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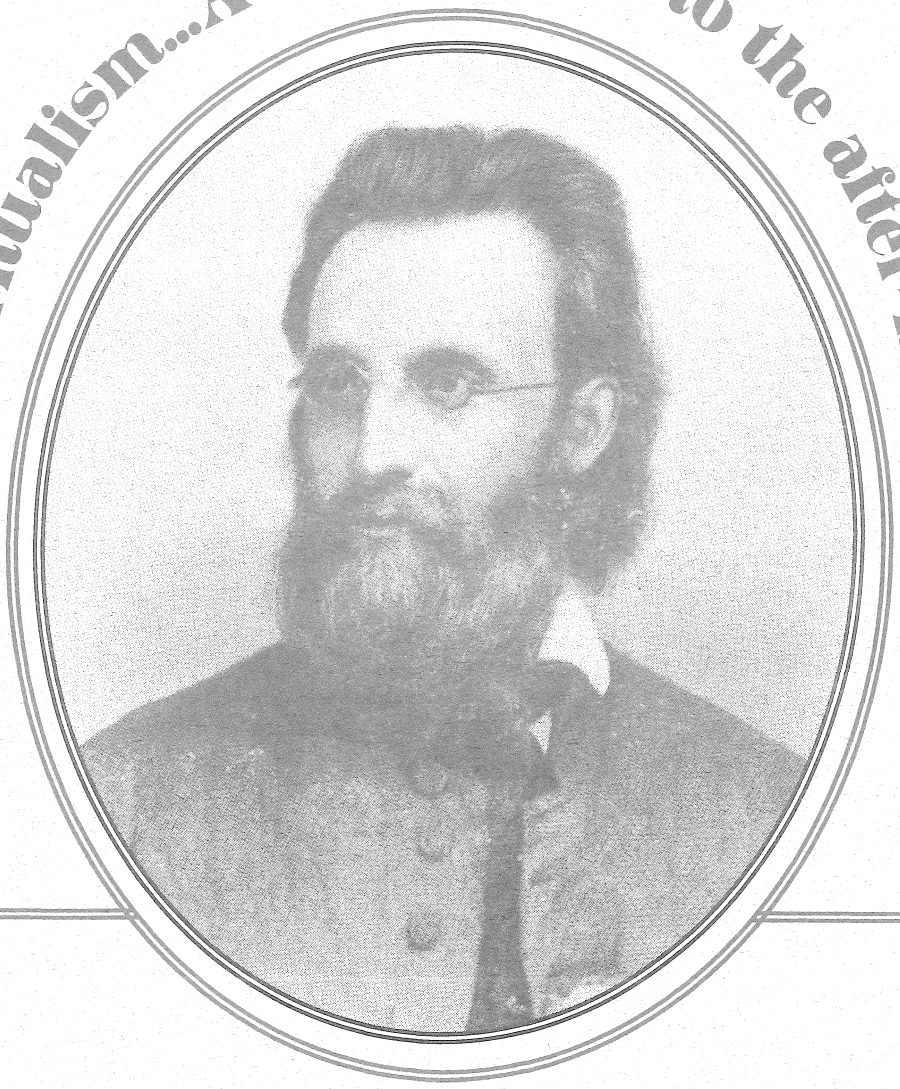
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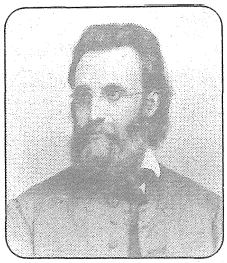


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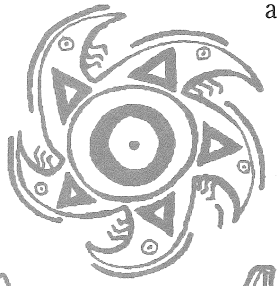
The Seen And The Unseen...

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

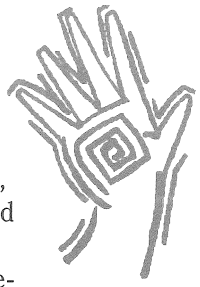
It was one of those days where I felt overwhelmed and under time constraints. I was taking it out on everyone else, snapping and complaining. Nothing made me happy. Finally, I became quiet, took several deep breaths, and prayed to Infinite Intelligence for peace. I then requested one of my spirit helpers to guide my thoughts toward balance. Shortly everything regained perspective and I questioned, "Why did it take me so long to do what I know works?"

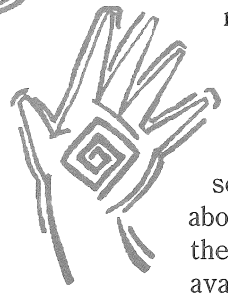
We have all experienced these times, but we, as Spiritualists, hopefully stay in the muck for shorter and shorter periods. We have that wonderful understanding: There is no place where God is not, and we can become aware of the Divine Light within. Spiritualists know we have spirit helpers and spirit loved ones who assist us when we ask. We know we are connected with all life, all humanity by the unseen Life Force, the Universal Energy that flows through everything.

There is the physical world which we experience and see. Then there is the Etheric World, which we can experience in part and see only with our etheric eyes. The seen world is a world of form and material. The "unseen" is the world of spirit, and our spirit oscillates between the two worlds. Jonathan Swift wrote: "Vision is the art of seeing things invisible."



Spiritualists believe in a Spirit World, and they acknowledge that life is so much more than the physical eye can see. It is a step toward the loving light of Eternal Spirit. The essence of eternity is not a fairy tale of another realm, but a fact proven through spirit greetings, through near death experiences, and through after death messages.





We choose our reaction to life's experiences. We can decide to be glum or glad, but either way KNOW loving guides are with you. Many of us have seen spirit around our babies or children. We have viewed spirit helpers in the hospitals. When people are vulnerable then this seems only right that our etheric helpers are present. Remember, our loving celestial guardians stay around, and no one, young or old, sick or healthy is ever alone.

We learn more from our spirit helper's goodness than we ever could from this world's classrooms. When we try to be more like our etheric loved ones the angelic self comes forward. Our souls are endless like an angel's soul or a progressed spirit soul. Infinite Intelligence created and needs us all, so none are more important that another. Our spirit friends cannot see around the corner, but they know that whatever is there, God will also be there. John Greenleaf Whittier wrote:

With silence only as their benediction
God's angels come
Where, in the shadow of a great affliction,
The soul sits dumb!

Did you ever wonder if spirit helpers laugh at what we do and think? If they get dizzy with our roller coaster lives? I often have to laugh at myself, so I hope they also get a chuckle. Our guides quietly encourage us—sometimes we are gifted with a view into their realm. Through mediumship we are blessed to receive communication and truths between this world and the next.

Could you imagine a sick or greedy angel loved one or spirit guide? Some may reply, "No, of course not, for they have all they need and require in the Spirit Realm." The Divine Source of all life *created* the spirit which never dies. God provides that which we need and require, always. This applies to the seen or the unseen dimensions—"as above so below." All that we should desire, the Loving Source will give us, and it is available right now. The difference is Etheric Beings trust and accept their good. We physical beings feel unworthy or are filled with fear of lack. We are Spirit Now!

We have much to be thankful for when we consider how many truths we have learned through spirit communication. There are many views we have of our spirit friends and maybe a comparison of thoughts might be beneficial to help us see how in the physical we need to change our thinking. Let us learn from the messengers of God, by the example our unseen teacher friends display. It is an anecdote to the seen world, a guideline for our growth.

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FOURTH PRINCIPLE

BY KATI BOETTCHER, WISCONSIN

Are you familiar with the fourth Principle of Spiritualism? It states: "We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death." This Principle has been proven to me in my life in many ways.

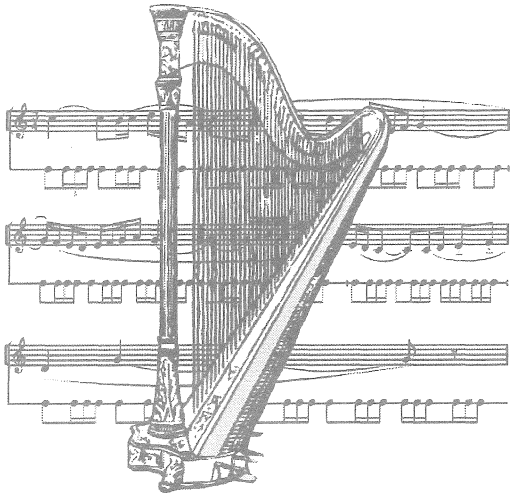
I believe in "life after death" and know with all my heart that a person never dies. Funny how the Principle states "...existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death." *Death?*

As a Spiritualist I strongly believe there is no death. Through communication, I know there is not. There is a feeling we receive when communicating with someone from the Spirit World. It is a feeling of love, but also much understanding.

Someone in the Spirit World always hears us, for there is always someone around. Proof comes to each person of continuous life as they allow it. Yet, there are ways to enhance communication and prove that life after so called *death* exists.

Sit in a mediumship development class each week to make yourself more aware of how to **properly** communicate with someone from the Spirit World and to ideally be able to give another person a message or information valuable to them from someone in spirit.

I want to keep that communication open and ease someone's mind if there are questions concerning existence after life on this Earth Plane. I have made a commitment to myself to prove to myself "life after death." Then once I completely understand it, I want to share that understanding with people who also want to expand their belief system.



At class we hear raps. Have you ever heard them? It is a sound that is different, maybe like a crack or pop on a wall or table. When the raps come, we think how grateful we are to have heard spirit communication. Once we open the circle with a prayer and welcome, it is as though spirit is saying, "I am here, I still exist."

The raps prove to me someone is there, living on, because no one in the room is touching the item that has produced the rapping noise. It is wise to be skeptical to a point and make sure there is not a material reason for the noise. As a Spiritualist it is your duty to investigate everything, to prove to yourself what is real and why, so you can then prove to others the things you have learned.

Have you ever heard this sound when you were not in class or church? Maybe you are in your living room thinking about something you once said to your grandma, and now that she has passed on you think you wanted to tell her more. Then out of nowhere—or so it appears to be—a *snap*, *rap* will sound out and you will know she is there.

There is much comfort that comes when we realize our spirit loved ones are present. Have you ever felt very sure about something and realized that everything doesn't come with scientific, repeatable proof? Some things just exist. Do not take that wrong now, Spiritualism is a Science, Religion, and Philosophy studied with scientific proof of certain phenomena.

Remember the first time you experienced the healing energy, either in the church or even at home alone? It was quite exciting, and then when we began to understand that there are spirit doctors, healers and even relatives of the individual receiving the healing that can come assist the healer, then it became even more exciting.

Could you feel the presence of your spirit helpers? Did you recognize what your grandmother's vibration feels like? Did you smell her perfume? As you may well know, Spirit can give you scents to explain their identity. It is difficult to explain to others how you smelled your grandfather's pipe tobacco, down to the brand,

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when you know you didn't remember it, until you smelled it. When the tobacco fragrance fills the room, you just know they still exist and it makes you feel good.

What about the touch, could you prove to someone you felt a loved one or a healing doctor gently sweep your aura or touch your forehead? We have all experienced a tickle or a touch, so gentle and loving.

We receive messages from Certified Mediums and Student Mediums, that time and time again affirm that the soul lives on in the Spirit World after life in the physical world.

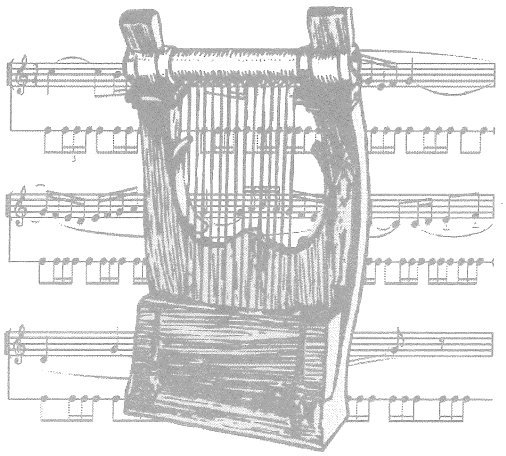
A student has described specific situations in my life that I have never shared with them, through a message from my great grandfather. Grandfather watches over me, hears my prayers, feels my confusion, and comes to me during my meditations. In a message received there were descriptions exactly fitting my great grandfather and advice worded precisely how he has told me in meditation. Sometimes we doubt what we get so when another medium tells us the same that we have heard in meditation, it helps us trust our own mediumship and reaffirm life in the Spirit World after life on this Earth.

Mediums pointed out, through their mediumship, events that have occurred—before they happened, merely so I could be prepared. We must recognize that all future predictions are subject to change since everyone has free will and can change almost anything they want to change. Receiving a message from someone in spirit, with information that you have not told the medium, helps confirm life after death and that the personality lives on.

Have you ever experienced this? Has someone ever given you a message telling you the color of your mother's eyes, or the way your father held his chin, or a nickname only your best friend called you? That is being touched by spirit and is proof of "life after death."

Automatic writing is another way to receive messages from the next dimension. Spirit can answer questions you have by writing with your hand. Often what comes forth is not what we expected to receive, or it is written in a manner we would not have written. This helps us know it is not from our unconscious mind, but our spirit helpers wrote it. Sometimes it begins in one hand writing and then changes to a different handwriting. The teachers and loved ones often sign their names which clearly identifies who they are and that they continue to exist.

Have you ever had a question you need help to answer? Write it down, asking for the higher and greater good only. You might specify who you want to answer the question and direct it to them. Then become still, with pen and paper. If information comes to a question you do not know, check it out later to see if the automatic writing was correct. If so you just proved "life after death."



When you complete any communication with the next realm analyze your feelings. Were you left with an overall feeling of belief or doubt? Do you feel uplifted?

Have you ever just said, "Why God?" Everyone must have in their lives questioned why. What happened then, do you recall? Did ideas pop into your head? Solutions to the problem? Answers to questions? Have you ever been inspired? Did it come through ideas? Dreams? or flow through you when you wrote a speech or gave a lecture?

Where do songwriters get those notes from? Where do inventors or scientists get their ideas and formulas from? Spirit. Spirit is always here, waiting for someone to ask the right question so they can answer it. When we realize this and hear them, we will see that "life after death" exists.

I have heard my grandmother's voice in meditation so clearly that I heard an accent, a tone she had when she spoke while in the physical. I was so touched I left the meditation with goosebumps on my arms and sat in amazement to have experienced such loving proof. I thanked God and my grandma for the experience. I had forgotten she spoke that way until I heard her speak again during my meditation. Without a doubt I *knew* and *know* my grandmother lives on in spirit, and I heard her tell me so!

Have you ever heard a spirit greeting? As a thought, but not in your voice, in theirs? Have you ever received advice from a spirit teacher when you were confused, then in a thought or said out loud, "What do I do now?"

Imagine what Spirit can teach us when we're living here if we stop and listen and realize how close they always are. Imagine what they could tell us about what happens when we get to the Spirit World. Imagine how much easier it will be to learn from them when we graduate to the Spirit World if we learn to communicate with them while we are here on this plane.

How can we prove the fourth Principle? It is proven by the experiences we each have, by the messages from mediums, by the touch and smells of our loved ones. Know there is no death, there are no dead. Have no fear of death for life is indeed continuous. This I believe, feel, and know in my heart. Your proof will come to you, if you allow it.

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

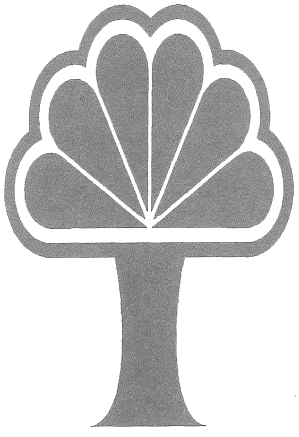
Prayer Healing is a wonderful way to practice Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer, and is something EVERYONE can participate in.

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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

Meditation And Your Health!

BY THE NSAC
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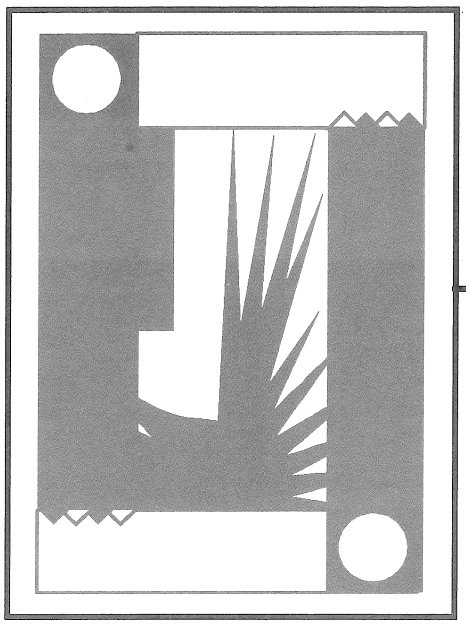
There is power in meditation! This power assists us to create, to bring healing, to help us center ourselves. Each time we take the time to be still, to relax, to quiet the mind, we give our triune being a rest from the tension and stress that surround most lives today.

Science has found that stress and tension are harmful and are known to aggravate many medical conditions. Meditation has been scientifically verified to be an antidote for stress and to relieve chronic pain, reduce high blood pressure, help with headaches and respiratory problems.

A measurable pattern of electrical impulses flow through the brain and these patterns are affected by meditation. Studies have shown that after meditating on a regular basis there are: lowered levels of stress hormones; improved circulation; the levels of lactic acid, a potential by-product of tension, are improved; better oxygen consumption; slower heart rate and a lowering of blood pressure. Research has also shown that those who meditate on a regular basis for several years tend to make fewer doctors' visits than non-meditators. Not only does meditation increase the longevity of our lives, but the quality of the individual life is healthier and happier.

Many think meditation has to take a long time and only works in certain conditions. Meditation is a deliberate suspension of the stream of consciousness and can be beneficial when practiced for a few minutes or for longer periods. If several times a day we take a few minutes to spend with Infinite Intelligence to experience the love, wisdom and energy of the expanded realm, we will receive wonderful benefits.

Each day try to find a time where you can be alone for a few minutes in a fairly quiet place. Sit in a comfortable position and breathe rhythmically. Focus on something—music, colors or patterns seen in the third eye area, a candle, your breathing, a flower, etc. Some say a mantra or phrase over and over again, such as "God is love." Each time the mind tries to wander, try to refocus on the mantra, object or color again. The more you meditate the easier it is to stay focused. If you have not had much luck before, please try again for the benefits you receive are a gift to yourself. Meditation benefits your mind, body, soul and spirit.



Two Prophecies Fulfilled

BY ALISA BUTLER, LM, NEVADA

We all know and remember Mother Ann Lee and Andrew Jackson Davis. They are both important to the Spiritualist movement and are considered forerunners of Modern Spiritualism. Their prophecies of the birth of Modern Spiritualism are not only a part of our history but are also very inspirational and worth remembering on this the anniversary of the birth of Modern Spiritualism.

Mother Ann Lee was the leader of the Shakers. The Shakers practiced communication with spirit, materialization, levitation, and were known for their trance sessions. They lived through bitter persecution in Manchester, England. Following a divine revelation, Mother Ann Lee and her followers set sail for New York in 1774.

It was in the United States that the group was given the name of "The Shakers" after people witnessed what was termed their "peculiar behavior." During trance sessions members of the group trembled and shook violently. Many of us remember that in 1830, the Shakers were informed that their special gifts would be withdrawn and poured out to the people of the world with a promised new era to be inaugurated by the extraordinary discovery of material and spiritual wealth. But, do we also remember that they were told that when the power returned, the spirits would pervade the world and enter palace and cottage. Yes, they were told that spirit would pervade and enter a cottage! The discovery of gold in California and the communication and phenomena at the Hydesville cottage fulfilled these prophecies.

Andrew Jackson Davis wrote many books that were important to Spiritualism and without his teaching Modern Spiritualism might not exist. Reading what Davis wrote in *Events In the Life of a Seer* on March 31, 1848, I am filled with great emotion. He wrote that "About daylight this morning, a warm breathing passed over my face, suddenly awakening me from a profound slumber; and I heard a voice, tender and yet particularly strong saying, 'Brother, the good work has begun—Behold, a living demonstration is born.'" This was the exact date that spirit communication was established at Hydesville.

Reason For Being

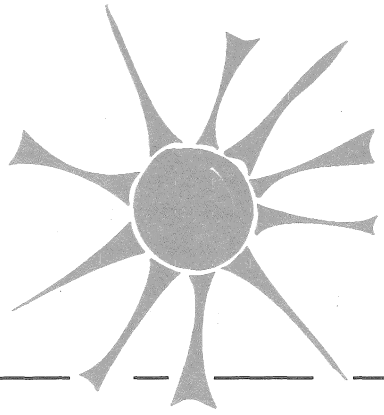
A TRANCE MESSAGE BY ONE FEATHER

It is time for a new path. Do not be afraid; do not be concerned. We will walk beside you. If you trust completely, much will be accomplished.

There is much that we in the Spirit World wish to say. We wish to teach greater understanding of what is meant by unconditional love. Many people in your world use this term without understanding its true meaning. Many in your world say what they think we want to hear, but we know what is in their hearts and what is in their minds. It is the mind that projects the thoughts. The thoughts are sent in moments of emotions and this is a true test.

Although it is within our power to direct or control your thoughts, it is not our purpose and would disappoint the Great Spirit if we were to do so. We try to guide. We try to lead. We do suggest the path that you walk, but it is always your choice. Were we to do otherwise, we would fail in our duty. We, on the Spirit Side, have a duty as you on your side have a duty. That duty is not to always be right. That duty is to always do our best. When we do our best and fail, we learn, and as we learn, we progress. Our object, as should be your object, is growth, for as we grow, we are better able to serve the Great Spirit.

Peace and Brotherhood
Bradley Gosselin,
Massachusetts



E.S.P.

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

All the mighty world
Of eye, and ear—both what they half create,
And what perceive.

Tintern Abbey by Wordsworth

Perception is defined by the scientific world as the process of becoming aware of objects, qualities, or relations and "sensory methods of perception" when the sensory organs of the body are used. These sensory organs, placed here and there in the human body, enable it to adapt itself to its surroundings and thus survive. They are the organs we use to see, hear, taste, smell or touch. Yet, strangely, the sensory organs of a human, at this stage of evolution, are unable to detect "other-world" conditions of any kind.

Extra-sensory perception, is beyond ordinary sensory perception. It is viewing the world when no known use of the normal senses could have picked up the information.

Therefore, we can deduce that extrasensory perceiving is done through some sort of sensory system, not completely understood and defined at the present time.

Many scientists are currently working to improve tests for understanding and verifying E.S.P. In fact, the study of E.S.P. is becoming respectable. Some investigators are now more concerned about the overenthusiastic "believer" than by the diehard skeptic.

Yet, there are skeptics. After studying the evidence of experiments, there are those who believe that E.S.P. is not a fact because subjects who have evidenced E.S.P. cannot do it at all times, nor can the experiences always be repeated in a laboratory under scientific conditions. Also, a subject may show E.S.P. in one set of experiments and fail to do so under other experimental conditions.

Nevertheless, Spiritualists, as psychic scientists, are satisfied with their understanding of this unusual phenomena. We know it exists and use it to communicate with the Spirit World. We have been using and testing this phenomena for over a hundred years and know the mind is capable of obtaining information by other than the ordinary senses. We know we can receive information by telepathy, clairvoyance, intuition, psychometry, precognition, automatic writing and drawing, and trance because we do it constantly, and we consistently verify the information received.

A simple, and not unusual case of E.S.P, has been documented by Tom Harpur in his book, *Life After Life*. It says: "M.M. says her husband died after being ill for some time. When she reached the doorstep of her house, still stunned and in shock after seeing his dead body lying in the hospital, M.M. felt a sudden sense of desolation. She found herself crying for help. Immediately she felt a powerful presence at her left shoulder. It was so strong she even turned to see who it was, and seemed to hear the words, 'You will be alright.' She was able to carry through all the arrangements for the funeral and to care for the needs of her family as though someone was guiding her.

"The whole experience taught M.M. that there is a centre where we can *radio* for help when we get beyond our depth in this life."

There are countless documented cases by reliable witnesses, such as this one, where extrasensory perception has occurred.

As all E.S.P. information is received by the subconscious mind—the level below the conscious level—we, therefore, conclude that the subconscious mind must be extrasensory perceptive or psychic.

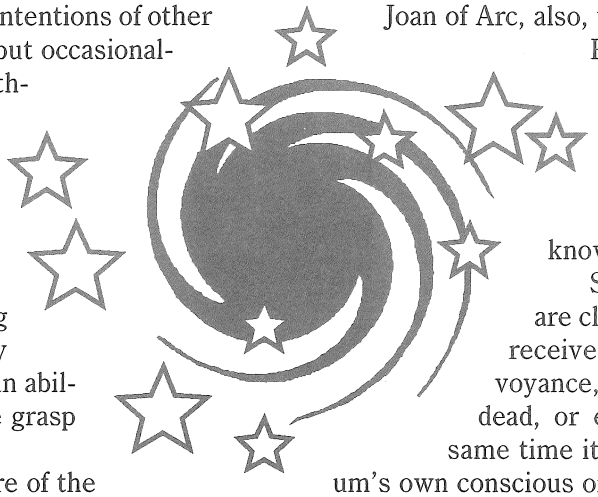
When thoughts and impressions from one individual to another are communicated without using the normal senses, we call this "telepathy." This is not done by atmospheric waves or electro-magnetic radiation nor is it affected by distance, as experiments by scientists and psychic scientists prove.

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Even animals and birds seem to have extra-sensory faculties. It is possible the direction finding, homing, migration of birds may be due to E.S.P. Dogs have been known to see human spirit forms and the howling of a dog just prior to, or at the time of its master's death (although they may be miles apart) is a well recorded phenomena.

Again, telepathy is not a physical process and no language or pre-arranged code, such as Morse Code, is used. Only thoughts, impressions or visual images are involved.

Telepathy occurs with all of us. We may say we have "hunches," intuitive feelings, on-again, off-again, come-and-go experiences, about situations or events, or we may directly sense the moods, emotions and intentions of other people. Such sensings are often vague, but occasionally are sharp and clear. We "pick up" on others, sensing what others are "not" saying, but what they really mean. We may sense unseen presences. Recent data reports this experience is common among people today. Many writers, musicians and even scientists claim insights from a higher source or guiding presence. Many of us have some uncanny skill or knowledge about a subject with an ability to swiftly master or have an intuitive grasp of a matter.



In telepathy, only one person is aware of the communication. In some cases, instead of being aware of receiving communication, he or she has only an unaccountable feeling of dread, depression or elation, depending on the nature of the communion.

Since the ability of telepathy is of the mind, rather than the brain, it is retained by the spirit after death. Therefore, telepathy is one of the chief methods by which discarnate spirits communicate with each other and with the incarnate as well.

Telepathy may take other avenues. Information given through mediums in automatic writing, trance speaking or drawing, comes via telepathy from discarnate spirits, as well as from people still on earth. Inspiration, which spurs creativity, is the direct result of telepathic communications from the Next Dimension.

Because of telepathy, discarnate spirits are aware of our thoughts, and praying is based on this method of communication with the Unseen World. The Ancient Greek philosopher, Socrates, believed our guardian angels are aware of our needs. They know them better than we do. He said, "Give us, O God, what is good, whether we pray for it or not, and avert us from all evil, even if we pray for it."

Another form of extrasensory perception is clairvoyance. In clairvoyance the medium has an extrasensory vision of some other individual, a scene or event, either in the physical world or in the Spirit World. The mind receives the visual image and the perception can be received even if the medium was blind-folded or in darkness. As with telepathy, clairvoyance isn't affected by space or time and clairvoyance and telepathy both occur under practically the same conditions.

The spirit forms seen by clairvoyants look solid, real and natural, just like other human beings. They are not transparent wraiths or ghostly spectres.

Clairaudience is the extrasensory perception of sounds e.g. speech. It often occurs at the same time as clairvoyance. Spirits seen clairvoyantly are often heard to speak, as well. Socrates was guided throughout his life by a spirit voice, in which he had implicit trust. Joan of Arc, also, was clairaudient.

Persons at the point of dying often become clairvoyant and see relatives and friends who are in the Spirit World, although their deaths may not have been known to the dying person.

Spiritualist mediums usually are clairvoyant, yet the information received may come, not only by clairvoyance, but by telepathy from the dead, or even from the living. At the same time it may be colored by the medium's own conscious or subconscious thoughts.

In spirit healing, the medium, in attunement with the spirit helpers, becomes a channel through which the spirit helpers work. The illness is diagnosed by the spirit and apt treatment given—healer and medium working together. Also, it is possible for mediums to learn of another's disease by clairvoyance, or by telepathy if the patient is aware of his or her condition.

Absent healing is based on the linking of the physical healer, and the spirit helper with the patient, and since it is dependent on psychic versus physical forces, it is not affected by distance and space. In absent healing, the medium may have a clairvoyant vision of the patient.

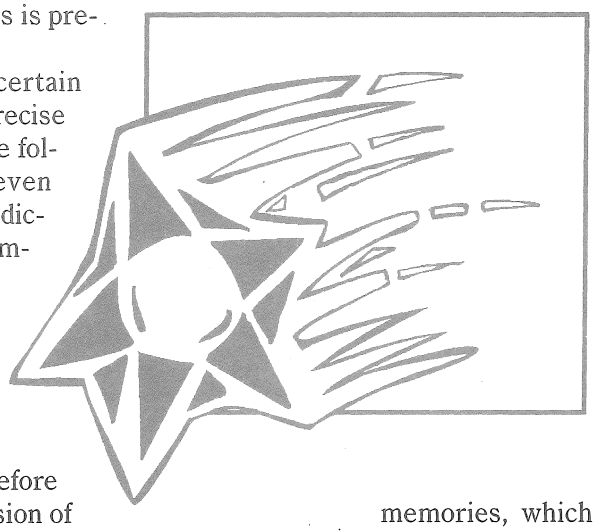
In some cases, telepathy and clairvoyance can be induced by handling or seeing an article which was at one time owned by the person to be contacted—whether dead or alive. This is called psychometry. The article itself, is not the source of E.S.P.—it only makes an impression on the subconscious mind of the medium and acts as a focus for his or her psychic faculties. Psychometry may be responsible for people being impressed by the haunting atmosphere of old houses.

The mind may receive information of "future" events by telepathy from the living or dead, or by clairvoyance. This is called precognition. As this E.S.P. process is due to the subconscious mind, the medium is unaware of how the prediction is formed. Precognitions are therefore not the same as ordinary "predictions" of our daily lives. Evidence

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of this psychic process, called precognition, has been obtained experimentally by using card detection tests.

By testing with playing cards, investigators attempt to explain precognition. For instance—a deck of cards is shuffled, a "sender" in one room looks at them one by one, and a subject in another room guesses them. Scores which are significantly higher than chance are attributed to telepathy. If no one looks at the cards, but the sender correctly guesses them significantly above average, this is clairvoyance. If the subject makes his guesses before the cards are even shuffled and scores significantly above chance, this is precognition.



In newspaper tests, certain mediums can foretell the precise position of certain words in the following day's newspaper, even though at the time of the prediction the newspaper had not completed its design and wording.

In some cases it is possible to explain how precognition could have been made. If a person had decided to visit a foreign country, he might sometime before the visit, have a clairvoyant vision of the country. The conscious thought of the coming visit could have promoted clairvoyance. Therefore, when he went to the country, he would think he had seen it before.

Or, the precognition of a death in the near future might be due to the communication of a communicating spirit who had knowledge of the illness. Similarly, a plane disaster might be precognised, if some discarnate, had become aware of a defect in the machine.

Although an event is foretold, it does not necessarily mean it will occur. It can only take place if all the factors present at the time of the prediction remain constant. However, the fact that precognition is often a warning of danger or illness shows there is a purpose behind it. Some individuals, dead or alive, seem to be giving guidance and help.

Most Spiritualist mediums can draw on their subconscious minds for information, even while keeping their normal waking consciousness. Information can come from his or her subconscious mind, by clairvoyance, or the telepathy from the minds of others on earth, or from a discarnate.

Some critics claim that material given in mediumistic communication does not come from discarnate spirits, but from other sources. However, it is extremely doubtful whether the mind of the medium has such fantastic E.S.P. that it can carry out a clairvoyant search for books in libraries or elsewhere for the required information needed. This seems more preposterous than believing the information comes from spirit sources.

In the trance state all mediums are "overshadowed" when en rapport with spirits. Some keep their consciousness—with others—consciousness is diminished.

While in "full trance" another personality from that of the medium is in control. This control describes other spirits and passes on messages from them or gives advice and guidance. These controls are discarnate spirits which have become associated with the medium to act as a link between the medium and discarnate spirits wishing to communicate.

The degree of trance varies from light to deep. Light trance is regarded as inspirational in nature and is what happens in moments of inspiration and revelation. But in deep trance, there is a close intimacy between the mind of the medium and of the spirit, and the spirit has actual control over the medium's mind. The controlling spirit shows a definite personality that is quite distinct from that of the medium. It may show peculiarities of speech or dialect, specialized knowledge and memories, which will be unknown to any living person and not obtainable from books or records. Also, the medium may speak in a language foreign to him or her, which the spirit spoke while on earth. This is the explanation of the "gift of tongues" and is a phenomena of some mediums today.

As with mainstream scientists, Spiritualists insist on obtaining proof and validating all extrasensory perceptions. We insist that any and all communication from the Spirit World must be able to be verified—must stand the test of inspection and testing as well as being evidential. The messages must succeed in establishing the identity of the spirit involved. It is only well tested extrasensory perception (E.S.P.) that scientists, as well as Spiritualists, will accept.

The Swiss psychologist, Carl Jung, understood E.S.P. and summed up his attitude toward it when he wrote: "They simply happen, and the intellectuals know nothing of them—for intellectuals know neither themselves nor people as they really are. In the world of the latter, the life of the centuries lives on, and things are continually happening that have accompanied human life from time immemorial; premonitions, hauntings, foreknowledge, second sight, bewitchings, magic, spells, etc."

Spiritualists, too, understand E.S.P. and make use of the various methods to understand ourselves, the world in which we live, the next world and those who dwell there.

The Fox Sisters

Pioneers of Modern Spiritualism



Editor's Note: I recently was gifted with several old *National Spiritualist Reporter*, the newsletter of the National Colored Spiritualist Association, U.S.A.

The following article was published in March 1985.

The events which made the family name historic, date from December 11, 1847, the day on which John D. Fox took the tenancy of a house in Hydesville. The family did not experience any serious discomfort until March, 1848. Raps, knocks, and noises as of moving furniture were heard at night.

They increased in intensity. March 31, there was a very loud and continuous outbreak of inexplicable sounds. Mrs. Fox suggested that the sashes might have rattled as the night was windy. Mr. Fox got up, shaking the sashes to see if they were loose. Kate, the youngest girl, happened to remark that as her father shook the window sash, the noises seemed to reply. The idea came to her to ask for an answer to the snapping of her fingers. By this means their first communication with the unseen was established.

The testimonies of Mr. and Mrs. Fox signed four days later, described the occurrences as follows: "On the night of the first disturbance we all got up, lighted a candle and searched the entire house, the noises continuing during the time and being heard near the same place. Although not very loud, it produced a jar of the bedsteads and chairs that could be felt when we were in bed. It was a tremulous motion, more than a sudden jar. We could feel it when standing on the floor. It continued on this night until we slept.

"On March 30 we were disturbed all night. The noises were heard in all parts of the house. My husband stationed himself outside the door while I stood inside, and the knocks came on the door between us. We heard footsteps in the pantry, and walking downstairs: we could not rest, and I then concluded that the house must be haunted by some unhappy, restless spirit. I had often heard of such things.

"On Friday night, March 31, 1848, we concluded to go to bed early and not permit ourselves to be disturbed by the noises, but try and get a night's rest...It was very early when we went to bed on this night—hardly dark. I had been so broken of my rest I was almost sick. My husband had not gone to bed when we first heard the noise on this evening. I had just lain down. It commenced as usual. I knew it from all the other noises I had ever heard before. The children, who slept in the other bed in the room heard the rapping and tried to make similar sounds by snapping their fingers.

"My youngest child, Cathie, said: 'Mr. Splitfoot, do as I do,' clapping her hands. The sound instantly followed her with the same number of raps. When she stopped the sound ceased for a short time. Then Margaretta said, in sport, 'No, do just as I do. Count one, two, three, four,' striking one hand against the other at the same time; and the raps came as before. She was afraid to repeat them.

"I then thought I could put a test that no one in the place could answer. I asked the noise to rap my different children's ages, successively. Instantly each one of their ages was given correctly, pausing between them sufficiently long to individualize them until the seventh, at which a longer pause was made, and then three more emphatic raps were given, corresponding to the age of the little one that died which was my youngest child.

"I then asked: 'Is this a human being that answers my questions so correctly?' There was no rap. I asked 'Is it a spirit? If it is make two raps.' Two sounds were given as soon as the request was made. I then said: 'If it was an injured spirit, make two raps,' which were instantly made causing the house to tremble. I asked: 'Were you injured in this house?' The answer was given as before. 'Is the person living that injured you?' Answered by raps in the same manner.

"I ascertained by the same simple method that it was a man, aged 31 years, that he had been murdered in this house; that his family consisted of a wife and five children...all living at the time of his death, but that the wife had since died. I asked: 'Will you continue to rap if I call my neighbors that they may hear it too?' The raps were loud in the affirmative.

"Many were called in...and all heard the same questions and answers. Many remained in the house all night. On the next Saturday the house was filled to overflowing.

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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

BY MERRY BROWNE, KENTUCKY



"Energy = Consciousness"

Einstein found that everything is energy. David Bohm stated that everything is consciousness. Energy is Consciousness! Bohm said that the substructure of "so-called" matter probably contains energy far beyond nuclear energy. Indeed, as it is condensed energy that contains and is embryo of evolving consciousness of Creator.

"Evolution of Consciousness"

Consciousness first evolves as feelings, slowly evolves thoughts, interests, abilities, etc. Eventually love of the good, the true, the beautiful emerges—at which time such feeling spiritualizes, as it were, our thoughts, interests and abilities, as at this stage we live only for the good, true and beautiful in life.

"The Sixth Sense"

The dictionary definition of the sixth sense is intuition (knowing without reasoning). This ability has emerged in some individuals to some extent, but not to a great degree. The metaphysical overview of evolving consciousness is that it is from sense to soul, from intellect to intuition, but only a rare few have evolved to being pure soul, thus having attained the level of intuition.

ESP—Extra Sensory Perception, however, has emerged in various degrees to some who are on their way from senses and intellect to soul and intuition which includes precognition, telepathy, clairvoyance, remote viewing, psychokinesis, etc. Those farther along the evolutionary path who are coming close to being beyond senses and intellect, closer to intuition and soul are called paranormal because their extra sensory abilities are utilized by souls in world beyond to benefit humanity.

Guided and directed by these other-worldly highly evolved individuals, paranormals on earth perform a world service and are called "world servers" which in the overall plan of life is the destiny of all—the mission of all.

We have reached a new rung on the ladder of life with the emergence of the sixth sense in the human race.

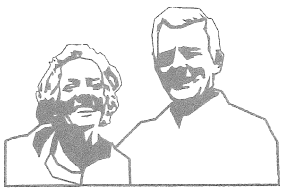
"Community Unity"

In each and every heart lies
a deeply seated longing
for brotherhood and sisterhood
belonging.
Seemingly so separate,
Unique in design,
but underneath the patterns
somehow we combine,
and with a little effort
to understand—align.

THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN...

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ETHERIC SPIRIT THINKING Angel loved ones, guides, guardians, helpers	*PHYSICAL SPIRIT THINKING* Men, women, children
• help but do not interfere	• help others, but want them to do it our way, or get offended
• live in this moment	• tend to look back or forward, missing "the now"
• give of themselves and wish us well	• hold back in fear, or don't notice another's need
• are centered on the work of God	• are centered on self and only occasionally work for God
• radiate from inside	• think life comes from around us
• trust the Creator	• are unsure, afraid of being hurt
• feel joy in giving and know prosperity	• often are selfish and hold on or hoard
• find no joy in another's misfortune	• often gossip
• concentrate on our strengths/beauty	• focus on our weakness and faults
• do the work of love and light	• work for earthly survival
• are filled with peace	• are unsure of life and what's next
• see us as God's reflection	• tend to judge self and others
• are open and accepting	• are often scared and closed



GRATITUDE DAY

NSAC Bylaws, Article XVI, Sec. 4:

"The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as *Gratitude Day* on which all auxiliaries and Churches chartered by them shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society*."

After devoting their life's work to the cause of Modern Spiritualism, it is sad but true in some instances, that these wonderful people have suddenly found upon retirement that they are existing on limited funds. These many times allow for a bare existence. This state has fallen not only on some of our Pioneers of the past but upon some of our members and workers currently. In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This once a year request for donations for the **Spiritualist Benevolent Society** builds a designated fund for the purpose of sending a monthly stipend to those members and workers of the NSAC who have been brought to our attention and are in need of aid.

As there are several people who at this time are in need of this remembrance, we do ask your continued support for this very worthwhile project. On **Gratitude Day**, as you celebrate in your church the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much to each of us with their time and effort, and help us to give them a token thank you for all they have done.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 A message of truth is simple, unadorned.	2 The soul is a wondrous creation of God.	3 Our desires build our life and our future.
4 Life flows to the creative or the imaginative person.	5 "All words are pegs to hang ideas on." Henry Ward Beecher	6 "To forgive is the key of action and liberty." Hannah Arendt	7 A psychic without spirituality and love may hurt a soul.	8 "Success is a journey, not a destination." Ben Sweetland	9 I serve a greater cause as I am kind to others.	10 My desires are to grow in the light of God and good.
11 I look inside my own being to find the answers I need.	12 Life is an adventure to enjoy.	13 If you are not quiet, how can you hear the Higher Mind.	14 Be equal to your talent and your dreams, not your age.	15 To all questions there is an answer.	16 Reality is spirit, not facts.	17 "The people who don't think are rarely at a loss for words." H. A. Newton
18 "Judge a tree by its fruit, not by its leaves." Euripides	19 I am open to new thoughts and new experiences.	20 My Light is growing as I spend time in meditation.	21 "An error is not a mistake until you refuse to fix it." Anonymous	22 "Reading without reflection is like eating without digesting." Edmund Burke	23 Today I will learn something new, and share it with another.	24 I base my life on my breath, my heart/love, and my spirit.
25 I trust the process of life and know I am guided.	26 "There could be no real freedom without the freedom to fail." Eric Hoffer	27 Examine your heart and your truth, review them often to know yourself.	28 Spirit, inspire my consciousness that I may fulfill my purpose in life.	29 All around us there is beauty, even though not everyone can see it.	30 My intent is to become more loving each day.	31 "The memory of every man is his own private literature." Aldous Huxley



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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
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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
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PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
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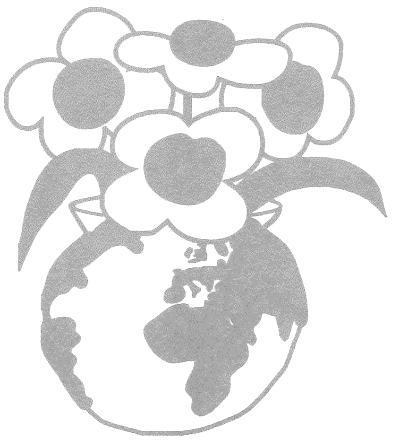
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Master Teachers?

BY THE REV. FRANCES SCHER, NST



Editor's note: Have you heard a medium talk about their master teachers, their high spirit guides? This article, from *TNS*, September 1989, popped out and addressed some of the points it may be time to review. The Rev. Frances Scher, NST, now in the Spirit Realm, was a fine teacher, author and Spiritualist.

Some years ago when I was just a beginning student in a development class, one of the students in our circle announced that she had a visit from her *Master Teacher* from Spirit. She was asked how she knew he was a Master Teacher, to which she replied, "He told me he was one of my Master Teachers." This person is not the only one who believes they have Master Teachers in their Spirit Bands, or who may not be members of their Band, but who do come to them at particular times, for whatever purpose.

Some believe they have in their Spirit Band highly evolved Master Teachers such as Socrates and others of great renown.

I was taught quite early, the importance of the Laws that govern our Mediumship. One of those Laws is the Law Of Attraction. Another very important Law is the Law Of Vibration. The meaning of the Law Of Attraction is, "Like attracts like." So, what we think, what we do, how we live, is what we will attract to ourselves from the Spirit World, as well as from the Earth Plane. Now, since not too many of us here on this material Plane, are of *master* quality, mentally or spiritually, how then could so many wonderful Mediums believe they have Master Teachers?

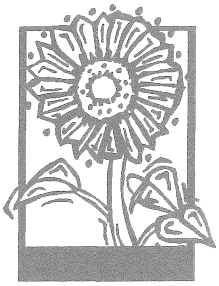
The Law of Vibration enters into the explanation in this way. The Earth Plane is the lowest plane or vibration, in comparison to the Spirit World. True, each of us has our own rate of vibration, just as all that is animate and inanimate vibrates. However, the Earth Plane is only the kindergarten of our learning. We keep saying, "raise your vibration, raise your vibration." We—each of us—can only raise our rate of vibration just so much. Spirit, in order to touch into our vibration, must lower their vibration to become in rapport with us. But the immortal Spirit can only lower their vibration to some extent. Therefore, we must develop our spirituality to such a degree, whereby we can receive the vibration from the Spirit World.

Quite early in my studies I also learned, that to this date, we can only perceive and receive from as high as the Seventh Plane of the Spirit World. There are of course more Planes to be heard from. If indeed we hear from Master Teachers, it is not direct from that Teacher, but rather through messengers sent down through the Spirit Planes, until they reach a Plane from which our own Teachers of our individual Bands, can then relate to us that which was meant for us, but in a vibration we can understand and in a language we can understand. The rate of vibration that comes from above the Seventh Plane would be of such a quickened and powerful vibration, we would not understand it, even if we could stand the power of this vibration.

It has been brought to some of us, this explanation also. Some great Teachers, perhaps such as some believe that Jesus was, might make manifest an immortal Spirit who would look like Jesus, perhaps to let us know that indeed the original message was sent by Jesus, for whatever reason or purpose. Not too long ago, our own young men walked our Earth Plane in robes, with their hair shoulder length, and whose faces were adorned with beards. I thought many of them did look like the man called Jesus.

Master Teachers? If you wish to take on the responsibility of giving information that you presume is being brought by a Master Teacher from the Spirit World, I would say to you this; be grateful for the Spirit Teachers who make up your Spirit Band. Be humble, and be appreciative that you are indeed attracted to those who would guide you and assist you to bring through you the proof of the continuity of life.

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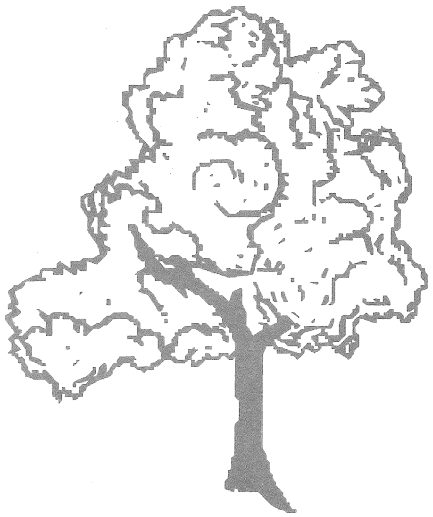


Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writings of students who are currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month are essays written by* ***C. Ray Martin*** *of Missouri, and* ***Tami Schmidt*** *of Ohio.*

The Beginning

by C. Ray Martin, Missouri

THE HYDESVILLE COTTAGE STORY: The story begins with Dr. Henry Hyde in 1815, who settled in a small pioneer community, near Rochester, New York. As the hamlet grew these simple, interrelated rustic folk built a number of small framed homes, a church, a school, some small businesses. Most made their livelihood by farming the rich land.



In 1842, the Bell family moved into a small home that had been built and inhabited by Dr. Hyde, but was now being rented. It is with the Bell family that the phenomenon of our story takes form. A man by the name of Charles Rosna came to the Bell residence as a door-to-door peddlar selling fabric and sewing supplies. He spoke to Mrs. Bell and the house keeper, Lucretia. The man agreed to bring some supplies to Lucretia's father's home a few days later, but failed to show, in fact was never seen again.

Shortly after this visit strange occurrences of rappings began at the foot of Lucretia's bed at night. The Bell family members also began to hear noises. This frightened everyone. Then to add to the situation, when Lucretia went down to the cellar one day, she fell into very loose soil. Eventually the fear and ghostly happenings caused Lucretia and the Bell family to evacuate the home.

Soon after the Weekman family moved in. They too heard rappings and a younger daughter felt what seemed like a cold hand move across her face as she was falling asleep. Jane, the housekeeper even saw the ghostly form of a young man with blond hair wearing grey trousers and a black jacket. Both of these families tried to explain away these weird events as dreams, imagination, rats, etc., but both vacated the residence shortly after the manifestations began.

Soon, the house was empty again and another family moved in. The brave choices they made began to shed some light on the situation, which eventually brought astounding results. In the winter of 1847, the Fox family also became witnesses to similar experiences which the previous residents had observed. The rappings were heard and magnified. The cold hand was felt, but in addition to these, furniture was moved, the sound of someone's footsteps were heard in the hallway and moving down the cellar, accompanied by gurgling sounds and thumps as if a body was falling.

One night (March 31, 1848) the two youngest Fox children, Margaretta and Catherine, tried to repeat the rapping sounds by snapping their fingers, then the "game" was reversed and they asked the spirit, which they called Mr. Splitfoot, to repeat their rapping sounds. In this manner, a crude form of communications was devised between humans and the spirit realm. Through questioning, Mrs. Fox now obtained the full account of who the ghost had been while recently in the body. The ghost/spirit gave his full name and the terrible things that had happened to him in this very house. The peddlar mentioned earlier was Charles Rosna; he had been murdered in the cottage and as time proved, a skull and human bones were found in the cellar.

Mrs. Fox noticed that communication was more prevalent when Catherine and Margaretta were present. Eventually these two younger Fox children gained world renown for their mediumship abilities and for their continued work in the field of mediumship, as communicators with the Spirit World.

The entire happening must have been terribly, terribly frightening and traumatic for the Bell, Weekman and Fox families. At least good came from the event in establishing a form of communication between the two worlds!

This was the beginning of Modern American Spiritualism. Many wonderful men and women answered the call of

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spirit, laying the foundation for the religion of Spiritualism.

Emma Hardinge Britten was known for lecturing, automatic writing and psychometry. Her book, *Modern American Spiritualism,* has a depth of information which spans geographically a wide range of states and individuals active in early Spiritualism. It is well worth the reading of every Spiritualist.

Just a few more of the recognized early Spiritualists are: Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, who had a marker placed in front of the Fox Cottage which read "There is no death, there are no dead." She was later also involved in organizational work for National conventions and the adopted hymnal.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a physician, who was skeptical about psychic events, became very involved in psychic researching and investigations. He was particularly interested in telepathy.

Daniel Dunglas Home, also spelled Hume, was an exceptional medium known for his demonstrations of levitation. Through his mediumship many were drawn into the field of Spiritualism.

Moses Hull, who became the first president of the Morris Pratt Institute, was a fine Spiritualist, who traveled around the United States teaching and preaching Spiritualism.

William James was a psychologist who investigated the paranormal. He attended many a seance, lectured and helped open the door to the authenticity of Spiritualism.

There were many early Spiritualist Publications. *The National Spiritualist,* founded by President George B. Warne, January 1919, became the official publication of the National Spiritualist Association.

Some of the first places for Spiritualist public meetings were Spiritualist Camps. These gatherings still are held at various locations throughout the United States. These Camps are usually located on peaceful natural settings. The days and evenings are well organized to include prayer, meditation, lectures, time for spirit messages to be given and so on.

An Essay...

By Tami Schmidt, Ohio

Nine years after the first National Association of Spiritualists began in 1864, many followers felt a need for change. After many years of planning and reorganizing, the National Spiritualist Association was formed in Chicago on September 1893. One of the main reasons they reorganized was to place the proof of life after death into a philosophy as a basis of religious truth.

The symbol of Spiritualism is the sunflower, due to its strength, ability to protect weaker species from strong winds, provide medicinal value, and its nearly complete balance of vitamins and minerals.

The Declaration of Principles, explained and interpreted by Joseph Whitwell, consists of nine principles that continue to be revised. They affirm the beliefs of the NSAC.

The new millennium has seemed to include a shift in spiritual awareness throughout the world. People are becoming tired and frustrated with living merely on faith. Faith that a God exists without offering any form of communication, faith that there is life after the transition called death, and faith that we have Guardian Angels or Spirit Guides that help us in our soul advancement.

This is another by-product of Spiritualism—proof. People are starving for proof. Our mediums, as well as others, are surfacing once again after a long period of "remission."

But many people turn toward Science for proof. Spiritualism is a Science and investigates, analyzes and classifies facts and manifestations from the spirit side. Religion is also needed for spiritual fulfillment. Spiritualism tries to understand and comply with the physical, mental, and spiritual Laws of Nature, which are the Laws of God, the Divine. Philosophy is also imperative for people to live by and help them in their daily lives...again an aspect of Spiritualism. Spiritualism studies the Laws of Nature in both realms, basing its conclusions on present observed facts, while retaining what was learned from the past.

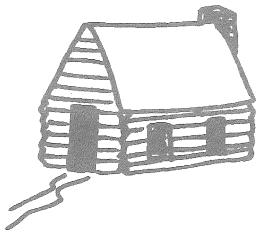


People also want to be with others with whom they can hope to assist them in accelerating their soul, spiritual knowledge, and assist them in their journey to become One with the Divine. Again, Spiritualism is the answer.

Spiritualism worked diligently to become a recognized religion, and is one of the few that is considered a combination of Science, Philosophy, as well as a Religion.

As you review the history of Spiritualism, you will find many of the Principles have been revised, deleted, and added. This shows the tendency of the Spiritualists toward growth, new and better proposals, whether from this world, the Spirit World, or most likely a combination of the two.

The Haunted House At Hydesville



BY THE LATE HERBERT SCHNEIDER

Close to a little crossroad country town
There was a rustic cottage rather small
Withal it had a second story loft
And all construction was of simple wood.

The boards were thick—a sturdy dwelling house
The door thereto was made of heavy planks
A roof of rough hewn cedar shingles too
And all was unsustained by any paint.

Thus neither in nor out was there a sign
Of Grace or decoration of any kind
From dirt floored cellar to the ridge above,
No wealthy languished in this rural home.

Upon the first floor there was a living room
A stove of iron was adequate in size
And fueled by product of the nearby woods
From this, the heat for all and cooking too.

Upon the right another room was seen
Which was the foremost bedroom in the house
Behind a pantry room for stores and stairs
Above were unembellished sleeping rooms.

The country hereabout responded to the plow
The soil was passing good and one could eke
A living, this far out from city life
While most were poor but not unhappy here.

Since eighteen fifteen thereabout it stood
The builders prospered to a larger house
And tenants occupied it ever since
Until the year of forty seven came.
Then henceforth dwellers seemed less happy there
And moved out shortly after moving in
It did seem odd with given reasons vague
Not even humble people would abide.

To tell about a dwelling place is naught
Without knowledge of the dwellers too
So in this humble country house there lived
A family of five of later fame.

John Fox, his goodly wife and children came
From city to this far out country place
And settled down with more or less content
Amid peace and quiet—a couple months at least.
One night in March the strangest sounds were heard

At first a gentle knocking on the bedroom floor
The sounds of moving furniture was next
But everything remained the same unmoved.

The lighted candle had revealed no change
As search was made throughout the total house.
The children stayed within the parents' room
For none could sleep in peace throughout the night.

Then next a kind of tremor shook the bed
Then sounds of walking about the house and stairs
And this went on from night to night
Sleepless desperation seized them now.

It was the last day of the month—the knocks
Were louder, plainer, often rhythmic now.
What evil force of nature threatens here?
These gentle people have no call for this.

Then Cathie sprightly maid of nine
Did challenge the devil directly to his face.
"Look Mister Splitfoot! Do as I do now."
She clapped her hands as in a childish game.

Astoundingly the unseen force replied
With just as many raps as Cathie clapped.
Then older Margaretta likewise spoke
And boldly clapped her hands with rhythmic count.

The perfection of response then frightened her
But Cathie decided it was April Fool.
Mrs. Fox, a woman of courage tested now
With ages of her children and other things.

It gave the age for every child
And one that died was volunteered to her
She then enquired determinedly
"Is this a human being answering?"

Foreboding silence greeted her at this
But unabashed she pursued it now
"Is it a spirit," she then asked of it
"If it be so then make two raps for me."

Two raps instantly resounded out
Then many questions more were asked of it
As many answers given as were asked
So actually intelligence was shown.

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MARCH 15, 1852

Maude Lord Drake was born on this date. This wonderful medium displayed a variety of physical phenomena which she used to help promote Spiritualism. She was one of America's foremost materializing mediums and also in great demand for her gifts of psychometry and as a lecturer.

MARCH 12, 1912

The American Girl Guides was founded and the name changed the next year to **Girl Scouts**. This organization has benefitted many young ladies throughout our country.

MARCH 13, 1906

American suffragist, **Susan B. Anthony**, died in Rochester, NY.

MARCH 23, 1822

Dr. James M. Peebles' birthdate. He was a physician, a Doctor of Philosophy, a great scholar, an outstanding orator, the editor of the *Banner of Light* for years, and a world traveler as a missionary for Spiritualism (three times). He was the author of *Immortality* and many other books.

MARCH 27, 1841

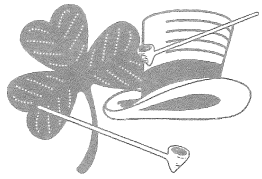
Catherine Fox was born this date. She is remembered as one of the two young girls that the spirit of Charles Rosna made his presence known through raps. Later she toured the country giving public and private demonstrations of spirit communications. Her mediumship was evidential, convincing the sitters of continuous life.

MARCH 31, 1848

Advent of Modern Spiritualism is reviewed at this time of year. The story of the Fox Family and the pioneers remind us of their hard work and the obstacles they faced. Let us send a blessing to all those in Spirit World who worked so faithfully for Spiritualism. March 25th is **Gratitude Day**, a time to contribute to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society, which each month assists retired workers of Spiritualism who may require some help. This is a small way we can say thank you to those who worked so hard for Spiritualism.

MARCH MOMENTS

(3rd) The **Star Spangled Banner** was adopted; (3rd) the **Forest Reserve Act** began for the establishment of national parks; (12th) **Stewart Edward White's** birthday, the author of *The Betty Book* and *The Unobstructed Universe*; (17th) **St. Patrick's Day**, check for a little Irish blarney or a leprechaun spirit friend; (20th) the first day of **Spring**, plant the seeds of summer; (20th) **Daniel Dunglas Home**, a great levitation medium is remembered.



THE HAUNTED HOUSE AT HYDESVILLE

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A man of thirty one was murdered here
A peddler man, Charles Rosna was his name.
His throat was cut to rob him of his wealth
Five hundred dollars was the stake they stole.

Interment in the cellar was his fate
The father of five children needing him
So hatred of a man named
Bell held fast
Until bound him to the place of crime.

When neighbors had first heard of it they said
"Of course no such thing really could be true.
But all had come to hear it for themselves
The many, each in turn became convinced.

Yet not until some many years had passed
Before a skeleton had been unearthed
So deep and secret had it been concealed
However all the facts were proved now.

The question rose both then as it does now
How could it be when it is not allowed
Most all the clergymen had thus ordained it so
Except a few who found out for themselves.

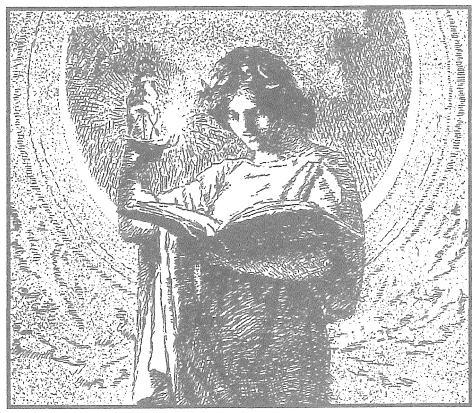
Throughout the state and farther on as well
Great interest had been aroused, because
Some said, "The dead were not completely dead"
While others said, They were not dead at all.
They live in spirit, so they claimed, it was
The reason they were heard and seen about
By many sensitives who dared to speak
For fear of bigot ridicule and harm.

This story wends its way to certain end.
Release of Rosna's hatred set him free
For with exposure was less need to hate
He had no longer need to tarry there.

Some said, "If you are simply good enough
That life is better still in Spirit Land
And if evil, great remorse will be your lot
Until God's light dispels the dark of night."

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK



Asking several people what their opinion was about the difference between guides and teachers, I was amazed at the different answers I received and realized once more how much of Spiritualism is truly an individual experience. Neither right nor wrong, simply the best way for the individual to grow and progress in their desire for spiritual knowledge.

Some told me there was no difference and they thought it a matter of simple semantics with no particular purpose other than to express a difference for the public and those who needed more definitions. Some told me it didn't matter and they never thought about it until I asked the question. They had always heard the expression "guides and teachers" from the platform and never cared to examine the difference. I have always held the opinion that they were very different in how they worked with me and what I have learned through them.

As I started to think about this, I remembered that early in my education my sister had given me her complete library of books about Spiritualism. I found *What Mediumship Is*, by Horace Leaf, gathering dust on my book shelf, and dimly remembered it being one of the earliest books I had read. I don't know if it is still available, but it is certainly an interesting book, and I think it may have had an effect on my thinking from the beginning. It was first printed in 1938, with the last date in my book being the sixth printing in 1955 by the Spiritualist Press in Great Britain. Forgive me for quoting so much, but I just read the overleaf and thought you might enjoy this description of the gentleman himself, *Horace Leaf was selected by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to follow in his footsteps through Australia and New Zealand. Referring to his qualities the famous author said, "There is no more experienced psychic than Horace Leaf and none more capable of demonstrating as well as explaining."* Since Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's acceptance of Spiritualism was one of the first reasons my appetite was whetted to learn more, it would seem fitting that I would find his approval acceptable in trusting the information provided.

The explanation of "guides" and "controls" takes a rather long chapter, but I share with you what formed my earliest understanding and the one most pertinent to me today. *The most popular terms among mediums for the spirits who develop and utilize their psychic powers is "guide"; but experience shows that there are at least three categories in which communicating spirits can be placed. One applied to the intelligences primarily responsible for the medium's development; the second to spirits who merely use those powers; the third to spirits who do no more than communicate with their friends on earth through the medium, either directly or by proxy.*

The most conspicuous and, in many ways, important of those entities are guides. This term applies to spirits who are directly related to the medium by what they call "affinity"; a not easily defined spiritual attraction and relationship. The belief is very old, dating back at least to the Ancient Greeks, who called a spirit thus related to a man, his Genius, and that to a woman, her Juno.

The Ancient Romans later adopted the idea and regarded these spirits as guardian angels, always working for the material and spiritual well being of their earthly charges...

Spiritualists have reverted to the original Greek and Roman beliefs. We know, however, more of the activities of these spirits, because they are responsible for the cultivation of the medium's supernormal faculties and powers. They also appear to be able to stop other spirits from undertaking this task.

Having developed their medium, guides are not always able to use his (or her) gifts. They then recruit the assistance of spirit who can and these I have preferred to call controls.

The principal difference between these two orders is that whereas guides never cease to be interested in their charge, controls are interested primarily only in the use they can make of his powers. As soon as these cease to be useful, they dissociate themselves from him.

Both of these orders are acquainted with the technique of mediumship, the guides being more expert than the controls. One of their chief duties is to make the medium a "go between" for spirits who are desirous of communicating and their friends on earth. These latter spirits, whom I elect to call communicators, may be absolutely ignorant of the processes involved in mediumship. They may be compared to a person who takes a telegram to a telegraphist. Their principal desire is to make known their presence to their associates on earth.

In my personal experience, I find a definite difference between my guides and teachers. My guides work with me on my own progression. Often encouraging exploration and understanding. At other times, they lovingly instruct me in areas where I have the most difficulty remembering I am spirit now having a human experience, and that being human is a state, not a sentence, in some ill defined purgatory of my own making. On the other hand, my teachers spend time trying to give me a clearer understanding to share with the world. They are not so much interested in

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my personal development as they are in the presentation of Spiritualism as the Religion, Science and Philosophy that should bring it the recognition it so richly deserves. They are more inclined to ignore the details of my life and insist on dedication to the cause, often sharing what they gave up, to stand for what they believed. Some have found me a reluctant student and stepped aside for others better equipped to deal with one who seemed too lazy or unwilling for their tastes, (even spirits have their limits). I rarely know their names, as early on, one explained it was not necessary for me to know them by name, but only to strive for the highest and the best for all concerned, and they would be there for me. They said there was no shortage of higher entities wanting to still teach and communicate with those on the earth plane.

I have a wonderful mentor in spirit, and I know her name. It was brought to me in a most unusual way. We were having dinner with another couple when the medium looked up and said, "Charlene, what do you know about Mrs. Lillie? She says she is going to work with you, if you allow it." At that time I was very new to mediumship and couldn't imagine who Mrs. Lillie could be. We happened to be in the Assembly Hall at Lily Dale that evening, and there on the wall was a picture of Mrs. Lillie and another of her husband. I laughed with Al and said maybe she's drawn to me because we resemble them. Later she informed me we did not and we had work to do together. In the *Spiritualist Manual* I found my first description of her, *Mrs. R. S. Lillie, the Spiritualist lecturer and medium, whose thought has the sweet fragrance of optimism and whose style is simple and poetic.*



She often works with me from the platform and when I am writing articles. When you read something that sounds particularly optimistic, perhaps she has had a hand in the writing. Thank her with me for choosing to come to you in this way. We came to recognize her by the term "My dear friends..." which she often uses at the beginning of a lecture.

At one point, I became so dependent on her that spirit was forced to teach me a difficult lesson. I stepped to the platform to speak one evening and as I arose I sent out the thought "OK Mrs. Lillie, let's go to work." I stood there, dumbfounded as nothing came. In what seemed an interminable amount of time I heard nothing! Realizing the error of my ways, I quickly amended my words and said "I get the message. Please help me." The words began to flow, and never since have I forgotten to work to honor all whom choose to let me borrow their words to bring to you.

Sometimes those I think of as teachers are my best guides, while at other times those I think of as guides have proven great teachers. Perhaps the terms are not so important as the fact that guides and teachers can lead us to the higher ground. Let us be ever thankful we have found this great individual expression of our own spirituality through communion with those who paved the way before we were here.

THE FOX SISTERS

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There were no sounds heard during the day, but they commenced again in the evening. It was said that there were over three hundred present at the time. Sunday the noises were heard throughout the day.

"I certify that the foregoing statement has been read to me and that the same is true; and that I should be willing to take my oath that it is so if necessary."

(Signed) Margaret Fox

AN ODE TO SPIRITUALISM

Simply we strive to reach a goal,
Praying for things we want in life,
Ignorant of the needs of the soul,
Regarding not the cause of strife.
Infinite Intelligence plays its part,
Teaching just what we should do,
Usually how we should start
Along the way that's right and true.
Laws of life we must obey
Instead of any selfish choice,
Seeking to understand the way,
May we hear the still small voice.

Having within an earnest desire,
Each working together as one.
Life to its fullest all should aspire;
Pleasures come from work well done.
Seek and ye shall find.

Heaven is within the individual,
Use that precious gift: YOUR MIND.
Men should learn that they are spiritual
And as such, they are related to God.
Never should we think, nor let it be said
I fear to die, to be laid beneath the sod.
There is no death: there are no dead!
YOU are MASTER of your destiny.

W.J.K.

Natural Law

BY THE REV. E. ANN OTZELBERGER, NST, FLORIDA

To provide a background for Natural Laws, let us look back at some of the researchers and share their knowledge, scientifically, spiritually, and philosophically.

The Golden Rule according to Hudson Tuttle, "The first law of the material is care for self; the first and fundamental law of spirit is care for others, which extended in the Spirit World means do all for others."

In Robert Dale Owen's book entitled *The Debatable Land Between This World and The Next*, published in 1871, we see that Natural Law was a current topic of the day. Owen tells us that, "The idea of Natural Law, the universal reign of a fixed order of things has been casting out the supernatural. The idea is a product of that immense development of physical sciences which is characteristic of our times. We cannot read a periodical or go to a lecture room without hearing it expressed." He gives us quotes of various eminent people of the day.

Owen quotes the Bishop of Exeter (at the University of Oxford), "One idea is now emerging into Supremacy in science; a supremacy which it never possessed before, and for which it still has to right a battle; and that is the idea of the law. The weather, thunder and lightening, crops of the Earth, the progress of disease; whether over a country or individual—these have been considered as regulated by some special interference—but the steady march of science has now reached a point where men are tempted or rather compelled, to jump at once to a universal conclusion, all analogy points one way, none another. And the student of science is learning to look upon fixed Laws as universal...natural action of still higher laws belonging to a world whose phenomena are only half revealed to us."

Further in his book Owen shares with us the words of The Reverend James Freeman Clarke, a Representative of the Unitarian faith, "If I consider the wonderful works of Jesus as violations of the law, I should say they were essentially incredible."



Owen tells us the Natural Laws are not only invariable but are continuous. They do not show themselves for fifty or one hundred years and then cease to operate for a period of time. The action of the Natural Law is perpetual from generation to generation—a direct continuity.

Another eminent man in physical science, Baden Powell, states, "The modern turn of reasoning adopts the belief that a revelation is the most credible when it appeals least to violation of natural causes. Thus, if miracles were, in the estimation of a former age, among the chief supporters of Christianity, they are at present among the main difficulties and hindrances to its acceptance."

Science and The Unseen World, by Arthur Stanley Eddington explicitly states, "the tendency today is not to reduce all to matter, but reducing it to the manifestations of the operation of Natural Law." Eddington states, "by Natural Law we mean Laws of the type prevailing in geometry, and mechanics found to have this common characteristic that they are ultimately reduced to mathematical equations."

In *Natural Law In The Spirit World*, written by Henry Drummond and first printed in 1883, he began his work with the statement, "Natural Law is a new word." Interesting, isn't it? As time changes, our vocabulary changes, and often it is semantics which causes confusions.

Drummond points out that pursuit of the Law became a passion of science as each new "so called" discovery came about. For instance, it was felt that actual understanding or the discovering of gravitation was not as great a fact in itself, as was the "revelation" of the Law expressed therein.

To quote Drummond, "The fundamental conception of the Law is an ascertained working sequence or constant order among the phenomena of nature. Given this impression of Law as order, it is important to receive in its simplicity, for the idea is often corrupted by having attached to it erroneous views of cause and effect. In its true sense, Natural Law predicates nothing of causes. They are relative to man in his limitations and represent to him the constant

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expression of what he may always expect to find in the world around him. But that they have any casual connection with the things around them is not to be conceived. The Natural Law originates nothing, the Laws sustain nothing; the Laws are merely responsible for the uniformity in sustaining what has been originated and what is being sustained. They are a mode of operations, therefore not operators; processes, not powers."

Drummond constantly points out that when one studies and understands the Law, one stands face to face with Truth—solid and unchangeable. For instance, "the LAW OF NATURE is simply statements of orderly conditions of nature and what is found in nature. This is substantiated by a sufficient number of competent observers." Drummond goes on to say, "Natural Law is a great line running not only through the world as we know it, but through the universe; reducing it like parallels of latitude to an intelligent order. All of nature is in harmony; man in all his relations stands therein. As we study, we find that harmonious Law is apparent in the physical, mental and the spiritual modes of existence."

Drummond states "that the phenomena of the Spirit World are in analogy with the phenomena of the natural world requires no statement...The position we have been led to take is not that the Spirit Laws are analogous to the Natural Law, but that they are the same Laws. The Laws of the invisible are the same Laws, projections of the natural not supernatural."

Henry Drummond gives us his understanding of the Natural Law in his book, *The Ascent of Man*, published in 1898. He attempts to simplify and explain evolution as "steps in history." He quotes Mr. Huxley as stating "the evolution of many existing forms of animal life from their predecessors is no longer a hypothesis but a historical fact."

Drummond himself says, "all thoughts that the evolutionist works with, all theories, and generalizations, have been themselves evolved and are not being evolved...Evolution involves not so much a change of opinion as a change in man's whole view of the world and life."

In *Life and Matter*, presented in 1906 by Sir Oliver Lodge, the discussion becomes expanded into the Natural Law as the Fundamental Cosmic Law. It is the understanding the Fundamental Cosmic Law established "eternal persistence of matter and force" and their unvarying constancy throughout the universe. All Natural Law is subordinate to this persistence. The following is a further explanation of this in the form of, the NATURAL LAW OF SUBSTANCE or the LAW OF CONSTANCY." This Law is a combination of two Laws, namely:

1. Physical Law of the Conservation Of Energy
2. Chemical Law of the Conservation Of Matter.

Concerning the conservation of energy: Every complete material system, even though subject to a kind of internal activity, demonstrates the fact that the total energy of the system does not change. However, that energy is either transferred or transformed. Energy can only be increased or diminished by passing a new supply of it in or out through the walls.

The conservation of matter means that in any operation, mechanical, physical or chemical, to which matter can be subjected; its amount, as measured by weight, remains unchanged. The only way to increase or diminish the weight of substance inside a given enclosure or geometrically closed boundary is to pass matter in or out through the wall.

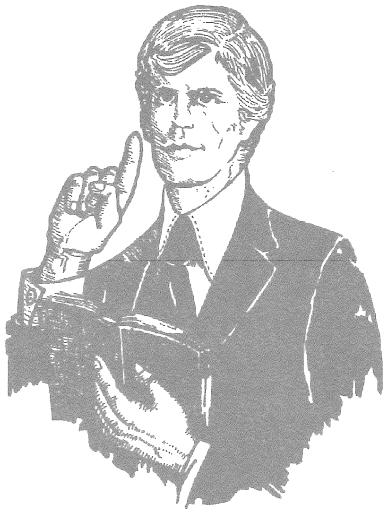
To this, Sir Oliver Lodge adds the Cosmological Theorems. First, it is necessary to define the terms theorem and cosmology.

A THEOREM is defined as a formula or statement embodying something to be proved from other propositions or formulas. A theorem can also be an idea, belief, method, or statement generally accepted by persons persistently watching a situation under like conditions and seeing the same results.

COSMOLOGY is defined as the branch of philosophy dealing with the origin and general structure of the universe, with its parts, elements and laws. It especially concerns itself with such characteristics as space, time, causality, and the general structure and evolution of the universe.

In our position at this point of study, we know that matter has always existed and that this existence is physical. However, matter is in various forms or substances. And, it is further understood that energy is the force that moves matter. Therefore, energy is referred to by some as the spirit—the activating or motivating force of all that exists.

Combined with the previous statements of Lodge, his following theories complete the concept of Cosmological Theorems:



1. The universe or the cosmos is eternal, infinite, and illimitable.
2. Its substance, with its two attributes (matter and energy) fills infinite space and is in eternal motion.
3. This "motion" runs through infinite time as an unbroken development with a periodic change from life to death, from evolution to devolution.
4. The innumerable bodies which are scattered about the space, filling the ether, all obey the same Law of Substance or Constancy or Cosmic Law—while the rotating masses slowly move towards their destruction and dissolution in one part of space, others springing into new

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life and development in other quarters of the universe.

In *The Unobstructed Universe*, Stewart Edward White in 1940, presented his Parallelism of Law. There is only one set of Laws but they are conditioned in two ways—as to the material they work on and the intention. Or, it can be stated that the material is the "OBSTRUCTED" while the intention is the "UNOBSTRUCTED."

Once you review "all" the Law, you will discover that the Law effects creation in the seen as well as the unseen side of life. You will further realize and recognize there is only one set of Laws. But, they are conditioned in the mind of a human by his or her own limits of understanding.

In *Science and A Future Life*, by F. W. H. Myers published in 1893, he presents that which he calls the Cosmic Law. Not only does he discuss rules which concern matter, motion, or abstract qualities, but principles which may conceivably be valid for the whole universe on all possible planes of being. He states that the Law is applicable to three principles: uniformity, conservation, and evolution. All operations in the universe obey the unchanging Law. This supports the understanding that all functions in the universe operate by immutable Law. Further, we recognize matter and energy as indestructible. Finally, we believe all physical and vital operation in the universe follows certain obscurely undiscernible streams of tendency whose Source and God is not known. Thus, Myer states that: "uniformity lies at the root of all science, the principle of conservation lies at the root of physics; and the third principle, evolution, lies at the root of biology."

We find these words written by Andrew Jackson Davis in *From Fire Mist-To-Man*, "...the Laws that govern Nature go on with a steady and unchangeable progression. They are not at anytime retarded or accelerated and nothing can prevent the natural results of their operation. They are established by one great positive power and mind—and equally by a negative or ultimate equilibrium. Hence their continued and united forces by the influence which all things are actuated, governed, and developed, pass on in a steady process of progression."

Davis further tells us that every particle of matter possesses the same power which governs the whole universe and in which particles you see representation and evidence of Divine Laws. Thus, "...in stone you see the property of the soil, in the soil the property of the plant; in the plant the property of the animal or in animal you see man—and in man you cannot see, but feel the immortal principle."

Natural Law was discussed in *Ancient Mystery and Modern Revelations*, by Wilberforce J. Colville in 1889. Colville builds all of his philosophy around the LAW OF ORDERLY TREND. This Law states: "Law is under the operation of which order is universally made manifest from the grouping of atoms in formation of the minutest organism to the arrangement of the planetary bodies in the constitution of the gigantic solar system." Or, in other words, the universe from the least to the greatest is governed in an orderly fashion. He further states the LAW OF ANALOGY is the operation through which we can trace a perfect agreement or exact correspondence between all forms of manifestation regardless of what kinds we investigate.

For example:

- *Hermetic Action*—As above, so below.
- *Ancient Axiom—ExUno disce Omnes*—by discovery of one, learn thou of all.

Colville further states that the result of the many Laws of the universe is ONE LAW. The One Law is "Absolute," beyond time, space and change. The One Law is efficient reason for all things.

In his understanding, he expressed that no special event is divinely predetermined, foreordained or predestined. Rather, there is a sequence of Cause and Effect which no human power can vary. This theory aligns with the LAW OF CONTINUITY.

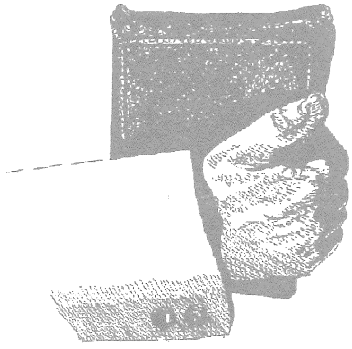
In Arcane Philosophy there are these expressions:

- *Ex Nihilo nihil fit*—or out of nothing is made nothing.
- *Ex Nihilo omnis fit*—or out of nothing all things are formed.

This is expressed further by Colville: "From out of nothing comes the cosmic substance from which all is made and to which all returns."

The three principles in all of Colville's thinking are: Substance, Motion and Consciousness. We are not living in a dead world; but in a living world; we are not unconscious, but a conscious universe in which death is only a change of expression and birth an assumption of a new garment. (This remark by Colville suggests that he may have believed in reincarnation, though it has not been reported as such. And, birth into the Spirit World would find us with a new garment.)

Further, he points out the paranormal operation of those higher or more recondite Laws of God with which we are only imperfectly acquainted. We either call their effects miraculous or shut our eyes and deny that they exist.



Concerning miracles, he states: "So far from holding that what are called miracles are interruptions or violations of the course of nature and thus are regarded as Spiritual Laws which in occasional action subdue, suspend, or neutralize the less powerful physical Laws just as a strong chemical affinity subdues a weaker one but yet combinations strictly in accordance with the collective Laws of the universe—understood or not understood by us at this time."

FELLOWSHIP IN LILY DALE



The Lily Dale Spiritualist Church welcomed five new members on December 3, 2000. Our new members are: Mary Lou Stedman, Tammy Perry, June Wollett, Michael Thibault and Thomas Rugani. NSAC Secretary, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, was assisted by Betty Schultz, Church Board President, and Mike Pillsbury, Vice President in the service. Following the service, friends and family joined the new members for a delicious roast beef dinner, held at the Andrew Jackson Davis Memorial Lyceum Building.

TRANSITION OF ELSIE FEATHERSONG

February 15, 1948 - September 15, 2000



ELSIE FEATHERSONG

A memorial service was held for Elsie Feathersong in Rochester, New York at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2000. It was interesting to note how all the paths Elsie chose to walk came together to share in the celebration of her life. Members of the Native American Community joined with representatives from Security organizations, Spiritualists from many churches, adults and children to share memories of the influence Elsie had in their lives. The Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt, NST, and Fern Hilsinger, Licentiate Minister, both from the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, co-chaired the service. Following the service, a tea was held. The gathering concluded with a private releasing ceremony in the park on the shores of Lake Ontario.

CELEBRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



Rev. Kenneth Wingood, Pastor, Dwight Broadstone, President, and Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, Special Guest.

The Church of Spiritual Life, Salem, New Hampshire, celebrated forty years as a Chartered NSAC Church. The Church of Spiritual Life was founded in 1958 in Lawrence, by the Rev. Edythe Meader as the Pastor. The church was NSAC Chartered in 1960. In 1964 we settled in the Red Man's Hall in Methuen. The Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, NSAC, of Haverhill, with the Rev. Melvena Hafner, Pastor, and The First National Spiritualist Church of Salem, NH, with Leverne Parsons as Pastor, joined our church. From 1981 to 1993 we met in the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church in Methuen. In 1993 we moved to our present location, the Masonic Hall in Salem, NH.



Salem's Wednesday class with Guest Brian & Lynn Kent, demonstrating table communication with spirit.



A Sunday afternoon workshop in Salem with John G. Goldingham, from Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Picture: left Rene Lamontagne, Goldingham and Rev. Steve Hermann.

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

"A zoo is an excellent place to study the habits of human beings." – *Evan Esar*

"Too many people confine their exercise to: Jumping to conclusions; running up bills; stretching the truth; lying down on the job; and pushing their luck." – *Anonymous*

"Bigamy: Only crime where two rites make a wrong." – Bob Hope in *Reader's Digest, 12/92*

The Atheist complained: "The Christians have Easter, the Spiritualists have the celebration of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism on March 31st, the Hebrews have Passover. We atheists have no recognized holiday. It is unfair—discrimination!."

His friend replied: "Why don't you celebrate April first?" – *Anonymous*

CHILDREN WRITE TO GOD...

- Dear GOD: Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones You have?
- Dear GOD: We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did it. So I bet he stole your idea. – Sincerely, Donna
- Dear GOD: I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool. – Nancy
- Dear GOD: I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying. – Elliott
- Dear GOD: Who draws the lines around the countries? – Nan
- Dear GOD: I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? – Neil



Released At Last

by Colin Flaherty, England

Released at last, No more the chains
That held me to this life,
Lessons Learnt—Purpose Fulfilled-No more
The Hurry or the Strife.
I Lived and Loved—Did Good—Did Bad—Did The
Right Things and The Wrong,
And now at Last in Love I Live
To Sing my Spirit Song,
I'll Miss You—Like You Will Miss Me,
But never that Bond to Die,
I understand the grief you will feel
Even tho tears you will cry,
But please don't dwell on what is not
But that which is sure to be,
Be Happy for me and smile with your thoughts,
As you're always my Father to me.

This is a poem written to Pastor Ray Jones in June 2000, when his eldest son was killed in an auto accident in England. Colin Flaherty is Ray Jones' step-son and has written many poems. Mr. Jones is the new Pastor of Way Memorial Temple in Wheeling, WV.



Soul Full

by David Hammer

When the soul is in a state of peace,
The trials of this world do not disturb it.
It is not cast down by the loss of "things."
It is not deprived by the loss of loved ones.
It does not wear the chains of fear,
For it knows that it is in God's Hands.

When the soul is in a state of peace,
The joys of this world do not disturb it.
It is not elated by the gain of wealth.
It does not rely on emotional ties.
For it knows that this is not truly home.

When the soul is in a state of peace,
It is only tied to God.

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"Great minds discuss ideas, medium minds discuss events, and little minds discuss people."

– Hindu Quote

"The work will wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work."

– Patricia Clafford

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

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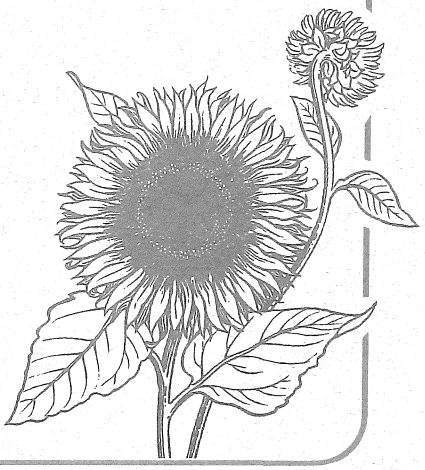
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

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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.

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