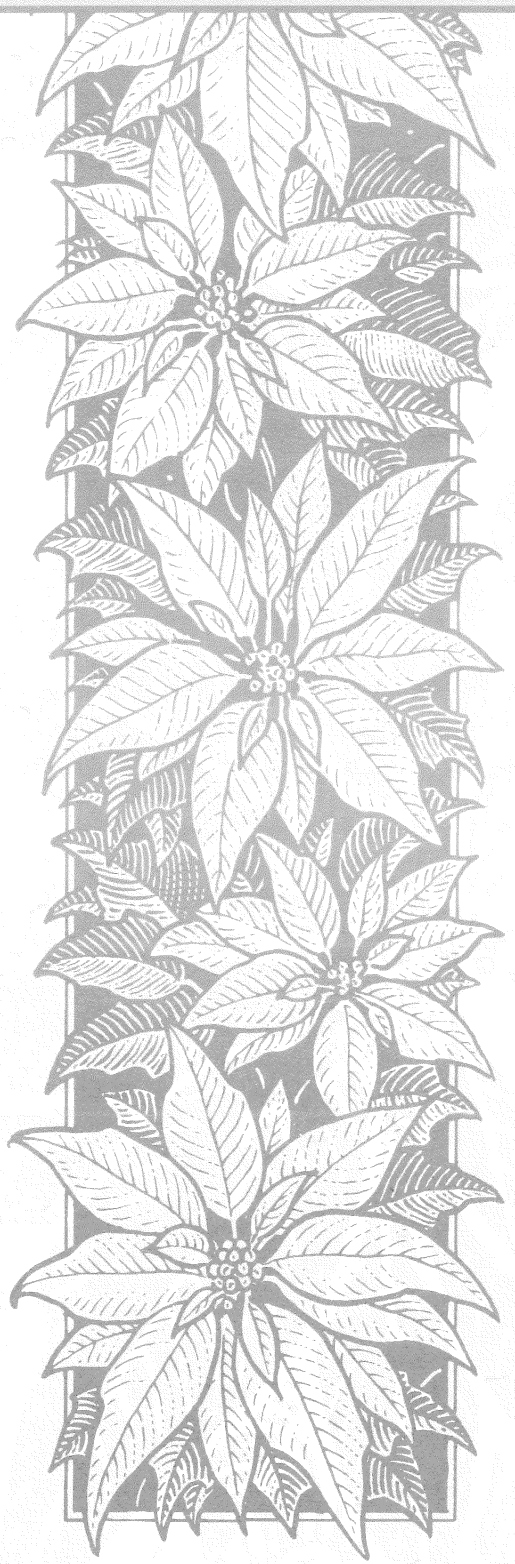
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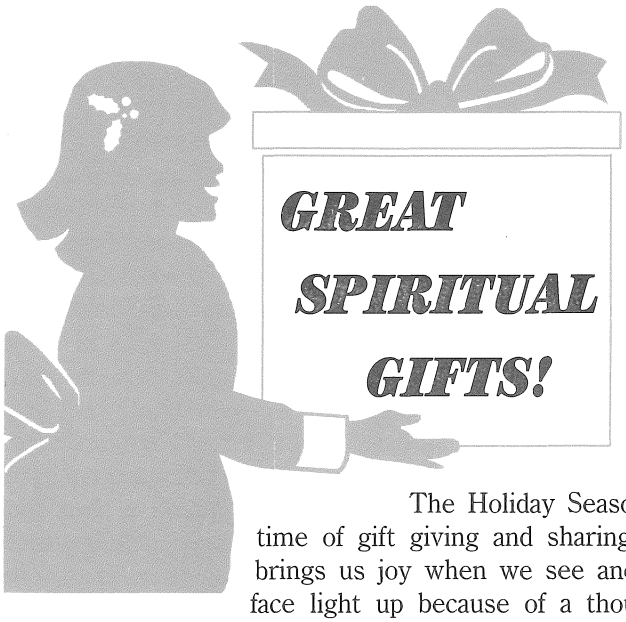
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GREAT SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

The Holiday Season is a time of gift giving and sharing. This brings us joy when we see another's face light up because of a thoughtful item we have selected. Have you ever thought about the spiritual gifts that we each receive every day from Infinite Intelligence?

Let us consider all life a gift of the Divine, sacred, with unlimited potential. What are some of your gifts and how can you expand them? What are some of the big and little steps you may take to obtain spiritual mastery?

ALMIGHTY GOD is INFINITE! We know that with the Source of all life that all things are possible. Yet, we think small, we feel unworthy, and do not acknowledge how important we each are in the plan of life. Now we know that the Infinite Creator can create anything, that the Source expresses through all that is created, so accept your significant spirit and expand your horizons to think larger than life. Every moment Infinite Intelligence gives us:

The Spiritual Gift of Free Will: This gift allows that we have a choice and that we are personally responsible for all of our choices. Often, we may not know what choice to make, then we can go within to receive guidance and affirm, "Not my will, but God's will be done." We know that God's will for us is always good, often greater than we could even imagine if we can step aside and allow our mind chatter to be quiet. Practice thinking and knowing that you walk hand in hand with the spiritual masters, who are ready to inspire you as you open yourself to receive. Use your will to surround your children, spouse, parents, loved ones, friends and all creation with the energy of Spirit, protecting and flooding each soul with love and Divine good. Spiritual principles apply equally to all and guide us as we seek to live a responsible, loving life. Use your free will to choose love and life, to search for God's plan for your existence, your purpose for being in the physical. Know how important you are and everyone is, and think how much you can create alone and together when you trust that wonderful things will happen.

The Spiritual Gift of Communication: When we communicate we share ourselves by thought, prayer, speech and deed. We communicate with our actions, words and desires. The genesis of good communication is being open, listening as well as expressing. We communicate with Great Spirit through meditation, contemplation and prayer; through listening to the still small voice within. The clearer the communication the greater may be the expression of truth. Truth is received from within and without, from friends and strangers, from the written or spoken word. Communication is a way to grow as truths are transmitted. When we talk with others we announce our truths, share ideas, learn and alter our understanding. Discernment in what is being expressed is important for we have various medias that dispatch and interpret information. Another great gift from Spirit is that communication may continue between the various realms of life. The way we receive from the Etheric World is varied and wonderful: clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, physical phenomena.

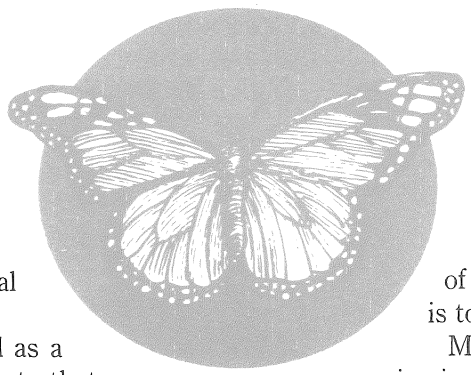
The Spiritual Gift of Understanding: Understanding on the physical level is about the intellect, about learning and knowing stuff, but on the spiritual path it is about trusting the Universe. Spiritual understanding comes from the heart and knows that it knows. The center of our wisdom where we receive inner guidance, where inspiration and understanding is revealed, is both our personal higher self and the God consciousness found within. Spiritual understanding is a "feeling of truth." The gift of attunement or understanding of God's message requires your input: Ask Spirit to give you greater understanding, then open yourself to the innate wisdom of your feeling nature. Take time to listen, to be quiet and to unfold to the higher energy of Infinite Intelligence. As we become open to the inner understanding, it blesses us with right decisions and clear thinking. Spiritual understanding brings joy. How much joy are you willing to accept? Believe you are worthy, for you are a Divine Creation of God on Earth for a wonderful purpose.

The Spiritual Gift of Creating: This gift flows from our thoughts and our prayers into the ethers creating that which we have sent forward according to Natural Law. Our thoughts create our reality, our tomorrow—what a blessing to know we can create anything we think. When our lives are not flowing with ease, we can change our thoughts and change our reality. The image seen with the physical eyes and the inner eye carries energy to create, for it is processed in the brain as reality. Violence or lack, or cruelty on television or in the news affects us and our reality. However, we may visualize healing going to these situations, visualize love overcoming fear and hate, and practice living in accordance. Going a step further,

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"Do It Now!"

BY LAURA JOY,
VIRGINIA



Some time ago I bought a tape on "overcoming procrastination." I don't know what it says because I keep putting off listening to it.

A *mañana* attitude is so easy, so comfortable: Tomorrow I will find the time to meditate. Tomorrow I will read, or write, or paint, or take a long walk, or go on a diet, or write my will, or call my mother. Always tomorrow.

Time, of course, is only a function of our physical world. The sun rises and sets, alarms wake us in the morning, we "clock in" at work, study timetables, watch the 10 o'clock news. Time is a cage we have built around ourselves, for in the spiritual realms there is no time as we know it.

I feel sad and ashamed that I make so little time to be with Spirit, quiet and alone. We are a nation of foodies and dieters, but it isn't just the body that needs to be fed. The part of us, the inner us, also needs nourishing, needs time.

We do not have yesterday: It is gone. We must let it go, without guilt or regret. We may be what our parents made us, but WE are now in charge of what we make of ourselves. We may long for the past, for lost innocence, for the cocooning love and nurturing we had (or NEVER had), and because of that we may feel cheated and lost.

For some of us, the present may be difficult to face, with its responsibilities, sadness or loneliness; so we project ourselves, our thoughts, into a happy and better future, forgetting that what happens next week or next year depends entirely on what we do and think today. And the future may not come for us in this physical life. All we have is the now.

There is a saying I loved as a teenager, "You can fly—but that cocoon has got to go." Each of us is a potential butterfly—some of us are already hovering and swooping from flower to flower, spreading love and understanding, sharing knowledge, gently guiding others, resplendent in beautiful, vibrant colors. But no butterfly has ever flown free without a great deal of hard work, risking much before its wings are ready to take it into a new way of life.

The emerging butterfly has a simple purpose and can not put off its destiny when the time is right for transition.

We often talk about people who pass into the Spirit World as having emerged from the cocoons of this earthly life and, free from physical restraints, flying free in their new dimension. But each new day is a new life of sorts. Some of us are undergoing great trials of bereavement, loneliness, loss, pain, challenges of one kind or another—and for those of us every new day is a new life when we tentatively try our wings, hoping that they will hold us up.

The emerging butterfly has a simple purpose and can not put off its destiny when the time is right for transition. What is your purpose? Many times I have thought that my "purpose in life" was to FIND a purpose. And how can I, a giant of a being, compared to this tiny fluttering insect, not have its determination and sure knowledge of the part it is to play?

My favorite saying in my middle years is: "Leap—and the net will appear."

How I dissipate my energies, how I waste precious time and talents! My Gemini mind, butterfly-like, darts here and there, never stopping, busy and undisciplined—my cluttered work-space, an outer reflection of my scattered thoughts.

You too?

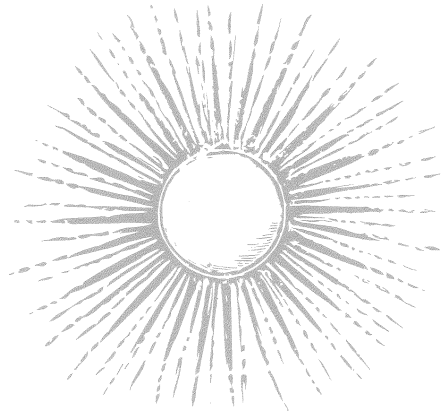
Our spirit friends are so patient. They ask so little of us. They want us only to spend time with them, time to open ourselves to their love and teachings, time to think of others, sending healing thoughts, prayers for peace, feelings of love.

"The past is history; the future's a mystery; right now is a gift—that's why they call it the present."

I WILL get organized; I will meditate; I will write down what I think and feel and long for, and make plans to achieve goals. I know that the self discipline, the seeking of peace and quiet within, and without, should not be put off any longer.

I will type the words of William James and hang them up where I will see them: "To change one's life: Start immediately. Do it flamboyantly. No exceptions. No excuses."

Perhaps I'll do it tomorrow…



"Ghost" Thoughts

BY VINCENT GUGLIELMO, NEW YORK

It is commonly believed that one of the reasons "ghosts" (earthbound spirits) haunt the earth is because they have some unfinished business to complete. Several people have had the experience of encountering these souls in pain and have tried to help them resolve their struggles so that they may finally let go and continue on their journey toward enlightenment (soul rescue). It is sometimes a difficult task to bring light to darkness because of the resistance born of fear on the part of the earthbound spirit. It is only when the soul in pain is willing to surrender in faith that it sees the light and is set free.

So it is with all of us. We live with our own personal "ghosts." They are the thoughts of situations and of people in our lives that trouble us and they may continue to do so for quite some time, as we feel stuck in our pain and in our helplessness. These thoughts are with us as we go about our daily business. Like most "ghosts" however, they often haunt us at night, when our home is quiet and we are trying to sleep. They arrive and the mind replays scenes from the past or imagines possible future scenarios in an attempt to reach resolution and peace. Sometimes we don't realize we are haunted and we will be awakened by "ghosts." Thoughts that are craving attention are trotted out by our mind for review. I imagine that is where the expression "wake-up call" would apply. We stare at the ceiling, feeling like a contestant on that old television show, "This is Your Life," when several people and events from our past are brought into our present time. We, like the contestant, are taken by surprise and are held captive while each guest has its say.

Several years ago, my wife and I were absent-mindedly wandering around an outdoor flea market on a crisp, autumn Sunday. The arena was packed with people, who like us, were dodging the chore of leaf-raking for a day. As we snaked through this crowd of allies, we came across a table that displayed some beautifully executed laser-cuts of popular sayings. The one that drew our attention was "The Serenity Prayer." We purchased it, put it in a frame that had once belonged to my grandparents, and placed it on our bedroom dresser. It has become my "ghost-buster."

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
Courage to change
the things I can,
And Wisdom to
know the difference.

This little prayer is a powerhouse. It acknowledges Infinite Intelligence as being in charge and frees us from "fixing" everything. In fact, what we may view as unfinished may be perfect according to a higher interpretation. This is difficult to accept in the throes of anguish, but this is where faith walks the path with us, sometimes in small steps, sometimes in long strides, often two forward and one back. We cannot dislodge our earthbound minds without help and we often cling to what is familiar, even though it keeps us stuck. This may keep us from growing, but we are comfortable with our false sense of security. It is very painful to our egos to abdicate our position, our agenda, our identity. What would happen to us if we did this? Would we disappear? When we defer to Spirit, we acknowledge that we are not in charge and it is not our duty to know why things turn out the way that they do. There is a spiritual agenda in operation and if we live in faith and love, we are led in wisdom to do what needs to be done in all matters and with all people. We can heal the past by allowing Spirit to do it through us and we can arrest future fears through the power of faith. The ghosts disappear and we are brought to **aliveness** by living in the present moment.

I have often thought that one of the main reasons for the popularity of disaster films is that they are testaments to our spiritual nature. The characters may lose everything that is familiar to them, including loved ones, but they go on. It is the spiritual part that survives and remains untouched, because it is divine and eternal. Our relationships with our loved ones continue because love is the sole expression of Spirit. It stands amid the debris of our lives and continues to express itself through the tools of the material universe, this world of time and space.

When "ghost" thoughts come to haunt us, Spirit is giving us the opportunity to move toward enlightenment by letting go of a fear that imprisons us. We are all on the path to becoming more consciously aware on a moment-to-moment basis of Spirit's presence in our lives. Let's not be afraid of "things that go bump in the night." Spirit is working overtime to help us on our journey home.

THE WELL OF LONELINESS

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

"When people suffer from the fear
of finding themselves alone,
They don't find themselves at all."
– *Andre Gide*

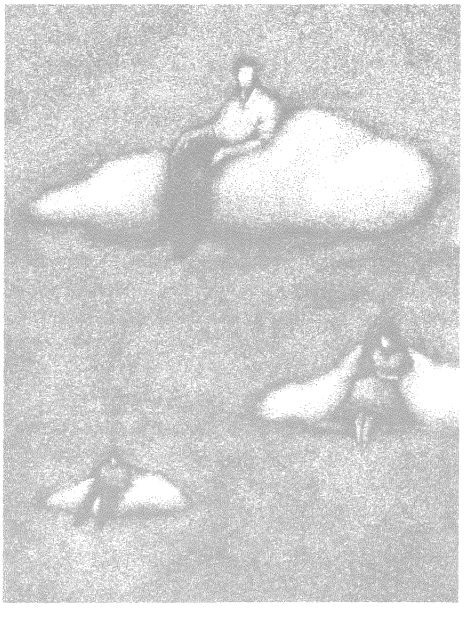
Loneliness can torment anyone, for it is caused by a human inescapable need for others. Moreover, this pain-ridden experience, psychologists tell us, has now reached epidemic proportions in society today. Few persons escape it. Although Spiritualists are better equipped than most people, understanding loneliness, and how to successfully deal with it, is a useful tool for everyone to have.

The emotion called loneliness is described as feeling *on the outside*, *isolated*, or *alienated*. It's a negative emotion. The threat of loneliness is so painful that many persons have no conception of the positive values that the opposite, solitude can bring. Many are even terrified at the mere thought of being alone.

Solitude can be a precious time for spirit attunement and creativity. Spiritualists, writers, musicians and other creative persons value solitude for this reason. The great English poet William Wordsworth wrote:

"And oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude."

Feelings of emptiness and loneliness often go together. When one loses a loved one—either through a break-up of a love relationship, or through death, the other is left with feeling *an inner void*, and a profound feeling of emptiness. This yearning for love is what makes us human, and often the pain and agony of lost love seems almost more than one can bear. Too, the overwhelming loneliness felt at parting from a loved one, a casting loose the ties of love, can fill one with despair.



Spiritualism teaches us how to cope with the loss of a loved one when it says:

"Do not grieve for those
to whom freedom has come.
Do not mourn
because the caterpillar
has become a beauteous butterfly.
Do not weep because the cage
has been opened and the bird has flown free
Rejoice, and know that the soul
has found liberty."

Feelings of loneliness sometimes happen when one feels empty, and afraid, because one wants to be **protected by the crowd**, as a wild animal is protected by being in a pack. Nor is the longing for others simply trying to fill a void within one's self—although this is one side of the need for human companionship.

Psychologists tell us that a more basic reason for loneliness is that the human being gets his or her experiences of being a "self" from their relationship to other persons. When alone, without other persons, individuals may become afraid they will lose the experience of being a self—a *person*. For a human, the social animal, is not only *dependent* on other human beings such as parents during childhood, but, also becomes conscious of themselves through their human relationships. We can say, then, that a person has a fundamental NEED for relations with other people.

Another reason for feelings of loneliness comes from our modern society that emphasizes being socially accepted. In this current world we must prove we are *socially successful*—by being sought after—and by never being alone. Not to be liked is to have lost out in the race. Because of these reasons, people fear being alone.

The loneliness fear lies behind the great need of people to be invited, or invite someone else, and to have the others accept. This pressure goes far beyond the enjoyment people get in each other's company—the enrichment of feelings, ideas, experiences—or the sheer pleasure of relaxation.

It is crucial to some people to be constantly on a merry-go-round, where talk is continually going on, for silence is the great crime. Silence is lonely and frightening. The terror of loneliness is like a leering ghost, which like an evil spirit, is ready to pounce. *Figuratively speaking, it is the specter of death one is trying to appease—the ultimate separation, aloneness, isolation from other human beings.*

In all ages people have been afraid of loneliness and have tried to escape it. The writer Pascal, in the seventeenth

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century, wrote about the frantic efforts people made—suggesting that these great efforts allowed people to avoid thinking of themselves. And, Kierkegaard, a hundred years ago, wrote:

"One does everything possible
by way of diversions
to keep lonely thought away,
just as in the forests of
America, they keep away
wild animals by torches by yells,
by the sound of cymbals."

What triggers loneliness in one person may not do so in another, and the famous Swiss psychologist, Carl Jung, in *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* describes what triggered his life-long bouts of bitter loneliness. He wrote: "Loneliness does not come from having no people about, but from being **unable to communicate** the things that seem important to oneself, or from **holding certain views which others find inadmissible**."

Most Spiritualists have mastered effective coping methods of "keeping lonely thoughts away." They know that without other selves around, a person is thrown back on inner reserves and **inner strengths**—and it is **these inner strengths Spiritualists continue to develop**.

As the spirit guide Silver Birch says: "There is for every soul a time when it experiences loneliness, but do not let it secure any hold over you. With the spiritual knowledge you have, there is nothing to fear. You have the evidence of being surrounded by love. This love will sustain, guard and guide you all the time. You can always withdraw into the silence of your soul, and allow this inner strength to surge through your being."

Too, Spiritualists accept personal responsibility for their own lives—not as a burden forced on them, but as something they have chosen themselves. Nietzche called it, loving one's fate, and Spinoza talked about obedience to Natural Laws.

Spiritualists realize that there is both physical loneliness as well as spiritual loneliness, and know that physical loneliness does **not** mean there is also spiritual loneliness. For, if awareness was developed, then everyone who is physically lonely would become aware of the love, affection, friendship and kinship surrounding them.

There are lonely people in the midst of multitudes. This is spiritual loneliness because the soul is treading the path of self-mastery and development which automatically means divorcing itself from others. The psychologist, Rollo May says: "If you dare to be honestly yourself, you will be lonely. At each moment in our selfawareness, we are alone."

Physical loneliness means being without the companionship of others. Spiritual loneliness can be an ideal worthy of attainment.

We know, too, that loneliness can serve a purpose because it is the only way a person can learn the lessons for which he/she incarnated on earth. For sometimes in earthly life a person must dwell in the shadows. The shadows exist because they are cast by the light of the sun which is there even when it cannot be seen. Shadows are fleeting things. They do not last. In time they dissolve and fade away, and allow the light to shine.



In any event, we know that human loneliness can be a devastating emotion. But, what is important, is to face it, but not let it secure a hold, cherish solitude, and call on the indwelling, latent divinity to provide the inner strength needed to find the way out of the darkness.

"Angels lead my footsteps,
They have made
my heart their own;
Or I would not dare to journey
Thro' the wide,
wide world alone."

HOLIDAY HUMOR

Money Talks

You know the old saying "money talks"?

Well, I think my money just said *Merry Christmas Everyone*

and a happy credit card payment in January.

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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.

HOSPITAL VISITS

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER



Recently we received a phone call from Hospice, saying that a woman was requesting some spiritual counseling from a Spiritualist minister. I went to the hospital with gifts of *The National Spiritualist - Summit*, especially the April healing issue, an issue with several articles on the afterlife and some free literature.

The woman was a delight and we talked about unusual happenings she had experienced throughout her life time. Many of the stories would have been great for *TNS*, but I did not have a tape recorder, nor did I take notes. My thought was that so many of us have stories to tell of spirit visitations, spirit help and inspiration, that it could be a way to converse with those in the hospital and show them just how blessed their life has been. It might even be a project for the individual while they are still in a confined state to record some of these encounters and how they perceived the event affected their life.

The Hospice patient asked me if I could make her a meditative tape to help her relax and practice healing. This I did putting the healing meditation on one side of the tape and inspirational music on the other. She later told me she wasn't sure which side of the tape she enjoyed or helped her the most.

We all have friends or family members that need healing help from time to time, at home or in the hospital. When you visit, consider rather than flowers or a gift, bring a tape of music or meditation or both. This way you will be helping with the healing process.

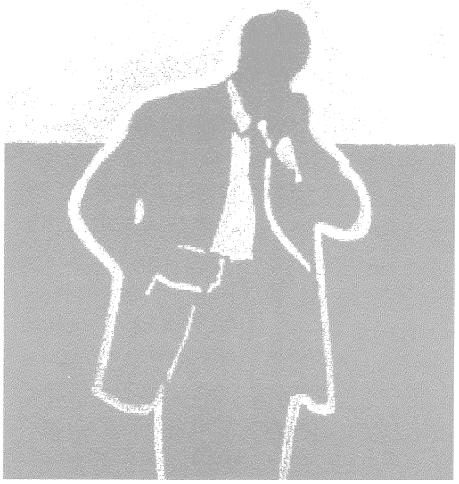
It has been proven that music, especially classical or inspiration music, can assist healing and harmony. Piano, flute or harp music are good choices. "The harp is the only musical instrument that vibrates into the universal harmonic; it has a vibrational sequence that goes out in all directions and into infinity. That's why harps are so related to heaven and angels," states Joyce Buekers, harpist.

Some hospitals have musicians that play in the Hospice wards. Conscious and alert patients enjoy music, but even those who are

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Search

BY ONE FEATHER



If one searches for the truth, the search must start within. One must learn who they are and why they are who they are. There is always a reason. The reason can be found, not easily, but with a strong desire to find the truth. One must learn to find the stillness and go within that stillness to find one's true spiritual self.

When that is done, true self is found, and one will have a greater understanding of their pathway in this life. That pathway is always a spiritual one. It is often difficult to understand that it is a spiritual path. One walks the earth plane in search of oneself in search of the spiritual pathway, in search of the true reason for their being on this plane.

The true meaning of self is found at the beginning of this pathway, not at the end. The search begins when we enter this world and though it may continue in the darkness of misunderstanding it continues until we pass over. The darkness of misunderstanding is not evil, it is just that when we come we chose to make this journey more difficult.

Some may find the light at an early age and some may not find the light until the very end. Most will find the light between those two times. It matters not when you find the light, it only matters what you do when you find the light. The light is, was, and always will be the light of God within. Search until you find the light. It is Spirit's way of saying God awaits your return.

Peace and Brotherhood,
Bradley Gasslein,
Massachusetts

Merry CHRISTMAS FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY Merry CHRISTMAS

"The best gift one can give is forgiveness —and love."

– Anonymous

"We live by rendering service to others, and civilization can be maintained in no other way."

– Sir Ernest Benn

"Ask God's blessing on your work but do not also ask Him to do it."

– Waggerl

"Persistence Prevails when all else Fails."

– From a Calendar

"Why does an inspiring sight like a sunrise always have to take place at such an inconvenient time?"

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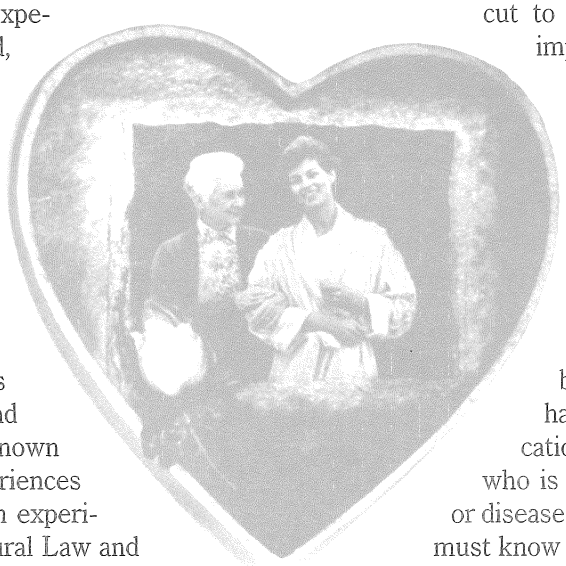
"Be happy—It is one way of being wise."

– From a Calendar

The Philosophy Of Healing

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For every time there is a season, for every experience there is purpose. Every thought, word, action or deed has purpose and has endured because life is eternal and infinite. The philosophy of healing has been noted through ancient times to the present. Because of the expressly implied spiritual aspect and attunement with the Infinite, we are driven along the path of spiritual progression as if it were predestined by the God that we are.



Spiritual healing is given to us so that we may develop an understanding of the principles of Infinite Intelligence, and therefore, transcend the fear of the unknown. Part of the unknown includes the Spiritual World, as well as the experiences not understood in the Physical World. Through experience and knowledge, we become aware of Natural Law and the implications of balance and harmony within the circle of healing.

Healing has taken on many forms. Motherly love, faith healing, modern Christian healing, Christian Science healing, psychic-spiritual healing, spiritual healing, psychic surgery and occult healing to name a few. All of the forms of healing are motivated by love and are an act of Divine love. Love is the eternal force of the Infinite. The perfect force that governs life is also the self same force that helps those who have transgressed against Natural Law to heal and be healed.

To heal means to restore harmony, mentally, physically or spiritually. Harmony again flows as we follow Divine Law. There are Laws that govern each aspect of healing, and there is order in the direction of Natural Law to accomplish, at any level, or by any method, results. Nothing is left to chance and no one just gets sick or well for absolutely no reason at all.

Many illnesses are brought about due to exposure to environmental hazards, as well as to less than desirable living circumstance, be it improper sanitation or diet. Mental and spiritual beliefs also bring disharmony to body, mind and spirit. Who we are, what we are and what we think causes God's Law to manifest in our life, health and happiness, or disease and sadness. No healer walks alone or exhibits healing without the God force. The innate ability to heal, even though sometimes not understood, is present in all of us and only needs to be recognized or encouraged.

Many things occur with healing that are in direct relationship to Divine Law, for all forms of healing have direction. There is some kind of logical, intelligent planned knowledge to effect healing even though not understood. The physical body will automatically attempt to heal itself. If you get a cut on your finger, the body immediately goes to work to heal the cut to the best of its ability. It is important to recognize the phenomenon of healing attributed to body intelligence because of its implication of spiritual healing.

It must be recognized that no disease is intentional or directed as punishment because of some act or deed. Disease manifests because of the fact that there has been an error in the application of Natural Law. A person who is born with a certain affliction or disease such as blindness or diabetes must know that it manifests according to the Law. It could be environmental exposure or other gene damage brought about by any kind of exposure contrary to Natural Law.

Spiritualists believe healing energy is available to all, comes from God, and is not limited to any specific ailment or problem. Nothing is impossible with healing. Even the healing of the so-called incurable occurs on a regular basis and is normal. The Natural Laws that govern these healings though not totally understood, are not miracles, have direction and are not happenstance or accidental.

The direction of spiritual healing causes the conversion of the healing energies into physical effects and results. Physical, mental and spiritual healing and the conditions that surround these areas, all rely on the harmony of Natural Law. Healing can also be applied to relationships, abundance, housing and other things that effect each of us.

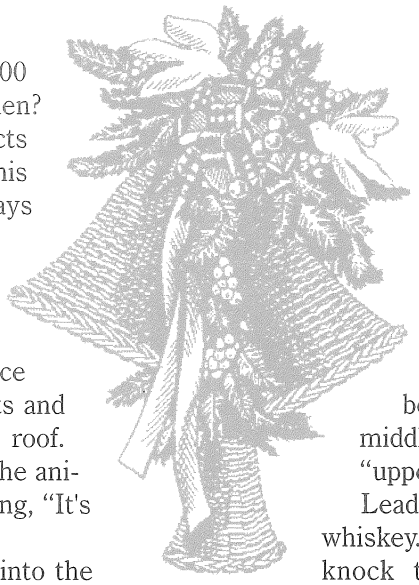
The spiritual healer works in partnership with all of the forces of Infinite Intelligence including healing guides. These spirit doctors are invaluable because they know the need, and can direct loving energy to achieve healing wherever it is required to regain balance. The intuitive knowing of where healing is to be directed comes from the world of spirit in cooperation with the healing guides and healers. Before healing can really begin, it is necessary to establish harmony with Infinite Intelligence, the healer, and the person to be healed. The harmony established helps to complete a healing circle.

Thought energy is a type of spiritual healing. Thought energy is considered the link from mind to mind and serves as the common communication source from spirit to healer to the one in need of healing. This thought energy is capable of

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Life In 1500

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Imagine, for a moment, spending Christmas 500 years ago. What where some of the ways of living then? The following are some interesting and true facts about how people lived around 1500. As I type this into my computer it is difficult to conceive of days without electricity, automobiles and modern conveniences. Think of yourself in "Jolly Old England" when:

Houses had thatched roofs. Thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pets...dogs, cats and other small animals, mice, rats, bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. So, they found if they made beds with big posts and hung a sheet over the top, it addressed that problem. Hence "those beautiful big four poster beds with canopies."

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors which would get slippery in the winter when wet. So they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed at the entry way, hence a "thresh hold."

They cooked in the kitchen in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been in there for a month. Hence the rhyme: "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork and would feel really special when that happened. When company came over, they would bring out some bacon and hang it to show it off. It was a sign of wealth and that a man "could really bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Most people didn't have pewter plates, but had trenchers—a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Trenchers were never washed and a lot of times worms got into the wood. After eating off wormy trenchers, they would get "trench mouth."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small, and they started running out of places to bury people. So, they would dig up coffins and would take their bones to a house and reuse the grave. In reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on their wrist and lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night to listen for the bell. Hence on the "graveyard shift" they would know that someone was "saved by the bell" or he was a "dead ringer."

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good by June; however, they were starting to be fragrant, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers.

Baths equaled a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Questions & Answers

Q **Why is Spiritualism called a Natural Religion?**

A Arthur Findlay responded to this when he wrote: "Natural Religion represents what the word means. A binding again through mediumship, of the people of Earth to the people of the Etheric." Infinite Intelligence is All, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Creator and creation, and more. Nature is an expression of the Creator, an evolving force. All that humanity requires for sustenance and growth is available through Nature. Nature evolves through yearly cycles that helps us to recognize that energy can change but cannot be destroyed. That which the Great Spirit created is part of the Whole, is Natural and is Eternal. Spiritualism teaches us to honor all life, to follow Natural Law, and that life is flowing and beautiful. "We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence."

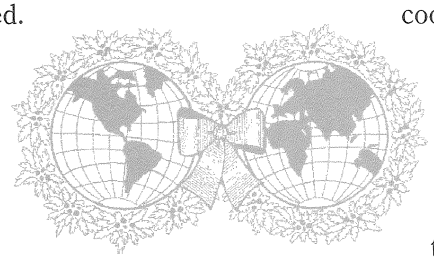
Q **How do you respond to naive people who ask if Spiritualists believe in God?**

A A religion could not exist without belief in some semblance of a Greater Power. We call that Divine Power, Infinite Intelligence. Many also call the Power-God, First Cause, Divine Source, Great Spirit and many other descriptive names. This Universal Good is greater than any name or any description, and being Infinite cannot really be described. Some, through teachings received as a child, think of God as a grandfatherly type of figure, sitting on a golden throne, surrounded by angelic beings, meting out judgment or love—God in the image of man. Spiritualists do not accept the Supreme Force as a temperamental personality for we believe God is Love, Light and Law. God is Spirit—Divine, Loving Spirit, as close to us as our spirit—within, energy, in fact life.

We could not exist without the spark of Divine Light. Light/energy permeates all life and is the animating principle. This is not in keeping with the anthropomorphic God of our youth who was far away in a heavenly home. Spiritualism's God idea is an Energy Force, so close it is within us, loving and inspiring us. This relationship is part of our consciousness, our intelligence, our life. Calling the God Force, Infinite Intelligence, helps remind us that Energy, Love, Growth and Light is Infinite. God is our mind, our being, our life.

World Healing Meditation—Dec. 31

We, as Spiritualists, know the interconnectedness of all religions, races, sexes, ages, countries and philosophies. All express the Creator in some way, all affect life by what is expressed. John Randolph Price, author of *The Planetary Commission*, was inspired in 1986, to organize the collective energy of spiritual beings around the Planet to send love, light and prayers. This group energy from all corners of the world will assist our Earth Plane and all souls to grow in consciousness. Good people from every area of the world will be singing, dancing, meditating, praying, and visualizing a harmonious, peaceful world; a Planet healed, people cooperating with other people, united in a common bond of Peace.



People are praying at the same hour to heighten the energy. England at noon, relates to New York at 7:00 a.m., etc. If you miss the exact time, spend time as close to this hour as possible in quiet reflection. Please do your part and send your prayers for love and peace on this day.

GREAT SPIRITUAL GIFTS! *(Continued from page 3.)*

we can try to not expose ourselves, our children and our family to negative stimuli. Then we can work to create wonderful possibilities and scenarios, that with God are, of course, very possible.

The Spiritual Gift of Love: Every time we utilize and express this gift of love we are touching in with Infinite Love, for life is an extension of God's Love. Unconditional love is a goal we strive to attain for as we love we grow spiritually, we touch closer to God, we become more Universal. Love is the fulfilling of Natural Law, the greatest thing on either side of the veil, the core of Ultimate Reality. Love is a gift, for when we practice love we rise above self-centered thoughts and attachments. The mind or consciousness is the true self, and the absence of love in consciousness results in "disease", fears, and unhappiness. We heal our lives through love, and we heal others through love. Each time we are disappointed in life it is because in some way our love needs were not met. We live in consciousness, so we have been given the gift to be able to return, in consciousness, to a hurtful time by going within, remembering, and then giving ourselves the love we desired. This is a healing process for love and life are experienced at the feeling level. Unconditional love connects our body, soul and spirit and is fundamental to transformation. It also connects us to others, to their higher energies. As we develop our *spiritual senses* we begin to experience love from the higher spheres. We find there are many unique ways our Creator communicates with each of us every day. Our angel loved ones and guides from the next dimension of life communicate with love, always love, for love never dies.

The Spiritual Gift of Life: God's energy is necessary for our life, for all life, and the Universal Source shares the vibrational force of life with us. What has been created by God and is Divine Energy cannot be destroyed. It changes form, but God cannot be destroyed, therefore, all that is of the Creator flows on eternally. Life continues beyond this earthly plane, so what can we do that will be more than just physical? Love. Each of us goes into our center, to the depth of our being to connect with the Giver of Life, for we are One. On the surface, the physical level, there are many answers and many questions. In the center, there is only One, there is only Love. Listen for the truth, feel the love and then work to integrate it into your daily life. It is necessary to make a commitment and to surrender to truly fulfill our lives. It isn't always easy to follow wherever the Creator's voice may lead, but the willingness to surrender fully to the activity of Infinite Intelligence is the way to live life to the fullest. Each time we commit to the Higher Power, we surrender and open ourselves to a holy message. When we ask Spirit for help and call forth the power of God—it is not enough to know what needs to be done, we must be doers. The gift of life, that we are each given, stamps the need to put forth our personal effort to do something. This power for good is amazing when we begin to activate our intention to work with and for God, to make our lives a beautiful expression of the Creator. Work with expanding your loving energy, then check the results as they will be as big as we think, as big as we allow.

We have considered a few gifts that each soul has been born with—what a **BIG** blessing the Divine Creator has given to everybody! May your holidays and your new year be filled with Spiritual Love and Spiritual Guidance as you use your gifts to the fullest.



THE PHILOSOPHY OF HEALING *(Continued from page 10.)*

bringing about the necessary chemical-physiological changes that result in spiritual healing. Spiritual healing or healing energies may be described as healing rays. Healing energies are often recognized because of the heat or cold experienced in the healer's hands, or a vibrational change is experienced. This too is an indication of the completion of the healing circle. All of these forms of healing are given to the body intelligence and spiritual intelligence of the recipient to act and direct the infusion of healing that is taking place.

Since the physical discovery of the aura, heightened by research, conducted through Kirlian photography, scientists have been more open to investigation of the various spiritual forms of healing. Therapeutic touch is thoroughly accepted in many hospitals today with some hospitals have a nursing staff certified in therapeutic touch available to help in the healing process.

The marriage of the traditional physician healing along with the spiritual healing provides the optimum for results and maximizes the intent of healing.

The religion of Spiritualism offers understanding and direction for the healing of all problems, physical, mental, or spiritual. In addition, the understanding and revelation of Natural Law in our reality and experience with the Spirit World is further enhanced through the practice and demonstration of healing. Even our closure of our letters and other correspondence reflects this. We say, "Blessings, Love, Light and Healing." Blessings—that is our intent—and—this is how we do the rest of it. We send you Love—God is love. Love is the eternal force of the Infinite and the basic ingredient of all healing. Light—Light is the understanding that the Infinite is harmonious Natural Law/Energy, vibration and Life itself. Healing—is the reflection of God's Love/Balance. Of course we hope that healing is only one of the many blessings that you receive when we send it to you. So—Blessings—Love—Light and Healing to you.

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . DECEMBER 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Being thankful is a great way to begin anything important.	**2** When our hearts are filled with love it puts God in our lives.
3 Trusting Divine Order is knowing that everything is as it should be.	**4** Spirit's love for us is greater than any of life's situations.	**5** I have an inherent nature of divine wholeness, harmony and peace.	**6** I build a spiritual bank account through love and service to others.	**7** Divine Being responds to our recognition of It.	**8** "Everything is either an expression of love or a call for love." – *Jampolsky*	**9** Health and disease are lifetime processes.
10 Imagery is a mental process to create a mental or physical change.	**11** Life is so much more than it appears to be.	**12** Listen during life's trials, for there is Eternal Voice whispering within.	**13** My soul is here to contribute to the evolution of consciousness of the planet.	**14** Fear of the unknown is at the root of many problems. Let go, trust God.	**15** Belief in an afterlife and a great reality is important to approach death positively.	**16** Humor has the ability to change people, to help resolve conflicts, to uplift, to heal.
17 Pain has a purpose and that is to signal the consciousness where a problem is.	**18** I join my spiritual friends in a prayerful blessing for others, for the world.	**19** A shift from ordinary consciousness may facilitate healing.	**20** Today is a good day to begin a new project, to step into the unknown.	**21** Trust is when you realize God is in full control and you let go.	**22** My thoughts, words and intentions are eternal.	**23** We are each sacred in the presence of Infinite Intelligence.
24 I am thankful for Divine Messengers who teach me a way to grow.	**25** The gift of life comes from the Great Source of All Life.	**26** God is everywhere, there is no separation.	**27** Trust each day in the wisdom of the Universe, in the Love of God.	**28** Life moves us along so we may unfold and advance our soul.	**29** Kind thoughts, kind deeds are a way to express our spirituality.	**30** I review the past, forgiving myself and others, as I prepare for the new.
31 I pray today for blessings for all life, and for our Earth.		***May Holiday Cheer Fill Your Heart!***				

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672 South Van Ness Ave., 94110-1306 (between 17th & 18th); Sun. Serv., 2:00 p.m.; No weekday evening classes at this time; all correspondence to: Rev. Donald McFarland, Secy., 405 Sixth Ave. #3, 94118-3027.

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

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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
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CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
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DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
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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.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
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NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp session is from mid-June through the Sunday after Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Services at 2:30 p.m. Sun. and 7:30 p.m. Tues., Thurs. and Fri.; Sun. Pot Luck 5:00 p.m. and Concert or other activity at 6:30 p.m.; Class Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Message Circles Wed. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/seminars Saturday morn. and/or afternoon; Accommodations with kitchen privileges available; for a program or information, call (207) 338-3029 (Apr.-Oct.) then (207) 338-4690, or P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, 04849-0031; Pres., Pam Strickland, P.O. Box 93, Owl's Head, 04854, (207) 594-9038, e-mail: pstone48@aol.com; Secy., Rev. Nancy Marshall Parry, NST, 28 Merriam Rd. #201, Belfast, 04915, e-mail: clown@mint.net.

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

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

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

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
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Music Of The Season



Many of the best-known and loved Christmas songs are inspired words and music. Knowing their origins helps us to appreciate them in a new way. Lynne Haeseler, DMA compiled these backgrounds.

• *Away in a Manger*

This is one of the gentlest carols. It is like a lullaby with its sweet melody, "rocking-like" rhythm and peaceful tempo. Its origin is uncertain. Some scholars believe that the song originated in a colony of Lutheran Germans settled in Pennsylvania. Some of the verses have been tracked to a poem called "Luther's Cradle Hymn," composed by Martin Luther for his children. The musical setting, written in 1887, has been attributed to J. R. Murray (1841-1904).

• *Silent Night*

This beloved hymn has been translated into more than 90 languages. In a small village on December 24, 1818, Joseph Mohr, an assistant Catholic pastor at the St. Nicholas church in Oberndorf, Austria, handed a poem he had written to Franz Gruber, the church organist. Mohr asked Gruber to write and arrange a melody for two voices and guitar. Gruber composed the music and that very same evening, the two of them sang this holy song for the first time.

• *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

This is one of the few songs based on the story of the Wise Men. John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), wrote both the text and melody in 1857. Born in Pittsburgh, and educated at the University of Vermont, Hopkins was serving as a rector for the Christ Church in Pennsylvania when he wrote this song. The song is included in a book of his poems entitled, *Poems by the Wayside Written During More than Forty Years* (pub. 1883).

• *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Bishop Phillips Brooks was noted for his eloquent and powerful speech. Known as the "prince among preachers," he could speak 1,250 words a minute! In 1865, he spent a year in the Holy Land riding on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. Three years later, cherishing the memory of his traveling experience. Brooks wrote this carol for the children in his parish, the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia. He writes: "I remember especially on Christmas Eve when I was standing in the old church in Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with the splendid hymns of praise of God, how again and again it seemed as if I could hear voices I know well, telling each other of the 'Wonderful Night' of Jesus' birth." Lewis Redner, organist for the Holy Trinity church, wrote the tune.

• *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

This is one of 6,500 hymns written around 1739 by the prolific writer Charles Wesley. It is the only Wesley hymn published in the English Book of Common Prayer, probably because the Anglican Church disfavored the Wesley's. In 1856, William Cummings (1831-1915) adapted the hymn to a tune by Felix Mendelssohn, "Festgesang, no. 7." Mendelssohn composed this "soldier-like" melody to celebrate the discovery of printing. He himself wrote, "It will never do to sacred works."

• *Angels We Have Heard On High*

The Westminster Abbey Choir sang this carol for the first time in England (dates unknown). The Latin text "Gloria in excelsis Deo" (glory to God in the highest) stems from the Christmas Mass passed down from Pope Telesphorus (125-136 A.D.). The tune is from a French carol and the choral refrain from a Medieval Latin chorale.

• *The First Noel*

Noted for its simplicity, this 17th century carol is reminiscent of a medieval shepherd song. A "carol" is derived from "carola," a ring dance. Denied the opportunity to sing in churches during that period, people sang outside, making up tunes and words to dance to. This may account for the inaccuracy of the "shepherds seeing the star."

• *Joy to the World*

Another prolific hymn writer, Isaac Watts (1674-1748) wrote this song while inspired by this Biblical passage: *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.* The tune, by Lowell Mason (1830), is an arrangement of excerpts from Handel's Messiah, namely "Lift up your heads" and "Comfort ye many people."



So Saith A Wayshower

A Spiritualist's Interpretation of John 14 from the *Gideons Bible*

BY TOM BUTLER, LM, NEVADA

In John 14, Jesus and his disciples have retired for the night in a garden. Jesus knows that he will soon be arrested and put to death. It is at this time that Jesus reminds his students about what he has taught them, and seeks to prepare them for his departure.

Allow me to share a revelation I recently experienced while reading John 14 in a *Gideons Bible*. People who know me, know me as a hard-core metaphysician who prefers spiritual teaching to be fundamental and to the point. Although I respect the *Bible*, I am not accustomed to looking to it for guidance or spiritual teaching. For me, Jesus was an important teacher but not pivotal in my life. With this in mind, you can imagine my surprise when I read words in John 14 that echoed my metaphysical training, even to the concept of mentorship that is so fundamental to the Spiritualist culture.

The words attributed to Jesus were a revelation, of sorts, that has lead me to understand that what he taught, and what I believe, are much the same. Jesus did not ask his disciples to follow him as a personality, but rather, to follow him as a Wayshower of a path of knowledge that will take the seeker far on the path to spiritual maturity.

You see, I believe Jesus spoke of himself as a person who embodied three aspects of spirituality. That is, he taught a path or way of knowledge, in what he referred to as his *"commandments,"* that would lead the seeker to spiritual growth. He functioned as a role model demonstrating how a person who has successfully followed that path might behave through what he referred to as his *"works."* And as he said, *"I am in the Father and the Father in me,"* he embodied the Christ Consciousness, from which he brought these teachings into our world. His words support the concept that this Christ Consciousness is an emanation of spiritual energy that contains and promotes this path. In so far as these three aspects of the wayshower are concerned, Jesus was the physical embodiment of the creator of our realm.

It is reasonable and important for us to learn what Jesus taught because it does represent a path to spiritual maturity. You see, it is important to have a role model who can demonstrate this achievement, and it is equally important for you to become a role model for others who may follow this path. It is also important to recognize that your growing spiritual maturity will bring greater energy to you, and thus, through you and into your environment. This energy may seem like simple etheric energy as you begin, but as Jesus suggested when he referred to a *"Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,"* as you grow, this energy will assume the coherence of the Christ Consciousness. Thus as more of this coherent energy is brought into our world through spiritually mature people, humankind will experience a Second Coming of the Christ Consciousness. I have come to believe this is the true reason that the man Jesus was imbued with the Christ Consciousness two thousand years ago.

Most seekers, myself included, are very much followers of the way of knowledge Jesus taught, and in this sense, we are in accord with our Christian friends. However, we deviate in the way we understand the words of Jesus. For example, in Line 6: *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* We believe that this is not a call to worship Jesus, but to follow the path he taught.

What follows then, is how I relate the words attributed to Jesus in John 14 to what I believe is the current metaphysical view. As in all things, it is for you to practice discernment, and to understand that this is not necessarily the NASC's view. This understanding works for me. It may not work for you.

John 14

1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Jesus is reminding his students that they may trust what he tells them as if his words were spoken by God. This is fundamental to all of his works, for had he not previously convinced his followers that he had been chosen by God as a holy representative, they may have discounted his words.

You will see that Jesus refers to many nonphysical entities in John 14. Here he names God, but later he will refer to the Father, a Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghost and the Prince of this world. It appears that Jesus is saying that his ultimate authority comes from God, but that his power or energy comes from a local entity who is supported by a host of other entities. Thus, I believe he is acknowledging a God as Infinite Intelligence, and a Father as a local entity who is responsible for the existence and

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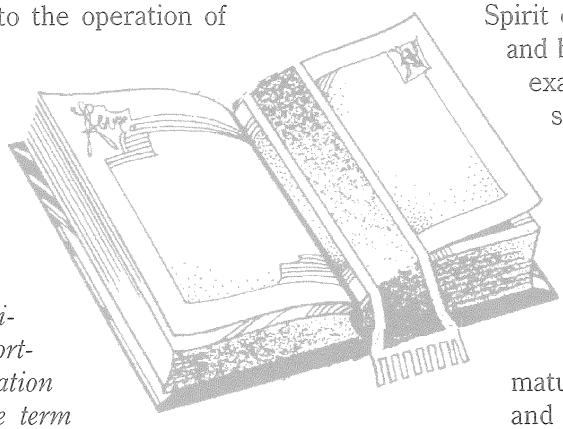
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operation of our realm of reality.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

It is generally understood that there are many levels of consciousness beyond our Physical Plane, and with the phrase *"In my Father's house are many mansions,"* Jesus seems to be confirming this belief.

A concept often used to describe the creation of a multi-layered reality is that of the spiritual hierarchy. In this concept each level of reality is thought to have been created by an entity of great spiritual maturity, and therefore who is able to bring considerable energy to the operation of creation. I believe that Jesus is confirming this concept when he briefly mentioned God, which we would know as Infinite Intelligence, and then went on to consistently refer to a Father as the one who is interested in our spiritual development.



(By the way, the concept of a spiritual hierarchy is not necessarily supported by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC). I will use the term "Father" in this text to avoid confusion, but please be aware that the term "Creator Entity" would be more correct. In my opinion, the NSAC does not support the idea of a God, or even a Creator Entity, as a father figure.)

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

This is a pivotal line. When Jesus states that *"I will come again, and receive you into myself,"* he is telling his disciples that he will receive them in spirit when they also pass from their physical life. This is a statement that supports the Spiritualist contention that we, as Self, survive physical death.

Jesus may also be speaking from the perspective of his aspect as the path or way to spiritual maturity when suggesting that he will bring them into himself.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Personification of God as a father figure is perhaps the first point of divergence between Spiritualism and Christianity. However, I believe this line is the second point of divergence.

Here, Jesus is not saying that we must accept him as our savior if we wish to be with God. He is showing himself to his followers as the three aspects of the teacher. In *"I am the way,"* he is saying to follow him because he represents the path of learning. In *"(I am) the truth,"* he is saying to follow him because he is imbued with the Spirit of Truth. And, in *"(I am) the life,"* he is saying to follow him as he lived because he provides a role model of how a spiritually mature person might live.

The Spirit of Truth concerns one of the more abstract metaphysical concepts. Most seekers know Spirit of Truth as the Christ Consciousness, and believe that a person may achieve this exalted state of awareness by becoming spiritually mature.

Spiritual maturity is expressed as a way of thinking, or worldview, that is in agreement with the operation of Natural Law. In the commandments Jesus taught a set of principles, which if made personal knowledge by the seeker, would lead to spiritual maturity, and thus, to ones ability to access and operate the energy of the Christ Consciousness.

When Jesus said that *"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me,"* he is referring to himself as the path, not the person: *"I am the way."*

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Jesus, the man, was imbued with the Christ Consciousness. Many seekers believe that the entity Jesus refers to as the Father, is the source of the Christ Consciousness. Jesus then, personified the Father and by knowing Jesus, his followers would also have known the Father.

8. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

I have had students like this.

9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

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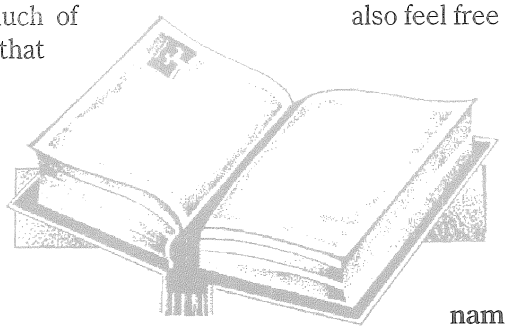
11. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Believe in Jesus as the Christ Consciousness or as the role model, for either, if followed, will bring the seeker spiritual maturity.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

When Jesus said, *he that believeth on me,* he is referring to himself as the path. As we follow the path he has shown, so will we come to be able to do the works he has done.

He also states that we would be able to do even greater works because he is returning to his place in the higher planes. Many people believe that the infusion of spiritual energy during the time of Jesus occurred to facilitate the Father's dispensation of spiritual teachings through Jesus. Further, through the Comforter, this energy is believed to have fueled much of our spiritual development since that dispensation.



It is believed that we are experiencing another infusion of energy today, and that this energy is preparing our world for yet another dispensation of knowledge. This time, it is expected to be in the form of a general awakening of spiritual awareness in our population heralding a new New Age of spiritual enlightenment.

It is this work that the Father directs from his place in the higher planes that I believe Jesus may be referring to here. The concept of rapport supports this view. Having been in the flesh, by his return to the vibration of the Father, Jesus would carry with him greater rapport between the Father and Humankind. In effect, this is a strengthening of the bond between the Creator of our realm and Humankind, thus making it more likely that additional spiritual energy will be delivered into our midst. The more spiritual energy there is that can be operated with our growing spiritual maturity, the greater can be our works.

13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Line 13 through 15 should be read together. I submit to you that here, Jesus is speaking about Humankind as *the Son, in my name,* is a reference to Jesus as the path. He is not offering to answer our prayers here. He is saying that we can fulfill our purpose of gaining spiritual maturity in this lifetime by following the lessons he taught.

Gaining spiritual maturity and returning with its associated understanding of this world to the Father is believed to be the fulfillment of the Father's goals as well. Thus our successful return would *glorify* the Father.

Jesus did not generally speak in riddles, however, the scribes may have obscured the meaning of some of his words. These lines address the heart of our relationship with life beyond the veil and it is important that we understand their implications to our spiritual growth.

There is considerable evidence that we have entities beyond the veil who hold themselves available to guide us and to help us in ways that will further our spiritual development. I, for instance, often ask certain entities to join me in my meditation or to assist me in a particular situation—healing for instance. In more orthodox terms, you could say that I pray for the assistance of those whom I sense have a special relationship with God. We have been told so many times that we need to ask for help because our nonphysical friends cannot help us unless we give them permission to intercede in our behalf.

Jesus appears to be telling his disciples that they should invoke his name in their prayers to the Father. You should also feel free to ask Jesus to help and guide you in your spiritual growth. It is a New Age belief that you may also ask the Father, the Earth Mother, or any other entity with whom you have a special relationship and whom you know to have a closer relationship with the Spiritual Hierarchy.

14. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Again, "in my name" is a reference to the path. The path is based on Natural Law. Therefore, I believe is telling us that whatsoever we seek to do, if we act in accordance with Natural Law, we will be successful.

15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

The commandments Jesus is speaking of here are the elements of the lessons he taught. Many of these elements are expressed in more general terms as the Principle of Natural Law.

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

Remember that Jesus consistently refers to a particular form of Spirit as a self aware intelligence that can be impressed into the sphere of awareness of a seeker—what we have been referring to as the Christ Consciousness. As is revealed in line 17, the Comforter is just this sort of spiritual energy.

You could argue that this line promises a Second Coming of the Christ Consciousness. It seems clear that Jesus is saying that another Comforter would come soon, however, it is possible that this is the same infusion of

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spiritual energy that we are beginning to experience today.

17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

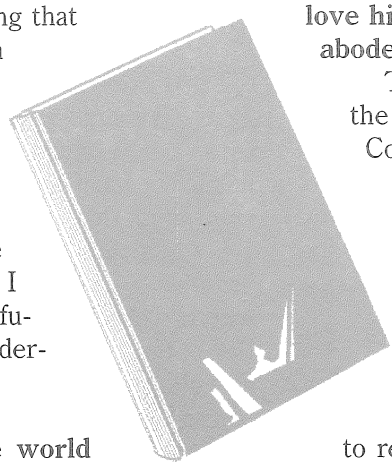
The Spirit of Truth, as a self-aware intelligence, is manifest in our personal knowledge. This is the Comforter and the Christ Consciousness, and it will come to you as you seek and gain spiritual understanding.

Personal knowledge comes when you test this understanding by first experiencing its principles in life and then accepting your understanding of it into your worldview. As you expand your personal knowledge, so do you learn to live in accord with Natural Law, and thus, with the teaching of Jesus and other Wayshowers.

Many people have stepped onto the path to spiritual maturity, but Jesus' comment remains mostly true, in that relatively few people in the world have allowed the Spirit of Truth to become part of their world view.

18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

With this, Jesus is repeating his reference to a Comforter, and in the same line, saying that he will *"come to you."* Jesus presents a concept, such as that of a Comforter, and then further defines it, as he did in Line 26, *"the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost."* Also, in Line 17 when he talked about the Spirit of truth after mentioning the Comforter in Line 16. My point is that I believe Jesus is saying that this new infusion of energy will facilitate our understanding of the path he taught.



19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Here Jesus is predicting his imminent demise. He is also telling his followers that he will survive physical death, that they will also survive, and that they will know this because of his teachings.

Jesus is assuring his disciples that he will remain available in spirit to assist them in their work. As we understand it, you and I will rather quickly move on to other business after we transition out of our physical body. We would not be expected to remain available to help people in the flesh for over two thousand years of Earth time. Jesus, though, has set forth to be a Wayshower by joining the few lightbringers who have chosen to remain so that they may assist our spiritual development.

This line is also a confirmation of mediumship.

20. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

I believe Jesus is predicting that he will demonstrate his survival, and that his students will experience this demonstration by experiencing an inner awareness of Jesus' presence as Spirit.

21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

It is here that Jesus reveals that he is speaking from the perspective of the Christ Consciousness. As the Christ Consciousness, he is the path and his works are the outward manifestation of the principles embodied in the path. He is the emissary of the Father, from which the Christ Consciousness has emanated.

22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

The message to all of us is that any man who follows the path Jesus taught will experience the Christ Consciousness.

Jesus also clarifies his relationship with the Father is this line. By *"and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him,"* Jesus seems to be telling us that after his transition out of his physical life, he returned to the Father, and thereafter, is a part of the Father. Since Jesus was a role model to show us where the path leads, we can also expect to return to the Father; however, probably not before we gain considerable spiritual maturity.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Any person who finds and follows the path taught by Jesus will come to know the Christ Consciousness. Again, if you study the principles of this path, you will see that this is a universal way of knowledge that can be followed by anyone without violating their chosen religious beliefs.

This is a fine point few recognize. The pursuit of spiritual maturity, our ultimate return to Soul and to God, is separate from the practice of religion. Natural Law is neither Christian nor Moslem. It is not even Hindu. It is imbedded in the structure of reality. As we study this path taught by Jesus, so are we studying the structure of reality.

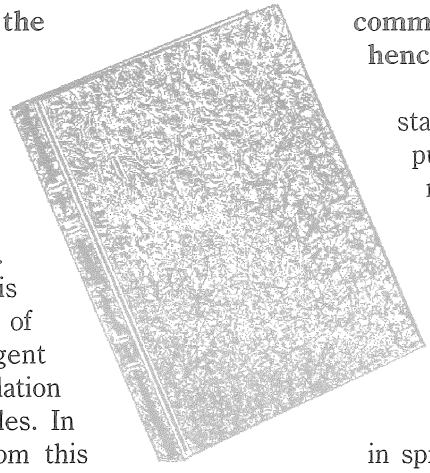
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This line makes the slightly ominous suggestion that people who do not follow the path, thereby violating Natural Law, will experience discomfort that is beyond the control of Jesus. The operation of Natural Law is inviolate; however, the repercussions of such violation may take some time to manifest. When they do, they will be the result of the operation of Natural Law, which is set by the Creator of this reality, not the result of a vengeful Jesus or Father.

25. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.



Let us say that the Comforter is the spirit of the path of learning Jesus taught. Jesus personified the path, however, in his absence, the path remains. As a system of knowledge, it is a self-aware, intelligent thought form, which contains its own revelation to the seeker who dwells on its principles. In other words, if you seek knowledge from this thought form, it will come to you as a source of wisdom and great understanding.

27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

This is the peace found in understanding your relationship with reality.

28. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye love me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

By *"Come again unto you,"* Jesus is saying that he will be with them in spirit, much as he said in line 21. Jesus is stating what is fundamental to most New Age beliefs. That is, passing out of the physical into the higher realms of awareness—what some call dying—is more of a graduation into a greater life, than it is something to dread.

"If you love me, ye would rejoice" is another reference to Jesus, the path. I would paraphrase this to say, "if you understood this way of knowledge, then you would understand that death is not something to fear and you would be glad for me."

29. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

This line provides an interesting insight into the concept of Spirit as a self-aware intelligence. Just as there is the Spirit of Truth, so is there the spirit...of what, the spirit of ignorance and fear? We still sometimes refer to this form of organized spiritual energy as the Prince of Darkness. I believe Jesus is referring to this negative energy as *"The prince of this world."*

31. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Well, there you have it. This is my understanding of John 14. It is not my intention to put words in the mouth of Jesus. You can help me out in this regard by taking time to think this out for yourselves. Do not take my word for it. At the same time, though, look at some of the other things Jesus had to say and see if you cannot find similar parallels to Spiritualist thinking.

What seems obvious to me is that Jesus was a man who was deeply immersed in spiritual life. As a role model, he showed us that everything is Spirit. This Spirit is sometimes in the form of thought forms that offer the potential for spiritual revelation to anyone who cares to pay attention. Sometimes it is in the form of our emanation of hope, love and trust. He showed us that reality is multi-layered and well organized. He suggested that there is a Spiritual Hierarchy that includes a God as Infinite Intelligence, a "Father" entity who is charged with our spiritual education, a host of entities in the form of self-aware, intelligent systems of spiritual energy, and ourselves as students in this world. He showed us that we are responsible for our actions and that it is our choice to seek truth—or not. He also showed us that we will be very much as alive and self-aware beyond the physical as we are in the flesh.

As a role model, one of the more subtle things Jesus has shown us is where our attention should be placed for spiritual growth. Jesus lived in the world, but was not defined by the world. This is a fine illustration of the Principle of Balance, in which, Jesus dwelled in the consciousness of his Father. Even as he lived in the physical world, his attention was on Spirit. He showed that there is a balance to be found between simply living our lives, and seeking spiritual maturity.

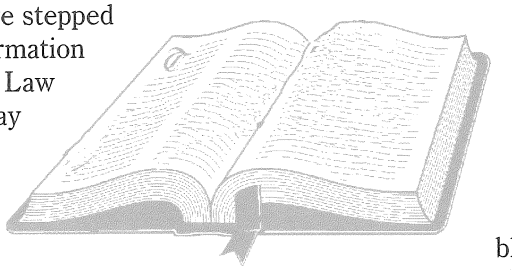
I would like to finish this discussion by explaining why these words have been such a revelation for me. It is through our awareness that spiritual energy is brought into this world, and our ability to bring this energy is governed

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by our spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity is marked by an understanding of Natural Law, so you can see, knowing the things Jesus has taught would help an individual gain in spiritual maturity, even as it helped Humankind.

Prior to this time of mass communications, information about Spirit was held close as a thing of power by the ruling classes of nearly every society. Looking back through history, we can see that, from time to time, special individuals, such as Hermes, Buddha and Jesus, have stepped forth as willing instruments to bring information about the true spiritual reality and Natural Law to the average person. This information may be distorted by intervening generations, but its essence has remained available within the resulting religions.



There are two points I wish you to carry with you on your spiritual journey. First, Jesus was focused on conveying this information to those whom he hoped would continue his mission. If you accept that Jesus was imbued with the Christ Consciousness, and we all are to some extent, then you must pay very close attention to the essence of what he taught—the essence of his teachings, not the religious dogmas that has followed.

Second, please recognize that we are so very fortunate today to have such a vast base of information about the true spiritual reality and about Natural Law. Through the various means of communications, you are able to access nearly everything that was previously held secret concerning the information you need for spiritual growth. Please do not take this wealth of information for granted. Seek to understand these concepts taught by Jesus and others. Jesus was not just spouting platitudes when he spoke Line 12.

Spiritual maturity is demonstrably based on your understanding of spiritual reality. Today, this information is readily available. So I say to you, learn first, the Principle of Self-determination, and then exercise that authority to take charge of your spiritual development.

Humor to put you in
Good Spirits . . .

Learning the English language is easy! Who says? Just read these simple phrases and learn to appreciate how hard it is to learn our wacky language.

- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- The soldier decided to desert in the desert, because there was no dessert.
- This was a good time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- Upon seeing the tear in my clothes I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?



Warm Christmas Greetings!

Happy Holidays, California State Spiritualist Association.

Many Meaningful Millennium Messages Magnified from the Members of A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, NSAC, Smithtown, NY.

Wishing you sunshine, love, good health and prosperity in this holiday season and always! Love and Blessings, from your Florida friends, Rev. Jeannie and Ron Lerch.

May the Spirit of Love touch your soul. Blessings, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST and First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, WI.

Happy, Happy Holidays, Medford Spiritualist Church, Medford, MA.

May each day of this joyous season and each day of the New Year be filled with Love and Blessings. Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller, AZ.

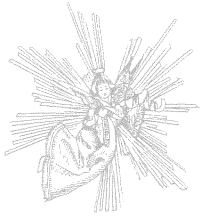
May the Spirit of the Season be with you throughout the coming year. Bill, Cosie Allen and Family, MI.

Peace and Love for Christmas and the New Year. Central Spiritualist Church of Oklahoma City.

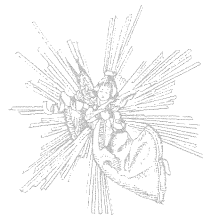
Happy Holidays. Remember if peace is to be yours in the New Year, it is up to you. Love, Marrice Coverson, IL.

OUR PRAYER: ***May Divine Spirit open your heart and soul during this Holiday Season to accept more Love and Light. May each day of the New Year be filled with Infinite Intelligence's inspiration. May the blessings of Spiritualism and Natural Law bring you Health, Prosperity, and Truth. So Be It.***

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Christmas joy to all the world! Spiritualist Desert Church, Las Vegas, NV.

Healing Love to Everyone in the New Year. NSAC Healing Center.

May you be blessed with peace and joy. Third Spirit of Life Church, Rochester, MN.

To You and Yours, From Us and Ours, Merry and Happy Holidays. Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, San Leandro, CA.

Happy Holidays, San Francisco Spiritualist Society, CA.

Best Wishes During The Holiday Season, From the Illinois State Spiritualist Assoc. of Churches. Board of Directors, Rev. Arsenia Williams, Marian Boesen, Rik Kristant, Rev. Florence Heyward, Richard Taylor, Betty Frazier.

Our wish for you all is Love, Light, Health, Prosperity and Joy, today, tomorrow and forever. Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC, AZ.

Merry Christmas. Emma Hoblitt, NV.

Joyous Holidays! From Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp Ass'n., Inc. Board of Directors: Rev. Arsenia Williams, Kenneth Boesen, Richard Taylor, Marian Boesen, Susan McClellum.

Holiday Greetings to All. The members and staff of Morris Pratt Institute.

Life Is An Ever Rolling Stream

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA



Life is an ever rolling stream; this brings to our awareness energy, motion, vibration, movement of every kind. As scientists examine all life, they confirm this motion.

In Anthropology: Life is a time line; cave people were built with more muscular structures to cope with the need to find food, clothing, shelter for both ourselves and our families. Humans are social beings and learned to live together early in history.

As skills with the physical were honed, there was time for abstract thinking (developing of the mind) to produce work saving devices and all manner of invention. Men and women were always psychic beings and inspiration from spirit was always their heritage.

This is evolution, though not particularly Darwin's ideas, but evolution all the same. We have evolved physically and are now in the process of further mental evolution to higher and more abstract, spiritual principles. The world has been formulated on material ground and is now moving into spiritual evolution.

Infinite Intelligence is not the God of any one people, race, nation, individual, but is the God of all people. After all, Creation includes all of us—the tall, the short, the fat, the thin, the big, the small, etc.

It seems when I find what is an answer to my current questions, then next year there are further questions. That is the progress of spirituality. It can only grow by being in the moment, the now, the ever rolling life stream that produces all our opportunities and challenges.

Let us leave any crutches of society that allow us to wallow in the past and not progress into the present and future. Let's look forward instead. According to some thinkers, we have really dismantled the old. The old structures of economics, politics, society, morals, religious awareness, etc. What is our future?

To rebuild is the future. We have all the materials of the old and the power of humanity's ingenuity is available. What are we going to rebuild? Materialism created the latest dismantling; we must think now of another base for our structure. God created humans as spiritual beings first. Our rebuilding must begin there.

Every resource our earth possesses is for every human being now living on this earth plane—share and share alike. No rich and poor, no have and have not, no gluttony and starvation, etc. It is important at this time to change, to politically elect those who will share, not worry about balancing budgets on the backs of the sick, poor or any other needy group. It is about need, not greed. Can we do this? Can we truly care enough to share and share alike?

In discussion with students on this concept, they reflected that we have all been raised in a material condition and it is difficult to think otherwise. Do we know how deep this goes into our lives? Spirituality is sharing, for we know we are all interconnected. We must find a way.

Spiritualism proved life after life repeatedly over the past 150 years, now it is time to move on...what is the message for the next millennium? We must bring about this spirituality change through our own growth into spirituality, leading others into the message of spirit now, and being willing to share in our individual lives. What is spirit's message? If we prove that we are spirit first, we are in eternity now, how can we treat others in any other fashion? Think about it.

The Chinese call the life energy *Chi*; let it flow one to another; be sensitive to each other's needs; follow the Golden Rule.

Life energy (whatever its name) is really just one force, one vibration, one energy. It flows through each and every one of us the same. If God loves one, God loves us all. The energy of Love flows through and to all of humanity.

Progressive thinking is evolution; as men and women are ready for the answer, it will be given. Not from old, worn out text, but from new and vital literature of the modern age of growth and progress. Let's not get stuck in the old; find truth wherever it exists and move into the new.

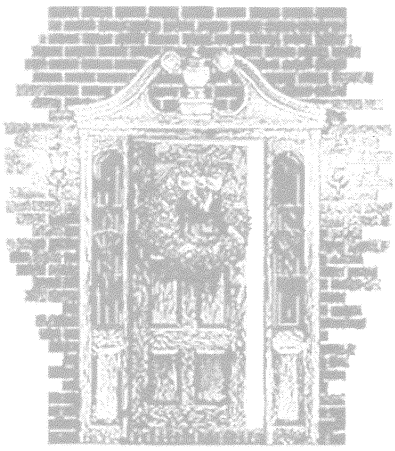
First and foremost, put God at the head of your life. Nothing can harm you when God is your spiritual force. Then we are all in the **brotherhood** of the *Chi* energy and can become one with all humanity.

As a river has a source, it has a destination. We are but drops of water in the flow of life. Together we have the strength and energy to accomplish anything. Consider the destination of the river to be the sea, where we all become one with each other in light and love; the strength of combining.

The Creator made each snowflake individual in design and content; made each rain drop unique. Would God do less with the handiwork of humanity? We are unique in content and design, a valued part of the stream of life.

Same Old, Same Old

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



Bear with me, this is a long quotation, one I believe worth sharing. "There are many of us who are fain to cry 'Lord, I believe: help Thou mine unbelief,' not because of the prescription of a time-honored creed, nor because of the faith which our fathers have handed on to us, sadly battered and shattered by many a blow from destructive criticism; still less because of the dogmas of any ecclesiastical corporation; but because we have seen with our eyes and have proven by severe methods of logic, that DEAD MEN LIVE—because we can argue from their perpetuated life to our own—because we can believe that we too shall one day join the great company that has preceded us—and because we have learned from some of them lessons reasonable, comprehensible, and coherent, of life and discipline, which following we may fit ourselves for the progressive life to come.

"It is this that constitutes for me the moral beauty of Spiritualism. Apart from its religious aspects, viewed as a question of mere psychology, I should always regard it with deep interest, but it would possess for me none of the far-reaching significance that it now has. Its phenomena impress me with ever increasing wonder, though I am not always grateful for the bewilderment they cause me, not thankful for the prominence assigned them by some well-meaning friends who mistake the husk for the kernel. The buffoonery that passes current in the public mind for Spiritualism; the fraud and folly that besmirch it; the unclean things that get mixed up with it; the vagaries of the unbalanced minds that are inevitably attracted to a new and fascinating subject; these things I deplore, but contemplate without dismay. They are ephemeral, and will live their little life and die. Born of human ignorance, nurtured by human folly, they will yield to advancing knowledge and increased sense of responsibility, when the true moral significance of the subject is recognized among us.

"And when they are dead, or when men can look through the fog that encircles them to the light beyond, it will be seen that the moral grandeur of this much-abused Spiritualism rests on the firm foundation of our knowledge of perpetuated human life..." I told you it was long but there is much of it I left out or you might be reading the whole book! I took this quote from *Spirit Identity* by Stainton Moses from a paper originally read at a discussion meeting of the British National Association of Spiritualists, held in London on the evening of December 16, 1878!

It reminds me of the truths we have been given and the importance for those of us carrying the torch today to not be dismayed by what may appear to be the never ending battle to find acceptance as a major religion. So many of the statements still ring true today. We know of our detractors, the fanatics certain of our damnation, while equally sure they can prove us wrong, whose eyes remain closed even when they can find no proof. We know there are still frauds and charlatans, disguised as spiritual counselors the public has no way of recognizing from our own. Are we to think that since it appears the same factions and misinterpretations, mentioned in this quote still exist, that we should be content as we are a smaller denomination than we once were, perhaps a shell of our former selves?

To the contrary, look around you and realize that eyes are being opened. Today our language includes words such as aura, now understood by the general public, which only a few short years ago were foreign to them. People are willingly talking about their experiences with phenomena and books dealing with subjects from modern mediums are flying off the shelves in ever increasing numbers. In spite of the title and the quotation things are not the "same old, same old." Instead of being discouraged by the apparent lack of progress, we should be revitalized by the evident stream of subtle influence we are seeing everyday. Do you think films such as THE SIXTH SENSE would have had the impact a few years ago they have now?

We have entered the time "...when men can look through the fog that encircles them to the light beyond, it will be seen that the moral grandeur of this much-abused Spiritualism rests on the firm foundation of our knowledge of perpetuated human life..." That time is here and growing opportunity abounds. We must prepare by insisting that we stand by the basics and principles that so carefully guided our steps in the very beginning. Mediums who are evidential, enlightened with proper respect for the Philosophy, Science and Religion of modern Spiritualism. Congregations and church boards willing to learn the "lessons reasonable, comprehensible, and coherent, of life and discipline, which following we may fit ourselves for the progressive life to come."

Our role today is not to offer messages, advice and education in too simplified a form, lest we offend, or because it will not bring the material gains of mass appeal.

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Tune Into The Season

There is a magic at this time of year, a surprising freshness with a quality of excitement. Many of us grumble about the expense and the work, but still we look forward to the friends, family and the change in the hum-drum of our lives.

One of the wonders of the Christmas story is that it reminds us of the Supernatural, the Spiritual. A recounting of the birth of Jesus tell us of angels and spirit messengers; a great light which shone round the humble shepherds who heard spirit voices speaking to them; a star, which guided the three wise men to the humble surroundings of the birth. Much trust was placed on spirit guidance. There are suggestions in the retelling of the story of other dimensions or a higher order of consciousness and guidance.

Christmas is the time of year when change and love seem natural and are on everyone's mind. Visualize this holiday as a joyous time to share with others the love that is within you.

Sandy (editor), Sharon (graphic designer), Nancy and Betty (printers) all wish you a happy, inspired Holiday.

Highlights from Virginia



Front: Sylvia Kincaid, CM, LM, and Kathleen Cribb, LM. Back Row: Ann Marie Croteau, Carol A. Brown, Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, Janice Waitsman and Fred H. Brown.

On Sunday, September 17, 2000, The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk celebrated the achievement of two of its members. Kathleen Cribb and Sylvia Kincaid, Certified Medium, both received their Licentiate Minister's certificates. The certificates were presented by the Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, and by the president of the church board, Carol A. Brown. Sylvia is a Trustee on the National board of the NSAC, and had completed her Morris Pratt Course twelve years previously. Kathleen has just completed her course, and they were able to take their tests on the same day.



Front: Sylvia Kincaid, CM, LM, and Kathleen Cribb, LM. Back: Rev. George Kincaid and Frank Cribb.

Sylvia resides in Lily Dale, New York, but retains her membership with her home church in Norfolk. Both Kathleen and Sylvia had strong support from their husbands, Frank Cribb and the Rev. George Kincaid. George was ordained by the Bridge of Light in Texas through the local church in Newport News, Virginia, but works with Sylvia as a team when they visit Norfolk and other churches across the nation.

Both Sylvia and Kathleen have been "doing the work" for several years, and the members and board of trustees of MSC are delighted that they have decided to take this step in their ministry.

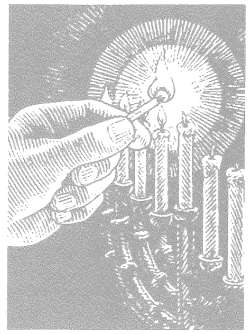
Guess Who?

A featured article in the September issue of *TNS* was not credited with an author because the submission was separated from the cover letter and we did not know who sent *Health of Mediums*. The mystery was solved the other day when the phone rang and Gloria Ney, L.M., said, "You know that article with author unknown? Well, when I started reading it I thought, gee, this sounds familiar. I remembered sending in several articles under one cover letter so I can see why they might have become separated." Thanks for letting us know, Gloria, so we could give you credit for a fine article.

SAME OLD, SAME OLD *(Continued from previous page.)*

Our message must be so clear it can not be seen as "for entertainment only." Today we must offer the true seeker the same opportunity to become enriched with spiritual knowledge, to grow in the knowledge they are preparing for a far greater life than they have ever dreamed possible. Modern Spiritualism advocated by our National Association must remain the way shower. We, as its spokepersons, must endeavor to grow in our own enlightenment so we can cast the light in the fog to guide others to the firm foundation of life perpetual which we already know.

Some criticize our celebration of the Christmas holiday as hypocritical, not understanding that we celebrate the birth of every child as spirit and not just one. May you enjoy a wonderful celebration of your own birth and as this year ends let us vow to put the Law of Attraction into all our lives to bring peace on earth, goodwill to all this coming year.



"What's The World Coming To?"

by Merry Browne

What this world is coming to
from its budding place and pace
is a slowly flowering
of the HUMANE race,
that's out growing selfness
from compassion's blessed birth,
and uniting with all others
as one family on earth,
living in community
below as is above,
what this world is coming to
— is love.

"The Flowering"

by Merry Browne

The formation of Spiritual life
is transformation
from a worldly viewpoint
of clamoring
for materialistic trappings
and false notions of success
that pleasure the ego
and aggrandize the self,
to a slowly attained
other-worldly viewpoint
of what is real,
shedding desire for values
not treasured by the soul,
pleasing the true self
and humbling the ego
to a life of love and service.

ATTENTION:

Churches, State Associations and Camps

TAX FORM INFORMATION



Just an insert to remind Churches, State Associations and Camps of the need to file a 1099 tax form for speakers and workers who have received $600.00 or more last year as payment for their services to your organization. The individual should be give a 1099 form before January 31st with a duplicate copy of this form, and the 1096 companion form, filed with the Federal Government by February 28th.

If there is not any one individual who has been paid $600.00 or more during the year, you do not have to file these forms. Check with an accountant if you have any questions as to whether or not these forms need to be filed.

What happened in DECEMBER throughout the years?

DECEMBER

Noteworthy Dates—December 7, **Pearl Harbor Day**, December 21, **First Day of Winter**, December 21, **Forefather's Day**—Anniversary of the Mayflower's landing in America in 1620, December **Kawanzaa**, the African-American festival.

DECEMBER 4, 1847

The date Andrew Jackson Davis first published the ***Univercoelum/Spiritual Philosopher***. Davis desired the publication to establish a universal system of truth and used it as a forum to express his beliefs in order to try to reform the thinking of the time.

DECEMBER 11, 1814

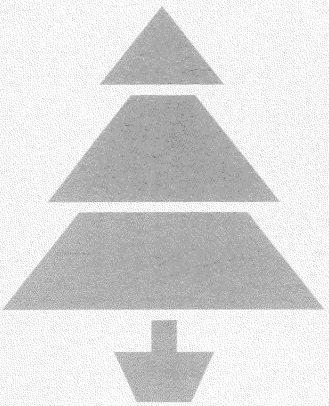
The birthdate of **Joseph Rhodes Buchanan**, a scientist who did experiments in soul sensing, or the "soul of things." He called this psychometry for the energy that remains on objects. He wrote Buchanan's *Journal of Man* and came to the defense of the Fox sisters.

DECEMBER 24

Marrice Coverson, NSAC Board member celebrates her birthday today. We hope she has a great day and a great year.

DECEMBER 22

First day of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. An eight day festival begun by Judas Maccabaeus in 165 B.C.E. to celebrate the purification of the Temple of Jerusalem. There had been a desecration three years earlier and pagan sacrifices had been offered in the temple, so this festival is marked by the kindling of lights.



DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day, the Feast of the Nativity, a time to honor the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. This man was an enlightened soul, a wonderful healer, a medium and a teacher of truths. One great truth he taught was to love all.

DECEMBER 31, 2000

New Year's Eve and the eve to the actual beginning of the **NEW MILLENNIUM**. The first millennium began in C.E. 1, and there is no year zero, so by adding two thousand years to the year 1, and we reach the start of the third millennium: January 1, 2001.

Some will squabble about the beginning of the millennium, so let's add to the argument some historical history. In the 6th century, monk Dionysisu Exiguus recast the calendar in order that years could be counted from the birth of Jesus according to his calculations. Many scholars believe he was incorrect and that Jesus was born in 4 B.C.E. Had the years been recalibrated according to that date, the new millennium would have occurred on January 1, 1997.

DECEMBER 31

World Healing Meditation. An international event that sends positive energy into the ethers to bless the world, the environment, the people and all of God's creations. Let each of us forgive past errors of ourselves and others, and send a prayer of love to friends, family, church and planet. May the New Year be one of peace, joy, love, and harmony.



HOSPITAL VISITS

(Continued from page 8.)

comatose show signs that they benefit from harmonic sounds. Muscles in their faces relax, smiles may appear, breathing may ease. Some have awakened. Hospice reports that it is not unusual for the terminally ill to make their transition when the music is played for awhile. "The music allows them to relax and let go so they can feel God's presence." What a peaceful way to move on to the next dimension. Not only does music in the hospital benefit a patient, it also helps visiting family members.

A patient often has extra time to use while being restricted to a bed, thus a meditative tape may be very beneficial. We have each been taught and have experienced the blessings of meditation, so a guided message that helps to occupy the mind, calm the soul and balance the body is a gift of healing.

The next time you hear of a friend or family member that is in need of some healing, consider sharing a music/meditation tape with them.

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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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