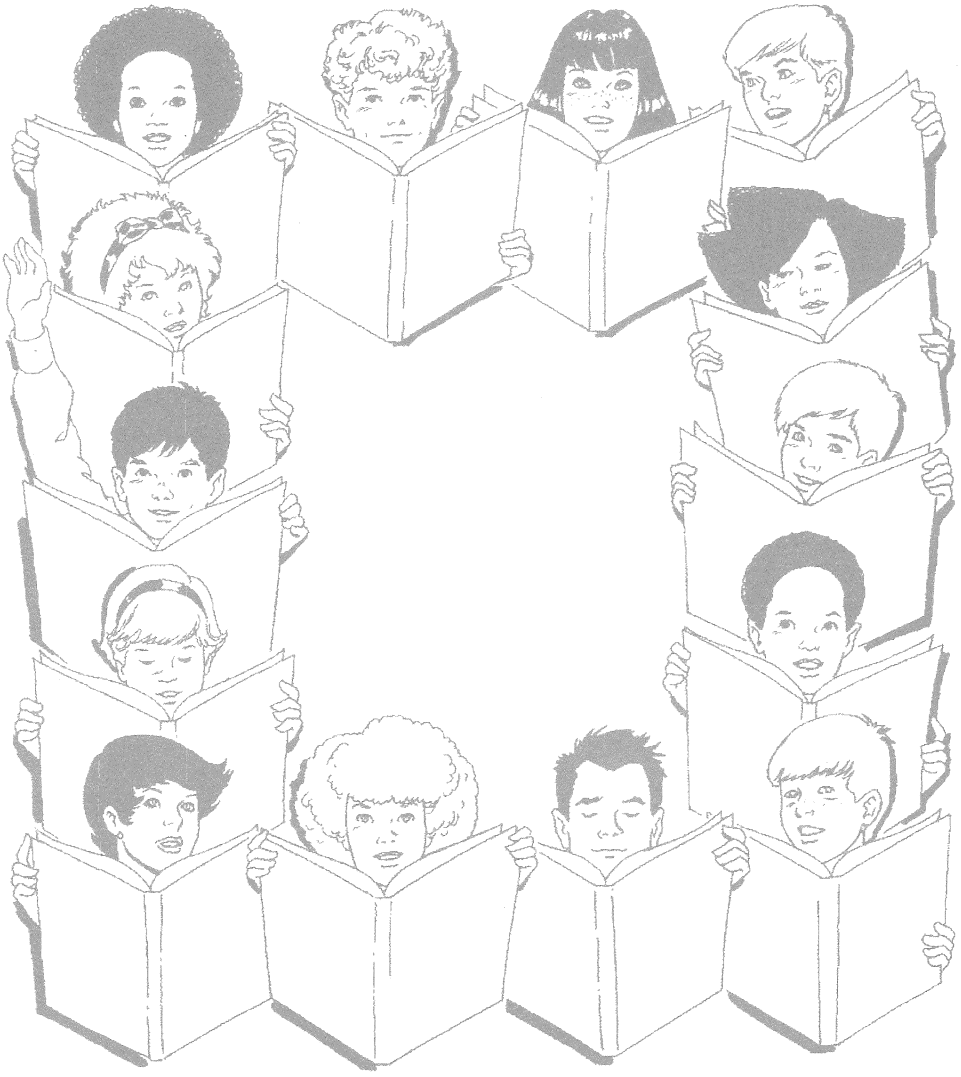
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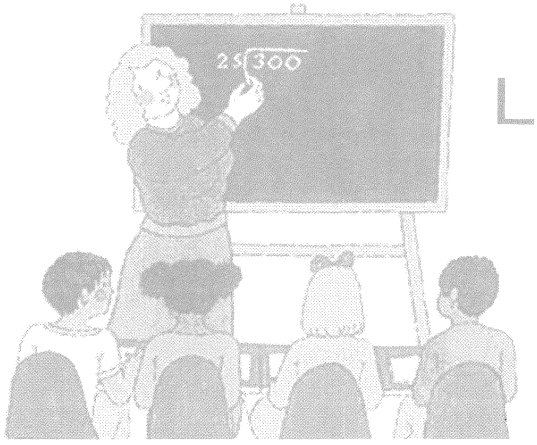
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Life Is A Classroom!

BY THE REV.
SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

TEACHER/STUDENT

Into our lives, as we grow
We are oft times the student
Searching to know.

Then sometimes a teacher
Sharing our Truth
A living example, a spiritual proof.

Teacher or student, each moment anew
For life is a classroom
For me and for you.

School Days, school days—I remember as a child thinking I could hardly wait to grow up—no more school. Little did I realize I had just begun learning, that new understanding is exciting, and that existence is about growth. TEACH—LEARN—GROW, the subjects of life.

Spiritualism encourages people to progress. Growth is stressed as an important aspect of the soul. There are many avenues to develop, continuous classes, publications, fine books and literature, besides teaching from the platform. Spiritualists think of growth as developing the abilities of the spirit. Development doesn't just mean mediumship or healing abilities, but the powers within. As our understanding multiplies we awaken the knowledge within which reinforces our higher self. Each of us wants to learn to be in a greater relationship to the Divine and to be able to express this vitality in our everyday life. To really comprehend something, it must be incorporated into our activities, into our lives. The greatest teacher's express their beliefs in the way they live, teaching by their example.

What are you expressing? What are your priorities? We each have a soul purpose which we "feel" within and are guided toward by life's experiences. Life in this world and the next is about eternal progress. Our existence in the Spirit World continues the expansion that is begun in the physical. Progression is open to every soul, and Natural Law will place in our path that which is needed to assist us to progress.

There are occasions each day where we may be the student or the teacher in this classroom of life. Some moments we may mirror for others that which they need to see. Later, these same individuals may show us a way to accomplish our soul's purpose. This sure helps keep our ego in check as we come to understand that all life includes the spark of Divinity within, which teaches each of us through each of us.

We have all heard the adage, "When the student is ready the teacher will appear." I believe it also goes in reverse, "when the teacher is ready, the student will appear." Every conversation or discussion, every article written or read, every lecture given or heard, every talent shared is an opportunity to increase your spirituality, heightened by your inspiration, by your understanding.

Another statement we have all heard or said is "There is nothing new, only a reawakening of that which our inner being already knows." This guides us to open ourselves to the Light, to take time being silence to listen to inner wisdom. Our life's lessons are found in our strong desires, our passions. We are in the physical expression to evolve, to become more of the Light. Every time we learn a lesson we clear our paths for the next opportunity in life. Growth is a blossom of recognition, a completion of a cycle, and the movement into the next stage of attainment. Life is a process of increasing detail, of accepting more love and light, and of seeing a greater vision. Evolution is growth, awareness discovered.



Some who come into Spiritualism only want to become mediums. They feel that once they have developed mediumship, they do not have to expand any more. Some do not consider being spiritual as part of being a great medium. It is a "little life" to be content to just stay where you are and not extend your soul. Remember the excitement you experienced while developing mediumship? There are sparkling dimensions of spirit to touch and perceive, but this requires being open and a desire to live each moment. Each of us is so much more than we imagine, and with the Divine Creator—we are unlimited!

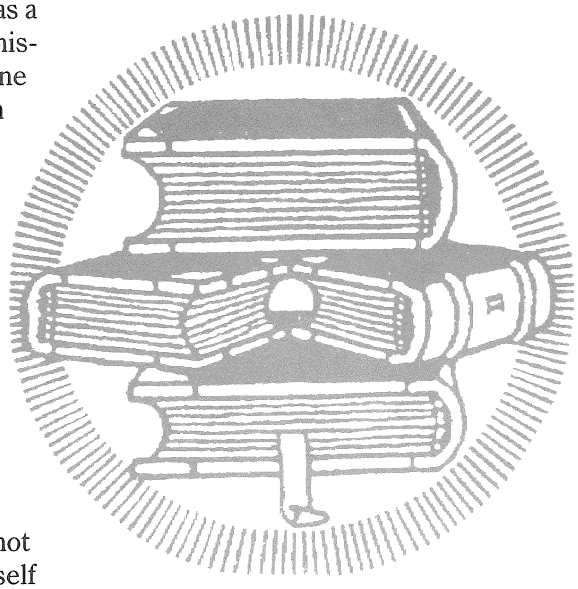
Humanity's physical progress has been continually

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Learning Detachment

BY THE REV. JOHN MEERSCHAERT, MARYLAND

Over several years of working as a Spiritualist medium, healer and minister, I have discovered that the one thing that seems to be missing from unfoldment classes is the technique of "detachment." Detachment is an important skill for all to learn, because it assists us in (1) being a clear instrument for Spirit to work through, (2) decreases the chances of "coloring" messages from Spirit, and (3) keeps us from jumping to wrong conclusions and making statements we might be sorry for later.



The skill of detachment is not easily mastered, and I find myself working on this one skill every day. There is no one method of developing detachment. First let us understand what it means to be detached in mediumship. Detachment is the ability to remove our emotion, interpretation, and biases when working with Spirit. It is the skill that allows us to pass on information and knowledge from spirit teachers and loved ones without adding or subtracting from the message that is given by spirit friends. We must guard against giving our interpretation of a message because we may not give the correct meaning that spirit intends. Our frame of reference, or understanding, often is very different. By interjecting our own feelings, intellect, or biases into the message we are "coloring" the message and not being honest to spirit or to our mediumship.

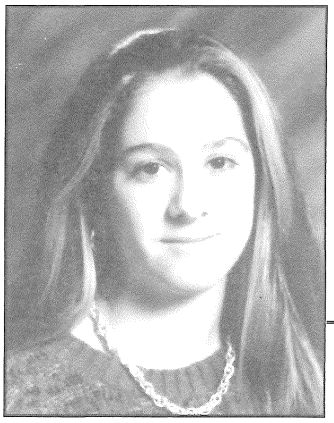
Detachment is the ability to hear or see the message that spirit is giving as just an observer, and then pass this on to the individual exactly as we receive it. We do not need to intellectualize, rationalize, or analyze the message. All we need to do is just give as purely as we receive. This is difficult to do, but is a skill to develop so our mediumship unfolds correctly. Being as pure an instrument as we can be is important. Remember, our goal is to work with the highest and best spirit teachers and healers. As we give out that which we receive without adding or subtracting details, it makes us clearer and purer, more honest instruments. It also raises our vibration so that we may attract the higher vibrational teachers and healers.

Healers need to be detached for the above reasons, but also so that the healer does not "take on" the aches and pains of the individual in the healing chair. Again, we are to be the observers allowing the healing energies and forces to flow through us. We must maintain a positive, prayerful state of mind in the performance of healing as well as detachment.

For the minister, detachment is the ability to listen to problems and complaints without being drawn into the emotional turmoil that is often present in these situations. The minister must be a friend to all, but still maintain a "detached distance" so that he or she may counsel individuals and make decisions without biases or favoritism. This is a difficult skill for the minister to develop. He or she must always be warm and outgoing, but still maintain a professional relationship with the congregation and the board of the church.

Members of the Board of Directors must also learn detachment. Decisions must be made on the merits of the situation and not because of preconceived ideas, emotional states, or biases. They must set these aside, be open, understanding, and ask the questions so that they may be fully informed before making any decisions. The members of the board must work to make their decisions fairly with no favoritism, applying requirements equally to all individuals teaching classes, seminars, or serving as speakers, mediums, and healers.

Detachment is not easy, but when developed, allows us to perform our duties as mediums, healers, ministers and board members fairly, equally and without biases. This in turn allows us to work on a higher level of vibration and with spirit teachers of a higher level of vibration. It also allows us to be the best that we can and serve the congregation as pure instruments of Spirit and Infinite Intelligence. Δ



DANIELLE CHESMAN

The NSAC Bureau of Public Relations and the NSAC Board of Directors are please to announce the recipient of the

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for a high school student in Summit, New Jersey. Part of the application for the NSAC/STOW Scholarship is to write an essay about Spirituality.

GROWTH IN SPIRITUALITY

BY DANIELLE CHESMAN, NEW JERSEY

When I was born, the only thing that I knew was about myself. I recognized who my parents were, but really only saw them as people who fed me my bottle, changed my diapers, or cared for me, meeting all of the my immediate needs. When I cried, they came to see what was wrong. They did everything for me, and tried to make me happy all the time. I didn't have to do anything.

When I was a little girl, I viewed the world as though whatever happened around me would be either good for me or bad for me. If I wanted a cookie, I would ask for it, cry about it, take it off the kitchen table if I saw one sitting there, take someone else' s cookie if I could get my hands on it. If my kindergarten class was asked what storybook should be read, I wanted my choice to be picked. I would push to be first in line to go on the slide, and I wouldn't share my toys. This self-centered behavior is common in children, because they haven' t realized yet that things matter to anyone else besides themselves. When we are young, we see ourselves as the most important person, really the only person, and we do whatever is most pleasing to ourselves.

As I grew up, things started to happen in my life that caused me to begin to change. I would feel bad if I didn't get chosen to be on someone's kickball team. My classmates would cry if someone called them names. I would be ashamed if I misbehaved at home and my parents had to punish me. I started to see that there were benefits and detriments that came from the way I was treated and the way I treated others.

In my teens, one of the most important experiences in my life was the preparation for and the day of my Bat Mitzvah. This special day in the life of every Jewish youth is the climax of many years of study. While I worked hard to learn about Jewish history, my culture, and how to read Hebrew, I also spent a large amount of time learning how to be a better person. I was required to perform and write about thirteen mitzvot (good deeds) which I had done, and these consisted of things like visiting old age homes to spend time with the elderly, going to soup kitchens to feed the hungry, and cleaning up garbage on the roadside. I was also expected to think about the kind of person that I am and to set goals for the future to be more considerate of others, to respect nature, and to participate in community services that helped people less fortunate than myself.

By the time I reached high school, I had learned that I had a true calling to help others, and I spent a great deal of time with the Key Club, and specifically with the Bridges organization, who feeds and clothes the homeless in Newark and New York on a regular basis. I realized that I loved working and lending a hand to people in need, and found that the thing I appreciated most was seeing the happiness that I was bringing to them, and the feeling that someone cared for them. Whether it was being able to use a park bench that we had repaired or to get a winter coat that someone else had donated, the smiles on their faces and the conversations that I held with them made me want to do more. I became conscious of the fact that homeless people and others in need are no different from any of us. I learned how smart and gentle these people could be.

Now that I am about to begin my college education, I have already found out that social work is the field that I want to study. The Golden Rule which tells us to ". . . do unto others as you would want others to do unto you . . ." states what I have learned in my seventeen years of life. I want to be respected, trusted, and cherished by people who meet me. I feel compelled to act respectful and kind to people from all walks of life whether they are part of the group who will teach and guide me, such as parents, teachers, and clergy, or if they are individuals who I come into contact with in my daily life. It is a human right to be treated with kindness, compassion and respect.

This civilization as a whole can improve, one person at a time. We must individually start by treating ourselves with respect and dignity and learning to live on this planet in concert with nature and society. As we embrace this ourselves, and teach each generation to love themselves, love one another, and honor our environment, we will be taking part in the positive change that is our moral responsibility as human beings. Δ

PLATFORM SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SPEAKER

Presenting your ideas, messages or healing from the platform is representing the Religion of Spiritualism so it is important to be as qualified as possible. Here are some suggestions to help you prepare and present. Remember that each time you speak or deliver messages it becomes easier.

• Try not to talk or be like someone else. Like Shakespeare wrote, "To thine own self be true." Each of us are unique in our lives and in our way of presenting our stories and our truths. Be natural. Be yourself. You'll get your ideas across with sincerity.

• The most effective speakers talk with and not at their listeners. Talk in a conversational tone, be informal and relaxed.

• Remember to speak loud enough to be heard, or if your voice is unusually soft try to use a microphone.

• Don't give your talk without preparing.

If a **medium**, ask your guides to be with you. Ask for the highest and the best. Ask that your conscious mind be quieted and the higher awareness be opened. Ask that you receive positive, uplifting messages. Ask that a loved one come through the message with proof positive to be recognized by the sitter. Pray to God with confidence and trust that your mediumship will be loving and evidential.

If a **speaker**, select your subject, gather your ideas and information, organize the material, practice the talk, and write out a cue card for reminders. Go over the ideas of your talk several times. This helps to remember it and also helps to remove stress. Remember personal stories add interest and get the attention of the people. They, of course, should not be the focus of the talk which should be about Spiritualism or growth in some form. There are exceptions to this rule as sometimes a speaker will tell how and why they got into Spiritualism, or how healing helped them. However, if a speaker talked about themselves each time they spoke, people would not feel they were getting a spiritual message.

• Control Stage Fright!

This form of panic is one condition faced most everyone, beginner and professional. Try not to eliminate it, but do try to control it. Some actors, speakers, singers, etc. feel that they are more effective because of stage fright and feel the adrenal rush is something that keeps you sharp. Some ways to reduce the tension of performance:

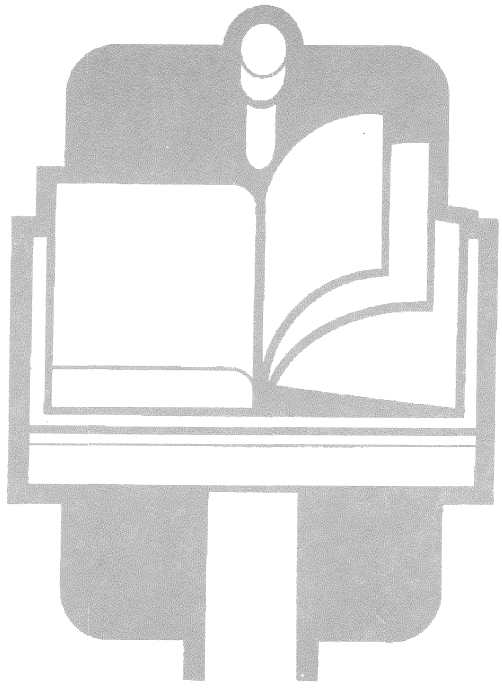
1. You are not alone in suffering from this, even presidents and performers experience it.
2. We all appear much more confident than we feel.
3. Once you begin, the spirit guides help and the stage fright is almost always reduced.
4. If you fumble or make an error, use it to your advantage, i.e., "Let me try that again, in English, this time!" "My thoughts were moving faster than my words." "Maybe I should get a new set of teeth!" "I have a note here to remind me it is not morning." Gradually you relax and get control of your nervousness.
5. Remember the people are not there to hear your goofs, but to hear what you or spirit has to say. Put your trust in the love and power of God.
6. Concentrate on WHAT you're saying and not HOW you are saying it. By concentrating on the ideas, the importance of your subject you help to control any nervousness.
7. Try not to block or erase your nervousness, just let it be. Meditate, breathe deeply, do relaxations exercises, stretch, pace, chew gum, wring your hands if you need to. Of course, some of these should not be done during the service, but may help before the service to calm you.
8. Be prepared as completely as you can be. If you know your subject, or if you know that your mediumship comes from God and spirit, you will have more confidence.
9. Know what is expected of you and try to follow the expectation. Time to arrive, time allowed for your portion of the service, the dress code, the place where you are to sit, the place in the service for your presentation. The more prepared you are, the less surprises can rattle your confidence.
10. Look at your listeners and establish a contact with them. This isn't just peering into their faces, or scanning around the room. It is talking with them as individuals. Look for the friendly faces, the nodding heads. Contact with the congregation helps them to be more receptive to your ideas.
11. Begin without referring to your notes. You can take a deep breathe, survey your listeners and gather yourself before you begin to speak.
12. Stand tall, smile, speak with confidence. Stay on the subject, do not apologize, support your views. Take your time, don't try to persuade, don't pace or stroll as this distracts. Don't ramble, it is better to be brief, to-the-point and you'll keep your audience.

Remember to relax and just do your best!

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TEACHING

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE



When it comes to the subject of teaching, the question is, what is the level of spiritual understanding of those coming to the service or class? A church congregation has a variety of needs with spiritual subjects. Some have been reading and studying for many years, but for others it is all new to them. Then there are those that just enjoy the service and feel it is enough to live a very satisfactory life, and they are content to leave it at that. Often they are very loyal members content in their belief and not straying to every new group or belief that comes along.

The reasons people attend classes are varied. Some are seekers that have a real desire to completely understand the Spiritualist Philosophy, always feeling that there is more to learn and they are never completely satisfied. Then there are those that think by joining a class they will become instant mediums or healers. Some are sure that they know more than the pastor or teacher after a few weeks or a few books. Others realize that Spiritualism is not a push button philosophy, that it is a philosophy that one has to learn to live every day of their lives to fully reap its benefits, learning to give service to others wherever possible. Some feel there is more and are looking for new outlets. They are often the hardest to keep dedicated. Then there are individuals with a little knowledge who will try to start their own group, soliciting a few members from the class. This is one of the problems faced by many Spiritualist churches. If the new group falls apart, the people seldom come back.

Both, in the service and the class a basic understanding of the Declaration of Principles is of the greatest importance. Even many of the members who repeat the Declaration of Principles weekly never take the time to fully understand the true value in their every day life.

The Principles are our foundation and their history, and understanding of each Principle is a most important element of our belief. It is a good practice to periodically take one of the principles to use as part of a sermon, or take one each week as a short thought about Spiritualism and in that way a gradual understanding of the Principles stick in the minds of the congregation.

When I was studying psychology many years ago, the teacher told us that anything has to be repeated at least three times for the mind to remember it, and as we get older it is probably many more times that are needed for it to sink into our consciousness.

Teaching a class or conducting the service takes quite a bit of time to prepare. When a speaker states "I don't need to prepare, something always comes to me," and then they wander around a subject, speak about something that has nothing to do with Spiritualism, or about personal problems—I don't care for this. They don't keep to a theme and you wonder what the talk or sermon was really all about. Be prepared.

Even when you have conducted classes for many years it is still necessary to review the subject you are teaching. The teacher should keep up with any changes because of new findings. Science is constantly proving and disproving old ideas and we must try to be informed. Often, the younger ones in the class have more education than we have, with minds that are faster. They easily get bored if we appear not to know what we are talking about.

As a Teacher, Minister, Medium or Healer, we represent the NSAC and all it stands for. It is up to us to well prepare for our class, service or any other event so that we present Spiritualism in the best possible manner—one that is very positive and easily understood so our wonderful religion continually makes progress into the future. Δ

REMEMBERING THE REVEREND FLORENCE BECKER

BY (SAM) SANDRA MACLEOD WHITE, CALIFORNIA

The Reverend Florence Becker was an extraordinary medium. Even with today's contemporary, metaphysical and psychic trends, she remains an exceptional example of love in the most spiritual form—service.

It has been thirty years since Florence Becker's passing, and although I never met her, I did start attending her church in 1970, the year she passed to Spirit. Through the years, I have continually heard bits-and-pieces of astonishing narratives about this woman's distinguished and extraordinary life.

Today, Florence Becker is still remembered by her students, friends and followers as a warm, kind, wise, compassionate, caring and loving teacher to everyone in contact with her—and they still remain fiercely loyal in protecting her image. Her mediumship has yet to be equaled in terms of real phenomena, both physical and mental, and she read your soul as if she had known you a lifetime. She touched everyone, and no one fooled her.

Florence Becker was a very powerful spiritual medium. She was clairvoyant and clairaudient and for fifty years, performed remarkable billet readings while blind folded; was a messenger of hope to thousands of followers, students, "message hounds," and curiosity seekers who came to see her every week at church. Her annual predictions on the last Sunday of the year attracted standing room only crowds.

One of her students, and the Associate Pastor of the Golden Gate Church, the Reverend David Burr, recalls one service in particular, while giving messages blind folded, when suddenly Mrs. Becker said, "I'm walking down the isle to the fifteenth row and over three seats," as she motioned to the gentleman in that exact seat, "Take your mind off me!" she scolded, "I will not go under the influence of anyone on the Earth Plane." It seems the man was trying to hypnotize her through the disguise of prayer. He probably thought she would never know what he was doing while his eyes were closed, pretending to pray. How wrong he was!



Photo taken in 1965, standing (L to R) the Rev. Donald Haddick, the Rev. Florence Becker, and Virgil Simmons. Bottom right, the Rev. Julia Burr.

David Burr also remembers the time when a distraught man came to a church and his billet was a desperate plea for help in locating his wife and little daughter who had disappeared. Lolly, Florence Becker's joy guide, said she would look for them. When the young man returned a week later, Lolly told him she was still looking for them. On his third visit Lolly told him that his wife and child were in Paris, and gave him an exact location; street and room numbers on the third floor of a small hotel on the Left Bank. The man went immediately to Paris and found them exactly where Lolly said, and returned happily to San Francisco with his wife and daughter.

For years she held different levels of spiritual classes for the "students of truth" which, immediately and always, filled to capacity. It is said that some not-so-spiritual students even fought for a place in class—but one doubts they ever got in. Florence Becker held seances, trumpet seances, healing circles, and helped those in need in hospitals, homes, or when they just asked for help. Everyone wanted to be near her, even for a moment, in hopes the magic of her wisdom, creativity and spirituality would rub off on them. In fact, Florence Becker was the medium responsible for manifesting many spirit paintings, mostly Native American guides—18 of which hang today in the Healing Chapel and the Social Hall at the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, California.

It is said these spirit paintings were produced between 1911 and 1928. Each was kept wrapped in the dark for 12 months for preservation—otherwise, they were told the paintings would evaporate into the unknown. Many of the paintings were done by a French artist in Spirit named Repierre who had been unable to complete his work while in the physical. His paintings were created in the dark of a seance room and sitters were asked to sing the Marsellaise—requested by the artist to develop a certain vibration for his work. He also asked to have several articles brought to the seance which included a canvas, wood to represent a frame, some paint—color not important.

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"The paintings were completed in spirit and precipitated upon the canvas instantaneously, producing a concussion-like sound," says a brochure describing these paintings. Additionally, it is alleged that if you look carefully, there are no brush marks on any of the paintings, which is true phenomena. I have heard also, from numerous people, that Florence Becker ended each of these seances with large black and blue bruises on her body—i.e. the reference in the brochure, "chemicals required for the different pigmentations were taken from the medium's body."

Another one of her many legacies—Florence Becker was Spirit's instrument and author in transcribing *The Science of Being*—a book for students interested in unfolding their spiritual attributes and learning the lessons of Natural Law. Her husband, Virgil Simmons, who had these lessons printed into book form, personally wrote in as many copies as he could get hold of (including mine), "May the reader and sincere student of Truth search and find the Real Path of Light and Guidance which is just waiting for discovery in various chapters of this book." These lessons were received, in part (as the story goes), while she was in "dead" trance for 36 hours, and transcribed on butcher paper by one of her students, Samuel Allison.

Mr. Simmons wrote in *The Science of Being* foreword of his beloved wife, "She was the seventh child and born with a double veil, which in the annals of psychic lore, immemorial, involves precious, sacred and divine gifts of the highest potential of clairvoyance and associated spiritual faculties."

Florence Becker began her life in Reno, Nevada on February 16, 1892 on her father's ranch in Long Valley, 35 miles north of Reno. As a young child of about five her mother would send her off to the attic, above their large ranch house, whenever Florence was naughty. It was during this time she saw, heard and played with little spirit children and conversed with spirit guides and teachers. To little Florence these entities were just as real as you and I.

Throughout her childhood Florence Becker assumed all children saw spirit as she did and never doubted their existence—except, of course, when her mother would scold her for fabricating these unbelievable fantasies. Back to the attic she went—skipping. Sometimes Florence purposely got herself into trouble just so she would be sent back to the attic. Rather than being a punishment, it was a happy time for her.

The attic became little Florence's secret opportunity to not only play with spirit friends but to be in the presence of a beautiful spirit entity named Lady Colona who would materialize. This spirit guide taught Florence universal understanding and instructions of "present and future events of life upon earth, especially the Celestial Prophecy of Florence's whole lifetime of selfless service to a suffering, misguided, humanity in great need of Light and Guidance on the often tortuous pathway of experience," wrote Mr. Simmons of little Florence's destiny.

It should be noted that there is a spirit portrait of Lady Colona in the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church's Healing Chapel. That portrait was the first time Florence Becker ever saw her guide's face, as it was always veiled when they had their talks in the attic when she was a little girl. When the portrait was completed it showed Lady Colona's eyes closed. Florence Becker was told by spirit that when Lady Colona's eyes opened on the canvas that her service on this expression of life would be completed. Almost fifty years later, one eye opened. You can see Lady Colona's portrait today with one eye slightly open.



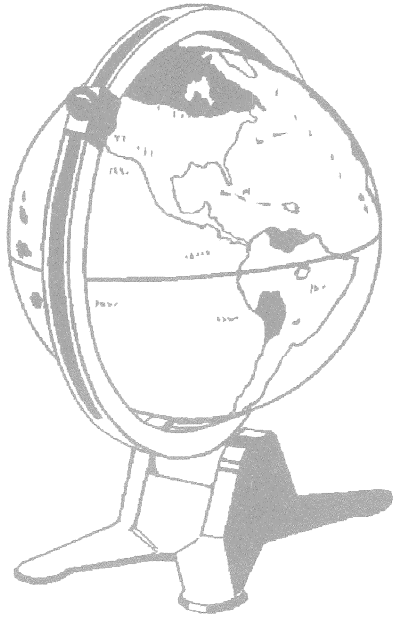
In the late 1890's, while Florence Becker was having regular discussions with spirit entities in her attic, the mind set of the people at that particular time was that of spiritual intolerance. Anyone who could see and hear spirit, or who had exhibited any psychic abilities were considered evil and suffered tremendous humiliation for their sensitivity. Mediums were labeled evil instead of messengers of God—which is what they really were and are. In Nevada, life was simplistic in producing a life style and mentality of conservative, religious thinking of that time. No one was encouraging little Florence to expose her spirit friendships, and her family was not about to accept such tales. So Florence became silent as she grew older. Thus, the beginning of a remarkable life of one woman's spiritual journey.

Who would have ever thought that this little girl talking to spirit entities in her attic would someday give seances and consultations at the White House for President Franklin Roosevelt and members of his cabinet during World War II? It was well documented that Florence Becker was called to Washington on a number of occasions, and when President Roosevelt wanted to see her, the FBI flew her quietly to Washington for their private meetings. I have heard also, throughout the years, that he asked her how much time he had left to live.

Another part of the Reverend Florence Becker's legacy, is a date that marks the opening and the dedication of San Francisco's Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, December, 1951. This building is a living tribute to her everlasting accomplishments to the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism, the Spirit World and a memorial to a loving leader, medium, teacher, healer, friend, mother, and mentor. Δ

Spirit Dr. Fritz Healing Practice to Visit the United States

BY ROBERT BAUMGARTNER



There are many medical wonders anticipated in our twenty-first century, but from Brazil comes Mr. Faria, a man who continues the over four decades work of the multilingual spirit Doctor Fritz and spirit band. The spirit Dr. Fritz first visited Mr. Faria in 1983. Mr. Faria, an electrical engineer from Rio de Janeiro with a computer business, was visiting friends whose daughter had cataracts. Mr. Faria did not remember anything of the incident, but was told by friends later. They described him going into a trance-like state, then he took the girl's head into his hands, picked up a razor and began slicing into her eye. The parents did not intervene. Afterward, when Mr. Faria returned to consciousness the parents told Mr. Faria that they had a special visitor today. It was spirit Dr. Fritz.

To better understand this strange story we need to go back more than forty years. In the 1950s, well publicized in Brazilian newspapers, and later when in the 1960s, sometimes televised, the story of Jose Arigo and his Spirit Center clinic filled headlines in Brazil. Jose Arigo's actual legal name was Jose de Freitas, an uneducated tavern owner, a one time miner union activist, a local candidate for town Mayor, untrained in medicine, who began performing surgeries on as many as 300 people a day in the little town of Campos de Congonhas.

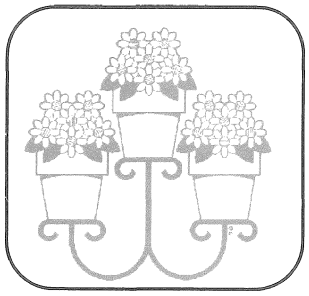
The Catholic Church condemned it, and the authorities on several occasions sought criminal charges and court investigations against Arigo for practicing medicine without a license. Arigo performed countless surgeries and medical miracles on terminal or hopeless patients never taking any money. Jealous local doctors resented people going to and being cured by Arigo.

Arigo, under the guidance of Dr. Fritz, is recorded on film in a trance like state doing hydroceles, removing tumors, cataracts, sebaceous cysts, retinoblastomas, on patients without pain and with minimal bleeding. He had treated and cured a Senator, members of the Catholic clergy, many politicians, millionaires, the rich and multitudes of the poor, who stood in line hours waiting to be seen, first come first serve basis at his clinic. In his Spirit Center clinic where he had a door on two carpenter horses for an operating table, he tirelessly gave medical examinations, diagnosis, treatments, and wrote prescriptions for patients from 8 a.m. into the late evening. He performed surgeries with a pocket knife, scissors, tweezers, no anesthetics, no antiseptics, few gauzes, and often wiping his instruments blood off on his shirt. Several medical doctors observed and filmed Arigo stopping bleeding with verbal commands by delivering prayers invoking Christ the Lord for help and thanks.

Arigo, a family man, always spent Saturday and Sundays with his family and tending his rose garden. His life was turned upside down in 1956 by incarceration, and a malicious state prosecution and conviction for "illegally practicing medicine." In May of 1958 when then Brazilian President Kubitschek learned of his internment he granted Arigo an official pardon. The medical community and Catholic Church later in 1963 had Arigo again jailed, prosecuted, and convicted of Witchcraft. This followed a well publicized surgery performed on an American Doctor, Henry K. Puharich (limpoma–tumor on his arm). While incarcerated Arigo treated prisoners in the jail, initiated improvements, stopped prisoners from rioting, and painted the jail. He was a deeply religious man always asking his supporters to forgive his persecutors.

Public sentiment and pressure soon brought about Arigos release from prison. Judge Felippe Immesi presiding over the case went to Arigo's Spirit Center clinic and witnessed Arigo diagnose, treat, and prescribe medications on several patients, never spending more than three minutes on any one. Despite all the confirmed evidence of public benefit the Judge could only reduce the charge to an "administrative infraction" resulting in Arigo's return to his cell in the prison Lafaiete in August 1965. The Federal Supreme Court reviewed the case upon the urging of Judge Immesi, and the prison sentence was canceled. Arigo was set free.

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The Teachings Of Spiritualism

The teachings and beliefs of Spiritualism need to be periodically restated in order to clarify and remove any misunderstandings, misconceptions and fears that many of us acquired from other dogmas and creeds that we grew up with.

Spiritualism teaches us that truth can be found in many areas; such as nature, bibles and other sacred texts, and that we, and we alone, are responsible for our own actions. We make our own heaven or hell as we obey or disobey the Laws of Nature. These Laws never change, they are the same today, tomorrow and always.

As humanity progresses, matures and develops understanding, we recognize that we are a divine spark of the Infinite and never separated from that Divinity. We recognize that we are a soul, animated by Spirit, in a physical body, manifesting on the earth plane. Our quest for knowledge and enlightenment often leads to a change in consciousness, which often conflicts with previous concepts of religious dogma and may cause confusion.

Being a natural religion, based on Natural Law, Spiritualism does not teach vicarious atonement. It puts this teaching aside and devotes itself to awakening the spiritual perception in each one in a natural way. The object of our life here is to unfold spiritually.

As we unfold and develop our spiritual gifts we are able to put aside our fear of death for we realize it is just a shedding of the physical, and that just beyond the veil is a new and higher school of learning.

Many lessons and lots of information has been revealed to us from this higher school through spirit communication and all human kind has access to this "college." We do not have to be a millionaire or possess the I Q of a genius, all we need to do is to seek knowledge and to go within. "Seek and ye shall find."

The most important and main teaching of Spiritualism is the continuity of life. The continuity of life has been proven time and again through Spirit communication via mediumship. Communication isn't always from an ancient one or a high master. Communication can come from a newer spirit with a message of love and comfort for one left behind. A message with answers to unanswered questions or to give a loved one information on what the higher existence is really like and reassurance that one day loved ones will be reunited.

Jesus, a great master, teacher and philosopher gave just this kind of a message to his disciples after his transition. He appeared in the upper room and spoke with them, allaying their fears, and putting their minds at ease and their hearts at peace.

Many of the pseudo-sciences have been attached to Spiritualism such as crystal gazing, palmistry, astrology, numerology and card reading. Spiritualism doesn't denounce these sciences, but they are not taught from the platforms of National Spiritual Association of Churches because they do not prove the continuity of life.

Reincarnation, considered a second chance by many, is another debatable subject among Spiritualists, new agers and others. The theory among some is that we come back many times to right wrongs done in a past life; to experience things we were afraid of or hurts we inflicted on others. Because reincarnation does not prove the continuity of life, this theory is also not presented from NSAC church platforms.

Many comparisons have been made between Christianity and Spiritualism, and after much speculation, investigation and study, a lot of the Christian doctrine has been set aside for many of its truths depend on clergy interpretation. Some Christian groups believe that the spiritual gifts taught and demonstrated by Jesus, died with him.

Spiritualism does commemorate two of Christianity's holidays—Christmas and Easter. While Spiritualism does not give the same credence to these holidays that Christianity does, we do recognize that Jesus was born, did live, taught God's Laws, demonstrated brotherhood, mediumship, healing and practiced love. Perhaps Christmas should be celebrated every day, for people seem to be more loving and tolerant during this holiday than they often are at other times of the year. What a healing this planet would experience. Spiritualism is a religion of happiness and peace, and the Christmas holiday allows the Spiritualist to share this happiness with others.

Easter is a time of rebirth, an awakening of all life around us. New growth and budding of the flowers, the trees, the grass and the return of the birds from the south. The cycles of life and nature help prove that life is continuous and death is just a part of the process of life, part of that continuity.

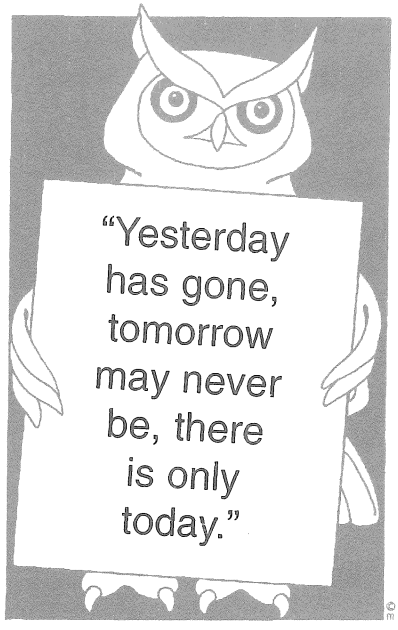
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SPIRITUALISM TEACHES: WE ARE IN ETERNITY NOW

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

When Spiritualism first burst on to the life scene, with its concepts of Spirit communication and a philosophy that contradicted currently held notions of the orthodox religions, the early pioneers were reluctant to leave the old behind and step forward into the new dawn. Some held on to left over philosophy from orthodox religions and added on Spiritualism. We even see this today.

When we have a newcomer to Spiritualism, they seem to bring with them all the past teachings from Sunday School training and are reluctant to turn to something new "just in case." After all, Mom and Dad thought this old line was all right.



One of the many concepts designed by the orthodox priesthood to keep people's minds in line was the promise of heaven if you behaved and hell if you did not, which in reality is an outdated concept. Let's examine these concepts. Heaven . . . the right hand of an anthropomorphic God sitting on a golden throne meting out judgments to the quick and the dead, angels singing and playing their harps all day long, with wings to fly from place to place. Hell . . . fires going all day long with unbearable heat and pain, Satan with his pitchfork prodding the damned, working up a sweat stoking the fires of hell.

In our enlightened age, can we really conceive of such places? Where are they located? We used to look to the sky, but modern space travel has eliminated that location.

With each generation of humans that graduate our educational institutions, we have a more educationally conscious group who have proved many phenomena scientifically, which our churches, temples and synagogues were burying in faith. The miraculous is no longer able to hold these thinking individuals, and they search now for truth in many areas. What needs to be available now is the Truth of Spiritualism. Spiritualism's Philosophy has been proven through scientific investigation and experimentation.

The dictionary says that philosophically, "The objects we see with our eyes are in reality the embodiment of ideas and hence that ideas are the only realities and that reality is essentially mental." The point of philosophical idealism is to point the way for an ideal lifestyle, which can lead all people to a closer relationship with the God of their understanding. It would mean better conditions here and hereafter, as each strives to the ideals of morality and love.

Heaven and Hell then are really states of mind. We can be living in a heaven on earth or conversely a hell on earth, according to our own method of thinking. The mind creates our existence.

A human is a triune being of body, soul/mind and spirit. Each must balance for the full expression of life. While material conditions reign on the earth plane, it is difficult to express the spirit within, which is the eternal part of humanity. We are spirit now and forever. All energy of spirit, once created cannot die; it can change, but never die.

We are a part of eternity, even in the body of flesh and material. Therefore, death is merely a change of overcoat in a world governed by spirit. The existence of communication can best be understood in this context of spirit to spirit, one in the flesh, one removed from the flesh.

Philosophy is an approach to life that enhances all that we do in our material existence, to grow in our spiritual existence and prepare ourselves for a future existence. Spirit communication has indicated what awaits the human soul following the change called death.

We should not be hung up on our involvement with the future, any more than what has gone before. What cannot be changed is best forgotten. There is an old saying, which goes, "Yesterday has gone, tomorrow may never be, there is only today." Make the best of your today—live each day as though it could be your last and you will have lived in the spirituality of your soul.

Jesus taught: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and the rest will added unto you." Seek spirit first, the rewards will surely follow. To this point in time, humanity has taken a material path to all existence. Many have arrived in the Spirit World ill prepared for spiritual existence because they gave no thought or concern for spiritual development.

If we meet life's challenges with responsibility and moral conduct, we are preparing our spiritual body for continued spiritual existence. If we meet these challenges and opportunities with a lack of attention to detail and no responsibility, this just as surely will scar our spiritual character for our continued spiritual existence.

To live in spiritual philosophy is based on the understanding of the Laws of God as manifest in nature. To counter these Laws is to create problems and growth

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LIFE IS A CLASSROOM!

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expanding. Humanity's spiritual progress, especially in the Western World, has been limited with many not accepting or realizing the need to expand. This too, is changing as the world evolves. The creative power given to each of us through Natural Law places us exactly where we think we should be. We are each part of the Divine Plan, with free will to create, learn and express. There is no punishment for things unlearned, for lack of progress, for sitting still. However, there is no reward either. Rewards in life equal efforts. Expansion requires effort, change, energy, desire. We each have spirit helpers, angels and loved ones who intercede, guide, inspire, and encourage us toward a greater vibration. Thank them for their assistance and invite them to continue or to heighten their efforts.

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As we strive to become more spiritual, it is increasingly important to maintain our integrity and enthusiasm. No one can be all things to all people, and no one is perfect, therefore life will have bumps. Working together with others helps overcome difficulties and we become partners in growth—individual and church growth. An organization, church, family or friendship that is filled with love expands.

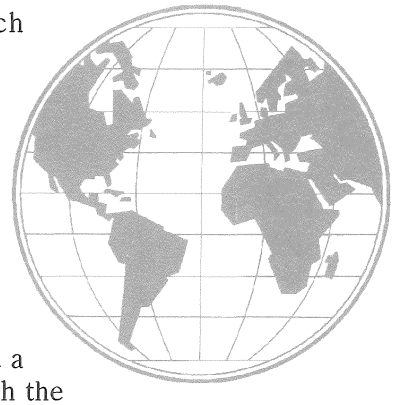
Individually, we progress when we love, with no thought of reward, for this is truly a way we experience Infinite Intelligence. We are each personally responsible for our own understanding. What are you doing to develop your highest and best abilities? We grow when we meditate, feeling the touch of Spirit. We grow when we pray and send loving, healing energy. We grow when we improve the life of one person, and that also improves the world and lifts the energy higher. Practicing love and the Golden Rule is a great daily habit to assist your development.

Spiritual expansion is food for the soul, the real self. Look for Divine truth in life and the Universality or Spirit of all things. There is One Mind expressing in Infinite ways, working through us, teaching and guiding. Experience life by welcoming change, by blessing each soul, each teacher, and each lesson. All lessons are good, and for our souls benefit, for all is God. Δ



SPIRIT DR. FRITZ . . .

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Arigo died in an auto accident in 1971, which shocked his admirers and supporters. It seemed the miracles would end there, but Doctor Fritz searched the earth plane to continue his vow upon his death in 1918 to continue to practice medicine. Dr. Fritz claims to have been a German Army doctor with the rank of Colonel. Upon his death he wanted to atone for failures as a doctor on the Earth Plane, and vowed to help the sick in his Spirit life. This with Arigo and Mr. Faria, he has a group of spirit doctor specialists who assist in diagnosis and surgeries. This may account for scissors often appearing to make incisions with invisible hands.

These days Doctor Fritz comes to the working class neighborhood of Sao Paulo two or three times a week to work through Rubens Faria. Like Jose Arigo, Mr. Faria had resisted the calling to work with Dr. Fritz. His reluctance changed roughly ten years after Dr. Fritz first worked through Mr. Faria on the little girl's eye, when his very own new born daughter was on her deathbed with acute bronchitis. The spirit Doctor Fritz came to Mr. Faria and spoke to him saying he could cure her, but he would have to have faith. His daughter recovered and to this day is healthy.

Since that time Mr. Faria has continued Dr. Fritz's work, and has worked on prominent personalities such as former Brazilian president Joao Figueiredo. Mr. Figueiredo's wife Dulce told the magazine *Manchete* that after Dr. Fritz worked on Mr. Figueiredo's back problem in June, "He feels no more pain." Very recently April 7, 2000, criminal charges against Mr. Faria for practicing medicine without a license had been dropped. Details about this healing practice can be found on Dr. Fritz/Ruben Faria Home Page website: (http://www.alternative-health-4u.com/drfritz). This site also has information on the up coming tour and seminars beginning June 19 in the United States by Mr. Faria in Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; Boulder, CO; Sedona, AZ; Charlotte, NC; Honolulu, HI; and Maui, HI. Readers and those interested in Dr. Fritz and Mr. Ruben Faria may find the book *In Search of Brazil's Quantum Surgeon* by Masao Maki worth reading. There are also plans to broadcast the documentary *Dr. Fritz—Healing the Body and Spirit* by David Sonnenschein appearing on the Learning Channel, Fox TV, and Real TV. The life history of Jose Arigo can be found in the out of print book titled *Arigo: Surgeon of the Rusty Knife* by John G. Fuller, published by Thomas Y. Crowell 1974.

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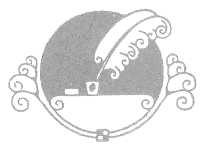
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10 We each receive Divine lessons every day.	**11** There is a sacred flame in everyone, in everything.	**12** We can only know in part, so we should not judge.	**13** Opening my heart to God makes me aware of Divine Energy.	**14** There is harmony in all my relationships.	**15** Prayer is a way to make a conscious connection with God.	**16** The Divine Source is the sculptor, creating beautiful life.
17 The Laws of God are the Laws of Nature, the Laws of Life.	**18** If you are seeking healing, submerse yourself in love.	**19** It is when I lift up another that I am also lifted up.	**20** Truth is the way God sees everything!	**21** Prayer does not relieve you from responsibility.	**22** The Power back of all creation, created me.	**23** I keep my heart open, I keep my mind open.
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SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
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STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC
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WILLIMANTIC - The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
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BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
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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.

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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.

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What happened in SEPTEMBER throughout the years?

SEPTEMBER

Back to school. Most schools, colleges and universities are back in full swing. Educational opportunities abound for the mind of all ages.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1826

The birthdate of **Marion H. Skidmore**, a dedicated worker who traveled, taught and demonstrated the religion of Spiritualism together with her husband Thomas Skidmore. They were delegates to the first N.S.A. Convention in 1893 and were very active at Lily Dale Assembly. The Library in Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp is named after Marion Skidmore.

SEPTEMBER 11

We wish a *Happy, Happy Birthday*, to the **Rev. Lelia Cutler**, NSAC Treasurer . . . and *many more*. Have a great year, Lelia!



SEPTEMBER 14, 1885

Elsie Butler Bunts celebrated her birth on this date. She is especially remembered in Spiritualism for founding the *Lyceum Spotlight* magazine, which she edited for many years.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1903

Morris Pratt Institute opened its doors in Whitewater, Wisconsin on this date. Unfortunately, Morris Pratt, who had donated the building, did not live to see his vision become reality for he died a few months earlier. Moses Hull was its first president, and Prof. A. J. Weaver was its first Principal.

SEPTEMBER

Some monthly celebrations in September: **"Be Kind to Editors Month," Labor Day** (4), **National Grandparent's Day** (10), **Fall Equinox or the first day of Autumn** (22), **Rosh Hashanah** (30). Δ

SPIRITUALISM TEACHES: . . .

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cannot come by beating against the system. To follow these Laws of Nature we can create for ourselves a heaven on earth, which in turn will create happiness now and always.

All life is spirit. We are primarily a spirit body. We live our life, accept our responsibilities and form our character thereby; we die and continue our existence on another vibration, all in our spirit body. This spirit body is the essence of each individual.

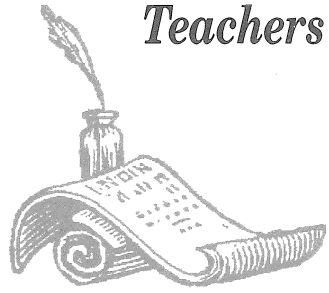
Science has shown that a human being uses only a small portion of the capacity of his or her brain. With effort toward spiritual development, the spirit body can accumulate knowledge, which will enhance the spiritual continuance. Life is a continuum; you are in eternity now.

It is the spirit within that is the spark of God, which gives us vitality and life. On a day to day basis, many do not acknowledge God, or the higher part of their lives, so they do not give much thought to Spirit and to what meaning it has for them individually.

God's Law gave us seasons and everything in its time. There is a time for planting, a time for reaping. Truth is seeds sown, which must have their time to grow before harvesting results.

Students of life (this applies to each of us) are at varying levels and grades. Each has a different degree of understanding, but we acknowledge and recognize there is a world of spirit to which we must all pass, in our time. That is the common thread of understanding of Spiritualism. We are spirit now. We are eternal spirit. Δ

Teachers Of The Past



In Greece, there were a number of professional teachers called the Sophists who were held in poor repute largely because they educated for a fee. They were like tutors and they were looked down upon because they made a fee, which was interpreted to mean that in one way or another there was not a complete dedication to truth. Now some will say: "Well, if you did that today most of our educators would be in the poorhouse." That might be true, but it was not true then, because the ones who became the great leaders of Greek thought for over three hundred years, producing over two hundred of the world's most enlightened thinkers, did not make that type of charge. They were supported and helped by their disciples who loved them and saw that they wanted nothing and needed nothing; but their wants and needs were few, and the relationship between the disciple and the teacher was practically free from all economic factors. Δ

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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.

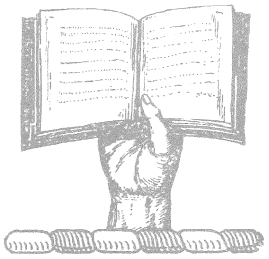
Prayer Healing is a wonderful way to practice Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer, and is something EVERYONE can participate in.

– 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 Regulations

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER



All healers, whether commissioned by the NSAC or student healers, should be taught in church or development classes that there are certain rules and laws a healer must know and follow. Every once in awhile it is wise to restate and remind healers of the NSAC policy and that they should acquaint themselves with local civil laws and state ordinances.

"Spiritualist Healers may NOT manipulate, massage, or touch any of the patient's body, or to allow any part of the patient's body to come in contact with the Healer's body. Laying on of hands should be limited to the forehead, back of the neck or shoulders, and hands should remain stationary. The Healer must NOT diagnose or prescribe.

"If the NSAC Healer does indeed hold a license for massage, electro-therapy, hydro-therapy, chiropracty, naturopathy, or any other form of healing method permitted by civil law and for which the person may be licensed by the State, County, or City, THEIR license is not the concern of the NSAC whatsoever."

Spiritual Healing is a beautiful way to share Spirit energy. Contact healing, done during the Church Worship Service must be conducted in a sacred, dignified manner. A lot of movement or hand positions are not necessary for God's energy will flow to the area required by the sitter. Healing medium's represent the church, the Religion of Spiritualism, and the Great Unseen Healing Force, so should accept their mediumship as a privilege to be conducted with honor and dignity.

Before the healing service begins the healer becomes centered, attuning to a higher energy, requesting their healing guides, doctors and helpers to begin the flow through them as a conduit of the Light and Love. A healer's love and compassion are prime qualities found that begin the flow of the healing vibration. The vibrational connection between Spirit—healer—recipient is broken between each healing by rinsing the hands, by rubbing the hands, or by prayerful intention. Each healing procedure begins and ends in prayer, requesting the highest and best good for the sitter and thanking God for the positive healing energy. Remember, the highest and best good does not always mean a cure, and we do not have a clue what another soul needs. Therefore, the healer must not become attached to the results of a healing, or ever promise to cure an ailment.

The one who practices healing and the person receiving the healing will do well to remember, as they are quiet and pray, that all is of God; that all healing comes from God, and that all things are possible with God. Let us be thankful to be an instrument for the Higher Forces, and for the ability to help others through Spiritual Healing. Δ

There Is More To Come

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



". . . Let us realize that the inspiration is not confined to any single book, to any single sentence, neither has the revealment that is coming to us yet been completed, but as human minds and human souls become prepared for newer revealment, so revealment will continue to come to the children of earth . . .

. . . I trust that you and I will go forth in the struggle of human living prepared to follow truth wherever it shall point the way, and I hope that it may be said of everyone of us here tonight in the language of Browning: 'He never turned his back, but marched breast forward, never doubted clouds would break, never.' . . ." the previous words were delivered by Dr. George B. Warne before the Oklahoma Spiritualist Association, September 9, 1920 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

All of us are teachers, students and fellow travelers searching for the truth unleashing our finite thinking so that on this plane of existence we may view a bit of the wonderful world our journey will lead us to in the future. We must not lose sight of the goal ahead nor fall prey to the temptation to think it's all been done and there's nothing more we need. We need to flex our mental muscles every day through reading, meditation and reflection. Those just beginning to learn must realize there is no single teacher equipped to give them all they need to know. Those who hold titles must not allow ego to trick them into thinking they have done their part. Growth is as continuous as life itself. Let us be mindful of the lessons passed on from the higher plane. But, let us also be aware of our ability to add to the fount of knowledge for the betterment of all. Each has gifts, and we should not be content to hold them close to ourselves, a treasure unshared loses its luster. The more we finite beings blossom where we are, the more that precious expression of the Infinite we are will grow. As we allow Dr. Warne to inspire us with his wisdom, let us never turn out backs to the work at hand.

While it may appear our beloved religion is faltering and we do not see thousands upon thousands flocking to our doors, it is only a cloud briefly passing through that obscures our vision. Let us never doubt that Spiritualism will triumph and take its rightful place. A bastion of truth in a world which appears to be tumbling to destruction. We must prepare for the future as more and more searchers, failed by their own lack of understanding, seeking self knowledge and hope for a brighter future, come knocking at the door.

Our pioneers learned through trial and tribulation to face often cruel and hostile crowds, adamant in their revulsion of these seekers and speakers for the new dispensation. They stood firm and turned skeptics to believers. While today we may not be faced by barbaric displays of behavior, we must not be satisfied with small attendance nor proud of putting ill prepared workers on our platforms. The public is better educated and civilly skeptical, in a manner that often belies the hostility still felt toward those who claim the truth of survival after the change called death. Often you will see articles in magazines where the uninformed find reason to negate the message they've received. Be vigilant and address the issues in letters to the editor. Stand up for what you know and understand. Our voices must be heard to educate the world that we are not deluded, but a religion based on truths we have learned through years of proof.

Our churches' growth depends on our own personal growth. Dr. Warne reminds us the revealment is not complete. His words ring as true in 2000 as in 1920. We must never turn our backs, but march forward and push back the clouds of ignorance until all have been given the opportunity to see the light of truth and the truth of life continuous. Δ

MOTHER EARTH

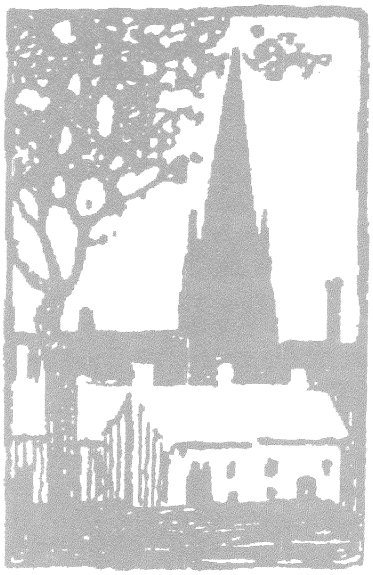
"Who and What runs the Universe?
Is the world really drifting along without pilot,
Steering itself automatically,
Running its own affairs at random?
Surely there is mystery in this Universe,
And far, far beyond the scope of man's feeble
Capacity to comprehend."

What is this planet we call Mother Earth? Most people call it our **material home**. Yet, others claim that Mother Earth is much more than that. For example, Spiritualists see Mother Earth as a **Soul School, and that raising souls is Mother Earth's prime concern.**

Obviously there is a purpose to Earth life. Spiritualism tells us that the purpose is for the individual to have experiences which will enable the soul to grow, unfold and develop, and to achieve some kind of progress that fits it for the next stage of life. Too, that since Earth Life offers contrasts and polarities, and provides goodness as well as lack of goodness, it provides a variety of experiences so that the soul will grow and develop and emerge stronger as a result.

Consequently life on Mother Earth is like a kindergarten—a **Soul School**—where lessons can be learned, the mind educated, and spiritual gifts developed. Earth is the training ground where the spirit learns its lessons which will equip it for the life beyond.

Could this be done in some other world? Not as we know them, but let us consider some of the known worlds around us. The Moon is interesting, but airless, waterless, sterile and unsuited for much life. Venus is choked with clouds, and hot as a stove. Mars is more promising, but seems mostly an endless, dusty, arctic desert with an oxygen-deficient atmosphere. Jupiter and the giant planets are deathly cold with layers of methane, and if there are any water layers under the methane, it is hard to imagine them being ideal homes for life, particularly lives of the mind and the spirit.



Mother Earth, compared to these other worlds is beautiful. In the first place, Mother Earth's surface is extraordinarily varied and educational—not all ocean, not all desert, not all lava, not all cloudy, nor all of any one thing—like the other planets. Instead it is part sea, part land, and part ice. Not only that, but the land, too, is full of contrasts—being part forest, part open plain, part desert, part mountains, and part swamp or tundra with lots of dazzling lakes and rivers.

The sky, instead of being totally empty like the Moon and Mercury, or completely cloud covered like Venus, is almost exactly half clear and half cloudy so one can see the sun, moon and stars—experience rain, snow, hail, thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes and *rainbows*.

As for life! Mother Earth is literally teeming with it. Creatures are not only walking, creeping and slithering all over the land, but burrowing under it, climbing the trees above it, swimming in the seas around it, flying through the air, even dwelling invisibly within each other. They are trying out every imaginable means of movement, of communication, of preying, eating, sheltering and propagating their kind.

Too, our Earth is full of conflicts, surprises, bewildering revelations, evolving mortals, heartbreaking struggles with pain and torment, growing perplexities, social doubts, political insecurities, economic woes, and philosophical paradoxes. **In other words, Mother Earth provides learning experiences of every kind.**

But, most important—**Mother Earth excels in educating the spirit.** In short, in our tiny portion of the Universe, **Mother Earth is by far the top-ranking Soul School available.**

Is there a better world—a more educational—more

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(The Soul School)

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

thrilling, beautiful, tantalizing, stimulating world than Mother Earth where the spirit can be developed? For, if a world was designed which was free of germs, diseases, poisons, pain, malice, explosives and conflicts—in other words—a nice safe place to live, would it be a better world than the one Infinite Intelligence designed?

There are people on Mother Earth who still follow blindly the old superstitions that all misfortune in life is meted out by God in His anger over the sins of mankind. But, Spiritualists know that "tests" of life are not punishments, but rather serve to reveal the spirit to itself. Nor do we need to dread disasters that come to us, for we learn from them. **Mother Earth is a Soul School where the spirit first takes earthly form to learn the lessons of Earth Life.**

Our physical Earth is the place where some persist in denying the spirit by telling themselves it would be inhuman to deny the body. They have yet to discover that it is actually only this physical/chemical/material/animal body that is holding back the vast potential of the evolving human spirit.

The trials and lessons of one person are not the same as those of another. Thus arises the puzzling disparities of life's fortunes—like the exploding bombshell in a battlefield that inflicts cruel suffering on one soldier, bestows heavenly relief in a hospital on another, and grants a third a blessed relief from life altogether. In a similar way, Earth's catastrophes may, for some people turn out to be "spiritual purge" that will clear the way for joyous recognition of spiritual values.

For, from life's experiences we learn spiritual truths—and experience is superior to any other method of learning. Experiences are beyond the thinking mind. A person cannot get to learning by common senses, or by deductive reasoning, but, must go deeper to learn spiritual truths.

Struggling with life's experiences, far from diluting spirituality only etches it deeper. For spiritual beauty of the highest order depends on contrast most of all. By nature, **spirituality needs something to rise above, some darkness to illumine, a negation to turn positive, a void to fill.**

What are these spiritual truths that we learn in the Soul School of Mother Earth?

Many learn spiritual truths when they realize that all the frictions, all the uncertainties, all the ills, the sufferings, the fears, the forebodings, the perplexities of Earth Life seem overwhelming because we are out of tune with the divine order of things. Rowing against the tide is hard and uncertain, and going with the flow and taking advantage of the Natural Laws of Infinite Intelligence makes life easy.

As R. W. Trine, in *In Tune With the Infinite* says: "Life is not so complex if we do not persistently make it so. For there is a Divine current that will bear us with peace and safety on its bosom if we are sufficiently alert and determined to find it—and go with it. The natural, normal life is by a law divine under the guidance of spirit."

Also, as we come into the conscious realization of our oneness with Infinite Intelligence—we come into harmony with this Divine Life and Power which brings us into harmony with ourselves, so that the body, soul and mind becomes harmonized and life becomes full and complete.

When this happens, life will no longer be a one-sided thing. The physical life will be illumined by the spiritual to produce an all-rounded life of beauty and joy. **For, to realize a oneness with Infinite Intelligence is ultimately what life is all about. This we call spirituality, and spirituality is the most important thing we learn.** Mother Earth, as a Soul School, has been designed exceedingly well, and we need her in all her aspects.

"One begins as
a fertile egg—
the seed soul,
stirring, seeking,
Becoming a pupil
in the Soul
School of Earth.
Growing in
consciousness—
in awareness of
other beings,
While developing
spiritually,
Through life—
through death."

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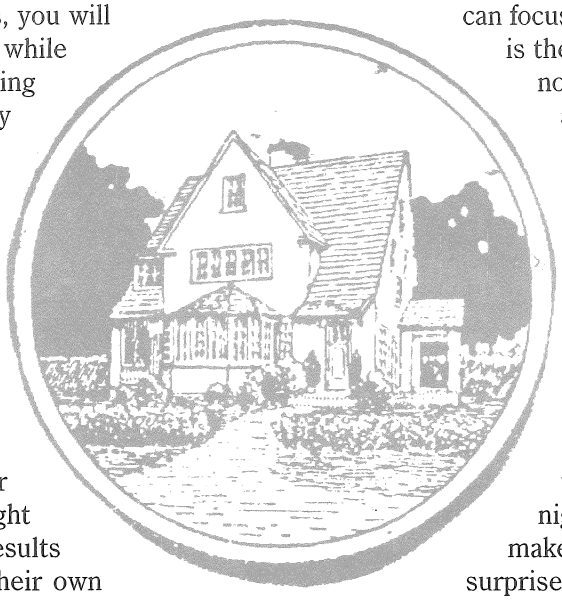
Psychic Training: Prep-School For Mediums

BY ROBERT EGBY, NEW JERSEY

There's an old saying: "All mediums are psychic but not all psychics are mediums." Some people are born mediums, others sit in development classes and work to develop their sensitivities.

There are many ways to become a medium, and one way is to develop basic psychic abilities. There is a school of thought that says becoming a medium without psi-training is like going to university without ever going to school. Psi-training allows one to develop intuitive skills and such faculties as psychometry, clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, automatic writing, and more. Incidentally, in modern business some corporations are training managers in intuitive skills.

When you develop such faculties, you will find strengths developing in one, while others are not so strong. The following exercises are gleaned from many sources, and if followed will allow the student to develop psychic energy and some or all of the faculties mentioned above. These exercises will help cultivate higher awareness, inner sensitiveness, and with practice, a perception of energy vibrations not felt by others.



Mental or psychic development should never be rushed. Take your time. Do whatever exercises feel right for you, and do not expect results. Results that are best for you will come in their own time and in their own way. Learn to trust your super-consciousness—and Spirit!

One of the greatest blocks to psychic development and mediumship is the ego-self. It's essential that you get the ego out of the way. A strong ego can distort, sabotage, color, and create incorrect readings. Check out the lists of mediums publicly accused of fraud over the years, and you will discover many possessed an ego problem. They failed to hang up their shingles and "rest" when Infinite Intelligence sent the message.

One of the prerequisites for development is getting control of your mind. The mind needs to be relaxed and focused and not bothered by stress, everyday tensions and thought patterns.

Parapsychology researcher, William Braud in *Body, Mind, Spirit* (edited by Charles T. Tart) writes: "Laboratory research has demonstrated that too much rational, analytical, interpretative thought can indeed interfere with accurate psychic functioning."

The following exercises will assist the student in achieving relaxation, concentration, and ultimately psychic development. Select the ones that appeal to your higher self, and practice them with diligence.

FOCUS ON BREATHING—Breathe in slowly and rhythmically to a count of five, hold for another count of five, then breathe out to a count of five. Hold out for a count of five. Simply concentrate on counting and mentally watch the process, without comment, judgment or criticism. If you have never done breathing exercises before, start with lower numbers and as you become comfortable develop a higher count. Do not rush this exercise.

RELAX: ROLLING THE EYES—The student needs to be in an altered state of consciousness—a pleasant state of relaxation. Why? Because when one is relaxed they can focus on a particular object or faculty. This is the basis of trance, meditation, self-hypnosis or conscious hypnosis—they are all altered states of consciousness—a necessary state of mind for all psychic and mediumship work.

One fast and ages-old method is this: Sit in a comfortable but relaxed position and close your eyes. With eyes remaining closed, look deep up into your forehead. Some people like to imagine there is a blackboard featured on the inside of their forehead. Others like to imagine they are gazing into dark night with one solitary star. Whatever makes you feel good. At first, you will be surprised how many thoughts and images want to crowd your mind. Persevere. Once you have established a blank image, take in a slow deep breath and as you exhale you will relax deeply. Incidentally, the blackboard technique is a good starting point for students of psychometry.

FOCUS ON COLORS—This is an excellent method of improving concentration and a great way to enter trance or a meditative state. Visualize or simply think about these colors in this order. RED—ORANGE—YELLOW—GREEN—BLUE—PURPLE—VIOLET. Hold each color in your mind for a slow count of ten, then move to the next color. You can image the colors as flowers, water, or even mists. Feel yourself involved with the colors. This will increase your powers of concentration, and put you in a brain-wave condition called the "Alpha" state—a light, meditative trance.

CONCENTRATION: CLOCK WATCHING—Sit comfortably with a watch or clock with a sweeping second hand. Watch the second hand complete one full circle. Do not let your thoughts wander for a moment. When they do, gently

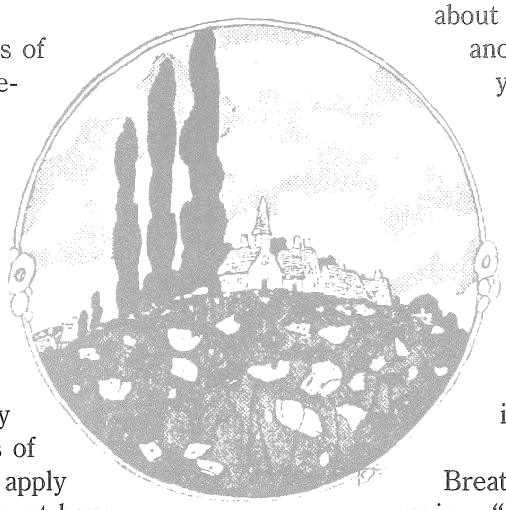
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pull your concentration back. After some practice you will find success. Do not be surprised at the initial difficulty. Incidentally, do not tire your eyes, but simply and almost casually watch the second hand rotating.

CLAIRVOYANCE: USING SPECIFIC COLORS—Sit comfortably with your eyes closed, and visualize with your mind's eye the color blue, light, medium or dark does not matter. When you can see it clearly, hold it there for one minute. Next, change the color to pink, hold it for one minute, then finally for another minute, change the imagery to the white of pure driven snow. This is one of the best basic concentration exercises for developing any psychic ability.

CLAIRVOYANCE: GETTING THE PICTURE—Joseph Weed in his classic book *Psychic Energy* promotes this one, and urges students to do this several times a day if possible, saying "Only good can come from it."

1. Sit in a comfortable but relaxed position and close your eyes.
2. Place the balls of the forefingers of each hand on the closed lids of the corresponding eyes, so that the finger tip rests directly over the pupil.
3. Hold this position while you take three deep breaths, retaining each as long as possible before exhaling.
4. While holding your breath, visualize your head and shoulders surrounded by a brilliant white cloud of shimmering psychic energy.
5. As you exhale, feel this energy run down your arms and out to the tips of your index fingers into your eyes. Do not apply pressure to your eyelids. The eyeballs must have free movement at all times.



Joseph Weed says this exercise has both physical and psychic benefits. Work at this exercise and you will notice a gradual reawakening of your latent clairvoyant ability. You will detect movements out of the corners of your eyes, but when you look directly, there's nothing there. Another indicator: you will notice energy forms around people, white to start, then colors will follow. Eventually spirit forms will take shape. Do not be overjoyed. Sudden energy bursts, even in joy, frequently severs spirit connections. Simply accept the changes and promise yourself to move on.

CLAIRAUDIENCE: SWITCHING ON THE SOUND—Again sit in a comfortable but relaxed condition and close your eyes. Pick a favorite tune. Hear it in your mind. Now, select three instruments. Have each one play the tune solo for about one minute. For instance you might mentally hear a piano for the first minute, a violin in the second minute, and a trumpet in the third minute. It is amazing, but you will find when you start, bands, orchestras and vocal groups will want to join in on your efforts. Gently push them away, and return to your solos. Once you have finished, relax for a few minutes. This exercise will create a psychic sensitivity in your hearing. Practice it once a a day, and eventually you will start to hear sounds such as messages in your mind.

CLAIRVOYANCE ON THE RUN—This exercise is invaluable for developing clairvoyance and mediumship. It's mentioned in various sources, E.W. and M.H. Wallis in *A Guide to Mediumship and Psychical Unfoldment* and Hereward Carrington in *Your Psychic Powers and How to Develop Them*. It is a good exercise for those who claim "I haven't got time to develop . . ." There's no excuse with this one.

This development exercise may be performed while walking along a city sidewalk, while seated in an office or restaurant, or even while seated in church. As you are going about your life, glance briefly at a stranger, someone passing by. Mentally take a snapshot of that person's face, then mentally "hold" that person's image in front of you, superimposed on whatever is before you, a sidewalk, floor, etc. Simply hold that person's image in front of you for about a minute. Then when that fades, pick another passer-by. After some practice you will notice that you start to pick up clairvoyant images and clairsentient feelings.

PSYCHIC ALL ROUNDER—The Yogis have a favorite form of development. It's called the Grand Yogi Psychic Breath. It does require practice to achieve full benefits, and as always, the breathing should be rhythmical accompanied by mental imagery.

The general principles of the Grand Breath can be summed up in the old Hindu saying: "Blessed is the Yogi who can breathe through his bones." This exercise will fill your entire system with Prana, that is the Eastern word for cosmic life force, and the student will emerge from the exercise with every bone, muscle, nerve, cell, tissue, organ energized and attuned to the Power of Infinite Intelligence. In addition, latent psychic powers will start to manifest themselves.

1 . Lie in a relaxed, comfortable position, eyes closed, and breathe rhythmically until you feel perfectly at ease.

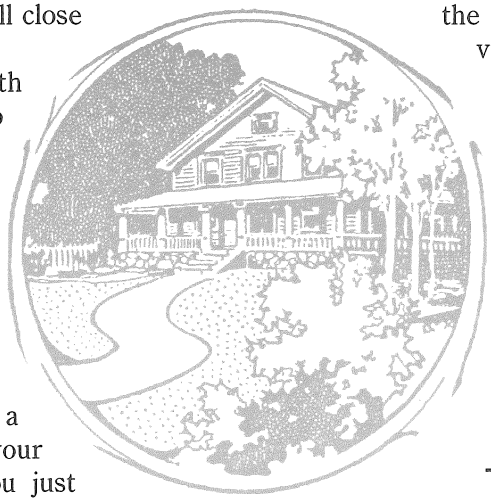
2. Now, as you inhale, form the mental image of breath being drawn up through different parts of your body, then exhale through the same parts. (a) Through the bones of the legs and feet; (b) the bones of the hands and arms; (c) the skull of your head; (d) through the chest and stomach; (e) the reproductive region; (f) then the entire spinal column. Finally, sense or feel the air is being inhaled and exhaled through every skin–pore in the body.

3. To end the exercise, imagine or sense a beautiful ball of pure white energy is above your head. Expand it, and bring the light sweeping down all around your body. Do this two or three times. Then relax with your eyes closed for several minutes.

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PSYCHIC TRAINING: PREP-SCHOOL . . . *(Continued from previous page.)*

AS YOU DEVELOP, STAY CALM—Once you have established some of these exercises into your daily routine you will discover the curious state of holding the mind in a poised and yet a relaxed condition. British medium and author, W. E. Butler in *How to Develop Clairvoyance* writes: "Many times you will become suddenly excited at what you see, and the whole vision will close down immediately."



As the student progresses with development exercises and starts to "see things" there is an overwhelming desire to tell everyone in his or her life. Refrain. You will discover that not everyone around you is on your vibration and will offer showers of negative comments, simply because they fail to understand. This diffuses both your energy and your enthusiasm.

Butler advises the student to keep a development diary and "enter in your record the moods which affected you just before, during and after the sitting." This includes lunar and weather records.

While personal and private psychical development is fine at first, there will come a day when you desire enhanced development. Shop around. Do not be afraid to search for a medium who conducts classes or home circles that match your own objectives. Question their background, psi-training and their beliefs. Take time to experience performances by graduates of the medium's classes.

As we said at the beginning, "All mediums are psychic but not all psychics are mediums." While the above exercises provide the grounding for psychic development, and you may or may not start to hear or sense Spirit messages. There is much to learn and these notes merely scratch the esoteric surface. Always remember, as you tread the path of development, that you assume a very grave responsibility when you use your psychic and spiritual gifts in your dealings with others. However, do not be bogged down by spiritual weights. "Cultivate a good sense of humor," many teachers advise students. It maintains balance. Andrew Jackson Davis recognized this when he wrote: "Under all circumstances keep an even mind." Wisdom from a pioneer medium, never more valid than today. Δ

Further reading:

Spiritualism and Mediumship Studies, by the Rev. Frances Scher, NST

Your Psychic Powers and How to Develop Them, by Hereward Carrington

A Guide to Mediumship and Psychical Unfoldment, by E. W. and M. H. Wallis

Psychic Energy, by Joseph Weed

How to Develop Clairvoyance, by W. E. Butler

FEATURE

Human Laser Healing?

BY MERRY BROWNE, KENTUCKY

Larry Dossey, M.D. in his book: *Reinventing Medicine*, tells us of our mind's ability to heal others . . . just by our intent to do so.

In many traditional medical healings lasers are used. Lasers are devices which concentrate light into a focused beam of light, which is actually high velocity energy!

Einstein discovered that **everything** is energy. Therefore, our minds are energy which, when focused upon others' minds, are laser-like. Is it possible this "human laser" effects the healing?

Larry Dossey, M.D. states that mind manifests upon one's own body and other minds-bodies as well.

We are mind within a bodyform. Mind automatically manifests upon body and because all minds are connected, mind automatically manifests upon other minds-bodies (proved by the scientific project called the hundredth monkey). If focused with intent to influence, mind manifests more so. This is how distant healings are accomplished—but all methods of healing are temporary healings unless cause of illness is removed.

If thoughts—feelings in mind that **caused** the illness are not removed from mind, they will again malfunction-disease body. Δ

Questions & Answers

BY DR. VICTORIA BARNES

Q The sacred book, the *Bible* teaches us about life. How does Spiritualism feel this fits in with their philosophy?

A To answer this question we have quoted Mrs. St. Clair Stobart in a preface she wrote for *Ancient Lights* by Sir Oliver Lodge.

"Ignorance of what are often called *psychic*, or more accurately *metapsychic phenomena*, is so thorough and widespread that people can fail to perceive that the *Bible*, which they are so familiar with, and regard with such reverence, is saturated with *metapsychic or mediumistic* phenomena of every kind. Even so, it is possible for people to be familiar with chalk and limestone and other stratified rocks, and to use them as building material, and yet fail to perceive that these same rocks are packed with the remains of creatures akin to the living organisms which exist today. Anyone can point out the truth; it needs no learned geologist to call attention to a patent fact; and the corresponding fact of stratified literature we call the *Bible* is so conspicuous, when pointed out, that only mental blindness can ignore it, and only stubbornness deny it.

"Unfortunately the present generation is less familiar with our wonderful translation of the Hebrew Literature than the generation which is passing—a loss and disability even from a literary point of view—but still the *Bible* is the best known book in the language; and among most religious bodies, and good people in all walks of life, it is still read and revered, and sometimes treated as oracular. For such people to deny the reality of psychic phenomena is preposterous. Such phenomena may be disliked, as many of the legends in the Old Testament are instinctively disliked, but they cannot be acceptors of the *Bible* and be consistently denied."

Q Some say that our spirit people are with us all the time and others disagree. Please comment.

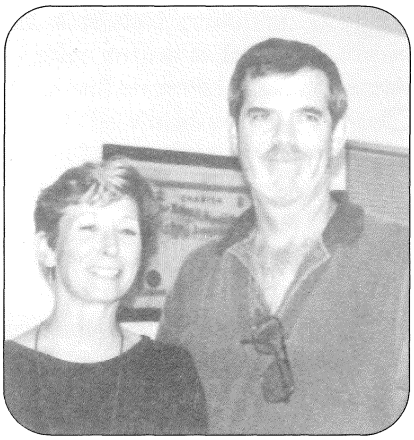
A The axiom, *As above, so below, and vice versa* applies to this inquiry. Just as loved ones on the Earth Plane are not always with us for they have jobs, education, entertainment and personal commitments, so our loved ones and guides on the other side are similarity occupied. They are busy in the Spirit World continuing their progression, their unfoldment, their growth. They are drawn to us through desire, love and mutually sympathetic interests when the proper conditions exist for such a manifestation. So while I do not feel they are constantly with us, I do believe they try to be present when we make an appointment with them (such as an unfoldment class) and that there are some spirit helpers and loved ones with us at all times, but not always the same ones.

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is to get up and take action."
– Al Batt

"It takes great learning to understand that all things, events, encounters and circumstances are helpful."
– A Course in Miracles

AA-EVP Reports



Tom and Alisa Butler

Sarah Estep of the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena is retiring. Two NSAC Licentiate Ministers and Commissioned Healers, Tom and Alisa Butler, have been asked to keep the important and current work of AA-EVP active. As Spiritualists, we know that it is a very evidential means to prove that life and intelligence does continue after the change called death. Electronic Voice Phenomena is an important type of physical mediumship that seems to be becoming more important and evidential.

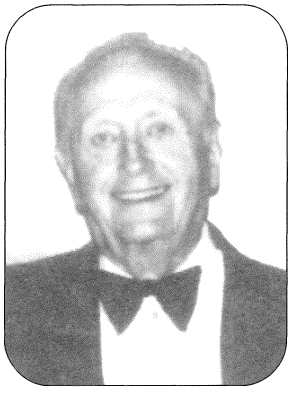
Reports from around the world are sharing fantastic results and interesting techniques. The members of AA-EVP receive a quarterly newsletter with ideas, techniques and details that will interest researchers, mediums and church teachers. There are plans to have a cross-country list of participants to keep researchers in touch with each other (optional participation); to begin an Internet group to directly share ideas with others. This will operate as a private Email mailing list, chat room and bulletin board. Information on using videos, computers, tape recorders and telephone communication will be shared. This is the phenomena of today and AA-EVP will help us develop this further by providing a forum for sharing ideas, techniques and successes with others.

Tom and Alisa are members of Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC, in Phoenix, Arizona, but travel during the hot summer, so use a New Mexico post office. If you wish to contact them please write to AA-EVP, P.O. Box 71 ext. 105, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.

Greetings from Iowa

Spiritualist Harmony Church of Davenport, Iowa features a guest speaker toward the end of each month. This year we have a wonderful schedule of speakers. Our congregation has already enjoyed the Rev. Barbara Pitcha from Freeport, IL, in February, Mable Tousana from Gary, IN, during March, the Rev. Virginia Gail Stone from Terre Haute, IN, during April, the Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST from West Allis, WI, at the end of May, the Rev. Vicky Eaton from Terre Haute, IN, during June. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Debbie Haviland from Chesterfield, IN, in July, the Rev. Delores Sprague from Tilton, IL, in August, Paul Keller from Camby, IN, in September and the Rev. Hynda Ziev from Alexandria, IN, at the end of October, 2000. If you are in the area, come join us Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The Church is closed the first three Sundays in July and the first three Sundays in August. Pastor, the Rev. Wm. E. Buchholz.

Transition in Ohio



Howard W. Renollet

Howard W. Renollet, 87 of Cecil, Ohio passed to the higher life on May 22, 2000 at Parkview Hospital. Born in Paulding County, he was a World War II Navy veteran and received a Purple Heart. He retired in 1978 after 36 years as a salesman for Vita Mineral Distributors of Indiana. He taught at the Chiropractic College in Indianapolis, Indiana and had his own practice in Indianapolis.

Mr. Renollet was President of Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, NSAC and Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Camp in Sherwood, Ohio for many years. He had been President of Morris Pratt Institute in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and also Vice President of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association in past years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marcella, in 1968, two sons, Howard Jr. and Franklin, an infant daughter Vivian Lee, as well as a brother Harold. Surviving are his wife, Janiece "Jenny," two daughters, Leila May Renollet and Juanita Redfern, both of Indianapolis, a stepdaughter Karen Gray of Indianapolis, a stepson Michael Rudicil of Louisville, Kentucky, 20 grandchildren, one step grandchild, and 22 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on June 3, 2000 in the Renollet Family Cemetery in Paulding County, Emerald Township, with Reverend William Melick of Indianapolis officiating. Assisting Mr. Melick was Past President of Crystal Fountain Church, Robert D. Comstock. Both Mr. Melick and Mr. Comstock spoke of the many fine teachings they have learned by knowing Howard. Two grandsons told of the many times they got to go to "Grandpa's" to visit and hear of his many adventures and the wisdom he instilled in each of them at each visit. Daughter Juanita read a poem she

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"Seeing The Unseen"

By Merry Browne

We must open our minds
to a Universe
of things that have been hid
from our understanding
until now and bid
the greater truths
to enter
our lives with welcoming call.
There is but one grand
family
Let's open our hearts
to it all.

"Renunciation"

By Princella M. Clough



Thou to me
this day hath given
Among unsung,
a plea forbidden.
Spare thou this symbol
of my desire.
Make it my guide
in darkest hour,
Fold it close
to my heart in prayer
And keep me worthy
to have it there.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

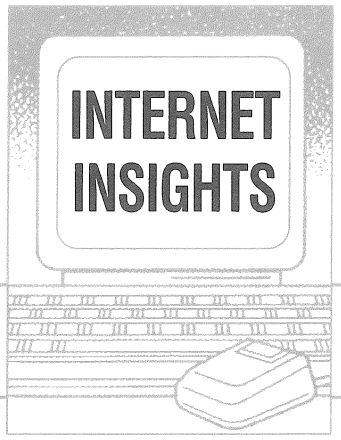
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had written for Howard's 80th birthday entitled "About Daughters." Two members of the family sang "In the Garden."

Family and friends met after the service in the Crystal Fountain Auditorium for lunch and fellowship. There were about 75 attending. The Auditorium, which is in Sherwood, Ohio, was built in the year 1912. Howard was born in October of that year. His parents were members of the Spiritualist Church and Camp. The town of Sherwood is now the owner of the entire campground. The town will soon name the auditorium the "Howard W. Renollet Hall." Proposed future plans are to build 50 assisted living units for senior citizens. The auditorium is to be the hub with dining room, social room and offices.

Howard was a teacher, lecturer, healer, and was happiest when he could share his experiences and adventures from childhood to his last days with his family and friends. He loved his religion and received the Lifetime Service Award from NSAC in 1993. He did not tell people how good a Spiritualist he was, he showed them by his actions and character. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We know he has traveled on to a familiar land. Δ





These Things I Wish For Each Of You

by Paul Harvey

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse.

For my grandchildren, I'd like better. I'd really like for them to know about hand-me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your bed and mow the lawn and wash the car. And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely. On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your "driver" to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what Ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your Mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through a neighbors window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Christmas time when you give her a mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you—tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

September 10th is Grandparents day, a day set aside to remember and thank our Grandparent's for their influence on our lives. God Bless Them All!

Humor to put you in

Good Spirits . . .

Where have all the Grandma's gone?

In the dim and distant past
When life's tempo wasn't so fast,

Grandma used to rock and knit,
Crochet, tat and baby sit.

When the kids were in a jam
They could always call on Gram.



But today she's in the gym
Exercising to keep slim.

She's checking the web or surfing the net,
Sending some e-mail or placing a bet.

Nothing seems to stop or block her,
Now that Grandma's off her rocker.



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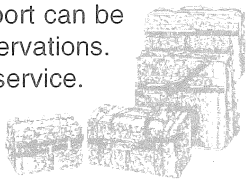
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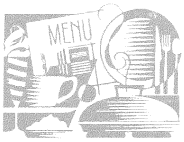
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INCLUDES FULL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
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Reserve rooms by **SEPTEMBER 10** and mention NSAC to insure group rate and availability.
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The stairs are low with a landing after 4, then 4 more so they are easy to navigate.

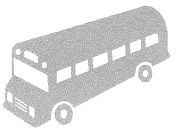


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Roast Stuffed Breast of Capon
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Please send reservations & choice to:
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P.O. Box 69, N. Windham, CT 06256
Checks to be made out to **CSSA**.

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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