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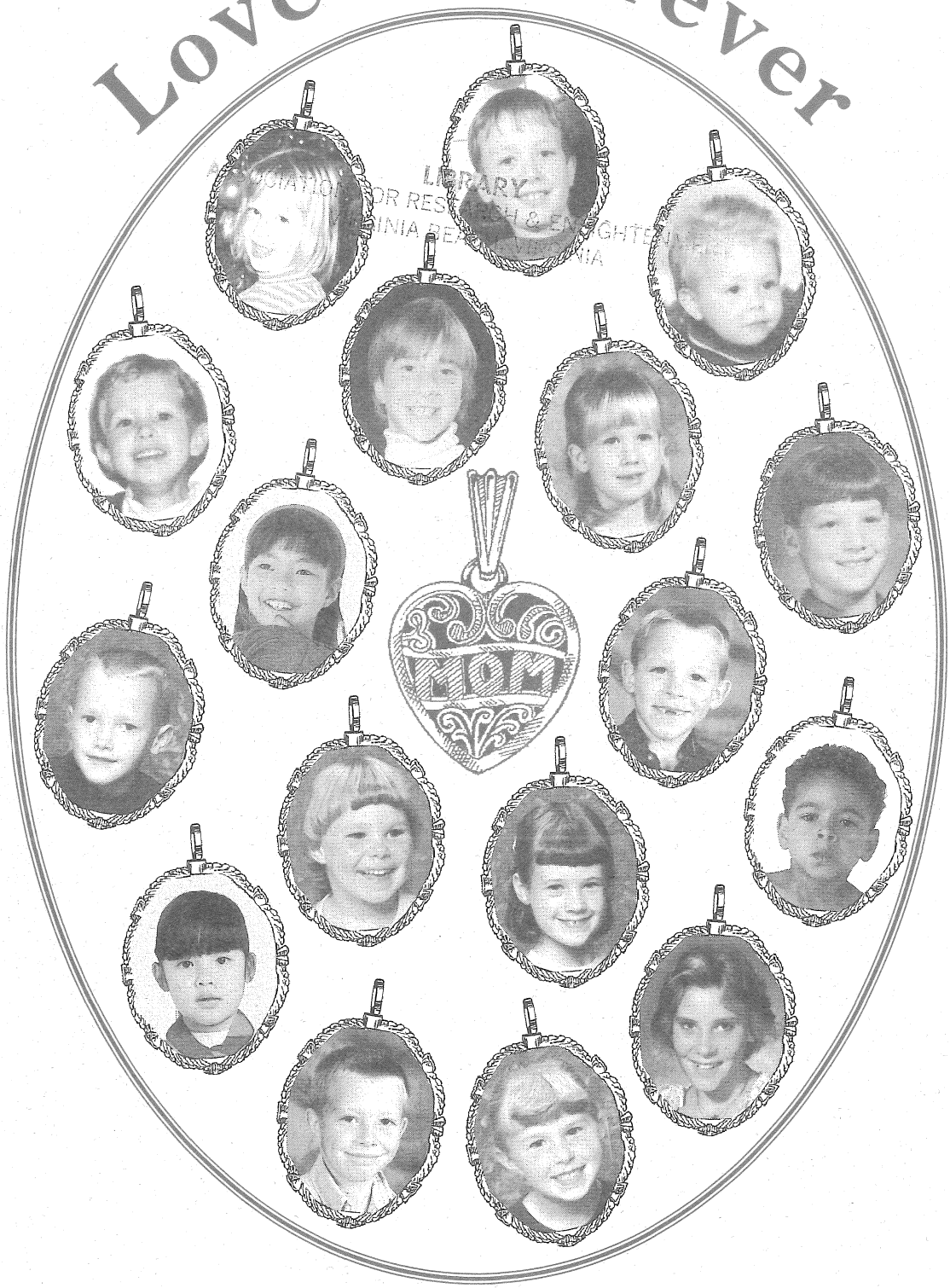
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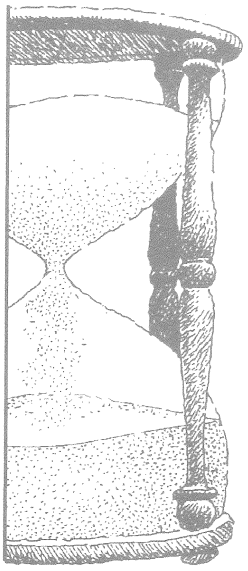
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Time and Lists



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

This issue marks the end of the tenth year since I began as the Editor of TNS and we have produced 125 issues (including 5 convention issues). Someone asked me how I find so much to write about and I must admit that I read a lot, research subjects and there is lots of inspiration involved. Often I will get an idea that, when I begin to organize an issue, just fits with some of the other articles that are arriving. Hum, who is the editor?

As our calendars turned to 2000 the numeral elegance intrigued us and in these last few months we received many lists about the top ten to one hundred things and people in the past centuries. *The World Almanac and Book of Facts* gave these three lists to consider concerning the Second Millennium. Hope you find them interesting.

The Ten Most Influential People: William **Shakespeare** (1565-1616), Isaac **Newton** (1642-1727), Charles **Darwin** (1809-82), Nicolaus **Copernicus** (1473-1543), Galileo **Galilei** (1564-1642), Albert **Einstein** (1879-1955), Christopher **Columbus** (1451-1506), Abraham **Lincoln** (1809-65), Johann **Gutenberg** (c. 1397-1468), William **Harvey** (1578-1657). This list was compiled by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. and names are listed in order of importance.

The Ten Most Significant Events: Invention of **gunpowder** (in the West), early 1300s; the **Black Death** devastates Europe, 1347-51; Johann Gutenberg uses movable type to **print** early Bibles, c 1455; Christopher **Columbus** reaches America, 1492; James Watt perfects his **steam engine,** 1775; the **American Revolution,** 1775-83; Charles **Darwin** publishes *Origin of Species,* 1859; Henry Ford begins commercial development of the **automobile,** 1903; **First World War,** 1914-18; dropping of the **atomic bomb** on Japan, 1945. This list was compiled by David Herbert Donald.

The Ten Most Significant Inventions: Magnifying glass, 1250, a precursor to all optical instruments. **Printing press,** c. 1450, led to general knowledge. **Electric battery,** 1800, beginning of battery operated devices. **Refrigerator,** c. 1850, a way of keeping food edible. **Gasoline engine,** 1885, freed humans from the horse. **Airplane,** 1903 beginning of high-speed transportation. **Frozen food,** 1923, made long-term storage of perishables possible. **Transistor,** 1948, made modern communication and computation possible. **Artificial satellite,** 1957 made global communication practical. **Minicomputer,** 1960, computing for every desk. This list was compiled by Mr. Wizard (Don Berbert).

Look at each of these lists and see how the intelligence built and the energy grew. If one of these people had not been born and the event had not taken place, our world would be a different place – very different. While humanity takes the credit for our world's expansion, it is Infinite Intelligence that is always expanding, always creating, always evolving. This is accomplished through the All-knowing Force which is within and behind each creation.

Many polls accompanied the lists. One poll asked if the people thought religion will play a greater roll in our lives in the 21st Century – 55% answered yes. This is significant for the numbers of attendees of the religions of the world dropped for awhile, but are building again at a fast rate. A Supreme Loving Source is necessary in each life as we move into the new Millennium.

No where on any list or poll I read is Spiritualism ever mentioned. Therefore, I made some lists for Spiritualism. You can probably think of additions or more lists to create, but here is a start.

Significant Events of the NSAC:

1893 Organizational Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of the United States.
1897 Training School for Spiritualism established in Mantua, Ohio.
1899 First six Principles were adopted.
1903 Morris Pratt Institute opened and began training Spiritualist workers.
1911 The first *N.S.A. Spiritualist Manual* and the first *N.S.A. Hymnal* were published.
1914 Definitions such as *A Spiritualist* and *A Medium* were adopted.
1919 *The National Spiritualist* began to be published with Dr. George B. Warne as the editor.
1922 The Bureau of Education of N.S.A. was established.
1941 The Advanced Education Course, written by Dr. Victoria Barnes was offered.
1947 The *Spotlight* publication became the official voice of the Lyceum.
1965 The Sunflower Banner became the Official Flag of the NSAC.
1975 Spiritualist Memorial Park was dedicated and the Obelisk relocated there – Rochester, NY.

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Religious Beginnings



BY THE REV. LOUIS POTTER, NEVADA

"There is nothing new under the sun," said Shakespeare. It is true. In our studies of Modern American Spiritualism we find that the so-called **new** is extremely **old**; yet, the so-called **old** is very **new**!

Modern Spiritualism did not originate in some miraculous way, but it rather evolved from one generation to the next generation. Communicating between the earth plane and the Spirit World has been a factor for humanity from the earliest time of recorded history and beyond. March 31, 1848, is considered as the birth date of Modern American Spiritualism.

The **old** was renewed and once again brought forth to the people of that day and the generations to follow. What is the difference between ancient spirit communication and Modern Spiritualism? Well, it is not that spirit talking and spirit hearing was suddenly established, but that Spiritualism is renewing an age-old understanding and expanding upon it. It is so far back in time that the author of the truth to "Know thyself," is lost in Antiquity, yet the guidance of the past is the same as the spirit advice of today.

The Origin of Religion by Harvey Elliott tells us there can be NO religion without a God. In each religion there is found a setting in which the members of that religion see, or believe they see, facts pointing to the God revealed to be their God – one to whom believers of other religions are strangers. This is interesting to anyone who can see, without a doubt, the claims of several religions, unbiasedly.

To those **not** believing in a God, a Creative Principle cannot be fathomed. Spiritualists say that God is everywhere – not because we know, but because we **do not know**! We merely **know** there is a Law and we can see back of that Law an INTELLIGENCE. If God is bewildering, unfathomable, or inconceivable, how can one say there is a personal God?

History has shown that some people just could not understand the bewildering array of the many Gods before them without the help of the various priests to show them the right one to worship. The One God, the Unfathomable God, the Inconceivable One.

Many books have been written about the origin of religion. Great scholars have advanced many theories as to how religion happened to be. Most of these theories are based on the probable changing of emotions or feelings of men and women as the front legs shortened and the hind legs straightened and the human being began to pull back his chin to walk upright!

According to many scholars, religion originated with a fear that lightening, thunder, the ocean, the river, the stars, the moon, the rain, the snow, and many other natural phenomena were powers of their Gods. Early people felt all that happened had living powers with spiritual qualities and were fit for worship or fear that in some way they may have angered the deity. History does not reveal to us a single development of a civilization without religion attending it.

A brief recounting of some of the beliefs and phenomena of the ancients.

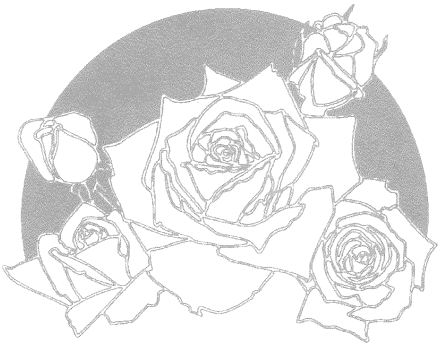
The Book of the Dead, dated about 3260 B.C., contains a vast collection of hymns, spells, religious, magical and philosophical teachings. It presents the Egyptian theory of the soul and its journey to the Spirit World. This writing teaches the whole philosophy of a future life or life in the next dimension as it was understood by the ancient Egyptians. All forces of nature were looked upon as Spiritual agencies!

1. With the study and research of many years, a change in humanity's understanding brought forth a new reality. The sun worship of the Egyptians served to impress on the mind of the people that this is a Spiritual Universe and communication with Spirit Entities provided the foundation of their national religion.

2. The Egyptians also taught that the initiated Soul is immortal and during several lives, it passes through several zones, all of which are for the process of its purification.

3. Healing was also practiced. The Temple of Alexandria, Egypt was famous not only for its Oracles, who were mediums of that time, but for the evidence of consecrated sleep and healing of invalids.

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A Tribute To Mothers

"Mother is the name for God
in the lips and hearts
of little children."
– *Thackeray*

Our first lessons were learned from our Mother's actions, her example, voice, devotion, and her sharing of joy and sorrow. Maybe this is why it has been said that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," for she is certainly one of our greatest teachers. The finest tribute that we can give to our Mother is to bring the best of her teachings into our daily lives; to become loving, caring, productive adults; to respect the rights of all others and to honor the God in all life.

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RELIGIOUS BEGINNINGS

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From *Churchward* we learn that the next Great Master of Egypt after Osiris was Thoth who introduced the Osirian Religion about 16,000 years ago.

1. When humans were created, the Creator placed within each person a Spirit Soul which NEVER died but continued to live throughout eternity.
2. The Heavenly Father was "The GREAT LOVE" and that this GREAT LOVE – ruled the Universe and never died.
3. Humanity must observe Truth, LOVE, Charity, and Chastity.
4. This Religion recognized The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of humanity.

In Egypt, the "Great Hall of Faith of Osiris" had a row of 42 pillars representing 42 gods, each of whom was supposed to ask the Soul a question when entering the Judgment Hall, regarding their physical life.

Moses, who studied the Osirian teachings of Thoth, condensed the meaning of these 42 questions into the TEN COMMANDMENTS. And so in reality the TEN COMMANDMENTS are of an antiquity beyond conception of the human mind!

It is recorded at approximately 700 B.C., Zoroaster of Persia taught the same teachings of good and evil from prior civilizations and a dualism in religion.

A belief in an after-death life is expressed in the ancient "Festival of the Dead"; a celebration at the end of each year. They believe "sinners" in the Spirit World – who repented of their sins – could visit friends and loved ones still on the Earth Plane. To this belief they add the belief in the certainty of retribution and final harmony of ALL souls with God!

The Greeks and Romans also endorsed a belief in a future life after death with spirit entities and guides who advised and taught them.

Humanity has communicated with the Spirit World since recorded history. Spiritualism, through mediumship, proves this communication and that life is continuous

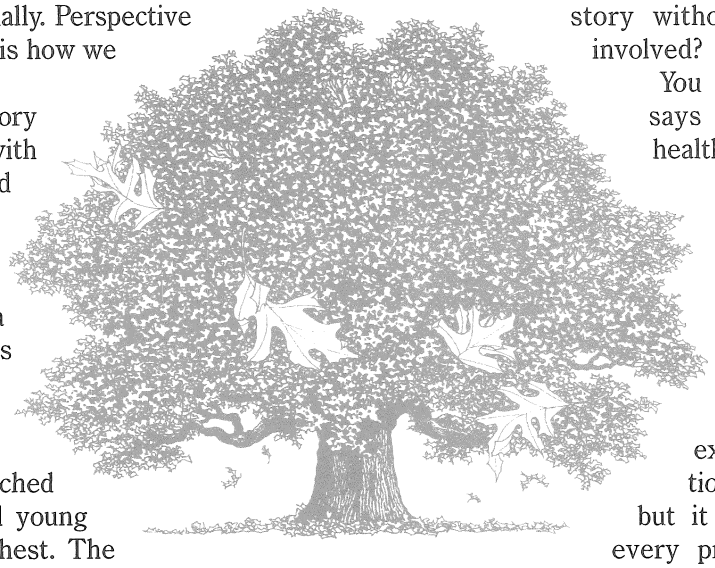
May the Force of God's Love and Light be with you.

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A Healthy Spiritual Perspective

BY ALISA BUTLER, ARIZONA

Having and keeping a sound perspective on things is important not only to our health, but it is also important if we want to grow spiritually. Perspective is a mental view or outlook. It is how we look at things.



The following is a true story that I would like to share with you. There was a farmer named Fleming who toiled daily in his fields to eke out a living for his family. One day when he was out working he heard a cry for help. He dropped his tools and ran toward the cry, which was coming from a nearby bog.

When farmer Fleming reached the bog he found a hysterical young boy mired in goo up to his chest. The more the boy struggled the more he was sucked down. The farmer pulled the boy out, and saved him from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

An ornate carriage pulled up to the farmers impoverished cottage the next day and an elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and asked to see farmer Fleming. "You saved my son's life and I wish to repay you," the nobleman said. But Fleming refused the offer to be paid for what he had done.

While this discussion was going on the farmer's son came to the door, no doubt to see the beautiful carriage and the finely dressed nobleman. "Is this your son," the nobleman asked. "Yes," was the farmer's proud reply.

"Let me take your son and give him a good education. If he is anything like his father he will become a man that you can be proud of."

The deal was made and in time the farmer's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. He became famous and known throughout the world as the discoverer of Penicillin. The world knows him today as Sir Alexander Fleming.

When the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia years later it was penicillin that saved him. The nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill and his son's name was Sir Winston Churchill.

There is even more to this story. As many of you may know, Sir Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin was nothing short of serendipitous. He had set a petri dish, holding a bacteria culture, near an open window and it was accidentally contaminated with bread mold blown in through the window. Sir Fleming noticed that the bacteria would not grow near the mold, and soon determined that the mold had antibacterial properties. Can anyone read this story without thinking that Spirit was involved?

You can see how this little story says quite a bit about having a healthy spiritual perspective. If Sir Winston Churchill had not gotten himself into a life or death situation, would the penicillin that was needed to save his life and millions of others have even been there?

One may not want to experience a life or death situation in order to change the world, but it is reasonable to expect that every problem we experience is an opportunity for growth. Do not look at your difficulties as negative experiences that are there to punish or cause you pain. When you look back on your life you will see that the painful situations and problems led to improved conditions as well as personal and spiritual growth. Perhaps a lost job led you to a better one, or perhaps the great pain you experienced over a lost relationship led you to a more fulfilling one. Learn to trust that the "bad" experience is there to help you in some way. What opportunity does it create for you? Is there some lesson that you still need to learn?

When you face difficult times, redirect your focus to the miracles that happen every second around you: the sun comes up, the earth rotates and your heart beats without you even thinking about it. Focus on the many blessings in your life. Is there a roof over your head? Do you have enough to eat? We know that there are many that do not have these things.

When we get entangled in our own problems we get depressed and turn inward. Reach out to others, finding ways to help others makes us feel better and extends our understanding of our connectedness to all that is. A few encouraging words to someone else can make a world of difference . . . to them and to you!

We all are influenced by the company we keep. Surround yourself with others who have a healthy spiritual perspective. You will know who these people are because they view life with a positive attitude and are a joy to be around.

We need to watch what we say. Complaining and talking about our problems only reinforces them and makes us feel

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Questions & Answers

Q **Why is religion important in one's life?**

A There are various definitions of religion, but if you think of religion as the power of perceiving Infinite Intelligence, of a way to uplift and train one to greater perception and character, then religion becomes an integral and important part of each moment. Religion is a way of life and conduct.

Q **Does this Infinite Intelligence you speak of come to the finite level of existence and intelligence?**

A Infinite Intelligence is another label for the God of our understanding. God is not far removed from us in some distant sphere. Infinite Intelligence is so near that in God we "live and move and have our being." The Creator is in us and we are part of the Creator. Divine Spirit is closer to us than we can ever imagine until we go within and experience the presence.

Q **How can we communicate with someone or something that is "out-of-our league" in intelligence?**

A The Source of All Life understands all life, communicates with All of Its creations. Each of us are inspired many times each day by the still small voice within. We can pray, sing, affirm truth and we are communicating with the Divine. Meditation is a wonderful discipline to practice hearing, feeling, sensing the presence of the Higher Light and Mind.

Q **Yes, but, are our senses always reliable?**

A We cannot rely entirely upon our senses for truth, for the senses may be deceived by our emotions. Yet, time and desire and persistence will demonstrate a pattern that we will gradually recognize as coming from Spirit. We often question our senses with our mind or reasoning power. A test of the senses might be, does it follow Natural Law, and do you sense a loving energy. ♦

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

❀ "About all the exercise some people get is jumping at conclusions."



❀ "Scientists say we are what we eat. Nuts must be a more common diet than we had thought."

❀ "Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."
– Phyllis Diller, *Reader's Digest*

❀ "I heard it said that the reason people enjoy golf is because it is the only sport that rewards performance if it is under par."

❀ "A couple died and went to the Spirit World. The wife was thrilled by the beauty, harmony, music and seeing loved ones. The husband complained, "If you hadn't made us walk every day and eat healthy foods we might have been here six years ago."

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

An Open Letter to NSAC

BY WILLIAM J. EHMER, III, VIRGINIA



You do not know me by personal reputation . . . which is fitting . . . because I hope you will come to know me by the truth and scope of my Vision.

For too long as a group, we have focused on the **phenomenal** aspects of Spiritualism, and that is reflected most eloquently in our small numbers which have fitfully, but steadily dwindled over the decades.

How has this happened? We know that the demonstrable *phenomena* of healing and mediumship in Spirit are abilities inherent in the very nature of each and every soul manifesting in this physical dimension. With such marvelous – dare I say **phenomenal** – gifts at the **disposal** of each human being, how it is that, of the billions on this planet, we are an organization representing only approximately 3000 of them?

Well, I'd like to start sharing my Vision with you by asking you to examine how we look at ourselves and the rest of the world. Let's begin with the words I emphasized in bold.

PHENOMENAL

Open your mind and third eye to Webster's definitions of **phenomenal**. PRIMARY: "Of or constituting a phenomenon or phenomena." Then direct your eye inward to its SECONDARY meaning: "Extremely unusual, extraordinary, highly remarkable."

Why can this seemingly academic distinction be so crucial to our future?

Let's put our egos aside individually and collectively as a spiritual community and ask ourselves if we have too often allowed our perception of the *primary meaning* of this word **phenomenal** to be VEILED by its *secondary meaning!*

Do our thoughts, actions and policies exhibit a fundamental belief that the demonstrable phenomena of Spiritualism are the birthright of *every human being?* Proceeding in love do we seek to develop the awareness and development of these gifts in our species at large? Are we *inclusive?*

Or do our thoughts, actions and policies betray a deeply held perception that our gifts for demonstrating the phenomena at the very heart of Spiritualism make us extraordinary and therefore, somehow special? Or, on the other hand, suspect to the species at large?

Proceeding in unacknowledged pride or insecurity, do we seek our own development and certification while effectively isolating ourselves in a "closet?" Are we *exclusive*?

Open your heart and ask Spirit to help us look at ourselves in a centered, balanced, dispassionate way: Are we indeed looking at our gifts for demonstrating the healing and mediumistic phenomena of Spiritualism as *extraordinary*? If so, we must begin to expand our Vision to live the truth we carry in our hearts and souls, our gifts are, in fact, *ordinary* to our nature as spiritual beings manifesting in this physical dimension.

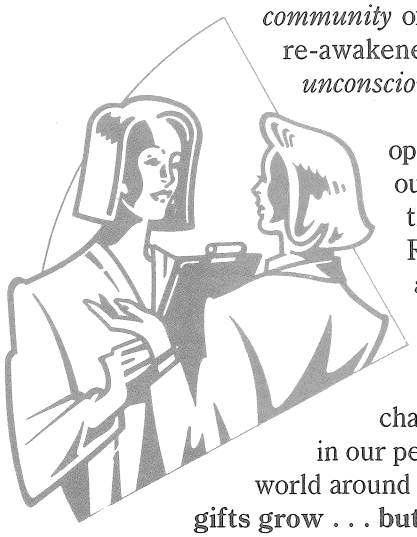
DISPOSAL

You know you have the gifts of healing and mediumship at your **disposal**. So what's happened to the rest of our species?

Plainly, over the millennia, humanity has **disposed** of its *awareness* of the gifts, the phenomena, that are the basis of Spiritualism. This has happened as a result of humanity's universal (collective) conscious pursuing its visions of *theocracy, scientocracy and, ultimately, mediocracy.* Do you begin to see how *words,* as reflections of our thoughts, mirror and shape our reality? Is it readily apparent to you as we finish our 151st year and begin the millennium that humanity has reached a point where almost every day we read or hear about its yearning for a spiritual renaissance? That humanity is crying out for a fuller REAL-ization of its spiritual heritage – for a re-introduction to the very gifts we are blessed to be exercising!

Look at the people in your local church or camp, and see our collective experience of Spirit's magnificent gifts . . . and begin to see the part our gifts can play in Spirit's grand design! We are *collectively conscious as a spiritual*

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community of what is awaiting to be re-awakened in the *collective unconscious of our species.*

Now is the time to openly acknowledge that our gifts are **not** something to be **learned.** Rather, we **grow in our awareness of them.** It is as simple and as profound as that . . . For by a simple change in our viewpoint – in our perception and that of the world around us – **not only will our gifts grow . . . but so will our numbers.** And make no mistake, the time is ripe for growth . . . and so are we!

MINISTRY

What is our ministry? And where is it going?

Let's look at that word: **ministry.** Ministry's most fundamental meaning is *service.* And I trust we can all agree that *as humans we are all here in service.* Therefore, it must logically follow that ministry, service, is not limited to the clergy. As a consequence, we cannot escape looking at a very important point: The call to ordination comes from Spirit.

For the clergy, ordination should require certification of the demonstrated *quality* of the gifts of healing and mediumship, as well as the knowledge, leadership and pastoral skills expected of our clergy.

But just as certainly, the ministry or service for which the rest of us in Spirit are experiencing this physical dimension in no way requires MPI or CSS, certification or ordination!

Please, take a deep breath, and let me clarify with a personal example.

Like many of you, Spirit's healing energy is very powerful to and through me. And, like many of you, Spirit is helping raise my vibration so that as a medium I am growing in perception and precision to receive and deliver communication from those beyond the veil. I first started unfolding approximately 24 years ago, but deliberately stopped it because of fear, ignorance, and lack of an understanding and supportive community around me. Interestingly enough, my re-unfoldment began on May 17, 1998 in connection with the going into the light of the Rev. Christine Krithades' father. At the exact moment of his physical brainstorm, a massive cerebral embolism – my spiritual brainstorm occurred so I could help him with his transition into the light.

Since then I have helped the loved ones of other friends go through their transitions and acclimate to the other side. And surprisingly (at least to me), with but one exception, I have never actually met any of these souls on this side of the veil. And in **each case** in the course of this ministry, the specific information I have received and brought back to those on this side of the veil has been heartily confirmed.

Why am I telling you all this? To make this point: It would seem that in this stage of my unfoldment, I am not meant to stand on a church platform and give messages from those already gone to the light. Rather, I am a "spiritual travel guide to the light" for those actually making their transitions. And these dear souls do not stop to ask for my credentials, my certification. Just as 150 years ago Charles Rosner did not ask for the credentials of the Fox Sisters. That I am of Spirit and serving in love is enough for them.

EXPANDING OUR CONCEPT OF MINISTRY (AND OUR MEMBERSHIP)

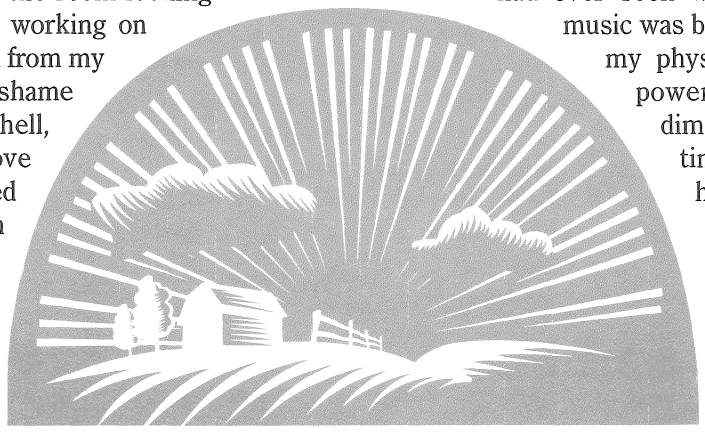
Most certainly, we must continue to train, certify and ordain NSAC's workers. BUT . . .

We must begin with all due haste to expand our consciousness and our concept of ministry. Why? Because the expansion of our Religion/Philosophy/Science demands it! The millions around us vocally and silently praying for spiritual guidance to the Light demand it! But, most of all, *Spirit demands it!* How can you know this? The resonance of Spirit's truth in every cell of your being at this very moment. And thus it follows: we must ascertain the WHY and the HOW of what Spirit is asking of us.

THE WHY. We must be very clear on the reasons and necessity for doing so: *each human being has a path of service in Spirit, a ministry if you will, and this path can only be fully experienced and REAL-ized in this material dimension as a fully functioning human being utilizing the innate human gifts of healing and mediumship.* Not to trivialize, but rather to put it in the popular terminology of the earth we are here to serve: *Spirit is asking us to help restore humanity's awareness of its 6th Sense!*

THE HOW couldn't be any simpler, plainer or more natural than the physical vibrations you are experiencing right now. We must "come out of the closet" to share and manifest our gifts . . . to help the millions around us discover, understand, and develop these self-same innate gifts.

Make no mistake: Spirit is asking each of us to stretch . . . to change . . . to grow . . . to learn . . . and most importantly, to teach . . . to teach by example and with understanding and compassion! Since I am not certified nor ordained, I must now speak not as We, but to You. *Your* NSAC credentials as Ministers with a "capital M" are about to take on new meaning. *Your* world is waiting for you, I am waiting for you, to take Spirit's hand to help the rest of us discover and live our ministries with a "little m" – and that's no small undertaking for any of us! We are all one – we are in this together! Let us celebrate how wonderful it is what Spirit can do! ♦



Out Of Body Experiences

BY

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The plane where spirit lives without the encumbrance of the physical body is as close as hands and feet. The imagined line between the two dimensions is a line drawn only in the minds of man.

A number of years ago I prepared mentally for oral surgery. As I sat in the dentist's chair I found, what I called at the time, the true essence of me depart from my physical body and was in the corner of the room looking down at the dentist who was working on my physical body. As I watched from my corner spot I thought what a shame this needs to happen to my shell, the vehicle that I use to move about in. As the dentist finished his work I returned to again dwell inside the vehicle. This was my first experience in the knowledge of a human being spirit, living within a physical shell. Needless to say I was awed by this experience and especially the spiritual knowledge that came to me as the result of this experience. At the time I had not heard of the phenomena of out of body experiences.

My next experience with this phenomena came when I was working in a hospital. When I entered an elderly man's room he said, "I'm up there on the ceiling looking down at us." I was able to understand him because I had had the similar experience. It was as if I could see his etheric body there. I regret that I did not have enough knowledge of this phenomena at the time to communicate with him on the spiritual level. I recognized his spiritual body, blessed him and moved on to the next patient. I would welcome this experience today as I have grown in knowledge and understanding of this phenomena of out of body experience and astral travel.

Again, a number of years ago meditation brought me further experience with the phenomena. While meditating, I moved out of my body and visited a friend. As I arrived he was not home from work yet, and I checked the clock so I could verify the time with him later, the time when he arrived home. He entered his apartment, checked his mail while sitting at the breakfast bar, and then went into the bathroom. At this point I returned to my still body which was lying on the bed at my home across town. That evening I verified with him the time he arrived home and his activities. This was a very real experience for me and I have no doubt about the truth of it. My true essence, my etheric body was in his presence. I made a few other visits and actually found I was able to do so at will. I did stop doing so, however, because I felt that it was an invasion of privacy to intrude on someone without permission. There were a few times that I quickly visited my parents in order to see if they were well.

My next adventure happened again while in meditation. Outside my body, I was standing at the entrance to a tunnel and I knew to move forward in this tunnel to a light. In my etheric body I traveled the length of the tunnel and moved into a beautiful world where the colors were beyond any I had ever seen with my physical eyes and the music was beyond any I had ever heard with my physical ears. There was an over powering feeling of love in this dimension I had moved into. At the time this experience I had not heard of what is called the near death experience. Mine was a gift that was given to me through meditation, not near death. I eventually became a registered nurse working in Hospice and helping people in their transition. I believe I was given this experience so that I might be of service in this area, for it certainly removed all fear of death for me. What a wondrous experience it will be.

During all of these experiences I observed what I originally called a nylon thread connecting my etheric body to my physical body. The term "silver cord" was unknown to me, but I knew this connection that joined the two bodies was important as it provided the route for return to the physical. During a group meditation a couple arrived late and intercepted my cord as I was traveling. I was quickly and immediately zapped back into my physical body, which was a very unpleasant experience. My physical body shook and took quite a long time to recover from this quick return.

I would like to speak of one of my most recent experiences which came on Christmas Eve day of last year. As a volunteer at a Hospice Hospital, I was sitting with a lady who was close to making her transition. Although she no longer was able to converse, take food or fluid or appear to be conscious on the physical plane, I continued to talk with her about releasing and moving out of the physical body into the spiritual realm. I likened her to the caterpillar who emerges into a beautiful butterfly who would fly free into the spiritual world. As I shared this analogy with her I became aware of her etheric body moving out of the physical and it hovered above the bed. At this point my etheric body moved out and joined hers in an embrace. We talked through thought. I explained the silver cord which we both could see, and I told her that when that cord was severed she would be free and released from the vehicle she had lived in for her 63 years on the earth plane. She laughingly

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"A mother is not a person
to lean on but a person to
make leaning unnecessary."
– *Dorothy Canfield Fisher*

"The work will wait while
you show the child the rainbow,
but the rainbow won't
wait while you do the work."
– *Patricia Clafford*

"Kindness is the ability to love
people more than they deserve."
– *From a calendar*

"It has long been known
that clairvoyance can escape
the ordinary bounds of time
and penetrate into both the
past and the future."
– *Horace Leaf*

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asked me to sever it for her, which of course I told her I could not do. I told her that this was to be her final act in releasing from the physical. My impression of her in her etheric body was of a beautiful lady of approximate age of the early thirties. She was vibrant, happy and glowed, quite a contrast to the ill body that lay on the bed.

Unfortunately, a nurse came down the hall and our spiritual contact was over. As the nurse entered the room and turned on the light, I felt her retreat back into the body on the bed, and I also returned into my physical form. I am sorry to say I was not able to contact her again on this previous level. She became very fretful and the nurse administered medication to ease her restlessness. She made her transition 14 hours later, on Christmas morning.

I am very grateful for the out of body experiences I have been given which released for a while my spirit to know the world beyond. These experiences have given me knowledge that there is not death, knowledge that spirit is the truth of our being only encased in a physical body for a short period of time. I have the understanding of being able to communicate with other spirits as I travel on the astral plane, and have discovered how easy it is to move into this realm while in meditation. I have had contact with a wonderful and loving teacher and look forward to many more experiences out of body where I may be of service to other souls through God's love.

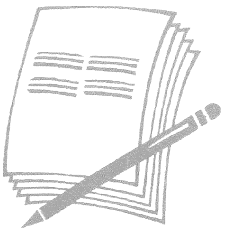
Yesterday morning I felt the urge to take up pen and paper, to write and share the message that came to me. In my soul I am free. There is no separation between the physical body and the world of spirit. When I pronounce I am free it comes with the knowledge that I may depart this physical vehicle at any time to walk in the spirit and join those who no longer need the physical armament. The soul is always free, only held back by doubt and by fear. In my soul I am free, in your soul you are free to experience the fullness of life. The only limitations we experience are the barriers we ourselves impose. Rise into the fullness of life, expand into the true world of all existence. Release fear, release doubt and fly free into God's kingdom, for there you will be met with love, wisdom, truth, and total divinity. All that is and ever has been exists and is available to you. Open your heart, open your eyes and ears and experience the journey of love, of light and enlightenment. ♦

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1992 Social Policy Statements issued and Public Relations Handbook printed.
1993 Beginning of College of Spiritual Science.
1995 NSAC establishes the first web page.
1996 Constitution/Bylaws of the Organization were updated and revised to Bylaws only format.
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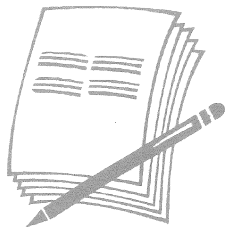
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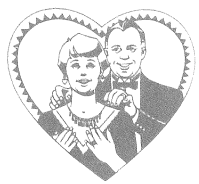
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New growth and flowers lighten my day.	**2** Few things are impossible when we strive and persist.	**3** We are spiritual beings, growing in Light and Love.	**4** When we pray we link ourselves to the Higher Power.	**5** Each day I take time for mental cleansing.	**6** We achieve according to what we believe.
7 To accomplish great things we must dream and plan.	**8** Imagination is important and serves you in many ways.	**9** Daily I bring the Divine into my Life and my thoughts.	**10** God wants good and harmony for us, "Thy will be done."	**11** The majority of truly great people are kind and humble.	**12** The Higher self within us is the center of God-consciousness.	**13** Infinite Spirit inspires me as I listen and fills me with joy.
14 God, please bless all Mother's today with much joy and love.	**15** It is important for God's energy to infill us, also to flow from us.	**16** A smile is contagious and breeds another smile.	**17** See good in others and bless those whose good you cannot see.	**18** Humanity needs you, suppling you with opportunities to serve.	**19** Others benefit by our good qualities rubbing off on them.	**20** Reflect love, kindness and peace and others will seek you.
21 As you give with love, your coffer will never be empty.	**22** Let us be thankful for spring, for sunshine, for birds and flowers.	**23** Love doesn't have to be perfect.	**24** I see myself in a new light, I create new emotions.	**25** I face my fears by learning and awareness.	**26** "God helps those who persevere." Qur'an	**27** I release unforgiving thoughts and flood my being with love.
28 "All that we are is the result of what we have thought." Buddha	**29** Our prayer this day is for peace for all eternity.	**30** Let us remember some good about everyone.	**31** Universal healing of the soul is needed in addition to curing the body.			



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SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society
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SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
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VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers
7417 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite "R", 91405; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Mailing address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 8901 Eton Ave., Sp. 39, Canoga Park, 91304, (818) 701-7633.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness
1939 S. Monroe Street, 80210; (303) 794-3154; Sun. Healing Service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Lyceum and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Licentiate Minister, Dorothy Haskins; Pastor/Pres., Patricia J. Schott, (303) 973-9993; Vice Pres., Russ Dorren, (303) 973-4759; Treas., Don Larsen; Secy., Claudia Kunz, (303) 795-1179, 6457 S. Xenon St., Littleton, 80127; internet site: http://www.netcom.com/~myst4.

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NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
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OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church Of Spiritualism
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC
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WILLIMANTIC - The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St., 06226, (860) 423-5774; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service twice a month June, July, August. For more information, please call the church; Healing Service Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Sept. thru May; in Summer a Healing Service is held on the Thursday after there has been a Sunday Service; Pres. & Pastor, Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (860) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady, P.O. Box 67, 06226; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 145-N Cemetery Rd., Plainfield, 06374, (860) 564-5976.

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CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
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MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc.
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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
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CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Harvey and Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST; Secy., Mary Ellen Horstman.

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

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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
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
Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Wed. and Fri. evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Secy., Virginia Norris; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST; For information, phone (207) 597-2600, E-Mail - rupert@megalink.net.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
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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
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The attainment of joy and comfort is instinctive to all humanity. It is most natural that if one is sick – to search for, and acquire the means to have health; if one is lonely – to find companionship; if one is sad – to find happiness. The list goes on and on. We all have an aversion to pain in our life. Yet, what we most desire to avoid, we inadvertently draw to ourselves through the choices we make.

It is not coincidence, but Natural Law, that draws to us those circumstances that create the exact lessons needed for soul growth. These lessons come into our lives solely for the purpose of leading us to freedom and joy.



Physical and mental health issues, and relationship problems are a direct correlation to the choices we make each day. Our problems are created through the denial of personal responsibility. Not until there is full acceptance of culpability in our actions, will we then be able to create joy and happiness for ourselves.

The ability to experience inner freedom and the expectation of positive occurrences comes through believing in yourself and seeking success as it emerges.

How many Spiritualists attending circles and services hold back from giving messages they receive out of a fear of being wrong, or looking ridiculous?

How many Spiritualists believe they are healers, yet turn down the opportunity to get up and try because they don't want to be presumptuous:

When we partake in all the opportunities that life presents us, we experience a joy so profound it sweeps us past our ego's, our fears, our disappointments, our anxieties to freedom. By partaking fully in our experiences we are immersed into the sacredness of life. We are present in the moment of living.

Every time I step up to the podium to give a sermon or spirit messages, I carry all the same doubts about myself that everyone else has about themselves. My knees shake, my heart races, and I'm calling on every spirit guide within a five-mile radius, to show up and help me. Sometimes, I get so nervous, I break out into hives. But as nervous as I can get, I still do it.

Why?

Because having shaky knees, itchy hives, or losing face in front of the people I respect and love, is infinitely better than having to undergo the consequences of refusing to give spiritual sustenance to those in need. And the added benefit is I find that each time I stand up, I am a little bit more confident, and a little less frightened.

In the book *The Other World* (experiences and messages received telepathically from Albert Pauchard), he says "...Very often I say to myself that there are many things I would have done differently while still on earth, if I could have seen things as I do now. In most cases the superficiality of people is appalling. And all our working habits encourage it!....Is it surprising then, that life undertakes to give souls a greater insight through difficulties and suffering?"

Acceptance of all life's gifts (even lessons and tests can be perceived as gifts) shows that you are ready to risk. At this point, we become renewed even when our initial reaction is to feel uncomfortable or afraid of being vulnerable. Every moment that emerges then becomes a meaningful explanation and/or learning experience that holds within itself the seeds for joy.

We are here for just a brief moment in time. If the opportunity is presented to bring love into the world, even when the first response is to doubt love, **LOVE**. If the occasion to be of service arises, **SERVE**.

The deeper purpose of our involvement in life is to believe in love and accept life's lessons as teachers so that we ultimately gain in wisdom and contentment. This creates a healing relationship with joy.

Life can offer no inner peace until we determine to accept it for ourselves. Each experience presents us with the opportunity to no longer be hostage to self-imposed (or otherwise) burdens.

Life, though brief, has a deeper purpose, to deepen our acceptance of a greater life beyond our physical life here.

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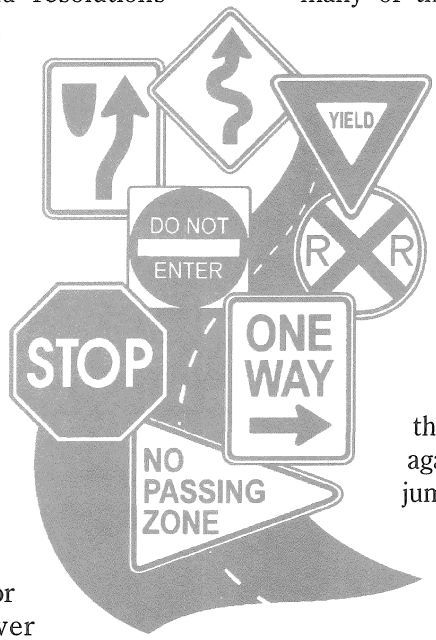
Speed Limits Have A Purpose

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

It was the third day of the New Year. People and people were still enjoying that first exciting thrill of the wonder of whole new year, much less a whole new century. The pavement was dry yet everyone was obeying the speed limit. No horns blaring, angry gestures, just peaceful coexistence. When we reached a normally noisy, "how many will go through the red light?" intersection, I noticed a Sheriffs car parked at McDonalds, the officer calmly enjoying his coffee. Probably a welcome break from his usual, catch one, while three go by, routine. In my rear view mirror I could see the truck that normally rides my bumper, cruising along three car lengths back. Amazingly, to him I'm sure, we both went through the intersection in plenty of time.

I thought of the week before when the roads had been a skating rink of black ice. The drivers, having forgotten lessons of the past went flying along as if the road was dry, only to dance on the ice as they tried to maneuver around the cars blocking their risky progress. Often I would pass a car in a snow bank that had passed me earlier in a great hurry. Now, they would be late and probably blame everything and everyone but themselves for their plight. The stupid highway department didn't get out when they should have, another driver got in the way, or the alarm clock did not go off because the power was out. I sometimes wonder if they ever heard of a wind up clock or starting early when the radio warns of hazardous driving conditions. So what does this have to do with Spiritualism and your personal progress? We can learn a lot about ourselves and our lives when we follow the signs and guidelines along the way.

By the time you read this the year will be quite a way along. Are those plans, dreams and resolutions you started with discarded, "temporarily on hold," or progressing nicely? Are you more patient with yourself, looking for the good you have accomplished and finding ways to overcome the challenges in your road? Have you reverted to the blame game of "if only" indicting yourself or whomever/whatever you choose for lack of gain?



Perhaps you have been speeding along merrily ignoring little hazard and speed signs along the way. Too often in spiritual as well as secular matters we rush along forgetting to enjoy the world around us and to be grateful for what we have been given. When we stop to count blessings we may not be able to think of any as we are so focused on the negatives in our lives, at that moment, that all the wonder has left us. That's a great time to look back and think about how you felt on the first day of this wonderful year. Were you caught up in the excitement of seeing the year begin in the different time zones? Were you delighted with how peaceful and jubilant the participants were? Relieved Y2K had not struck with an avalanche of mayhem and misery? Did it appear to you that, at least in that moment, peace on earth and the brotherhood of mankind were a reality?

If you journal, go back and see what your aspirations were and how many of them you have achieved. Probably, if only for a brief moment, you felt limitless. That feeling, my friend, is the reality of you. As difficult as we may find it to accept when we obey the signs and speed limits along our way, we are limitless.

Are you confused, thinking there she goes again with all that mumbo jumbo!? Are you thinking, "I'm not limitless, probably never will be!" But, we are! That's the greatest promise we can believe. It does not mean that we can all be acrobats or zoologists. It means when we find our route on the highway of life, we can soar and achieve things we never dreamed possible.

Each of us comes into this existence with talents and abilities unique to us. Certainly there are millions of others with similar interests, talents and abilities, but still ours are uniquely our own. I think we sometimes misinterpret some of the messages we hear. Perhaps, like me, you have certain physical challenges that limit your ability to do what you want. Maybe you have tried to deny those limitations only to find yourself injured in ways you need not have experienced. You may admire others who have overcome similar situations and berate yourself for lacking their understanding. When I quit trying to fight through and prove I was as "normal" as everyone else, I found a freedom I had not expected. I try to live by

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What happened in MAY throughout the years?

MAY 2, 1823

Emma Hardinge Britten, was born on this date in England and was sensitive even as a child. In 1855, she traveled to America to appear in a Broadway play and while attending a seance found her wonderful spiritual abilities as a medium. She was called "the Greatest Woman Propagandist for Modern Spiritualism."

MAY 6, 1884

Elizabeth Courtney was born on this date in Germany. She was a natural medium and an exceptional healer even as a child. When she was eleven she came to the U.S.A. and settled in Minnesota with her uncle. She was the youngest person to be ordained by the N.S.A., age 16; developed x-ray clairvoyance and used it in her healing work; began a School of Psychic Unfoldment; moved to California when she married and was the co-founder of the Central Spiritualist Church.

MAY 12, 1857

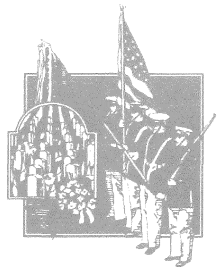
Dr. C. A. Burgess arrived in the world this day to be a powerful healer. Native Americans taught him their ways as a young man and he became a practicing medicine man. Later, as a Spiritualist, he was a wonderful magnetic and spiritual healer, helping many. He was very active in Illinois Spiritualism, Lily Dale and the NSA Conventions.

MAY 14

Mother's Day, a day first proposed by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia in 1907, is a time to celebrate the love you have for your mother, Grandmother, stepmother or foster mother, and the love she shares with you.

MAY 29

Memorial Day, first known as Decoration Day, became a federal holiday in 1971, but it originated in 1868, to honor the Civil War soldiers. The day is dedicated to the memory of all war dead. Let us all pray for peace for our world.



MAY REMEMBRANCES

(1) May Day, (first week in May) National Family Week, (9) National Teachers Day, (20) Armed Forces Day, (22) Victoria Day in Canada, and the American Red Cross was formed in May of 1881 to help so many.

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SPEED LIMITS HAVE A PURPOSE *(Continued from previous page.)*

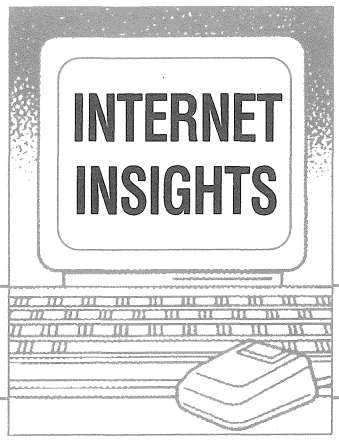
the well known Serenity prayer. I learned I had more strength and could accomplish more, when instead of arguing, I listened to the warning signs my body was sending. I still have moments when it tells me I need to take a break, and I refuse to listen. Invariably, like the car in the snow bank, I crash shortly down the road and have to repair the damage my stubbornness has inflicted. When I read the signs and follow directions, I have plenty of energy and am able to accomplish the goals I have set.

Spiritually we each have talents as well. Confusion comes when we say every one is a healer and a medium. This is true and we can develop those aspects of ourselves. But, if we are so busy telling spirit how we should accomplish these wonderful goals we may find obstacles to surmount that are unnecessary. Hard as it is, we must resist the temptation to compare ourselves to others in our group or to insist we want to be a healer when our main talents are more pronounced and needed in other areas of the work. Speaking from personal experience I know I can heal when and where needed but, for personal reasons, I am not comfortable standing at the healing benches during services. I love to write, to share with you what I have learned. Giving voice to those in spirit by serving as a lecturer or clairvoyant, while I may be nervous, brings me more joy than I can express. Particularly when someone comes later and tells me what a comfort or understanding those words have brought them. That too is healing.

One time I said "Thank you for the compliment, but you should thank spirit, not me, for the message you received." I was surprised at the reply "Aren't you spirit?" It set me to thinking about how often we forget we are spirit. While we are thankful for all that spirit brings through us we should accept the fact that we too are spirit working with others in spirit to produce the phenomena. Since we are all spirit there is no need for ego. Acceptance of our role can make us more aware of our own progress and allow us to recognize all we have gained from those first fleeting inklings. This should inspire us to realize how much more there is to gain.

If you are feeling derailed spiritually, take some time to pull yourself out of the snow bank you have created. Get back on the road, ask for direction and proceed with equal amounts of caution and daring. Enjoy the scenery, obey the laws and have a wonderful journey. Maybe we will meet along the way, find a rest stop and share our adventures.

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THE BLESSED GIFT OF GOD

We are sitting at lunch when my friend casually mentions that she and her husband are thinking of "starting a family." "We're taking a survey," she says, half-joking. "Do you think I should have a baby?"

"It will change your life," I say, carefully keeping my tone neutral. She says, "I know – no more sleeping in on weekends, no more spontaneous vacations, I know, I know."

But that is not what I meant at all. I look at my friend, trying to decide what to tell her. I want her to know what she will never learn in childbirth classes. I want to tell her that the physical wounds of child bearing will heal, but that becoming a mother will leave her with an emotional wound so raw that she will forever be vulnerable. I consider warning her that she will never again read a newspaper without asking, "What if that had been MY child?" That every plane crash, every house fire will haunt her. That when she sees pictures of starving children, she will wonder if anything could be worse than watching your child die. I look at her carefully manicured nails and stylish suit and think that no matter how sophisticated she is, becoming a mother will reduce her to the primitive level of a bear protecting her cub. That an urgent call of "MOM!" will cause her to drop a souffle or her best crystal without a moment's hesitation. I feel I should warn her that no matter how many years she has invested in her career, she will be professionally derailed by motherhood. She might arrange for childcare, but one day she will be going into an important business meeting and she will think of her baby's sweet smell. She will have to use every ounce of her discipline to keep from running home, just to make sure her baby is all right.

I want my friend to know everyday decisions will no longer be routine. That a five-year-old boy's desire to go to the men's room rather than the women's at McDonald's will become a major dilemma. That right there, in the midst of clattering trays and screaming children, issues of independence and gender identity will be weighed against the prospect that a child molester may be lurking in the restroom. However decisive she may be at the office, she will second-guess herself constantly as a mother.

Looking at my attractive friend, I want to assure her that eventually she will shed the pounds of pregnancy, but she will never feel the same about herself. That her life, now so important, will be of less value to her once she has a child. That she would give it up in a moment to save her offspring, but will also begin to hope for more years – not to accomplish her own dreams, but to watch her child accomplish theirs. I want her to know that a Cesarean scar or shiny stretch marks will become badges of honor.

My friend's relationship with her husband will change, but not in the way she thinks. I wish she could understand how much more you can love a man who is careful to powder the baby or who never hesitates to play with his child. I think she should know that she will fall in love with him again for reasons she would now find very unromantic.

I wish my friend could sense the bond she will feel with women throughout history who have tried to stop war, prejudice and drunk driving. I hope she will understand why I can think rationally about most issues, but become temporarily insane when I discuss the threat of nuclear war to my children's future.

I want to describe to my friend the exhilaration of seeing our child learn to ride a bike. I want to capture for her the belly laugh of a baby who is touching the soft fur of a dog or a cat for the first time. I want her to taste the joy that is so real, it actually hurts.

My friend's quizzical look makes me realize that tears have formed in my eyes. "You'll never regret it," I finally say. Then I reach across the table, squeeze my friend's hand and offer a silent prayer for her, and for me, and for all of the mere mortal women who stumble their way into this most wonderful of callings. The blessed gift of God and that of being a Mother.

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Life Is A Challenge



BY ELIZABETH HARRIS,
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Life is a polarity. You must have the challenges,
and face obstacles and handicaps,
otherwise that latent divinity within you will
never find expression.
– *Silver Birch*

Life on earth is a CHALLENGE. Could anyone dream up a truer challenge, a more vital and precarious situation?

For earth is a place full of conflicts, surprises, multiple and bewildering revelations, evolving mortals and heartrending struggles with adversity, social uncertainty, and political compromise. It is full of pitfalls and complexities. It provides the best in prolonged stimulation of the body and mind, and most particularly, earth excels in educating the spirit.

Could there be a more educational, thrilling, beautiful, tantalizing challenging world than earth in which to develop the spirit? Would a world free of germs, diseases, poisons, pain, malice, conflicts so its people could relax, be a better place? If the world was nice and safe would it provide the necessary ingredients for soul progression?

There are still people on earth who believe the ancient superstition that all misfortune in life is meted out by God in His anger over the "sins of man." But spiritual people know that *Tests in life are not punishment, but rather serve to reveal the soul to itself, nor do we need to dread the disasters that come to each individual life. For earth is a workshop, a crucible for the molding and refining of character.*

Earth is a serious place in the cosmos where we learn by trying and doing. It is a workshop. It is not an art gallery, nor a playground, nor a torture chamber. It is a school for learning.

But the trials and lessons of one spirit are rarely exactly right for another. Consequently, the puzzling disparities in life's fortunes appear.

No two of us has identical difficulties, nor should we expect to work out identical solutions to our challenges. One of us must soften himself, another must harden himself; one must yield a point, another must stand firm.

But a common goal of all forms of life is an overwhelming urge to **Get More Living Out Of Life,** and this, in a curious fashion, is a common and natural way of coping with life's challenges.

Whatever a person's definition of happiness is, it is Natural Law that one experiences happiness in proportion to experiencing life. **For more living means more accomplishments, the attainment of worthwhile goals, more love experienced and given, more health and enjoyment, more happiness for oneself and others.**

Spiritualist's agree with the famous American philosopher, William James, when he describes as *healthy-minded,* those who take all life's experiences as something essential – as challenges with which to learn to cope – to use as **tools of learning.** And James describes as *sick-souls,* those who *grub in the rat-holes instead of living in the light; who manufacture fears, and are preoccupied with every unwholesome kind of misery.*

Happiness can only be enjoyed when the cup of sorrow has been drained to the dregs. For, difficulties, obstacles, handicaps – these are the trials of the soul. When these are conquered, the soul rises stronger, more purified, deepened in intensity and more highly evolved.

Psychologists tell us that we can acquire the HABIT of happiness. For happiness is "a state of mind in which our thinking is pleasant a good deal of the time."

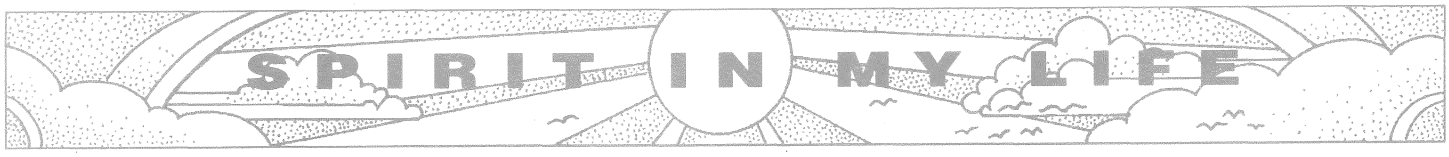
Happiness is native to the human mind. We think better, perform better, feel better and are healthier when we are happy. Even our sense organs work better. Dr. William Bates says our eyesight improves immediately when we think pleasant thoughts, or visualize pleasant scenes. Margaret Corbett found that memory improves and the mind is relaxed when the subject thinks happy thoughts.

Psychosomatic medicine has proved that our stomachs, liver, heart and all internal organs function better when we are happy.

Thousands of years ago wise old King Solomon said in Proverbs: *A merry heart doeth good like medicine, but a broken spirit drieth up the bones.*

Psychologists have proven the correlation between happiness and criminality, and concluded that the old Dutch proverb, *"Happy people are never wicked,"* was scientifically

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***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.*

PHYSICAL PHENOMENA IS ALIVE AND WELL . . .

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

As with all evolution, we have moved from the physical phase of mediumship to a more mental phase. This is true in our public demonstrations of mediumship. But, physical phenomena still exists. It has evolved in its presentation to personal stories of spirit contact in our lives.

In November of 1997 there was a murder committed in the transit system of our city. The victim was a worker on the transit who collected the tickets and had money from the sale of tokens and tickets. That particular evening he was not to have been there! He had assumed this shift for a friend.

At around midnight that Sunday, just as he was closing his enclosure, he was forced back into the booth, held at knife point and robbed. He was then violently murdered by being stabbed several times in the chest.

Of course our Monday news media was full of this happening (this was the first transit worker to be murdered on the job, ever). Details were still sketchy at best by the evening news, but information on the victim and his family was being gathered. We did hear on the 6 p.m. news that there had been a stabbing and that an investigation was in process.

At 7 p.m. our development circle was meeting. One of our members lived in an apartment located just above the crime scene. She witnessed the coming and going of police vehicles the whole day. All of us had of course heard the news with the final thing on leaving home the beginning report of the stabbing. One of the members of the circle had a bit more personal connection; his son was in school with the stabbed man's daughter and he was upset and asking for words of wisdom he could pass to comfort his friend. All this leading to an opening to spirit!

Our church building has a very tiny area with a sink and kettle for making coffee (not even a kitchen really). It measures approximately 4 feet wide by 6 feet long. Just the right conditions to form an old fashioned "cabinet" for the production of ectoplasm!

With my mind full of these details I entered our kitchen area to run the water for the circle. Immediately we had the presence of "Jimmy," the victim. Physically I was impressed with the knife wounds (and other wounds not mentioned in the news) and was aware of his confusion and trauma. It was so strong that we spent the entire circle trying to talk the spirit on to his new conditions. He wasn't willing to leave until well after the circle had dispersed for the evening.

The impressing medium had to be accompanied home (leaving her car there) and a friend had to continue to administer a form of healing and help to the spirit entity. To prove it was not a physical condition (such as a heart attack) the medium spent several hours in emergency of the local hospital being confirmed as well.

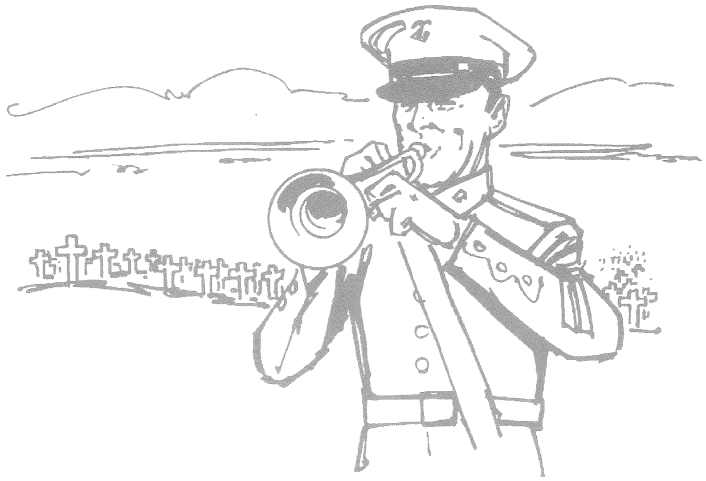
Several members of this circle mentioned details they were receiving from the occupying spirit; one that sticks in our minds was his firm conviction that he would never see his family again! Most particularly he was concerned with his daughter and in the newspaper the following day the headline screamed "I'll never see my dad again."

We, Spiritualists, know better and how sad that so many traditions teach a final ending to such wonderful relationships. Most particularly as this one was so sudden and traumatic.

We, Spiritualists, demand proofs of our stories and I can only say that the information available to the medium and the members of this circle was gained from personal contact rather than the news media and there are several details yet to be confirmed in this particular case. For instance, there were wounds on the body not mentioned in the news media that were experienced by the medium. Comments from his daughter that echoed his sentiments received prior to the news media reports. All in all quite an experience! ♦

MEMORIAL DAY

BY HERBERT RAY WORTH, INDIANA



Memorial Day is a day of solemn reflection, a day which elicits both feelings of sadness, along with the treasured memories of loved ones and friends whose physical presence is no longer with us.

On this day throughout our nation, individuals and families will visit cemeteries and mausoleums, bearing tributes of flowers to be placed in remembrance of loved ones and friends who have passed from our physical sight.

These colorful and fragrant floral pieces are examples of some of the most beautiful manifestations which nature and human artistic expression have wrought.

How long the placing flowers on graves and tombs in love and remembrance has been practiced is not known. A few years ago, an Egyptian tomb was discovered which had remained untouched and undefiled since the day it was closed several thousand years ago. When the tomb was opened, the footprints of those who had last looked upon the tomb's interior, were clearly visible on the polished surface of the floor. On the top of the casket, which was that of a young boy, was a bunch of flowers – dried and preserved in the sealed room by the passing of centuries – but still completely intact. This little token could well have been the final gesture of a grieving mother's love.

By such an illustration, we realize how little human emotions have changed, along with the inner desire to express the burden of one's heartache and grief at the time of a loved one's passing.

Memorial Day is a day of patriotic origin to honor those servicemen who died in the Civil War, but now includes all those who gave their lives in the line of duty in all the wars which have followed. In recent years the custom has grown in most families to decorate the graves of all loved ones on Memorial Day.

Tradition tells us that the observance originated during the Civil War, when groups of Southern women chose May 30th to decorate the graves of soldiers, honoring the dead of both the Union Army and the Confederate Army.

Major General John A. Logan, the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his famous General Orders No. 11, named May 30, 1868 as a special day for honoring the graves of the Union soldiers. May 30th was chosen as an appropriate date, as this was the date of discharge of the last volunteers, General Logan's General Orders No. 11 is often read at patriotic services held in cemeteries throughout our Nation on Memorial Day.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) were in charge of Memorial Day services in the Northern States for many years. After World War I, the American Legion took over these duties.

A great amount of history has been recorded and preserved by the monuments and tombs erected to the memory of the illustrious "dead."

The Taj Mahal, a white marble mausoleum, was constructed at Agra, India by the Mogul emperor Shah Jahan in the mid 1600's, in memory of his beautiful young wife. It remains today one of the most exquisitely beautiful examples of architecture in the world.

Beautiful contributions to our art and literature have been motivated by a loved one's transition. Alfred Tennyson's "In Memoriam," the beautiful poetic tribute to his young friend Arthur Henry Hallam, is certainly one of the finest in the English language.

No doubt many of us can recall the touching Memorial Day services in small country cemeteries or village churchyards. It is certain that many of us became acquainted with some of our family history by the names of our ancestors on the tombstones, which were pointed out to us on the occasion of these visits to the cemetery.

Reflections on Memorial Day elicit a tender response to those solemn moments when a loved one's physical presence was taken from our midst.

Certainly the age-old question that was long ago voiced by Job is voiced anew by those who hear not the voices of loved ones speaking from out the silence.

"If a man dies, shall he live again?" Job 14:14.

Spiritualism has been the great comforter to all mankind who will listen and attune themselves to receive the messages of love and endearment which are brought to us from the spirit dimension of life.

How comforting are those messages to all who are bereaved and heavy laden. How inspiring and sustaining is that proof that our loved ones live on in the spirit side of life, where they retain their identity, memory, and personality.

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A HEALTHY SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE *(Continued from page 6.)*

more miserable while alienating others. We create what we are focusing on! Find something positive in your life – or in the other person's – to talk about instead.

The vast majority of people with healthy perspectives possess strong spiritual beliefs. With out the belief in a Higher Power life can appear cruel and without purpose. As you tune into your spiritual nature, you gain a sense of purpose, receive more intuitive guidance and are able to see the reasons behind the patterns in your life.

As Spiritualists, we all know the story of the Fox sisters and how they communicated with the spirit of a peddler who had been murdered in their cottage. We recognize the accomplishment of the Fox sisters as it led to interest in the communication with those in spirit and from there to the establishment of the Spiritualist Science, Philosophy and Religion. What we often do not think about is that this story also involves violence and includes a victim and a murderer. This is the same sort of horrible situation that we see daily in our newspapers and view on television. We judge this sort of thing as terrible and yet what we view as horrible led to the very founding of Spiritualism.

Sometimes we just can't see the forest for the trees and it is only with hindsight that we can see the bigger picture. This is certainly the case in the story of the Fox sisters or that of Winston Churchill struggling for his life. We need to trust that Spirit is there working with us and helping us. We need to look for the opportunities or lessons associated with whatever difficulty that we are going through, and if we cannot see these . . . then we must trust spirit. When we have a healthy spiritual perspective we know that all things in our life and in the lives of others are just as they should be. ♦

LIFE IS A CHALLENGE *(Continued from page 27.)*

true. They found that the majority of criminals came from unhappy homes and had a history of unhappy human relationships.

Spiritualists know that unhappiness is the cause of psychosomatic diseases. As Andrew Jackson Davis says: *"The mind affects the body and vice-versa. Perfect health is perfect harmony. Illness is a state of disharmony between the spirit and the body."*

Happiness is not something that is earned and deserved. Happiness is not a moral issue any more than the circulation of the blood is a moral issue. But both are necessary for health and well-being.

If we wait until we "deserve" to think happy thoughts, we are likely to be deterred because we might feel it would be *selfish* or *wrong,* but the philosopher Spinoza gives us an unique insight when he said: *Happiness is not the reward of virtue, but virtue itself. Nor do we delight in happiness because we restrain our pleasures, but on the contrary, because we delight in them.*

The great Swedish scientist and Spiritualist forerunner, Swedenborg, understood the importance of pleasures when he wrote: *The life, which leads to heaven, is not a life of retirement from the world, but a life in the world. It is by no means forbidden any one to enjoy pleasures – the pleasure of music – of sight – of beauties – of well-furnished houses – of beautiful gardens – the pleasure of smell – the pleasures of taste – the pleasures of touch. For these living affections derive their delight from God. Because genuine pleasures derive their origin from God, they are never denied from anyone.*

In other words, Swedenborg advises us to "Get More Living Out of Life."

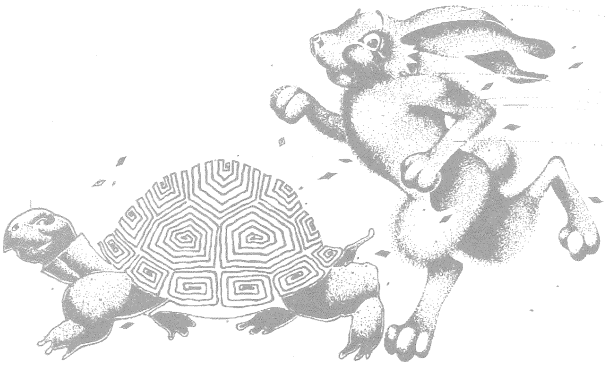
And everyone can get more living out of life by developing the habit of happy thinking. Dr. Maxwell Maltz in his famous book, Psycho-cybernetics gives a simple recipe.

1. I will be as cheerful as possible.
2. I will try to feel and act friendly toward people.
3. I'll be less critical and more tolerant of other people, their faults, failings and mistakes.
4. As far as possible, I'm going to act as if success were inevitable.
5. I will not let my own opinion color facts in a pessimistic or negative way.
6. I will practice smiling at least three times a day.
7. Regardless of what happens, I will react as calmly and intelligently as possible.
8. I will ignore all pessimistic and "negative" facts for which I can do nothing to change.

Deriving pleasures and *happy thinking* help us cope with the challenges of life, and our way of thinking is vital to our happiness.

Happiness does not create spirituality. **Spirituality of the highest order seems dependent on contrast most of all. By nature, it needs something to rise above, some darkness to illumine, a negation to turn positive.**

As the spirit guide Silver Birch says: **When shadows cross your path, remember they are but shadows. The more you have tasted and experienced the shadows of earthly life, the more you will appreciate, because of it, the greater joys of the sunshine.** ♦



"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line."
– Lucille Ball

MEMORIAL DAY *(Continued from page 29.)*

On Memorial Day when so many will visit the cemeteries and mausoleums to place beautiful flowers and floral pieces in memory of loved ones, we believe those on the spirit side will be aware of these sincere and well-meaning gestures. Yet their message of response will surely be of one accord as voiced so long ago by the risen Jesus, "Why seekest ye me here?"

We can express our thoughts and sentiments equally well, by sharing with those who dwell on the spirit side, a beautiful flower in our church, in our home – or by planting a flower, bush, or shrub in our yards which they will also joyfully share. Let Memorial Day be a day of remembrance to the memory of those who have graduated to the higher expression of life, a day of rededication to the living demonstrable truth – "There is no death – there are no dead!"



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Dedication

BY THE REV.
RUPERT SIGURDSSON,
NST, MAINE

There are those days that when you get up in the morning and look out the window and you see the snow coming down, drifting, the wind howling and the thermometer reading around zero or below and you wonder if anyone would venture out to the Sunday Service or class. You debate, is it worth it to open the church and prepare for the service?

About two years ago there was a morning like that. The medium that was going to serve had phoned that he didn't feel that he could get there, so he canceled. I decided that no one would come, although I unlocked the church doors as I do seven days a week. Our church is always open during daylight for someone that may need a moments peace, a prayer or mediation. I did not dress for the service but was prepared. To my surprise, a car drove up with two middle-aged women, while I was shoveling snow. I went to them and they asked if we were open for a service? I invited them in and on talking to them found that they had driven about forty miles and had just felt that they needed to go to church and were drawn to ours. (Probably spirit sent them to teach me a lesson, never to close the church on a Sunday, because someone may just need that service.)

Since there wasn't a medium and no one else appeared, we had a nice chat about Spiritualism, which was new to them and we held a healing service. The bonus is that they have attended services and classes quite regularly and have become members.

There have been several similar Sundays, but we always hold a service, even if there is only one or two people and no medium (which is seldom). We hold the healing service, give a talk on Spiritualism, and always have a pot luck lunch afterwards. Now people know that if they feel that need to be in church, we will be open even if others are closed.

Recently we had a very stormy Sunday and never expected the medium to come, since John Baumhoff, the medium scheduled for that week, lived in Salem, New Hampshire, quite a distance, about a four hour drive in bad weather. When I met him at the door, I told him that I really didn't expect him in this kind of weather, his answer was, "When I make a commitment, I keep it." To me, that is real dedication and I hope it is a lesson to all of us.

We talked for a while in the church, wondering if we would have anyone in the congregation and we did. There were only eight of us and we had a great service, and a great lunch afterwards. Those that were there were most likely the ones that needed it the most.

The longer you are Pastor of a church, the more you learn from your congregation. It is a surprise sometimes how they appreciate the little things which my church secretary, Virginia Norris, CH, takes care of, such as, thank you cards for little extra things they do for the church, get well cards, sympathy cards, reminders and thank you cards to mediums, speakers and anyone who serves the church. All these little thoughts seem to make for a very harmonious congregation.

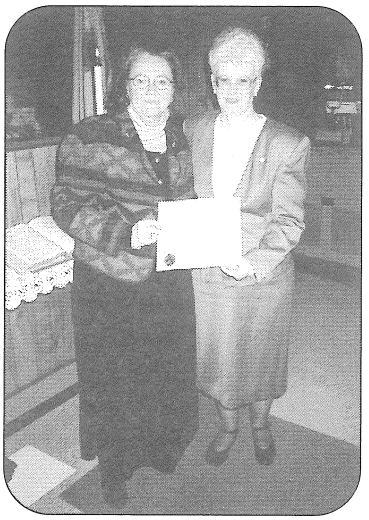
There are other things, such as answering letters and E-mail promptly. I recently had a member join our church because I answered her E-mail questions about Spiritualism that others had ignored – they were important to her. Another important item is paying bills on time, it helps the church reputation. Keeping the church clean and tidy, even though few seem to offer to give a hand with the job, all these little items add up to church dedication to its congregation and its reputation.

There is one thing always to remember, the church is its congregation, not its building, furnishings or location. Serving the congregation is what it is all about, and that it is the pastors responsibility. Love your congregation and they will return it to you.

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News From New York

Sunday, November 21, 1999, marked a special day for the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church congregation. At the morning service, Fern Hilsinger was presented her Licentiate Minister's Certificate by the Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt, NST. Fern looks forward to continuing her spiritual journey and becoming an Ordained Minister.

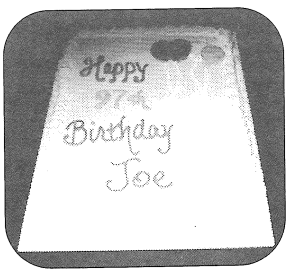


Fern Hilsinger and the Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt, NST.



Betty Schultz with Joe.

On Sunday, January 2, 2000, friends and members of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church joined in a surprise celebration for the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill's ninety-seventh birthday. Although his birthday was January 16, knowing Joe would not attend if he knew there would be a fuss, everyone quietly passed the word. Unsuspecting Joe arrived for the monthly dinner to find himself the honored guest! Ron Robertson, President of Lily Dale Assembly, spoke for all in telling Joe what he meant to us. Betty Schultz, President of the Lily Dale Church Board of Directors, shared her own story of their friendship. A delicious luncheon and beautiful cake made for a delightful celebration.





Ron Robertson, President of Lily Dale Assembly, with Joe.

Report from Washington, D.C.

The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC, Inc. in Washington, D.C. is both pleased and proud to announce the opening and dedication of the H. Gordon Burroughs Memorial Lyceum and the Freda Egbert Memorial Library.

Our Children's Lyceum consists of Daniella Lyons (age 11), John Lyons (age 12), and Ben Wolins (age 7). Our Lyceum Director is Mrs. Robyn Kitto. Mrs. Kitto is our church Secretary and an MPI Student. The HGBML meets every Sunday during our Devotional Service.

The Freda Egbert Memorial Library contains a small collection of the personal library of our founder and first Pastor, the Reverend Hugh Gordon Burroughs and donations by other members and friends. The FEML is open before and after services for browsing, reading and conversation. The FEML is also used for meetings of the Board of Directors and for the MPI Study Group.

Both of these resources will provide a solid foundation of understanding for today and will pave the way for Modern American Spiritualism on into the distant future.

Washington Guest



Smiling for the camera: Mark Collins, Jan Piepgrass, Gail Griffith, Sherry Allers, and Bernie Allers.

The members of the recently chartered The Church of Divine Grace, NSAC, in Des Moines, Washington, hosted NSAC Missionary Gail Griffith at their October 31st service. Gail, a Licentiate Minister, spoke about the Principles of Spiritualism and their individual as well as interrelated meanings. After services, Gail and her husband, Hoyt, joined several members of the congregation for dinner at a local restaurant.

Corrections

In the December issue the title of Merry Browne's poem, Panentheism, was written Pantheism. There is a great difference as Robert B. Mellert explains in *The Futurist.* "Pantheism" is a term that describes the Hindu view that God is all, and "Panentheism" is the view that God is in all, and yet more than the sum total of all reality. In that view, God is also the force behind the change in

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Mother

by Priscilla Clough

Deep in my heart,
Her name to me,
Sweet as a song
Which used to be.

Memories of old,
And childhood bliss,
Soft was the voice,
With its calm caress.

Would that she could
Some aim untold,
Share with me,
An honor unfold.

She was always there
In sickness, in health,
To help watch o'er
The blessed hearth.

Recorded in heaven,
A saint on earth
For by gone days,
We praise her worth.

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reality, the intelligence that provides the unity of the evolving universe.

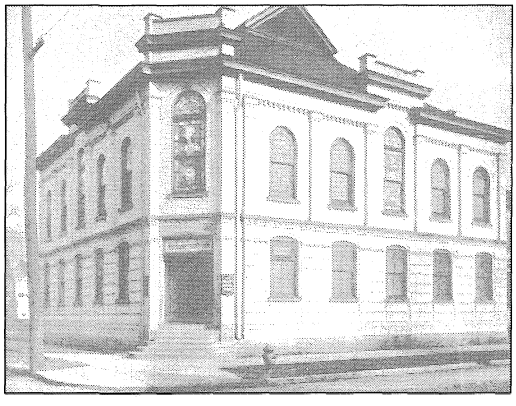


Cora L. V. Richmond

The January issue of *TNS* featured an article about Cora L. V. Richmond. How many of you recognized Emma Hardinge Britten as the woman in the picture? Here is the correct picture of beautiful Cora.

Seeking Minister

FULL TIME MINISTER WANTED – The Way Memorial Spiritualist Church of Wheeling, West Virginia is accepting resumes for a full time minister. They say: Our present minister is retiring June 30th after serving thirty years. If you are a teacher, leader, qualified medium and ordained, and looking for a very outgoing congregation and close family, Way Memorial has both to offer. We are small in number but large at heart and full of energy. We're looking for someone with the same to help us grow. Opportunities are endless. The closest Spiritualist church is in Columbus, Ohio, 150 miles away. The church was chartered in 1901, which makes us rich in history. We are very proud of our heritage. Our beautiful white brick building is located on a corner, and to the left of the building is the parsonage. The parsonage has five rooms completely furnished. All utilities and telephone are furnished. We are within 10 minutes of a large mall and beautiful Oglebay Park with all-year round activities. The Ohio Valley has much to offer. Residents in this tri-state area are eager to learn more about our wonderful Religion, especially the phenomena. Salary is negotiable. Please send resume a.s.a.p. to: Mrs. Melvina Taylor, Secretary, 102 Garvins Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003. Phone: 304-243-0938. You can visit Way Memorial's website: http://www.way.memorial.org.



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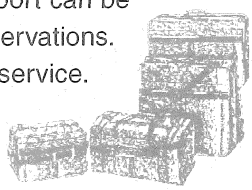
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Exit 63 off I-84E (27 miles E. from Bradley Airport)
Transportation to and from the airport can be arranged by making advance reservations. There will be a charge for this service.



Rooms:

$74.00 single/double
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Reserve rooms by
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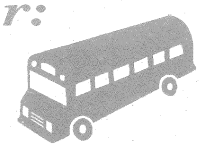


Banquet:

Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon
Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole
Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus
Vegetable Lasagna
PRICE: **$27.00**

Thursday Tour:

Tour plans are being finalized.



Sunday, October 8th:

Morning service will be held at the hotel at 10:30.
Join us for Hospitality Sunday from 2:00 until 4:00.
Evening Healing and Worship services at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 9th:

All day Seminar and Workshop.
Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday:

CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETINGS
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
EVENING HEALING & WORSHIP SERVICES
7:00 p.m.

There are many restaurants in the area if you choose to go outside of the hotel.



Discount tickets are available at the Front Desk for he Health Club next door.

Daily luncheon buffet available at a group rate of $11.00 (salad, hot & cold entrees, dessert and beverage, tax & tip incl.)

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.

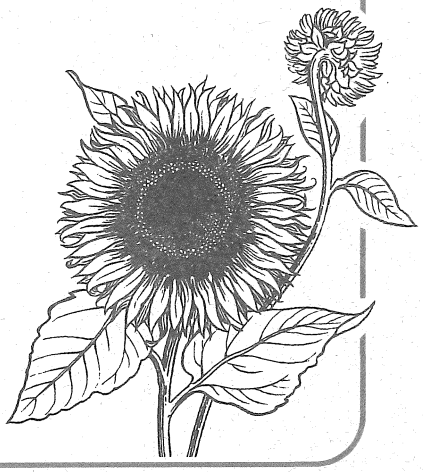
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

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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