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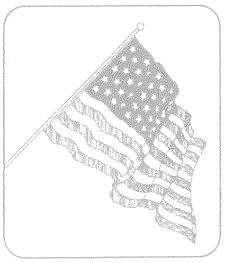
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The Walk, The Talk, and The 'Tude!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

One of the first things I heard when I came into Spiritualism was a compliment for a special lady, that "she walks her talk." I have thought about that so many times, especially when I have said or done something without thinking and caused another an uncomfortable feeling. Now that is called "foot in mouth," and it's not the way I want to walk. I have spent too many hours beating on myself for something said without considering the consequences of the words. We all do this occasionally so one day I asked Spirit WHY?



The response was attention, intention and attitude. Often we are inattentive, our thoughts in another place and the response we give to another reflects this with a *faux pas*, goof, or regret. Spirit teaches us to live **in the now** for the point of power is in this present moment.

This includes being present and attentive for our friends. This is not always easy because some folks talk all the time and say very little. Sometimes, even when we are paying attention with our intention being to help, our choice of words or actions sets the other into upset. Intention is the key word here. If we were trying to help, if we intended no harm, then we must forgive ourselves and send a blessing to the other. If the opposite is true and anger spoke unkind words, then we still need to forgive.

Intention and attitude are partners in our lives. If our attitude is one of caring, then it is rare that we can hurt another. If it is one of superiority, then it is rare we will not hurt others. Intention and attitude come from within and are soul feelings. On the surface we may display one response, but one soul feels the inner *'tude* of another soul and that may be completely different from what one is saying.

Attitude responds to the heart. The heart reflects our true being. We can learn many things, talk of Spiritual truths, discuss philosophy of the ancients, read the modern great thinker's works, but if we do not move this understanding from our head into our hearts, and into our souls then our knowing is talking and not walking.

Sometimes I hear myself advising another about a process to try when they are in a difficult life condition, and think, "listen, and apply this also to your self." Spiritualists are lucky for we are shown the way to walk through inspired messages from the Other Side of Life. We know God's Laws guide us and lead us to truth.

It should be easy to live according to Natural Law for it is impartial, fair and just. However, we have created paths, patterns and habits that often offer resistance. To take the road less traveled is an adventure that consumes more energy for it is a journey into the unknown.

What is our attitude? Is it one of fear? Do we question if we want to step out and tell the world we are Spiritualists? Do we try to be perfect, only to stumble? Do we think our way is the only way?

The first step to walking our talk is to **"Put our trust in the Love and Power of God."** Humans give themselves too much credit. They blame themselves if their life is not perfect; they try to change others; they try to fix life; they feel guilt, anger and fear. Personal responsibility is trusting God, and trying to live and love according to Natural Law. Consider that there are times you put your "foot in your mouth" when you unthinkingly said something that no one else would tell another, but that the person needed to hear. The Universe used you to help. Trust God. Sometimes we do something that is out of character for our usual actions and reactions. Trust God. We do not always have to know why something happened. We do know that we can always trust God to be guiding us to the highest good for all.

My attitude needed adjustment not too long ago. We had a wonderful winter with double the attendance of the year before. Now the weather was warming up and we had a couple of Sundays with less than thirty. I was upset, questioning if had I done something wrong that attendance was down. I meditated and spirit said, "Watch your ego. Why is it important to have a full house? Sometimes there is as much power in a small dedicated group. You can only do your best. You can only be the best you know how to be, and then others are attracted to your light or repelled by it. Either way it is how it is supposed to be. Do not take so much credit, do not take so much blame. Let go of your concern and trust that Infinite Intelligence is in control. Affirm that your church is a sacred place for Spirit and all those who attend are sacred. Then if there are few or many, know that they have come to share God's Light and God's message

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...But Do We Truly Live It?

BY LAURA HIBBERD-OWEN, VIRGINIA

The pioneers of Spiritualism faced challenges unknown to us today. Stories abound of the old mediums, who – before the days of television, shopping malls, movies and e-mail – sat in circle several times a week. Often they walked many miles to give a demonstration of mediumship and walked home again afterwards, falling into bed at 3 a.m. and rising the next morning to go to work at 6 a.m. They endured interruptions and stones thrown through windows, and police breaking into meetings because neighbors had alerted them to witchcraft being practiced next door. And the quality of their mediumship and their public speaking is rarely seen today . . .

It doesn't seem possible that 152 years after the birth of Modern Spiritualism, there are still Spiritualists who occasionally attend their churches or public demonstrations given in theaters or halls, and have to break through picket lines. One Sunday evening in the church I attended in Longton, England, we opened our hymnals to find anti-Spiritualist literature tucked inside the pages of every book.

I have been asked, by suddenly nervous acquaintances, "Do you believe in God?" It seems to us a particularly silly and ignorant question, but consider this: We say that Spiritualism is a Philosophy, Science and a Religion, but many Spiritualists around the world do not have churches and do not consider their philosophy to be a religion. As a member of the International Spiritualist Federation (ISF), I have witnessed heated discussions between British or American members and Spiritualists from parts of Europe, who are adamant that Spiritualism has nothing to do with religion. The 9,000 or so members of the Japan Psychic Science Association, which organization is a member of the ISF, believe as we believe, yet most of them claim Shinto as their religion.

Spiritualism is certainly a philosophy, and proof of life after death has been investigated (and is still being investigated) scientifically, and proven to be a fact. So what, exactly, is "religion"? One dictionary's definition begins: "the service and worship of God . . ."

What if we were to define Spiritualism as **a way of life–a belief in life**? We are sometimes accused of dwelling on death, of "calling up the dead." Anyone who accuses us of the latter should have been in the Fox family cottage on March 31, 1848, when the "dead" Charles B. Rosna called up the living until they finally heard, and understood what he wanted to say!

Spiritualism does not dwell on death and dying. It focuses on life and living! Life before, life now, life everlasting!

Have you noticed how many euphemisms we – even Spiritualist speakers and mediums – use? We say our loved ones have transitioned, or passed on, or gone through the veil, but the word "death" seems to have gone out of fashion. It seems a long time ago now that it was common for several generations to live under the same roof. Then, death was a part of life; children were not kept from grandparents' funerals, or kept out of the way as adults cried and spoke in low whispers of some "Big Secret" that the poor, confused child was not able to share. And when a parent has died, how many bereft children have thought, in their ignorance and anguish, that it was somehow their fault that a beloved parent went away forever?

Some people search for fame, for immortality, because they don't know what is beyond that door called death; and non-Spiritualists may say that a person lives on only in our thoughts, in our memories. Of course, people we don't know can live on in their good works: some build schools, or write words that touch our hearts, or like the beloved cartoonist Charles Schulz, some make us smile and reflect on our own human frailties.

But WE know that people live on, period. Not just in our hearts or their

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Thoughts and Inspirations . . .

BY MERRY BROWNE



"Medical Discovery of Universal Truth"

Larry Dossey, M.D. in an interview with *Share International* magazine spoke non-locality of mind which means separate from Brain and Body but working through both, with ability to affect not only one's own body but others bodies, as well. He calls this discovery Era III medicine, The New Frontier.

An editor's comments concerning Dossey's 300 cases of non-local mental events resulting in bodily changes of others, quoting John Stewart Bell, physicist, who demonstrated mathematically that thought travel is not limited to speed of light as Einstein stated but is instantaneous regardless of how far the intervening space.

My own teachers of the great school in the sky explained to me why this is so. I quote the explanation verbatim. "All minds are connected and interactive, we evolve en masse."

"There Is No God – of wrath"

In ancient days it was understood that under-lying life was Law, and that if the Creator's Law were obeyed one would have health and a happy life. Whereas if they were not obeyed, the consequences would be illness and unhappiness.

While developing our innate Intelligence and goodness, we do disobey those Laws and we do suffer the consequences which show us we must not disobey them if we wish to avoid such consequences as our life experiences – a blessing in disguise. It serves us well in keeping us on the right track.

Life is for us – not against us.

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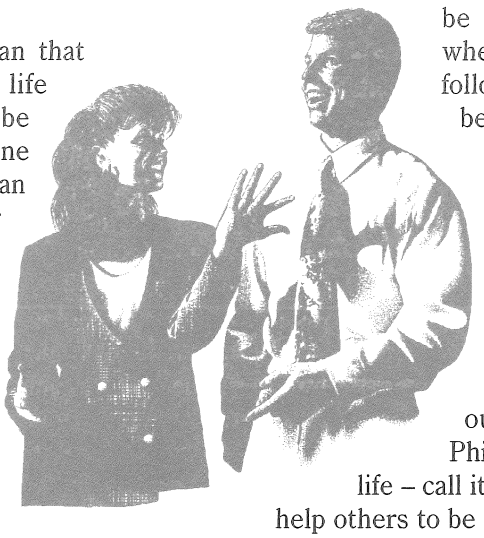
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material or artistic legacies. They live on. They can talk to us. They WANT to talk to us. And you do not have to be a Spiritualist to experience love from "the other side." You do not even have to be a medium, although a medium can make the link much stronger and bring comfort beyond any words. And you don't have to be a Spiritualist to be a medium.

Spiritualism is a wonderful way of life which I call my own, and the other members of my church are my family. But do we realize how privileged we are? Are we aware that with knowledge comes responsibility? Spiritualists are in a unique position to help our fellow human beings. You don't need to be a medium, a minister, a speaker, a church organist; you don't have to be a hypnotherapist, an energy healer, an acupuncturist to help others. You just have to know what you know: that life continues. That our loved ones are here beside us if we need them. You just have to care and love and share. If people ask about your religion, they are probably ready to hear what you have to say. They are probably ready to feel the upliftment and joy that comes from knowing that our loved ones have only walked into the next room and that we really, truly, will meet again.

It doesn't mean that we, who know life continues, can't be sad when a loved one dies; we are human and we miss their physical presence. But we know for sure that they go to a better place, into the light, out of pain and unhappiness, and we can be happy for them.



I will never forget my dear friend Percy who attended the same church in England. When his beloved wife Violet died after 50 years or so of married life, he knew. He knew she had gone home. And after the funeral service he followed the coffin down the center aisle of the church and he acknowledged all of us who had come to see Violet off on her wonderful journey. He looked at us all and he smiled. He smiled broadly. Because he knew what it was to be a Spiritualist. And when Percy, in his turn, followed Violet, I cried because I missed him; but I knew that he and Violet were together again, smiling broadly, walking once again hand in hand.

So let's live our Religion, our Philosophy, our way of life – call it what you will – and help others to be sure as we are sure. Remember the words of Silver Birch, who said "Service is the coin of the Spirit." Rejoice in the riches of our knowledge, accept the responsibility that knowledge lays on our doorstep, and live life every day. Here and hereafter.

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A Brief History Of The Fox Family

From March 31, 1848, Through The First Public Demonstrations In Mid-November, 1849.

BY THE REV. DEL LAUDERBACK, CALIFORNIA



THE FOX SISTERS

As Spiritualists, we should all be familiar with the beginning of Modern Spiritualism on March 31, 1848. On this date, contact with the spirit of murdered peddler Charles Rosna was established through the mediumship of the Fox family women and particularly Catherine Fox, then 11 years old. This most special event was followed on November 14, 1849, with the first public demonstration of spirit contact through the mediumship of Margaretta Fox, 15, and Anne Leah Fox Fish, about 20. This first public demonstration held in Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York, released a tidal wave of mediumship that engulfed the fledgling United States in Spirit contact from 1850 through the turn of the century.

We may not be familiar with what happened to the Fox family after March 31, 1848. Why did more than one and one half years pass before they gave the first public demonstration of spirit contact on November 14, 1849? What happened to the family as a consequence of these two events? This report touches some of the events of that most eventful one and one half years in this family's lives. Bear in mind, the manifestations were many, varied, and almost continuous during this time. One can only stand in awe of the courage of Mrs. Fox and her three young daughters. How would we have handled what they were given to go through?

The history of our movement is wondrously inspiring, filled with spiritual beauty, with wisdom shared with us by those long advanced in the next dimension. Our history has recorded many who gave their lives on Earth to the service of those advanced souls on the Spirit Side, to the service of Spiritualism. The beautiful light that guided this movement for the first two decades, that opened the door, broke the trail, and served as a brilliant beacon for all who followed came through Catherine, Margaretta, and Anne Leah Fox.

The child Catherine, her adolescent sister Margaretta, and sister Anne Leah who was barely a young woman did not seek this task. It was thrust upon them by higher powers on the Spirit Realm. Benjamin Franklin told Anne Leah many years later that out of millions then on the Earth, only the Fox sisters had the unique blend of physical, mental, and spiritual qualities necessary to produce the phenomena needed to effectively begin this new dispensation.

When it was discovered by Katie that an intelligence was the source of the many different noises disturbing them in the Hydesville, New York, cottage, neighbors were called in to witness and verify the marvelous event. Within hours, hundreds thronged the cabin. Many tested the spirits. Numerous investigating committees were formed.

Digging began in the cellar the next day to find the body of the murdered peddler. The girls' brother David Fox was one of the diggers. At about three feet in depth, the diggers hit water. After three days the digging was abandoned as pumping and bailing the water was to no avail. People continued to come to the cabin, alone and in groups. The Fox family was overwhelmed by the attention, much of it negative. Mrs. Fox was deeply disturbed by the notoriety.

A few weeks later, David Fox asked his mother, father, and two youngest sisters to leave the circus atmosphere of the cabin and move in with him. They also hoped that they would leave the almost continuous manifestations behind them in the "haunted" cabin. After they moved, people continued coming to the cabin. Manifestations apparently continued in the Hydesville cottage without the presence of the Fox family. However, the manifestations also continued unabated around the family at David Fox's house, much to their chagrin.

Anne Leah Fox Fish learned of the manifestations over a month later when a friend brought a printer to her who was preparing a pamphlet that detailed the events surrounding March 31, 1848.

Leah had been married at age 14 to a man named Fish who deserted her soon after. Marriage at age 13 or 14 was not an uncommon practice at this time. Girls and women at this time rarely had any say in who or when they married. After reading this pamphlet that described how communication had been established through her family with the Spirit of Charles Rosna, Leah left almost immediately for

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Hydesville with her daughter and, not finding her family at the Hydesville cottage, went on to her brother David's house.

On arriving at David's house, Leah tells us she found her mother "completely broken down by events." Manifestations continued and the family did not know what to do about it. One day soon after a block of wood from the home Mr. Fox was building came sailing through a window in the room Leah was occupying. Written on the wood block was, "One of your family will die. She will be happy with the angels. Do not mourn for her." Leah knew there was no one near the house who could have thrown the block of wood and assumed the "she" was her mother who was so distraught over all that was going on around them.

They had received word from friends that they might be set on by a mob. One afternoon a tired horseman rode onto their place to warn them a mob was on its way. David Fox had been supplied with shot and gunpowder by friends for such an eventuality. The Fox men, boys, and hired men prepared piled stone defenses in the backyard.



LEAH FOX-UNDERHILL

Mrs. Fox gathered them together in the house at dusk and together they prayed for protection. Someone began calling the alphabet and the spirit raps spelled out, "You will not be harmed. God will protect you." As the family stood talking, one of the packages of gunpowder flew from the top of a bureau and hit Katie. Then a package of shot hit Leah on the shoulder. With this, David took the loaded guns and fired them off, then threw the powder and shot into the peppermint patch and said, "I will not raise a hand against them. If God has sent this upon us for the good of mankind, He is able to protect us. I will trust him."

They could hear shouts and snatches of song coming from the approaching mob. As wagons were entering the dooryard, a woman jumped through the kitchen window "hoops and all." David told her she could just as easily have come in through the front door, then threw open all the doors and told the mob they were welcome to enter and inspect the house "If you will do so respectfully." The leader, on seeing whose home they were about to invade, exclaimed, "My God! Dave Fox! Is that you they have said so much about? We'll go home and dress ourselves and come another time." They quietly turned and left.

Through calling the alphabet, the family learned that those in the Spirit World responsible for the rapping wanted them to return to the Hydesville cottage near the end of July, 1848, and resume digging for the body of the murdered peddler. Though this request continued to be made, David Fox steadfastly refused to carry it out. Spirit went so far as to spell out the names of those they wished to have help with the digging and the day the digging should resume.

The family did invite them even though David continued to refuse to participate right up to the night before they were to resume. That night, David's house was filled with the sounds of crockery breaking, weights being dragged across the floors, wood being planed, bored, and sawed, groans, etc. Spirit rapped, "Go forth and do your duty and good will come of it."

David relented and joined in the digging the next day. They dug in the cabin cellar until around noon, when they found charcoal, traces of lime, some reddish-brown hair, and teeth. They continued until almost dark, then all stayed at David's home that night. The next morning as they traveled in wagons to the cottage, they rounded a hill and saw vehicles of many descriptions heading toward the cottage from all directions.

At the cabin, the women formed a circle around it to keep the crowd back while the men dug.

"Great God! Here are pieces of a broken bowl," cried one of the diggers. You may recall that on the night of March 31 - April 1, 1848, through the questioning by the many assembled in the cottage, the spirit of Charles Rosna had revealed that Mr. Bell had placed a bowl beside his neck to catch the blood when his throat was cut.

Then were found what were later identified as an ankle bone, some wrist bones, and part of a skull. The crowd had by this time forced its way into the cellar and had become somewhat unruly. Friends of Mr. Bell were among them. Some in the crowd reached over the women who had retreated inside to form a circle around the digging men and dropped sticks and stones and spat on those digging.

The men dug until they hit a hollow-sounding board. They first drilled through with a brace and bit, but after drilling through the wood, the brace dropped in up to its handle. They then drilled with drill bits attached to long sticks. These dropped through to a depth of about a foot before stopping. Someone in the crowd hollered, "Drag out the women!" Another, "Don't drag out the women. Drag out the men." No one followed through.

Growing darkness stopped the work for the day. They somehow assembled outside. The diggers, their wives, and families were allowed to pass through the crowd without a disrespectful word being said to them. Looking back on the event later, Leah said she could not explain how this was managed. After arriving at David's house, spirit rapped in response to the alphabet, "Dear faithful friends, your work here is done, God will reward you." They returned no more to dig. I find no record that any of the Fox family returned to the Hydesville cottage again.

Anne Leah apparently returned to Rochester, New York, shortly after this, taking Katie (Catherine) with her.

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The family agreed that the manifestations seemed strongest in Katie's presence and hoped to eliminate them by removing her. On the canal boat returning to Rochester, the rapping frequently manifested to the place where Leah tried to keep Katie, herself, and daughter separate from friends who were with them. After Anne Leah and Katie left, the manifestations continued at David Fox's home, as well.

Arriving home in Rochester, manifestations began almost immediately and continued day after day. Noises like the explosions of artillery pieces being fired on the roof or next to the house were heard. Doors opened and shut loudly. Furniture in the room below would be moved about. They could hear loud applause from a large audience as though some performance were going on in the room next to them. As they tried to sleep at night, the sounds of people walking up and down the stairs were heard. After a few weeks of this, Leah wrote her mother to tell her what they were going through.



KATE FOX-JENCKEN

Leah concluded a crime must have been committed in her house as had been the case in the Hydesville cottage and looked for another place to live. She moved into a new third floor flat adjacent to an identical flat in a two family duplex. Mrs. Fox arrived the next day in response to Leah's letter, bringing Margaretta with her. That night, their beds were violently shaken, then lifted to the ceiling with their occupants, then let down with a bang. Reassuring hands patted them. They heard loud whispering, groaning, scuffling, and giggling.

Mrs. Fox and the girls were beside themselves. On subsequent nights they slept with their mattresses on the floor. Then came murder scenes of many descriptions being acted out. Death struggles were played out. Carpet balls Leah had stored were removed and thrown at them. One night after explosions in the roof, Katie saw a man lying across the foot of her bed which the others also saw. He was gurgling and groaning and appeared near death. Then Katie received a loud slap and fell, apparently lifeless. The others thought she was dead. A mirror held under her nose showed no indication of life. They could find no pulse in her body.

They were ready to call someone in when Katie groaned. She responded to their questions only by pressing their hands. In this way they learned she had witnessed the murder of Charles Rosa. Remember, Katie was an 11 year old child. After this she wept for a long time, then became quiet and recited a poem of some 20 or 30 verses while still in trance. When recalling this event years later, Leah could remember only the last line of each verse which was, "To be with Christ is better far. "

After this incident sounds were heard at all hours of the day and night. The table would be agitated while they ate. Apples, potatoes, and turnips they had stored in the basement would be thrown at them as they tried to sleep on the third floor. They heard sawing, planing, boring, screws being driven, hollow objects they later learned were coffins being dragged about the floor, and many other manifestations. They prayed it would stop.

They now seldom slept at one time and left lights on day and night to ward off some "frightful disturbance." Only their neighbor in the adjacent flat knew of the manifestations they were constantly undergoing. They kept their window shades drawn and doors and windows closed.

They finally enlisted the help of their Quaker friends Amy and Issac Post who became convinced of the genuineness of the manifestations after the manifestations began occurring in their own home. The Posts became a great source of spiritual strength and guidance to the Fox family and pillars of strength to the new movement of Spiritualism which was soon to sweep across the United States. Many, many Quakers came with them into the new movement.

One evening the "death knell" began sounding on the base keys of Leah's closed and locked piano and continued until after 1:00 a.m. The Posts came by for a visit while this was going on and fetched the Bushes to witness the manifestation. A little after 1:00 a.m., Stephan, the husband of Maria Fox, an older sister of Katie, Margaretta, and Anne Leah, arrived with the news that David's little girl, Ella, was very ill. Mrs. Fox left with him around 4.00 a.m., taking Margaretta with her. Ella was alive when they arrived but passed the next day. Leah recalled the inscription on the block of wood that had been thrown through the window of David's home that spring.

Mrs. Fox and Maggie returned to Rochester about two weeks later. During their absence, their neighbor in the adjacent duplex, Mrs. Vick passed to spirit. The new tenants were disturbed by all the racket, accused them of being ventriloquists, and threatened to have them arrested if the racket didn't stop. Leah said the spirits "took the call" and intensified the noise. Sounds at the peak of the roof between the two flats sounding like artillery pieces being fired went on through the night. Furniture on the second floor was moved all over the place, books were thrown about, etc. The girls and their mother didn't know what to do.

They were discussing the problem with Issac Post. Mr. Post asked them if they ever called the alphabet as was done in the Hydesville cottage. Leah answered that they had not thought of calling the alphabet since returning to Rochester. When they had asked questions of the spirits, they were ones that could be answered "Yes" or "No." Leah

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immediately asked aloud, "Do you have something you want to say to us?" A tremendous rapping responded instantly and Leah began calling the alphabet.

Spirit rapped, "Dear friends, you must proclaim these truths to the world. This is the dawning of a new era and you must not try to conceal it any longer. When you do your duty, God will protect you and good spirits will watch over you." In response to Leah's next question, they spelled out that they would ask for the alphabet to be called by rapping five times quickly in succession.

Three girls and their mother were being asked to make public that which they strongly felt would bring scorn, ridicule, and perhaps worse to their doorstep. This was a time when women were not allowed to even speak in public, for they were considered vastly inferior to men. They had to do their husbands' bidding in all matters without question. This was a time when no one knew of mediumship or spirit contact, when a deeply ingrained Calvinist theology viewed any such contact as the work of the devil and most certainly a guarantee of eternal torment in hell. Such a public undertaking of course seemed to them impossibly difficult and they refused.



MARGARETTA FOX-KANE

That evening, spirit manifested in the neighbor's flat to such an extent that the next morning he gathered his church brethren, went to the landlord, and had the Fox family evicted. Leah's friends helped them move to a house on Troup Street. This was around September 1, 1849, over a year from the manifestation in the Hydesville cottage that led to communication with the spirit of Charles Rosna.

Rappings in the new home were closer and more concentrated. The girls' grandfather, Jacob Smith rapped that they should share these manifestations with their friends, that this was a new dispensation that they would, in time, understand. They did share the message with their friends. Together they decided to start sitting around a table together. The word of the manifestations had spread by this time. Isaac Post's store was beset with people who wanted to talk to spirit.

Leah said the family regarded all this as a great misfortune that had befallen them. They continued to pray to be free of it. Mr. E. W. Capron was introduced to them. They decided to send Katie, who was 12 years old by this time, home with him and his wife in an attempt to stop the manifestations. There were none for a couple of days, then they were back stronger than ever. Spirit constantly repeated to them that they "had a mission to perform" and to "make ready for the work." Mrs. Fox refused to yield. Spirit told them, "You have been chosen to convince the skeptical of the great truth of Immortality." They constantly argued against it. "Go forth and do your duty," was spelled out to them.

Shortly after, on coming into the kitchen in the morning, they found the outlines of four coffins drawn on the floor. They washed them away. The next morning they found four coffins drawn on the kitchen ceiling. Next they appeared on the dining room floor. Then the next day on the dining room floor drawn very realistically were four coffins with soft, pink linings. At the end of each coffin was a metal plate containing one of the names of the three girls and their mother. Under the coffins was written the message, "If you do not go forth and do your duty, you will soon be laid in your coffins." They showed these to their friends. By this time Mr. Fox had finished the house he had been building for two years on David's land and wanted the family to come there. Spirit rapped that they should remain in Rochester.

The manifestations then ceased. At first, the girls and their mother were all joyful at being free of the constant disturbance. As the days passed, they began to miss the contact with those on the other side, then to wish that it would return but there was silence. Mr. Capron and Mr. Willets came to visit after the manifestations had been gone for 12 days. The family explained what was happening. Mr. Capron said, "Well, maybe they will rap for me." Immediately the rapping resumed and all welcomed it. Again the request was made to go public. Mr. Capron said ridicule would be heaped on all concerned. Spirit responded, "Your victory will be so much the greater." Capron and Willets expressed concern for the risk they were taking with their families.

Spirit told them to start first by holding a meeting at each friend's house. They did and the meetings were successful. Spirit then instructed them to invite a specific 16 prominent citizens of Rochester to the Post's home. Leah said the list of these people was lost. The only name she remembered of those invited was that of the great abolitionist, newspaper editor, and lecturer Fredric Douglas. At the gathering in the Post's home, groups separated so they could determine the raps were not being made by people hidden anywhere in the house. Spirit told them the gathering was to prove that they could rap loud enough to be heard in a public hall and directed them to engage Corinthian Hall, the largest public hall in Rochester, for a public demonstration.

Notices were published and the first public demonstration of contact with the Spirit World was held in Corinthian Hall. Leah Fox Fish and Margaretta Fox sat on the stage along with other of their friends and supporters. Communication was made through the raps. At the conclusion of the meeting, a committee was selected from the

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audience to examine the girls and their manifestations and report back to the meeting scheduled for the following evening.

The committee took the girls first to another hall, then to a private home. Their hands and feet were held. Raps manifested all over the rooms they were in with no evidence of movement from the girls. At the next meeting, the committee reported favorably for the girls that no evidence of fraud could be detected. The audience appeared surprised. They had been expecting exposure.

Another committee was selected from the audience. They held their meeting in the business office of one of the committee members. The raps manifested all over the room as before. A doctor had been engaged by the committee who examined the girls while the rapping was taking place. No evidence of movement could be found.



A DRAWING OF THE FOX COTTAGE.

At the third successive public meeting, this committee reported favorably for the girls. The crowd in the hall started to get unruly and some comments threatening violence were directed at the committee. Another committee was chosen. One man said he would forfeit a new hat if he couldn't detect fraud. He was immediately placed on the investigating committee. Another said he would throw himself over Genesee Falls if he could not "fathom the fraud" and he too, I believe, was placed on the committee.

The next day the committee met at the appointed place and selected three ladies to first physically examine the girls. The ladies had the girls strip, be examined, then redress in clothing supplied by the examining committee. They returned to the rest of the committee who instructed the spirits to rap. Silence. They waited. Still no manifestations. The committee felt they had exposed "the fraud" and told the girls to go home. Leah refused, saying they would stay and "see it through." As it was near lunch time, the committee ordered lunch to be brought in.

A sumptuous lunch was served on a large, wooden table, the committee and the girls sitting around it. Margaretta (15 years old) was bathed in tears. Leah said she had to struggle so with her emotions that she could not taste the food. The committee was laughing and joking at their expense when there was a loud, creaking sound as one end of the table raised, then the other end. Finally the entire dining table laden with food was lifted over all their heads.

There was astonishment. Waiters fled in every direction. The women came to the girls and one-by one hugged them and apologized for what they had put them through. The men said the girls had gained a victory and that they would stand with them. The table, having returned to the floor, was cleared and the girls were asked to stand on feather pillows on the table. The skirts that had been supplied by the committee were tied tightly around their ankles. Raps manifested on the table, the walls, and floor of the room. The committee wrote a testimony to that effect.

Before they left the committee, word came that, if the committee reported favorably, they would all be mobbed. They returned home. Their friends didn't want them to go to Corinthian Hall that evening but said they would go and stand with them if they did go. The raps called for the alphabet and spelled, "Go! God will go with you. You will not be harmed." Amy Post wanted them to see it through. Margaretta refused. Leah said she would go if Amy did. As they were leaving, 15 year old Margaretta joined them, telling them they would all probably be killed.

When they arrived at the hall, they learned a container of warm tar had been placed in a closet near the stairway. The investigating committee bravely presented their favorable report. The rowdy element became a "howling mob." The leader of this element gave his prearranged signal to assault the stage. As this signal was given, a large man jumped onto the stage and sat between Leah and Margaretta. Leah tried to run him off as she thought he was one of the attackers. He informed her he was the Rochester chief of police and that the men in the front row were his men. He called out to the leader of the rowdy element, a man named Bissell, that he would be the first arrested if anything happened to the girls. Another man who had come to Leah's home as an investigator called out to them not to be afraid, that he had 50 good men with him to protect them. Bissell's rowdies had been throwing torpedos, explosive devices about the size of a golf ball that explode on impact like large firecrackers. Then the proprietor of Corinthian placed himself between the stage and those advancing towards it.

In Leah's account of this final public demonstration in Corinthian Hall, recalling the night some 30 years later, she reports the mob then turned and left. In another account, it was reported that a voice rang out, "You will be protected," and the hall filled with a crescendo of raps causing the crowd to quietly file out.

With the conclusion of these meetings of the first public demonstrations, and the reporting of them far and wide, Spiritualism spread like wildfire through the United States in the territory above the Mason-Dixon Line.

Mediums, nearly all women and mostly adolescent girls, came forward with the support of families. For some of them, their mediumship had already begun manifesting but families had held this knowledge fearing ridicule,

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THE WALK, THE TALK, AND THE 'TUDE *(Continued from page 3.)*

of Love. Just be the most loving that you can be, for that is the best that you can be."

How many times have we advised another just to do the best they can? Sometimes we get our emotions stirred up like a dust storm and until they settle down we cough a lot, and cannot see clearly.



Write down an affirmation to remind you to keep your att*itude* and intention loving. Desire determines the quality of the return. So, if you truly desire to be the best you can be, to serve others, to be a loving light, to grow toward your soul's purpose, then the Law will work with you. The energy you put forth draws and fulfills your heart's desire. Remember that a strong desire will nullify a weaker one. If your intention and desires are to grow spiritually then you will attract into your life a teacher and life lessons to further your goal.

Have you ever known someone who says the right things, knows the Laws and quotes them, but they just do not ring true on some level of your being? They have not taken what they know and put it into their lives. To translate what the mind knows into soul transformation, we must make some change in our life. The current trappings that surround us become familiar and a voyage into the unknown can create anguish. In our minds we think of change in big ways and that is scary, yet change begins with the first desire, the first intention, the first step. Change is a gradual blending of the old and the new. If you want to walk, talk and think Spirit, Love and Peace, then send your intention into the Universal ethers. We know that energy moves in a circular pattern returning to encompass the sender. Take control and encircle your attitude with love. Affirm: I am Love, walking the path of light, talking the words of joy. ⏮

"The true civilization of mediumship is a stepping-stone to the exercise of your own spiritual powers."
– J. J. Morse

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FOX FAMILY *(Continued from previous page.)*

misunderstanding, and worse. For others, their mediumship blossomed as Spiritualism spread, or as they attended public demonstrations of mediumship. They were nearly all trance mediums. Many other phases of mediumship manifested in the following years. Yet only the Fox sisters, so far as I have determined, gave the demonstration through raps, a demonstration completely separated from the physical body of the medium that allowed the investigator to talk directly to those in the Spirit World.

While we date the advent of modern Spiritualism with that first communication established between Katie Fox, a child of 11 years, and the Spirit of Charles Rosna on March 31, 1848, Spiritualism as a movement began with the first public demonstrations in Corinthian Hall on November 14, 1849.

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Ice Cream For The Soul

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Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and Justice for all! Amen!

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

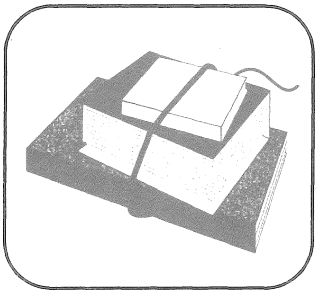
He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had stated this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid's ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already."

Comparative Religion



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* ***Jean Thatcher, LM*** *of Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines in California.*

Through recorded history there have been enlightened men and women who have attained profound wisdom through inspiration from a higher intelligence. Each era has claimed its prophets and philosophers, its seers, sages and saints who established spiritual, moral and ethical guidelines for followers. These guidelines have had far reaching ripple effects, often changing cultures, religions, governments and the course of history in their wake.

A European priest known as Rama is one of the earliest documented spiritual way-showers. Born nearly 7,000 years before Christ, he taught that there was one supreme universal God and established a government based upon unity, peace and equality which endured for 3,200 years.

He succeeded in abolishing sacrifice, promoted science as the foundation and the capstone of life and encouraged universal culture and the development of the consciousness. As his philosophy spread to Asia, he was considered the "Spiritual King" of the Earth. The "Ramayan Vaimiki," considered the world's greatest poem, relates his life.

Some 3,000 years later, Krishna, a legendary figure whose life story parallels that of Jesus in many respects, appeared to the people of India in the role of a savior whose mission was to reconcile the rivalry of male and female, handed down by the aggressive Voluspa. This he did by creating a trinity of Vishnu as the Supreme Absolute, Siva as his companion and Brahma as the uniting faculty. This has translated into the concept of body, spirit and soul in other religions such as Christianity. Krishna believed in reincarnation, and he was known for his transfigurations and ability to hear spirit voices.

Akhenaton came into power in Egypt in the 14th Century B.C. By the age of 19, he had succeeded in diverting his people from the superstitious, polytheistic worship of many gods to a monotheistic belief in one God. He refused to make war, and instead, founded a religion. He died at the age of 30, but left hundreds of historical records on stone tablets which have provided valuable insight into Egyptian history.

Sixty years after Akhenaton's death, the baby Moses became a member of the royal Egyptian family. He was educated in the Egyptian temples, but fled the sanctuary of the royal life after killing an Egyptian who abused a Jewish child. On Mt. Hera he heard a Spirit voice commanding him to lead the Jews out of Egypt back to their own land.

Moses obeyed the instructions of the Spirit, and over the next 40 years, he and the people he rescued suffered intense hardships, but their needs were always met and Moses experienced and demonstrated constant spiritual phenomena. It was during this time that he received the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. Millions of people still follow the religion founded by this Biblical prophet.

Over the next 1200 years, great philosophers left indelible imprints on religious history – the Greeks, Orpheus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle; in India, the Buddha, in China, Confucius and Lao Tse. All of these men were inspired visionaries who believed in one God and the spirituality of humanity, as well as the responsibility of men and women to strive for the highest and best.

Plato emphasized ethics; Pythagoras was a great moral reformer; Aristotle believed in evolution and created the discipline of Natural Science. Confucius and Lao Tse taught harmony and balance.

Siddartha Guatama, the Buddha, was opposed to the exclusivity of the Indian caste system, although he was born into the privileged Indian Brahman caste, and he succeeded in establishing a religion free of caste restrictions. He did not believe in a Supreme God, but that salvation must be achieved through personal efforts and a doctrine of self-negation. His Four Noble Truths are that life is suffering; desire is the cause of suffering; there is a method to eliminate suffering; and that the method is the Eightfold Path. The Eightfold Path specifies the method to be Right Knowledge; Right Thought; Right Speech; Right Conduct; Right Livelihood; Right Efforts; Right Mindfulness; and Right Concentration.

Confucianism is said to have begun 500 years before Confucius lived, during the Chou dynasty, when the Duke of Chou initiated many humanitarian policies. Confucius revived and refined the concepts. Although he supported a ruling class, he believed it should be based on education and character, a natural aristocracy. He started what was probably the first school for commoners, and there cultivated in his students will power, noble character, goodness and morality, while disdaining practical skills or specializations. Confucius is honored ritually today, but his wisdom has

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been largely eroded by a government which believes that if the populace follows the teachings of Confucius, they will neglect farming and other works beneficial to the state.

The birth of Jesus ushered in an unprecedented expansion of spiritual awareness in a world that was waiting for a powerful and inspired leader. As a spiritual man, Jesus' understanding of the Natural Laws enabled him to display the power of Spirit in ways which seemed miraculous to the people of that time. After his death, Paul gave the world what it wanted, a savior, elevating Jesus to the status of the only begotten Son of God.

Historians believe that Jesus and Paul had no intention of establishing a new religion, but rather to reform Judaism. Jesus apparently understood his life and destiny as the fulfillment of Judaism. He said, "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them."

It is believed that Paul and Jesus were about the same age. It appears that Paul belonged to a distinguished family and was a Pharisee, one of the proudest and most learned sects of the Jews, and a probable member of the Sanhedrin, as well. Records suggest he studied to become a rabbi, so, like Jesus, he was well-schooled in Jewish law and religion.

It was in Antioch, about 10 years after the death of Jesus, that disciples became known as Christians, and Paul at last grasped the idea of freeing the Christian faith of all national and racial limitations to create a universal Kingdom of God. At this point, the conflict between the majority of the Jews and the followers of Jesus resulted in the separation of churches.

Paul is given credit for changing an obscure Jewish sect into a world religion. He added Christ to the name of Jesus, and taught the concepts of the virgin birth, the ascension, vicarious atonement and redemption by faith.

It is easy to see that religions have borrowed extensively from one another over the ages. For 10,000 years, ethics, moralities, philosophies, great truths and great errors have been handed down orally or through the sacred texts. In Spiritualism, one of the newest of formalized religions, we find echoes of many other religions, some of them ancient, and we find the best of the wisdom of many of the old prophets reflected in our concepts.

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CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in JULY throughout the years?

JULY 2, 1900

Count Ferdinand von Zepplin launches the first **rigid airship** at Friedrichshafen, Germany. Our technology has come a great distance.

JULY 4

July 4 -- On this day in 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the **Declaration of Independence**. In 1802, the U.S. Military Academy officially opened **West Point**, NY. In 1959, America's 49-star flag, honoring **Alaskan statehood**, is officially unfurled and then in 1960, America's 50-star flag, honoring **Hawaiian statehood**, is officially unfurled. God bless this great country, the United States of America.



JULY 6, 1845

George Kates was born on this date. He entered Spiritualism in his twenties and was a prominent worker throughout his life, touring the country with his wife Zaida Brown Kates. Both were outstanding platform workers. He was elected trustee of the N.S.A. and then its secretary. The Kates were in charge of the First Spiritualist Church in Washington, D.C.

JULY 9

Happy, happy Birthday to the NSAC Secretary, **the Rev. Sharon Snowman,** NST. May it be a wonderful year for her.

JULY 18, 1832

The birth of **John Francis** was celebrated on this date. He was the founder of the *Progressive Thinker*, a publication based on spiritual philosophy. He was also the author of several Spiritualist books. A favorite expression of his was "Keep your brain vibrating."

JULY 19, 1848

Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton led Seneca Falls, NY, **Women's Rights Convention.** Many Spiritualist men and women pioneers supported the Women's Rights movement.

JULY 20, 1969

The Anniversary of the first **moon landing**, with astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin as the first men to walk on the moon. In 1976, America's Viking 1 spacecraft made the first-ever **landing on Mars.**

JULY 29, 1914

Transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

JULY 30, 1860

The birth date of **Jeanne Hagen** called *the Child Wonder*. Jeanne was in poor health much of her life, but was a special clairvoyant and clairaudient, and an asset to Spiritualism.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JULY 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 I contemplate truth wherever I find it.
2 Communion within becomes easier as we grow.	**3** As spiritual beings, we awake each day anew.	**4** "My Country Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."	**5** My words, my thoughts are important for they create.	**6** The universe must exist for the self-expression of God.	**7** As we look at each other we see the living Presence.	**8** Truth is not always easy to follow, but it is always right.
9 We live on three planes: we are spirit, soul, and body.	**10** There is no individual mind. All is Universal Mind.	**11** I recognize my divine nature and try to unify with God.	**12** We are each creators. What did you create today?	**13** A Higher Power is always with us, guiding us.	**14** I experience unity with Spirit and it is Love.	**15** "I am seeking my Good, and my Good is my God."
16 Hearing the voice of intuition requires solitude.	**17** I trust the inner urgings as a whisper from Spirit.	**18** The presence of Perfection is within and without.	**19** Life is not a possession to be defended, but a gift to be shared.	**20** Memories are often distorted by time and telling.	**21** Joy always contains love.	**22** Commit yourself to spend time in solitude, and listen.
23 Each of us reflects part of the mystery of God.	**24** Learn who you are, why you are here and what you are to do.	**25** I am energized by music and rhythm.	**26** I pray for peace, harmony, love and light for each soul on earth.	**27** "All things are enlightened exactly as they are." Buddha	**28** We have already attained what we are seeking.	**29** Compassion frees us from the illusion of separateness.
30 Silence means rest, rest of body and mind – giving up control.	**31** I trust divine guidance to create love and light through me.		**Cherish Liberty - <u>every</u> day!**			

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BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
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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.

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

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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.

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MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
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Questions & Answers

BY DR. VICTORIA BARNES

Q I have visited several mediums but none seemed able to tell me what was ahead of me in my work or my life. I know my own past so that does not interest me one particle. What use is Spiritualism if it cannot tell you the future?

A Before discussing the question of prediction, let us state that the true aim of spiritual mediumship is *to prove the continuity of life*. How could one prove a prediction, something that has, as yet, never occurred? Many of the Old Testament predictions or prophecies have not yet been fulfilled.

Prediction is the result of *reasoning* based on observation of past and present conditions and events as controlled by the Law of Cause and Effect. So, although it can be reasonably accepted, it can also be modified more or less.

Many present events are still in too nebulous a form, to be recognized by us, having a rate of vibration too slow to register on our sensitivity. These vibrations, however are felt and recognized by disembodied entities who function through special senses unknown to man. They see the result of the impingement of such vibrations upon the cosmic conscious ether of the Universe much as we see our images reflected in a mirror. The Spirit entities are able to read and interpret this procedure giving it to our mediums as prediction or prophecy.

We are living in a world of constant change through growth, so it is easy to see how something may occur to alter, or deflect vibrations, after the medium has received the prediction. The individual consulting the medium is disappointed to the degree of condemning the medium as incompetent or dishonest when the medium truthfully gave what was communicated to him or her at the moment.

Taken from *TNS*, May 1943.

Q Please relate the history or discovery of the aura.

A Records showing when it was first discovered or noticed seem lacking, but history relates a belief in its existence as far back as the saints and mystics of medieval times, who felt there were four different types of aura, and named them (1) The Halo, the auric emanation resembling a suspended ring above the top of the head; (2) the Nimbus, the emanation from the shoulders, neck and lower part of the head; (3) the Aureola, that part which radiated from the whole body; and (4) the Glory, which was a combination of all.

For years, clairvoyants who claimed they could see auras were scoffed at because *scientists* had made no such discovery. Finally, a German scientist, Baron Karl Von Reichenbach, well versed in what the early Egyptians believed regarding it, undertook a long series of experiments with a group of sensitives. Later, he wrote a book about his findings, in which he stated that objects as well as humans, had auras. His experiments were conducted with crystals and magnets.

A few years later, Dr. Walter J. Kilner of the St. Thomas Hospital, London, England, proved conclusively the existence of the human aura. An outline of the procedure he followed is contained in his book, *The Human Atmosphere*. Unlike the early mystics, he considered the aura as having various layers, distinguishable by their character, position and color.

Dr. Kilner was aided in his experiments by use of his invention–the Kilnascreen. By placing a solution of dicyanin (a solution of coal-tar dye) between two hermetically sealed pieces of glass, he perfected an instrument which he and his fellow scientists used, to see the Aura, as he termed it–artificially. These investigations were very thorough, being conducted with individuals in all walks of life, of all ages, both sexes–during normal health as well as during various diseased conditions.

Enrico Morselli, Professor of Psychiatry at Genoa, Italy, University, a bitter skeptic of psychic phenomena, became convinced of their reality through studying and observing auras. He, too, wrote convincingly regarding it. Another investigator at the same university, Theodore Flournoy, Professor of Psychology, conducted a series of experiments along these lines for some fellow scientists.

Dr. Gustave Geley of Paris, France, a tireless and highly esteemed investigator, became thoroughly convinced of the existence of the aura, as did Dr. Richet of Paris.

Dr. Paul Joire, Professor at the Psychophysiological Institute of France was greatly interested in auric changes before, during and following hypnotizing of sensitives.

Dr. O'Donnell of Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Ill., a keen student of aura, endorsed the findings of Dr. Kilner.

Prof. Grumbine, an earnest American investigator, and Dr. Hereward Carrington, American psychical investigator, both did considerable work along these lines.

Columbia University has been experimenting in photographing the human aura.

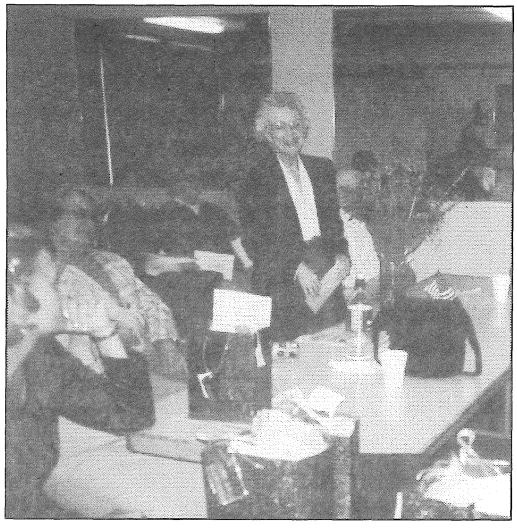
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PASTORAL SKILLS

Who Said Learning Is Boring?

BY TOM AND ALISA BUTLER, ARIZONA



PASTORAL SKILLS CONFERENCE:
Thank you Kit Stewart!

An essential step on the road to becoming a Licentiate Minister, or Ordained Minister with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC), is completion of the Pastoral Skills course offered by Morris Pratt Institute. It should be noted, however, that the Pastoral Skills class is not just for people working toward ordination. Anyone desiring to develop their people skills and to better understand the operation of their church will find the class a valuable resource.

The February Pastoral Skills class, conducted in Las Vegas, Nevada was completed with nine happy students. Veteran instructors, The Reverends Betty and Don Nauratil, NSTs of California taught the class. The Reverend Barbara (Bunny) Star, NST of West Virginia audited the class and shared some of the instructor duties as part of her preparation to begin teaching Pastoral Skills. The students were Linda and Brian Kent of Rhode Island, Twila Cooley of Las Vegas, the Reverend Janet Tisdale, NST of Arizona, Mildred Schlagel of Indiana, David Saunders of California, Alisa and Tom Butler of Arizona, and Patricia Haskins-Schott of Colorado.

The Reverend Catherine Stewart and her congregation very kindly opened the door of their Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC for the class. Everyone in attendance was impressed by the facilities – they were just right! The church is strategically located near hotels and restaurants, and is not far from the Las Vegas Strip. Of course, gambling was the last thing on the student's mind. After all, homework does come first.

You may notice from the list of attendees that they came from all parts of the country. The course has a reputation of providing valuable instruction and is known to be worth the effort to attend. What is not shown, is that many of the students were attending class to learn new skills, but were not necessarily working toward ordination. Many of the students were already working as pastors in their church, or were actively serving their church in other ways. In all, the class represented a vast storehouse of experience that each was able to tap into during the two weeks they were in attendance. In the end, every student learned nearly as much from one another as they did from the formal instruction.

As the name of the class implies, the main thrust of the instruction was toward developing valuable skills for serving a church as pastor. Here is a brief outline of what was presented to the students.

The students attended the Spiritualist Desert Church the first Sunday, and a local Catholic Church the next. They were asked to observe, and later, comment on the services and surroundings so as to understand what does and does not work.

Each student was assigned an occasional service, such as Christmas or a wedding. Each conducted a brief

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version of their service, using the other students as participants. For you to have a clear image of what these presentations were like, it is important for you to imagine a bunch of not so bashful, good-natured Spiritualists trying to keep a straight face – and trying to resist pestering the acting pastor. What a way to learn!

Chaplain, the Reverend Jerry Blankenship, gave the students an impressive presentation during the hospital visit. He painted a clear picture of what it is like to fill this important role in the operation of such a human-intensive environment. It was a very important visit.



PASTORAL SKILLS CONFERENCE: With Dr. Raymond Moody.

The students also visited a hospice facility, in which they were given an overview by Chaplain Ellis, who was as likable as he was experienced. This was the first time a Pastoral Skills class visited a hospice facility, and it was clear to all that the practice should be continued. The Chaplain made an enlightening presentation about hospice concerns and his presentation helped the students understand many of the issues concerning death and dying at home as well.

Perhaps the most interesting visit of the class was to a Funeral Home. The funeral director, Ned Phillips, spoke to the students. He presented a level headed, pragmatic, caring role model that any caregiver would benefit by following. Few students had imagined the variety of possibilities for remembering loved ones who have transitioned.

There was a surprise visitor to the class, as well. Doctor Raymond Moody, researcher and author of numerous books on the continuation of life, graced the class with a long talk on his views. This was a most interesting experience arranged for the class by the Reverend Catherine Stewart. His words were both encouraging and educational, in that they gave a certain authenticity based on science to views Spiritualists have learned to believe through mediumship.



PASTORAL SKILLS CONFERENCE: Feb. 5 thru Feb. 18, 2000, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Central to Pastoral Skills is the classroom instruction on caregiving, counseling and the resources available to anyone who finds themselves confronted by someone who is asking for guidance. The instruction included important information in what a person should and should not do when working with people who are experiencing trying times. This included such subjects as suicide, chemical dependency, violent assault, depression, grief and marriage counseling. In this regard, the students were taught the most important word a person can know. It is the "L" word, as the students will always remember it. Listen!

Of course, there was considerable training and exchange of ideas concerning the operation of a Spiritualist Church. In fact, it was darned hard for the brave instructors to keep the students from drifting into discussions about church. Can you imagine the wealth of ideas in such a gathering? So many experiences to share in only two weeks.

Should you have the opportunity to attend a Pastoral Skills class, do find a way. Even if you do not intend to serve a church, do treat yourself to the opportunity to gain the people skills offered in the course. As for the experience gained by the students in the Las Vegas class of 2000, I believe I speak for every student in saying that it was well worth the effort and everyone had a great time.

On behalf of everyone involved in the class, I want to extend a special thanks to the Reverend Catherine Stewart and her congregation. Without her kind support, many of us might not have been able to attend. Thank You!

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Experiencing The Power Of INFINITE INTELLIGENCE

BY ROBERT EGBY, NEW JERSEY

When someone comes into your Spiritualist church or camp and hears the familiar Principle: "We believe in Infinite Intelligence," chances are, sooner or later, they'll pop the question: "What happened to God?" Good question. So what do we say?

Former NSAC President, Joseph Whitwell explained Infinite Intelligence this way. "By this we express our belief in a supreme Impersonal Power, everywhere present, manifesting as life, through all forms of organized matter, called by some, God, by others, Spirit, and by Spiritualists, Infinite Intelligence."

For people who have been indoctrinated in the traditional theological teachings of the ages that suggested God is a bewhiskered old man, seated on a throne somewhere in the skies, surrounded by a chorus of angels and adoring saints, Infinite Intelligence is hard to swallow. It leaves an uncomfortable void. A loss.

The conditioned clerics, theologians and their supporters, personified God. The Old Testament openly portrayed God with humanity's worst attributes: anger, jealousy, revenge, bitterness, and people were encouraged to "fear God." Designed to intimidate the masses and empower the clerics, it was pure character assassination. Could it be this that prompted Infinite Intelligence to dispatch a team of great teachers–Zoroaster for Zoroastrianism, Lao-tze for Taoism, Vardhamana, Mahavira for Jainism, Gautama Buddha for Buddhism and Confucius for Confucianism–all between 660 BC and 551 BC–a span of one and a half centuries to introduce remedial measures and put the record straight?

Was Infinite Intelligence satisfied? Heaven knows! But five centuries later Jesus followed with a philosophy that embraced the teachings of all the forerunners but with one major difference. And this is critical!

He taught and demonstrated that there is at work in the world a Divine Universal, all embracing Holy Spirit, a power which is loving, educating, suggesting, inspiring and transforming, and more. It's available for every individual who will open his or her heart to this divine inner presence. He frequently demonstrated the presence of this all embracing power, this Infinite Intelligence. It was clearly shown in His healing, His mediumship and in various so-called "miracles."

To Jesus this Universal, omnipresent power was a personal and worldly God of Love. And He called this power "Father."

How else would you describe this cosmic power to villagers living 2,000 years ago? Remember, His technique was to teach in parables. "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything." (Mark 4:34) It was a master stroke. Ingenious.

Jesus' reference to "Father" is reported about 150 times in the four Gospels and about 300 times in the full New Testament. Still, this didn't prevent the clerics, ably supported by a host of classical painters through the ages, portraying God as a harsh, intolerant, unforgiving, judgmental thrower of thunderbolts and other terrors. In spite of the wonderful, loving teachings of Jesus, fear and damnation was habitually hurled from the pulpits for centuries and, unfortunately, the practice still exists in some quarters today. Incidentally, the insurance industry, probably unconsciously, maintains the character assassination process by describing any catastrophic occurrences as "acts of God."

The "love" teachings of Jesus are prevailing more and more in modern society. The concept of an anthropomorphic God, who can be brutally cruel, is receding. More and more people are coming to understand the Golden Rule that "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them," and the importance of adhering to Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

But the old idea of the anthropomorphic God dies hard. That great performer, Bette Midler, pushed the concept in her recent song, "God is watching from a distance." This dualistic image curdles the analytical or mystical mind. What student wants

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the teacher peering over his or her shoulder watching him all the time? While we alienate God, or whatever we associate with a separate and distinct God, we will always have an identity problem.

Infinite Intelligence offers a wonderful opportunity to say farewell to the anthropomorphic fellow, and adopt an all-embracing consciousness of Spirit, the Power that is everywhere. But how does one do it?

The best way to create or adopt an awareness of Infinite Intelligence, is to forget everything you ever learned about the anthropomorphic God. It's a concept Modern Spiritualists really don't need. In fact, Christians should have been aware of this for a long time. One of the fundamental sourcebooks of Christian spirituality, *Theologia Mystica*, written in the sixth century by Dionysius Exiguus, an Assyrian monk, points out that the best way to know God is through *agnostos*, a Greek term which means unknowing. Eastern philosopher Alan Watts commented in his book *God*: "One knows God most profoundly, the most truly, in not knowing God."

A point to ponder: If you imagine God, it will be based on everything you ever picked up in your life: Sunday school, Bible classes, Hollywood, TV evangelists plus all the religious folk in your environment. It's best if one does not attempt to describe God. Accept the phrase: "God is." But beware! Because if you add another word you will find you have unwittingly modified God, or Infinite Intelligence.

Accept Infinite Intelligence as simply being. Accept the fact that any attempt to describe Infinite Intelligence with words is impossible. Words are renowned for being notoriously clumsy. For instance: Have you ever attempted to describe a beautiful sunset to a blind person? Or attempted to describe relaxing meditation music to a person who cannot hear? Or describe the taste of sugar to someone who cannot taste? In these examples, one needs to experience the sensation and be aware. So it is with God, Holy Spirit, Infinite Intelligence. Words are insufficient. Remember the phrase; "In the beginning was the word..." Pity the poor Bible-puncher attempting to express an experience, a sensation through words. They should know the experience of Infinite Intelligence starts beyond words.

Don't look for the experience, just be open and receptive while maintaining a good and positive energy vibration. Remember the teaching: the Kingdom of Heaven is within you.

First, learn to observe the world around. Take time out to regard nature, trees, flowers, and the wildlife. Observe seeds growing. Watch the waters of a stream flowing easily and effortlessly. Get down on your hands and knees and examine a flower growing in its natural environment. Look at the texture of its petals. Observe the bark of trees. Watch the shadows cast by the sun, and the moving clouds evolving in the upper winds. Sit on a beach and observe how the waves form and break. All the time quietly telling yourself–Infinite Intelligence is everywhere, and I am at one with it.

It is important that you observe without judgment, without comment, and without opinion. A cynical voice may say acidly: "This is dumb. Stupid. A waste of time." Recognize that that's the old ego talking and it's based on a conditioned mind and memories. Observe the comment–without judgment–and let it go.

When you are comfortable with observing nature, start to observe yourself. Sit quietly and mentally observe your breathing process, then when you are comfortable, observe your body and the way it is feeling – without comment, judgment or opinion. Just observe.

When you feel comfortable with the process, quietly tell yourself: Infinite intelligence is everywhere, and I am at one with it.

Remember, Infinite Intelligence is everywhere. There is no place that Infinite Intelligence isn't. Infinite Intelligence is all around us – it's also within us in our muscles, bones, organs, glands – every cell in our bodies is part of that Infinite Intelligence – the Power. Be aware that Infinite Intelligence is also in every morsel of food and drink. In fact, some people meditate on food while they eat as an interesting way to curb overeating.

When you observe yourself and the world around you, without comment, judgment or opinion, an interesting phenomena starts to occur – you start living in the here and now, and stressors, phobias, strains and chronic aches and pains start to diminish. Old habits such as comparing yourself to saints and sinners disappear, and you become aware of what is positive and what is negative, and the NSAC Principle Number Seven that "we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws," starts to make sense in more ways than one. Observe your reaction as you think about this–without comment.

Obeying the Natural Laws is like attempting to cross a fast flowing river. If you insist on swimming straight across against the current, you'll soon expire, but if you "go with the flow" downstream, and then make your way across gradually, you will succeed. We can each become

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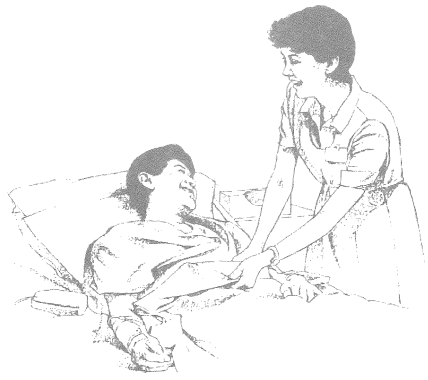
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Hospice Helps!

BY THE
NSAC SPIRITUAL
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Frequently the minister of a church is called by Hospice to help someone in their care who has a spiritual request, or the minister is called by a family member because someone has been put under Hospice care. Many question what is Hospice, so here is a brief introduction.

The term originates from the same root as hospitality. It was first used to describe a place that sheltered the weary or sick and in 1967 that the term began to be applied to the specialized care for dying patients. Today, Hospice refers to a steadily increasing concept of compassionate care that can be administered in a patients' home, hospitals, nursing homes, or other inpatient facilities.

Hospice is a special type of care which provides sensitivity and support to patients who can no longer benefit from curative treatment and are in the final phase of life. The treatment seeks to enable the individual to continue in an alert, pain-free manner so their last days may be spent with dignity and their affairs may be put in order. The patient usually has a life expectancy of six months or less, and most receive home care with a team of professionals supporting the patient. Some of the workers are professionals such as social workers, therapists, nurses, physicians, counselors, and chaplains. Many of the Hospice workers are volunteers who, along with the staff, work to help the patients, and also work to support the family and loved ones through the difficult times of illness and transition.

Hospice care is usually covered under most insurance plans, including HMO's and managed care organizations, and is a benefit of Medicare. Hospice bases its services on need rather than on the ability to pay.

Hospice differs from other types of healthcare and should be investigated before deciding if it would be right

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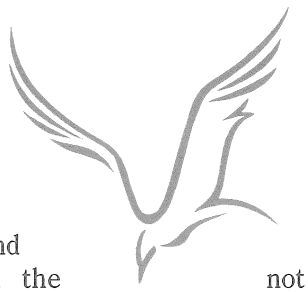
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part of the flow, the flow of Natural Laws, and in doing so maintain optimal health in mind, body and spirit. You'll start to manifest your spiritual gifts–the ones Paul of Tarsus wrote about. Then you become at one with Infinite Intelligence.

The Master Teacher Jesus knew all these things very well, and He taught them. Go back and re-read the Sermon on the Mount. It's a great instruction manual for living within the realm of Infinite Intelligence.

Many people assumed that when Jesus said: "My Father and I are one," (John 10:30) that He was saying He was God, a seemingly blatant blasphemy for which they wanted to stone Him.

When a person is consciously aware and goes with the flow of Natural Laws, and recognizes that he or she is part of Infinite Intelligence, the Universal Power, Jesus' words, "My Father and I are one," start to make sense. Unwittingly, we are all at one with Infinite Intelligence, it's just that a lot of us are still clinging to, and perhaps marooned on the rocks of old, corrupt teachings and memories.



The good news is that we can resolve NOW to go with the flow by adopting a consciousness that says: "I am at one with Infinite Intelligence." Do it without judgment, comment or opinion. Just do it, and your life starts to change. But don't imagine what the changes will be, that's an open invitation to the old self. Just let attunement happen.

Oh, and one other thing, don't zip around the workplace telling everyone about this. Chances are they won't be on your level of consciousness, and they may want to mentally, if not physically, stone you. But when that person comes up to you after church and says: "What happened to God?" you can begin by saying: "Some years back there was a great Spiritualist named Joseph Whitwell and he put it this way . . ."

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for your loved one and family. The five main differences they publish are:

- Hospice offers palliative, rather than curative treatment. Pain and symptom control methods are utilized to enable the patient to live as fully and comfortably as possible.

- Hospice treats the person, not the disease. The team of professionals is designed to address the medical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of the patient and loved ones.

- Hospice emphasizes quality, rather than length of life. It neither hastens nor postpones death: it affirms life and regards dying as a normal process.

- Hospice considers the entire family, not just the patient. The family and loved ones are included in the decision-making process.

- Hospice offers help and support to the patient and family on a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week basis. For Hospice patients and their loved ones, help is a phone call away.

Another way that Hospice helps is that it teaches about grief and that there are many reactions a person experiences that are normal. A few are:

- if one is angry with the doctors, nurses, themselves, or friends.

- if one notices a change in appetite, sleeps a lot, goes on a buying or selling spree.

- if one has headaches, upset stomachs, weakness, lethargy, aches and pains.

- if one feels that friends and family don't understand, feels unbearably lonely, feels depressed, is crabby, cries a lot, is forgetful, confused, absent-minded, panicked over small things, feels guilty.

- if one is unable to concentrate on written material or remember what has just been read.

. . . all of these are common reactions to grief and take awhile to pass completely, but Hospice teaches that people do heal in time.

Hospice gives the bereaved ways to deal with their grief, shares literature, lists of organizations and groups that can assist those in need. It is a wonderful resource that may help you, someone in your congregation, or a loved one. If you wish more information or a referral contact the Hospice Helpline at 800-658-8898. ⏮



SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

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



Have You Hugged Yourself Today?

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

We often get caught up in sayings, at least I do. Everywhere you look today there are billboards telling you to talk to your children, hug your children, be kind to your children or various other members of the family. Seldom are we reminded of the person we most need to consider, ourselves. We all know the admonishment by heart, "If you don't take care of yourself, you can't take care of others." We think we are too busy doing just that, taking care of others, to give ourselves the time of day. Our spirit guides and higher self let us know when to slow down – if we just listen.

A few weeks ago I had a fascinating experience. Two friends and excellent mediums spoke up and I will be grateful to them for a long time to come. That Sunday morning the Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, spoke in our church. Following the service she stopped me and said "See me before you leave the Dale." When we had a few moments, she asked me if I was having a pain under the shoulder blade on the left side. I must admit I was surprised, since I had had it since the day before and not paid any attention. She told me she saw it from the platform but didn't want to address it from the platform. She took my pulse, advising me that with the heart problems I've had in the past she wanted me to see a doctor. I promised I would and went merrily on my way.

That evening another medium came to me and told me I needed to take care of myself and if I didn't see a doctor I might be down a lot longer than last year. Last year I spent 6 months on disability because of exhaustion. When we got home my husband Albert said he hoped I was listening.

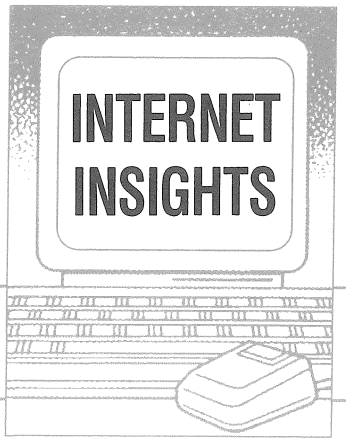
The next morning I went to see an associate of my doctor's because he was not available. She made some tests and said it appeared to be a pulled muscle but she also felt I was running on empty and needed to pay attention to what my body was trying to tell me. So I left there and got an immediate appointment with my chiropractor. She gave me an adjustment and joined the chorus of "take care of yourself."

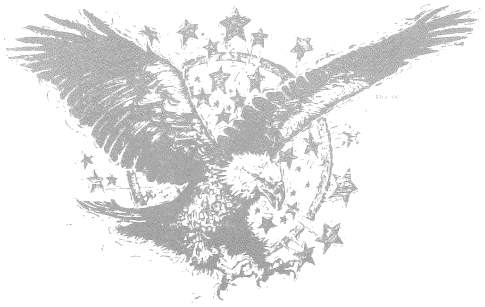
Brilliant realist that I am, I actually listened to all these voices telling me what I always tell everyone else! Don't you love how we can all see the other person's problem but frequently ignore our own? I always flinch when I am feeling under the weather and say " – and I will do my part" in the healing prayer, knowing that more than once I have meant it when I said it but promptly gone along being foolish about my own needs.

So I took it easy the next three weekends. Then I thought why do I think I have to make a special project of caring for me. I resolved to do one nice thing for me everyday. I discovered I could make little side trips along back roads and still get home or wherever on time. I found a wonderful library I have been driving by for years. I've been there three times now. I even stopped one day and bought some aromatherapy bath salts, went home and took the time to enjoy them.

If you are feeling like there's never enough of you to go around and you can never find time for the things you want to do. Stop and give yourself a hug, literally or figuratively. But do something for you. A ten minute break can do wonders for your ability to cope. So often we eat right, think we get enough sleep and yet we put our emotional and spiritual needs on the back burner. When taking care of ourselves with a daily hug can give us the spiritual lift we need.

The best part came when I saw my own physician the other day for a follow up. I was feeling particularly good and he kept asking questions about some new ideas we had been discussing for handling my chronic illness. I told him about Sharon and Bob and the following day's results. He said "I'm glad you listened. I can tell you from the notes, who knows what you prevented by listening, allowing the physician to see you and seeing your chiropractor." I have a wonderful medical doctor, he accepts what I tell him spirit has given me, and while he doesn't always agree, is willing to be open minded about my use of alternative therapys in conjunction with his care. If you are feeling physically, mentally or spiritually challenged, listen to your body and assist your spirit helpers by doing your part to balance your life. A hug a day for yourself can do wonders for those you care for and everyone you touch. Spending a few moments within helps to keep you healthy and helps to keep Spirit in your life. ⏮





Tribute To The United States

This comes from a Canadian newspaper.

America: The Good Neighbor.

Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help.

This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas 10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake. Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high.

And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, Americans. ⏮

Great Men And Women Reformers

BY VERNA K. KUHLIG

Taken from *TNS*, February 1944.

• Susan B. Anthony



This month, we pay tribute to great reformers to whom we owe much of the progress of the world and the liberties and freedom which we enjoy today.

Susan B. Anthony, born Feb. 15, 1820, advocated that woman has no right to die until she has done something for womankind. She said, "The new woman will be free. Then she will be whatever her best judgment wants her to be." For fifty-six years she said that failure is impossible. "She knew that the destiny of humanity is evolution and that woman is an intelligent being, compelled by the nature of things to think along the same lines with man, to think with him, to co-operate with him." She began her crusade for woman suffrage in 1852 and wrote the suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States fifty years before its adoption, August 26, 1920. Read *The Great Woman Statesman*, by Nanette B. Paul.

• Florence Nightingale



In the same year, May, 1820, Florence Nightingale, (who was named "the lady with the lamp") was born, one who was destined to alleviate the physical suffering of mankind. She said, "Nursing is an art; and if it is to be made an art, requires as exclusive a devotion, as hard a preparation, as any painter's or sculptor's work; for what is the having to do with dead canvas or cold marble compared with having to do with the living body, the temple of God's spirit? Nursing is one of the fine arts; I had almost said, the finest of the fine arts."



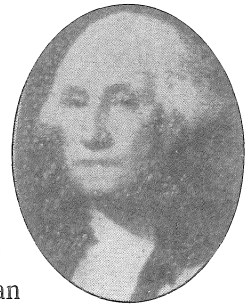
• Clara Barton

Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross was born on Christmas Day, 1821 and passed on April 12, 1912. Her great contribution to the world is known by young and old. Comforting dying soldiers, she told them of her faith in God and immortality. The great work of the Red Cross, internationally, continues. In this present war, as never before, Women are taking part, in alleviating the suffering on battle fields, as well as keeping a line of communication established between prisoners of war and relatives. Let us ever be aware of its great importance and all make our contribution in whatever way that we can.



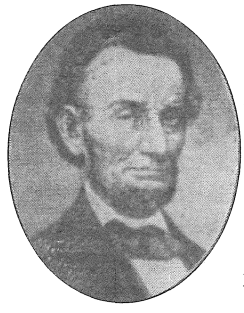
• Jane Addams

Jane Addams, founder of Hull House, Chicago, Illinois, the first social settlement house in America, was born in 1860. She passed in July, 1935, at the age of seventy-five years.



• George Washington

The "Father of our Country," George Washington, first President of the United States was born, February 22, 1732. In Remsburg's, *Six Historic Americans*, upon making an extended research, he states that Washington was a Deist, meaning, that his belief in God was founded on reason, rather than on revelation or the authority of the church. "His father was a Deist, his mother, not excessively religious, so that instead of being surrounded at home by the stifling atmosphere of superstition, he was permitted to breathe the pure air of religious freedom." It is also known that Washington had spiritual visions.



• Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, liberator of men, was born February 12, 1809. He loved humanity, believed in the common people and that all men are created

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GREAT MEN AND WOMEN REFORMERS

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equal. Read, *Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist*, by Nettie Maynard, the medium who was interviewed by the great Lincoln.



• Thomas Paine

Thomas Paine, lover of liberty, taught the world that liberty is the national right of every human being. He was born January 29, 1737. Paine wrote "of the rights of man when men believed that only gods had rights. The world was his home, mankind were his friends, to do good was his religion."

"For myself, I fully and conscientiously believe that it is the will of the Almighty that there should be a diversity of religious opinions among us: it affords a larger field for our Christian kindness. Were we all of one way of thinking, our religious dispositions would want matter for probation, and on this liberal principle I look on the various denominations among us to be like children of the same family, differing only in what is called their Christian names."



• Robert G. Ingersoll

Robert G. Ingersoll, born August 11, 1833, lover of Truth, said, that "if we wish to reform the world we must rely on truth, on fact, on reason. We must teach men that they are good or bad for themselves, that others cannot be good or bad for them, that they can not be charged with the crimes, or credited with the virtues, of others. We must discard the doctrine of the atonement, because it is absurd and immoral. We are not accountable for the sins of 'Adam', and the virtues of Christ can not be transferred to us."

"We must teach our fellow men that honor comes from within, not from without, that honor must be earned, that it is not alms, that even an infinite God could not enrich the beggar's palm with the gem of honor."

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"For it is only the finite that
has wrought and suffered; the Infinite lies
stretched in smiling repose."
– *Emerson*

"Do not wish to be anything
but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."
– *Francis De Sales*

"There is but one cause of human failure . . . and
that is man's lack of faith in his true self."
– *William James*

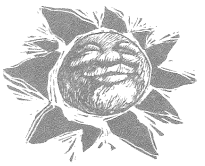
"There is no one without faults, even
men of God. They are men of God not because
they are faultless, but because they
know their own faults, do not hide them, and
are ever ready to correct themselves."
– *Gandhi*

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Humor to put you in

Good Spirits . . .

Snippets of conversations heard at a Spiritual Festival.



"Of course I believe in free will. Do I have a choice?"

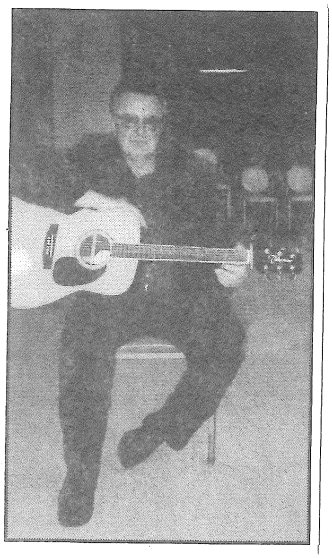
"Can you really use Visa to pay off you karmic debt?"

"Yes, I know about personal responsibility, just ask my mother."

"The older I get, the better I was."
– *Walter Matthau*

"When a person feels that his thinking is getting broader, it is more likely that his conscience is stretching."

NEW YORK NEWS



Tony Izzo is a valued member of A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit in New York. He has been featured on our local cable channel and at a host of gatherings. He shares his love of Spirit through songs he composes. Our worship services are enhanced every other week by his beautiful songs. Tony has given TNS permission to feature several selections in the poetry section throughout the coming months.

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Summer *by Tony Izzo*

Lush hills hide bare feet and offer red berries as
Soft summer gives of herself with such ease.
Birds give love songs to the forest so merry as
Wild flowers give their sweet scent to the breeze.



Seagulls in ecstasy soaring 'n' drawing
Their circles of love on the warm summer air,
Billows from far away meadows come pouring
And laughing, entangle and play with your hair!
A sudden calmness, the tired sun a-fading,
No cottage lights breaking the blackness which guards
The new-born night-time – the heat abating.
I sit still awaiting the waltz of the stars.

We are Children of the Light! *by Tony Izzo*

We go shining like the morning
Crystal showers light the night
Free as eagles of the dawning
We are Children of the Light
And if all the curtains parted
We would see from towering height...that...
We go shining like the morning
We are Children of the Light!

Through the veils of Earth-bound vision
We cannot see our glorious home
Weighted down in slow vibration
We long to know from where we come
But if all the curtains parted
We would see from towering height...that...
We go shining like the morning
We are Children of the Light!

Love's the great front door to Heaven
It dispels our deathly fears
From God's heart-strings, we are woven
Magic music of the spheres.
And if all the curtains parted
We would see from towering height...that...
We go shining like the morning
We are Children of the Light!

We go shining like the morning
Crystal showers light the night
Free as eagles of the dawning
We are Children of the Light
Now the curtain's partly parted
We can see from towering height...that...
We go shining like the morning
We are Children of the Light!
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108TH ANNUAL NSAC CONVENTION

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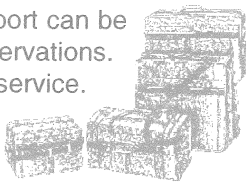
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Vernon, CT 06066-5200
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Directions/Transportation:

Exit 63 off I-84E (27 miles E. from Bradley Airport)
From Bradley Airport: 91S to 291
to 84E Exit 63
Transportation to and from the airport can be arranged by making advance reservations. There will be a charge for this service.

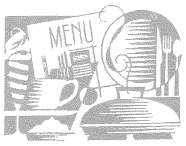


Rooms:

$74.00 single/double
($5.00 charge additional per adult)

INCLUDES FULL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Coffee pots included, irons & ironing boards are available at no charge. Some refrigerators are available for $5.00 extra per day.

IMPORTANT:
Reserve rooms by **SEPTEMBER 10** and mention NSAC to insure group rate and availability.
Note: This is a 2 floor building with no elevator. The stairs are low with a landing after 4, then 4 more so they are easy to navigate.

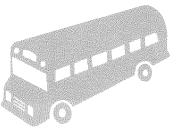


Banquet:

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

Reservation must be made by September 20.
Please send reservations & choice to:
Marita DeCozio-Wiley
P.O. Box 69, N. Windham, CT 06256
Checks to be made out to **CSSA**.

Thursday Tour:



The tour will be to Foxwoods Resort & Casino and/or the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. Shuttles to and from the Museum are available at Foxwoods. Bus leaves hotel at 12 noon and returns to hotel about 8:15 p.m. The price for this will be $22, box lunch included. If you are interested in the Museum, please include $10 extra.

Reservations are needed by Sept. 20.
Please send reservations to:
Lynn Gaffin
70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, CT 06320

Sunday, October 8th:

Morning service will be held at area churches.
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 - fast food and other - if you choose to go outside of the hotel.



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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