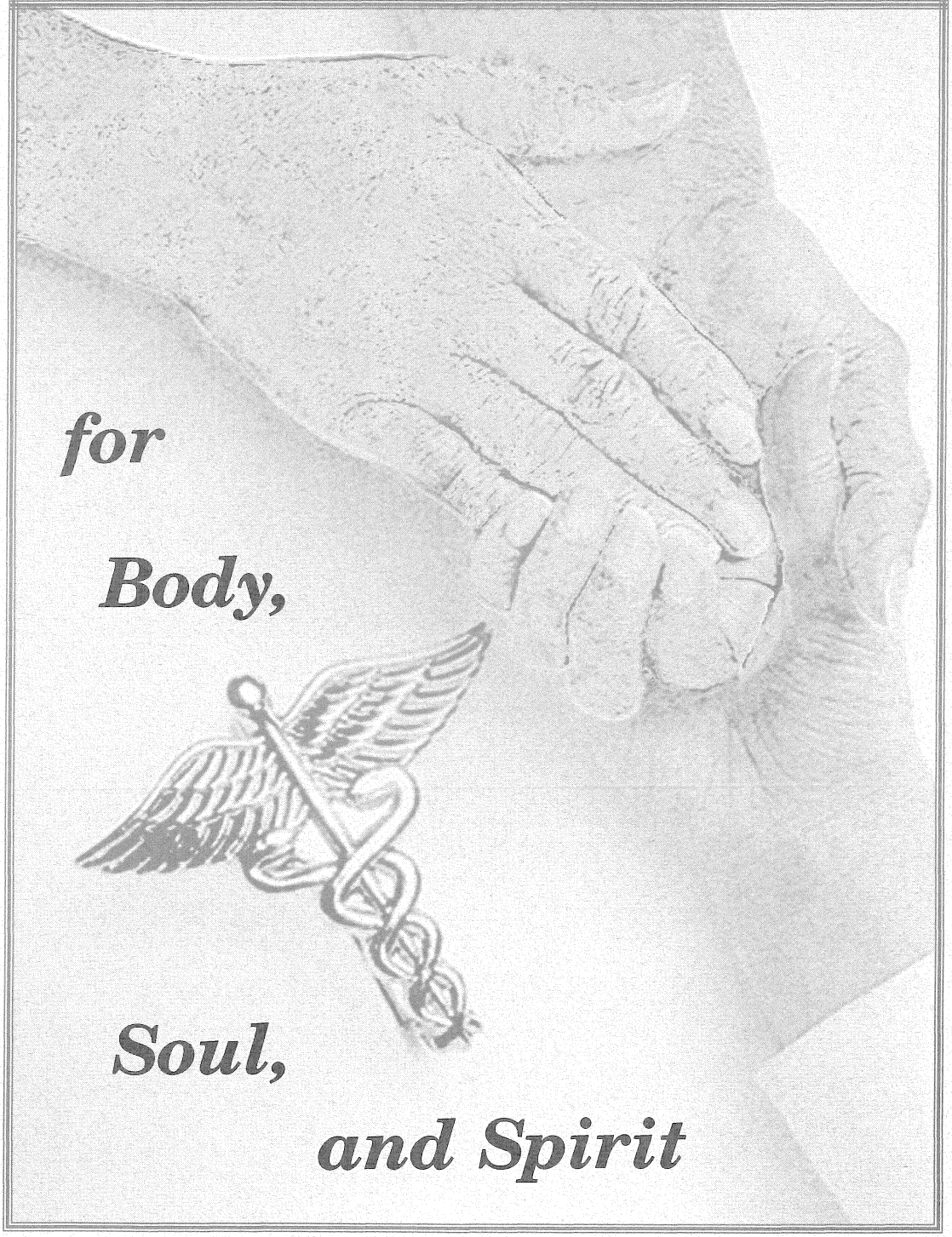
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Hallelujah!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

This joyous word exists in almost every modern language and has been used in many ways. Such as: hallelujah—we met our goal, or we paid the taxes, or we graduated, or whatever we have accomplished. Usually it is used as an expression of jubilant thanks.

Originally a Hebrew word meaning **Praise God**, it was the refrain at the end of many psalms: *Hallel* (praise), *Yahweh* (God). Gradually, as with many words, it changed with use to become hallelujah. This expression of gratitude to God has been in many religions for years, and it is so joyous a sound that it will be sung by men and women world wide for aeons to come. Say it and feel the energy—Hallelujah!

The Christian religion, during the Middle Ages would not use the word during Lent, the 40 days of penance before Easter. It is such a joyous exclamation that it did not seem appropriate at this time. In fact on the last Sunday before Lent, Christians would chant Hallelujah over and over—no other words. Then at the end of the service, a piece of parchment inscribed with Hallelujah was buried in the ground. It was reclaimed on Easter Sunday to honor the resurrection of Jesus. **Hallelujah, life continues, we never die. Praise God.** This is the Easter promise, eternal life. That which God has created and is a part of will never cease to be. The spirit of an individual is more than the body which is just the container for the spirit. The total being is triune: body, soul, spirit. The God spark always lives. Hallelujah!



The Easter story recounts that Jesus **lifted up** and ascended to the next realm of light and life. The *Bible* history speaks of Jesus as a wonderful teacher, healer and medium. A man that embodied and displayed the Christic/Buddhic spirit. This wayshower demonstrated what was possible, showed humanity that there is a way to live a spiritual life in a physical world. Jesus helped others and taught them to live God's Laws.

It is only when we **lift up** another that we also **rise**. How do we lift another up—through love. This was the main teaching of Jesus of Nazareth, to love one another, to love ourselves, and to love God.

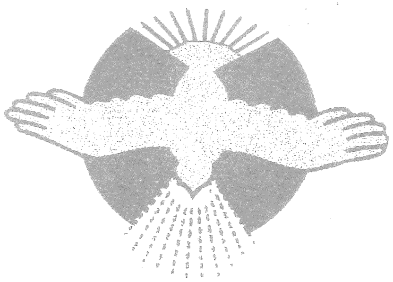
Some other teachings of Jesus to consider: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt. 6:25, 32-33). So often we spend our time *worrying* about life and its concerns that we invest much energy on the physical. Then we *worry* that we are not investing in our spiritual life. Our spiritual life is more a part of our physical than we realize until we stop to analyze all that we do. We pray each day or meditate; we smile and are kind to others; we affirm truth or sing inspirational songs; we share love with others, etc. so we are walking with Spirit and drawing our good to us. "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Truth is the way of God. Love is the expression of God. Good is the outpouring of God and it is there for everyone.

Each thought we have creates an effect, and the more emotion the thought carries, the greater the effect. Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed" (Matt. 8:13). Every time we think of *love, of spirit, of others, let us say Hallelujah*. Use it as a mantra or at the end of a prayer to create the uplifting energy of Spirit.

What a wonderful world this is that Divine Creator has made, and we should each spend some time each day in awe. When we feel the wonder of Infinite Intelligence, we feel totally alive and we are living in the moment. As we quiet the outer to reach to the inner, we allow the Divine to be heard, felt and experienced. Spirit is always a part of us. We have the free choice to discover and attune to the Higher Consciousness, to peace, to healing, to love, to intuition, and to guidance. Jesus said that *the kingdom of God is within*.

The power of Jesus was in his message of love and his teaching of truth and Natural Law. It was in continued existence, proving life after death. The continued experience of Jesus throughout the centuries, as a living reality, again demonstrates we do not die. Jesus shared the gifts of Spirit through prophecy, through mediumship and through healing.

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Healing Power Of The Mind

Taken from *National Spiritualist Reporter*, June 1985.

It calls for the courage to abstain from alleviation by material methods and to rely upon the intangible power of thought. It calls for a leap across a wide gaping chasm, yet those few daring pioneers who made the leap received results that compelled observers to ponder. We know now beyond the shadow of a doubt that bodily conditions are the reflection of mental states, and can be changed without the intervention of any material means, simply through changed thought.

Therefore, when we face the sick person, whether it be ourself or another, we turn in mind immediately to God, to perfection, and endeavor to convince ourselves that this is the real state of the person before us. Were we to drop to a lower level by filling ourselves with the thought of disease, and the physical man before us with all its appearance of imperfection, we should not be using the scientific method that Jesus used. And since He has produced the best results of any healer who ever lived, we feel that His method must have been nearer to the actual truth.

Healing is a blessed experience. But there is something better even than being healed. It is living in daily appreciation of the fact that we are perpetually indwelt by Spirit, that Mind is continuously operating in and through us.

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Mediumship abilities were demonstrated throughout the life of Jesus. The Easter story is really a Spiritualist message, filled with phenomena, such as the prophecy by Jesus of his death and his predicting his betrayal at the last supper. Then on the cross he prophesied, "Today thou shall be with me in Paradise."

The materialization of Jesus to Mary Magdalene in the garden is most interesting for the spirit form cautioned her not to touch him as the materialized form was not yet solid. His voice was the means of establishing his identity for his image was still becoming distinct. When he said, "Mary," joy filled her heart and she knew his spirit still lived. Jesus requested Mary to go to his disciples and tell them the good news that he had triumphed over death, that he had arisen, fulfilling the prediction of life eternal.

There were many more sightings of the materialized Jesus throughout the following days, and also a report of Jesus dematerializing, or disappearing to his disciples. Then later he appeared to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus.

This time of year has long been recorded as a time of festival. Originally it was a pagan festival to represent the Goddess of Spring. The renewal of Nature was celebrated. During the same season the Jewish religion celebrates Passover. This is a festival that encompasses every facet of Judaism with a message of freedom—slavery to liberation—celebrating the exodus of the Hebrew slaves from intolerance in Egypt and the flight to a new land and a new life. Passover sends the message that God helps humanity attain freedom from subjugation. It is a time to honor a God of freedom and remember the privileges we take so for granted today.

The Muslim Community celebrates the end of the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca with prayers for Eid ul Adha, or the Festival of Sacrifice, the festival to honor giving all to God, surrender. (Moses offered his son.) The Biblical stories of the second book of the Bible, Exodus, is also filled with prophecy, materialization, independent voice and levitation.

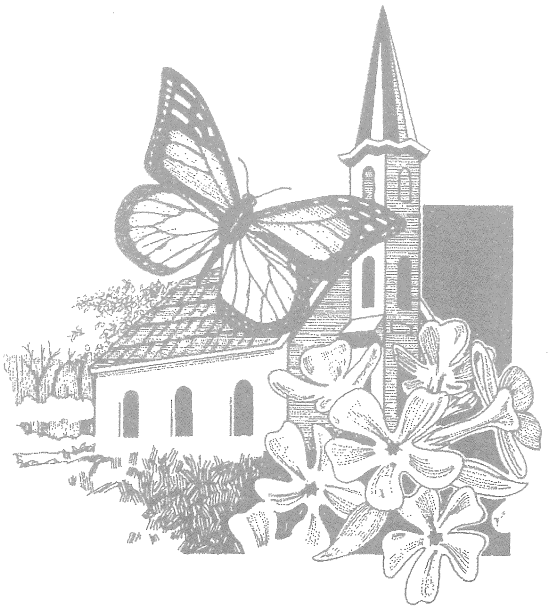
Spiritualism honors all religions, finding truth in each. We also honor Easter as a time of rebirth, renewal, and eternal life. A season of transformation that demonstrates the "existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death." We are assured by the recounting of these holidays that Infinite Spirit has always been with humanity, guiding and awakening the spirit. Life, Universal and Eternal, is a gift from the Source of All, God. Praise God, Hallelujah!



A Sermon I've Always Wanted To Preach

BY DOROTHY M. DILLON

Submitted by The Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt, NST, New York



A few days ago, an old yellowed manuscript with the above title fell out of a box I opened. The author, Dorothy M. Dillon was one of my teachers in high school. It was a paper she had written for a discouraged student whose initials were J.S.C. She had given me a copy when I had been wondering about the meaning of life.

Often I think of her and how glad I am that she took special effort to encourage my budding talents, or I might still feel I didn't have anything worth writing for you to read. She has been the inspiration behind some of the things I have shared with you in the past, but this time it is in her own words. It is a wonderful way to honor her by letting her words reach out to you.

"And now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity and the greatest of these is Charity." At this very beginning, I must rearrange the quotation from the "Bible," for I believe it should read, "And now abideth Hope, Charity and Faith and the greatest of these is Faith."

The attribute of Faith encompasses Hope and Charity (or Love). Hope is the infant daughter of Faith; it is an abiding Faith which rouses the tremulous of Hope. These all men have heard, recognized, and understood. As a child exhibits growth, so grows Hope to the maturity of promise. Charity, or love, may never have expressed itself in those pure and open tones of truth on which we lean in our deepest self when we recognize the depth and height to which this music, even the kind which deals in words and their rhythms, leads us. The tempo of Charity, (called Love) beats in the timing of the human heart. Faith in the certain occurrence of rhythmed beat has again entered the definition of its kindred yet separate part.

It would seem that the Easter message is within the close and full definition of faith above. What is Easter but the bidding of a sleeping, silent faith (even a crucified one) to rise again? Before Love (Charity) could be, there had to have been Hope. What is Easter then, but the bidding of a silent Faith? Hope teases us with thoughts of things unseen, and it inspires us to shelter these hopes with Love or Charity.

From this great triune has come the sustenance of many, the release of many from nerves neurosis, the birth of understanding among the selfish and extra-human powers which seem to flourish in cutting off one's communication with another human being. First, there has been a Hoping: next Charity has soothed our open wanting. At last we understand the magnificent climax of Faith as it builds to a strong, peaceful satisfaction. This crescendo is in the gathering, downward sweep of the majestic redwood tree to dam or canal as the waves mingle with other waters for a new route.

Apt as we are to regard the magnificent as reason enough for its own being, let us not be deceived into contemplating only that which is a confined power beautiful and awesome only in its display of power. There is another kind of power in the dynamic of Faith.

Could it be that a restrained Hope and a released sense of Love (Charity) have engendered the very substance of Faith? Where would one find a better definition of Faith? Here we are, a human few, living on one planet, among planets. What is it that sustains our stay? What other mood than Faith would keep us as we face daily the possibilities of obliteration among the stars of the universe? Or, what signifies that dignified faith in the human individual to which clings the word

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Spiritualism And Christianity

BY THE REV. REBA E. FASNACHT, NST

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Christianity means to me a complete dedication of one's life to follow in the thoughts and life teachings of the Christ Spirit. A true Christian is willing to share the same heartaches, sorrows, persecutions, and even death if need be for the hope of the world. However, there are many Christians, who are regular and faithful in their church attendance, who would not agree with this definition.

The first principle of the Christ teaching is love—love one another, to serve humankind in love. This is something Christian, Spiritualist, Muslim, or whatever religion should agree upon and ask themselves, "Am I willing to share the burdens of a brother or sister?"

The American dictionary defines Christianity as: the Christian religion, Christian beliefs, and Christian practices, one who follows the teachings of Christ. The same dictionary defines Spiritualism as a Science and Philosophy, belief that the "Spirits" of the dead survive mortal death and can communicate with the living. The belief that **all** reality is Spiritual. Note—that it reads, "Spirits" of the dead and not just "the dead."

The *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* defines Spiritualism as the Science, Philosophy, and Religion of continuous life. In essence, this states that God in man cannot be annihilated in death of the physical body. We do not say that the **physical body** does not die or disintegrate, which is the criticism so often made. The religion of Spiritualism teaches that **Natural Law** is the root of all change. The essence of reality is Spirit.

The Christian world will celebrate this month the Resurrection of Christ and preach in song and sermon that because He lives we too shall live; yet, some criticize us for believing it to be true. Spiritualism teaches that the Spirit of the Christ is resurrected daily in our lives as we evolve into the full knowledge of the Christ Consciousness within.

And so it is with those few truly Christians who follow every detail of the Christ Principles of Truth; they in essence believe exactly as we do that Christ did live, met death to His **physical body** by crucifixion, was buried, His **spirit body** arose, was seen in the Garden, spoke to Mary, appeared to His Disciples in the Upper Room and manifested in a thousand ways to those who believed in Him. Note here that not everyone was able to see Him, or even hear Him. Only those who followed His teachings were given this Spiritual sight.

Spiritualism stands apart from other religions in that it is the only modern name for manifestation of the Spirit that has occurred in every age, whether under the form of Christianity or the manifestation of prophets and seers (as in the old Mosaic days) when dreams and interpretation of dreams lead the way of life.

Paul enumerates the many gifts of the Spirit in Corinthians which existed then and do exist today.

Angels came and ministered unto Jesus. Angels come and minister to us through Mediums so richly blessed with many of these gifts.

The Christ teachings stressed the Law of Loving Kindness and the manifestation of Love in the gifts of Prophecy, Tongues, and Healing. All of these gifts were encouraged and present in the life and work of the Christ shown not only in His life and work, but also in the life and work of His Disciples, and practices wherever they went.

Even their followers practiced spiritual gifts in the early Christian church and Spirit greetings are now being given in many of the Orthodox churches today. Even the Roman Church has kept alive the gifts of the Spirit. The Saints referred to in the calendar of the Roman Church were referred to in the early Church in Jerusalem, and referred to by the Apostles and Disciples of Christianity. It is only in these later days that the Church has denied demonstration of these many gifts.

George Whitefield and John Wesley and all members of the Wesley Family and many others who departed from the Church of England had these spiritual gifts and used them without ever considering them to be evil.

The great poet Watts, wrote of the ministering spirit and "Angels" that not only attended the dying Saints, but that they keep watch over you every day.

If you read the New Testament carefully you will find

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ministering Angels (spirits) have an active part in the family of true Christians, and that **without** these spiritual gifts, the introduction to Christianity could not have occurred since teaching alone would not have satisfied those who were seeking a "sign" and a token. This thought is revealed in every book of the New Testament from Matthew through Revelations. Therefore, when Paul said, "Are they not all ministering spirits" it meant those who have passed away from earth and who now minister to those who are heirs to the many phases of mediumship.

Jesus did not establish a creed—the only commandment He gave was "Ye love one another" and His only doctrinal sermon was the Sermon on the Mount. This we can place side by side with the teachings of Spiritualism. Christ's teachings were of the future world, for the establishment of a Spiritual Kingdom on Earth rather than a material kingdom. He sought and worked for the overcoming of hatred with love. He taught that God is a spiritual and not a material King of our lives, that Heaven is a Spiritual Kingdom of peace and love and beauty. He not only defined and located Heaven in answer to the question asked of Him, but distinctly stated that the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Love, the Kingdom of Heaven and Peace are within.

He freely taught about the Kingdom which some of the Disciples had hoped to share with Him and to which He was soon going; that He might prepare for them a place that where He was they might also be.

He distinctly taught the lesson that deeds done in human life which are the result of human thoughts and human conditions must constitute the foundation for a spiritual life.

Spiritualism came into being because humanity needed it.

It came into expression as an answer to prayer uttered by thousands of souls over a period of thousands of years, so that we might be free to live in that Christ-like spirit that is voiced by leaders of **all** religions throughout the centuries of mankind's spiritual growth.

We rejoice in Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Consciousness which is so inherent to Spiritualism and yet freedom is not just a quality that is simply exercised—it is a quality and a Way of Life that must be cherished.

Spiritual Phenomena is an intelligent Power and must flow in an orderly fashion that all the world might know that Spirit contacts are made by way of Inspiration—from the Voice of that great Infinite Intelligence.

If you are a Spiritualist, may your life be dedicated to the Cause of Light and Truth through the wondrous Laws of Nature which flow like a mighty river to the Sea and from the Sea to the vast Ocean of Cosmic Consciousness.

These truths come to us not because we have earned the right to them, but because men and women have planned and dreamed and prayed to put thought into action—to project the Vision of Glory and Loveliness that has touched all those who have been chosen to be saints of this earth—those who throughout the ages, whose eyes have been filled with the Light of Understanding that comes from the vast beyond.

You ask, "What is Spiritualism?" I can only tell you, that to me, it is a way of life—one long Avenue of Experience that leads through winding paths of heartache and sorrow, many disappointments—countered with many joys and pleasures.

Spiritualism is like a great and glittering sea, lapping the shores of Understanding and great Wisdom, with gentle wavelets and the sun shining upon it, revealing the Glory of God in many jewel-like colors, until finally it merges into the great Ocean of the Ethereal.

This is our heritage—the endless ever enlarging, ever increasing knowledge and experience of Life as it is now and will ever be.

Are we reaching forth for that which is yet to be, or are we satisfied with the progress we have made? Are we satisfied because we have had among our number great orators in the yesterdays and great and powerful mediums through the years? Is it enough that we have known many of the greats in Spiritualism or shall we strive on toward the coveted goal?

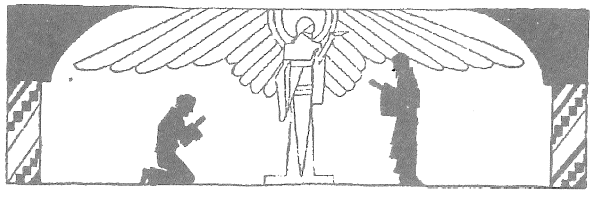
There is no glory in our life because we have known someone in the past. But rather, have we gleaned anything from their lives, their poise, their efforts—something that will be an inspiration for us to follow in the path made sacred by their having walked therein, and something that will lead us to an even greater Understanding of the Truths as they have come to know them in the larger dimension of life?

There shall dawn upon us who remain loyal, a New Light, a New Aura, a New Speech, and a New and greater Mediumship. There will rise up men and women who forgetting themselves and their own desires, having lost themselves in the love and understanding of Spirit manifestation will have a new desire to serve humanity.

The true Spiritualist is a believer in the Divine incarnated in the human spirit; in the glorious inter-communion of the spheres from the most insignificant to the great Source of all.

And so it truly is. Spiritualism is the fulfillment of the promise of the Christ, "I will send the comforter who will tell you all things."

Spiritualism teaches that the vast fraternity is today as it was when Christ preached the Sermon on the Mount—which was to overcome hatred with love, war with peace, and peace with understanding; to bring hope to the disconsolate,



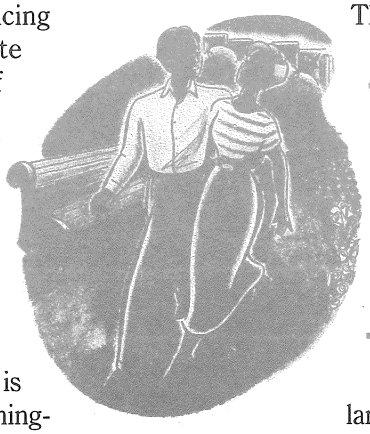
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The Gift Of Touch

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

Sometimes we, as Spiritualists, forget how unique we are. This was recently brought to my attention when a visitor to our church said to me: *"You are different from any church congregation I have ever seen. You laugh—you sing with joy—and*—**you hug each other.**"

Yes! Spiritualism is unique! For we, as practicing Spiritualists, appreciate and use the gift of "touch" in countless ways.



Not only do Spiritualists use the benefits of "touch" in spiritual healing by the laying-on-of-hands, but we know, too, that all "touch" is much more than a meaningless gesture.

We are aware of the significance of "touching" and "hugging" through our studies. We know that the simple act of shaking hands—or—a pat of encouragement or congratulations on the shoulder—or—a sympathetic touch on the arm of someone just bereaved—or—a mother tenderly holding a child, and rubbing and stroking "where it hurts"—or—the warmth of a kiss when it's least expected—all these things are potent gestures.

We know that many people are dying of loneliness because they are not "touched."

Spiritualists are not the first people to understand the importance of "touch," for the use of "hands" and "touch" in healing the *body, mind and spirit* is very old. Medicine men, shamans and healers in cultures all over the globe have used, and still use "touch" for a *blessing, restoring health* and *protection from evil*. In the Hebrew scripture we even see references to the power of "touch" to *heal, bind covenants, transmit blessings and birthrights*, to *set seals on prophets*, and to *anoint kings*.

In the Early Christian Church, "touch" in the form of laying-on-of-hands was the normal way of *bestowing the power of the Holy Spirit*, and *ordaining elders and deacons for the ministry*.

The curing abilities of "touch" was known to the Native Americans. This fact first came to light in 1632 when the French explorer, Jacques Cartier, landed on the shores of what would later be called Canada. Glimpsing the rocky barren land, he called it *The Land God gave to Cain.* But, his record also shows natives believing in the laying-on-of-hands—similar to what was found in Europe. Cartier described how, when he landed, the *wild and savage* Iroquois crowded to the shore, and treated him as though they thought he was gifted with special powers. Their chief, crippled and lying on a deerskin, asked Cartier to *touch* his legs and arms, and then gave him the band of cloth studded with porcupine quills that served as his crown. Moved by this act of trust, Cartier tells us, he devoted "a pair of hours" with these trusting souls.

If we want to be healthy, we must touch each other, love each other, and hold each other.
– Helen Colton in *Joy of Touching*

However, in society today, we are estranged from each other. We accept the fact that the way to meet people is to stand erect and say, *"How do you do?"* And, if we are really lucky, someone will put out their hand and say, *"How do you do?"* It's usually very quick. And at about the age of five or six, a boy child is told, *"No more of this hugging nonsense, you're a man now, and men don't do these things."* It's almost as though touching should be prohibited.

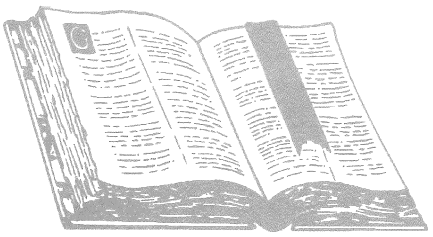
There are scientists, as well as Spiritualists, who tell us that touching makes an immense difference in our lives—physiologically as well as psychologically. I recently read how a doctor at a UCLA pain clinic decided to not write regular prescriptions anymore. Instead, he wrote prescriptions that said, "**Four hugs a day.**" He said: *"Hug once in the morning, once at lunch, once in the evening and once before bed, and you'll get well."*

Dr. Harold Falk, psychiatrist at Menninger Foundation told us: ***"Hugging can lift depression, enabling the body's immunization system to become tuned up.*** *Hugging breathes fresh life into tired bodies and makes you feel younger and more vibrant. In the home, hugging can strengthen relationships, and reduce tensions."*

Poets often locate emotions in the heart, but scientists find it distributed throughout the nervous system and not located in any particular region. Three areas of the brain are important—the hypothalamus, the limbic system, and the cortex.

Helen Colton, in her book, *Joy of Touching*, says that the hemoglobin in the blood increases significantly when one is **touched, fondled, and hugged**. Hemoglobin is the part of the blood that carries vital oxygen to the heart and brain. She goes on to say, that **if we want to be healthy, we must touch**

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Healing In The *Bible*

The spiritual books of most religions tell of healing the sick. The *Bible* has many references to spiritual healing such as Matthew 4:23, 24. This passage tells how Jesus went all around Galilee healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people. In so doing his fame spread throughout Syria and they brought to him the sick and he healed them.

There are references to absent healing also. The story of the man requesting Jesus to heal his servant who was at home bedridden with palsy. Jesus told him he would come to his home, but the centurion answered that he was not worthy to have him under his roof, but if Jesus would only speak the word his servant would be healed. Jesus marvelled at such great faith and told the centurion to go his way and that his faith and belief healed the servant. "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."

Another message of the Way Shower, Jesus, was that we could do all the things that he did and even greater things. Prayer healing and contact healing are beautiful ways we can share love and serve God.

"A Spiritualist Healer is one who, either through his or her own inherent powers or through mediumship, is able to impart vital, curative force to pathologic conditions."

THE GIFT OF TOUCH

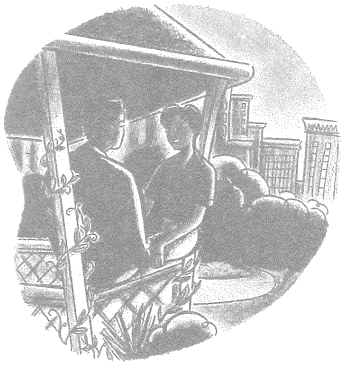
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each other, love each other, and hold each other.

Medical science, too, tells us that the nervous and glandular systems are marvelously interrelated, in psychosomatic ways, that influence, and are influenced by everything from the growth of the body to peace of mind. An example of this interdependence was written up in the *New England Journal of Medicine* concerning thirteen children whose growth was abnormally slow. Investigators found that all the children were emotionally upset by their parents. In every case, the parents were notoriously quarrelsome, often to the point of violence. They deprived their children of love and affection. The children were placed in a convalescent hospital, where within a few weeks their growth rate accelerated spectacularly. Tests revealed that in every case, there was diminished activity in the children's pituitary glands, a symptom of **emotional deprivation.**

By studying animal behavior, we can see the disasters which result from emotional deprivation. One experiment separated infant monkeys from the natural holding, touching and grooming of their mothers, and kept them in isolation for 6 months. Almost right away these baby monkeys began to show disturbed behavior. They began to suck themselves, constantly rocked back and forth, and became extremely timid. They began to show symptoms similar to depression in humans—followed by a phase of emotional detachment or aloofness. When their isolation ended, they suddenly began to behave with hostility and aggression.

Psychiatrists, too, are aware of the relationship between touch deprivation, aloofness and violence, saying that **violence is the ultimate substitute for lack of "touch,"** which surges forth to fill the void. They tell us that when inward life dries up, and feelings decrease and end, then, apathy or aloofness begins. It is at this stage that violence flares up—**a mad drive forcing "touch" in the most direct way.** To inflict pain and torture proves to the afflicted one that he/she can affect somebody, saying, *"If I cannot affect or 'touch' anybody, I can at least shock them into some feeling. I shall at least make sure we both feel something, and I shall force you to see me, and know that I also am here!"*



Many a child or person has forced society to take note of him by behaving destructively, and though he is condemned, at least the community notices him. These are the disastrous results of lack of normal touching, fondling and hugging.

The psychiatrist Rollo May points out, **"The vast need of our society for 'touch,' and the revolt against its prohibition, are shown in the growth of all forms of 'touch' therapy.** *This is an aspect of our whole society which must be changed, and changed on a deeper level involving the whole man."*

Albert Schweitzer said: *"We are all so much together, and yet we are all dying of loneliness."*

Spirtualism is unique, vibrant and contemporary. And, as Spiritualists, we are aware of the potency of *"touch"* and the disastrous results of the lack of it. Spiritualism shows us by teaching, example and scientific proof that to be healthy and happy, we need to be touched.

Communication With The Spirit World

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Information about the after life and the Spirit World was obtained by the early Spiritualists in several different ways. Some had spiritual visions while in a clairvoyant trance, as did Swedenborg and Davis. Others communicated with the spirits themselves, either directly or through a medium. Another way was the study and interpretation of spiritualistic phenomena (Lawton, 1932).



Dr. J. M. Peebles (1902) described people having out of the body experiences and travelling to the Spirit World. A person leaving the body could see it left behind as well as a connecting silver cord between the spirit and the physical body. One could visit spirit friends that they had known on earth, and then consciously return to the body. Clairvoyants have seen individuals from the earth in the Spirit World, and those from the Spirit World have visited earth and revealed themselves (Lobb, 1909).

Communications through mediums can come through direct voice, trance, or automatic writing. Ryerson (1989) defines a medium as one who bridges the physical and non-physical worlds and negotiates between parties. A medium brings messages from those in the Spirit World to those on earth. The National Spiritualist Association of Churches (1991) has this to say about mediumship:

> Mediumship does not depend upon belief or goodness. It has been manifested in all ages, to men of all faiths, to the good, the bad and the indifferent. Goodness and character are the result of individual effort, self control and earnest desire. The truths of Spiritualism have been established after much questioning, much examination, much comparison and much testing. They have come for many years through mediums all over the globe and from many different spiritual sources, with wonderful unanimity; and they satisfy our reason and our sense of justice.

Most mediums go into an altered state when communicating with discarnates, or those in the Spirit World. This may be a simple meditative state with the medium remaining conscious of what is transpiring. Others are trance mediums, which means that their conscious personality is taken over by someone in the Spirit World, who then talks through them. The medium usually has no recollection of what was said. Many of the popular channels of today follow this method.

Crowell (1879) was the first to publish a book entirely on the Spirit World. His material came primarily from sittings with mediums who imparted information from his deceased father and Robert Dale Owen. Peebles obtained his material from mediums as well, but established specific subjects for the communicating spirits in order to obtain comparative data. Sir Oliver Lodge (1916) talked through mediums with his deceased son Raymond, who often used an intermediary, or control, between himself and the medium. Owen (1920) and Stead (1909, 1922) got their information from mediums, using automatic writing. Andrew Jackson Davis dictated his voluminous works while in the trance state. Petersilia (1892) and Hare (1855) obtained material from their fathers who were in the Spirit World.

As the information on the Spirit World comes from many sources, it is not surprising that there is no uniformity in the material, although there are basic trends that are the same. There is general agreement on the aspects of spirit life, but differences in the details. There are a number of reasons for these contradictions. Mediums, spirits, and those receiving the information all have their own backgrounds, knowledge, perceptions, and experience.

The medium could have personal theories, or have read and been informed by books that may sound authoritative, but are not (Lawton, 1932). Peebles (1903) says that mediums can be controlled by underdeveloped spirits; dying does not make a spirit more knowledgeable. Many spirits may have an earthbound point of view, and these memories can fuse with transcendental mental states. Earthbound spirits can be cranks and communicate more easily than highly developed ones (Hyslop, 1918). Death does not mean radical changes in character.

Just as no two people have exactly the same experience, so do spirits have different descriptions. Spirits describing their world have to use our worlds and language, which can cause misconceptions (Tuttle, 1909). Sometimes they say

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What happened in APRIL throughout the years?

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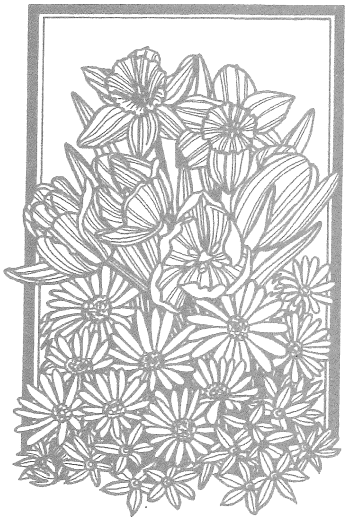
All Fool's Day. *To be a fool at the right time is also an art.* National Humor Month. Daylight Saving time also begins on the first.

APRIL 8

Passover is a Hebrew holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in ancient times, the flight from Egypt and is related to the second book of the *Bible, Exodus*. Moses was guided by Spirit to lead his people to freedom.

APRIL 15

Easter concerns millions of people throughout the world, for in Christianity the sustaining faith is the acceptance of the risen Christ.



APRIL 21

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Rev. Pamla Ashlay, that is our wish for you—and many more.

APRIL 21, 1925

The **National Colored Spiritualist Association, USA** was first organized and is still functioning today.

APRIL 22

Earth Day is every day! Please dedicate some time this day and every day to commit to care for the Earth, the community and all life. Earth care...it means the World to Us! William Shakespeare's birthday is also in April on the 23rd, and from spirit he would feel it was poetic justice to keep our Earth healthy. One person can make a difference, but thousands of people reducing, reusing and recycling can make our world a better place.

APRIL 26, 1863

Harrison D. Barrett, our first NSAC President is remembered today. A very dedicated and active Spiritualist and one of its founders. He was a fine orator, medium, writer, and inspirational person.

APRIL 28, 1831

Fannie Conant came into the world on this date. A medium at an early age, she began her public work in 1852 as a promise for being cured of an incurable disease. Her spirit doctor and helper was Dr. John D. Fisher, and together they helped many. Fannie was also the Message Medium for the *Banner of Light.*

APRIL 30, 1789

George Washington was inaugurated as the first United States President.

APRIL

The **Kumbh Mela** is a three-month long Hindu festival that celebrates the gift of immortality. The festival is held every three years and millions of Hindus immerse themselves in the Ganges River. **Volunteers** are honored this month and it is a perfect time and opportunity to say "thank you" to all those who do so much for the Spiritualist Organization, Camps and Churches. Without their time, dedication and energy we would be left wanting. Bless them—we appreciate their willingness to serve. **NSAC SPIRITUAL HEALING MONTH!** Let us all pray to the Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstruction and restore peace and harmony everywhere.

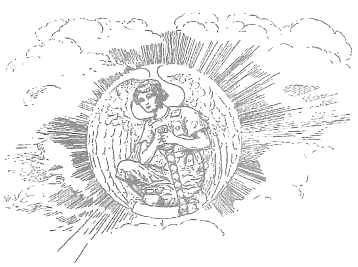
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there are not adequate words to describe something.

Messages can be given correctly, but not interpreted correctly by either the medium or the receiver of the information. Differences of opinion or distortion of messages by the subconscious of the medium can easily happen. Hyslop (1919) points out that messages are often not represented in the same way by those who are communicating. For example, one may say that clothing has substance and another may say it is created by thought, but they both mean the same thing.

Perceptions may vary due to other causes. A medium who generally gives accurate messages that can be verified can be fatigued or distracted, and therefore give information that is not correct. Someone in the Spirit World may describe something that is unfamiliar to the medium, so the message may be distorted. All of these factors help to account for discrepancies and variations in descriptions of the Spirit World.



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A SERMON I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PREACH *(Continued from page 5.)*

democracy*? Faith is his (or hers) who advances in the face of an attack. "And now abideth Hope, Charity and Faith and the greatest of these is Faith." To this I would appendage the words of Jesus spoken to one who had come to him to be healed: "Thy faith hath made thee whole."*

How do these words, written in March of 1959 apply to us in April 2001? Perhaps, these past few months have left us feeling jaded and discontent with the world we know today, hoping to find reason for the tumultuous and perilous times which it seems we live. I believe that we need to reawaken our own faith in things unseen and for those of us suffering from any "dis-ease" know that we are meant to be made whole.

As our Christian friends celebrate the resurrection of one, let us celebrate the resurrection of all. Spiritualists may become so familiar with the phenomena we are privileged to experience, we forget the hope and faith that brought us to discover this truth. The truth of continual life. Others pay homage in hope, while we rejoice in knowing.

Remember how you felt when you first accepted the truth of communication? Remember the faith you had when others tried to dissuade you from your path? Honor that truth by living your Faith and encouraging the Hope in others with unfailing Charity more commonly called today, unconditional Love.



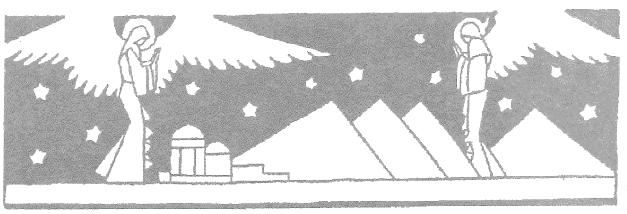
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dry the tears of the mourners, reveal the Light that is hidden by one's blindness to the Truth, and to bring men and women into divine knowledge of the Soul and Spirit as being triumphant over death.

The more perfectly we understand Spiritualism and the more perfectly we live it, the greater will be the achievements of tomorrow, by which we grow and open avenues through which larger expression will be made from Infinite Intelligence, God the Universal Spirit.

"God speaks to man through man."

We are not all called to be ministers. We are not all gifted with Mediumship, but if we Spiritualists are consciously aware of the presence of Infinite Intelligence and meditate upon the power of the Spirit it could yet be said that Spiritualism will teach the World. Spiritualism is Truth marching on.



Questions & Answers

Q **Are my thoughts the basis of my illness?**

A Thought is the basis of all actions, which is why, when you change your thinking, you change the actions and reactions around you. We each possess a conscious and subconscious mind with each thought effecting every cell of our human body, either for health or disease. We are what we think, therefore, we can use suggestion, or the control of our thoughts, to achieve our desired destiny. Love messages sent into the ethers return as sweet music which heals the soul.

Q **If I try to live consciously in God will I be healthy?**

A Living consciously in God means recognizing that God expresses as souls, that there is no separation with the allness of God. Most of us view ourselves as mortal beings, with the illusion of selfhood, but we are not separate from Infinite Intelligence. Once we know this oneness, we accept any manner God wishes to express through us. Periods of "dis-ease" often have a greater purpose which the Source reveals as life progresses. Oneness with Spirit doesn't mean we will avoid upsetting circumstances in our lives.

Working to live consciously in a spiritual, loving manner will, through Natural Law, attract life-enhancing energy. As we become aware of our God-union, which is our true nature, fears, judgements, stresses relax attracting greater joy, light and positive energy. It is my belief that you will be more healthy; however, remember that there are times when soul growth requires some letting go through discomfort. Look for the gift from Infinite Spirit in all experiences, for as we cooperate with God's will, our spiritual growth is quickened. "That person is wisest who aspires to know God. That person is most successful who realizes God." Paramahansa Yogananda

Q **My sister, who is not a Spiritualist, seems to receive healing answers to her prayers faster than I do. Why?**

A This is difficult to completely answer, not knowing either of you, or the circumstances, but the **healing principle is the same for everyone.** There may be a few factors that might be involved in her faster healing. Intention and desire are both very important in the healing process. One must really want to be healed. Belief and trust in the healing process invites the healing energy to enter. Forgiveness and letting go speed the acceptance of the Spiritual Power. Any lasting healing accompanies a transformation in consciousness—*and I will do my part.* It could also be that when your sister requires healing, that you, as a loving healer, send prayers which greatly help her. Each of us are unique, so do not compare your expression in life with another's. –SP



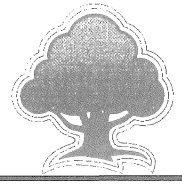
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Humor and laughter are healing for the soul.	**2** Expressing Love is our higher energy, our God force.	**3** I am thankful for my life and my lessons.	**4** The presence of Spirit assures me that I am complete.	**5** I welcome inspiration from within for every decision.	**6** Healing comes with Love and with God.	**7** I am more than a physical being—I am a spiritual being.
8 Let there always be physical, mental and spiritual freedom.	**9** Prayer helps me attune to the blessings of the Infinite.	**10** "The truth is more important than the facts." *Frank Lloyd Wright*	**11** We often appreciate our blessings when we see others without.	**12** Deep within you is the greatest treasure you will ever need.	**13** "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." *W. James*	**14** All life is about healing, becoming balanced and attuned to God.
15 What a blessing it is to know that life is continuous.	**16** "When we deliberate it is about means and not ends." *Aristotle*	**17** "Modesty is the kind concession that courage grants inferiority." *Princess Diana*	**18** It is our emotions that sets something we have learned.	**19** Each time we remove a false conception we heal.	**20** Forgiveness releases positive energy.	**21** Life is wonderful because it continues to expand us so we may blossom.
22 Today I spend time caring for this beautiful blue Planet.	**23** The Power of all creation is Love.	**24** "God enters every life by a private door." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*	**25** Each minor shift in perception brings change and new awareness.	**26** Evolution is unfoldment, becoming, changing in the direction of God.	**27** Prayer sends an angel to help the one in need.	**28** I reevaluate my priorities and set new goals for myself.
29 Spiritual experiences: seeing love in each job, each moment, each person.	**30** Spirit is in ALL life. Honor All life.					



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

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

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

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AURA

BY KATI BOETTCHER-HEEBSH, WISCONSIN

According to medieval saints and mystics, there are four types of auras: 1) The Nimbus, 2) The Halo, 3) The Aureola and 4) The Glory. The Nimbus and Halo stream from the head. The Aureola surrounds the whole body. Glory is a combination of Nimbus, Halo and Aureola.

Theosophists defined five divisions of the aura: The Health Aura, The Vital Aura, The Karmic Aura, The Aura of Character and The Aura of Spiritual Nature. The aura's makeup could be described as: a permanent radiation around the human body; an emanation around humans encircling the head proceeding from the nervous system; a cloud of light with various colors; a "human rainbow" belonging to the same category as the astral body and etheric body—sometimes said to be the visible border; bands of lights radiating from and surrounding humans, plants and animals.

When people are closely massed together, the auras mingle and catch influences from the others unless they're especially managed with occult knowledge. Two people who are in complete accord are termed as interweaving or becoming blended. Spheres of individuals not in harmony have been depicted as battling against each other; looking like pillars of mist.



In treating the magnetic aura—the mesmeric passes have the power to "comb up" and restore to their normal order the disorder electric or health lines of a diseased person. An explanation of mesmeric cures and some facts of clairvoyance, also shows the truth of this assertion, that is "through the auras that the mesmerist controls his subject and the temper obtains ascendancy over his victims." Mesmerism is the faculty of imparting some of the currents of one's own pranic or magnetic auras into another person's body.

Andrew Jackson Davis, in his autobiography, had a series of diagrams in which he tried to delineate the effect that mesmeric treatment produces simultaneously on the aura of the person submitted to it and that of the mesmerizer. He also described the mesmerist and the person mesmerized as surrounded in the beginning by their own separate egg-shaped auras, which interpenetrated so by the time the subject became entranced, the two auras were completely blended, the auras separating again a little when the subject became entranced, then the two auras were completely blended, the auras separating again a little when the subject begins to speak clairvoyantly.

One person's aura may receive as well as repel another's aura—spontaneous friendships or antipathies which common knowledge attribute to anything but the right cause. This interpretation of worlds and of various states or planes of matter are so often spoken of as secret doctrine. It is also opening a new vista to the subjects of the transmission of disease and of mesmeric influence or suggestion.

SERVICE

By One Feather, A Trance Messenger

Please be reminded that your first duty is to your Spiritual self. It is your Spiritual growth that is the most important part of your time and journey on the Earth Plane.

However, you also have a duty to your physical self. If you do not take care of the physical body, you will impede and slow the growth of the Spiritual body. You must work to maintain the proper balance in your life. Your physical body depends upon it. Eat properly and rest properly.

If the physical body is properly taken care of progression will come more easily. Some have made decisions to make this journey as difficult as possible, that is their choice, that is their lesson.

As many have said, your duty is to serve, your choice is how you serve. There are many ways to serve. Many serve the Earth Plane and are not even aware or understand about the Spirit World. That was their choice to walk this path unencumbered by feelings of duty or service to a higher realm. But, their service is recognized, as is all service, and their rewards of Spiritual growth and enlightenment await them when they cross over.

Remember, your first duty and service is to your Spiritual self, your second duty is to your physical self, and an important duty is to serve the Spirit World and the Physical World. The better your service to your Spiritual and physical self, the easier your service to us and those on the Earth plane. As always, it is your choice to serve, when to serve and how to serve.

Peace and Brotherhood,
Bradley Gosselin, Massachusetts

BRITISH MONARCHS WHO WERE HEALERS

Edward the Confessor, Queen Anne, Henry VII, Queen Elizabeth, Charles II, William III... they all endorsed and some carried out the ceremony of healing

BY STUART MARTIN
Past Editor
of London's
"Psychic News"

Editor's Note: I came home one day to find a plastic bag by the front door with a few yellowed, falling apart newspapers of the *Psychic Observer* from the forties. This article is taken in part from November 1947.

I have heard many explanations, many theories, of the once accepted healing powers of the monarchs of Britain, but I have heard only one that seemed to give a true valuation of the mysterious power which began with Edward the Confessor, who reigned from 1042 to 1066 A.D. That valuation is the simple one that healings did take place.

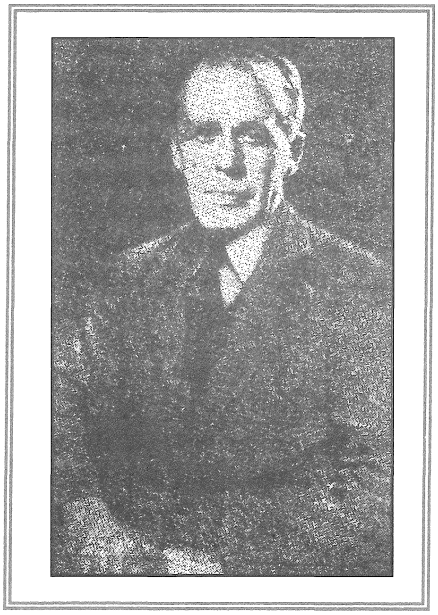
One cannot push aside the evidence of all the historians. It is inconceivable that the Royal Touch did not accomplish what was claimed for it, and that the cures thus effected were the result of mass hallucination, or individual misconception.

The mysterious power of healing afflicted people that was invested in the Royal rulers of this country continued right down to the time of Queen Anne, when on February 28th, 1712, there appeared in the *Gazette* the following notice:

It being Her Majesty's royal intention to touch for the Evil on Wednesday, the 19th of March next, and so to continue weekly during Lent, it is Her Majesty's Command that tickets be delivered the day before at the office in Whitehall.

The "King's Evil"

Nobody can say exactly why the power of healing by touch ceased to be a prerogative of kings and queens, but it probably was the growth of skepticism that made its appearance and smothered the faith that was in the common people as well as the upper classes.



Certainly the Stuart rulers firmly believed in their ability to cure people by their touch, and it is on record that James I cured a diseased throat of the son of the Turkish Ambassador by stroking the afflicted part.

Mostly, however, the cures of the English sovereigns were confined to one disease—scrofula, or struma. It was known as the *King's Evil* because a king's touch could cure it. But Edward the Confessor, who originated this method of curing people, was said to have "bequeathed" the ability to all of his successors, although his cures did not confine their operations to one disease. There seems to have been no limit to his healing ability.

Cripple Is Restored

In an old chronicle it is stated that the King once carried on his back to St. Peter's Church, Westminster, a diseased cripple; and there the cripple was completely restored.

You will find a reference to Edward's humility and labors in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, where in Act IV, scene iii, in reply to Macduff's question about the disease so cured, Malcolm replies:

'Tis called the Evil:
A most miraculous work in this good King,
which often, in my here-remain in England
I have seen him do. How he solicits Heaven
himself best knows; but strangely visited people,
all swoln and ulcerous, pitiful to the eye,
and mere despair of surgery, he cures.

A special form of religious service was, throughout the ages, connected with the Royal Touch. This ceremony differed slightly under the Kings, but basically consisted of the King or Queen kneeling. The Chaplain would ask the monarch to confess their sins, and then the Chaplain prayed to God asking resolution. A *Bible* verse might be read emphasizing the healing power such as:

And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

How They Prayed

The Chaplain then took his place beside the King, repeating the words. The Clerk of the Closet knelt in front

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of the King, with the sick person on his right hand. The sick person also knelt.

The King stretched out his hand and touched the sore place.

As each sick person was touched, the Chirurgeon, who was also present, led the sufferer away, and the next followed to be touched in a like manner.

When all the sick had been touched the ceremony ended with a special prayer offered by the Chaplain in which grace was asked so that *"on those bodies soever we have imposed hands in Thy name, through this Thy virtue working in them and through our ministry, may be restored to their former health, and being confirmed therein, may perpetually with us give thanks unto Thee, the Chief Physician and Healer of all diseases."*

A Divine Gift

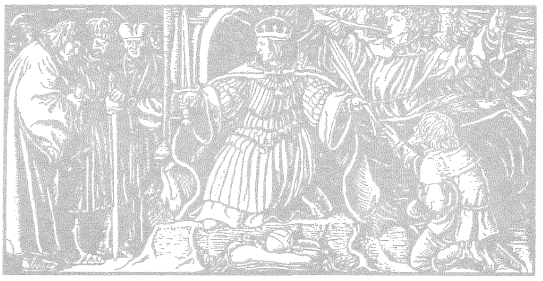
It will be observed that the whole ceremony was purely religious, and that the King's Touch was not accepted as the personal attribute of the monarch, but—as the quotations above show—the belief in a cure rested in the idea that through the King, he being the highest in the land, the healing power would operate. In short, the Touch was a Divine gift vouch-safed to the King by virtue of his station.

The words of the service are plain enough, and there can be no excuse for the suggestion that it was superstition to hope for a cure from a man whose name happened to be Edward, or Henry, Charles or William; or a King merely because he was King. The King was but the instrument, the medium, of the cures.

Monarchs differed somewhat in the application of their touch. Some contacted the sore very slightly with the tips of their fingers. Others made the sign of the Cross on the diseased skin; this was the method of Queen Elizabeth, although there is reason for suspecting that she did not have great faith in the service. Charles I and Charles II stroked the swelling or sore with their hands.

8,000 Cases

In the year 1682 it was calculated that Charles II, who touched more people than any other King, carried out the ceremony on more than 8,000 of his subjects. He is credited with curing other diseases besides scrofula. There are records of blind people who were brought to Whitehall and were cured. Others who were bedridden and crippled were able to walk immediately after the ceremonies.



Of all the kings who practiced the touch the first to openly cast doubts on its efficacy was William III. He officiated at the function only once, and even told the patients that *"he hoped God would give them more sense."* However, Queen Anne revived the ceremony, and it was on March 30th, 1714, that Samuel Johnson, then a boy, was brought by his mother from Lichfield in order that he might be touched by the Queen. Boswell, who relates the circumstances, describes the Royal Touch as a superstitious "notion."

What was the secret of the cures that followed the Royal Touch? I have heard it described as "just faith healing." That does not lessen the remarkable nature of the cures. It shows what faith can do. And I have not yet heard that faith can be included in the material science of physics.

MONTHLY

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"And whatsoever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."
– Matthew 21:22

"Before the beginning of great brilliance there must be chaos."
– Chinese Proverb

We need to get over the questions that focus on the past and on the pain—"why did this happen to me?"—and ask instead the question which opens doors to the future: "Now that this has happened, what shall I do about it."
– Rabbi Harold Kushner

"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.."
– Mark XVI:18

"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and healing to the bones."
– Proverbs 16:24



*Each month **The National Spiritualist** will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by **Oliver Phinney** of Bradenton, Florida.*

Practicing Healing

A prerequisite of the practice of healing is the actual cultivation of the healing art. In order to do this, one must become a part of it.

The healing energy is everywhere and is witnessed daily. This energy grows on you, and with you, as you grow in love. There are many kinds of love as there are many kinds of healing. The driving factor for love is life itself. Life is supposed to be full and complete. Love and life are eternal. Because of this it is only natural and necessary that people desire to heal and be healed. The healer is an expression of love.

Healing is supposed to be non-judgmental and serve a purpose for both the healer and the sufferer. Healing should be done in a humble manner that serves the spiritual progression of all. All healing has a source. If you wish to call it Natural Law or Infinite Intelligence, Spirit that is fine. If you wish to avail yourself to all forms of healing, it is okay. If you want nothing but the best and strive to live right and eat right and exercise right and pray, it is wonderful. The energy is all the same.

It is important to recognize that healing belongs to all of us as does love. We must put our best foot forward and wear the hat of the spiritual representation of Infinite Intelligence. The healing art requires that you put aside all judgement and ego. In order to do this you must develop tolerance, which is something that you don't have to think about, if you put aside all Ego. You must develop patience. Which is something that you don't have to think about once that you realize that everything is Infinite. You don't have to wonder when you will see results, because results will be governed by Infinite Intelligence through Natural Law.

Love is an emotion, a driving force, a creative energy of Natural Law. Love is all there is. If you want to be a healer, a good healer, and, if you want to be a true instrument of Spirit (Divine Power), a channel for those in the world of spirit to heal, you must first be able to love. Practice spending quiet time in meditation to connect with the divine gift of love. Sit and be still to feel the ever present love of God. As you become quiet you will feel the love flow through you. This is the first step to becoming a great healer. A great healer can do his or her work and it may never be known. To develop this gift of healing, practice, practice, practice. The best place to start is with yourself.

Love yourself. Open yourself to feel the love of God fill you up with joy and peace. You are supposed to love yourself. You can do that better than anyone else and you are closer to yourself than anyone else ever could be. Feel that love. Enjoy how good it feels. You have so much of Infinite Love that you can't contain it all, so, share it. Send it to your daughter who lives across town. Visualize her and surround her with love, and feel her experiencing the presence of love around her. Send it to your loved ones in spirit. Send it to your neighbor who watches to make sure that you clean up after your dog during your walk. Send it. Send it. Send it. Wherever you are, take a few minutes and SEND LOVE. Once you learn how to do this you will already be a healer. As you project and are love, you are opening the door to the World of Spirit and Infinite Intelligence to heal. As you practice the art of love, you begin to develop an awareness of the love vibration. As you sit in meditation before you heal, you will be able to cultivate the awareness of love that is all that is.

Love conquers criticism, conquers ego, conquers performance expectations, conquers dread and disease. Love will awaken the divine gift of Infinite Intelligence within. Love facilitates the oneness that is necessary between Infinite Intelligence, the World of Spirit, the healer and the sufferer. It's pretty simple stuff, yet, this thing called love is elusive to many.

As a healer armed with love, you realize that you do not prescribe. That is up to the God force found with the secular healer. Neither do you have to fluff up the aura or smooth the aura with unneeded passes. A calm approach, using the healing hands as a focal point, is all that is needed to connect with the sufferer, and even that isn't necessary. The reason absent healing is so successful is because the Infinite does not honor what isn't there. There is no such thing as space, time or distance.

What is real to us is our awareness of the reality that we choose to experience. Understanding Natural Law and the oneness of Spirit gives us the opportunity to be true healers.

The open channel for healing lets the God Intelligence work. This Intelligence works through other healers and doctors who have gone on to the World of Spirit. It is a circle of healing that connects the healing vibration. It flows

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Life's Story

by Merry Browne

Nature tells life's story,
we need but listen,
when we call it cold and dead
under snows that glisten,
it is preparing
for the moment when
in all its flowering,
it will rise again
gaining our affection.
What then is Easter Day
but resurrection?



The Message

by James R. Woodhams, Jr.

A spirit blew thru my mind,
came and went just like the wind;
The spirit was gentle and kind,
and claimed to be an ancestor's
friend.

The message rendered was
good as gold,
and of God's love the spirit told;
That mankind are brothers one and all,
and with God's love grow strong
and tall.

Then he left and went away,
soon after I began to pray;
That all trespasses be forgiven,
that love and light be always striven.



EDUCATION SPEAKS...PRACTICING HEALING

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from Infinite Intelligence through the healer and the sufferer. It completes the circle uniting all with the Infinite presence of God.

The healing forces and energies that are being sent have their origin in Infinite Intelligence, but so does the healer and the recipient. The healer wants to "do good," and "do well," and "serve." It's time to sever the bonds of despair and illness and rejoice in the complete knowledge that everything has its time and place. When the season passes and we move forward to heal and be healed, we must also move forward mentally, physically, and spiritually. The healing art provides just such an opportunity for advancing the purpose of life. Spiritual progression is an expression of moving forward. To become better mentally, physically and spiritually is healing in action and a vital part of Natural Law.

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to unleash and free the power of love. To heal the sick and me. I ask that I may be free to express spiritual vibration of love that I have between thee and me. We are one. The Infinite Law of Love has united us all in the eternal presence of God. Silently I feel the power of love as it flows through the circle of healing of which you and I are a part. For those who are absent and afar, I know that this healing is laid at your feet and when you are ready to receive this healing, you too can accept this healing and it will become your reality.

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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.

NSAC Healing Month

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER

April is NSAC HEALING MONTH. Healing is transformation, or soul growth, or awakening to truth and love. What a blessing to be alive and on our journey of awakening.

There are many things that each of us can do to further the activity of healing. We can plant a tree on our wonderful planet. Trees give off oxygen to help humans survive. If it is a fruit or nut tree, it can also help to feed us. We can send a prayer to another for their greatest good. We can practice smiling at all we meet or sharing a kind word. We can develop healthy habits in our lives: drink more water; develop an exercise routine; eat good food; love and accept ourselves and others; watch our thoughts, steering them toward positive and uplifting truths.

Of course, forgiveness of self and others is very healing. We use a lot of energy holding grudges, fears or anger. When we forgive, this energy becomes available to heal and bless us.

Another healing practice is to be here now, loving the moment and welcoming the energy. If we believe that all is of God, then all is perfect and there is a blessing in each moment. It is healing to be thankful to the Divine Source for all of our life lessons and blessings.

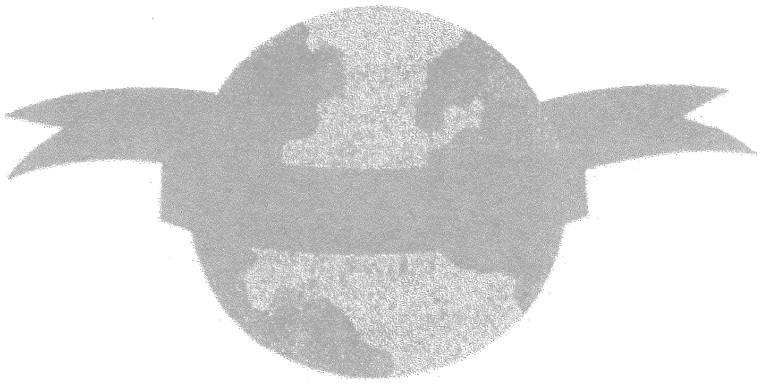
We earn spirituality, health and love by living Spiritual Law. The Law



is our teacher, guiding us to the known and the unknown. We each vibrate according to our life's experiences, thoughts, beliefs and desires. As our consciousness vibrates, energy is released flowing through the physical atoms. Energy/vibration, or lack of it, creates health or illness. If our desire is to heal ourselves, or others, we must lift our vibrations and call on the higher Power of Infinite Intelligence. All healing comes from Divine Spirit.

A healthy transformative habit to encourage is the practice of prayer and meditation. Prepare a space and dedicate a time for a quiet period with Infinite Love. Listen for Higher Guidance and surrender. Open yourself to accept and receive all the good God has for you. Feel the healing love flowing and blessing your body or another's body. Put your Trust in the Love and Power of God. BELIEVE IN SPIRIT'S HEALING ENERGY!

The Earth's Prayer



Imagine the Earth whispering,
"Be kind to me and I will provide your needs."

April is NSAC HEALING MONTH and let us include the healing of Mother Earth in our healing prayers. As spring enters, we see Nature transforming and opening to new life, buds appearing on empty branches and sprouts being born in the soil. Life which was dormant springs forth into newness and we ask God to bless it all.

In the beginning, the Divine Creator designed the Universe, the Earth and the people. Everything on this Earthplane is Holy and Sacred, for it is of the Divine Creator. We, as people, have not always treated our Earth home as an expression of God. The consciousness of the human race has changed in the past ten years or so, even though environmental activities have been active for nearly 30 years.

People are developing a *green thumb* mind set. We have finally realized stewardship for the Earth and that our actions cause a reaction. Concern for the environment is becoming ingrained in all life, including church life. Earthkeeping has become a concern for spiritual beings and prayers are being said to preserve plants and animals, for the ecosystems health and inherent worth. People are caring for creation by supporting the endangered species, by planting new trees and foliage, by using energy efficient heating, cooling and light bulbs, by not littering and picking up any litter found, by recycling, by buying environmentally safe and recycled products, by using less water and electricity, by keeping their vehicles in good working condition and car pooling when possible.

Nature's Array Of Beauty Display Remember, EARTH DAY

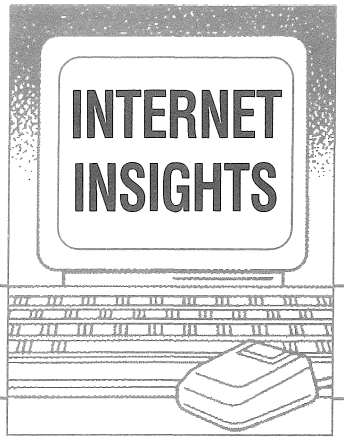
April 22 is the 31st Anniversary of Earth Day, a day to celebrate Earth, her life, and her abundance. Our wonderful blue planet has a soul and needs. As Spiritualists, we know the Gaia hypothesis, that Earth is a living, evolving creation of God. We have a commitment to care for Earth, and at the beginning of this new millennium let us rededicate our efforts to **"reduce, reuse, recycle...for today, tomorrow, forever!"** Let us "Think Globally and Act Globally."

If we do not care for our earth, the renewal each spring we have come to expect will be changed. We don't know how it will change, but that is the Law of Nature, to adjust and balance—Cause and Effect.

"Earth Care...It Means The World to Us!" How often do we really think of all Mother Nature really supplies us each day? Nature teaches us each spring about transformation as she displays a new look of unfolding leaves and blossoms to begin a fresh cycle. The April showers refresh the land for new growth. Nature sprouts a new crop of food to nourish our bodies. Bless our beautiful, abundant world, filled with the artistry only the Infinite Designer could create.

It is very important to make the Earth's needs our needs, for our environment requires continual positive change. A healthy planet is necessary for a healthy population. Let us do our part!

– SP



Life

In a university commencement address several years ago, Brian Dyson, CEO of Coca Cola Enterprises, spoke of the relation of work to one's other commitments:

"Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some five balls in the air. You name them—work, family, health, friends and spirit, and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls—family, health, friends and spirit—are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life. How?

– Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

– Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

– Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

– Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live ALL the days of your life.

– Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

– Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.

– The quickest way to receive love is to give; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

– Don't run through life so fast that you forget, not only where you've been, but also where you are going.

– Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

– Don't be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.

– Don't use time or words carelessly. Neither can be retrieved.

– Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

– Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery and Today is a gift: that's why we call it The Present.

Meeting God

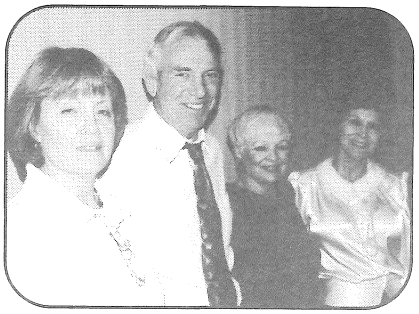
There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps; he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

SPECIAL SERVICES IN ARIZONA



Trance Mediums: Deidre Walter, Gene Pfortmiller, Orpheus Phylos, and Mary Meissner.

Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC, Phoenix, Arizona, features a variety of services and speakers throughout the year. The past few months we have had a Sunflower Sunday, where people dressed with Sunflowers or in yellow. A talk on the importance of Sunflowers to Spiritualism was given by Mandee Cowden. It was a fun service with refreshments following.

Our next special service was a trance Sunday. Four trance mediums graced the platform: Deidre Walter, Gene Pfortmiller, Orpheus Phylos and Mary Meissner. The healing meditation was given in trance by Gene, the inspirational talk in trance by Orpheus and the messages were given by the four mediums, again in trance. The energy was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the service, which we hope to repeat soon.



Sunflower Motif in clothes, songs, and lecture.



The Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, the Ven. Dr. P. Sighathan Narasabho, Diana Soria, and the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller.

We also had a Thai Buddhist monk as our guest speaker, the Ven. Dr. P. Singhathon Narasabho. He is a master of Buddhist meditation, of yoga, and an author in Thai and English. He spoke about meditation and healing, along with a demonstration of healing. A pot luck and open house followed at the home of Diana Soria.

TRANSITION IN LILY DALE



Mayette G. Murray

Mayette G. Murray, 77, of 3 Third Street, Lily Dale, passed to spirit at her home on Wednesday, Dec. 13, surrounded by friends and loved ones.

Born on April 4, 1923 in Richmond, VA, she was the daughter of the late William W. Bass and May Chase Bass, and the sister of Herbert and Chase Bass, who predeceased her.

Mayette graduated from Saint Joseph's High School, Petersburg, Virginia, and attended Saint Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. During World War II, she served as a WAVE in the United States Navy as a Flight Simulation Training Instructor in Pensacola, Florida.

A member and former board member of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, Mayette was a healer in the Healing Temple's summer program and a dedicated healer for her church. Mayette was an avid reader and spiritual seeker. She personally republished the spiritualist book "Laws of Nature" by Andrew J. King. As a young woman, she had been an artist, sculptor and dancer. For a number of years she lived in California, where she was employed in church interior design and by the aerospace industry. She also worked with the developmentally disabled in Santa Barbara, California.

While living in Virginia, Mayette worked in sales for Ryan Model Homes and was secretary and trustee for the Spiritualist Church of the Two Worlds in Washington, D.C. For over 30 years, she also had been a handwriting analyst consultant.

Mayette's interests were helping others, politics, arts and health. She was a member of Doctors Without Borders and a supporter of the International Rescue Committee.

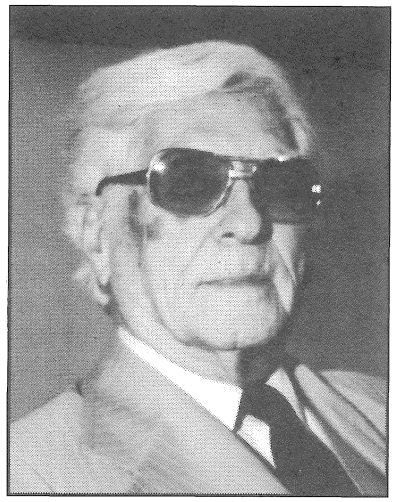
She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Tucker of Capitola, California, her niece, Carole Maggio of Port Charlotte, Florida, by her many friends in Lily Dale—and by Yoko, her Russian Blue cat.

A memorial service was planned for the spring at the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church. Arrangements by the McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home, Dunkirk.

The Passing of The Rev. Joseph Merrill

Born January 16, 1903 at Norway, Maine
Passed into the higher life on January 25, 2001

Son of Ella (Boyer) Merrill and Wiggin L. Merrill



The Rev. Joseph Merrill

The Rev. Joseph Merrill passed peacefully into the world of Spirit during his sleep at his home in Lily Dale, New York on the evening of Thursday, January 25. Mr. Merrill had recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

"Papa Joe," as he became affectionately and respectfully known by his many friends, served the NSAC as a board member for over 34 years.

Mr. Merrill came into Spiritualism shortly after graduating from high school when his mother asked him to attend a Spiritualist Church Service with her one evening at the NSAC Church in Brockton, Mass. Mr. Merrill went to the service with his mother, and shortly after, joined the church in early 1927.

Mr. Merrill continued his education through enrollment in the Ithica Conservatory of Music. Following graduation, and for the next four years, he traveled, studying music.

In addition to his musical accomplishments, Mr. Merrill is also known as an accomplished sculptor and painter, and at one time operated his own photography studio.

Returning to his home area of Massachusetts, he became the Secretary of the First Spiritualist Church of Lynn.

From 1951 through 1961, Mr. Merrill served as the Secretary of the Massachusetts State Spiritualist Association, and during this same time frame, from 1951 through 1961, as the President of the Temple Heights Spiritual Camp in Belfast, Maine.

Mr. Merrill was elected as Secretary of the NSAC in 1961 and served in this position through 1970. He was elected as Vice President of NSAC in 1971 and served in this office until the NSAC Spring Board Meeting in 1973 at which time he was appointed as President, following the passing of the NSAC President, the Rev. Robert Macdonald. Mr. Merrill was then elected to the office of the NSAC President at each consecutive term of office until his resignation in 1994. It was in April of 1973 that Mr. Merrill received his Ordination through the NSAC.

From 1975 until 1981, Mr. Merrill was elected as the Vice President of the International Spiritualist Federation which is based in England. The International Spiritualist Federation is an international conclave of Spiritualists, formed for the purpose of bringing together like minds from the religion of Spiritualism for the advancement and promulgation of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Modern Spiritualism. To this day, the NSAC still holds membership in the International Spiritualist Federation.

Mr. Merrill served as a liaison between the NSAC and numerous Spiritualist organizations. He was highly instrumental and the key motivating force in organizing group meetings between leaders of the various Spiritualist organizations within the United States. These meetings were stylized in an effort to promote harmony, accord and a definite working relationship between the various Spiritualist organizations as well as the Independent Spiritualist churches and for the sharing of concerns and information.

Mr. Merrill served on the original Revision Committee which produced the current NSAC Spiritualist Hymnal. He wrote the score for the Healing Hymn, number 181, in our Hymnal. This Hymn is used in most all of the Spiritualist Churches, regardless of affiliation, throughout the United States and in many foreign counties.

Mr. Merrill authored two very important booklets which were, at one time, the only course of study and basis

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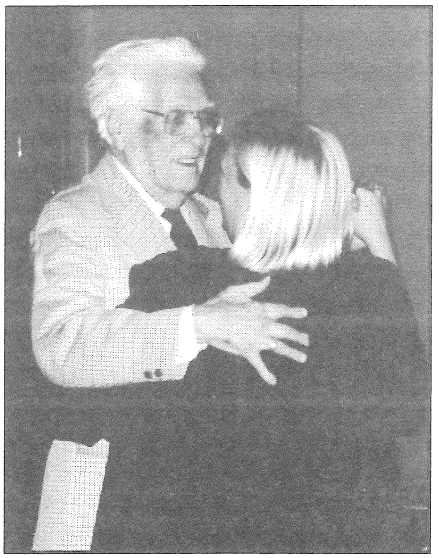
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of examinations of the certified Mediums and Commissioned Healers in the NSAC. The *Mini-Course for Mediums* and the *Mini-Course for Healers*. To this day, these books are published for the edification of our workers and much of the information found in them can not be found in any other book currently under publication.

He also authored a small booklet under the pen name of Hartwell DeMerrill, entitled *Do I Have To*, which had presented the NSAC Spiritualist views of the time, on the subject of Reincarnation. He also wrote numerous articles for *The National Spiritualist* magazine and was the first to author a monthly President's Newsletter to keep the NSAC Churches informed of current happenings within the NSAC.

Mr. Merrill served as liaison between the NSAC and the Morris Pratt Institute during his term of office as NSAC President and held a position as an ex-officio Board Member of the Morris Pratt Institute from 1973 to 1993.

Mr. Merrill has been, throughout the years, a grand proponent of the cause of Modern Spiritualism and the education of its ministry. As the NSAC Secretary and President, he had presented himself throughout his tenure with the grace, dignity and bearing deserving of the greatest of spokespersons and religious leaders.



AT 97...STILL DANCING!

Throughout the years, and due to his extensive knowledge and understanding, Mr. Merrill had been asked by many of the NSAC auxiliaries to assist them in court cases and situations as a representative of the Religion of Modern Spiritualism. In these instances, Mr. Merrill's knowledge and testimony resulted in decisions being made by the courts, which supported the position of the Spiritualist movement, and further recognition of Spiritualism as a Religion.

Mr. Merrill's honesty and integrity has been impeccable. In all matters, he has absolutely refused to be compromised. His knowledge and understanding of the Religion of Spiritualism has always served him well and enabled him to give spontaneous answers to the many questions which have been asked of him throughout the years. Due to his ability, he was made Chairman of the Thought Exchange for the Lily Dale Assembly and served in that capacity for a great number of years.

Mr. Merrill's service to the churches did not end there. He has still been in demand as a speaker in many churches and over the years has quietly, from his own finances, assisted many new churches. As a resident of the Lily Dale Assembly, Mr. Merrill served this Spiritualist community in numerous ways. He was very much involved in the Lily Dale Community Club and Medium's League. He served on the Lily Dale Assembly Board of Directors for eighteen years holding office at various times as Trustee, Secretary and Vice President.

For many years, Mr. Merrill served the Lily Dale Assembly as organist for the worship services held in the auditorium throughout the Summer Camp Program and for many years as organist for worship and midweek services of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church.

Mr. Merrill, to this day, is well known throughout the United States and in many foreign countries for his oratory and knowledge of the Religion of Modern Spiritualism and had always been a most welcomed and acknowledged speaker wherever he traveled.

Dedicated to serving to the highest and best of his ability, devoted to the truths of Spiritualism and continuous growth, and an endearing human being; he will be missed dearly by those of us on this side of life.

There is no doubt, that those in the Spirit World are rejoicing that he has joined them.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
THE REV. JOSEPH H. MERRILL
WILL BE HELD:

When:
Service to be held on June 23, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.
Where:
Lily Dale Assembly Auditorium, Lily Dale, NY

For those who will be driving, take the NY State Thruway to the Dunkirk/Fredonia exist...Exit 59. As you come off the thruway ramp, go to the signal light and turn left on Route 60. Take Route 60 to the Village of Cassadaga (about 20 miles). In Cassadaga, turn Right on Dale Drive. Dale Drive will bring you to the gates of the Lily Dale Assembly.

Officiant:
Rev. Sharon L. Snowman

In lieu of flowers, it has been requested that donations be sent to the NSAC office for the: Joseph H. Merrill NSAC Art Preservation Fund.

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  Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp – Two Week Session
  June 16 – 7:30 p.m., Orientation; **June 17-30**, Classes
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"There's nothing wrong with having problems or being sick, but there is something very wrong in wasting any experience. Illness and failure tell us something. They tell us that somewhere we have been tricked. They can remind us that we have the power within to reverse the situation. We have the power, as I said, because the first law of spiritual nature; we are not actually dealing with the disease but with our own reaction to it. Our life is an outpicturing of our own consciousness and we can change our lives by changing our consciousness...Spiritual healing is a wave experience. It starts purely with God. Wave healing ignores symptoms and transforms consciousness...A truly spiritual healing deals only with the spirit." Walter Starcke, *It's All God: The Flowers and the Fertilizer*, The Guadalupe Press.

PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH AND HEALING

1. Whatever we believe in will manifest
2. What and where our attention is focused upon will expand
3. Thinking healing thoughts, brings greater health
4. Affirmative thinking precedes the manifestation of health
5. Our health blesses others, too
6. Health changes as our consciousness changes
7. God can do no more through us than we are open to experience
8. We will be as healthy as we believe and conceive ourselves to be
9. In order to be healthy we must do mental, emotional and physical work
10. Health is a Divine birthright
11. Infinite Intelligence is the only Power, the source of healing

God is Energy
God is Unconditional Love
God is Infinite Supply
God is Unlimited, Abundance, Perfection
God is Accepting, does not Judge us
God is within us, expressing through us
God wants only Good for us
God is always present and available
God supplies all the Energy you will accept
God guides us to right living through the Law
God is Peace, Joy, All

All Healing Comes From the Infinite Source of All Life.

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

- Did you know that for hundreds of years eating eggs during Lent was forbidden? Maybe that is why finding colored, decorated eggs on Easter morning is so *egg-sighting*.

- If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating your chocolate egg too slowly.

- "Many people hold down two jobs, so I wasn't surprised when my hairdresser mentioned to me that he also worked part-time at the race track. 'That's interesting,' I said. 'What do you do?' As he finished styling my hair, he replied, 'I groom horses.'"

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National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

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

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



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