortable. There are no walls or barriers between the levels. It is interesting that the animals played and ran through each level with ease, not requiring the vibrational adjustment that human souls seem to need.

On the lower levels there was a special teacher assigned to each soul to assist them in creating more light and love. As one grew and advanced, there were great halls of learning with other students of life. Just as we are pleased in the physical world when we see a lovely auric radiance, so it was thrilling when a great shining teacher entered from the Summit, for everyone could view the aura and its magnificent energy pattern. Everyone could feel the love electricity. The lesson was about love of all life. AEI awoke still feeling the joy of the next dimension. ♫

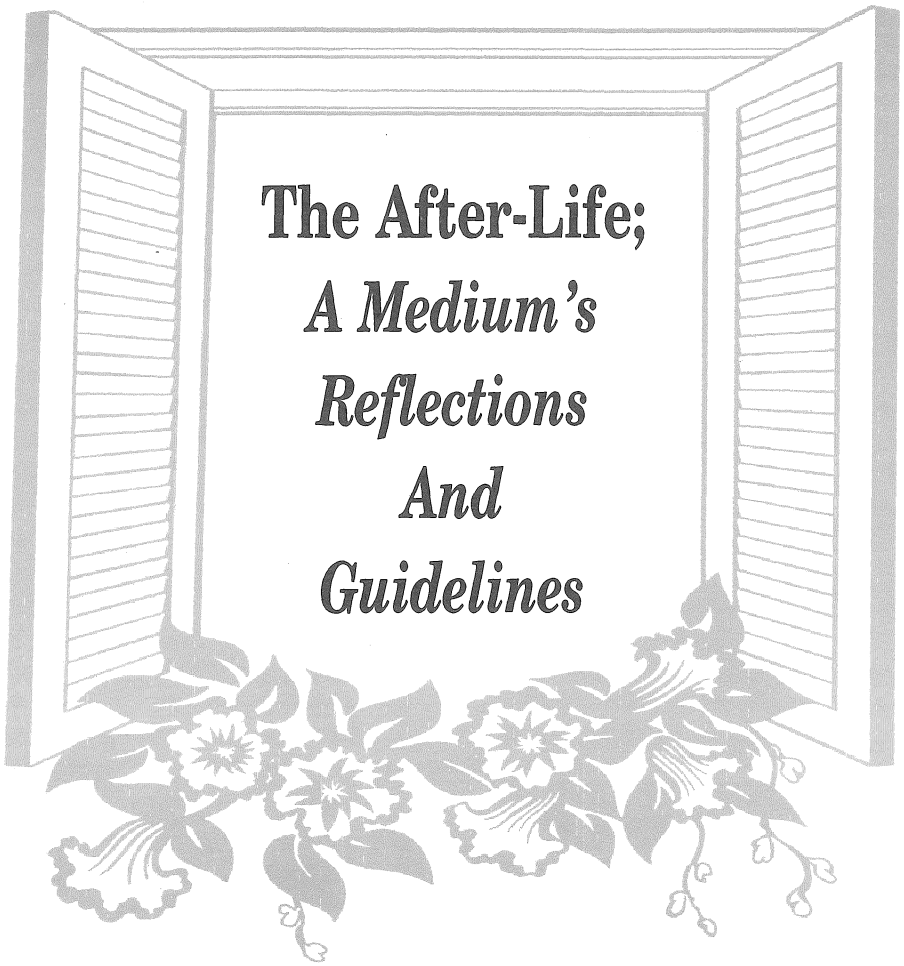
FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"The World is ever as you take it.
Life, my dear,
is what you make it."
– Rev. Florence S. Becker

"Spiritualize whatever you do."
– Sai Baba

"Literature is news that stays news."
– Ezra Pound

"To treat others the way you wish to be treated regardless of how they treat you is to have a Master's Degree in maturity."
– Merry Browne



The After-Life; *A Medium's Reflections And Guidelines*

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The realm of the after life has much to offer us. Imagine talking with Great Aunt Mae or Aunt Lucy, who has passed on. This can be done. From the earliest times of Spiritualism to modern times, people have been getting advice from the Spirit World. Our loved ones come through in times of desperation and sorrow to help guide us through the "bumpy roads" of life. Throughout life we often search within for an answer or a decision and it comes to us all of a sudden. Surprised? Are we really?

We live in times that are very different from those of our forefathers, times in which consulting with a medium is considered a regular practice. We have nine hundred numbers for this and nine hundred numbers for that. We even have nine hundred numbers to talk to a psychic, tarot card reader, or clairvoyant. *"Times, they sure have a'changed!"* Wouldn't you agree? Still, today there are people that are skeptic and others who feel that talking to the dead is sacreligious or even witchcraft. I am reminded of Elizabeth Kubler Ross. When the subject came up regarding someone feeling that talking to the dead is evil, she would ask to whom then did they pray? Knowing full well the reply would be God or Jesus, she then asked, "How long has he been dead?" Telling people that it wasn't wrong to pray to Jesus, why would one think it was wrong to pray to their family members in spirit, or to talk to them?

Even though times have changed, there are guidelines that I have followed. As a student of the Morris Pratt Institute, a medium and psychic myself, I give messages from those who are in spirit. I travel and teach seminars on the near death experience and talk about what heaven or the Spirit World is like. Through my experiences in traveling and other varied sources and situations, I have established what I like to call *guidelines* that one should think about when entertaining the idea of speaking to a medium or psychic.

1. If a medium or psychic tells you that she needs more money to break a curse or to do the reading . . . BEWARE!

2. Usually a medium allows you to tape your session with proper permission or to take notes. If they do not, ask why not.

3. If a medium promises a specific spirit will talk . . . BEWARE! They should not promise this. As mediums, we do not know with whom we will talk from the Spirit World. We can only do our best and see what happens.
4. If the price is out of this world and not of a reasonable rate . . . BEWARE! Everyone deserves to be paid for services rendered. After all, we wouldn't dream of not paying our doctor after a visit. Most doctors stay within generally acceptable pricing guidelines.

5. If a medium or psychic makes outrageous promises like love or money in the next 10 days without even talking with you . . . BEWARE!

6. Know that when we (mediums, etc.) talk about the future, even though you are told something of the future, you are still subject to free will. You can let it happen or change it. For every action there is a reaction. Like driving a car at night, you can see what is in front of you if you use your headlights. You can steer around obstacles if you see them soon enough. The

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further ahead you see, the better your chances of avoiding problems.

7. If a medium "pumps" for information, she or he is fishing or not working with Spirit. All mediums deserve to have what they are telling you confirmed, but not by pumping you for information . . . BEWARE!

Many people ask: *"What should I do before the reading?" "Is there something more I should do?" "Should I meditate?" "Will my loved ones know when and where to come and talk?"*

In response to these and other questions, I have developed my *Suggestions For A Good Reading.*

Should you feel the need to contact a medium or a psychic, know which one you prefer to talk with. Some, like myself, are diverse in the manner and are both a medium that talks with the spirits on the heavenly realm and a psychic who is more attuned to the vibration of what is happening in the earthly realm.

Should you decide that you wish to talk to a medium; here are some suggestions for a good reading:

1. Allow loved ones in spirit to work in their own way. Do not expect your first worries or thoughts to be discussed in the first 5 minutes.

2. Seek a medium's help or advice at a time in your life when you are relaxed (nervous is okay) and undisturbed. Put your mind to ease and relax.

3. Be ready to verify with yes or no answers. Let the medium know when he or she is correct and you understand what is being said. Correct interpretation of communications is important. Mediums may not often understand what they are being shown and have to ask for your help in verification or clarification. They can only relay what they are given and, in turn, give it to you.

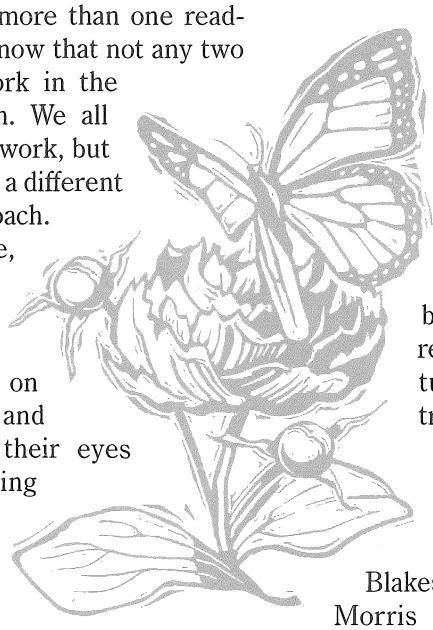
4. Before going to the spirit reading, ask your loved ones to be there. Let them know that you would like them to show up.

5. Remember to be as positive in thinking as possible. Some say a skeptic's mind can bring a skeptic's reading.

6. Take notes, or ask if you can tape the reading.

7. Your loved ones can show proof through their relationship with you, simple things that only you know to be true and correct and by their personality. If the person you lost had a good sense of humor they will still have that, and that will come through as well. Be prepared to verify.

8. If you have more than one reading, please know that not any two mediums work in the same fashion. We all do the same work, but we may have a different way of approach. For example, some do automatic writing (like myself on occasion) and some close their eyes when giving messages. We all work in our own way.



9. When your loved ones come through, they may speak of happy times at younger ages. This is why I tell everyone that they really make you think. If you cannot place what you are given at the time of the reading, keep the message, as you will most likely understand by the end of the reading or in the future.

10. Meditate and say a prayer. There is energy in prayers and they can only help.

There should also be a time when you are allowed to ask questions. When it comes to that time in the reading, I tell everyone that their loved ones in spirit can hear what we say, and they can add different comments and things that were forgotten out of what is told to us. But when it comes to the questions, know that you won't get a yes or no answer. They tell a story through which you get your answer. For example, "Is my Grandmother in anymore pain?" The reply may include details about her passing: "She says she had a great deal of pain in the stomach area and that she passed from cancer. She wants you to know she feels no more of the pain." That is how it generally goes.

Medium's often find this area of work is the one that is scrutinized and criticized the most. Being as accurate as possible with your family is the best way any medium can prove they are talking to whom they say they are. As mentioned before, a medium can only relay what is given. A spiritual reading is a sacred trust – honor it as such.

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The Stuff Of Life

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Dust as we are, the immortal spirit grows
Like harmony in music: there is a dark
Inscrutable workmanship that reconciles
Discordant elements, makes them cling together
In one society.
– WILLIAM WORDSWORTH (1770-1850)

What is the stuff of life?

When we look at our physical bodies, they appear as visible material entities. They move, they feel pain, they can reproduce themselves. Yet, when we think of the elements of which they are made, we come to quite another conclusion. We come to realize that **the inscrutable workmanship of the human body is actually an abstraction – a theory – a hypothesis – a fleeting design. It is only a casing for the spirit.**

Too, the stuff that makes up our physical bodies, that we assumed were material because they were formed with atoms, are only waves of energy. And, this is the stuff of life.

I recently read how, fifty years ago, a chemist added up the chemical value of the material found in an average man's physical body to a sum total of .98 cents. By 1960, probably due to research and inflation, the value rose to $34.54 and today, I suppose it would be well over $100.

This same chemist went on to say that the ingredients seemed ordinary enough when it was likened to a listing of the inventory in an old-time country store: water enough to fill a ten-gallon keg, enough fat for seven bars of soap, carbon for 900 lead pencils, phosphorus for 220 matches, magnesium for one dose of salts, iron enough to forge a nail, lime to whitewash a chicken coop, sulfur to purge a dog of fleas.

We must conclude then that the reason a living human body can be made of such stuff is that it is complex and flowing. And the stuff is not really the physical body at all, but only what passes through it.

In this way, it is like an ocean wave borrowing the water it sweeps over. As the wave moves on, leaving bubbles, foam and water behind it, it proves itself to be less and less material. In fact, scientists tell us that the wave is not made of matter at all, but **it is purely energy** – WHICH IS AN ABSTRACTION.

That is why a wave (made of moving air and wheat) will move at the speed of the wind across a Western wheat field without carrying a single kernel of wheat. And that is why a **living body will remain in a simular weight range though waves of metabolism flow through it year in and year out.**

What then makes up a human body?

Scientists tell us that at any given moment, our physical bodies are made of the world, and there is no fixed boundary between us and what surrounds us. For one thing, the atmosphere binds together all life on earth – all life mingles and shares the vital elements.

Oxygen is the leading substance of life, making up about 60% of the weight of the human body – what Sir Charles Sherrington called, *a draft of something invisible* to fuel life's flame.

We all breathe in the same sky. It pours through our lungs and blood in minutes, then out again it flows to mix and renew itself in the world. In 1964, scientists traced the rate of the mixing and diffusion, and the speed of the wind by plotting the tracks of six free-floating balloons. Through this experiment, they discovered that, in from a week to a month, the air circulated the globe – varying due to latitude, altitude, and season.

With this in mind, we can easily accept the fantastic fact that our next breath could include oxygen and nitrogen once breathed by Socrates or Einstein or Adolf Hitler – as well as from the mighty blowing of the whale.

While the sky breezes through our bodies in minutes, our solid parts, such as bones, change more slowly, taking a couple of months to renew themselves. Nerve cells are slower still. Yet almost all our material selves are replaced within a year – expected – manicured – washed – evaporated – and sloughed off as new living protoplasm replace them.

It is a Law-governed Universe, and nothing happens by chance.

Research at the Oak Ridge Atomic Research Center reports that because of the numerous chemicals continuously entering and leaving the body, 98% of all the atoms in the human body are replaced annually. Bones are continually dissolving and reforming. The stomach's lining replaces itself every five days, skin wear and tear is replaced in a month, and a new liver every six weeks. These are typical examples of the physical body's ability to continuously develop. Too, even red blood cells are continuously being discarded and replenished.

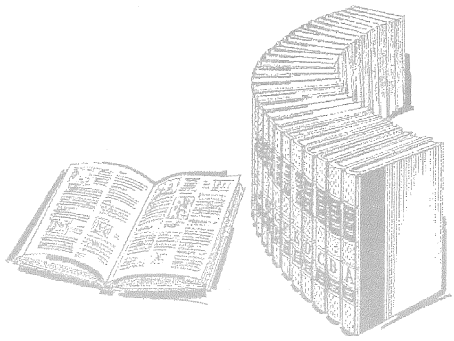
And, even the molecules of DNA, the material genes made of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and a few other atoms that make up ordinary matter – also can be replaced, as can the other body's atoms.

There is no clear line that defines where life begins and where it ends. And, *no kind of matter remains the same.* Therefore, matter must be considered an abstraction – a fleeting design.

We are aware of this fleeting pattern in illness. When we are seriously ill we notice that when we don't use our body,

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Dear Spotlight Subscribers and Friends,



Change is inevitable! When change happens, it is a sign that things are moving forward and it is always for the better. Prices for printing and postage have gone up over the past ten years, but the subscription price of the *Spotlight* has stayed the same. We must now move our prices up also, to catch up to the new decade.

Why, you say? The great news is our printing and mailing went from 350 to 400 copies. Those 50 more made the difference **and** we may now have to print even more, as in November we ran out!!

Beginning **April 2000** the new annual subscription price for the *Spotlight* will be:

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Even with the price increase, the Spotlight will still be operating at a deficit, so the editor continues to thank those of you who are sending donations to close the gap. We just read on the internet, postage will be going up again in the year 2001. The bulk rate for flat mail is predicted to rise by 15%, making increases and donations even more important.

The editor, the Reverend Cosie Allen, extends her deepest appreciation for your support of the *Spotlight* and invites all of you to contribute to the magazine through your own writing skills.

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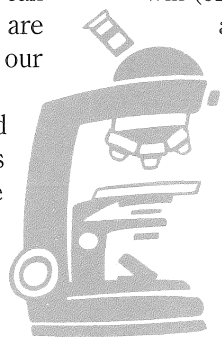
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THE STUFF OF LIFE

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parts begin to be useless. For Natural Law says: **Use it or lose it!** An arm muscle, prevented from moving in a plaster cast can dwindle to half its size in two weeks as the protein and fat are released back into the blood stream. If we stop eating, our physical organism will keep itself going by eating its flesh.

The aging and the dying process have long intrigued biologists as well as religious people. At one time it was believed that cells were immortal – and that aging was the result of the accumulation of toxins in the intestines. In this view, aging was curable.



However, the study of human cells done in the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Oakland, California shows that not only are the cells **not immortal**, but they have a **very definite life span and it is this fact which sets the limit of longevity.**

Therefore, death, according to biologists, is **an internal programmed event**. This program does not exist only for human beings, but each species has its own characteristic life span.

As Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: **The world's a bubble: And the life of man – a span.**

We cannot say then, that death is a haphazard episode – meted out by a vengeful God – or planned (or allowed) by the will (or lack of will) of the human. **For physical life has a span – an amount – a measure.**

All the advances of medical science – all the striving by "mind over matter" cannot erase or reverse the process one iota. Nor can these make null and void this inevitable experience.

For, man's external body is only a fleeting casing for the spiritual body. And at physical death, the spirit finds its release, moves on to take its rightful place in the spirit realm. Physical existence is only a brief sojourn – a span – a mere drop of time in the vast ocean of immortality.

Nothing happens by chance.
It is a law-governed universe
where everything is regulated.
– Silver Birch

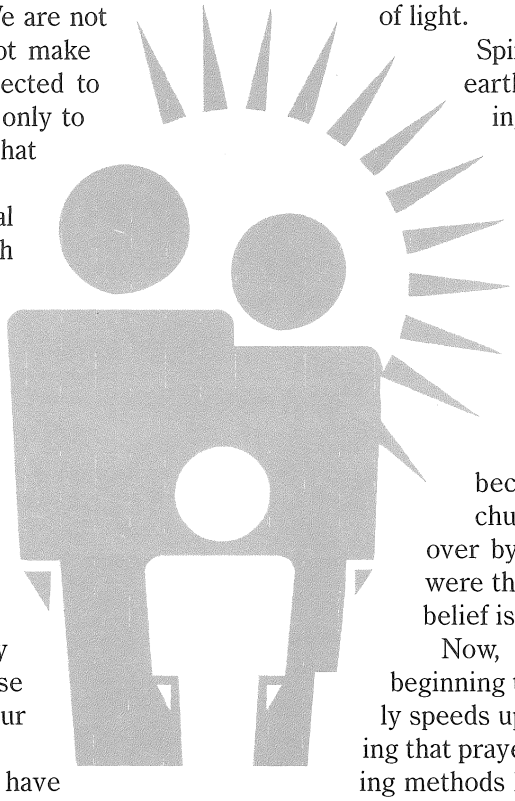
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SPIRITUALISM TODAY

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

As Spiritualists, we know that Spiritualism embraces three elements – Science, Philosophy, and Religion – so let's briefly review these three elements of our belief.

To start with, why can we be called a Science? We are not asked to take the information we receive from our mediums on faith or as gospel truth. We are not meant to accept anything that does not make sense to us until proven. We are expected to check the truth of each statement and only to accept that which we can prove, or that which proves itself as time goes by.



Through our Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence we are asked to analyze, search and test the reliability of all phenomena received in church, seance room or in our classes for any other means that the phenomena might have been produced. Only then, if no other source of that phenomena can be found, can we accept it as from spirit.

Spiritualism teaches philosophy. It is a very broad minded religion and we accept philosophy from all sources, ancient or modern, providing that they are in keeping with good common sense and pertain to good every day living in our present day world.

There are those that feel that they have to go to an orthodox church for their religious instruction or belief and only come to a Spiritualist church for the communication with their loved ones, not feeling that we are really a church. How wrong they are!

Spiritualism is a religion that accepts a very loving, creative, inspiring intelligence that we call Infinite Intelligence without which there would be nothing. A term that is far broader and more expressive of the universal energy that permeates all that exists from our being to the furthest reaches of the universe; that we in our mortal minds can never fully comprehend; far broader than the term God implies, that is used by many. Many of us were taught that God was a being that judges, condemns and must be bowed to, a being who watches us, ready to scold or condemn if we do not follow his bidding. Many of the old *Biblical* pictures show keeping people attending church out of fear. This is not the God of Spiritualism.

Spiritualism is not a religion of fear, it is not a religion of control or pressure, it is a religion to enjoy. To enjoy the knowledge that life is forever, whether it is progress among the many levels of spirit or progress through reincarnation as some believe. It makes no difference, still life is continuous, constantly learning through our errors and becoming a more enlightened spirit, steadily climbing toward the path of light.

Spiritualism has many bonuses here on earth. One of its greatest is spiritual healing. We were the first modern religion to establish it in our services and classes as regular healing sessions. Some other churches now also share healing.

In the early days, or we could say ancient times, healing was always performed by the church or the priest-physician, called by various names by different races or tribes. Then, as time went on, healing became only the practice of kings or church leaders. Eventually it was taken over by the medical profession who felt they were the only ones with the right to heal. This belief is only slowly changing today.

Now, many in the medical profession are beginning to realize that spiritual healing definitely speeds up the healing process. They are accepting that prayer, meditation, and many alternate healing methods have a great deal of value in the health and well being of the human being.

Spiritualism not only teaches the continuity of life, but it helps to take the sting out of death. Our country is unlike many other countries in the fact that we are a death denying nation – we try to do everything to stay young looking. Millions of dollars are spent on cosmetics yearly, face lifts, hair dye and transplants, whereas many countries accept aging as a natural process. They have respect for the aged and do not stick them in homes, out of the way, so as not to be reminded of their own future.

Spiritualists, although missing the physical material presence of a loved one that has gone on, know that they are embarking on an adventure into a new life, a rebirth into a brighter and happier world. Not one where we are sitting on a cloud strumming a harp, or some such other nonsensical idea as depicted in many old religious books of the past, but an active useful life of progress, working with like spirits in work they always wanted to do, studying subjects that they

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NSAC Bylaws

Article XVI, Sec. 4:

"The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as *Gratitude Day* on which all auxiliaries and Churches chartered by them shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the Mediums who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society.*"

After devoting their life's work to the cause of Modern Spiritualism, it is sad but true in some instances, that these wonderful people have suddenly found upon retirement that they are existing on limited funds. These many times allow for a bare existence. This state has fallen not only on some of our Pioneers of the past but upon some of our members and workers currently. In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This once a year request for donations for the **Spiritualist Benevolent Society** builds a designated fund for the purpose of sending a monthly stipend to those members and workers of the NSAC who have been brought to our attention and are in need of aid.

As there are several people who at this time are in need of this remembrance, we do ask your continued support for this very worthwhile project. On **Gratitude Day**, as you celebrate in your church the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much to each of us with their time and effort, and help us to give them a token Thank-You for all they have done.

Donations to the **Spiritualist Benevolent Society** may be sent to:

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Cool Philosophy

A son and his father were walking on the mountains. Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: "AAAhhhhhhhh!!!" To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain: "AAAhhhhhhhh!!!" Curious, he yells: "Who are you?" He receives the answer: "Who are you?" Angered at the response, he screams: "Coward!" He receives the answer: "Coward!"

He looks to his father and asks: "What's going on?" The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention." And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!"

The voice answers: "I admire you!" Again the man screams: "You are a champion!" The voice answers: "You are a champion!" The boy is surprised, but does not understand.

Then the father explains: "People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE. It gives you back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence. This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; Life will give you back everything you have given to it."

YOUR LIFE IS NOT A COINCIDENCE.
IT'S A REFLECTION OF YOU!

– Author Unknown

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never had time for on earth, now that they are free of the everyday pressures of the earth life.

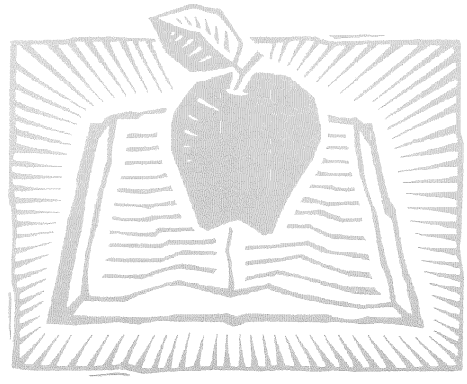
Spiritualism is not for the mental couch potato. It is not a push button belief, but one to be taken slowly, absorbed step by step, knowing there is forever ahead for us. Spiritualism teaches personal responsibility – every action we make we are responsible for, whether it is a thought, a spoken word, or a physical or mental action, we are responsible. No one can take on our sins for us and only we can forgive ourselves for our errors. Spiritualism is a belief to be lived every day of your life. It is one to be lived as an example to those around you so that they ask, "Why does your life seem to go so well?" It is a happy belief, not a belief of fear and depression, for we know that each task put before us is a challenge in our learning and development process, and each day is a new beginning to make the most of, to do the best we can. Then when we leave this earth for brighter pastures, we can know we did our best. ♫

My sister, Ruby VanFossen made her transition to the greater life Feb. 6, 1984. She went to a technical college to learn to be a doctor's receptionist a few years prior to her transition. Shortly before her graduation she was asked to write a term paper on a subject of her choosing. Since we were deeply involved in researching Spirit communication at the time, she chose to write her paper on psychic phenomena. This is her transcript:

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A JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

A Report Compiled
By Ruby VanFossen,
West Virginia



When we speak of psychic phenomena, we are also speaking of the Science of Spiritualism. Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy, and Religion of continuous life, based upon the demonstrated fact of communication by means of mediumship with those who live in the Spirit World.

Among the great men who have investigated psychic phenomena under the strictest of conditions are Sir Wm. Crooks, Sir Wm. Barrett, F. W. H. Myers, Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Charles Richet and Gustav Galey of France, Prof. Hyslop who left his home, as a memorial, to the American Branch of the Society for Psychic Research. These are but a few of the great scientific minds that have investigated psychic phenomena and pronounced it true.

Scientists are agreed that the Law of Vibration controls psychic manifestations as well as material or physical phenomena.

Psychic science teaches us that all matter is spiritual energy at different rates of vibration. Thought is vibration because thought is the motive power that produces all matter regardless of its status. We know that when we change the vibration of a material thing, we change its nature. Solid ice may be melted and become water (liquid), it may be boiled and become steam and vapor; all because its rate of vibration has changed. Scientists have discovered that this same Law of Vibration is used in the production of psychic phenomena.

Daniel Home was one of the most amazing performers in the history of psychic phenomena. He was born in Scotland in 1833; he is usually considered an American phenomenon because he was brought to Connecticut as a small child and raised by an aunt. As a teenager, Daniel's psychic facilities developed rapidly. Furniture in his aunt's home moved without human assistance when he was around, and there were often strange rappings. He fell into trance almost at will; at which time the neighbors discovered that the raps had supernatural intelligence which could be used to answer questions.

For several years Home moved about the Eastern seaboard where his performances amazed such people as William Cullen Bryant, Horace Greely, and even visiting novelist, Thackeray. His repertoire became quite standardized; cool breezes and vibrating furniture introduced most seances. Objects floated in the air (sometimes borne by shadowy fingers); musical instruments were played by ghostly figures; pieces of furniture were moved from one position to another without being pushed by any visible means. Home was also liable to levitate while in trance. At one documented occasion he floated out from one window and into another one.

Home didn't always fall into a trance, but when he did, inspirational sermons would be the edifying results. Other spirit voices were heard at times around the room, as well as the chirping of birds and less identifiable sounds.

One very unique characteristic of Home's mediumship was that happenings took place in broad daylight as well as in the dark. This fact troubled his detractors throughout his career, and weakened any charge of trickery they tried to level against him.

I am not a Spiritualist. I was reared to believe it is wrong. My mother was a very religious woman with definite views regarding Spiritualism, all negative. She did believe mediums had powers of clairvoyance, and that spirits could be seen at seances. She firmly believed their power came from the devil. She could refer you to scriptures that supported her views. Spiritualists can also use the *Bible* to clarify their views. Ironically, it was my mother's death that caused my brother

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and I to seek a medium.

When I speak of a medium, I am not referring to the kind who advertise their wares in a newspaper. They are more or less fortune tellers, and this is one thing a true medium does not wish to be called. A true medium is a Spiritualist, simply practicing his or her religion.

My brother, Fred, learned of Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp while viewing television. The program, Evening Magazine, was doing a documentary on this religious camp. They reported witnessing various phenomena; including messages from departed ones, and in no way could they be disproved.

In November '79, shortly after my mother's death, my brother and I visited Lily Dale, New York. Lily Dale is a community within itself, built around a huge lake set back in a park. They have their own library, post office, lyceum, and a beautiful church. Everyone who owns property there or who lives on the grounds must be a Spiritualist. The community reminded me of Epworth Park in Bethesde, Ohio, with the exception, these are the occupants' permanent homes. This camp is open the year round, but in the summer a variety of activities take place. At this time, mediums from all parts of the world congregate and aid in holding services. Many of the more famous mediums come from England.

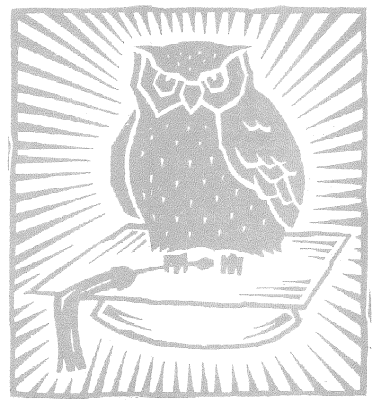
Mr. Bob Sabol, the church secretary, granted Fred and me a reading. Mr. Sabol impressed me with his sincerity. We came away comforted; the messages we received could not have come from anyone other than our mother.

Through a Spiritualistic magazine, we heard of another camp meeting. This one was located at Wooley Park in Ashley, Ohio. Always ready for an adventure, we went there for a weekend. They say "seeing is believing," but as time elapses, I try to rationalize what we both saw.

We attended church services on Sunday. Chrisley Witt was the speaker, a very ordinary looking gentleman, but when he spoke he seemed transformed. His voice was deep and seemed to vibrate from every corner of the room. I was deeply impressed and mystified at how soft spoken he really was; he informed me I had just had the privilege of listening to the great orator, Dr. James. Dr. James had been dead for several years, but he had spoken through Mr. Witt.

The part of the service that fascinated me the most was called the billets. Everyone is given a plain white card. You are instructed to write the name of a departed one on the card. The cards are collected and placed in a small wicker basket. Colored pencils are also placed in the basket and the basket is covered with a cloth. Someone from the congregation goes to the front and holds the basket. Everyone becomes quiet; in a manner of seconds you can hear the pencils scratching in the basket. The cover is removed and Mr. Witt removes the cards. Many of them now have beautiful pictures, and messages from departed loved ones. The handwriting is recognizable as that of the deceased. I didn't receive a billet, but I saw the happy faces of many who did.

Fred and I also attended a seance and saw not just one materialization, but several. The seance took place in a room with only one door. After everyone entered the room the door was locked and concrete blocks placed against it. There were chairs placed around the room in a semi-circle. One corner of the room was partitioned off with a heavy curtain. There was also a table; the only thing on the table were two trumpets. (A trumpet is made of cardboard or aluminum, for the manifestation of direct voice. Jonathan Koons, the early American medium, appears to have been the first to use it. It probably serves as a condenser of psychic energy and also increases the volume of the etheric voice. Weak or inexperienced spirits often make use of the trumpet. Nandor Fodor, *Encyclopedia of Psychic Science* pg. 395.) There were ten people taking part in the seance, including Mr. Witt and another medium. The purpose of the other medium was to make the vibrations stronger and more positive. Mr. Witt occupied a chair directly in front. We were told that as soon as the seance began, Mr. Witt's spirit guide would remove him to the cubicle behind the curtain. This is done to protect the medium, since the spirits are supposedly formed by ectoplasm from the medium's body.



The lamp was turned off and we were asked to sing, "In The Garden." A red light was used during the seance, probably the type a photographer would use in a dark room. In the midst of our singing the voice of a young girl chimed in. This voice seemed to float around the room, coming from first one place and then another. She introduced herself as Morning Star, an Indian Princess. Morning Star was Mr. Witt's spirit guide; she more or less acted as master of ceremonies. She explained she was placing Mr. Witt behind the curtain for his own safety. Mr. Witt was supposedly in a trance. We heard a scraping noise immediately following this announcement.

A loud whishing noise filled the room. Morning Star told us to look closely and we would be able to see the trumpets. The end of each trumpet became illuminated so they appeared like two rings dancing about the room. They would stop at different people and a voice would emerge. How the trumpets kept from colliding or hitting someone in the head, I'll never know, they moved at such great speed. I did receive a message from my husband; the voice did not resemble his in any way; the conversation definitely was his. Later we learned that when a person dies his vocal cords also go to the grave. They are destroyed with the body. In order to form the spirit voice, spirit must draw upon the vibrations from everyone in the seance room.

Following the trumpet demonstration, the materialization commenced. Morning Star would introduce these ghostly apparitions as they appeared. Their relatives would go forth

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MARCH 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Life is beautiful as I view it beautiful.	2 I create my health and happiness with my thoughts.	3 Each soul is unique, necessary and has a sacred purpose.	4 It is up to each of us how much love and light we accept.
5 I visualize the results I desire, for with God all is possible.	6 Creativity is an opportunity to be explored.	7 Sometimes it is hard to be kind, so invite Spirit to help you.	8 Before anything can manifest, it requires thought.	9 The inner mind tunes into the higher energy of Divine Mind.	10 Our higher consciousness is guided, be still and listen.	11 We glow when we attune to the Spirit within.
12 I grow as I release the past and embrace the new.	13 We are cosmic beings of living light, flowing to God's plan.	14 Meditation, prayer and listening help me to touch in with God.	15 Personal responsibility means it is up to me what my life is.	16 Today is precious and an opportunity to express Spirit.	17 Truth is eternal, applicable to all, at all times.	18 Natural Law helps me help others and help myself.
19 Set an image of your spiritual dream in your mind, then accept it.	20 "The divine essence itself is love and wisdom." –*Swedenborg*	21 Cycles and order affect my life and are the natural way.	22 I am an unlimited child of an unlimited Universe.	23 My soul expresses gratitude for life's blessings – one by one.	24 Unfoldment of my spiritual faculties is part of my soul's growth.	25 Joy and laughter are natural ways of life, ways to express love.
26 I harvest the seeds I plant.	27 Life's journey is one of change, of healing, of growth.	28 The Universe delivers according to how much we will accept.	29 Our soul has more reality than our physical body.	30 If something is detrimental to others, it is usually not good for you.	31 Blessings to the forerunners, the pioneers, the workers of Spiritualism.	



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10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Harvey and Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST; Secy., Mary Ellen Horstman.

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

• MAINE •

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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
P.O. Box 2492, 04338; Pastor, Earl L. Wallace; Secy., Patricia A. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345, (207) 582-6745; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., 04401, (under Lamb's Bookstore); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
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.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
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MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village on Lake Wesserunsett, 6 miles north of Skowhegan on Rt. 201; mid July-mid Aug. - schedule to be announced. No accommodations for rooms, camping or meals - all available nearby. For information: Pres., John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, (207) 877-2204 or Secy., Rev. Harriett Gurney, 42 Water St., Fairfield, 04937, 453-7528; e-mail jdavidson@wtvl.net.

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

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the Shore Road, Saturday Cove, Northport from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Carol A. Fricke.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Carter, (207) 797-2039.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace
Sunday Services held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St., 02155; Services at 5:00 p.m., Healing Lecture and Messages; Summer Services run from June to end of August: Held on Tues. Evenings at 7:30 p.m.; For Info. call Acting Pastor/Treas., Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546, or Carol Wendell, (781) 396-0900.

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

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (978) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in June; Pres., Dorothy Thurlow, 169 Bachelor St., W. Newbury, 01985, (978) 363-2009; Secy., Nancy L. Karolides, 144 Boston St., Middleton, 01949, (978) 774-4048.

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
Anawam Grange, Corner of Rts. 44 and 118 in Rehoboth; Healing and Church Service, Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Unfoldment Classes, Sun. mornings at 9:00 a.m., Sept. through May; Secy., Linda Kent, (401) 245-8307; Trustee, Joan Thomas, (508) 679-8293; Please call for directions or cancellations due to weather conditions. We are about 25 minutes from Providence, RI, and 15 minutes from Fall River, MA.

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

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
(Bayshore) 07444 US Old 31 N, 49720-9422, (616) 347-3899.

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

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

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

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 20, 1999 through Sept. 5, 1999; Annual Retreat July 9-14, 2000; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Secy's., Chrissy & Melanie; Pres., Beth, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services at Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg. at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410; (612) 572-8940.

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Services Mon., 7:00 p.m., in the Unity Church building, 911 11th Ave. NW; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

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• MISSOURI •

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6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Student Minister/Pastor, Toye E. Stinson, 566 Old Highway 100, Villa Ridge, 63089, (636) 451-2838; Secy., Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116-3905, (314) 773-0106.

• NEBRASKA •

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• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC
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• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 414, Nutting Lake, 01865; Year Round Services; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes p.m. call; Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wingood, (978) 454-4163; Secy., Stephanie Frobese, (978) 851-6592.

• NEW JERSEY •

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Robert Egby, P.O. Box 1494, Hightstown, 08520.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (609) 767-1651; Pres., Joyce Smith, 209 W. Madison Ave., Magnolia, 08049, (609) 627-6977; Secy., Kathleen Pollack, Heatherwood Box 537-A, Thorofare, 08086, (856) 848-7053.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
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BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church
97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

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

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., 14052, (716) 652-5018; Sun. Healing Service; Lecture and Message Service; Social Hour; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month followed by Circles or All Message Service; Secy., Barbara Kellerman (716) 549-1063.

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

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
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LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
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15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Janet Travis, NST, (516) 366-2422; Mailing address, Mr. Edward Freidlein, Corresponding Secy., P.O. Box 1150, West Babylon, 11704, e-mail: TMS@hoflink.com; http://www.TMS-Li.org.

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• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
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COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen; Secy., Carl Duffey, (614) 263-1631; Services, Sun. Morn. - Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Lecture Serv. 10:30 a.m.

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

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152, 76520; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (512) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Verna Hentz, 406 E. 7th St., (254) 697-3912.

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SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WEST VIRGINIA •

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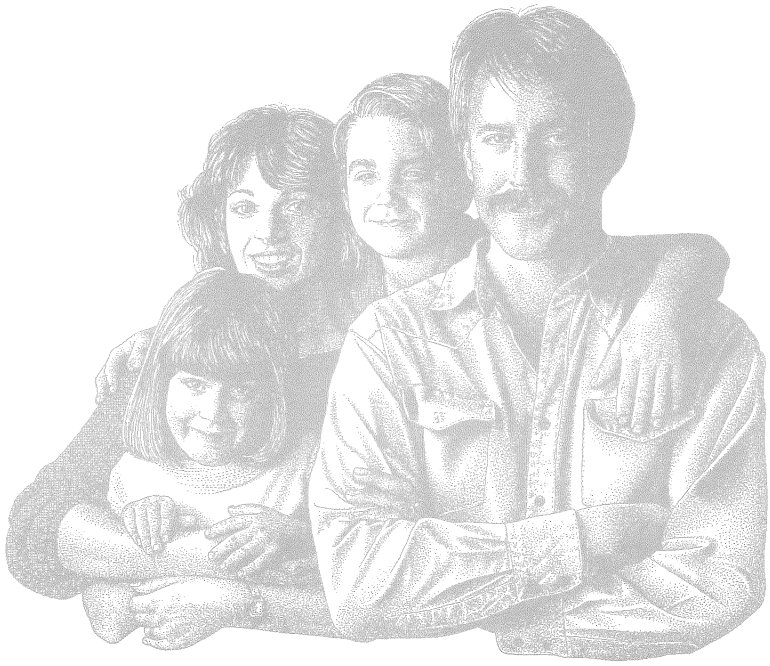
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BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



How many years have you been reading *The National Spiritualist Summit* magazine? If this is your first issue, you may be saying to yourself "They agree with me!" or "YES, that's what I think!" or you may be thinking "How can they believe that?!". "Why do they call it a Science (Philosophy or Religion)?" or whatever you disagree with at the moment. Both trains of thought are welcome here.

If you are suddenly finding a place where you feel at home, where you are meeting people like you, and have felt you were "different" for sometime, welcome. No one will tell you what to think or how to explore your unique relationship with spirit or the Infinite. If you want guidance there are classes, courses and confidantes willing to help you understand. It's always your choice what you do with the information you receive. You may simply like to read the articles and may decide you simply like to be around us as a friend in the congregation. Because we are a church of conviction not conversion, no one will pressure you.

If you are a skeptic, you are welcome here as well. The majority of us began in your shoes, thinking Spiritualists were weird, probably mass hypnotized, and surely not serious in thinking they could talk to "the dead." Probably more disconcerting was the first time you heard "There is no death, there are no dead." After all, you have been to plenty of funerals and even though you've heard they've gone to a better place, you didn't take it quite so literally. All we ask is that you read the material, accept what is comfortable for you and continue to explore the spiritual avenues open to you. Eventually, you may discover what we already know – death is simply a change of condition and the true essence of you will go on, for life is eternal.

Are you a confirmed Spiritualist? When you pick up your copy of the magazine are you excited?I hope, like me, you find confirmation, credibility and comfort in every issue. Do you read it, toss it aside, or pass it along?

We have kept most of the issues since 1980 and many have many from before. What a treasure trove of reading! The wonderful workers who took the time to put into words their experiences, hopes and dreams for our religion. Sometimes you will find evidence of broken dreams, grand plans that didn't bear fruit or gave others new inspirations that grew into something else.

If you are fortunate enough to have old copies, go back and find the inspiration to go forward. It is fascinating reading to discover how much we are like the writers of the past. Reading Notes from the Field, can be interesting as you share the pride and growth of others on their spiritual journeys.

We tend to think of the present as all that counts. When you take a look at all that has led to this moment, you can see how important making today count is, for tomorrow to count as well. Sometimes we act as though everything halted with the pioneers. It is necessary to understand the past to know what has lead the organization to where we are now.

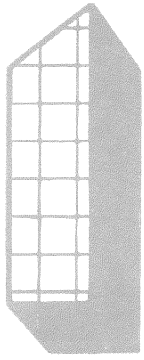
Equally important to understand is how vitally significant today's leadership and our roles are in furthering the cause of Spiritualism. Reading the present articles can help us to stay informed and inspire us to develop the talents we have been granted. As you read the articles, think of the wonderful contributions given us by generations of writers willing to share with us their experiences and opinions. If you are inclined, try writing and sharing your spiritual journey with others. Pass on the inspiration you have received. *TNS* is a friend you can turn to when the house is quiet and everyone else is asleep, or at the end of a hurried day. A great companion at breaks and lunch at work. The voices of the past, the present and the future are all here just waiting for you to read. ♫

Keep It Simple Spiritualist

"#2, On Anger"

BY EDWARD C. BUJALSKI, VIRGINIA

When Spirit first guided me to my church, I found myself experiencing a wonderful sense of inner peace. I knew a calmness and clarity of purpose I had not felt in decades. In fact, I don't know that I had ever felt this sense of completion, of "connectedness" to Spirit.



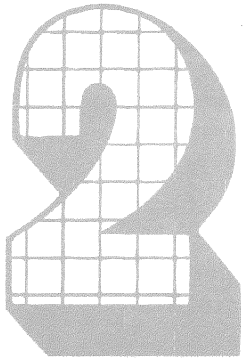
By the end of the first healing and meditation, my spirit was soaring, freed from the base demands reality trusts upon all of us. The service ended too soon for me. I didn't want to leave, warm and snug in my spiritual cocoon.

This sense of wonderment, which our pastor calls a process of "spiritual unfoldment," continued with each service. In contrast to 30 years' prior resistance at the mere suggestion of "going to church," I eagerly anticipated our services.

I realized that part of my anticipation was tied to the warm healing energies manifest in the congregation. I also realized that part was the recognition of how quickly that positive energy can dissipate after one leaves the service, and my desire to recapture it since the prior service.

I began to ask myself how I could keep these positive feelings of love and healing going throughout the week. Clearly, prayer and meditation, followed by good acts, were the key. But even those didn't seem to work at all times, however good my intentions and commitment to following through.

I then started to look at what breaks up that positive flow of energy. What is it, I wondered, that can so quickly turn positive thoughts and feelings into negativity or stress? How can a well-intentioned person who starts the day with prayer and meditation be cursing to himself before noon each day?



I eventually realized that in most cases, anger was the culprit. Anger was stealing my positive energy. Anger was absconding with my sense of calm and inner well being.

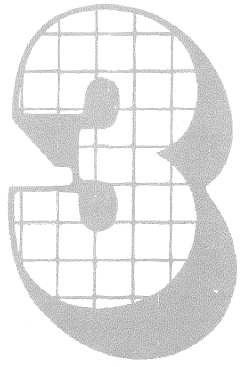
And who was responsible for that anger?

Yes, my answer was staring back at me from my spiritual mirror. I was the one getting angry, therefore I was the one responsible for doing something about it.

I knew that I couldn't always prevent anger, and also knew that anger can be a healthful and legitimate response. I made a mental note to myself that when I next got angry, I would stop and think about what made me angry.

It took a couple of angry reactions before I started to catch myself. Soon, however, it became a habit, and now I do it automatically.

One example of where this has had great effect is when I'm driving. When alone, I used to shout out expletives at someone who cut me off, or turned from the wrong lane, or wasn't going fast enough. I never stopped to reflect on why someone may have done what they did, just that it annoyed me and I didn't like it.



When I started to take time to think about it, I first realized that I was expending a lot of energy over trivial matters. That anger was costing me a great deal, maybe even ruining the rest of my day, and why? Because someone else drove poorly? Talk about a waste of positive energy!

I even began to consider that maybe the other person was having a bad day. Perhaps he or she became distracted because a loved one was hurting, or they were experiencing professional or financial difficulties. Instead of anger, perhaps I should be saying a healing prayer for this person.

The more I began to think about what made me angry, the more I began to turn situations over to find a positive side. As I now do this regularly, I find myself less and less angry over insignificant matters. This in turn has allowed the positive energies created at a Sunday service to flow more consistently throughout the week.

The point here is simple. Anger poisons the spirit, and anything one can do to eliminate or alleviate anger is good for the soul. For me, examining what makes me angry usually ends with me laughing at how silly it was to get angry in the first place. Try it, your spirit will like it! ♫



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

Convincing Manifestations

BY PRISCILLA M. CLOUGH, MASSACHUSETTS



In my childhood I visited my cousin's 100-year old homestead which consisted of 22 rambling rooms, peculiarly weird in character and which had the reputation of being haunted. It was our custom during summer vacation for my cousin and I, then 16, to sit on the sofa in the living room and read. One night she took plans to warn me not to look into her bedroom but would give no reason why. Being curious of course, I looked anyway, and I saw a skull and crossbones outlined on the window pane in a bluish light.

We asked Uncle Frank for an explanation and he said some ancestor had hanged himself in this house and the spirit probably was restless and still haunted the place. We also heard groans and shrieks coming from the cellar. He also told us tales of Aunt Jane whose spirit often roamed the corridors in a crinoline gown and poke bonnet.

Uncle Frank would never permit us to wear Aunt Jane's clothes or touch her private belongings; but one night we played with her Ouija board and the house was struck by lightning. From then on we respected Aunt Jane. About ten years later a firebug from the village set the house on fire and it burned to the ground – news which we accepted with a sigh of relief.

These incidents, though from my childhood and I am now 91 years of age, still are as vivid in my mind, as though they happened yesterday. Upon some of the events I based my belief in Spiritualism. The evidence of my senses pointed without doubt to a connection beyond the grave.

In my thirties, some months after the death of my mother, I had the privilege of witnessing a demonstration of "angel visitation." About 3 o'clock in the morning I was awakened by a stream of light coming from behind a screen in a dark corner of my bedroom. There was no moon that night. It seemed to be the bent figure of a woman faintly outlined in bluish light.

After moving the screen and investigating three times I found I could pass through the light but felt nothing against my person. When I turned on the electric light, the figure vanished, but it returned when I switched the light off. This manifestation must have remained at least 15 minutes, perfectly motionless. It then gradually diminished in a thin stream of light almost identical to the way a television turns off. My feeling was one of curiosity – not fear; but as I had been associated in business with a man who had tried to persuade me to take a trip with him, I wondered if there was a connection.

I questioned a reliable Spiritualist about this experience and she informed me definitely that I had seen the figure of my Aunt Annie who had died of consumption at the age of 37, when I was a child eight years old. Aunt Annie was my mother's cousin and very close to me. She had always loved me when she was alive on Earth, and the medium told me that the bent form had something to do with my aunt's emaciated body at the time of her passing.

Because of that vision I did not take the trip with the man, and future events proved that he was not to be trusted.

On another occasion and again at 3 in the morning, I was awakened by the sound of a beautiful female voice coming from the side of my bedroom. The voice said three times, "Holy Ghost, Holy Ghost, Holy Ghost," in such poignant tones that I was thrilled throughout my body. I actually prayed to hear the wonderful voice again, but it did not repeat itself. I felt exalted, or lifted up, as though I had passed over into the beyond and become part of eternity. Later my medium friend informed me that it was a Catholic manifestation, and although I am not a Catholic, I had a number of good Catholic friends, some of whom had passed on, and I looked on this experience as proof that they were watching over me to protect me.

There have been other psychic phenomena in my life, proving to me beyond a shadow of a doubt that life is continuous. ♫

HERBERT F. SCHNEIDER

A Man Who Lived, Loved and Taught Spiritualism

OCTOBER 29, 1905 - DECEMBER 15, 1999

BY ROBERT EGBY, NEW YORK



Herbert F. Schneider whose warm sensitive spirit graced Modern Spiritualism for over half a century, went home to the Spirit World on Wednesday, December 15. Aged 94, he passed over at his Merchantville, New Jersey, home while recuperating from a fall in November.

A cold, unforgiving winter rain chilled the group of relatives and friends standing outside the Walt Whitman Mausoleum in Camden, New Jersey as the mortal remains of Herb Schneider were entombed beside his wife, Esther, who passed over in 1982.

"This was not like Herb," said one of his many cousins quietly. "Herb was a man of many parts. He was warm and kind hearted, a humorous and very caring man. A philosopher and author. A shy benefactor who enjoyed giving."

Herbert Ferdinand Schneider was born, October 29, 1905 in Camden when it was a hustling industrial center rivaling Philadelphia across the Delaware River. His mother was a staunch Lutheran, but his father was a staunch Spiritualist. Initially, he set his sights on engineering, but during his studies changed direction for pursuits in banking, auditing and investing with a bank in Philadelphia.

Spiritualism was flourishing in Camden in the 1920s and when the First Spiritualist Church of Camden was created in 1927, Herbert Schneider was a charter member.. He was just 24 years old. Later, in 1955, he joined the Fourth Spiritualist Church of Camden, and while attending development circles with the Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, Herbert met the lady who was to become his wife, Esther Leeds. Together they built a new family home at Merchantville, adjacent to Camden.

In World War Two, he served as a corporal in the US Army and was exposed to the rigors of war in North Africa, Italy and France. He served in the infantry, the signal corps and the military police.

When he returned, his mind and spirit were focused on Spiritualism. He studied extensively, searching and collecting books important to his objectives – education through writing. He studied the works of the forerunner of Modern Spiritualism, Andrew Jackson Davis, and created one of the most complete set's of Dr. Davis's works. Later, he wrote his first book, *The Writings of A. J. Davis.*

Herbert was a graduate of the Morris Pratt Institute. He completed the General Course in March 1973 and became a Licentiate Minister the following year. Curiously, he held this status for the rest of his life. Why did he choose not to become ordained, be a certified medium or a commissioned healer?

That was not his objective, say contemporaries. He wanted to teach through writing, and this he did. For the next twenty years, Herbert penned over 100 articles for *The National Spiritualist Summit*, many of them challenged orthodox thinking, others reflected the teachings of Andrew Jackson Davis. But always he offered positive solutions.

For instance, he warned of problems facing newcomers to Spiritualist churches suddenly finding that the traditional fatherly God figure has been replaced by Infinite Intelligence. "If you do not simultaneously fill the void that you create when you speak of an impersonal God, you are in effect taking something from them of which they have need," he wrote in *The National Spiritualist* (August 1975).

Herbert was a healer in his own way. When his parents were sick in their last days, he stayed at their side. When his beloved sister, Hilda, a commercial artist and also a Spiritualist author (she wrote a collection of prose entitled CHIPS) suffered from Alzheimer's, Herbert, the care-giver tended to her requirements, watching silently her steady deterioration. Then when his wife Esther was sick, Herbert tended to her. Relatives say that if Herbert had to go out on an errand or go to church, he would light prayer candles around her for her protection. She passed into the Spirit in 1982.

It was in Esther's memory that Herbert had new carpeting installed in the main floor of the Camden church. Later, when the Fourth Spiritualist Church closed its doors and relocated to Westville, New Jersey and re-opened as the Church of Eternal Life, Herbert was there. He donated the cost of building a wing which contained three healing rooms and restrooms below.

Over the years he served Modern Spiritualism in many ways. He served on the Boards of the Camden/Westville church for twenty years ending in 1994 when he was 89. He was a member of the Board of the New Jersey State Association while it existed, and served as resident Agent of the Stow Memorial Foundation up to his passing over.

Herbert enjoyed writing, and he wrote and published in 1994, *Essays on Progression,* a book based on the many articles he had written over *(Continued on next page.)*

Questions & Answers

Q One of the basic philosophies of Spiritualism is that life is continuous. How has this been proven?

A It began with the Fox family developing a code to interpret the raps and knocks that had been disturbing their home. The noisy sounds kept them all awake and turned out to be from the spirit of a murdered peddler, Charles Rosna. Rosna continued to exist and communicate with the physical, but from another dimension. Continuous life is proven through the various forms of mediumship, dreams, out-of-body experiences and near death experiences.

Q What happens at the time of physical death?

A The body and the soul are connected by a cord called the "silver cord," which has been seen by clairvoyants. It has been described as a shining "tether" joining the body and soul that is elastic and carries messages back and forth when the two are distant. When the time for the soul to leave arrives, the silver cord is severed so the soul cannot return to the physical body. In the physical expression we see with the physical eyes, but in the astral form we see with the inner eyes and hear with the inner ears. Often the soul will feel they are somewhere above the body, close to the ceiling of the room. They will hear and view what is happening but be powerless to influence the outcome or communicate with those they love. Gradually they see a light and move toward it. Sometimes there is a shining being or a loved one that approaches to guide them to the next phase of being.

Q Does the soul then go to Heaven or Hell?

A Heaven or Hell are thought of in the terms of the physical expression as places. In the next dimension or the Spirit World, life is regarded more in terms of energy, light, and love. There is a direct relationship in the next life to the energy and vibration that has been built in this life, so according to the Laws of the Universe, a soul will gravitate to the area of energy and light that they are comfortable existing within – on earth as it is in heaven. It could be called the gravity level of the spirit, for souls with little light will go to areas of little light, and like minded souls, etc. Some might call these heavier souls of like mind and shadows as living in a kind of Hell. It is always open for them to progress, however, to areas of greater light. We know about the Law of Return or Reciprocal Action. Whatever you do, whether it is through thought, word, or deed, this vibrational energy will come back to you. This Law is Continuous in the next realm, so there is always growth available and teachers to help all souls progress. Souls in the lower vibrational areas can see the light and their desire to be in the light will help them to progress and move forward. The dynamic structure of the Universe is one of development, growth or evolution. ♫

HERBERT SCHNEIDER

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the years. He translated Spiritualism and its Principles into language easy to comprehend, but very thought provoking.

Herbert acknowledged that while he did not aspire to such things as mediumship and "things psychic," Spirit made things happen for him and that always amazed him. He wrote about it in "More Than Coincident" a chapter in *Essays on Progression.*

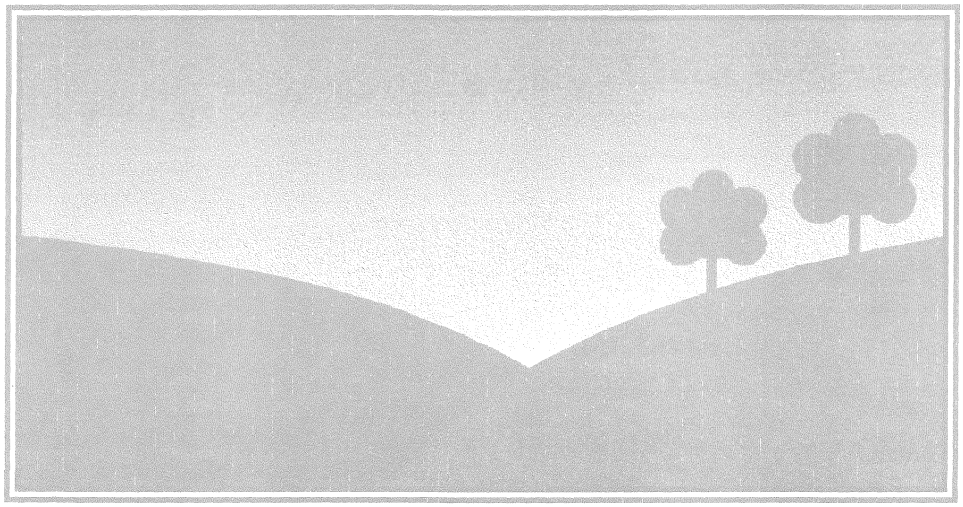
On his way to the National convention in Chicago, Herbert missed his plane at Philadelphia. The staff offered to put him on a later plane, but that would mean he would miss the Convention banquet. They offered him a meal while waiting. Suddenly an attendant told him: "The plane has returned." Apparently, there were sudden storms en route and the pilot returned for more fuel to go another route. They escorted an amazed Herbert onto the plane, and he waited to see the groundcrew refuel. They never did, and the plane took off for Chicago. "Spirit is with me," he said and he knew it.

Herbert enjoyed the National conventions and didn't miss one for years. By 1986, the years were taking their toll on his ability to travel. Reluctantly, he missed the National convention that year. That's when he became the first recipient of the NSAC's Lifetime Service Award. The Rev. Florence Statkiewicz accepted on his behalf. The plaque is displayed permanently at his church in Westville, New Jersey.

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Prepare Now For LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD

BY JUDY MERRILL, D.S.N.U., CANADA



Since the beginnings of Modern Spiritualism, many books and articles have been written on the subject of life in the Spirit World. Over time, with the addition of information with regard to NDE (Near Death Experiences), the books have taken on a whole new meaning and direction.

Some traditions have taught theologies based on a death bed recantation of a life of sin and sloth with expectation of a heaven of peace and joy to be their reward. What then does this life mean in the scheme of spirituality?

Some traditions teach reincarnation as a method of cleansing and purifying the soul. Is this progressive? To return time and again to the same material condition, to make a series of mistakes which create further karma?

Do we fully understand what spiritualizing the soul is about? Are we prepared to live our lives in a material condition preparing the soul for spiritual growth?

To understand our purpose and motive for life, we must look at the fact that we are spirit first. This is covered by a physical, material body which learns lessons through experience in this material existence. These lessons are learned as much by how we think as by how we act. All thought creates.

In healing, we are beginning to understand how much our mind and thinking create our health and well being. What about our soul growth in this aspect of our being? Only if our mind is balanced in our life, growing and progressing with new knowledge as it becomes available, can our bodies remain healthy and well. If we are balanced in mind, so it follows, our bodies become balanced, and this also brings balance to a soul growing and progressing in spirituality.

As the growth aspects of life continue and we are fit and prepared, we move into the life in the world unseen. Would this be a factor in how long we live in this life? Becoming fit for the next existence would certainly matter to our progress. Of course, that presupposes that we have an open, thinking mind to look into all aspects of spirituality, both here and in the world of spirit unseen.

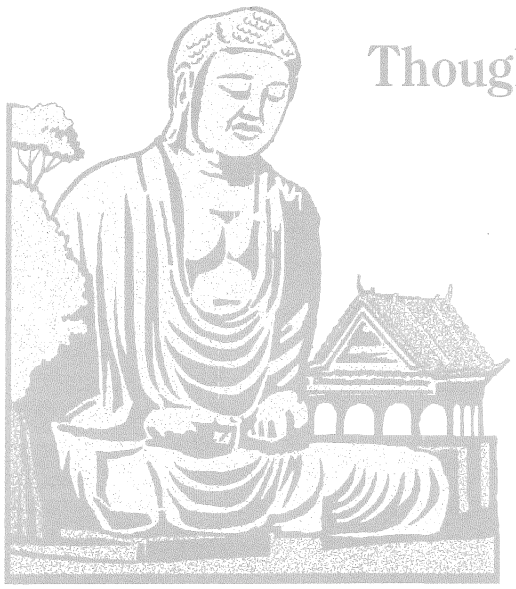
How we view life is one of the most important aspects of learning our lessons of growth from this experience. If all life, in this world and the next, consists of a series of adventures, are we prepared to move into a new adventure at any time? Are we remaining open to all that life and death has to teach our mind, our body, our soul, so that we can move into the next adventure of existence? Can we satisfactorily answer these questions so that we make this life experience all that it is meant to be, with all adventures coming together as a life experience to take us into an afterlife adventure of love and spirituality.

There are Natural Laws in place that govern our actions, whether we know it or not. The more we would try to understand this aspect of living, the more we would be in tune with the world around us, the others who occupy it and the messages of life that are there for our benefit and growth.

The whole message is that life is continuous; there is no great change mentally, spiritually, materially through the change called death. Life is a continuum of existence. What we learn in any aspect of life, we take with us as our personality, our character and whole being.

What messages are you prepared to take into the next moment of your life? What kind of person do you see yourself as being? Are you spiritually aware of others in your environment? Does any of this matter to your understanding of spirituality?

Life is questions; death will not answer them all; but growth in spirituality can certainly bring guidance and direction to your thinking to help you answer these questions for yourself. God bless your efforts in spirituality. ♫



Thoughts About His Holiness, The Dali Lama

BY MOYA SHEHEE, CALIFORNIA

I had the privilege of going to hear the Dali Lama speak in Pasadena, California, on October 13, 1999. What a wonderful human being!

He's right, you know. Our society here in America has grown more violent. It has taken root slowly and so must be uprooted gradually, kind act by kind act. To counter this destructive trend, he suggested that the family holds the key to the solution. He sounds right on target. Haven't we all said it begins at home? He clarified his position by suggesting that children be educated in ways to dialogue, in the ways of patience, compassion, and selflessness. Communicative problem solving should be an integral part of all curriculum beginning in preschool. It is conceivable that with this type of education, a child could come home from school one day and walk into the midst of a disagreement between parents, and the child might then suggest everyone sit down and talk. Does the phrase "And the children shall teach" spring to mind?

The Dali Lama also suggested that experiencing faith in the home and practicing a religion sustains us in good times and bad. It is an element of existence which can mean the difference between life and death – literally! Compassion is an attribute which should also be taught in the home and practiced on a regular basis.

Having children take care of specific chores or helping with siblings or older members of the family will give children a sense of responsibility and self worth, of being needed and valued. Self-esteem can have no better beginning. And most of all, children need good examples in their lives. The Dali Lama asked us to examine our actions in the presence of children, for the children will learn about life from many sources. Who do children spend the most time with? Initially, children spend the most time with their families. Later, as they enter our society, the time is split between their homes and the outside world. Have you ever heard a parent complain about the difficulties of overcoming the negative effects society is having on their child? The best way to overcome any negativity of that nature is to be sure there is plenty of love, compassion, and happiness in the home.

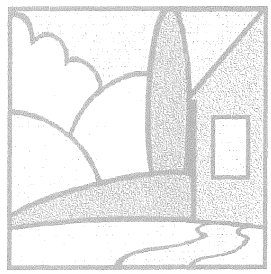
His Holiness spoke about disarmament and said it begins in the heart of the individual. When there are differences in philosophy, rather than quarrel about specifics, we should ask ourselves, "What is the purpose of the philosophy" and we will find there is a common goal – the betterment of humanity. When we all come from that one thought, the how and the why melt away into insignificance. Intent is everything. Does this sound familiar?

The Dali Lama also addressed the issue of problem-solving. He gently explained that when we come from a position of "me," the field of vision is narrow, encompassing only one person. The problem at that point would be wall-to-wall, filling one's entire existence. If, however, we come from a position of "we," the problem then is viewed with the wide-angle lens of compassion. When seen in a larger content, any problem is going to be smaller and consequently much more manageable! Thus, together we can approach this little problem and strive for a win/win solution for the best and highest good of all.

Regarding spirituality and religions, His Holiness did not advocate one religion for everyone. If we all held the identical tenets, how would we learn from each other's differences? He did espouse having a religion, talking to spiritual people to broaden our spiritual outlook, and making pilgrimages. The Dali Lama traveled to Jerusalem and visited the sacred places of the Christian, Moslem and Jewish faiths. He also talked to a monk in Spain who had spent five years in a hermitage meditating on compassion. The conversation was enlightening, even by the Dali Lama's standards. He said that when he returned to his home in India, Jewish, Moslem and Christian people came to visit him. He sat under a tree in true Buddhist fashion and taught them scripture from the Bible. With a giggle he added that he had prepared himself first by checking with a priest friend about interpretation of the Bible passages the Dali Lama had chosen. The irony of His Holiness teaching scripture was not lost on him or his audience. We all enjoyed a good chuckle.

As I listened to his wisdom and wit, I found much with which I agreed, much which had a familiar ring to it. When he gave examples of how to be happy and how to be compassionate, I realized he was talking about the Laws of Nature. He equated health with happiness. The majority of his ideas could be directly linked to what we, as Spiritualists, believe in. I believe that being in tune with Infinite Intelligence brings people together. His Holiness, the Dali Lama, certainly brought people together that evening in Pasadena! ♫

Morris Pratt Institute Association ■ The Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, Secretary



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Mary Len*** *of the First Spiritualist Temple in New York.*

Let us review the lives and circumstances of the Fox family at Hydesville, New York. There was not a lot of pomp and circumstance to the advent of modern Spiritualism. The Fox's were a family supported by their blacksmith father and they lived in a nondescript cottage in a small hamlet in New York state. Although many families lived in the cottage over the years, three of them played key roles in the story of communication with the Spirit World. First, we have the Bell family. It is believed that Mr. Bell murdered a traveling pedlar in the house to acquire the sum of five hundred dollars. Their housekeeper, Lucretia Pulver, gave key facts attesting to the likelihood of this. Soon, strange raps were heard and the phenomena commenced in the house.

After the Bell's moved from the cottage, the Weekman's were the next family to move in. For a year the cottage was quiet, but then the raps began again. Mr. Weekman could find no plausible cause for the raps and soon after their daughter felt cold, invisible hands touching her. They, too, vacated the cottage.

The Fox family moved into the cottage in December of 1847. The young daughters, Catherine (Katie) and Margaretta, were the first ones to ask the source of the raps to respond to their questions. By saying, "do as I do," they gave him the chance to open communication with the earth plane. As the spirit answered their questions with raps, the Fox family learned that they were communicating with the spirit of a thirty-one year old man who was the father of five children and who had been murdered, his throat cut and had been buried in their very own basement. This was later confirmed when his remains were unearthed in the cellar.

The Fox family, mainly the women, let the public know that they were communicating with the Spirit World and gave demonstrations of the phenomena and rappings. Over the years they were accused of trickery, evil, joint cracking, ventriloquism and were mocked for their efforts. At one demonstration, they were even stripped of their clothing to prove they were cracking their joints. But no matter what they suffered, Spiritualism had been born. Over the years, the girls had their fair share of sorrows. Alcoholism, and depression struck them at various times in their lives, but they still continued the work.

Everyone should study the events that occurred at the Fox cottage in Hydesville, New York in 1848. There have been various versions about the Fox sisters over the years and it is interesting to learn the truth. That two poor, uneducated, simple girls could communicate for the first time with the spirit of a dead man is truly incredible! There was nothing significant about them other than the fact that they were open-minded enough to deal with the spirit in a rational way. They must've been wise enough in spiritual matters to believe one *could* communicate with the dead or they wouldn't have taken that first leap. They opened the door for the rest of us and we should be thankful to them and to Mr. Rosna for their leap of faith.

The efforts of Spiritualism's pioneers were vast. Some were fine mediums, such as Margery Stinson Crandon, who demonstrated materialization with her brother Walter, who was her spirit guide. She also practiced automatic writing, direct voice and psychic music. Margery was thoroughly investigated over the years. One such investigator, Dr. E. J. Dingwall, remarked, "the mediumship (of Margery) remains one of the most remarkable in the history of psychical research." However, as one of the most famous pioneers of Spiritualism, she too came under attack and researchers of psychic phenomena still debate the issue of her mediumship today.

Other mediums practiced unusual forms of mediumship, like Charles Foster and Daniel Dunglas Home. Foster practiced pellet readings, whereby he had the sitter write a question and a name on a piece of paper. The paper would be folded into a pellet and Mr. Foster would hold it, and give the name and question written on it. He also demonstrated stigmata. Home was famous for his levitations and is called the "greatest physical medium in the history of Spiritualism." Some were able to predict future events such as Maude Lord Drake, who predicted the civil war and the San Francisco earthquake.

A great many of the pioneers of Spiritualism started out by trying to disprove the religion (and science). Robert Hare, for example, set out to expose a fraud and ended up a convert! He had his mind set against it and then turned one-hundred and eighty degrees into a believer. What he saw and learned must have been extraordinary.

Pioneers who were founders or researchers for the American Society of Psychical Research included Professor James Harvey Hyslop and Professor William James. Some were medical doctors, like Dr. James Peebles who promoted the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism around the world.

Organizations and publications of Spiritualist awareness popped up and helped us to gain knowledge. These included,

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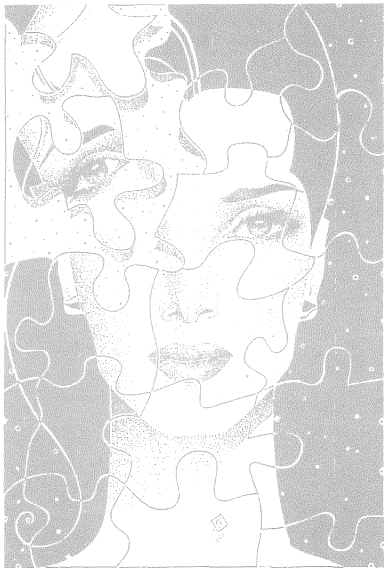
A JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA *(Continued from page 13.)*

and talk to them; the spirits would answer; sometimes they would even embrace them. These apparitions were a shimmery white; it looked like smoke in various shapes. I sat there holding my brother's hand in a death grip, wondering how scared you must be before you go into cardiac arrest. Then Morning Star stated, "Mother wants to give greetings to someone." It was Fred's turn. A ghostly apparition came from behind the curtain and Fred went up to join it. They spoke and held hands for a few minutes and then the Spirit said, "Ruby, Bonnie (Fred's wife) come and say hello." With shaking legs, we approached what was supposed to be Mother. We probably talked for about five minutes and I must say we were at ease and not scared at all by the end of the conversation. We talked later and all agreed that it was definitely Mom. Not only her appearance, but her mannerisms were unmistakably Mother.

Now it was my turn. All at once the floor commenced to vibrate and we heard this loud Indian chant. A ghostly figure appeared doing an Indian dance. He introduced himself as Lone Star, my spiritual guide. He asked if I would like to see him grow seven feet tall. I really just wanted him to go away, but I managed to whisper "yes." This apparition did grow very tall and then just disappeared into the floor.

The seance drew to a close and we were once again asked to sing. A scraping noise was heard, the light went on and there sat Mr. Witt. He appeared to be exhausted and asked if we had had a good seance. Mr. Witt jokingly referred to us as "spook chasers." ♫

Spirit Nuggets



BY FRANK WALSH, CALIFORNIA

Our spirit friends give us a single nugget of information, rather than a full meal when we receive spirit greetings. We may need to digest each part of the message before understanding the whole offering. My method of interpreting spirit messages allows me, to place the nuggets received from more than one message, side by side, to give a better understanding of what is being received from the composite of the messages.

The method I have developed also alleviates, what used to be my biggest complaint about receiving messages – A single message does not give me a complete solution to a situation that I am experiencing. At other times, I was not sure which subject my friends from the spirit side were referencing. I remember asking myself after receiving a message, "I wonder if this message refers to work, home, or the friendship area?"

No longer am I confused by a message. From several years of study, I now know, which medium brings which departed one. I also know, what areas of my life each spirit likes to report on, because it seems each one has a talent with one part of my existence.

Six years ago, after attending Spiritualist churches for eleven years, I began to catalog the messages as I received them. Notice, that I make a distinction between catalog, and simply recording a message. At first, like many others, I would write down the messages on a church bulletin, or on a scrap piece of paper, only keeping them for a week or two. For events which would take place in the future, I would lose interest in the message when the event did not occur within a month. How unfortunate, because I now believe some mediums bring in some spirits who only discuss an event which will occur four to six months in the future.

One of the first things I did to catalog the messages I received was to buy a hard bound book containing blank pages. The pages are made from good paper, and measure 8 by 11 inches. I decided on this size, so I could record all the different information received from various messages on one page.

When I receive a message at church or at Medium's Day, I have learned to sit passively and relaxed. I listen attentively, so I may fully take in the exact words of the message. I never write anything, while the medium is talking – to do so would prevent me from listening. I don't interpret during the message. I never ask questions, since I no longer have the need to do so. I know that eventually my spirit friends will give me the full picture, message by message. The medium and the spirit friend give what they can at the moment, and what they came to tell me that day. Once the medium stops talking, I thank both the medium and the spirit friend with a simple, "Thank You."

When the spirit message is over, I begin to write. First, the date and the church, then the medium's name, and then the spirit friend's name or description. I write the message sentence by sentence, thought by thought. At first I found this task difficult, until I devised a memory method for retention of the message. For every thought, I stretch a finger slightly. My hands are just resting on my lap anyway. After the message is over, I just count the number of fingers used for the message received. Let me give you an example. The medium says, "The spirit is a woman," and I stretch the first finger. I stretch the second finger when the medium says, "on your mother's side of the house." The third finger is extended when the medium says, "She comes with a grandmotherly vibration." Fourth finger – "She used to make you take off your shoes before entering the house." Fifth finger – "She will help you with a test." Sixth finger – "This will involve something you don't need now, but you will in the future." Seventh finger – "You will need to decide if you want to cancel something else." While the message is being given, I don't interpret. I don't ask, "Is this for school or work? Test? What test? I know nothing about a test," or, "I need more information. I have lots of tests in my life." I missed the meaning of so many message by judging and interpreting on the spot.

Once I've accounted for the part of the reading associated with each of the fingers, I have the whole message. I'm not Superman. Sometimes I cannot think of one or two of the thoughts, but I have learned that it will come to me later. Maybe, it happens when driving home, or maybe I will remember when fixing dinner, but eventually I will get all the parts of the message. This process assists in remembering the message because I have to go over it again before writing. Also, this assists me to remember the message for weeks later.

The next step in the procedure is when I categorize the messages received. Every four to six months I set aside two side by side pages of my book. These pages will be used for an inventory of the messages, which are meant for this period of my life. I write the categories of my life – job and career, friends, spirituality and thought patterns, and home. Then I place each message in one of these categories, and I don't forget to add the spirit friend and the name of the

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medium. Each message, from each spirit friend and medium, gets added to at least one category.

Over a period of several weeks, a more complete picture emerges. As I attend every church service, I am excited because this next message is filling in one more piece of the message. I believe each message is meant to give only one thought, and I no longer expect the entire story with one message. To obtain the complete picture, I compile the messages together. I have found that asking questions of the medium frustrates both the medium and myself, the receiver of the message, and it breaks the concentration of the message being given. With my method, I am patient enough to wait until later. When the events take place, and a chapter of my life is complete, I set aside another two pages of the book. I begin to write the categories on these two pages facing each other.

As a note, I don't like to give confirmation during a message because I'm not sure what subject the message is referencing. At one church I attend, the pastor, who is now retired, gave messages which generally referred to the near future, and I usually knew what he was talking about. When he asked whether I knew what he meant, I would respond with an enthusiastic, "Yes!" His co-worker, who is now in the Spirit World, and who I miss dearly, would give messages about situations I had no idea about. When this medium asked for a verbal confirmation of the message, I could only manage a feeble okay to his query. By writing the messages by category, I am able to confirm that this medium was giving specific messages about events which took place in three to four months from the time the messages were given. My method of recording messages allowed me to change my mind about this medium, who I thought gave cryptic and unintelligible messages.

Each spirit greeting is approached with a question: "Can the message be proved?" The answer is "Yes," and the messages of Spiritualism must be proved, one medium at a time. At this time I am one person who *believes.* It took eleven years, but I had to implement my method to confirm that I am never alone. My spirit friends are working together for my physical and spiritual benefit, and that no situation need be approached as a calamity, but as an opportunity to move on with their help.

This method of evaluating spirit messages is my way of realizing that spirit entities want to teach each of us about the continuity of life. Receiving messages of a future decision in my life is a benefit not offered by most other religions. Previously, Spiritualists have not been offered a method to evaluate the gift of spirit messages. May these words be one nugget in your life to assist you in receiving the most from your spirit messages.

PS: I wish to thank a medium at a church in Phoenix, Arizona, who, some six years ago told me I would be writing an article. It took this long to perfect this method. Spirit does take its time. ♫

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

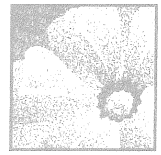
♫ "A child prodigy is one with highly imaginative parents."

♫ I was bringing a yellow chrysanthemum plant to church. Little Jamie said, "Oh, what pretty Sunflowers!"

"These are chrysanthemums," I replied.

"Are you sure?" little Jamie asked. "They are yellow, with petals. How do you spell that?"

"Cry – no chry – you know, I think you may be right, they are sunflowers."



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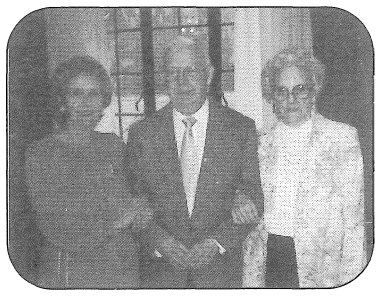
The Spiritual Philosopher, The Spiritual Telegraph, The Spiritual Messenger and the *Banner of Light.* These were all dated before 1867 and helped to promulgate Spiritualism as a philosophy, science and religion.

In 1893, The National Spiritualist Association (later, The National Spiritualist Association of Churches) was incorporated and its official publication, *The National Spiritualist* began in 1919.

Early Spiritualist camps were formed, some of which are still around today, although some under different names. The first camp was assembled in 1866 at Pierpont Grove in Maiden, Massachusetts. Some of the others that came along around that time were the Cape Cod Camp in 1868. The Onset Bay Grove Camp in 1877, Camp Etna in Etna, New York in 1879, Camp Mount Pleasant Park Association in Clinton, Iowa in 1882 and the Lookout Mountain Camp Meeting Association in Tennessee in 1883. Very far west, there was Summerland near Santa Barbara, California in 1888. The camp most are familiar with is the Lily Dale Assembly in New York. Many more Spiritualist camps popped up through the years all over the country and many people were, and still are, introduced to Spiritualism through the camps. ♫

Anniversary in New York

November 7th was an outstandingly beautiful Fall day with a special meaning for members and friends of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church. The crisp air and sunlight added a special touch to a day of festivity honoring Ethel and Don Raupp's 57th Wedding Anniversary.



Betty Schultz, Don and Ethel Raupp.

Luncheon was served at the Andrew Jackson Davis Lyceum building where their many friends joined to mark the momentous occasion. The superb chicken and biscuit main course was prepared by Shirley Payne, one of the newest members. A delicious cake was enjoyed by all.

The Raupps have been outstanding members for many years, serving in whatever capacity they were asked. Ethel is currently the church treasurer, while Don claims to be "retired," but is always there where needed, currently seeing the contributions are delivered to the Cassadaga Food Pantry. Friends and members have all profited from the stewardship of Don and Ethel and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to share this wonderful celebration of their love and life together.

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HERBERT SCHNEIDER *(Continued from 27.)*

Herbert was very shy and shunned publicity, particularly if it concerned his financial contributions. In October 1975 Herbert and his sister, Hilda, established a trust as a memorial to their parents, Adam and Emma Schneider. Known as the Schneider Memorial Fund, the purpose is to "endow education in the teaching of Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism." It is administered by the Board of Trustees of the NSAC. The object said Herbert and Hilda was to: "bring the true teaching of pure Spiritualism to the attention of the public and to sponsor the training of individuals endowed with qualities and aptitude to further such teaching."

Because Herbert disliked refusing any requests, the trust fund existed in relative anonymity while the donors were in the physical world and it was named on records as "Other" for years. Now it can be told. The full title: The Schneider Memorial Trust.

The Trust Fund will see some substantial growth in the future. According to Herbert's relatives, Herbert has bequeathed his large collection of books, including the Andrew Jackson Davis collection, to the NSAC office in Lily Dale, and the residue of his Estate, when liquidated, will go to the Schneider Memorial Fund.

Herbert Schneider lived for Modern Spiritualism. He was a Spiritualist's Spiritualist. If a young developing medium or healer suddenly feels Herbert's presence in spirit and hears the words: "I am here to help and guide you," they should consider themselves truly blessed.

The writer, Robert Egby, wishes to acknowledge invaluable help and assistance from the following sources: Dr. Wallace Hussong (cousin), Edith Pedrick, Pastor Lillian Joyce, Irene DiRenza, Betty Wood, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, the Rev. Pamla Ashlay and the Rev. Joseph Merrill.



Quotations From The Works of HERBERT F. SCHNEIDER

Spiritualists know they need not fear damnation. There is constant reformation. Spiritualists are not required to go to church for fear of not being saved. They attend by choice because they seek a good vibration which will have an uplifting influence. (EOP 222)

We believe that God is millions of times greater and more wonderful than anything represented in the Bible. You see, we have an even greater regard for God than does the orthodox church." (EOP 209)

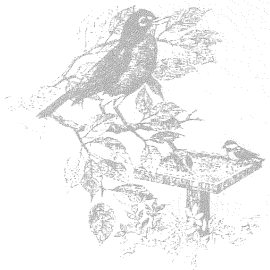
Ecclesiastes 9-5 "The dead know not anything." This quotation from the Bible . . . may be regarded as a great misstatement, since we are aware that the deceased know exactly as much as they did when physically alive and they have the capability of knowing a great deal more . . . (EOP 11)

We must strive to elevate humanity. We cannot glorify God. It is impossible to add anything to God. Mankind is more in need of improvement. Mankind created governments and religion, not vice versa. (EOP 106)

(On the Magic Staff: "Under all circumstances keep an even mind.") If adhered to at all times, it can truly have a magical effect upon a person's life. (EOP 228)

Spiritualism as a religion has been outstanding beyond all others in teaching of the Natural Law of Progression. It is a constant law, and too few understand that it is operative every moment throughout a whole lifetime and beyond. (EOP 217)

If civilization is to ever come of age, in peace and understanding, Spiritualism must be shared with all people. (EOP 150) ♫



The Pedlar

by Gloria J. Nye, LM, CM
Dedicated to the Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson

Worn down and old beyond my years
I measure the time with my children's tears.

My heavy load is not my pack.
It's knowing that I can never come back.

Two peoples' greed s'what did me in
For a handful of coins in a box made of tin.

Ranting, Raving "See me . . . I'm here . . .
the Bells have killed me, my body is near!"

I knocked and rapped at a maid in the hall
And taunted the Weekmans with cold hands on all.

They left, they ran, God hear my prayer
"Send someone to me, I'm no one to fear."

He must have heard my prayers that night
For the Fox Family came into my light.

Two little girls, Braver than most
Heard me a knockin and shouted a boast:

"Do as I do . . . One, two, three, four . . .
Slap and rap your hands and do it as before."

And I with soul that had been set free
I had done my part for Spirituality.

What happened in MARCH throughout the years?

MARCH 2, 1904

Happy Seussday, the birthday of **Dr. Seuss**. The writer of Who's-ville, Grinches, Zooks, Cat in the Hat, Horton and Glunk. We thank you, dear Doctor, for all that you thunk!

MARCH 3, 1931

Anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. national anthem, ***The Star Spangled Banner***.

MARCH 12

The birthday of two great pioneer Spiritualists. (1873) **Stewart Edward White** was an investigator of phenomena and the author of such books as *The Betty Book* and *The Unobstructed Universe*. **Maude Lord Drake** (1852) was one of the strongest materialization mediums and psychometrists of her day.

MARCH 17



St. Patrick's Day and a day to let the natural spirit's of life bid you the top of the morning. Go out into Nature, then be still and listen.

MARCH 20

Spring begins, along with the opportunity to plant the seeds of life. The Vernal Equinox is a time to absorb God's energy and grow in the light of the season.

MARCH 20, 1833

Daniel Dunglas Home was born on this date to become one of the most renowned medium's. His powers were tested and attested, with investigators of repute becoming convinced of the validity of his mediumship and that life is continuous. Among his mediumistic abilities were his power of levitation, elongation, and clairvoyance. He was tested both by daylight and in a darkened room and was never accused of fraud.

MARCH 21, 1818

The birthday of a powerful lecturer for Spiritualism, **J. S. Loveland.**

MARCH 30, 1852

Clarissa Sprague celebrated her birthday on this date. She was a wonderful worker for Spiritualism, called the "preaching woman."

MARCH 31, 1848

Advent of Modern Spiritualism – a time to celebrate this wonderful Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism; a time to remember the Fox Family and the pioneers who worked so hard to further the understanding that was developing through spirit communication; a time to contribute to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society on the **Fourth Sunday in March – Gratitude Day, March 26**, so that the National Organization can share a stipend with workers in need, who have assisted Spiritualism to grow.

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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