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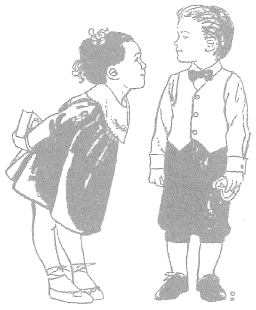
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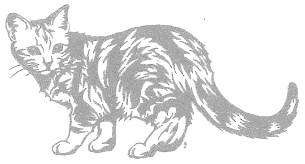
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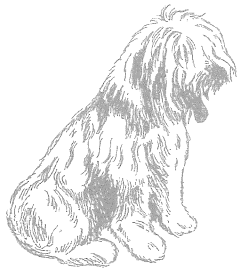
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Kids, Cats & Dogs!





BY THE REV.
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Kids, cats and dogs–all family, all loved, and all missed when they move on to the next realm of life. The loss of loved ones, the grief that follows and the return energy of the departed presence is often what brings people to Spiritualism. Our children and pets are temporarily lent to us by Infinite Intelligence that we may grow together and experience love.

As a Spiritualist, many newcomers question us as to what happens to children when they die, and what happens to our pets. The inquiry comes with emotion, for the departed was loved and their love inspires a search to determine if the soul lives on.

When my son died, he came to me, he called my name, he touched me, he moved things–he got my attention. I began to search for answers to these phenomena. Soon I was attracting people that could answer my questions, people who were in the metaphysical, psychic and occult realms. The answers varied but the theme was the same, that life does continue; that the spirit of one can and does communicate with the spirit of another, especially if there was much love between the two of them.

I was guided into a Spiritualist Church. One Sunday a medium brought me a message from my son that was so evidential, that I knew beyond any doubt that he continued on and that he could contact me. What a blessing. Some people say that mediumship isn't true. But when you have received a message or a name, which the medium could not possibly know, that lifts you up, which often brings tears of joy, then you know–you just know. There was no doubt of continuous life in my mind after this message and since then Spiritualism has become a belief system for me. My loved ones, who have moved from the physical to reside in the spiritual, still live and still love.

As my understanding and attunement grew, I asked my spirit guides what happens to babies and children that live short lives while in the physical. This is what I have learned. The entity is born into the Spirit World and cared for by residents who have a special love and ability with children. Teachers and helpers instruct the child so they grow learning only truth. Because they left the physical at an early age they do not have to UNLEARN as adults do, for the youngster has been taught few mistruths in their short stay on Earth. Just as we say that we all have guardian angels around us from birth, so do the young souls in spirit have etheric helpers around them.

Children grow, learn, play and become productive in a happy, loving environment until they become adults. At this time they choose a field specific to their interests so they may continue to expand. When a spirit child comes to an earth parent, even if they are now grown, they will often appear to the medium at an age a parent recognizes. Quite young spirits will communicate through a guide or family member in spirit.

Years ago, I did a reading for a woman and brought in a small boy and a dog. She confirmed that the two had left the physical in the same accident. This was my first experience greeting an animal and I found it wonderful that our furry or feathery friends also live on. Since then quite an array of animals have greeted their owners from the other side through my mediumship, including a couple of horses. There have been no aquatic friends that have come through, yet, I suppose this is possible.

Then we lost our special dog. A car hit him and he died quickly. Within a very short time, he was roaming our home in his spirit form. The cat would bristle, hiss, and stare in an area drawing our attention to the spirit dogs presence often before we perceived it. Humanity and the animal kingdom are akin, both a part of Divine creation that expresses through all life.

Harry Edwards wrote: "Animals possess minds, individuality and character just as we do. There is no unequivocal line that divides the animal from the human. Therefore it is reasonable to conclude they possess souls and enjoy a spirit existence." All is love and our animal loved ones will

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– Our Lesser Brethren –

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There are millions of people on earth who do not realize that the spirit which animates them is the same one that animates all the creatures who share the planet with them.
- Light from Silver Birch

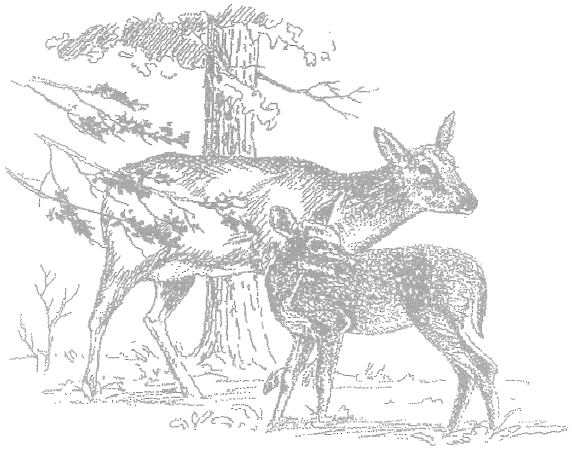
Spiritualists know that although humans have unparalleled skills and talents, they differ from other living creatures. They know that humans are still only part of the environment–that humans share the planet with a vast array of millions of other species–that the spirit which animates them is the same spirit that animates all creatures. Therefore, Spiritualists are well aware that humans are not separate from nature, **just extremely and unquestionably unique.**

In 450 B.C. when the Ancient Greek Herodotus visited Egypt, he found the people did not consider themselves superior to animals (our lesser brethren). In fact, the Egyptians thought several kinds of animals were divine. Cats, in particular, were so sacred to the Egyptians that when a house was flooded, they would save their cats before their own children.

The Native American Indian shamans also give great credence to animals.

Yet, somehow, humans did become a dominant superior species and have remained so, and anthropologists tell us that this dominance was first noticed when man learned to hunt big game during the ice ages. Too, animal-human differences were noticed when men and women learned to keep fires going and dogs skulked around the campfire, treating humans with deference.

Thus, scientists tell us, the species called humankind arrived at a position of power among all the creatures of Earth, for, almost without realizing it and without intentional planning, men and women suddenly found themselves the master of beasts and the lord of almost all known life.



We discovered we could change the environment to suit our needs rather than adapting ourselves to the environment (example–by building dams).

Today, large animals are now under human's control and custodianship–either in zoos, sanctuaries, national parks, etc. and even insects, microbes, and genes are coming more and more under human control.

But do humans have consciousness which animals do not have? We know that "consciousness" has many meanings and countless definitions. Some definitions suggest that consciousness and life are synonymous. One definition says that consciousness is awareness of oneself. Another claims consciousness is awareness of awareness. Still another definition states that consciousness is awareness of the relations between oneself and one's environment.

We clearly see that domesticated animals, such as dogs are much like they were in primitive times. They are not conscious of much beyond their immediate world. They do not think ahead to plan their future. Their evolution is not in their own hands (or minds), nor are they self-aware–capable of reasoning as humans do. They are not conscious of time, history, spirituality, their inevitable death and countless other aspects of what is commonly called "human"'consciousness or awareness.

Yet, we can't say that dogs have no awareness, for their senses of hearing, smelling and tasting are acute. And being social and intelligent creatures, they are capable of begging, apologizing, fawning, boasting, bluffing or otherwise concealing their true feelings. Guide dogs daily risk their lives to lead blind humans through dangerous traffic.

If animals have awareness, then it would be logical to believe that birds, reptiles, fish and insects also have some sort of consciousness.

Can we include the vegetable, the tree, the flower? Perhaps! For we see how trees send down roots searching for water and food. Biologists tell us how a Japanese orchid called Gastrodia Elata and a toadstool called Honey Agaric constantly fondle and feed each other, though the aggressive Agaric usually kills the plants it feeds on.

We may ask, also, do humans have emotions that our so-called "lesser brethren" do not have?

This kind of question has been raised by philosophers for

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thousands of years. A writer recently unearthed an ancient Chinese story (from the fourth century B.C.) to show that this question intrigued the people in those long ago days. The story describes a conversation between two old men who were strolling on a little bridge over the Hao River:

Chuang observed, "Look how the fish are swimming in the water! How happy they are."

"But you aren't a fish," said Hui. "How can you know the fish are happy?"

"And you are not I," replied Chuang. "How can you know what I know of the fish's happiness?"

"True," said Hui, "I'm not you, so I cannot know what you know of the fish's happiness, but the fact remains that you're not a fish. So, by your own reasoning you cannot know the fish are happy."

"Ah," said Chuang. "Though I am not a fish, I know how happy the fish must be–by my own happiness when swimming in the water."

Philosophers may accept this way of analyzing animal behavior, but scientists call it **anthropomorphic intuition**, and reject it as unscientific, preferring to study the animal mind by testing and measuring.

Another intriguing story to come out of ancient China shows the relativity of consciousness. It is:

Old Chuang dreamed he was a butterfly.

"I was conscious only of fluttering hither and thither," he wrote, "following my fancies as a butterfly. I was unconscious of my individuality as a man. Then suddenly I awoke. So here I lie, myself again. But now how can I be sure whether I have just awakened from being a real man asleep, dreaming I was a butterfly, or whether I am instead really a butterfly who has just fallen asleep, dreaming I am a man?"

And can a cell think? Does it have awareness? Can a cell experience a mental event when it subdivides? No one has proved it can or cannot.

In any event, it is obvious that humans have risen to a position of prominence and superior consciousness among the species, therefore, in proportion, duties have risen. One gives rise to the other, and responsibilities and duties have become unique and far-reaching. The wise spirit guide Silver Birch explains humankind's duties and responsibilities to the lesser brethren when he says:

"The law of evolution embraces every facet of life–the insect, the birds, the fish, the human. Because man (woman) is a higher species than other forms of life, you have a responsibility to help what you regard as lower, just as you desire that higher beings in our world should help you. The higher must always help what he believes to be the lower."

We wonder, too, how our lesser brethren fare in the Spirit World.

Although Spiritualism in no way conflicts with the facts of evolution and psychology, scientists are unable to answer this question. So we must turn to Spiritualism. Let us see what well known Spiritualists say.

The Spiritualist, Maurice Barbanell, in his book *This is Spiritualism* tells us he believes there is as much evidence for the survival of domesticated animals as there is for humans, and says, *"I am satisfied that all domesticated animals who have had an intimate association with man continue that bond in the hereafter. Indeed, for thousands of animal-lovers, heaven would not be heaven if the pets who shared their lives on earth were no longer with them in the Beyond."*

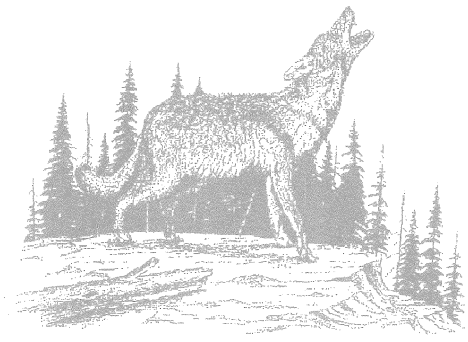
Barbanell goes on to state his beliefs that the association between human and animal either confers on a pet, individuality, or stimulates a latent individuality. The dog and cat develop a "humanness" resulting from the relationship, which they did not formerly possess. *"It may be part of man's contribution to the evolutionary scheme to confer this humanness on the animals who come within his care. This humanness is a factor in survival. It draws the line of demarcation between individual survival of domesticated animals and others which do not persist as individuals after death."*

Yet, Barbanell also points out that he has been told that beyond the grave, domesticated animals do not pursue the same path of evolution as man. The domesticated animal does not continue the process of perfecting its individuality.

The great seer Andrew Jackson Davis, when he saw the Spirit World clairvoyantly, says: *"In the spirit-land I have seen groups of beautiful children that were gathered to learn lessons from birds, and trees and rivulets and flowing streams,"* but never mentioned seeing pets or other "lesser brethren." Does that mean animals are not in the Spirit World, yet other species such as birds and trees are there?

Because of these views, are there inconsistencies in our Spiritualist philosophy? Or obscurity? Perhaps there are mysteries regarding the Spirit World which have yet to be fathomed.

However, we can come to a reasonable conclusion about the physical dimension of man on the planet, and that is–humans are indeed a unique species–that they do indeed have superior consciousness to other creatures, which gives rise to profound responsibilities and duties–duties and responsibilities which are far-reaching. **For Spiritualism teaches that for humans to live on the planet without disrupting evolution they must think and act in a spiritual way**–one that requires, among other things, developing and assuming a stewardship–a custodianship of help and aid to our less endowed "lesser brethren." ✠



The Value Of Each One Of Us!

BY THE REV. LOUIS POTTER, NEVADA



The value of every human to every other human is the greatest source of a humanity's wealth and prosperity. God's plan is for each of us to learn the lesson of love, upon which the Universe is based. A person can learn that lesson only by giving love to his/her spouse and family, and being friendly to the neighbors. Service to one's neighbor is one of the highest Principles of Life.

World peace and happiness can only be acquired by the realization of an individual's asset value to other humans, and the conservation of that value by mutual service. Surely, it is time that thinking men and women should get together and have prayer with God out of love of family and fellow humans.

There is only one sure way to protect people, in many parts of the world from their dread of self peril, and that one way is through knowledge and trust in God. A dynamic knowledge of: How God's love is there for the asking with prayer, and what faith in God can do for one's personal well being and prosperity.

With this basic knowledge one will know their purpose on Earth, and knowingly work *with* Infinite Intelligence who created all life. Humans, you and me, are the greatest mystery of the as yet unknown. Humans have conquered the seas, the skies, and the very forces which move the Universe, BUT many humans have not learned that God helps if we pray faithfully. Humanity is the great discoverer of many things, yet is just discovering that if we pray to Infinite Intelligence with trust for help, that God will send help with many blessings. People are beginning to listen and be still to hear with the inner ear the silent voice within themselves and know that Infinite Intelligence's help is there at all times.

We find Spirit speaking to us through the Declaration of Principles. These Spiritualist teachings give the answers to life's questions and show a purpose for our living.

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

   We believe God, or Infinite Intelligence, is always present, everywhere and within everything, and that we are helped when we ask in prayer, with faith. Infinite Intelligence cares for us, heals us and brings us our good.

2. We believe that the Phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

   As we grow older and experience the sunrises and sunsets and the changes in the seasons and view the beauty in Nature around us, we begin to realize and recognize the immeasurable and eternal existence of the Source, Infinite Intelligence. A Spiritualist is one who believes and who endeavors to mold his or her character and conduct with the highest teachings, which are the Natural Laws.

3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitutes true religion.

   Understanding the Laws in Nature is the basis of the Spiritualist religion and is the understanding of the way to live and grow and come into harmony. The Divine Laws allow the souls in the Spirit World to communicate with those on the Earth plane by means of mediumship.

4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

   The physical body is the house in which one lives while traveling through life's experience. The Spirit World is a natural realm of existence, originated and sustained by Natural Law. At physical death each human soul passes into a condition corresponding with its degree of unfoldment, ethical and spiritual. Under the Law of Eternal Progression the human soul is fated to outgrow its shortcomings and ever increase in knowledge, goodness and happiness.

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

   Spirit communication has been in evidence in all ages of the world and is recorded in both sacred and worldly literature. Through mediumship we learn spirit messages are necessary as they prove continued personal responsibility after the change called death. Mediumship with spirit communicators helps remove the fear of death by proving that there is no death, rather that it is stepping from a slower state of existence into a higher rate of vibration.

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THE VALUE OF EACH ONE OF US!

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6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever you would that others should do unto you do you also unto them."

   Spiritualists reveal their understanding and expression of ethics by the Golden Rule. No higher rule has yet been found than the Golden Rule. Another name for this Natural Law would be the Law of Love.

   Without the Golden Rule there would be little order in human relations and without the Law of Love there would only be mankind's inhumanity to people.

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.

   Humankind is a free moral agent. There is voluntary control over their acts and success by virtue of their own free will. Personal responsibility means, that as individuals, we are responsible for all our reasons, success, and moral behavior. Personal responsibility simply means that we must conform to the Laws of God. If we do not do so, then we shall make our own unhappiness.

   If we obey Nature's Laws, we gain our happiness. God's Laws are not changeable, they effect all humanity. Progression stops when we stop striving to overcome our moral and spiritual shortcomings.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter.

   People have problems because they do not know how the results of the Laws of Cause and Effect, Nature's Laws, the Ten Commandments, and the Golden Rule will return to them as a lesson. The subject of forgiveness is important in Religious Philosophy. Forgiveness comes from within, is a very personal, emotional action, and brings healing.

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

   II Peter 1:20-21 "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of the scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but holy men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

   Mediumship, as prophecy, has been part of all the Universe in all ages. Mediumship has never been meant for the chosen few, but is Universal and for those who would extend their efforts and give the time to proper development, meditation and study. Healing is Divine, meaning it comes from Infinite Intelligence, and is available as an individual is open to accept.



CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in AUGUST throughout the years?

AUGUST 5, 6, 7, 1859

A Spiritualist Convention was held in Plymouth, MA. The outcome of this meeting was plans to organize a **National Convention of Spiritualism**. It was not until March of 1864 that a new committee finalized the plans for Chicago, Illinois . . . 662 members from 20 states came to the organizing Convention.

AUGUST 11, 1826

We remember one of the great forerunners of Spiritualism, **Andrew Jackson Davis** on his birthday. This man had little formal training, yet through spirit guidance and trance sessions, he produced 30 volumes of books that are inspiring and filled with truth. Davis became a doctor, a philosopher, a medium, a trance medium, a teacher and the founder of the Children's Lyceum. We all would do well to practice his motto, the *Magic Staff*: Under All Circumstances Keep an Even Mind!

AUGUST 11

NSAC Board member **the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST**, celebrates her birthday today. It is also National Clown Month, so let us put on a happy face and send a smile to fun loving Cosie.



AUGUST 14, 1935

Social Security Act passed by Congress to help the aged and others in need.

AUGUST 16, 1895

Rev. Converse E. Nickerson was born on this date. He was an expert on interpretations of the Bible and taught how the teaching applied to Spiritualism. As a speaker, a medium and a fine worker, he did much for the cause of Spiritualism.

AUGUST 18, 1920

The **19th Amendment** of the U.S. Constitution was ratified giving women the right to vote.

AUGUST 28, 1963

A **march** on Washington by 200,000 persons in support of black demands for equal rights. The highlight was the "I have a dream" speech by **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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The first week of each month the names received are compiled and sent to the NSAC Office for inclusion in the NSAC monthly mailing to all churches. Also many healers around the country receive the list. Because of the length of the lists an individual's name will usually be kept on the healing prayer list for one month unless we hear from you that more healing is required. We also request prayer groups to keep in touch with the National Healing Center throughout the year.

Prayer Healing is a wonderful way to practice Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer and is something EVERYONE can participate in.

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

Healing Vibrations

BY NSAC HEALING CENTER



All healing comes from God, the Infinite Source of Energy, Light and Love. Spiritual healers work with spirit doctors to focus the GREATER energy to the one in need's physical, emotional or mental body. Healing vibrations raise the diseased vibrations to restore balance. Using healing vibrations is a science, following Natural Law, and is used by many groups in addition to Spiritualists. The medical community calls it Therapeutic Touch.

This healing process is becoming more generally recognized and the medium who has the great faculty of spiritual healing is a blessing to humanity. The healers cannot predict or promise an outcome for that is up to Spirit. Some individuals have allowed a disease to take hold and their higher mind is preparing for transition. A healing procedure will benefit them, but not necessarily cure them.

Sometimes the healer is impressed by the spirit helpers. At other times the healer feels the energy change. Some problems are cured instantaneously, while others require time for a cure to be completed.

Prayer is an important part of the process. Many healers are in a constant state of prayer, requesting the highest and best for the patient. It adds power for the one receiving healing to also pray, both with the knowing that positive change will result. Love and compassion are necessary for healers and positive thinking is necessary for the recipient. These are attributes that raise the vibrations and contribute to restoration of balance.

Call God what is comfortable for you–Divine Impersonal Power, Infinite Intelligence, the Great Unseen Healing Force, Great Spirit, Divine Source–just remember to call on the Great Power. Know in your heart that this Force is ever present, ever loving, ever desiring only good. It is now up to us to accept this healing vibration.

How do we accept and link up with Its energy source? By attunement, by being still and going within, by meditation, by prayer, by putting our "trust in the love and power of God."

In The Fullness Of Time



BY MAYETTE MURRAY, NEW YORK

Shortly before I was born, I stopped in at the Really New You Beauty Shoppe to get whatever looks had been allotted to me. I was hoping my card would read "Blue-eyed Brunette" (hope springs eternal). Unfortunately, the manager wasn't in nor were any of her assistants. There was only a receptionist who did fingernails. I think her name was Madge.

I asked when someone would be back who could help me, and she said she didn't know. After midnight, a lot of them were out making house calls. By then I was getting unmistakable signs that my earthly arrival was rapidly approaching, and I was getting a little nervous.

Madge was sympathetic but couldn't help except to say she'd look around and see what she could find. After about fifteen minutes she came back with a paper bag, handed it to me and said, "Good Luck."

I looked inside and saw a little paperback book entitled *How to Make the Most of What You Get*. I looked at Madge and said, "This is it?" She shrugged and said, "It's been a bad hair day."

I'm relating all this for two reasons: One, I want to see if you are paying attention, and two, I want to explore the phrase "In the Fullness of Time," which is the subtitle to *How To Make the Most of What You Get*.

Gestation and birth is a nice, neat obvious example of what fullness of time means, but there are more subtle examples, as I was to learn when I asked Spirit for something that might resonate with Spiritualists in particular. When I closed my eyes, I was shown a bird's nest in a tree. Puzzled, and somewhat (well, more than somewhat) disappointed, I asked, "This is it?" Silence. I knew it wasn't another bad hair day, but what was I supposed to do with a bird's nest in a tree? Well, I thought, I'm just going to have to work with what I got.

I guess I'd better take a closer look. I did. The nest was empty, but perfectly constructed, not a twig out of place. Had the birds flown the nest? Was this the empty nest syndrome? What on earth could I make of that? I looked closer still. The nest was empty, true, but it had never been used. It looked as new as the day it was completed. The beautiful leaves around it were a rich, glossy green, providing a stable, protective background. What did these qualities signify? Beauty, maturity, strength? Not a leaf stirred. There was a deep stillness, an air of waiting.

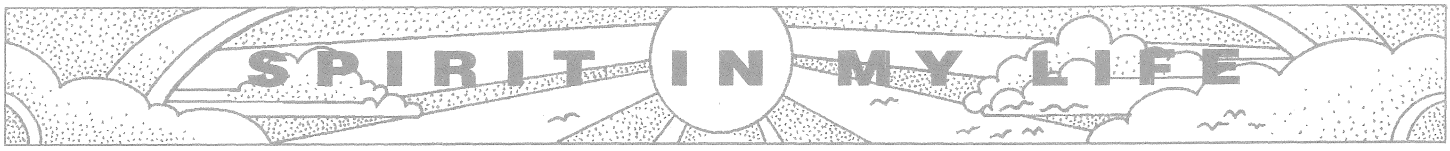
What was I to make of all this? The stillness deepened further and I was impressed with the thought that the nest and its setting represented Spiritualism. Modern Spiritualism, which is waiting to be filled with new thoughts, new plans, new dreams, new life, that will grow and flourish because of the people who are on a Spiritual journey and even now are burnishing their own spiritual gifts to place in the nest that has been prepared for them. And every once in a while, haven't we been moved by an unexpected glimpse of a pure spirit that quickly enfolds back into its earthly body, or perhaps we have been present at an act of great kindness and compassion, or by a speaker or healer whose higher self touches the higher self of others–the divinity within each and every one of us?

I think we have been drawn to Spiritualism at this particular time because we each have something of value to offer one another spiritually in support and encouragement of our individual gifts. Some of us may have started a little later than others, but we will all have the opportunity to offer our gifts in the fullness of time, to make the most of what we received and to share our gifts with others.

Do we realize how fortunate we are to be here on earth when there are such unmistakable signs of growth and renewal all around us? I think we were attracted by these stirrings to come and learn and grow ourselves. Do you know of many places where we can be among people who are on the same path as ourselves? Where we can learn to communicate with those on another plane? Or take part in a healing service and feel the healing vibrations all around us? Or become an instrument for healing ourselves?

We also know we are living at a time when there are, and will be, extraordinary and perhaps unpredictable changes all around us. An old age is passing and we are witnessing the birth of a new one. Yet, if we stop to think about it, we realize with a sense of awe that the universe is really a very orderly place, and here in our own little corner of the world, we see that night follows day, the seasons come and go, tides rise and fall. And earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes and floods are nature's way of releasing

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

Boys With Spirit!

A review of two articles.



The *Weekly World News*, a non-Spiritualist Paper in Palm Coast, Florida, ran an article on April 11, 2000 about two boys, Hank Schotz, 10, and Randy Schotz, 6, who miraculously escaped death in the Mississippi River when their sailboat capsized. The boys had disobeyed their mother's rule against sailing by themselves. Divorced Ruth Ann Schotz told about the incident that happened on March 20th when her sons had gone out on the river in their small sailing dinghy. A sudden squall came up and the boys headed for shore, but before they could reach safety the squall overtook their boat. The frightened boy's small craft was overturned by a gust of wind throwing them into the water.

"I sank under the water and when I swam up to the surface, I was alone," Hank said. "The rain was coming down real hard, and I couldn't see Randy anywhere. I called his name but the wind was howling so loud I couldn't hear anything.

"I was scared that Randy had drowned and that I was going to drown. I was getting really tired. Suddenly I saw this man floating over the water with Randy in his arms. The man grabbed me, too, and the three of us kind of drifted to the riverbank. He didn't say a word until we were on the shore, and then he said, 'Tell your mother you saw Malkie, and he sends his love.'"



It seems that Malkie was the boys grandfather who they had never known, but who's picture they had seen by their mother's bedside. His daughter had called him this childish mispronunciation of his first name as a toddler. The pet name was rarely used in the man's later years, but still affectionately from time to time did Ruth Ann privately call him Malkie, so she knew the moment she heard the name that it was her father who had rescued the boys.

Incredibly, the father, Malcolm Feddle, had drowned in the same river 18 years earlier. The family is convinced he came back just to rescue the children and prove "that the power of love is stronger than death itself."

Another story about boys with a protective force is recapped in the magazine *Angels on Earth*. A rare snowstorm in Salem, Oregon brought the Lightner family out for an evening walk. Some neighborhood kids were innertubing down a hillside and called eight-year old Grant to have a ride. Permission given, Grant ran ahead of his mother who trudged behind, barely halfway up. "Lord, watch over him, at least until I get there."

Just as his mother made it to the top, Grant started running for a fast start and a great ride down the snowy slope. About that time a pickup truck came around the bend in the road unaware of the children sliding down the hill. With his momentum, Grant was going to plow right into the front of the truck! Then his inner tube seemed to slow down slightly, and it looked more like he would hit the back–miraculously, impossibly, Grant missed the back bumper of the truck by about six inches.

His mother later said to him, "You certainly were working your guardian angel overtime."

He replied that there were actually six angels, three behind and three in front, all slowing him down.



SPIRITUALISM
An Aid To Living



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Not too many years ago and in some churches today, going to church on Sunday was more out of fear than it was a pleasurable experience. There was a fear that a God in human likeness was keeping a watch on each individual, always ready to judge and condemn for the slightest variations from the rules set down by the *Bible* and the narrow interpretation of the particular sect one might belong to.

It was not unusual for the minister to feel, that during a Sunday service, it was necessary to strike enough fear of hell and damnation into his congregation to keep them on the right track through the week until the next service. Banging his fist on the pulpit and pointing at the congregation, he emphasized his message.

"We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter."

What a difference in our Spiritualist Churches and Camps where we go to church because we enjoy it and are taught of a loving creative force called Infinite Intelligence. We are taught there is always a chance to turn our lives around, and for those that don't quite make it on this earth, there is eternity to make those improvements, not an eternal Hell to be roasted in.

It is often quoted from the platform of a Spiritualist church by ministers and mediums "That today is the first day of the rest of your life?" The Eighth Principle of our Declaration of Principles states–"We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter."

Isn't this a wonderful thought! Think of it for a moment, no matter what your life has been to this point, **today can be a new beginning.** Everything in your life to this point is past, and you can make a turnaround. Will it be easy? NO! But no matter what your life has been to this point, it can start to improve, by accepting that a new beginning is possible. **You have made the first step.** That is the hardest one; after that it is a steady climb–step by step, you are on your way.

We have wonderful instruction in our Seventh Principle and if you can realize it, you are really on your way to spiritual and material success: "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."

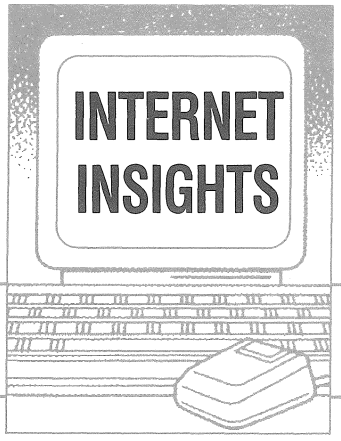
What does this tell us? If we are unhappy and things have not been going right, we have had a part in causing the problem because of some action, or thought that we have had in the past. Our actions have accumulated to bring us to this present situation. The same applies if our life has been going very well. We apparently have been making the right actions and thoughts to create our present situation.

A study of the Declaration of Principles can be a wonderful guide for life. Those dedicated pioneers of Spiritualism gave much thought to these Principles. They were not formed at one or two National Conventions but are the result of years of updating. The Declaration of Principles was first proposed at the Sixth Annual N.S.A. (now NSAC) Convention in Washington, DC, in 1898. Suggestions of many different committees were studied and finally after much debate, the first six Principles were adopted at the Seventh Annual N.S.A. Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in 1899. Three more were added at a later date, and the Principles are still being updated as more knowledge and experience is gained. They are not a stagnant set of rules written in a very different time period, but a living set of Principles kept up to date for today's living.

Here we are over one hundred years later and our Declaration of Principles are an almost perfect guide as to how to live a very good life. It is very clear that a correct understanding of universal order and life in harmony is the underlying purpose of all religious systems, and it is calculated to help forward human progress.

As humanity understands the Laws of Nature (Natural Law) which are the Laws of Infinite Intelligence, we can better cope with every day living. Understanding is necessary for compliance, and with understanding we find it becomes natural to do the right thing at the right time. We, as beings that are a part of Infinite Intelligence, which is all there is, and without which there would be nothing, have unlimited abilities if we but use our minds constructively and create our own levels of existence.

Life is like the talents spoken of in the *Bible*. It is to be used to its full capacity and for worthwhile purposes. But those who hide their skills in life because of fears, or a variety of excuses for not doing or venturing out into the world of people and activities, will probably never develop their talents. So venture forth, do the best with what you have. Go ahead, strive to ever go forward and as in the *Bible* story states, talents will be added to you.



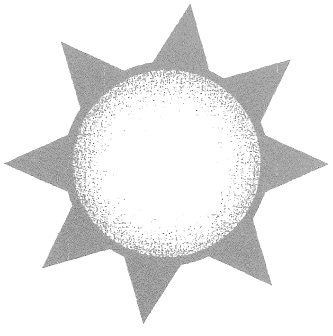
Brother's Song

– Author Unknown

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sang to his sister in Mommys tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met her. The pregnancy progressed normally for Karen.

In time, the labor pains came. Soon it was every five minutes, every three . . . every minute. But serious complications arose during delivery and Karen found herself in hours of labor. Would a C-section be required? Finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born. But she was in very serious condition. With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit.

The days inched by. The little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst." Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they found themselves having to plan for a funeral.



Michael, however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he kept saying. Week two in intensive care looked as if a funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care.

Karen made up her mind, though. She would take Michael whether they liked it or not! If he didn't see his sister right then, he may never see her alive. She dressed him in an oversized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. But the head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed."

The mother rose up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!" Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside.

He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray . . ." Instantly the baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady.



"Keep on singing, Michael," encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes. "You never know, dear, how much I love you, Please don't take my sunshine away."

As Michael sang to his sister, the baby's ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten's purr. Keep on singing, Sweetheart!!!"

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms . . . "

Michael's little sister began to relax as rest, healing rest, seemed to sweep over her.

"Keep on singing, Michael." Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed.

"You are my sunshine, my only Sunshine. Please don't, take my sunshine away . . . "

The next day . . . the very next day . . . the little girl was well enough to go home! Woman's Day magazine called it *"The Miracle of a Brother's Song."* The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love! NEVER GIVE UP ON THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE. LOVE IS SO INCREDIBLY POWERFUL. God is Love–Love is God!

KIDS, CATS & DOGS! *(Continued from page 3.)*

be around us as long as we think of them and feel love. When we make the journey to the next realm at the end of our physical expression, not only will our loved ones be waiting to greet us, but also our animal friends. Some folks might have to live on a farm, for they have so many animal friends in the etheric realm. "Animals are such agreeable friends–they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms." George Eliot from *Scenes of Clerical Life*.

My occasions of astral travel to the Spirit World have been few, but wonderful. The trip impresses me how much like our Earth life the next realm is, yet it has its own special characteristics. The colors, the sounds, the vegetation, the topography, the shapes were all familiar, but beyond earth's splendor. Just as there is a fixed resemblance between the astral body and the physical body, so there is a resemblance between the physical realm and the Etheric Realm. There were animals, which is natural and logical, for animals are part of the divine plan. It is exciting to know that



there are wonderful possibilities in a future world of little resistance to be shared with those we love.

If you are interested in the animal kingdom in the Spirit Planes a fine book to read is entitled *When Your Animal Dies*, by Sylvia Barbanell. The author writes: "Our pets survive this life and on regaining consciousness in another sphere, will receive immediate care and loving attention from those whose work is to help the newly awakened animals.

"Remember the pet you have lost for a while will waken to perfect health, with all ills vanished; and you can be happy in the knowledge that, if the tie of love still binds, your 'dead' pets will be there to greet you when the time comes for you to rejoin them."

Our neighbors in the next dimension, whether children or adults or pets are our family, held together by the tie of love. Families are forever so it is a great comfort to know that our loved ones live on beyond the grave.

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"The universe does not give us what we think or dream we want.
It gives us exactly what we are taking action on."
– Aluna Joy Yaxk'in

IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME *(Continued from page 9.)*

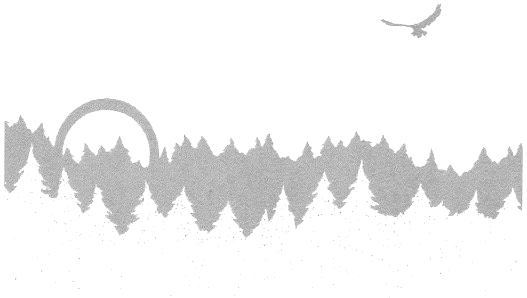
pent up forces and restoring order. The day will also come, if we are to believe earth's records, when another shifting of the poles takes place.

Amid all of these portents, and perhaps because of them, people are searching for spiritual values in places they would never have looked before. As a result, Modern Spiritualism has been presented with a unique opportunity not only to teach but demonstrate the continuity of life and to make known Natural Law that is the ordering principle underlying all the workings of nature and its inhabitants.

In the fullness of time, Spiritualism will achieve its rightful place in the sun as its sons and daughters place their gifts where they can be shared with all those who have been earnestly seeking for so long.

Remember the prophecy of Joel?

"And afterwards?
Afterwards I will
pour out my spirit
upon all
mankind, and
your sons and
daughters will be
prophets. Your
old men shall
dream dreams,
and your young
will see visions."
Joel 2.28



Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Infinite Intelligence inspires my thoughts.	**2** Today, I gaze on a flower and see its beauty.	**3** Nature fills me with silent admiration.	**4** Intention makes a lot of difference in the results.	**5** I cannot afford the luxury of a negative thought.
6 Change always is positive and brings growth.	**7** I know God's Laws are always in effect and bless me.	**8** My mind is a factory turning cause into effect.	**9** Infinite Love surrounds me at all times and places.	**10** All are equal in the Creator's eyes.	**11** I am in harmony with God's Power, Light and Love.	**12** The Divine Source manifests as we are open to accept.
13 Truth translates to understanding and awareness.	**14** The summer harvest of the mind brings fruitful rewards.	**15** Our pet friends teach us kindness, forgiveness and devotion.	**16** God's creative energy influences me to be more creative.	**17** Love is the strongest force of all and binds us together.	**18** Bless all countries and all peoples.	**19** Divine Spirit shows us the way through Natural Law.
20 God does not wish any of us to suffer.	**21** Every desire sent out is heard by our spirit listeners.	**22** There is wonderful healing in forgiveness.	**23** Prayer is necessary–it clarifies, it strengthens, it heals, it blesses.	**24** I keep challenging myself to new horizons, to new planes.	**25** Sing a song of joy in every thought, every expression.	**26** God reveals, in many ways, that which the soul needs.
27 Infinite Spirit, help my heart and my prayer to be selfless.	**28** Natural Law is the vital expression of God's power.	**29** The Divine Source motivates every atom–animate and inanimate.	**30** Spirit is the fount of pure consciousness and life energy.	**31** Attunement is at-one-ment with the Divine.		

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AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines
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MONROVIA - The Spiritualist Church of Revelation
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REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC
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SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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732 N. Sierra Way, 92402. Sun. Serv. & Healing 11:00 a.m.; Secy., Richard Patteson, 10939 Hole Ave., Riverside, 92505.

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SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sept. thru May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Service, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Frances Richardson.

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society
1832 Buchanan (between Bush & Sutter); Church phone, (415) 927-2139; Sun. Serv., 6:00 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; e-mail: sfspiritualist@yahoo.com; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur, 94939-2144.

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC
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SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
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• COLORADO •

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

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2 Moore Court, 06320; (860) 440-3150; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., 06320; Secy., Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Sun. Serv. 10:30 – 12:00 on Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 15 & 29, Nov. 12 & 26, Dec. 3 & 17; Year 2001, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, Mar. 11 & 18, Apr. 15 & 29, May 6 & 20, June 10 & 24; Closed July & August; Pastor, Allen Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Licentiate Minister, Joyce Barlow, P.O. Box 873, East Granby, 06026, (860) 651-0507; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

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

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June.

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

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ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
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CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth
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GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC
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MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc.
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CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732-0123, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every Sat. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton Reed, (319) 243-9738; Secy., Richard Turner, 229 - 20th Pl., 52732.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
Season opens June 4th till Labor Day; Camp phone (508) 291-0073; Sun. Serv. 2 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Service 7:30 p.m.; Mediums Day's - Message Circles - Workshops/Seminars scheduled; Secy., Rev. Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., New London, CT 06320, (860) 439-1395. Prior to season call or write for a full program.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
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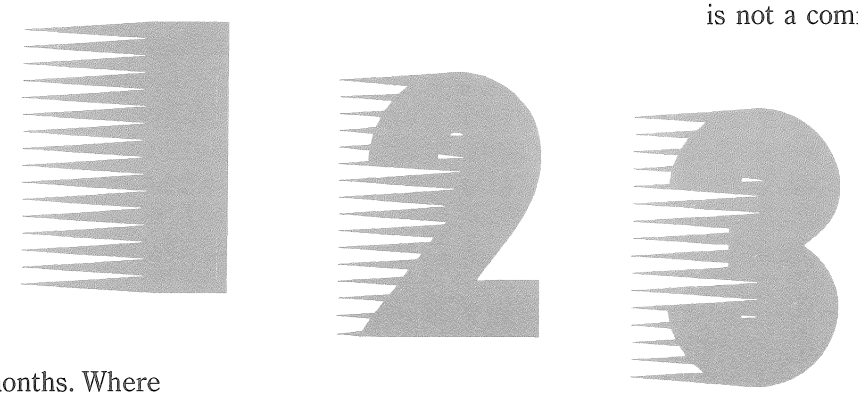
Keep It Simple Spiritualist

"#4, On Commitment"

BY EDMUND C. BUJALSKI, VIRGINIA

When I was first guided to Spiritualism, I reveled in the wholly unexpected experience of feeling lightness and warmth while at church. This came in part, no doubt, from sensing the infinite loving energy of Spirit during the healing service.

Reading the Declaration of Principles for the first time, I also had an incredible sense of freedom. This sense of "being free" repeated itself many times over the coming months. Where did it come from?



Having rejected organized religion during most of my adulthood, I discovered in Spiritualism a gentle and loving home where all can find their own paths to Spirit. One rule to be constantly mindful of is the Golden Rule, and I hoped I was already living my life according to its dictates.

Evolving in Spirit isn't easy. It is hard work. As is said by the business world, "there's no free lunch." (Well, that may not literally be true if you've ever attended one of our services. Our "fellowship" has grown to include some delightful repasts, all caring donations brought in by members of our church!).

So what is the message?

To show up every Sunday for services takes minimum effort. To be a good person isn't all that hard either, especially if one defines that as "not being bad." If one thinks about it, however, one can avoid negative behaviors without necessarily seeking out or acting on positive ones.

This leads to the question: "Am I evolving in Spirit, or just marking time here?" To answer that question you must first ask yourself other questions: "What do I want to do? Do I want to develop spiritually, or am I indifferent?" If the latter, why am I bothering at all with attending services or reading this article? If the former, what am I doing to progress as a Spiritualist?

Assuming that your answer to these questions is that you desire to evolve in Spirit, here is a suggested simple starting point.

Make a commitment! Make a commitment in whatever words work for you. State that commitment as an affirmation: "I am growing in Spirit"; "I am growing to be a better person through Spiritualism"; "I am a living part of the infinite loving energy of Spirit." Let the words be yours, let the feelings come from your heart, inspired by love.

Making a commitment is the first step. Acting on that step is the difference between evolving and simply filling space in this world.

The first action to take is to gain in knowledge. Learn about Spiritualism. Appreciate its history. Study Natural Law and relate it to everything you've ever known or done. Begin to work on your inner life as you work so hard on insuring the well being of your worldly existence.

This is a life long commitment. It is not a commitment that can be met in six months or after even four years of classes. You are not earning an academic degree. You are constantly progressing in degrees of Spiritual unfoldment. Reaching a new step begins the ascent to the next.

Keeping that commitment will not always be easy. Along the way, you will have to take action to maintain and nurture that commitment. You will have to read and study and take classes and meditate and open yourself to more wonderment than you perhaps ever thought possible.

It may not be easy. It will take effort. However, it will be fulfilling beyond your imaginings.

Taking the simple step of making a conscious commitment to growing in Spirit begins your process of Spiritual unfoldment. Following that first step with positive actions to support your spiritual growth will reward you over and over again.

Put down this article. Clear your mind and search your heart. When you are ready, if you are willing, make a commitment. Commit to yourself, commit to Spirit. You have nothing to lose, and the infinite love of Spirit to gain. Rarely are the odds so overwhelmingly in your favor!

Our Friends In Fur Coats

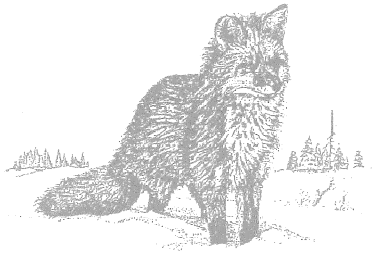
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If we think that we are separate from animals and plants, and that animals do not have souls, that is a delusion created by the mind, or the ego that must feel a superiority over the four-legged creatures. Some people believe there may be a difference, however, for animals may belong to a group soul, whereas, we are individualized souls.

What happens when our little loved ones in fur coats go to the Spirit World? They live–and mediums frequently describe spirit dogs, cats, horses, birds, etc. when the medium is delivering greetings from the other side of the veil. Sometimes our guides are attracted to a particular animal and they will train this animal to bring it into our vibration. The guide of one famous medium would frequently bring a leopard into the seance room.

Silver Birch taught that love is the keynote in all life. Death does not still the flow of love in humans or in animals. So, as long as you hold your animal in your memory with loving thoughts, an evolved animal will stay in form and will be there when you leave the physical expression and enter the next dimension.



Spirit guides tell us that pets, over whom we shower our affections, are strengthened in their natures. Our love does something for them that builds up a resistance beyond that of wild animals. They become stabilized in their spirit bodies and are able to thrive in the Spirit Sphere.

Even long-time Spiritualists are not always aware that animals do live on. Recently, I delivered a message to an elderly gentleman whose only companion after the passing of his wife was his cat. He responded, "My cat is dead." When I gave him some understanding of animal life in the hereafter, he literally wept for joy that he would see his beloved cat again.

There are no barriers to divide humans and animals from being together in the next world, when this association is mutually desired. The pets await our arrival. Animals are not neglected in the Spirit World, you may be sure. Not only those who have had domestic association with men and women, but all species of animals go, when they "die," to the part of the Spirit World known as the animal sphere. Animals are not found in the higher realms where the energy would be unsuitable for them.

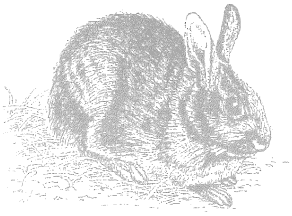
Pets who make their transition are frequently puzzled and distressed because they cannot find their lost masters. They run around looking for them, and that is where the animal loving spirit helpers come in. Sometimes our pets are cared for by spirit relatives and friends, or by entities who simply love animals. Children, especially those about nine to twelve come and play with them. The children help the grieving animals make an adjustment.

When animals first pass over, they might be traumatized or recovering from an illness. The spirits who work with them put the animals in a kennel, like a hospital, for the time being. It's a special little place where all the new arrivals are kept to rest and get over the trauma of the passing. Then as they become more active, they are moved to another area where they are observed. However, as they progress, they are allowed to roam free. Just as humans who have had a long period of illness prior to their transition, it usually takes some time to change their sick vibration to a healthy one. The same is true to a lesser extent for animals.

Some animals help humans progress in their transition. An individual that arrives in the Spirit Realm that does not easily relate to other humans, may feel less threatened by contact with an animal. The animal then leads them to the spirit doctors and guides who can assist them.

Understanding what happens when our four-legged loved ones depart is comforting, but how do those of us left behind cope with the loss? We are human and may still find ourselves struggling emotionally to accept the loss of our friend. When a person dies, there is a network of family, friends and professionals to help one through the loss. When a pet dies, the people left behind are often alone with their grief.

About a decade ago, pet loss counselling began to evolve in recognition of the importance of our bonds with companion animals. The ranks of professionals is a growing field around the country, and there are some fine books available.



The stages of grief which Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross formulated in working with people, are equally

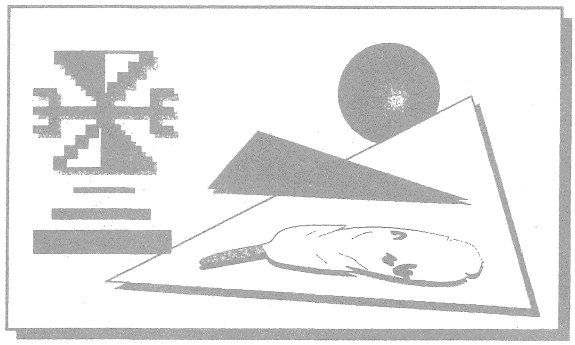
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Native American Beliefs and Spiritualism

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, M.ED., MAINE

Native peoples throughout the world have experienced many spirit visitations and their cultures abound with ritual work and summoning help from a Greater Power. Spirit comes very easily to these people because of their close connection to Nature and the rhythm of all life cycles. This is what the early European settlers found when they stepped onto the shores of what is now the continental United States of America.

Native American tribes all believed in one God, often referred to as Manitou. This Great Spirit exemplified an infinite power of unity. All tribes, from the time of earliest contact with European settlers, believed that The Great Spirit possesses the power to think. The Indians never fought over religion because their beliefs were so similar and, as in Spiritualism, their entire societal way of life was very connected to Natural Law. And Natural Law offers both a consistent basis as the foundation of our religions.



As Spiritualists, we believe that the attainment of the highest aspects of human character is in direct proportion to our relationship to the Divine. We have moved away from the control of fixed doctrines and hierarchical religious structures to the process of making a personal connection to the highest, most divine aspects of self. This demonstrates that we believe that The Great Spirit abides in all living things. *Spirituality is about growth of human character to become closer to the Divine Energy.* This matches Native Americans' spiritual connections to all aspects of Father Sky and Mother Earth. They continue to believe that nature feeds our spirits. Their faith in the Spirit World knows no boundaries. *There is nothing enduring but Spirit and Spirit knows no end and can know no end.*

We are hearing reports of Native Americans coming through our mediums in increasing numbers. Often this seems like a trend because of our own desire for deeper connections with nature. But I believe that it is about more than that, for 90-95% of their people were destroyed through disease and warfare stemming from the connection with European settlers. The Indians' precarious position often found them caught in the centuries old struggle between the English and the French. My research has taught me that they were, for the most part, kind people who felt *that living a life of free will plus service, combined with loyalty, brought forth progression of the soul.* They exhibited a consistent religious life which demonstrated a stance that kept them always face-to-face with God.

We have a religion which was given to our forefathers and has been handed down to us, their children. It teaches us to be thankful, to be united and to love one another.
– Red Jacket

There were mediums of many varieties and profoundly strong abilities among the Native Americans. It is no wonder that they are now coming through with greater frequency in message work. Because all spiritual growth is based, at least in part, on our ability to forgive, I believe that they are showing supreme forgiveness from the other side when they appear to assist us in our earthly walks. Our culture decimated theirs, yet they still offer spiritual guidance. They are often the pickets who guard the lines of personal integrity in spiritual work. (This is not a new idea but is written in some of the earliest Spiritualist books.) We need to express our gratitude to them when they appear. Through their free will they have made a conscious decision to forgive us and to offer their spirits for service. Our beliefs are so similar and they have much to teach us here on earth and on the other side. Is it any wonder that the appearances seem to be coming forth in large numbers from Great Britain and the United States? I think not.

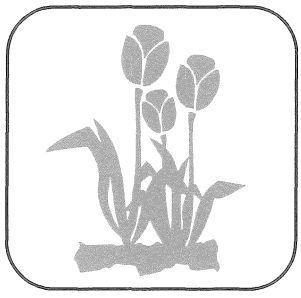
Spiritualism proves the existence of an afterlife to those who need to be shown proof. Native Americans *know, and the difference between believing and knowing is the difference between being taught and actually experiencing.* This difference is important because when one *knows* something, it is part of who that person truly is.

The similarities between Native American beliefs and Spiritualism are a close match. They include:

- Ritual development work to attain higher states of spiritual connection.
- Education as the foundation for understanding and further development.
- Visions as important messages / messengers to teach us.
- Prophecy = foretelling of the future.
- Healing work to allow our bodies to be used as channels for others.

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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* ***June Johnson*** *of San Francisco, California.*

The search for wisdom and meaning in life is a philosophic endeavor which enlivens everything we do. Philosophy, arising out of self-examination, doubt and questioning, leads our search for truth by demanding moral virtue (the mean between extremes), precise observation, clear thinking, accurate definitions, exact analysis, and sense experience balanced by rational deduction. This effort enables us to meaningfully use and apply our knowledge, as Thoreau said, with "simplicity, independence, magnanimity and trust."

Spiritualism recognizes the physical body as a vehicle for the development and expression of the spirit/mind and the soul, and spirit/mind is the foundation link between the person and their spiritual consciousness. Soul, the eternal third part of the trinity of humans, is the real and essential self. The ever-sustaining principal force behind body, mind and soul is spirit.

In questioning, speculating about, and directly experiencing spirit in our lives we come to a richer awareness of issues of life and death, morality, and the existence of and continuing progress of the soul, affirming the continuity of the individual after the change called death. Our philosophy leads us to believe, like Spinoza, "that God is the immanent, and not the extraneous, cause of all things . . . ALL is in God; all lives and moves in God." Spiritualists call this God concept Infinite intelligence. I also love the Buddhist phrase, "Wisdom and Compassion," and it seems to me that infinite Wisdom and Compassion is also a fitting name for God.

Spiritualists do not believe God, Infinite intelligence, arbitrarily dictates morality. We do 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."

Spiritualist philosophy calls upon us to study nature and Natural Law for our understanding of God, for we understand nature and Divine Law to be the expression of Infinite Intelligence. Applying what we understand of Natural Law, we come to a greater understanding of the Universal Principals of both spiritual existence and physical existence.

As we can become aware of God's Law through testing and application, Spiritualists affirm the philosophy of taking moral responsibility for our own happiness or unhappiness and we obey or disobey these physical and spiritual laws.

Some of the Laws that give order to our physical existence are the Law of Acceleration, the Law of Conservation of Energy, and the Law of Gravitation. Laws that give affect to our spiritual existence are The Golden Rule; Law of Attraction–like attracts like; Law of Cause and Effect–for every action there is a reaction; Law of Compensation–we receive due compensation for our good efforts; Law of Retribution–we get our just return for injury we have caused; Law of Continuity–there is no break between physical and Spiritual Law; Law of Harmony (or Rhythm)–each specific manifestation is produced by a rhythmic motion (vibration) of flowing order; Law of Thought (Contradiction and Identity)–we are what we think, the pervasive and incalculable energy force of the universe, creative thought produces higher vibrations than negative thoughts; Law of Truth–the conscience to search for greater awareness and guidance, the understanding of right thinking, acting and living.

Applying the Law of Continuity, that which belongs to the physical world gradually becomes spiritual, and that which belongs to the spiritual realm becomes increasingly natural to us.

We are part of an evolving, creating and recreating universe.

I look forward to a philosophic era with a more holistic reality than materialism, a philosophic era in which interdependence is valued and both objective facts and subjective feelings are acknowledged and brought into account. I am given hope by an article in the *Boston Globe* published on May 30th, 1993, in which Geoffrey Stokes quotes longtime Universalist minister Deane Starr as saying that "the three great denominational watchwords, freedom, reason, tolerance, are being gradually replaced by another three: interdependence, community, and spirituality."

Huston Smith's work is also encouraging. In his book *Beyond the Postmodern Mind,* he draws a distinction between scientific knowledge and an alternative knowledge which we may be dismissing, as our post modern mind-set does not value its truth. He lists four key words for each type of knowledge:

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Scientific Knowledge:	Alternative Knowledge:
objectivity	subjectivity
prediction	surprise
control	surrender
number/sign	multivalent words/symbols

Huston Smith contends that the scientific quartet (a positivistic definition) dignifies as knowledge only such kinds as hold promise of augmenting our power to control (that can be measured and predicted). This, he says, "rules out the very possibility of knowing things that might be superior to us."

This chart is worth studying. Once we comprehend that internal (subjective) awareness is described by means of a metaphoric language which can have "multivalent," or multiple meanings, we can comprehend that, unlike scientific descriptions, metaphoric language presents a non-literal "as if" or "like" approximation of the reality it represents rather than disclosing the thing itself (which we are not otherwise able to describe), thus stimulating a subjective response which is true for us at this particular moment. This is the language of dreams and myths in which words and symbols evoke multiple meanings and invite ongoing reinterpretation as we are able to perceive more.

It is this alternative kind of knowing that gives us access to the less conscious side of our being.

The noted psychiatrist C.G. Jung once wrote that the answer to world annihilation depends, not upon mass movements for good, nor on idealistic pleas for the prevalence of reason, but rather upon a true understanding of the inner self. Until his death in 1961, Jung pioneered closing the gulf between the conscious and what he termed "unconscious" aspects of the human psyche. "Only what is interior has proved to have substance and a determining value," he said in his late years.[1]

At each age of intellectual growth there is a tendency to overreact against even what was true in the previous era. Will Durant describes philosophy as the giving way of magic and ritual to science and control–despite the fact that "philosopher" was once another name for a magician. If philosophy is limited to a scientific way of knowing, it is not a philosophy of wholeness.

According to my Webster's Dictionary, magic can be described as the creation of a state of emotional awe. Although it need not be accomplished through magic, the state of awe, of reverence and respect–a hallmark, of the era of superstition–remains an essential preparation for spiritual awareness.[2]

Ritual, also, from ancient times to the present, has been used to attune with spirit and can today assist in preparing for spiritual awareness.

In line with the Law of Continuity, I enjoy a philosophy of inclusion and wholeness which has its roots in the most ancient wisdom and includes the flowering of logic, reason and scientific method–without discarding our alternative ways of knowing.

I perceive Spiritualism to be on the threshold of being a leader–without apology–in the promotion of healing the rift in consciousness which a limited and polarizing "men's" philosophy has created between scientific knowledge and the alternative knowledge which is our great area of specialization. As we apply our understanding of Spiritualist philosophy to our efforts in the world, Spiritualism helps us to articulate this great truth.

We keep seeking, open to new awareness, until each aspect, interior and exterior, acknowledges that the truth of the whole is far more joyful, creative and satisfying than could have been supposed from a partial view. The application of the wholeness of self results in something like a "controlled abandon" that is for me the hallmark of spiritual application. This achievement brings a numinous sense of conviction. This conviction is the "truth" we seek–it is not just a collection of facts or reasonable ideas–it is more than those, more awesome, more surprising, and its truth can be felt and recognized by others–even if it's not a scientifically provable truth.

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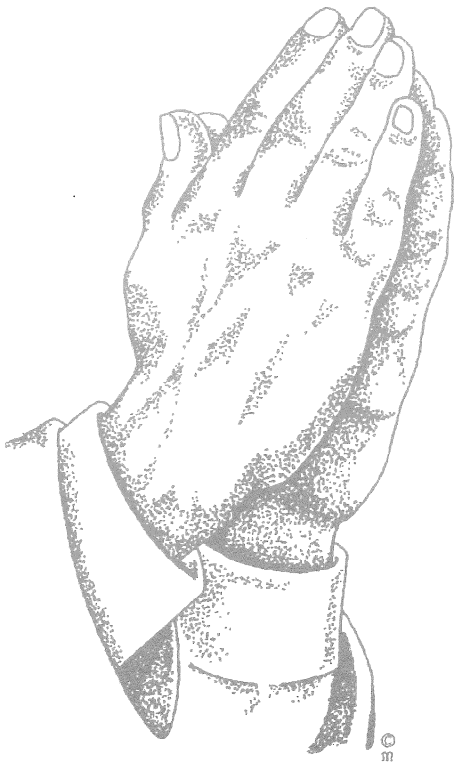
FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"It's always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them."
– Alfred Adler

"There is no such thing as a negative occurrence . . . it's all just useful information."
– Rinaldo S. Brutoco

What Is Spirit?

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We can say that spirit is mind, energy, soul, psyche and the great life force. Andrew Jackson Davis says, "These terms are synonymous."

This, then, is the description of the animating energy within all life. Humanity being primarily a spirit body–each of us lives our life, accepts our responsibilities and forms our character thereby; we die and continue our existence on another vibration, all in this spirit body. This spirit body is the essence of the individual.

To this point in time, most humans have taken a material path to all existence. They then arrive in the Spirit World ill prepared for spirit existence, because no thought or concern to spirit development was given while in the physical.

Jesus stated: "Seek you first the Kingdom of Heaven, the rest will be added unto you." What is the "Kingdom of Heaven"?

The Kingdom of Heaven is the Spirit World we all occupy, now and through eternity. As a part of the spirit realms now, we must learn all that is necessary to live without the material existence. Each challenge and opportunity in life is a responsibility for knowledge and growth. Each lesson prepares the spirit for continuation into eternity as a developed spirit.

If all our opportunities are met with responsibility for ourselves, then we will be educating our spirit for continuation through an eternity of spirit growth. If we spend our lives making excuses for ourselves and our behaviors, we will just as surely be regressing our souls.

What then does "the rest will be added unto you" mean? By following the Natural Laws of God, we send out messages of love and understanding to all our fellow travelers on the path of life. In return we receive messages of love and understanding of the Law and God in all aspects of life, as manifest in nature. This creates for us a heaven on earth, which, in turn will bring us happiness, now and always.

On a day to day basis many give little thought or acknowledgement to God or the part spirit plays in our lives. We do not think about spirit and what meaning it has for us individually, each moment. It is the spirit within that is the spark of God, which gives vitality and life.

The universe is a show place for the Laws of Nature and God. It shows us the ordered existence of life. There is a season for everything and everything in its time. There is a time for planting, a time for reaping. There is a time for rest, a time for play, and a time for work.

Truth is seed sown, which must have their time to grow before harvesting results. Students of life are at varying degrees and grades in that lifetime; each at a different degree of understanding. Each must understand spirit at their own particular level of awareness and growth.

Spiritualist philosophy points to a loving God, in deed and truth, with affection for the lowest of the creatures. This is shown through the proofs of Natural Law in which all life must function and progress. Eternal justice is the corelative of eternal love.

Within all is the spirit of God. If we look within we will find an infinite fount of knowledge. Drawing on God's love, power, law and wisdom is drawing on our infinite possibilities and potentialities for knowledge of spirit. This spirit of God within is the continual existence of the soul as a vital spark of humanity.

OUR FRIENDS IN FUR COATS

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applicable in dealing with the loss of our pets:

1. Denial is your first reaction to the news that your pet has died, or is about to die. You simply don't want to believe it.

2. Anger often evolves from the frustration you are experiencing. "Why did my pet die? Why did you leave me when I needed you most? Why didn't the vet do something more? Is God punishing me?"

3. Bargaining is probably the shortest of all stages of grief. You promise God that you will spend more time with your pet, never forget his/her mealtime again, etc. if only God will let your pet stay with you a little longer.

4. Depression is a time "when your tumultuous emotions ebb into one sorrowful expression." Most people feel a lack of motivation at this time. Allow yourself time to heal and put your pet's death in perspective. Time alone will allow you to accept what you initially denied.

5. Acceptance is when you are able to focus on all the happy moments you had when your animal friend was alive. Then you are on your way toward recovering from your grief.

Just as with the passing of a person, it is important to say goodbye to your pet, to formalize the death and to create a closure. Children may need special help to understand. This is important because it may help them later to handle the transition of someone close to them.

Remember the good times you shared with your pet. Each animal is unique. If you decide to get another pet, do not make the mistake of constantly comparing the two. Love each for his or her own special qualities, for to provide a loving home for an animal is an opportunity to serve spiritually.



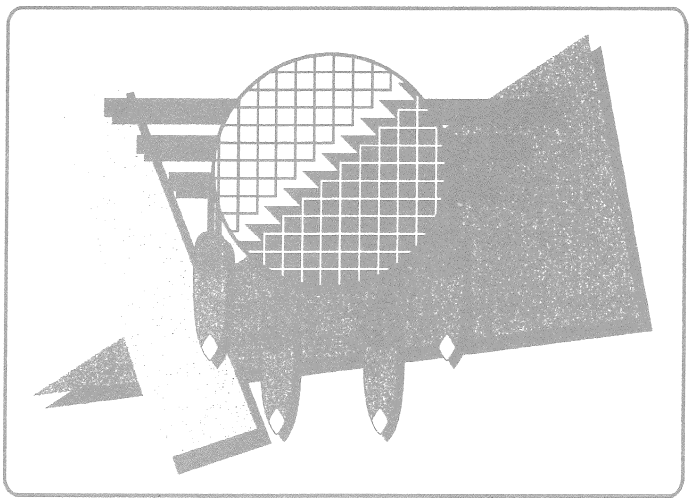
Practice makes perfect, so be careful what you practice.
– From a Calendar, Anon

NATIVE AMERICAN BELIEFS AND SPIRITUALISM

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- Holding spirituality close to nature.
- Democracy = free choice about moving closer to or farther from Spirit.
- Animal spirits as intelligent messengers.
- Viewing life and death as transitions rather than as final stages.
- Believing that guidance comes from a spiritual realm that can be perceived.
- Creation = a free act of love in which The Great Spirit gives of its essence for the purpose of creation.
- CHANGE as important in the birth-death-rebirth cycle.
- Life force in all things.
- Questing . . . Invoking . . .
- Private and Public prayer.
- Shamans (holy people = mediums) + Healers (holy medicine people).
- Equality.
- The Great Spirit.
- Music and the use of song as the breath of spirit.

Native American spiritual beings who have chosen to help with the concept of personal integrity in our own lives understand the importance of *setting intention and following through with commitment.* The results that this approach achieves are often called "luck" but is actually the placement and use of the energy that brings about the desired results. Native American spirits seem intent on forgiveness as a way to teach us more about caring for all living things. When we invite them into Spiritualism, they appear ready and willing to assist us. May we offer gratitude and thanks for their presence.



– NATURAL LAW –
Law Of Supply And Demand

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The LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND, is closely related to the LAW OF DESIRE. Jesus said "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." When we have the desire, the supply is waiting for us. It works universally and on every plane of life's expression. We are all drawing into our lives each day the things we most desire and expect, good or bad, the principle operates the same.

If we stop to think about our supply, we will be able to trace it back to the Source, which is Natural Law or Infinite Intelligence.

At one time, people believed in magic. Once they thought material things could appear right out of the air from nothing and from nowhere. They also believed that things could be made to disappear into nothing. Science has long since refuted this idea and proven such magic to be impossible, except when it is optical illusion. NOTHING CAN EVER BECOME SOMETHING, NOR CAN SOMETHING EVER BECOME NOTHING. Substance can be converted, transmuted, and changed in a million ways, but it can never be destroyed.

For example, if we plant an acorn in the soil, it will spout forth a tree. Each year the tree will bring forth leaves in the spring and shed them in the fall. The leaves drop to earth and become a part of the fertile soil. The tree lives for a hundred years, dies, falls to the earth, and decays. This decomposed timber slowly becomes part of the earth and is hardened into peat and coal. The coal is mined and brought into the home as fuel. Here it is consumed with fire and burned into ashes, and the heat units thrown off are used to warm the home. The ashes are again cast upon the earth, supplying food to the soil, which finally nurtures another seed and causes it to sprout forth and become in time another great tree. Following the cycle of the substance of a tree, we find it changing form many, many times; we see it giving off gases, heat units, chemicals of many kinds, and yet if it were possible to be measured accurately, we would find that not one tiny part has been lost. Nothing can ever be wasted or lost, there can never be a shortage in supply.

Years ago Thomas Edison resorted to the use of supply and demand when he invented the first electric light. When his carbon lamp was brought to the people as a new kind of lighting, many thought it ridiculous and too expensive. They were using candles, oil lamps and a small percentage of gas lamps. Quite some time elapsed before the public was educated to the advantages of electricity over the old ways of light, heat and power. When the people were convinced of advantages of this new power they invested in its future, built power houses, set up poles and strung wires all over the town to factories and homes. When there was a demand for the need of electric power, the supply was forthcoming. Where did it all come from? Out of the earth, out of the air, from water power, steam power, gas, oil, and a thousand and one other sources. It comes directly from nature, whose foresight created these materials in the earth.

Where there is no demand, there will be no evidence of supply. The secret of the Law lies in our consciousness. Our life consists not in the abundance of the things we possess, but in the consciousness of that which we have. We possess the whole world and all its wealth, yet we are only able to enjoy what our consciousness permits us to discern.

The thing we dare not do is to fret and worry about supply or about where our next dollar is coming from. Fretting and worry tend to restrict and limit the supply at hand, they tend to close off the outflow of substance, whether that flow is small or large. We must relax and be more expanding in our thinking. We must educate our minds to a larger state of thinking. When we can think and realize more abundance, we shall receive more abundantly. It is not the vocation that determines riches, but the demands we make of our vocations that determine riches. As we are able to think and to realize more abundance out of what we already have, we shall not only expand our thinking, but receive more abundantly. This is the basic principle of the Law.

Remember not to confuse money with supply. Money is but one of the numerous means of supply. Money is not the root of evil, but the love of money is. If you concentrate on money alone, you are forcing the Law to close out other good. If you concentrate on a part and not the whole, you get only a small part. If you concentrate on the whole, you enjoy all its parts.

If we love Natural Law, use the Law to gain supply and use it wisely, we will satisfy every desire. We will learn how to live wholesomely, freely, and wisely, and there will be no losses. Our lives will be as complete as God's Law designed them to be.

A MEASURE OF LIFE

BY MERRY BROWNE

A Spring 2000 article in *World Goodwill* publication stated a very basic truth of life. "Relationship is the pattern of the evolutionary process." We can evaluate the progress of the evolution of consciousness by observing relationships at the collective level, seeing whether or not they are harmonious, cooperative, kind, helpful, dedicated to the good of all–which is the trademark of evolved consciousness. Using the telling yardstick suggested by author Scott Peck "How loved do people feel?" Unless and until it can be seen as a given that all people regard others and themselves as one family on a global scale we are not very highly evolved.

"Question"

What can we say,
what can we do
to better the world
for even a few?
What are the words,
what are the deeds
to say and do
that fill their needs,
to change the false
into the real,
what can we do
to make them feel
loved?

Message from Hopi Elders
To my fellow swimmers:

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift, that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and will suffer greatly. Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water. And I say, see who is in there with you and celebrate.

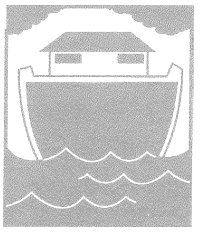
At this time in history, we are to take nothing personal. Least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt. The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves!

Banish the word "struggle" from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. WE ARE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

– Oraibi, Arizona Hopi Nation

Humor to put you in
Good Spirits . . .

All I Need To Know I Learned From Noah's Ark



One. Don't miss the boat.
Two. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
Three. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
Four. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
Five. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
Six. Build your future on high ground.
Seven. For safety's sake travel in pairs.
Eight. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
Nine. When you're stressed, float awhile.
Ten: Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
Eleven. No matter the storm, when you are with God there's always a rainbow waiting.

New England Interview

BY THE REV. STEPHEN A. HERMANN, NST

John Q. Goldingham, National President and Minister of the Spiritualist Church of New Zealand was interviewed by Rev. Stephen A. Hermann, NST, during a teaching and Spirit Communication visit to New Zealand.

Stephen:

As President of the Spiritualist Church of New Zealand could you describe the Spiritualist Movement in New Zealand?

John:

Our organization is the only National body in New Zealand. We currently have 16 Churches associated with us but there are a tremendous number, over 50, of independent churches and groups who generally follow the basic format of a Spiritualist Church. Our census shows our movement to be one of the fastest growing religions in New Zealand. The movement here goes back to the last century and was very popular in the early 1920's.

The first National Body here was "The National Association of Spiritualist Churches New Zealand." The President was W. C. Nation who produced our national newspaper *"The Message of Life"* for Spiritualism. He was one of our early founders and traces his experiences back to the year 1883. Our organization came into being with an Act of Parliament in 1924.

Stephen:

You've attended Spiritualist Church Services in the US and UK. Could you compare to Churches in New Zealand?

John:

The majority of Spiritualist Churches and groups here have been started by mediums emigrating from the United Kingdom to New Zealand. Very little, if any, connections with the USA have been made over the years. It has been my pleasure to have organized your tour to New Zealand and trust it will be the beginning of an exchanging of visiting mediums as I see both our organizations have a great deal in common. I would like to suggest a formal basis of communication link between our two National bodies should be considered.

Stephen:

Would you describe the training of mediums and healers in New Zealand?

John:

Our local mediums and healers are trained using methods brought to New Zealand by the emigrating mediums. In recent times Eileen Roberts of the Institute of Spiritualist Mediums has played a tremendous part in bringing her techniques to New Zealand, especially in the North Island. Rita Jones of the SNU has also conducted many workshops. My National body has now accepted the responsibility and is putting in place many training programs.



Rev. Stephen A. Hermann, NST, and John Q. Goldingham.

Currently we have just completed our policy for "Spiritual Healing." In this we have schedules covering:

a. Privacy Code
b. Human Rights Code
c. Code of Patients Rights
d. Rules of Healers

Currently we also have subcommittees preparing a Code of Ethics for Mediumship and we are looking at setting a training program.

Stephen:

What are your feelings about standards of mediumship, etc.? Talk about good mediumship–give examples–talk about crummy mediumship, etc.

John:

Our standards of mediumship are in line with other countries I have visited. Worldwide there are great variations of standards, and we all must be constantly on the lookout to provide training and education to improve the quality of mediumship. In fact your recent visit gave me the opportunity to have our developing mediums attend the many workshops and lectures you gave, and I believe this will greatly assist in setting high standards.

Stephen:

How did you first get involved in Spiritualism? Describe early experiences, etc.

John:

In 1981, I was led to Petone Spiritualist Church to see Beatrice Swaby who had a tremendous reputation for her mediumistic skills. On one of my early visits there my Mother came through the local medium which astounded me. The philosophy really appealed to me. It gave me a real sense of

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Presentation in Norfolk

On Sunday morning, April 23rd, we had the pleasure of presenting a Diploma to our minister, the Rev. Lelia E. Cutler. Carol Brown, President of the Board of Trustees of The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, presided over the presentation portion of the service. There were four members of the Church Board of Trustees present, in addition to Lelia, and the Lyceum Superintendent. Carol read the letter from the Secretary of the National Board, and Fred Brown presented the letter to Lelia. Linda Farris presented the official "Travel Card" which is issued in conjunction with the NST degree. Beth Yates, Lyceum Director, brought the Lyceumists into the chapel for the occasion, and she presented the Diploma, since it is issued by the Bureau of Education of the NSAC. Kathleen Cribb announced a joyful song to be sung by the congregation as part of the service.



Rev. Lelia E. Cutler



Rev. Lelia E. Cutler and Carol Brown.

In the presentation, Carol included in her remarks that Lelia has been an ordained minister for 16 years, and has been the Treasurer of the NSAC National Board for seven years. Lelia completed the Morris Pratt Study Course–all 30 lessons–in less than four months–those who know her were not surprised–she was determined, and had read all the books required prior to starting the course. As required of all N.S.T. applicants, she wrote the special essay of approximately 4,500 words and then passed the oral and written exams during her trip to the Spring Board meeting of the NSAC in April. Carol also noted that Lelia visited 19 different churches and camps during 1995 and 1996–and now it's nice to have the official travel card.



Arizona Winter



The Rev. Bernice Noad and the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller.

There is a "snow bird" that enjoys Arizona's wonderful weather in the guise of winter visitors from around the United States and Canada. Often this offers the Spiritualist Churches special speakers and workers. Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC would like to share a few events we have enjoyed.

The Rev. Bernice Noad from the State of Washington visited the church and presented an informative talk on Nature and our relationship to it. The room was so full that there was no more room to squeeze anyone in. Another guest that day was the Rev. David LeBaron, also from Washington. Bernice is a wonderful teacher and the teaching continued after a great pot luck with a rose healing ceremony.

Dr. Heather Ann Harder was another interesting speaker. Dr. Harder is running for the President of the United States on the Democratic ticket in the primary. She is the author of three books, a college professor, a business owner and an engaging speaker who believes that life does indeed continue after the physical body dies.



Dr. Heather Ann Harder

The Rev.'s Gene and Sandra Pfortmiller, pastors of the Church, have served Sun Spiritualist Camp in Tonapah, Arizona three times this year. The Camp has a wonderful nine sided Chapel that is filled with spirit energy.



Sun Spiritualist Camp, Tonopah, Arizona, Feb. 13, 2000.

Our Church is growing and has taken in five new members in the past few months. We hope that next year, when it cools off, that some of you also might come to serve our Church.

News From Maine

This picture is of the three Ordained Ministers that are members of our church. On the left, the Rev. Belinda Olin, who serves churches in England and the USA, the

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NEW ZEALAND INTERVIEW

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direction for my life for where I was at that time.

After attending a series of "Discussion Evenings" I joined a "Development Circle" with Connie Farrow the local minister, who was a very lovely caring person. I was drawn to become a channel for spiritual healing and regularly attended Thursday morning healing sessions.

Stephen:

What do you feel retards (or holds back) the Spiritualist Movement?

John:

Those who hold the movement back are the ones who allow their egos to get in the way and place limitations on spirit. Once you become a Spiritualist the greatest lesson is to not place any limit or restriction on Spirit and to accept personal responsibility for all your actions.

Stephen:

What do you see being the future of the Spiritualist Movement?

John:

The movement could have a wonderful future ahead of it. The challenge is not to put up brick walls or restrictions. Spiritualism was the start of the new age. If you ask any medium the majority will tell you they have had some training for Spiritualism. The shame is we have not been able to have maintained a relationship to set standards.

Stephen:

As a Teacher do you have any advice for students of mediumship or those leading circles, etc.?

John:

Students of mediumship and circle leaders should allow themselves to let Spirit develop them and place no limitations on their development or those developing around them. Encouragement should always be given to those seeking knowledge to always keep looking and never be satisfied with second best. No medium should ever stop seeking to learn. Personally I like to spend at least one week a year attending workshops and training sessions.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

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Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, Pastor of the Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center & Camp, and the Rev. Margaret M. Tracy who has held many offices in the Church and State Associations.

POETRY

There is a Place for Me...

Recognizing the potential of everyone.

There is a special place in life, that needs my humble skill, a certain job I'm meant to do, which no one else can fulfill.

The time will be demanding, and the pay is not too good and yet I wouldn't change it for a moment – even if I could.

There is a special place in life, a goal I must attain, A dream that I must follow, because I won't be back again.

There is a mark that I must leave, however small it seems to be, a legacy of love for those who follow after me.

There is a special place in life that only I may share, A little path that bears my name, awaiting me somewhere.

There is a hand that I must hold, a word that I must say, a smile that I must give, for there are tears to blow away.

There is a special place in life that I was meant to fill, a sunny spot where flowers grow, upon a windy hill.

There's always a tomorrow and the best is yet to be. And somewhere in this world, I know there is a place for me.

– Author Unknown

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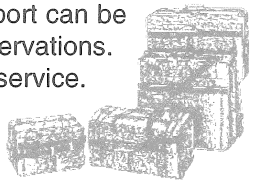
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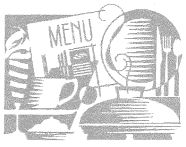
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Rooms:

$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.

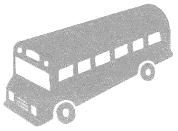


Banquet:

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 the hotel at 10:30 a.m.
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 others - 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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