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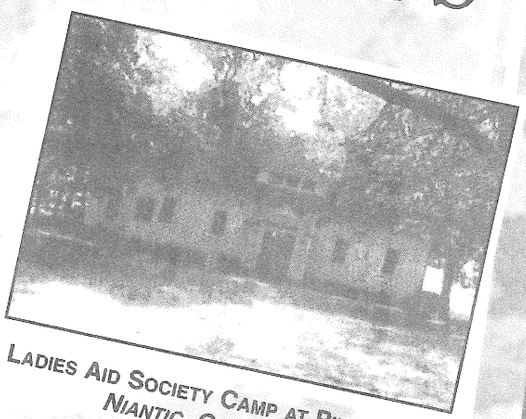
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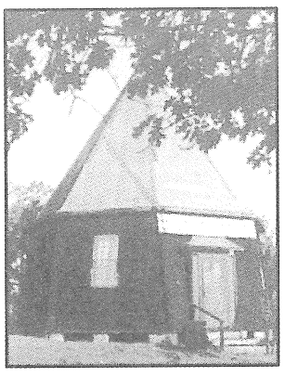
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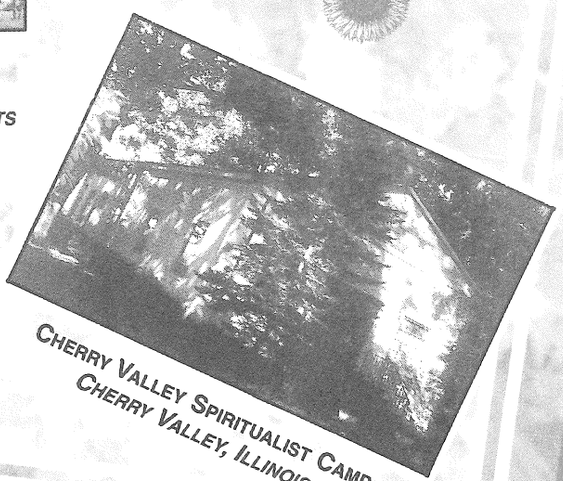
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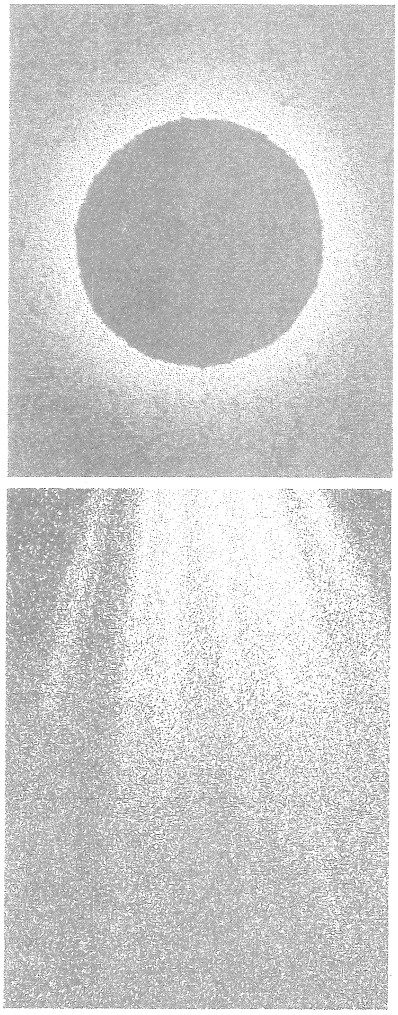
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Creative Energy



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

"I am Father and Mother of the world."
Bhagavad Gita.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first
and
the last, the beginning and the end.
Bible, Revelation 22:13.

Life is all Energy, Creative Energy and this Energy can never die, just change form. How then do we, as humans, relate to life, to the First Cause so that we can understand it? Many scientists use the word Energy instead of God. The metaphysical community uses the terminology the Cosmic Energizer, the Living Spirit, God in Action, Father-Mother-God, the One in All. Teenagers might say Awesome Spirit, the Main Source. The Great Creator cannot be completely described or labeled, for the Supreme Force is Unlimited, Divine, Infinite. Yet, for this work, I would like to share just some of my understanding of the Almighty.

Our world is vibrating energy from the Cosmic Energizer. The word energy comes from Greek *energeia*, en "in" and ergon "work." We measure all energy in terms of work – each one's capacity to work. There are many forms of energy: mechanical, electrical, magnetic, mind energy. Einstein and other scientists proved that matter and energy are interchangeable. The Vedas teach that matter is the lowest degree of Spirit and Spirit is the highest degree of matter – **or** – matter is energy, or Spirit, in form.

Our awareness or our consciousness is our I AM force, our Energizer, our Spirit at work. "Our conscious mind conveys ideas and images to our subconscious mind, and the latter determining the thoughts and images manifest." Whether form, function or experience your thoughts are energy and are a force for you, a force you can use. All great thinkers have known this: That thoughts originate within – therefore, one should take time to be silent, to listen within to Spirit inspiring. "Be still, know thyself."

Our thoughts create so if we are not happy, healthy, wealthy, whole – we must change our thoughts to draw our desires to us. When we change our thinking, we change our lives. Know God is the Cosmic Energizer. Then ask and you shall receive, when you believe God is within all – within each of us. Then, as we ask and believe, we can go to work as though it is so and it will be. "Treat and use your feet."

Energize your ideal, your desire by visioning its fulfillment. As you remain faithful, the Universal Love will cause the desire to cross from the conscious awareness to the subconscious embodiment. Positive affirmations repeated with **belief and awe** use Natural Law to your benefit. The Cosmic Energy knows the answer to All, and has the energy to fulfill All, and will give you the kingdom. That is awesome.

Think of the energy that you show to others. Whatever you believe in life is what comes: Isn't this a beautiful world the First Cause Created?! Believe that God is energy in All life, that there is a blessing in everything, that God wants only Good for you if you open your heart and mind to accept it. God's power is great, loving and wonderful. All things are possible with God. Nothing exists without Infinite Spirit.

The *Bible*: John 4:24, *God is a Spirit*. Spirit is that which is invisible and eternal. You are spirit. A triune being – body (physical), soul (the housing for the spirit, mind), spirit (the God-part, eternal sustaining energy).

Spiritualism believes God is energy within All Creation. This energy can change forms but cannot die or be eliminated. The classic example is that water can become ice or steam – different forms of energy. We, as spirits, cannot die but change form, to evolve in the next dimension, to

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NSAC Spiritualist Camps

What Is A Camp?

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

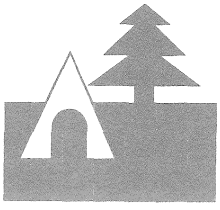
In many parts of the world, a word has many different meanings, even from state to state meanings can be very different. When I lived in the southern part of New Jersey near Atlantic City, children went to the 4H Camps for a week each Summer in the hills of North Jersey. There was also Boy Scout Camps and just plain Summer Camping. That was what we pictured as a camp.

Many picture a camp as a tent taken on a hiking venture or some may picture a modern camping trailer, some very elaborate and some with just the bare essentials. When I was first visiting Maine many years ago and people talked about their camps on some lake or pond, I pictured a tent or some lean-to type structure. Not a camp with houses, some very large or not so large, but all far from what I pictured as a camp.

My purpose in this thought is that when we talk or advertise a Spiritualist Camp, what do people from various parts of this country or other countries expect? This question has been in my mind, as our church has just started the first new Spiritualist Camp in Maine in one hundred and eleven years.

The first Spiritualist Camps were originally, from what is published, tents and picnic grounds where they came to spend a day, enjoy an outing where they could listen to the current Mediums, Speakers and Healers.

Many facts and photos about the early history of Spiritualism are from the book, *Lily Dale Chronicle*, assembled by Joyce LaJudice of Lily Dale. The book shows a picture of an early campground entitled "The Reason Why They Call Them Camps" (Book #1, page 52, *Lily Dale Chronicle*). Under the picture it states as follows: "The picture above, will help explain why the present day Spiritualist Camps are called camps." In those days, all meetings were held under conditions pictured here, in groves located in sparsely settled sections of the country. Most of the circles and meetings were not held in the open, but were conducted in tents or crudely constructed buildings, open at the sides.



In early days there were many independent Spiritualist Camps that were scattered throughout the country. It is doubtful any were located in Hartford, Maine where our new Camp, The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp, is located, but Hartford was very active in Spiritualism. It was led by James Glover, Sr., a farmer who settled in Hartford in 1824. He was a Universalist but became a Spiritualist in later years and died in that faith on May 29, 1873. Spiritualist Circles were still active in this area in 1909 according to a newspaper clipping that was at the Hartford Heritage Center, but it has since been lost. Also our first President of the NSAC, Harrison D. Barrett, was born and died in Cannan, Maine, where we now have a small park in his honor next to the Cannan City Hall.

In the Cassadaga area of New York State there were several Camps around the Cassadaga Lake, where the Lily Dale Assembly is now located. Thousands of people would come by horse which was considered the safest way to travel as the roads were not much more than paths. There was a steamboat to cross the Cassadaga Lake, and the railroad in that direction was completed in 1851, as it had been recently connected to Cassadaga. It would run special excursion rates to the camps, as there were so many people attending. In some events there were as many as 5,000 people in attendance. They came from all parts of the world to listen to the many of the famous mediums and speakers at the different camps such as Andrew Jackson Davis, the Fox sisters, Cora L. V. Richmond, P.L.O. Keeler, Harrison D. Barrett, W. J. Colville, Professor William Denton and many others of the early pioneers who demonstrated daily the truth of immortality. Inspired speakers taught the relation of that higher life being now brought to light. It was advertised as dedicated to free thought, free speech, and free investigation for all time to come. There would also be fellowship, good music and drinking. There were lodges in the area that were clean but had few luxuries, and were sparsely furnished that cost $.75 to $1.00 per night. Also, the meals were plain but satisfying.

As time went on, the Camps were fast becoming summer residences with more cottages being built.

The Camp season was usually July and August

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and is pretty much that way today. Some of the Camps had places to stay overnight but many were just day camps. Spiritualist Camps played a large part in the underground railroad, the movement for women's right to vote, and the Temperance Union that was organized at a Camp in 1888.

Many go to Spiritualist Camps and are members of the Camp that never join a Spiritualist Church. Some may even belong to other denominations since Camp Charters allow non-Spiritualists as non-voting associate members. Many find that the Philosophy, Science and Religion of Spiritualism is what they have been seeking and gradually become members. So as the Camps open this coming Summer, start the new century by visiting some of them and enjoy the Spiritual gifts awaiting you there.

Connecticut

Connecticut Spiritualist Camp, NSAC Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove

Niantic, Connecticut



Ladies Aid Society Pine Grove Spiritualist Camp

Many a Spiritualist has been introduced to the Religion at Pine Grove Spiritualist Camp. Pine Grove has been serving Spiritualism for over 120 years. It is located by the water on two acres of beautiful wooded land and has seen many changes. The camp attracts people from all over the country because of its wonderful energy.

Services are Sunday at 2:30, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:30. Monday and Friday are devoted to Workshops or Classes at 7:30, and Wednesday evening is a Message Circle.

Mediums Days are the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11:00 to 4:00.

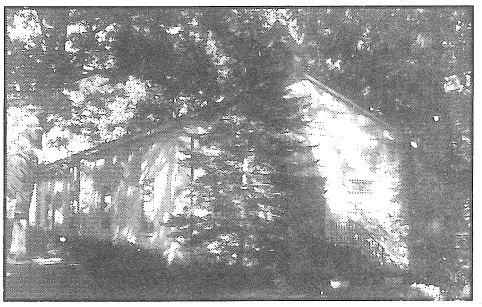
For more information, or for reservations to the Workshops or Circles, please call the camp at (860) 739-2157. Or contact Lynn Gaffin, secretary, 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, CT 06320. Phone: (860) 442-1709.

The Camp season runs from June 10 to September 11.

Illinois

Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp

Cherry Valley, Illinois



Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp

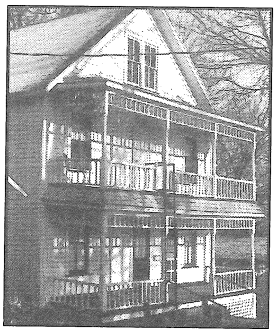
Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp holds wonderful potlucks in the dining room and other get togethers before and after the Worship Services. This year they celebrate their 74th Annual Camp Season. Please join them at 8002 Service Road which is next to Rockford, Illinois on the South East corner of Winnebago County, Illinois. Camp season is June through September.

For more information call (815) 332-5359. President, Arsenia Williams.

Iowa

Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp

Clinton, Iowa



Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp

MVSA celebrates its 118th Annual Camp Season of serving and celebrating Spiritualism. We had some vandalism this past winter, but through much hard work and many generous donations from Spiritualists around the country we will be open for the summer season. We are most thankful and as we raise our American flag when our season opens, we will send a prayer of thanks for all of you and all the volunteers who helped us with the work and donated their time. Our six weeks of Camp will be filled with many special activities and there are wonderful workers scheduled. The Camp is located in Mt. Pleasant Park, on nine acres of beautiful nature, located in down town Clinton. The setting is relaxed, natural and refreshing. We invite you to join us to experience Spirit,

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healing, fun, learning, and upliftment. To receive information or the 2000 Program, contact Rev. Bonnie Horstman, secretary, MVSA, P.O. Box 75, Clinton, Iowa 52833-0075, (319) 242-8460.

MAINE

Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Inc.

MADISON, MAINE

Lakewood Spiritualist Camp Celebrates 120th Year

Originally the summer meeting area of the Kennebec Indians before and during the 1600s, when written history of the area started, the area was first settled by the Jebediah Heyden family in the early 1800s. One of the Heyden family heirs, William D. Heyden, offered this area for use to the Madison Spiritualist Association in 1880 at Heyden's Grove on the west side of Heyden's Pond as the lake was then called. Prior to that time the Spiritualists had been meeting at Richardson's Woods, but getting to the woods was a hardship in those days. The first two years the meetings were outdoors until a building was constructed in 1882, which is now the Lakewood Summer Theater.

We now meet in a small chapel on the grounds and there is a medium's cottage on another part of the grounds for guest speakers to stay while here.

We are located in Lakewood Village six miles North of Skowhegan on Route 201, on the West side of Lake Wesserrunsett as it is now called.

Being surrounded by the good feelings of all of the ancestors, pioneers and people who come to the campgrounds each summer gives the area a strong spiritual attraction and leaves us with a special place to celebrate Spiritualism each summer.

We welcome everyone and invite those of other faiths to investigate the phenomena and teachings of Spiritualism.

The summer program provides daily religious services except for Wednesday and Saturday. There will be two Sunday services: at 1:20 in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening. All the weekly religious services are at 7:30 in the evening.

Monday classes start at 7:00 p.m. ($2.00 donation). Healing circle following Monday classes and Wednesday Message Circles at 8:30 p.m. (healing circle free).

On Saturday private readings are available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ($20.00 donation). Please, all classes, message circles and private readings require prior reservations.

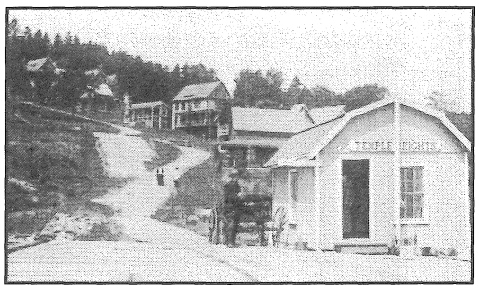
We are a small camp with no facilities for camping or overnight lodging, but there are many places available in the area.

Come join with us and our spirit friends and relations, to enjoy a period of light, energy and love.

For more information about the Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association programs, write to Harriet Gurney, 42 Water St., Fairfield, ME 04937, or call the Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association at (207) 474-2563, mid-June through the end of August.

Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp Assoc.

NORTHPORT, MAINE

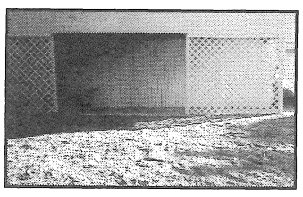


Temple Heights, Northport, ME August, 1911

Our Camp Season this year is celebrating the theme "Love Can Build a Bridge." The Camp has been serving Spirit since Dr. Benjamin Colson founded it in 1882 so it is our 117th Season as Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp Association. Our location is filled with nature, history and a special Spiritualist atmosphere. There are ten guest rooms in the "Nickowa Lodge" with kitchen privileges (enjoy the beautiful view of the "Penobscott Bay" from the deck). It is a center for teaching, workshops, circles, healing and for the practice of Spiritualism. We have some wonderful speakers and workers scheduled so plan to join us. For more information or a program contact: P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, ME 04849-0031, (207) 338-3029.

The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp

HARTFORD, MAINE



The Garden Chapel, almost finished.

The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp, the first new Camp in the State of Maine in 111 years, is located on the banks of Sparrow Brook in the beautiful foothills on Camp Road in Hartford, Maine.

There is a screened meditation room by the brook, a picnic deck and screened building overlooking flower gardens, a new Garden Chapel where outside services will be held, the main church where services and classes are held 52 weeks per year, lots of country areas to walk around and a very attractive bathing beach

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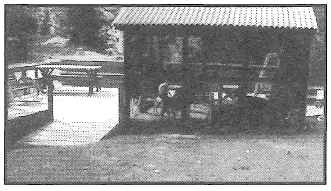
The program for the camp will include: Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by a potluck lunch, Sunday Healing and Message Service 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday evening class 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Thursday evening Message Circle 7:00 p.m., every other Friday evening a seminar on various subjects of interest, and Spiritual Readings by appointment.



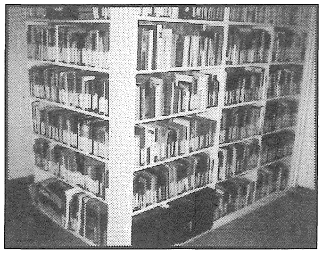
Meditation Room on the banks of Sparrow Brook.



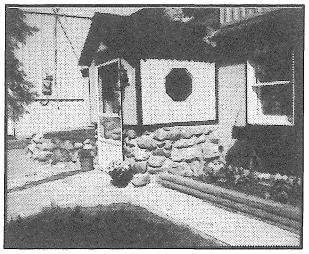
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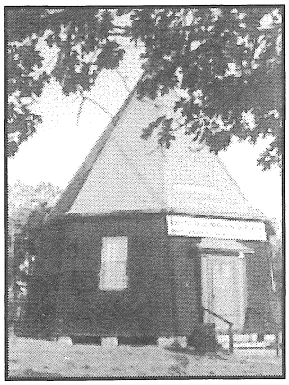
We look forward to your visit, and will gladly send a current program and answer any questions you may have.

The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center & Camp, R-1, Box 91, Canton, Maine 04221, (207) 597-2600 or E-mail rupert@megalink.net.

MASSACHUSETTS

On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp, NSAC

ONSET, MASSACHUSETTS



On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp

The On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp is open during the summer months to celebrate Spiritualism, truth, love and eternal life. You are all invited to our Camp season which begins June 4th and continues until Labor Day. It includes message circles, workshops and seminars, Mediums Day's, worship services, development classes and guest speakers. Please call or write to our camp secretary, Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., New London, CT 06320, (860) 440-3150, for our full schedule of information. Each year we plan many special events, so come visit, see our historic structure and learn of the long historical background beginning in the 1800's. Our opening speaker this year is the Rev. Kenneth Custance. Come join us.

MICHIGAN

Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association

SOUTH BRANCH, MICHIGAN



(L-R): Penny Adams, treasurer and Coleen Goddard, secretary of Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church. Leslie making Ho-Jos for campers.

This year we will be celebrating our 71st year. The Camp is open June 18th, 2000, through September 3rd, 2000. We look forward again to another beautiful season.

We have one church service at 11:00 a.m. with many good workers, many of our people. Healing is always available, as well as messages at our church services.

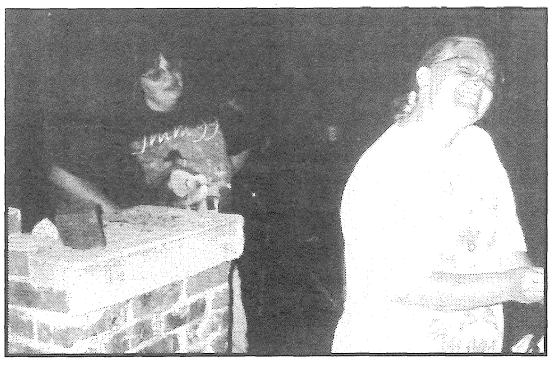
Our Annual Lyceum Retreat will be under the direction of our MSSAC Lyceum Superintendent, Dawn C. Hyatt. Retreat will be held Sunday, July 9th thru July 14th. All the Michigan Lyceumists will gather at this retreat for the entire week. We will kick off the retreat with a Chinese Auction, a fundraiser, which is always a lot of fun and raises good funds for the Camp. This year's theme will be the era of the "60's." We will enjoy the company of two very good lyceumists to work and teach at this retreat. They are the Rev. Cosie Allen and the Rev. Pamla Ashlay. There will be classes for ages from one to whatever. We hold 30 in membership this year and are always open for new members.

Our year 2000 workers will be as follows: June 18, the Rev. Catherine Welch; June 25, the Rev. Mike Comito; July 2, the Rev. Edward Jones; July 9, the Rev's Cosie Allen and Pamla Ashlay; July 16, the Rev. Ken Nowaczewski; July 23, Ms. Betty Witt; July 30, Mr. Wendall Weichner; August 6, Mrs. Grace Butterfield; August 13, Ms. Marcia Hyatt; August 20, Mrs. Penny Adams; August 27, Mr. Michael

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Dumbrigue; and September 3, Mr. Tim Weichner.

There are circles available on request as well as private readings. Do join us and let us show off our sample of Mother Nature. We pride ourselves in having good and friendly people on and around our campgrounds. The minister's cottage is available to our guests that grace our platform. There is always plenty of space to camp on the grounds. We promise you and your guests an educational, peaceful time. Please join us.



Last Sunday Service Picnic . . . we had 20 people.

A sample of our 1999 Annual Retreat: Coffee and donuts for all, Kool-Aid for the children. Monday night we had a Bunko Party with prizes followed by an Ice Cream Social. Tuesday was an outing – a trip to a Buffalo farm which proved very interesting, that was followed by a Chili Cook-Out. Wednesday was Craft Day with qualified teachers. Thursday was our Youth Service conducted by all our youth from the wee ones to our teenagers. Friday was a Pancake Brunch enjoyed by all. The Brunch was sponsored by Detroit's Rainbow Lyceum . . . each year the various lyceums sponsor the Brunch. Friday night was roundup time with a Steak Dinner and a Sadie Hawkins Dance. These are just the extra fun times.

Each morning there is a Lyceum session with classes for all ages. We were really lucky to have the Rev. Brenda Wittich for our adult class. Everyone is still talking about their class time with her. She was also a good sport with 40 some children around all week. There was a special time with sittings for each age group. We had a huge campfire each night which always adds a big plus for our group. Our theme this year was the Old West and that worked out well. The year 2000 our theme will be the "60's." Our Retreat is always under the direction of our MSSAC Lyceum Superintendent, Dawn Hyatt. I might add, our MSSAC President always gets a good workout during our Retreats. We have many good things planned for our 2000 Retreat. Come visit if you can, or perhaps, this will give other lyceums some ideas to hold their own Retreat. I know the children, as well as the adults, always look forward to Retreat and plan their vacations around them.

For more information, write to secretary M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, MI 48761-0089 or call (517) 257-4133.

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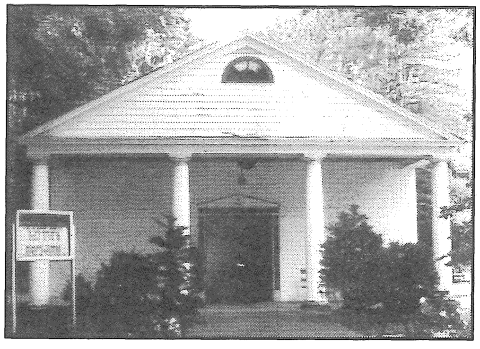
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Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp has a full agenda of Spiritual workers scheduled in this inspiring setting of nature. Come and enjoy our 25 acres of natural wooded land and experience spiritual renewal. We are located 1 1/2 miles West of Bay Shore on old U.S. 31 North. Contact Sandy Crandall, secretary, P.O. Box 18, Conway, MI 49722-0018 for more information or for a schedule or call (616) 347-3899.

NEW YORK

Lily Dale Assembly NSAC Spiritualist Camp

LILY DALE, NEW YORK



The Healing Temple at Lily Dale.

Lily Dale Assembly NSAC Spiritualist Camp is a must for all Spiritualists at some time. How about putting it on your vacation schedule? If you want to experience Spiritualism, learning, great minds and teachings, history and beauty, come to Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp in beautiful Western New York. The summer program opens in June and continues for ten weeks with a variety of speakers that will excite everyone. Each day offers special meditations, healing opportunities, private consultation possibilities, indoor and outdoor services and speakers that are the tops in their fields. There are two hotels, private guest homes, campgrounds and affordable lodging in town. The grounds are beautiful with nature trails, a beach and of course the swans "Lily and Dale" on the lake. For a brochure contact Lily Dale Assembly, 5 Melrose Park, Lily Dale, NY 14752, (716) 595-8721.

Just a few of the many wonderful speakers and workshop leaders this year are: Barbara Hand Clow, Jane VanPraegh, Dr. Wayne Dyer, Patricia Hayes, Ally Duvall, John White, Buz Myers and many more.

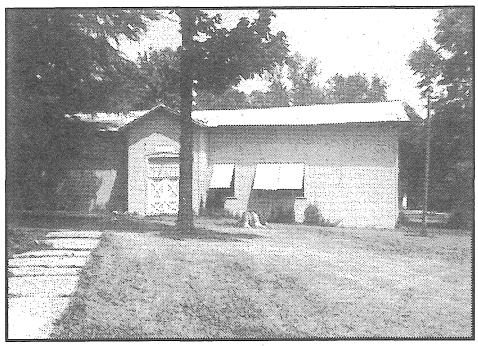
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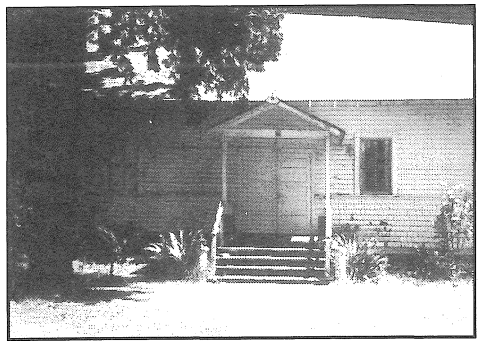
Ashley Camp, Wooley Park, Ohio

Ashley Spiritualist Camp, located at 10 Wooley Park in Ashley, Ohio, was incorporated in 1893. We received our NSAC Charter in 1925, however, it has been serving Spiritualism for 107 years. Each year we celebrate Spiritualism with a fine program of speakers and mediums from near and far. Our camp is filled with peace and tranquility which is a healing experience for all who visit. Many improvements have been made and the camp is looking nicer every summer. Come visit us and be renewed with Spirit. Write for a program or more information to John Matrunick, as President, or Nikki DeWitt, as secretary, P.O. Box 277, Ashley, Ohio 43003.

WASHINGTON

Camp Edgewood, NSAC, Assoc.

MILTON, WASHINGTON



Auditorium at Camp Edgewood

Plan a visit to Camp Edgewood and allow nature to bring beauty and life to your being. Camp Edgewood is located on ten acres on beautiful Lake Surprise, in the town of Milton. It is near both the cities of Tacoma and Seattle. Camp Edgewood was organized in 1898 and incorporated in 1899. The campgrounds were purchased in 1903. Virgin growth had to be cleared before tents could be erected. Devotional services were held outdoors. The Auditorium was erected in 1927. Much progress has been made throughout the years and must continue.

The camp has a unique rustic atmosphere with a hotel, dining room, cabins, church, meditation gazebo, picnic area, lake front and spacious grounds for your pleasure.

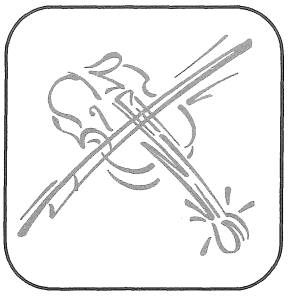
A full program of interesting events will be presented during the summer season. We have spiritual food for all; potlucks, classes, spiritual teachings, readings, and fun and festive group gatherings. We are striving to have something for everyone. Young and old are invited to come and share in our activities; to share in love and association with others of like thoughts. It is through your wonderful love and participation that our camp season will be a success. For more information contact: Pres. Jan Kanpiepgrass (206) 824-7454, Sec. Marian Mecham, (425) 741-2618, Rev. LaVerne Pemberton, (206) 722-2348.

CAMP LISTS

The history of Spiritualism began in many areas with open-air meetings which evolved into summer camp meetings. The agenda of these gatherings was to provide people an opportunity to have a curriculum of the finest mediums, speakers and healers of the day, to meet people of like mind and for a spiritual retreat. Often the exceptional speakers drew thousands of people to the meetings.

The first Spiritualist Camp meeting was at Pierpont Grove, Malden, Massachusetts in 1866. Many other Camps followed: Cape Cod Camp, Massachusetts; Walden Pond Camp, Massachusetts; Lake Pleasant Camp, Massachusetts; Onset Bay Grove Camp, Massachusetts; Camp Etna, Maine; Cassadaga Free Lake Assembly, New York; Lily Dale Assembly, New York; Camp Chesterfield, Indiana; Camp Mount Pleasant Park Assoc. (later name changed to Mississippi Valley Assoc.), Iowa; Verona Park Assoc., Maine; Temple Heights Camp, Maine; Vicksbury Assoc., Maine; Lookout Mountain Camp Meeting Assoc., Tennessee; Medium's Camp Meeting of the Two Worlds, New Hampshire; Summerland, California; Ashley Spiritualist Camp, Ohio; Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, Florida; Wonewoc Camp, Wisconsin; Camp Silver Belle, Pennsylvania; and Sun Spiritualist Camp, Arizona. This listing is not all of the camps, but gives you an idea that camps were springing up everywhere. They are listed approximately in the time order they were begun.

The Golden Rule



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Patricia Anne Duffield*** *of Holbrook, New York.*

Today, more than ever before, we are aware of what is happening in the world. We hear terms like "global economy" and "shrinking world" constantly. What happens in another part of this country – this world – and even, with modern technology, the universe – is brought to our attention in glorious detail and color everyday via the media. Newspapers boldly "shout" at us with world-shaking headlines about disasters and wars in other parts of this earth we never even heard of before – and now we know more than we wish to. Television blares one catastrophe after another into our homes – again, places we may never have known existed. Magazines and books transport us to foreign areas – far from what we are accustomed to.

And today, too, many of us do not stay in our hometowns. People go away for their educations and decide to relocate. Where we grew up just doesn't have the same opportunities for what we want to do with our lives. As a result of all this, we have become a global society, aware of new places, different people, different ways of thinking and philosophies.

All of the wonderful documentaries on public television also have expanded people's awareness. Now we can watch a Seder and understand the rituals. We can watch a tribe in Africa and see where their beliefs come from and how they live them. We can see that the people who are in these documentaries are ordinary people – like you and me. As we leave our secure "nests" and venture out into the world, we become exposed to more and "different" people. People of different religions, races, creeds, colors. And if not incited by the media in a negative way, we learn to tolerate and accept – and even to embrace the differences, all the while we are drawing closer in sameness. We read wonderful stories about people who may not even be aware they are practicing what we "preach" – the Golden Rule – when we read about a neighborhood of Christians who put menorahs in their windows to show support for a Jewish family wrongly attacked by ruffians who have torn down the Jewish sign of worship during a holy-day period. Or, we read about others in a neighborhood who join together to help rebuild a home that was wrecked by different-than-me-color haters. They, too, are practicing the Golden Rule.

Living in a world brought closer by the media, we must become aware of those around us. Those of us who have searched for answers and have been led to Spiritualism, realize the importance of developing the Oneness of Self. Finding out who we are and growing in trust, love and understanding in and of ourselves. Until we know and are comfortable with who we are, we cannot truly begin to understand those around us. Unless we are patient with ourselves, compassionate and caring, we are not ready to extend those same qualities to others. And once we have acknowledged and are comfortable with the Creative Force within ourself, we are then ready to put in to true-value use – in service of others. Ready to live the Golden Rule – to honestly do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

The Golden Rule is as old as humanity. Love one another the oldest sentiment. We practice it as part of our religion, but it should be taught as a basic for everyone from moment of birth and every school year, and from every pulpit, until it is ingrained as second nature. Love and respect your neighbor, be there to help as you can when there is a need, give support in any way you can. This does not have to be financially, which, unfortunately, many feel is the surest, easiest out. It can be something as simple as a smile in the checkout line, or a nod as you let someone cross in front of you (even if you are in a hurry – that extra second or two may make a difference to the other person but will not to you if you are honest with yourself), or giving someone a lift to an appointment when they have no transportation available. It is taking time to learn the cultures and mores of other countries, their way of thinking and acting, and respecting those differences. The courtesy and respect Japanese show one another is something we can take for ourselves and can share. The attunement of some tribes with nature is also something we can learn from. What is written in the different holy books should be studied with the highest and best from them incorporated into our own thinking and behavior.

For they all basically say the same thing – love one another, love all that the Creator has given us, for through Natural Law, we are all related and how we act will have a reaction. Whether Egyptian, Chinese, Persian, Hindu or Hebrew, all of the major teachings of the world have, in one form or another, throughout the history of mankind, stressed the Golden Rule. We are each on our own journey, but while on that journey we must realize we live in a world where we are given opportunities to grow and learn through interaction with one another. As we share our love and

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"A person's true character is revealed by what he does when no one is watching.
– Anonymous

"Our beloved ones have not 'gone to a far country;' it is only the veil of sense that separates them from us, and even that veil grows thin when our thoughts reach out to them."
– Helen Keller, *We Bereaved*

"When we wake up to who we are spiritually, the Spirit of the Living God becomes real to us. Then it flows through us appearing as health, wealth, compassion and loving kindness. We begin by telling ourselves the truth about who we really are."
– Dr. Michael Beckwith

"Our minds can not comprehend an entire picture. We see only what is apparent, therefore can not understand why life has gotten confusing."
– Anonymous

"It takes mental muscular to be happy, to surrender to the Universe, to not allow the ego to control."
– Anonymous

THE GOLDEN RULE

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compassion and give a helping hand and/or smile, we also grow, not just those with whom we come in contact. Consciously we must be aware of our neighbors, our community, our area, state, nation, and the world, and join with others to make it a place of light and learning and growth for all. As we help others in the physical, we are also contributing to our own, as well as their, spiritual growth.

Yes, it is a global economy and a shrinking world – but what wonderful opportunities to reach more people, to expand awareness for ourselves and others. Instead of seeing the differences, the harshness, the needs and the fighting, we should look at others with understanding and compassion, sending love and maybe looking for a way we can make a difference, "even" if "only" through prayer. Through brotherhood and love we can make a difference. We can succeed in promoting the Oneness of us all, truly living the golden Rule.

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

• How do you decide who to Marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

– Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

– Kristen, age 10

• What is the right age to get married?

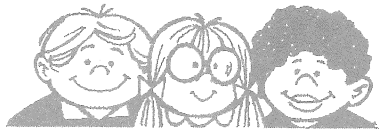
Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

– Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.

– Freddie, age 6

• How can a stranger tell if two people are married?



Married people usually look happy to talk to other people.

– Eddie, age 6

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

– Derrick, age 8

FAITH

Faith, by its very nature remains beyond the realms of science. Not proven, not unproven, a subject open to belief and ridicule and controversy; but perhaps most important of all, a great source of hope to the otherwise hopeless.
– Louis Rose

BY
ELIZABETH HARRIS,
DSNU, CANADA

The word faith has countless meanings. Sometimes it's a synonym for trust when we say we have faith in Dr. So-and-so's medical skill. Too, we have faith that although few of us have been to Australia we have faith that there is a creature there called the duckbilled platypus. We have faith in the atomic theory, even though we have never performed the experiments – then, too, there is faith or belief in things we can never verify, even though we want to do so.

As the poet Walt Whitman, in *Leaves of Grass* says:

O to confront night, storms, hunger,
ridicule, accidents, rebuffs, as
the trees and animals do . . .
Dear Camerado!
I confess I have urged you
onward with me, and
Still urge you, without the least
idea what is our destination,
Or whether we shall be victorious,
or utterly quell'd
and defeated.

Faith plays significant roles in everyday life – and even in applied science. For faith is a pre-condition for all systematic knowing – for all doing – and for all decent living. Even societies are held together by a widespread faith in the decency of fellow human beings.

Faith lies at the root of all organized thinking. Science and technology could not exist unless we had faith in the reliability of Natural Laws. We might keep in mind, too, that relevant to our times, is the principle that everyone is entitled to his or her own independent opinion.

The Russian writer, Tolstoy, insisted that "faith is among the forces by which men live, and the total absence of it means collapse." He claimed: "Since mankind has existed there has been 'faith.' For 'faith' is the sense of life, that sense by virtue of which man does not destroy himself, but continues to live on. It is the force by which we live. If man did not believe that he must live for something, he wouldn't live at all. The ideas of an Infinite God, the divinity of the soul, the union of man's actions with God – these ideas are in the secret depths of all men's thoughts."

William Wordsworth says in his poetry:

Inform the mind that is
within us, so impress
With quietness and beauty,
and so feed
With lofty thoughts,
that neither evil tongues,
Nor greetings where no
kindness is, nor all
The dreary intercourse
of daily life,
Shall e'er prevail
against us, or disturb
Our cheerful faith, that all
which we behold
Is full of blessings.

A definition of faith in Theology is: "Faith is a confident belief in religious doctrines, and religious truths apart from proof, or logical argument." – *a belief held in the absence of, or in spite of, logical argument based on available facts.*

Taking doctrines and faiths together, as forming religions, and treating them as purely illusory phenomena, without regard to their truth – or proof, we must, because of their extraordinary influence on human behavior, class them amongst the most lethal of influences on mankind.

And it is this virulent kind of **religious faith** that vitally concerns Spiritualists. Not because the other kinds of faiths – faith as **trust** – faith in **authority** – and faith in **verifiable science**, are not fundamental to all religions, but **in the old traditional religions we find outrageous beliefs in faiths which "justify," as well as beliefs in faiths which "save."**

Spiritualism, as an unique blend of Religion, Science and Philosophy claims that **such faiths are dangerous.** The Rev. Stainton Moses in *Spirit Teachings*, writes: **Blind faith can be no substitute for reasoning trust.** The theology of spirit is simple, and **confined to knowledge.**"

Not only can the kind of faith that is supposed to save be dangerous for it is **unverifiable – is without proof –** but it, too, is **repugnant to reason and the moral sense.** Even

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Martin Luther, in *De Servo Arbitrio*, agreed, when he said: "If I could conceive how God, who shows so much anger and harshness, could be merciful and just, there would be no need for faith."

However, when intelligence is combined with faith, it gets invincibly stamped as **belief** . . . and this explains the passionate loyalty of religious persons the world over to the minutest details of their so widely differing creeds.

This stimulating and anaesthetic effect is so overwhelming, that according to the American philosopher, William James, "As long as men can USE their God, they care very little who he is, or even whether he is at all. God is not known, he is not understood, he is used – sometimes as moral support – sometimes as friend, sometimes as an object of love. If he proves Himself useful, many religious people do not ask for more than that."

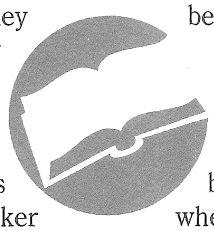
At times, faith may hold a minimum of intellectual content – such as the sudden raptures of saints – and states of mysticism. Faith may be described as a **vague enthusiasm**, half spiritual, half vital – a **courage** – and a **feeling** that great and wondrous things are in the air – when our minds and hearts whisper to us that there must be a meaning and purpose to our existence. Too, our innate desire for happiness and fulfillment must be grounded in a real possibility, somehow, somewhere, of its being satisfied. Once in awhile, we pick up the scent that convinces us that we are on the right track.



Faith does give **hope** to the hopeless. It can be good and right in itself, but it should not become an end in itself. For once this happens, faith blocks the very vision it was intended to assist. One can be so caught up in faith that one never catches a clear sight of what or whom one is supposed to be dealing.

But, when knowledge is lacking, faith sustains – for when faith is not replaced by knowledge, it may offer **comfort**. For example: in the past when life after death was a question of faith – faith gave comfort – even though it was not grounded in knowledge. However, Spiritualists have now established **knowledge** of the after-life. **Spiritualism does not depend on faith**, for within Spiritualism, knowledge takes the place of faith – bringing far greater happiness and comfort.

Spiritualism is unique in other respects. For instance: Christianity is grounded on faith. Most Christians think faith is such a virtue that they believe everything a holy book or a holy church prescribes, no matter how bizarre. However, Spiritualism, which stands for knowledge, helps lift tragedy and enigma from life, and Spiritualists believe that faith is only a feeble flicker when compared with the full blaze of knowledge. Knowledge makes life understood, and turns life from being a mystery into a reality.



Spiritualists know that there must be faith, as **trust**, for **confidence** in one's fellow human beings, is the beginning of Brotherly Love. Too, there must be faith as **trust and confidence**, not only in the physical, but also in the moral and spiritual dependability of the Universe, for this is the beginning of Love of God.

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Trust in the future, then, cease from your weeping;
Faith and a firm heart are all that you need,
God and His angels have yet in their keeping
Harvests of joy if we'll sow but the seed!
Trust to the future, all life will be glorious;
Trust, for in trusting the soul is victorious;
Trust, and in trusting be strong and laborious;
Up and be doing, and give God the need!
– *The Lyceum Manual* (SNU)

Count Your Blessings!

"Nothing is bad unless you perceive it as bad. Because God is everywhere and God is good, there is good even in the midst of tragedy or situations we do not understand. But we will not find the good if we keep our mind closed to it. Ask God to help you see the good; open your mind and you will find the good." – *Building Your Dreams* by Mary Manin Morrissey

In *A Course in Miracles* it is stated "What could you not accept, if you but knew that everything that happens, all events, past, present and to come, are gently planned by One Whose purpose is your good?" Each of us are where we are for a purpose. There are no accidents and chance plays no part in the Universal plan of life. All life follows Natural Law which shows us the way, is fair, impartial and just, and is always for our good. If we can catch and hold this truth that everything in the Universe exists for the purpose of aiding our growth, and never of hindering us, then we will have evolved a philosophy that will stand the shocks of life.

We have free will to interpret the events of life, and the responsibility to live with our interpretation, or to change it. Our world has meaning. Each event that happens to us – the tasks we do, the people we meet, the places we visit, are all related to our purpose in life. Each time we flow with our purpose we are healing the soul and flowing with the gently planned energy. The times we try to take control and let the physical rule, the body and situations around us experience conflict – a blessing to remind us to return to our life's purpose. Let us count our blessings, for all life is a BLESSING!

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 If you do your best you will have no need to worry.	**2** One's measure is determined by the strength within.	**3** My thoughts are like boomerangs – I make them positive.
4 A gem reflects each facet as it is cut, shining for all to see.	**5** Positive thoughts create a return of positive energy.	**6** When we experience Love, Peace and Joy, that is God.	**7** Infinite Intelligence is always present.	**8** Love is patience, kindness, generosity, humility, unselfishness.	**9** I enjoy the work that I do and the people that I work with.	**10** We are always in relationships with others and this is life.
11 God's light unfolds all truths.	**12** I forgive myself and others for not being perfect.	**13** Think of Love and your heart will quicken.	**14** I am grateful for answered prayer and divine guidance.	**15** Prayer helps me to focus my attention in the right area.	**16** The most important relationship in life is within and with God.	**17** The Divine Source provides the perfect conditions for me to grow.
18 I ask a blessing on all fathers, both in the physical and in the spiritual.	**19** Truth connects people and brings trust and compassion.	**20** Individual peace creates collective peace which brings world peace.	**21** Each day I try to find my way to a closer relationship with Spirit.	**22** Summertime, a time to be still and listen to nature.	**23** Bless all forms of electronic communication which brings us together.	**24** Divine Spirit links us to every other spirit in every other being.
25 Sing praises to God and let your voice be heard.	**26** As we gather with others for a spiritual purpose, God is present.	**27** Practice living in the now, enjoying all that is around you.	**28** No matter how complex a problem, God can help you. Pray.	**29** We are each a unique manifestation of Spirit, an extension of Light.	**30** God, send healing to all who need healing; love to all who need love.	



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

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

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
Pres., Graham Connolly, 25 Fessenden St., Portland, 04103, (207) 879-0424; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273; Treas., Barbara Eckhardt, RR 1, Box 5, Belgrade, 04917, (207) 495-3810.

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

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

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

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 1st Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes, Tues. & Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, 26 Witt Hill Rd., P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-4495, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Paul D'Angelo, 87 Paderewski St., Chicopee 01013, (413) 592-5659, e-mail: dangelo@hsd.utc.com; Secy., Denise St. Pierre, P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098, (413) 238-4495, e-mail: Denise1957@aol.com.

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• MICHIGAN •

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• MINNESOTA •

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

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

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

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 255-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Maureen Florés, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255.

• MISSOURI •

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

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

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

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

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

• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation
Robert Egby, P.O. Box 339, Westville, 08093.

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

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
c/o Robinson, 106 Lorraine Ave., Schenectady, 12304.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church
97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

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

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

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Susan R. Glasier, Secretary.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Betty C. Schultz, (716) 595-3304; Secy., Sueanna Vollmar.

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

LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.
261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003, (516) 354-1395; Services every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m.; Development Classes, Wed 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Milagros G. Rivera; Pres., Dorothy Chusid.

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
Meets at Days Inn, 384 East Ave., (716) 234-2362; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Robin Salerno, (716) 265-1573; Pastor, Cheryl Miner, (315) 524-0082. Mailing address: P.O. Box 180, Ontario Center, 14520-0154.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 5, Ashley, 43003.

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

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
611 Watervliet Ave., 45420, (513) 256-2129.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1306 S.W. 38; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

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ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial, NSAC
1123 Oak St., 18102; (610) 434-3454.

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4-M, 15132, (673-7880; Vice Pres., Frances Krall, 582 Upston St., Port Vue, 15132, (412) 687-2091; Secy., Carol O'Hare-Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230-1981.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun. 4:30 p.m.; Healing and Worship Service 5:30 p.m.; Wed. all message, 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison, Sr.; Co-Pastor, Betty Hutt; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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9704 Chukar Circle, chapel walkway to the right; Devotional, Healing & Message Serv. Sundays 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Sundays 3:30 p.m.; Pastor/Secy., Rev. Jean Hamner, P.O. Box 4001, 78765, (512) 836-8829.

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

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church
13610 Midway Rd., Suite 212; Devotional Services, Healing and Messages at 2:00 p.m., Second Sunday of each month; Mailing address: Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, 4653 Cedar Tone Dr., (214) 331-8236; Pres., Elizabeth Ann Council, (972) 218-7220.

GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, NSAC
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
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• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WASHINGTON •

DES MOINES - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC (www.DivineGrace.org)
Services held on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at Des Moines Masonic Temple, 2208 S. 223rd St.; All Correspondence to 22246 24th Ave. S., #M97, 98198, (206) 824-7454; e-mail: Info@divinegrace.org.; Pres., Jan Piepgrass; Secy., Lezlie Deuchress.

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; all mail to P.O. Box 1587, 98354, Tel. (253) 927-2050, Fax (253) 927-7531; Pres., Jan Kanpiepgrass, (206) 824-7454; Secy., Marian Mecham, (425) 741-2618, 5827 - 148th St. S.W., Edmonds, 98026.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
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• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association
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• WISCONSIN •

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72 Grand Avenue North, Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K9, (519) 622-7177; Pastor, Rev. Ed Kenning; Asst. Pastor, Karen Charles; Sun. Serv.: Healing 2:30 p.m., Devotional 3:00 p.m.; Summer (June, July, August): Healing 6:30 p.m., Devotional 7:00 p.m.; Meditation, healing and message circle, Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Development Classes available.

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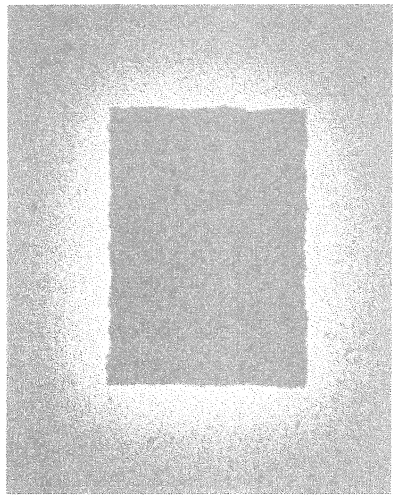
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continue to **work** as we grow in consciousness of Infinite Intelligence, of Love.

So, just what is our personal **work**, our personal energy needs. It is the manner in which we express the Divine Source, it is the manner in which we feel fulfilled. Each of us is part of an Infinite plan, an Infinite need and when we are in alignment with this plan we flow with life, are healthy and fulfilled. When we are not doing **our part** our soul knows and tries to get the conscious mind's attention so change may occur. It is a great cycle the Universe presents, in a wonderful way, when you know that "dis-ease" is our bodies method of getting our attention to do something differently. This understanding makes problems a guide post rather than a punishment. The Universal Source speaks to us in innumerable ways, but it is up to us to listen, to accept, and then to act.



We have all heard from within that we need to: read more, go back to school, move to a different area, be kinder, eat less, stop smoking, exercise more, change jobs, move on to a different relationship, or drink less, etc. Yet, these may be areas that we are not willing or ready to change. These take work, energy, discipline, and they move us out of our familiar patterns, and we are so tired. When things are not comfortable in our lives, it takes energy just to survive each day for we are living in the physical, using our own energy. In the reverse, when we trust in God, in Spirit's ability, power, energy, and willingness to help us, then we are using the Divine energy and living in the Spiritual. It makes a big difference. We are spirit in a physical body here to work for Infinite Intelligence.

While we each have an individual purpose and talent. All men and women are in the physical to learn and grow in understanding, to love self, others and God, and to be of service. It is easier to be of service when we remember that the Creator is never separated from Creation. Therefore, when we are serving another, we are really serving the Father/Mother God. The Oneness of the Source and an inner connection with others, with all creation is our lesson in life. It is easier to love others when we remember God is Love, within all, and that all creation is evolving toward more love.

One exercise in growing more loving toward a difficult individual is to think of someone, some place, or some thing you truly love. Feel your heart energy center open and become warm, then send this loving energy to the person or situation that is giving you difficulty. For example, remember a puppy (kitty, baby), so cute and playful. Think of how you laughed at its clumsy antics. Smile and feel good. Then, still smiling, send out this happy thought. Repeat the exercise as necessary and see a change develop and the love energy heal.

Energy that we cannot see surrounds us, but we can sometimes feel the vibration. The energy is available for us to use as we open ourselves, so make room for it, accept it and put it into action. If energy is work and energy is God, then ask yourself what work are you doing and how are you expressing your higher God part? Is it something that fulfills you, which you enjoy? If so, you will work and find that time flies. You feel as though you have accomplished something, and at the end of the day you look forward to the next day to see what you can again accomplish, excited with the project. Many of us live through our work; it is our signature. Sometimes it is one of the first questions a new acquaintance will ask of you. "What do you do?"

Ask yourself, "What am I doing? Am I using God's loving energy or the physical energy of my body? Am I creating good, helping someone in some way?" Our work does not have to be on a grand scale to be serving. An orderly in a hospital that is doing his or her best, with a smile and a kind word, may be helping more than they will ever know. Whatever you are doing – work and play, home or away – give it all you can, enjoy doing it and you will be working well. Bless each activity with a prayer. Invite the Divine into it, and you will notice a special energy change, for when God is a part of any activity there is love.

The Divine Spirit of my understanding has always been and always will be. It is not a God with a physical type body, made in the image of man, sitting on a throne in the heavens. My belief is **all life is God**: the close and the far; the seemingly good and not so good; each word is inspired, each thought teaching something; with everything of this universe as the body of God. "In him we live and move and have our being." *Bible*, Acts 17:27-28. Divine Spirit dwells inside everything as a spark of Light/Energy; therefore, within our hearts is where we will hear Spirit's message.

"We believe in Infinite Intelligence. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitutes true religion." Spiritualism, *NSAC Manual*

"Happiness is an inner perception."
– Anonymous

Keep It Simple Spiritualist

"#3, Thanks for Nothing"

BY EDMUND C. BUJALSKI, VIRGINIA

Before you get carried away with negative feelings, let me apologize up front for playing with you a bit in the title.

We so often hear the words "thanks for nothing" uttered in a tone of sarcasm or contempt. This is not the purpose of this article.



As I was considering topics for this article, I let my mind wander. Among the musings which came to me was the remembrance of not getting something I wanted, and then later being very grateful for not getting it. Choruses of "be careful of what you wish for, you may get it" rang out in my head.

Memories of desired things or events which didn't happen in my life began to surface. As this recall flowed, whether intentional or not, I realized how many of these desires, if fulfilled, would have lead to negative consequences.

The following narrative is a very concrete example which happened quite recently.

Some challenges had been experienced during the past three years (sounds nicer than "struggles") with a business venture. It sometimes appeared to be doomed. Accepting that failure was a possible outcome, I persisted in exploring every avenue to turn this into a success.

My prayer was to show me a way to succeed, if success was meant to be, and to accomplish some greater purpose than financial success through the project. Included in the prayer was a request for the serenity to deal with failure, and to learn from it if this was to be a "life lesson" for me.

There was one critical piece of the strategy on which the company had made no progress. Failure to deliver on this piece would undermine the central thesis of the strategy.

And then, out of the blue, and as if by divine inspiration, an opportunity to "jump start" the missing piece of the strategy seemingly fell into my lap. What was needed was to strike a deal which would lead to filling a gap in the business plan. Success would suddenly put the project two years ahead of schedule.

What excitement! Thank you, Spirit, for this good fortune. Knowing a good thing, an offer was made for this missing piece, which the other party "couldn't refuse." Planning not to let this opportunity slip away by trying to drive a hard bargain, a generous offer was presented right off the bat.

You can imagine my distress when my offer was summarily rebuffed. Alone, I questioned Spirit aloud, wondering if this was a test in some way or a lesson in humility. After calming down, I came back to trusting in the goodness and generosity of Spirit, and resolved to accept whatever happened and to learn from it.

A new way to address the critical gap was formed, and while it would be slow going and still filled with risk, at least it had a reasonable chance of being delivered.

About two weeks ago the information surfaced that less than a month after the "failed offer" the key employees of the other company left. It turned out that their leaving was in the works before the original offer was made. This might not have been discovered until it was too late.

In other words, success in this case would have inherited disaster. The failure I was working so hard to avoid might have been accelerated and inevitable if this deal had come about.

Without question, Spirit was there with guidance and indeed answering my prayers, thus protecting me from a bad move for the company.

Numerous similar situations in my life, both personal and professional, come to mind when I was much better off for not getting what I thought I wanted. The growing awareness through Spiritualism, has shown how valuable "not getting" can be. This is a gift, just as receiving something wished for or prayed for can be.

The point of all this is indeed a simple one. Trust in Spirit to guide you when you seek that guidance. Come to Spirit with a pure heart and an open mind. Do not presume to know what's best for you. That is one of the things Spirit does for us.

If the result you get isn't what you wanted, meditate on it and give Spirit time to reveal the real meaning

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or purpose behind an outcome. See if you don't acknowledge that the best thing for you did indeed happen.

As to my recent business experience, with the warmest of intentions and the purest of heart, I say in all sincerity, "Spirit, thank you for 'nothing' on this one. You saved me from myself . . . again!"



A Prayer to the God of Ebb and Flow

"Dear Lord, today I thought of the words of Vincent van Gogh: 'It is true there is an ebb and flow, but the sea remains the sea.' You are the sea. Although I experience many ups and downs in my emotions and often feel great shifts and changes in my inner life, you remain the same. Your sameness is not the sameness of a rock, but the sameness of a faithful lover. Out of your love I came to life; by your love I am sustained; and to your love I am always called back. There are days of sadness and days of joy; there are feelings of guilt and feelings of gratitude; there are moments of failure and moments of success; but all of them are embraced by your unwavering love.

My only real temptation is to doubt in your love, to think of myself as beyond the reach of your love, to remove myself from the healing radiance of your love. To do these things is to move into the darkness of despair.

O Lord, sea of love and goodness, let me not fear too much the storms and winds of my daily life, and let me know that there is ebb and flow but that the sea remains the sea. Amen."

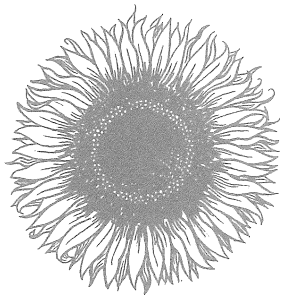
– Henri Nouwen,
from *A Cry for Mercy*

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in JUNE throughout the years?

JUNE 6

Spiritualist Day Celebration was begun in England as a day to honor Spiritualism. Send a prayer to bless all Spiritualists everywhere and our spirit helpers, too.



JUNE 9, 1862

Fred P. Evans celebrated his birth on this date. He was a well known slate writing medium. His spirit guides wrote in many languages, with a variety of writing styles and this was demonstrated at seances around the world.

JUNE 13, 1937

The passing of one of our pioneer Spiritualists, the **Rev. Elizabeth Schauss**. She was a woman suffrage advocate, had good business acumen and held many positions of responsibility in Ohio Spiritualism. She helped form the Ohio State Spiritualist Association and served in many positions on its board. She was a medium, speaker and ordained minister founding and pastoring a Spiritualist Church. In 1925, she was elected trustee of N.S.A., a position she held until her passing.

JUNE 14, 1777

Flag Day to commemorate the adoption by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes for the flag of the United States.

JUNE 15, 1924

A law was approved by Congress making all Native American **Indians citizens**.

JUNE 16, 1843

The birth date of **William Emmette Coleman**. This active Spiritualist was a man we should thank, for he brought much experience to the movement. He was active politically, an actor, a stage-manager, a writer, a philosopher, a reformer, an investigator with a scientific mind, a lecturer, an evolutionist with many other talents.

JUNE 18

Father's Day was first celebrated in 1910 and is observed the third Sunday in June. Let each of us pray for a blessing for all Fathers and those who shared in our lives in a fatherly way. God, thank you for giving us these loving teachers who helped us be who we are. May we make them proud by the lives we live.



JUNE 21

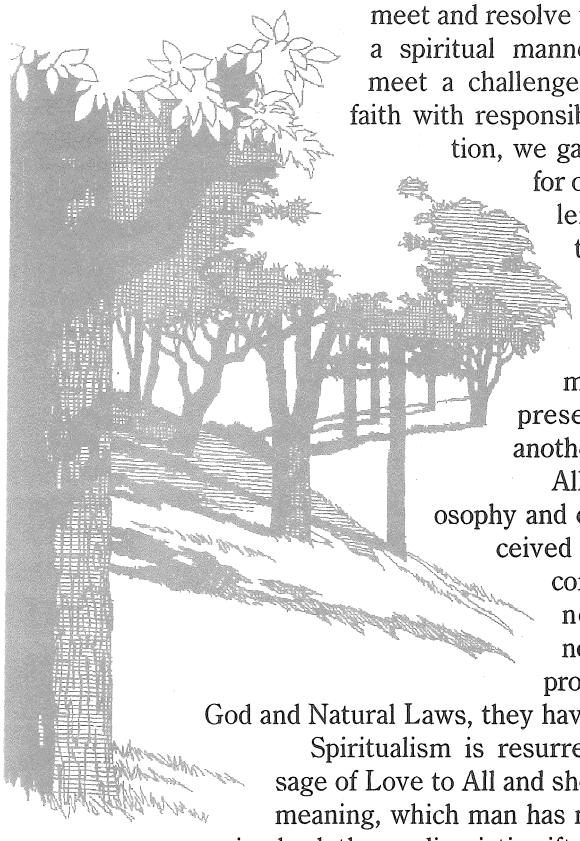
The **first day of Summer**, Summer Solstice. This is the longest day of the year and the turning point in the sun's cycle. Summer is symbolic of growth.

A Loving God

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

Spiritualist's philosophy points to a Loving God, in deed and truth, with affection for all creation. This is shown through the proofs of Natural Law in which all life must function and progress. Eternal justice is the co-relative of eternal love. God put laws into operation, which are necessities of orderly existence.

Humanity's sojourn on the earth plane is to refine our spirituality through the opportunities and challenges of life and our ability to meet and resolve these challenges in a spiritual manner. Each time we meet a challenge and deal in good faith with responsibility for the situation, we gain spiritual growth for our soul. If the challenges and opportunities presented are ignored or otherwise not met in a responsible manner, they will be presented again in another way.



All messages of philosophy and encouragement received from spirit must contain knowledge, not faith. Spirit has no faith in the ever-progressing nature of God and Natural Laws, they have only proof.

Spiritualism is resurrecting Jesus' message of Love to All and showing the spiritual meaning, which man has missed. It is bringing back the mediumistic gifts of communication with spirit to bring an ongoing revelation of God and the spiritual meaning to all.

Spiritualism must continue to stand up for only those philosophies of spirit with proven truth and not include under its banner those man-made philosophies, which do nothing to enhance spiritual progression. It must be careful to only accept and guard that which has the proof of knowledge, which is a simple message of a religion for daily life and the moral progress of the spirit in the path of daily duty.

Within each human is the spark of God. If we look within and find answers and spiritual, emotional, mental growth, we have found an infinite fount of knowledge. We are drawing on God's Love, power, Law and wisdom and there is nothing stronger or of more vital importance than God's Love.

This spark is the continuous existence of the human soul, a vital spark of humanity with the promise of God within. It has the capacity to answer all our questions if we listen to God's Laws for human existence.

It is Divine vital principle, which gives movement and life to all natural phenomena. It is the Laws of both body and soul, which give shape and vitality, as well as the power to construct and the nutrition necessary for growth.

The lessons we must learn as we pass through this life on earth will be continued, if not intensified in the spirit realm. All lessons must be learned through service. It is through service that each grows spiritually to attain their full measure of knowledge and wisdom.

Jesus taught the message of service through his washing of the feet of each disciple at the Last Supper. This was a graphic lesson in the importance of the master as servant. Through service to others we learn the lessons of true compassionate giving with no expectation of reward. It is through service that we learn the lesson of true dispassionate love of all human beings and endeavors. It is through service that love gains power and direction for the good and peaceful missions of God.

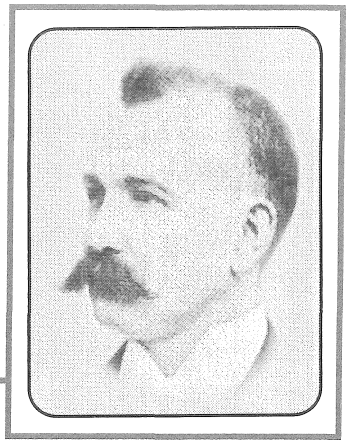
Science has shown how our universe is constructed on vibration. Thoughts are creative vibration, as well. If love motivated all human endeavors to live together on this planet without war, hunger, strife or poverty, it would bring amazing results.

Spirit has sent the message; our thoughts are creating our environment. We can change anything and everything (from the weather to our affairs) by creative, loving thoughts. Strive for positive, uplifting, creative, loving thoughts and check the results in your own environment. When you feel better, all around you is affected. Now consider those results on a global scale. We truly can create Amazing Results!

A Tin Type Sketch
EDGAR EMERSON

BY HON. ARTHUR C. SMITH

Content is the philosopher's stone that changes all it touches into gold. *(Italian Proverb)*



EDGAR EMERSON

This is a Tin Type Sketch of my old friend, Edgar Emerson, a man who in the past acceptably served local Societies and Camps.

Of the private life of Mr. Emerson I knew but little: so far as I know he never married and his home was with a married sister. Of what school he was an alumnus I do not recall, if I ever knew. We were for several years Camp friends interested in the lessons of life and talked these problems rather than small talk or his personal history.

Edgar, like his famous relative, Ralph Waldo, was a very modest man whose personality appealed to you at first sight; he was a bit above the average in height, well built, a kindly face, well lighted by frank, honest eyes that without challenge met yours candidly, bespeaking the poise of one well-centered, without manifesting an attitude of attack, most certainly not of retreat.

While he bore a close relationship to Ralph Waldo Emerson, Edgar never presumed on that relationship as a pedestal to raise himself in public esteem. Except for the illumination of his arisen helpers he gave forth such light as he generated, not reflected, even from such an illustrious relative as our New England eminent divine, philosopher, poet and essayist.

Good taste was manifest in his carriage, his apparel, his language, his attitude toward his audiences and the members of societies he served.

During the several seasons he was at Camp Etna he endeared himself to us by his quiet gentlemanly ways, his apparent sincerity, and the character of his work; then the courteous geniality and the remembrance, – from visit to visit – of camp acquaintances, even of the hopes and crosses of the more intimate friends. And, like the good Pastor, "Their welfare pleased him and their cares distressed."

He was a pleasing speaker; no ranting or argumentative iconoclast. Rather the bearer of a kindly, worthwhile message, the validity of which he could demonstrate. As one accustomed to carrying loads upon his head, acquires a fine carriage and poise, so Edgar Emerson feeling the weight of the message he brought to his fellow students in the school of life, developed a serenity, – the stamp of value, – that impressed.

Ralph Waldo Emerson from his wisdom spoke this sentiment, "The value of a truth depends on the height from which it descends." Hence truth from his kinsman's lips prevailed with double sway.

Spirit messages differ as much as those emanating from mortals. Some spirit messages are startling in their revelations, often clearing up the mystery surrounding some action, disappearance or crime; others affirm scientific truth and thus settle some moot question. Then there is the prophetic message, the timely verification of which astonishes, and awakens in the minds of the thoughtful, proof and consideration of the underlying strata of cause and effect and beget a yearning to know something, however fragmentary, of the laws in accordance with which they function. Yet, since more persons are moved by their emotions than their intellect, by far the most numerous and popular messages are those of affection; intimate and kindly words from an arisen loved one assuring and cheering the earthly sojourner.

How the heart throb quickens and life takes on fuller meaning when we receive one of those solacing messages:

"Full of hope, yet full of heart break,
Full of all the tender pathos
Of the Here and the Hereafter."

Each class of messages has its value and its rightful place: every type of medium, the inspired speaker of oracular wisdom, the prophetic seer and the "Test" medium who undergoes gruelling conditions to satisfy and convert the scientist; and the home-circle medium, bearer of some love message to a heart-hungry mortal, each fills and graces his niche.

Friend Edgar's mediumship appealed to his congregations as a genial partnership with the arisen. One phrase often spoken in his message services would indicate the unity of the spirit and the transmitter, and include the receiver. "Here comes in sweet conjunction with this spirit another friend," naming him and giving his greeting. His messages might not be markedly prophetic, not of scientific or historic importance, but such a comforting "sweet," communication as a dear one would naturally voice. To receive such a message from the lips of Edgar Emerson was to feel that indeed upon you the angel world had pronounced its benediction.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.

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

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

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

15 Signs of Good Health



Wheat Ridge Ministries issued *12 Warnings Signs of Good Health*, which we have adapted and enlarged.

1. The presence of supportive friends.
2. Positive expectations and desires.
3. A feeling of joy at some point most days.
4. A sense of spiritual upliftment.
5. Sensitive to others.



6. Flexible and adaptable.
7. Enjoys physical activity.
8. Works to communicate feelings.
9. Generosity and gratitude.



10. Cares about other people.
11. A sense of humor.
12. Forgiveness of self and others.
13. Continuous growth.
14. Prays daily for others and world.
15. A life centered in Spirit.

THE GOD OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

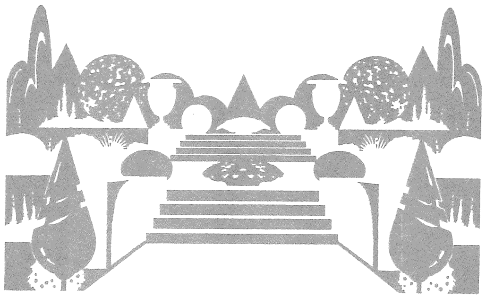
To me, one of those meaningful phrases we hear in Spiritualism is "The God of your understanding." It means no one has the right to tell you how to perceive God, Infinite Intelligence, or whatever name you wish to use. You will probably change your conception of God many times in your life. Sometimes you may be filled with truth and understanding and feel your connection to this Force. You will know that life is not a capricious game played by a figure on a throne, treating his subjects as pawns in an eternal chess game. You will understand that there are immutable Laws which govern the Universe and all life. There are no miracles, only the outworking of Natural Laws.

However, there may be other times when in your private thoughts you long for the father figure or vicarious atonement. Times when life seems such a burden and personal responsibility so unfathomable that you take temporary comfort in blaming your problems on anyone or anything outside yourself. Hopefully, this experience is short lived, but no one is so all knowing and all powerful that they can tell you what you should do or believe in that moment. Certainly, friends and family can share spiritual thoughts and guidance with you, but ultimately, you make your own choice about your relationship to the Infinite.

Sometimes I feel the people born and raised in Spiritualism may have missed the adventure of discovery of our religion. There are many who have turned to this awareness after years of struggling for a belief system that answered the longing of their souls. On the other hand, they may have a greater problem with personal responsibility than we can fathom. It is so wonderful when we come to understand our connection to God, to realize that our choices are the reasons for what we are experiencing. At other times this very understanding may cause us to adopt a self blaming response to the tragedies life brings. Life is too short to take on an attitude of martyrdom and each experience is important. It is time to recognize we can reach out for help and guidance. Not by whim will we be given the answer, but through awareness we will discover the truth and the right path to lead us to a higher understanding.

There are no miracles, only Natural Laws.

If today you need God to be a finite person, that you can see and speak to in your thoughts, so be it. All of us have times of childlike need for comfort. At those times Infinite Intelligence may seem too big a force to comprehend. If you are just beginning to explore Spiritualism and all the great truths you will come to understand, don't try to force yourself to accept our concept, allow yourself to grow into that understanding. One of the greatest truths you will learn is that you are living in eternity now, that you will have all the time you need to grow spiritually, either here and now, or there and later. No one is going to make a judgement call on where you stand on the ladder of progress. That is strictly between you and the God of your understanding.



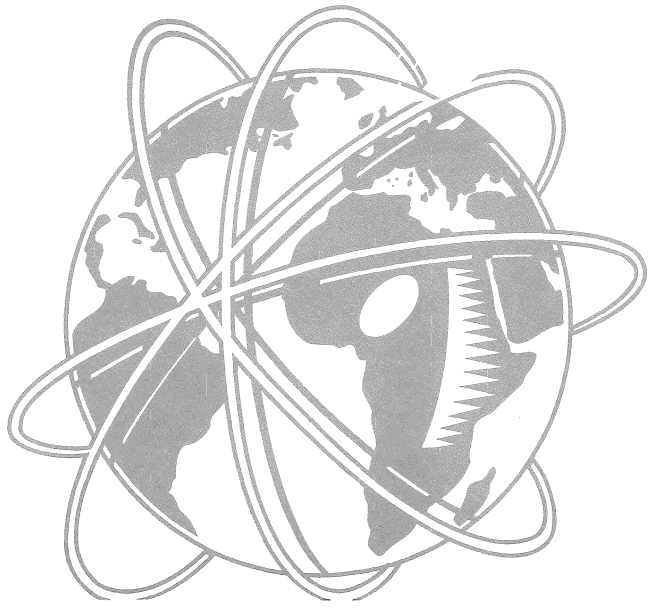
There will be spirits in the physical trying to help you understand by sharing their own thoughts and experiences. There will be teachers on both sides helping you to grow in awareness. At times, you may feel they are holding you back. Understanding that they are doing what they believe is best for your growth. Consider this an opportunity to practice the same unconditional love that the God of your understanding gives you. In these times of spiritual growth you will come to recognize how expansive, unique and special is your individual relationship to God.

Appreciate the place where you are and your individuality. Know whatever your concept of Infinite Intelligence is today, you are always permitted to change it as you grow. Know too that the God of your understanding, understands you. If you can not grasp infinity, if personal responsibility seems too big a concept to accept, it is allowable to be skeptical. The greatest believers have often been those who started as the biggest skeptics.

The God of your understanding is just that, your very own individualized expression of Infinite Intelligence. It does not need to be molded for someone else's acceptance. Treasure your understanding, wherever it may be, being willing to explore and question, to find comfort and unconditional love as you grow. Today you may need the father figure, but tomorrow you may find it is time to lay that aside and accept the truth of Infinite Intelligence expressing through all things.

Choices

BY VINCENT GUGLIELMO, NEW YORK

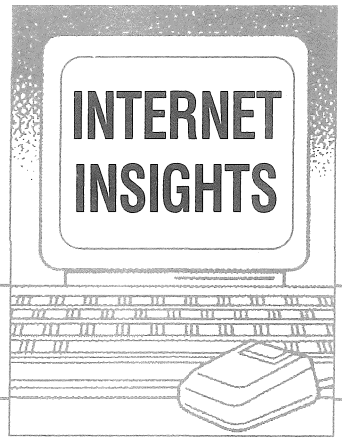


If we love life solely for experience without interpretation, our existence lacks depth and we find ourselves singing that old Peggy Lee song, *Is That All There Is*? Fortunately, all of us who have consciously taken on the task of spiritual development have experienced that there is more to life than what meets the physical eye. We have come to understand that we interpret the events of our lives more symbolically than literally as we develop our spiritual awareness. We may have lost a job because of "downsizing," yet on a higher level, we know that we have gotten all that we needed to grow spiritually from the classroom of that occupation, and that it is now time to move on to a new one from which to learn. It is our **choice** how we ultimately interpret these events to bring them to closure for us.

It is because we live on a higher level of interpretation of experience that we come to a greater understanding of our second Principle: "We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence." I find these words to be very comforting since I believe that a purpose of the expression of the phenomenal world is to help us in a variety of ways. Spirit always talks to us, but it is our responsibility to listen. If our thoughts flit around like so much T.V. channel surfing, we're only paying superficial attention. Spirit sometimes has to drag out the brass band or heavy artillery to capture our attention. We often experience these situations in life as "wake up calls." We may be committed to several activities with the same sense of urgency for everything, and in so doing, have not allocated precious downtime for ourselves. We begin to feel tired and numb, but have not heeded Spirit's warning to slow down and take time to reflect. It is then that a virus can appear, an expression of the physical, to make us stay put for awhile. It was our **choice** at the onset whether or not we listened to Spirit.

Perhaps the most awesome choice we have in life concerns the use of our free will. Our freedom to use our mind as we wish is Spirit's greatest gift to us and underscores all our choices. We display this freedom when we decide whether or not we will listen to Spirit and how we will interpret the events of our lives. It is our free will that we use when we look at the glass of water and think that it is either half full or half empty. Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to use my free will to change my interpretation of an event from a negative to a positive one. When we filed our income taxes, my wife and I expected to receive a refund, something we haven't seen in years. We had a hefty deduction to use for the donation of a car to The American Lung Association. It would have been a nice experience to be in the "black" instead of the "red," but fate wouldn't have it. Apparently a payroll error had been made and not enough Federal tax money had been bled from my wife's paycheck over the year. Because of this, the bottom line would have shown us owing a large sum of money. The deduction for the car softened the blow and we wound up owing a much smaller amount. I could have used my free will to choose thoughts of victimization or to choose thoughts of gratitude for the car deduction. In truth, I initially chose the former and after much snarling, made a conscious effort to think the latter. It was my **choice**.

We have been created by Infinite Intelligence as part of Its expression of Itself. We are given so many opportunities to awaken to our brilliance through our dealings in the mundane world. We can view ourselves as mere mortals, powerless and subject to the winds of an indifferent, higher power, but the truth is that our decision to think this way comes from our free will to do so. I personally believe that we have one foot in Spirit's world and that Spirit is always ready to help us with the other foot that remains here when it encounters the "banana peels of life." That is my **choice**. I hope it is yours too!



My Father's Eyes

This teenager lived alone with his father, and the two of them had a very special relationship.

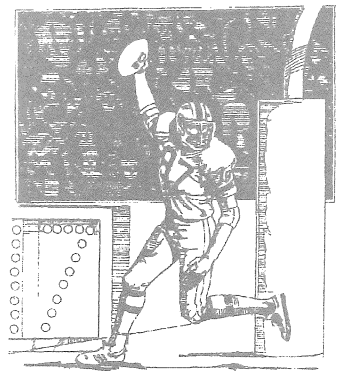
Even though the son was always on the bench, his father was always in the stands cheering. He never missed a game. This young man was still the smallest of the class when he entered high school. But his father continued to encourage him, but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to. But the young man loved football and decided to hang in there. He was determined to try his best at every practice, and perhaps he'd get to play when he became a senior. All through high school he never missed a practice nor a game, but remained a bench warmer all four years. His faithful father was always in the stands, Always with words of encouragement for him.

When the young man went to College, he decided to try out for the football team as a "walk-on." Everyone was sure he could never make the cut, but he did. The coach admitted that he kept him on the roster because he always puts his heart and soul into every practice and, at the same time, provided the other members with the spirit and hustle they badly needed.

The news that he had survived the cut thrilled him so much that he rushed to the nearest phone and called his father. His father shared his excitement and was sent season tickets for all the college games.

This persistent young athlete never missed practice during his four years at college, but he never got to play in the game. It was the end of his senior football season, and as he trotted onto the practice field shortly before the big play off game, the coach met him with a telegram. The young man read the telegram and became deathly silent. Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Is it all right if I miss practice today?" The coach put his arm gently around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off son. And don't even plan to come to the game on Saturday"

Saturday arrived, and the game was not going well. In the third quarter, when the team was ten points behind, a silent young man quietly slipped into the empty locker room and put on his football gear. As he ran onto the sidelines, the coach and his players were astounded to see their faithful teammate back so soon.



"Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young man. The coach pretended not to hear him. There was no way he wanted his worst player in this close playoff game. But the young man persisted, and finally, feeling sorry for the kid, the coach gave in. "All right," he said. "You can go in."

Before long, the coach, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown, who had never played before was doing everything right.

The opposing team could not stop him. He ran, he passed, blocked and tackled like a star. His team began to triumph. The score was soon tied. In the closing seconds of the game, the kid intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown.

The fans broke loose. His teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders. Such cheering you've never heard! Finally, after the stands had emptied and the team had showered and left the locker room, the coach noticed that the young man was sitting quietly in the corner all alone.

The coach came to him and said, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?"

He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said. "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

Questions & Answers

Q How do you think spiritual healing energy works? Does it heal the body, the mind or the spirit? Why does it not always work?

A All healing comes from God, a loving vital force, and healers are conduits of this healing vibration, seeking to restore balance. This is why we teach healers to become passive and allow the energy to flow into the recipient. The power of love moves through the healer to the one in need and works on the body, the mind, the emotions, the soul, the spirit, or wherever it is needed. Often an area within that is "dis-eased" has a very slow vibration. Love, which has a higher force, helps lift this weak vibration so the body may heal itself.

A spiritual healer must not become attached to the results, for this is not their purpose. A cure for an ailment may not be appropriate for that individual, but the efforts of healing are still beneficial. There are many unseen levels of each soul and the love power received uplifts and balances. Healing energy helps the terminally ill, not always by a cure, but by easing the fear, the pain, and the disharmony. Any time we can help another to a more peaceful condition, we have radiated a healing force. Healing and loving vitality always helps, even if it may not seem like it does. We really do not know if the healing received kept the person from getting worse. It may have helped them to feel more positive, or helped take away some discomfort and fear. Giving love to another is always beneficial and promotes some form of improvement to their body, mind, or spirit.

Q I have heard that Christian's teach Spiritualism is the occult and that the Bible teaches against Spirit communication. Could you comment on this?

A Some people in all religions and walks of life fear what they do not know or understand and therefore condemn it. Ghandi once said that if it were not for Christians he would be Christian! In all religious faiths there are people who have closed their minds, who believe that their way is the only way. These folks are not open to explore other methods of thought or ways of living. Each time we investigate a different understanding we find truths, for God and Good is evident in all religions. Sometimes reading or hearing how another religion teaches something can bring us greater insight, for each explains truth in their own way, and this can open our awareness.



Occult means hidden knowledge, so Spiritualism does not fit into this definition for we are a Science, Philosophy and Religion. Spiritualism does not ask people to accept teachings on faith, for we feel everything that is truth should be scientifically verified. In some areas science is catching up to Spiritualism and verifying what we already know with the current research about healing, remote viewing, telepathy, and prayer.

The *Bible* is a beautiful book written by man and translated by men and women throughout the ages. It contains a history of those times in which it was written. There was definitely inspiration that the writer's experienced, for words of compassion, love, truths, and understanding flow throughout the book. There are also questions about many sections. Some have suggested that much of the bigotry against mediumship was added at a later time. The book is filled with beautiful references of mediumship, prophecy and healing. Jesus was one of the finest mediums and healers in history. Each of us was given free choice, so it is important that we test our beliefs and take them into our quiet prayer times to feel their truth.

My Prayer



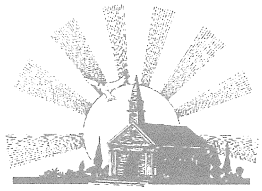
By
Merry Browne

All that I ask
Is to be understood,
All I desire
is just to be good,
I know I don't live
the way that I should.
But I want you to know
I would – if I could.

The Garden

By Merry Browne

It takes flowers of all kinds
and colors, shapes and forms
To accomplish the beauty
of a flower garden.
It takes people of all kinds
and colors, shapes and forms
To accomplish the beauty
of a family,
The flower garden
of the world.



Hope

– Author Unknown

Do you know what hope is?
It's magic and it's free.
It's not in a prescription,
It's not in an IV.
It punctuates our laughter,
It sparkles in our tears,
It simmers under sorrows,
And dissipates our fears.
Do you know what hope is?
It's reaching past today,
It's dreaming of tomorrow,
It's trying a new way.
It's pushing past impossible,
It's pounding on the door.
It's questioning the answers,
It's always seeking more.
It's rumors of a break,
It's whispers of a cure.
A roller coaster ride,
of remedies, unsure.
Do you know what hope is?
It's candy for the soul,
It's perfume for the spirit,
To share it, makes you whole.

Report from Las Vegas



The Rev. Catherine Stewart served as hostess for the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NSAC President, on her visit to Las Vegas for the weekend of January 21-24th. Friday evening Mrs. Thurman met with board members of the Spiritualist Desert Church to answer their questions about various topics related to board business.

Saturday evening, the church had one of their wonderful Soup Potlucks and some thirty or more persons attended. Following the meal, Mrs. Thurman answered questions about the NSAC and the educational opportunities for certification.

Sunday morning and evening were well attended with fifty-eight persons in the morning, and approximately thirty-five at the evening service. With the Rev. Catherine Stewart conducting, the Rev. Barbara Thurman was the featured speaker and medium for the two church services that Sunday. Virginia Andrews also did message work at the morning service. The church membership is growing and there are newcomers at every service which is great news. At this time the church is searching for larger space due to the increased attendance.

Everyone was happy to meet the NSAC President and to get better acquainted with her and the NSAC.

Fellowship at Lily Dale





The Lily Dale Spiritualist Church welcomed three new members on January 23, 2000. The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST and NSAC Secretary conducted the service with Betty Schultz, President of the Church Board of Directors assisting. Following the service friends and family joined our new members, Elizabeth Palumbo, Kitty Rugani and Jerry Maycock, for a delightful luncheon in the Andrew J. Davis Memorial Lyceum Building.

"Some of the greatest gifts of God
are the challenges that are brought to you.
It is up to you if you surrender and learn in joy,
or try to control and feel pain."

– Anonymous

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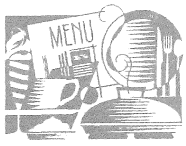
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Transportation to and from the airport can be arranged by making advance reservations. There will be a charge for this service.



Rooms:

$74.00 single/double
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INCLUDES FULL
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Reserve rooms by
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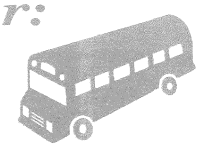


Banquet:

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 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
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 the 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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